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

HSGAC Majority Good afternoon. This is a transcribed interview of Special Agent in Charge 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 and Ranking Member Rand Paul, as well as Subcommittee Chair Richard Blumenthal and Ranking Member Ron Johnson, as part of the Committee's investigation of the July 13, 2024, assassination attempt on former President Trump, and the Secret Service planning in advance of and response related to the events in Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 13, 2024.

On July 25, 2024, Chairs Peters and Blumenthal, and Ranking Members Paul and Johnson requested a voluntary transcribed interview with Secret Service personnel, including Special Agent in Charge Witness

We will provide introductions and then explain how today's interview will proceed. Witness can you please state your name for the record.

Witness Witness .

HSGAC Majority Counsel for Witness can you please state your names for the record?

Witness Counsel: Witness Counsel .

1           **Witness Counsel**: **Witness Counsel** .

2           **Witness Counsel**: **Witness Counsel** .

3           **HSGAC Majority**   My name is **HSGAC Majority**   I am  
4   the Senior Investigative Counsel for Chair Peters. And  
5   with me today is **HSGAC Majority**   our Deputy Chief  
6   Investigative Counsel, and remotely we have our Chief  
7   Counsel and Chief Investigative Counsel, **HSGAC Majority** and  
8   Senior Investigator, **HSGAC Majority**

9           **HSGAC Minority**   Good morning. My name is **HSGAC Minority**  
10   **HSGAC Minority** with Ranking Member Paul for HSGAC minority. I'm  
11   joined here with my colleague, **HSGAC Minority** who is  
12   our Chief of Staff and Staff Director.

13          **PSI Majority**       Hello. My name is **PSI Majority**   I  
14   am Senior Counsel for Chairman Richard Blumenthal on the  
15   Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

16          **PSI Minority**       This is **PSI Minority**   Chief Counsel  
17   with Ranking Member Ron Johnson on the Permanent  
18   Subcommittee on Investigations, and I'm joined by my  
19   colleague, **PSI Minority**   Deputy Staff Director.

20          **HSGAC Majority**   The reporter is going to create a  
21   verbatim record of what we discuss today. With that in  
22   mind, and as I'm sure you're familiar, please response to  
23   questions verbally, because the reporter cannot properly  
24   record nonverbal responses. Do you understand that?

25          **Witness**           I do.

1       **HSGAC Majority**    This interview is unclassified, so if  
2    the questions call for any information that you know to  
3    implicate classified national security information please  
4    state that for the record, as well as the reason you  
5    understand that information to be classified.  Once you  
6    have clarified that, and to the extent possible, please  
7    respond with as much unclassified information as you are  
8    able.  And if we need to have a classified session in one  
9    form or another, at a later date, we can arrange for that.  
10   Do you understand?

11       **Witness**        I do.

12       **HSGAC Majority**   It is the Committees' practice to honor  
13    valid common law privilege claims as an accommodation to a  
14    witness when those claims are made in good faith and  
15    accompanied by a sufficient explanation, so that Committees  
16    can evaluate the claim.  When deciding whether to honor a  
17    privilege, the Committee will weigh its need for the  
18    information against any legitimate basis for withholding  
19    it.  This interview today is occurring without prejudice to  
20    any future discussion of the Committees, and we reserve the  
21    right to request your participation in future interviews or  
22    compel testimony.

23        If you need to take a break, other than the break we  
24    will offer at the end of each hour, please let us know.

25        If you need to speak with your attorney, as well,

1 please let us know, and we are happy to take a break.

2 If you have any questions about what we are asking you  
3 or you do not understand our question, we are happy to  
4 clarify. Do you understand?

5 **Witness** I do.

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

8 **Witness** I do.

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

16 **Witness** I do.

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

19 **Witness** No.

20 **HSGAC Majority** We would also ask that you not speak  
21 about what we discuss in this interview with anyone outside  
22 of who is in the room today, in order to preserve the  
23 integrity of our investigation. We also ask that you not  
24 remove or make copies or photographs of any exhibits that  
25 you will be shown today. Do you understand?

1           **Witness**           I do.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   We will provide counsel with a copy of  
3   this transcript and an errata expeditiously following this  
4   interview.

5           As discussed off the record, I would like to put on  
6   the record that the audio recording today will only be sued  
7   for the purposes of creating today's transcript. The  
8   Committee will not receive a copy of the audio recording,  
9   and it is the Committee's understanding that AKF  
10   Technologies will destroy the audio recording after the  
11   production of the final transcript of today's interview.

12          Do you have any questions before we begin?

13          **Witness**           I do not.

14          **Agency Counsel** : If I might interject.

15          **HSGAC Majority**   Sure.

16          **Agency Counsel** : This is **Agency Counsel** with the Chief  
17   Counsel's Office for the U.S. Secret Service. Prior to  
18   beginning, the Secret Service and the Department of  
19   Homeland Security would like to note that we have made  
20   available to the Committee, consistent with requests from  
21   the Chairman, information and records that would not be  
22   publicly released. This includes information and records  
23   covered under the Privacy Act, personnel and other personal  
24   privacy information, for official use only information,  
25   intelligence and law enforcement sensitive records, and raw

1 intelligence information.

2 While the Secret Service and the Department have made  
3 this information and records available to the Committee, we  
4 continue to assert that such information and any discussion  
5 of such information is not intended for public disclosure.

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

14 The transcript and any attachments are protected from  
15 dissemination to the same extent as the documents and  
16 information that they are based on. We would ask that you  
17 consult with the Secret Service and the Department prior to  
18 any public release or disclosure.

19 We also understand that this interview will be  
20 transcribed and that the audio recording being taken today  
21 will be ultimately destroyed in favor of the written  
22 transcript. Thank you.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. And in response to **Agency Couns**  
24 **Agency Counsel**'s statement, the Senate and Committee rules govern  
25 the Committee's work. The Committee is bound by those

1 rules and those rules alone. We do intend to produce a  
2 public report, including relying on information we learn  
3 here today. Per our Committee practice, we will provide  
4 relevant excerpts in advance of releasing any public report  
5 and provide you with the opportunity to offer factual  
6 corrections.

7 With that --

8 **Witness Counsel**: You done with that statement? I just had a  
9 question about it.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Please.

11 **Witness Counsel**: Thanks. When you say "you," are you  
12 telling -- saying that to the Secret Service or to the  
13 witness, or both?

14 **HSGAC Majority** To you and the witness.

15 **Witness Counsel**: Okay.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Any information that we intend to  
17 include in a future public report, our Committee practice  
18 is to first provide relevant excerpts to **Witness** and his  
19 counsel, provide you with an opportunity to offer any  
20 factual corrections.

21 **Witness Counsel**: And when you say a "relevant excerpt,"  
22 meaning any excerpt or document that would mention SAIC  
23 **SAIC Pittsburgh** name?

24 **HSGAC Majority** Any -- not any relevant -- or not any  
25 document that would mention SAIC **SAIC Pittsburgh** name, but any



1 information we receive from SAIC **Witness** or documents that  
2 we discuss here today, we want to make sure that we're  
3 factually accurate in the report. So what the Committee  
4 deems relevant, we will share in advance, and per our  
5 Committee practice.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Maybe to clarify, to put it another way,  
7 any information, any public report that directly either  
8 relies on or cites to this interview today will be provided  
9 to **Witness** and his counsel in advance. I know, I'll say  
10 for the record that separate discussions regarding  
11 inclusion of names, and I think as we mentioned previously,  
12 that's a conversation that we are certainly happy to engage  
13 in prior to any release of any of them. That's something  
14 that, in the past, we have, you know, withheld names in the  
15 interest of safety. In many cases that is something we  
16 would certainly consider in this case.

17 **Witness Counsel**: Thank you. And if that applies to all four  
18 offices represented here today, it would just be helpful to  
19 have that advance notice of any potential release of my  
20 client's name in a document before it's released, so we can  
21 have a reasonable amount of time to talk with the staff of  
22 those offices about the appropriate resolution, in light of  
23 privacy and safety considerations. Is that okay?

24 **HSGAC Majority** Yes.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Understood.

1           **HSGAC Majority**   Are you looking for --

2           **Witness Counsel**:   I'm asking for the staff from all four  
3   offices here today if that's okay.

4           **HSGAC Majority**   Sorry.   Can you repeat?

5           **Witness Counsel**:   Sure.   No problem.   If any of the offices  
6   represented here today are thinking about releasing, or  
7   intending to release, any information or documents with my  
8   client's name on them, I'd just like advance notice so that  
9   we can talk about whether that release is appropriate in  
10   light of privacy and safety considerations, the way that  
11   the majority full Committee staff said they will do with  
12   us.

13          **HSGAC Majority**   [Unclear] and majority staff that has been  
14   our historic practice.

15          **Witness Counsel**:   Thank you very much.

16          FEMALE VOICE:   I'm not -- at this point like I'm not  
17   in a --

18          **HSGAC Minority**   For Ranking Member Paul's side, we are  
19   bound by the Senate Committee rules only, and are making no  
20   commitments beyond that.   I will say short of a commitment  
21   we have no plans or intentions to make any release of  
22   information from this at this point.   I'm happy to -- yeah,  
23   we have no, beyond the Committee report that's been  
24   discussed we have no further intentions at this point.

25          **Witness Counsel**:   Okay.   If that changes, please let me know.

1 HSGAC Minority Sure.

2 Witness Counsel: Thank you.

3 PSI Minority This is PSI Minority for PSI  
4 minority. As my colleague on the majority said we intend  
5 to abide by PSI practices.

6 Witness Counsel: Thank you, PSI Minority

7 HSGAC Majority With that, we'd like to begin today's  
8 interview by first asking you to give an overview of your  
9 role and responsibilities for the July 13th Butler rally  
10 and your efforts related to the planning and security for  
11 the event. After this, majority staff will ask questions  
12 for an hour. We will then take a five-minute break and  
13 turn it over to our colleagues.

14 Witness Okay. So my overview as a special agent  
15 in charge of the Pittsburgh Field Office is to initiate the  
16 police meeting, which took place on July 8th. That's where  
17 we invite all of our local and state partners that are  
18 going to be involved with the visit, to include Emergency  
19 Service, to come and go over an itinerary that we may know  
20 of at that point, and then begin the planning process.  
21 After that, my responsibility is to conduct a manpower  
22 walkthrough, where Secret Service, post-standing assets are  
23 approved -- or not approved but are -- we go walk through  
24 the site, determine the amount of Secret Service post-  
25 standing assets that are going to be needed at that point.

1 And then after that my main function, throughout the  
2 entire visit, is to serve as a liaison between the detail,  
3 whatever protective detail is coming to the district -- in  
4 this case obviously it's the Trump detail -- and our local  
5 and state partners.

6 The reporting or the operational planning and overall  
7 approval for everything goes through the Trump detail and  
8 the Office of Protective Operations. It does not go  
9 through Pittsburgh or me.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you, Special Agent **Witness** Is that  
11 all right to refer to you as Special Agent **Witness** Mr.  
12 **Witness**?

13 **Witness** However is fine. Whatever you want.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. To start off, I'd like to  
15 ask if you have personally taken any notes, either before  
16 the rally related to planning or during the rally, or  
17 afterwards?

18 **Witness** Afterwards I did not. I did not have any  
19 -- afterwards I did not have any mechanisms to. I didn't  
20 have a pen or anything with me. Before, I've already  
21 turned over -- I only had two pages of written notes that  
22 were revolving around the police and fire photos, which is  
23 -- when we have a visit, the staff for that protectee  
24 coming into town will often offer, as a courtesy and as a  
25 thank you to our local and state partners, to take a photo

1 of them with the protectee. It's usually done during the  
2 VIP photos at the end That was done in this case, as well.  
3 So I was offered 10 photos for that. So the only notes I  
4 had were really planning on that, and I turned those over.

5 **HSGAC Majority** You turned those over to the Secret  
6 Service?

7 **Witness** Yes.

8 **HSGAC Majority** And to state for the record, I'm not 100  
9 percent sure, but I do not believe that those have been  
10 provided to the Committee. We had made a previous request  
11 to have all notes related to the rally from **Witness** and  
12 others.

13 **Witness Counsel**: And just to clarify, that request was made  
14 to the Service, not to **Witness** personally.

15 **HSGAC Majority** All right. Thank you. And just to  
16 start off with a little bit on your background, could you  
17 tell us how long you've been with the Secret Service and in  
18 what positions?

19 **Witness** Sure. I was hired on June 5, 2000. I was  
20 hired in the New York Field Office, which is where I served  
21 my first six years as a special agent. From there, or in  
22 my time in the New York Field Office I conducted  
23 investigations, participated -- I was part of a Counter  
24 Surveillance Unit, I was involved with the planning for the  
25 Republican National Convention in 2004, and I served on a

1 task force involved with organized Nigerian crime, which  
2 was fraudulent, financial fraud at that point. And then I  
3 served in the Counterfeit Squad there, as well, before I  
4 left.

5 In 2006, after trying out and completing Counter  
6 Assault Team training, I went to the Counter Assault Team  
7 from 2006 to 2009, where I served as an agent there. And  
8 then in 2009, I transferred over to the Presidential  
9 Protective Division, where I served as an agent there, as  
10 well.

11 In 2012, I was -- I moved to the Office of  
12 Investigations Staffing and Logistics Section. It's often  
13 called the War Room or the Manpower Section. So I served  
14 in that capacity for a year, after which I was promoted as  
15 the assistant special agent in charge in 2013, and I served  
16 there until 2015. And then in August of 2015, I was  
17 transferred to the Pittsburgh Field Office, where I became  
18 the assistant special agent in charge here. And after  
19 that, in January of 2018, I was promoted as a special agent  
20 in charge in the capacity that I've served since.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. Can you describe your  
22 general responsibilities as the special agent in charge of  
23 this field office?

24 **Witness** Sure. Generally speaking, I'm the agent  
25 in charge of the entire Pittsburgh Field Office district,

1 which includes the -- it's basically the western half of  
2 Pennsylvania, from Harrisburg -- not Harrisburg but the  
3 western half, all the way to the Ohio line. Our district  
4 goes all the way up to Erie, and then we oversee all of  
5 West Virginia, as well. There's an office down in  
6 Charleston, which covers the entire state, and that falls  
7 under us, as well, here.

8 I oversee -- I help to oversee administrative duties,  
9 investigations, protective operations, obviously personnel  
10 matters, and liaison. My most important function is  
11 liaison with our local, state, and Federal partners, as  
12 well.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Thank you. And since you've been  
14 at the Pittsburgh Field Office, could you approximate how  
15 many protectee events have been held in the district,  
16 whether it's dozens, hundreds?

17 **Witness** Probably hundreds. So when I reported it  
18 was 2015, and Western Pennsylvania, during the 2016  
19 campaign, became, as Pennsylvania did, as well, became a  
20 swing state, so we had quadruple the number of visits from  
21 2012, when I wasn't here, to 2016. And then obviously  
22 we've had visits in between the campaigns, as well. But it  
23 would've been at least, I would say, 60 to 100 visits in  
24 the 2016 campaign. During that time I was serving as the  
25 acting special agent in charge as well, because the special

1 agent in charge retired during the campaign. So I was  
2 basically acting in the same capacity I am now during that  
3 time.

4 In 2020, even during the COVID year, we experienced  
5 heavy protective tempo here, as well. There would've  
6 probably been at least 40 visits during that time period.  
7 And then, obviously, the 2022 campaign we had at least two  
8 visits by former President Trump and one visit by former  
9 President Obama. And then this year our tempo has begun to  
10 increase, as well.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. And you said since -- I want  
12 to make sure I got it right -- since 2016, you had served  
13 as the acting special agent in charge, so your  
14 responsibilities have been --

15 **Witness** It was -- I'm sorry. Go ahead.

16 **HSGAC Majority** First, did you say it was 2016 when you  
17 became the acting special agent in charge?

18 **Witness** I wasn't officially named. Sometimes they  
19 will name it officially as the acting special agent in  
20 charge. I was the senior agent in the office, I should  
21 say.

22 **HSGAC Majority** And does that mean that the  
23 responsibilities you described earlier with respect to the  
24 July 13th event, in terms of the police meeting --

25 **Witness** Yes.



1       **HSGAC Majority**    -- the manpower walkthrough, and  
2    serving as a liaison to the campaign and local -- well not  
3    campaign -- detail and local and state partners, were those  
4    your main responsibilities since 2016?

5       **Witness Counsel**:   When an event takes place within the area  
6    and the detail is the lead -- is that what you're asking?

7       **HSGAC Majority**    I guess you said you were the senior  
8    agent but not officially named acting special agent in  
9    charge. The duties you described currently as the special  
10   agent in charge, when there's a protectee event in the  
11   district, did you hold those duties for all protectee  
12   events in the district since 2016?

13      **Witness**           In 2016, I held it during the campaign,  
14   and then when an individual was named as the special agent  
15   in charge and came in, I believe it was November of 2016,  
16   so that person then took over the special agent in charge  
17   duties. I resorted back to the normal assistant special  
18   agent in charge duties.

19      **HSGAC Majority**    But it's fair to say you've been  
20   directly involved in at least a couple hundred protectee  
21   events in the district in your time here?

22      **Witness**           Yes.

23      **HSGAC Majority**    And just to make sure I heard you  
24   earlier, those events included -- they included  
25   presidential visits?

1           **Witness**           Yes.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   Vice presidential visits?

3           **Witness**           Yes.

4           **HSGAC Majority**   Former presidential visits?

5           **Witness**           Yes.

6           **HSGAC Majority**   And candidate campaign visits?

7           **Witness**           Yes.

8           **HSGAC Majority**   Thank you.   In addition to your roles as  
9   the special agent in charge, have you, during any point in  
10   your career with the Secret Service, held other  
11   responsibilities for protectee event advances?

12          **Witness**           Yes.

13          **HSGAC Majority**   In the past, have you been the lead  
14   advance agent?

15          **Witness**           Yes.

16          **HSGAC Majority**   Approximately how many times?

17          **Witness**           During my time in the New York Field  
18   Office I was a lead advance agent probably five or six  
19   times for foreign dignitaries.   I was a lead counterpart  
20   for the Vice President -- it would've been Vice President  
21   Cheney at that point -- at least once.   And then when I was  
22   on the Presidential Protective Division I was a lead agent  
23   five times.

24          **HSGAC Majority**   Thank you.   Any other responsibilities  
25   you've held on advance teams?

1           **Witness**       Yes. On the Counter Assault Team I  
2 conducted Counter Assault Team advances. On the  
3 Presidential Protective Division I conducted site advances.  
4 I was also assigned to First Lady Michelle Obama for a  
5 year, so I conducted lead advances for her and site  
6 advances.

7           **HSGAC Majority**   And I'm not sure if this qualifies as an  
8 advance responsibility but have you ever worked as a  
9 Security Room agent or Command Post supervisor?

10          **Witness**       Yes.

11          **HSGAC Majority**   Again, approximately how many times and  
12 in what context?

13          **Witness**       I've done it -- I would be guessing.

14          **HSGAC Majority**   And you touched on this during your  
15 overview at the beginning, but it would be helpful if you  
16 could describe for us briefly your role with respect to  
17 planning the July 13th rally and the roles of the lead  
18 agent, lead advance agent, site agent, and site  
19 counterpart.

20          **Witness**       Okay.

21          **HSGAC Majority**   So we understand the distinction between  
22 those roles.

23          **Witness**       So my role is what I've already stated, in  
24 terms of the answer I've already given. The lead agent  
25 helps with the overall coordination of the visit. There's

1 multiple sites, motorcades, and other things involved, so  
2 the lead agent is in charge of the oversight and planning  
3 of the entire visit. The site agent is in charge of the  
4 actual Site Security Plan. That's their responsibility.  
5 The site assistant is there to help the site agent in terms  
6 of developing that plan and executing it.

7 And what was the other question? Were those the only  
8 three?

9 **HSGAC Majority** Those are the three. And just to make  
10 we're clear, just for the record, for the July 30th rally,  
11 the lead advance agent, that was **Lead Agent**?

12 **Witness** That's correct.

13 **HSGAC Majority** And the site agent was -- I'm not sure  
14 of the first name, but Agent **Site Agent**

15 **Witness** **Site Agent** yes.

16 **HSGAC Majority** And the site counterpart, and you also  
17 referred to that as the assistant site agent.

18 **Witness** Yeah, I'm sorry.

19 **HSGAC Majority** That's Special Agent **Site Counterpart**?

20 **Witness** Yes.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Have you worked with those three  
22 individuals on events in the past?

23 **Witness** Agent **Lead Agent** and Agent **Site Counterpart** I have. I did  
24 not work with Agent **Site Agent** that I knew of, before.

25 **HSGAC Majority** And could you elaborate on how

1 frequently you had worked with Agents [Site Counterpart] and [Lead Agent]

2 [Witness Counsel]: Is that in connection with events, or  
3 just in the routine work of the office? Or is there a  
4 distinction you want to make?

5 [HSGAC Majority] I guess to clarify the question I'll ask  
6 both, of you don't mind specifying.

7 [Witness] Could you repeat the question?

8 [Witness Counsel]: Yeah.

9 [HSGAC Majority] You said you worked previously with  
10 Agents [Site Counterpart] and [Lead Agent] Could you elaborate on whether  
11 that was specifically for protectee event planning or in a  
12 different capacity?

13 [Witness] So Agent [Site Counterpart] and Agent [Lead Agent] I believe  
14 have been in the Pittsburgh Field Office for at least two  
15 years now. I apologize, I don't know the exact date they  
16 both came in. In between, in the field office, in between  
17 conducting protective missions, agents conduct  
18 investigative -- have investigative missions, so that's  
19 what they do, for the most part, when protection is not  
20 going on. So I've worked with them in both capacities.

21 [HSGAC Majority] Great. And you spoke earlier about the  
22 role of the Donald Trump detail in planning for the July  
23 13th rally. Could you elaborate on the respective role and  
24 responsibilities of the Pittsburgh Field Office and the  
25 Donald Trump detail with respect to the rally planning?

1           **Witness**       Sure. Can you clarify the question?

2           **HSGAC Majority**   Sure. I'm just asking if you could  
3 elaborate on what you mentioned earlier regarding the  
4 respective roles between yourself as special agent in  
5 charge of the Pittsburgh Field Office and the Donald Trump  
6 detail supervisors, like if there is a direct chain of  
7 command or any formal reporting relationship. We're just  
8 trying to understand what that relationship is, who was  
9 responsible for what with respect to the rally planning.

10          **Witness**       So when a protective detail comes to the  
11 district, like it did here, for this instance the Donald  
12 Trump detail sends their own site agent who develops and is  
13 responsible for developing and executing the security plan  
14 for the site. The Trump detail also sends supervisors,  
15 which are also called second supervisors. They come **LES**  
16 **LES** before. They conduct walkthroughs on **LES** before  
17 the visit, so when the site is completely built out they  
18 see exactly what the environment is going to be that you're  
19 bringing the protectee into. And they then approve the  
20 plan or see whatever changes need to be made before the  
21 actual visit takes place.

22           The reporting structure goes through the detail. So  
23 even for, to give you an example, for the lead agent, for  
24 Agent **Lead Agent** she is reporting and briefing the detail. When  
25 I say "the detail" I'm talking about the Trump detail in

1 this instance. If there are issues that come up during  
2 the week, if there's an issue with staff, if there's an  
3 issue with local police, if there's anything in terms of  
4 that nature, it will be brought to my attention then, to  
5 help solve any problem.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And you said if there was an issue that  
7 is identified by the detail they would bring it to your  
8 attention.

9 **Witness Counsel**: No, he didn't say that.

10 **Witness** No.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Could you clarify that?

12 **Witness** Yeah. I'm here, like I said in my  
13 original statement about my duties, to help with any issue  
14 that comes up, possibly at the local level with state and  
15 local -- or state and Federal -- or state and local police  
16 partners or EMS issues. If there's an issue at the site or  
17 anything that's brought to my attention I can help with.  
18 But otherwise the execution of the plan and the site  
19 security is done through the detail.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And had you been to Butler,  
21 Pennsylvania, before the week of July 13th?

22 **Witness** Butler, Pennsylvania, yes.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Have you been to the Farm Show?

24 **Witness** I did not.

25 **HSGAC Majority** I want to get back to some of this

1 briefly. Could you tell us when you first became aware  
2 that former President Trump was planning to hold a rally in  
3 Butler, Pennsylvania, on the 13th of July?

4 **Witness** I believe I became aware on July 2nd or  
5 3rd.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And how did you become aware?

7 **Witness** I became aware, I believe I saw an email  
8 form the Trump Operations Section about the visit.

9 **HSGAC Majority** The Trump Operations Section, that's  
10 different than the detail?

11 **Witness** It's part of the detail.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Part of the detail. And what was your  
13 role in assigning personnel to the advance team for the  
14 July 13th rally?

15 **Witness** So in late June we had begun to -- we get  
16 emails from our Protective Operations Section saying about  
17 potential visits to your district. It doesn't necessarily  
18 say where the visit will be. It just says it's going to be  
19 in your district. In late June, I believe, we got  
20 notification from the Trump Operations Section that there  
21 would be a visit in Western Pennsylvania. And then we also  
22 received work that we would be getting a visit from the  
23 First Lady, as well, Dr. Jill Biden. I don't remember at  
24 that point if the dates were set, but we began to try to  
25 decide who we would hold back to conduct these advance --



1 to work on these advance teams. We were also, at that  
2 point, submitting agents for the NATO summit. So that was  
3 a heavy -- it's called a heavy or a critical staffing  
4 period. So you have to submit names for agents that are  
5 available to travel before all of that. So we began the  
6 process, in late June, of beginning to identify agents that  
7 we wanted to hold back to conduct these advances.

8 **HSGAC Majority** And when you say "we," who are you  
9 referring to?

10 **Witness** Myself, ATSAIC **ATSAIC** and I  
11 believe ASAC **Special Agent** who was still in the office at  
12 the time. He retired the week of July 13th.

13 **HSGAC Majority** And Agent **ATSAIC** he's the assistant to  
14 the special agent in charge?

15 **Witness** Yes.

16 **HSGAC Majority** And is there currently also an assistant  
17 special agent in charge?

18 **Witness** That position is vacant.

19 **HSGAC Majority** And so you were -- were you the person  
20 who assigned Agent **Lead Agent** and Agent **Site Counterpart** to the advance  
21 team?

22 **Witness** It was myself and ATSAIC **ATSAIC** probably  
23 collaboratively.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Do you recall when you made those  
25 assignments?

1           **Witness**           I don't recall. I don't recall. I  
2 recall Agent **Lead Agent** I believe, was determined to be the lead  
3 for the Trump visit, and another agent, **Field Office Counterpart** was  
4 determined to be the agent for the First Lady visit. Other  
5 than that I don't believe the advance teams were built.

6           **HSGAC Majority**   And when you are deciding to -- I forget  
7 the term you used -- hold personnel back for potential  
8 visits, what kind of considerations are you -- what  
9 considerations do you have when you're deciding who was  
10 going to be the person held back for a potential advance?  
11 Is it based on seniority, or is it like a rotation, or are  
12 there other factors?

13          **Witness**           These agents that I held back, I held back  
14 because of their experience. Agent **Lead Agent** had already served  
15 six years on the Vice President's detail, where she had  
16 conducted, I believe, several lead advances for Vice  
17 President Biden and then Vice President Harris. Agent  
18 **Field Office Counterpart** served six years on the President's detail, where he  
19 also had conducted lead advances.

20          **HSGAC Majority**   And Agent, you said **Field Office Counterpart** --

21          **Witness**           **Field Office Counterpart**   It's **Field Office Counterpart**.

22          **HSGAC Majority**   And I'm going to show you a document  
23 that I'm going to mark Exhibit 1.

24                               [Exhibit No. 1 was

25                               marked for identification.]

1           **HSGAC Majority**    Okay.  Whenever you're ready.

2           **Witness**            I am.

3           **HSGAC Majority**    For the record, this is a Secret Service  
4 Preliminary Survey.  There's no Bates number.  I'm sorry.  
5 Did you say that you are familiar with this document?

6           **Witness**            I am.

7           **HSGAC Majority**    Could you briefly describe what this  
8 document is?

9           **Witness**            This document is called a Preliminary  
10 Survey.  It's a document that is put out before every  
11 protectee visit, usually within 24 hours before the visit.

12          **HSGAC Majority**    Did you have any role in drafting this  
13 document?

14          **Witness**            I did not.

15          **HSGAC Majority**    Did you have any role in reviewing this  
16 document?

17          **Witness**            I did not.

18          **HSGAC Majority**    Was this document ever provided to you  
19 either by email or in briefing format prior to the 13th?

20          **Witness**            It was provided to me, I believe, on the  
21 evening of the 12th.  I was CC'd on it.

22          **HSGAC Majority**    And did you or anybody else have to  
23 approve this document before it was finalized?

24          **Witness**            No.  This document went directly to the  
25 Trump detail and to the Office of Protective Operations.

1           **HSGAC Majority**   And the Office of Protective  
2   Operations, that's in Headquarters?

3           **Witness**           Yes.

4           **HSGAC Majority**   And to your knowledge, did those offices  
5   have to affirmatively approve this document?

6           **Witness**           They would've, yes.

7           **HSGAC Majority**   Do you know who in the OPO office was  
8   responsible for approving?

9           **Witness**           I do not.

10          **HSGAC Majority**   And for the Donald Trump detail, do you  
11   know who, on the detail, would've been responsible  
12   approving?

13          **Witness**           I do not, as well.

14          **HSGAC Majority**   And you said you were CC'd. Is that  
15   standard practice for the field office special agent in  
16   charge to be CC'd on these when they are events in the  
17   district?

18          **Witness**           I believe so.

19          **HSGAC Majority**   And you said you didn't have a role in  
20   reviewing. To clarify that question, you know, did you  
21   have either a formal or informal role?

22          **Witness**           I'm sorry. Just one second.

23           [Pause.]

24          **Witness**           I did not have a formal role or informal  
25   role. Was that your question? I'm sorry.

1           **HSGAC Majority**    Yeah.    And then I guess in your  
2    position as special agent in charge, and you also said you  
3    were CC'd on this email --

4           **Witness**            That was done as a courtesy.

5           **HSGAC Majority**    As a courtesy.    When you receive or are  
6    CC'd on these Preliminary Surveys for protectee events, do  
7    you ever review them in advance?

8           **Witness**            I did look at this the night before, as  
9    well as the First Lady's Preliminary Survey, as well.

10          **HSGAC Majority**    And speaking more broadly than just the  
11    July 13th event, in your time at the Pittsburgh Field  
12    Office, would you ever, or have you ever reviewed a  
13    Preliminary Survey in advance and provided any kind of  
14    feedback?

15          **Witness**            Yes.    I don't know when the change took  
16    place, but a couple of years ago, at least, surveys used to  
17    get approved and disseminated through the field office.  
18    That was changed, I believe, and it's done through the  
19    protective detail and the Office of Protective Operations  
20    now, because it's a protective operation.    It's not a field  
21    office or an investigative mission.    So it's actually done  
22    through them.

23          **HSGAC Majority**    And could you say again approximately  
24    when that change happened?

25          **Witness**            I can't.    It would've been at least two or

1 three years ago. I don't know the specific date. I'm  
2 sorry.

3 **HSGAC Majority** And prior to the change, were the  
4 Preliminary Surveys approved solely by the field office, or  
5 did the detail also have a role at that time?

6 **Witness** The detail would review them, but the  
7 final approval and dissemination would've gone out from the  
8 Pittsburgh Field Office.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know who made the decision to  
10 change that protocol?

11 **Witness** I don't.

12 **HSGAC Majority** And do you know what the reason was?

13 **Witness** I believe it was because of the fact that  
14 this is a protective operation, not an investigative  
15 mission, so the details, because of the fact that they're  
16 the ones doing the approval and they're the ones reviewing  
17 the documents, that they're the ones that are sending it  
18 out then.

19 **HSGAC Majority** And I'm going to ask not about the July  
20 13th event but about the events held in the district prior  
21 to that change in policy, when you would've been  
22 responsible for approving and disseminating a Preliminary  
23 Survey. For those events, what did you look for when you  
24 reviewed and approved?

25 **Witness** I would look at the entire document.

1       **HSGAC Majority**   Are there specific, you know,  
2   specific, I guess, considerations that you were looking  
3   for, like any kind of checklist, to make sure that  
4   everything seemed satisfactory?

5       **Witness**       Yes. You would look at the entire  
6   document. You would want to make sure that phone numbers  
7   were correct. You would want to make sure addresses were  
8   correct for like relocations. This document was developed  
9   back before everybody was using, obviously, smartphones,  
10   and everybody had cellphones with them everywhere. So one  
11   of the main functions of this document, afterwards, would  
12   be to have the phone numbers of all the interested parties  
13   that you were going to be working with, your partners. And  
14   it would also be when you look at the actual sites to give  
15   a sequence of events for briefing purposes, and also the  
16   assets that are at those sites.

17       **HSGAC Majority**   And talking about the time period before  
18   the responsibility for a Preliminary Survey was changed,  
19   how common was it, when you reviewed a Preliminary Survey,  
20   for you to go back to, you know, the advance lead or  
21   somebody else with questions or concerns?

22       **Witness**       For me in my capacity now?

23       **HSGAC Majority**   Or in your capacity prior to, when you  
24   still were responsible for reviewing -- for approving and  
25   disseminating the Preliminary Survey.

1       **Witness**       Very rarely.  If it was -- it was  
2 usually approved or reviewed by somebody else before it got  
3 to me, another supervisor, so if there were issues when it  
4 got to me then we would address them with the agent who  
5 prepared them.  But usually, I don't recall ever doing  
6 that.

7       **HSGAC Majority**   And you may have said this earlier, but  
8 just to clarify.  Now turning back to the July 13th event,  
9 what is your understanding of who prepared this document?

10       **Witness**       This would've been prepared by **Lead Agent**

11       **Lead Agent**

12       **HSGAC Majority**   And do you know who she would've  
13 submitted it to for approval?

14       **Witness**       I believe she would've submitted it  
15 through the Trump Operations Section or also at the CNOS  
16 Operations Section, as well.  So I'm not sure if it went to  
17 both sections or if it -- I can't say to which one she sent  
18 it to, or to both probably.  But it goes through the  
19 Protective Operations side.

20       **HSGAC Majority**   Got it.  And then I'm just going to  
21 refer to this document, on the first page, under the  
22 advance team list.  These questions aren't specifically  
23 about the document but about the advance teams, just for  
24 ease of reference.  And I'll note for the record that the  
25 names on this document are redacted.  Our understanding is



1 that the unredacted document does have names. It's a  
2 little bit hard to tell since they are whited out. Those  
3 redactions were not made by us. They were made by the  
4 Secret Service.

5 But just to go down this list of the advance team and  
6 make sure I understand who the agents are and who had  
7 assigned them, the first line, the lead advance, that's  
8 Agent **Lead Agent** from the Pittsburgh Field Office.  
9 Correct?

10 **Witness** That would be correct.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know who the airport site agent  
12 is?

13 **Witness** I believe it was **Airport Site Agent**.

14 **HSGAC Majority** And the site agent from the Donald Trump  
15 -- does DTD stand for Donald Trump Detail or Division?

16 **Witness** I believe it's Division.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Division. That site agent?

18 **Witness** That would be **Site Agent**

19 **HSGAC Majority** And the site counterpart?

20 **Witness** **Site Counterpart**

21 **HSGAC Majority** The intelligence lead?

22 **Witness** **Intel Advance Lead**

23 **HSGAC Majority** **Intel Advance Lead** And the counter sniper?

24 **Witness** I believe his name is **C/S Team Lead**

25 **HSGAC Majority** And TSD?

1           **Witness**           I believe his name was **TSD Advance Lead**.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   And the agents that have PIT for  
3   Pittsburgh listed under the office, you personally assign  
4   those agents to the advance team?

5           **Witness**           That's correct.

6           **HSGAC Majority**   And do you know who assigned the other  
7   agents to the advance team?

8           **Witness**           I don't.

9           **HSGAC Majority**   And I'd like --

10          **Witness**           It would be done -- I apologize -- it  
11   would be done through their respective division or chain of  
12   command.

13          **HSGAC Majority**   And is there any coordination or  
14   discussion between yourself and the other, the supervisors  
15   of those other divisions when you're putting together the  
16   advance team assignments?

17          **Witness**           No.

18          **HSGAC Majority**   And I'd like to turn to page 2 of this  
19   document and direct your attention to the latter half of  
20   the page, where it says "Command Post."

21          **Witness**           Mm-hmm.

22          **HSGAC Majority**   And under that it says, "Command Post  
23   Supervisor." Do you know who that person was?

24          **Witness**           That was **SAIC Buffalo**

25          **HSGAC Majority**   And do you know who made that

1 assignment?

2 **Witness** I actually made that assignment.

3 **HSGAC Majority** You made that assignment.

4 **Witness** Yes.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know when you made that  
6 assignment?

7 **Witness** I requested that assignment to be done on  
8 July 13th -- or I'm sorry, July 10th.

9 **HSGAC Majority** And is it typical that it would be your  
10 responsibility as the field office special agent in charge  
11 to assign the command post supervisor?

12 **Witness** No. I made the request specially. I know  
13 **SAIC Buffalo** He's a friend of mine. He called me on July 10th,  
14 at some point during the day, to tell me that he received  
15 notification that he was going to be working the First  
16 Lady's visit to Pittsburgh on the 13th. I asked him if he  
17 didn't mind if I switched him to the Trump visit because I  
18 wanted a more senior agent in the -- it's listed as command  
19 post supervisor here but it's actually a Security Room, is  
20 what we refer to it as at the site. **SAIC Buffalo** is a special  
21 agent in charge the Buffalo Field Office, so he's got  
22 extensive experience, as well.

23 **HSGAC Majority** And you said just now -- I want to make  
24 sure I heard you right -- did you say that he had asked to  
25 make that switch or you had asked to make that switch, with

1 him and the agent assigned to the First Lady's Security  
2 Room or Command Post?

3 **Witness** I don't know if he had an assignment yet  
4 for the First Lady, but he told me that he received  
5 notification that he was going to be traveling to work that  
6 visit for the First Lady. I asked him if he did not mind  
7 if I switched him to the Trump visit instead.

8 **HSGAC Majority** So there had previously been somebody  
9 else assigned.

10 **Witness** There was nobody assigned yet. The names  
11 were -- the assignments were still being done at that  
12 point.

13 **HSGAC Majority** And who would typically assign a Command  
14 Post or Security Room supervisor?

15 **Witness** That would be the site agent usually.

16 **HSGAC Majority** And you said you wanted to assign  
17 **SAIC Buffalo** to this role because he had more  
18 experience than, I guess, not the specific other person but  
19 just that he had a lot of experience?

20 **Witness** Correct.

21 **HSGAC Majority** As a Security Room supervisor  
22 specifically, or in general?

23 **Witness** Just in general.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know if he had, you know,  
25 particular experience as a Security Room supervisor?

1           **Witness**           I don't.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   Did you discuss that at all with him  
3 when talking about that assignment?

4           **Witness**           No, we did not.

5           **HSGAC Majority**   Leaving this document for now. I want  
6 to just show you a couple other documents. The next one is  
7 a three-page document, the site diagrams -- I'm going to  
8 label this Exhibit 2.

9                                       [Exhibit No. 2 was  
10                                      marked for identification.]

11          **HSGAC Majority**   And whenever you're ready please let us  
12 know if you're familiar with this document.

13           [Pause.]

14          **Witness**           I don't recall if I saw this document the  
15 night before or not.

16          **HSGAC Majority**   Have you seen this document at some  
17 point --

18          **Witness**           Yes.

19          **HSGAC Majority**   -- before today?

20          **Witness**           Yes.

21          **HSGAC Majority**   And can you briefly tell us your  
22 understanding of what this document is?

23          **Witness**           This is a document that would be prepared  
24 by the site agent in order for, in this case her to brief  
25 her protective detail supervisors on the site plans. So

1 the first one I believe is the airport, obviously, and  
2 then the second one would've been for Agent **Site Agent** to brief,  
3 or **Lead Agent** -- I'm not sure which one -- to brief the detail  
4 supervisors on what would take place the next day and where  
5 assets would be.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And I believe you addressed this before,  
7 but just to be clear, did you have any role in creating  
8 this document?

9 **Witness** I did not.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Did you have any role reviewing this  
11 document?

12 **Witness** No, I did not.

13 **HSGAC Majority** And did you say that you may have  
14 received it prior to the rally?

15 **Witness Counsel**: He didn't say that.

16 **Witness** I said I don't recall if I saw this the  
17 night before or not. It may have been sent to me but I  
18 don't recall if I looked at it or not.

19 **HSGAC Majority** And is this a document that prior to the  
20 July -- this type of document, these types of site diagrams  
21 -- is this the type of document that, at any point  
22 previously during your tenure at the Pittsburgh Field  
23 Office, you would have had a role in reviewing?

24 **Witness** That would -- it would depend on the  
25 visit, who was coming, and also if, very similar to what I

1 talked about before, how this document, if it was  
2 submitted through me or if it was submitted through -- or  
3 through the field office, I should say -- the Office of  
4 Investigations or the Office of Protective Operations. So  
5 I may have at some point, to answer your question.

6 **HSGAC Majority** I'm going to try to move quickly through  
7 a couple more. I'm going to mark the next document as  
8 Exhibit 3. This is a Manpower Request.

9 [Exhibit No. 3 was  
10 marked for identification.]

11 **HSGAC Majority** Whenever you're ready please let us know  
12 if you are familiar with this document.

13 [Pause.]

14 **Witness** Okay. I'm familiar with it.

15 **HSGAC Majority** Can you briefly tell us what this  
16 document is?

17 **Witness** This is called a Manpower Request  
18 document. It's submitted -- I believe this was submitted  
19 through the Office of Protective Operations to approve the  
20 assets requested for the day of the visit on the 13th.

21 **HSGAC Majority** So submitted to the Office of Protective  
22 Operations?

23 **Witness** I believe Agent **Lead Agent** would've submitted  
24 this either to the Trump Operations Section or the CNOS  
25 section, and then they would submit this to the Office of

1 Protective Operations.

2 **HSGAC Majority** And did you have any role in creating  
3 this document?

4 **Witness** I didn't have a role in actually creating  
5 the document. The role I have is what I talked about  
6 earlier, where I talk about my responsibility to determine  
7 the number of Secret Service post-standers for the visit.  
8 So if you turn to the second page, where it says the total  
9 number of assignments, that's where I would've come in.  
10 That's really the only part of this document that I  
11 would've had anything to do with.

12 **HSGAC Majority** And was this a document prepared after  
13 the manpower -- was it the manpower walkthrough?

14 **Witness** Yes.

15 **HSGAC Majority** And the manpower walkthrough, that was  
16 held on Wednesday, July 10th?

17 **Witness** Yes.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Could you describe in a little bit more  
19 detail what occurred during that walkthrough?

20 **Witness** Sure. I arrived at the site, I believe,  
21 after 11:00. I met with Agent **Lead Agent** Agent **Site Counterpart** Agent  
22 **Site Agent** and I believe the TSD representative. That's the  
23 Technical Security Division advance person. I believe his  
24 name was **TSD Advance Lead** We initially met and discussed -- I  
25 believe they put -- we met in an office at the site and



1 discussed, just in the office before we did the actual  
2 walkthrough, their intentions. I believe -- I don't recall  
3 who told me but they said that we were already preapproved  
4 for 18 posts for the site. That would be [REDACTED] jump teams.  
5 So in the campaign, when -- for the campaign, a jump team  
6 is [REDACTED] Secret Service agent and [REDACTED] HSI agents. That's  
7 per our Memorandum of Understanding, I guess, within the  
8 Department during these campaign seasons and during  
9 critical staffing periods. So I was already told that we  
10 were approved for [REDACTED] jump teams, so that would've been  
11 [REDACTED] post-standers at that point.

12 We then walked the site, looking just at the Secret  
13 Service postings at that point, and saw where -- the site  
14 was not built out at that point so everything was just  
15 areas where we would be. So we walked to where the post-  
16 standers, the proposed post-standers, would be, I saw where  
17 the magnetometers were proposed to be and also where the  
18 stage would be.

19 So during that walkthrough we discussed -- at the  
20 conclusion of the walkthrough I told the team that was with  
21 us that I was going to request an additional [REDACTED] special  
22 agents for the site, that it was a big site and that I  
23 wanted more Secret Service post-standers at the site. So I  
24 did that.

25 [REDACTED] HSGAC Majority Got it. And you said -- and correct me

1 if I'm wrong -- that you, during the walkthrough, saw the  
2 proposed locations for the Secret Service posts. And who  
3 proposed those locations?

4 **Witness** That was developed by the site agent, by

5 **Site Agent**

6 **HSGAC Majority** And was this walkthrough the first time  
7 you had been to the site?

8 **Witness** Yes.

9 **HSGAC Majority** And you said at this point there was a  
10 proposed stage location?

11 **Witness** Yes.

12 **HSGAC Majority** During this walkthrough did you know  
13 where the event perimeter was going to be?

14 **Witness** Not the entire perimeter. I had an idea  
15 about arrivals, arrival/departure areas, in terms of  
16 possible police postings. I believe there's a lot of --  
17 that Butler Farm Show site itself, I believe there's a lot  
18 of gates in terms of that, that we need to make sure were  
19 closed to the public. But in terms of the actual physical  
20 perimeter, nothing was built out at that point in terms of  
21 bike rack or anything for the site at that point.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Did any of the advance agents on the  
23 walkthrough with you discuss where the perimeter would  
24 potentially be set?

25 **Witness** I don't recall talking about the

1 perimeter. We talked about using large farm equipment  
2 for line of sight issues. I was told that that would be  
3 readily available. But in terms of the actual perimeter  
4 there was double fencing along the AGR -- or not the AGR  
5 complex -- the Butler Farm Show complex, but nothing was  
6 officially set up at that point in terms of everything.

7 **HSGAC Majority** And given that the perimeter hadn't been  
8 officially set -- I guess, let's take a step back. Is it  
9 typical for the advance team to be discussing proposed  
10 Secret Service postings before you know where the perimeter  
11 is going to be?

12 **Witness** No. When we say perimeter I'm talking the  
13 secure perimeter, where we knew we would have Secret  
14 Service postings. I'm just saying in terms of actually  
15 discussing the perimeter, I don't recall that we actually  
16 discussed the physical perimeter at that point.

17 **HSGAC Majority** I'm going to go a little bit out of  
18 order, jumping back a couple of days to the police meeting  
19 that was held on July 11th. You mentioned earlier that  
20 conversation, that you were responsible for initiating that  
21 meeting. Can you describe what that entails?

22 **Witness** Sure. So at that point, I believe it was  
23 July 2nd or 3rd, we knew that on the 13th we were going to  
24 have former President Trump and the First Lady both coming  
25 to --

1           **Witness Counsel**: Did you ask about an event on the 11th?

2           **HSGAC Majority** I did not.

3           **Witness Counsel**: I think you may have misspoke. I think you  
4 said the 11th. Did you intend to say the 11th?

5           **HSGAC Majority** I thought I said the 8th.

6           **Witness Counsel**: Okay. Can you clarify the question,  
7 please?

8           **HSGAC Majority** Sure. I was referring to the police  
9 meeting that was held on Monday, July 8th.

10          **Witness Counsel**: Okay.

11          **Witness** Okay.

12          **Witness Counsel**: Thank you.

13          **Witness** So I believe it was July 5th that I asked  
14 Agent **Field Office Counterpart** to compose an email to all of our state,  
15 local, and Federal partners that would be involved with the  
16 visit -- for both visits, I should say -- because of the  
17 fact that we knew that both protectees would be landing at  
18 the same airport, **LES**

19 **LES**. So I made a request to  
20 the Allegheny County Emergency Operations Center, the chief  
21 out there, **Allegheny Co. Emerg Svc Chief**. I asked him if we could use his  
22 conference room for the police meetings, which they  
23 accommodate us often with, and he said it would not be a  
24 problem.

25           So on the -- I don't know if that email went out on

1 the 5th or the 6th, but on the evening of the 5th I  
2 reached out to our local and state partners in Butler  
3 because we had not had a visit out there in a while, and I  
4 was going to be requesting them to go to Allegheny County,  
5 which is not their jurisdiction, for the meeting. But I  
6 did that because of the fact that the -- for the visit,  
7 former President Trump would be arriving in Pittsburgh. So  
8 he'd be starting in Allegheny County and there would be  
9 resources from all of these agencies used for both visits.

10 **HSGAC Majority** And who did you reach out to  
11 specifically in terms of local and state partners?

12 **Witness** Sure. I spoke with **Butler Co. Sherriff** who  
13 is the Butler County Sheriff. I spoke with **Butler Township Chief of Police**  
14 **Butler Township Chief of Police** who is the officer in charge of Butler Township  
15 Police Department. I spoke with **PSP Officer in Charge** who is the  
16 lieutenant for the Pennsylvania State Police, or PSP,  
17 barracks right there in Butler. I also spoke with somebody  
18 from Butler County ESU, which is their SWAT.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Do you recall who that individual was?

20 **Witness** I don't. I'm sorry.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Do you recall if it was **Butler ESU Commander**

22 **Witness** I believe I had -- I believe I may -- I  
23 don't recall if it was **Butler ES** or if it was somebody else. I  
24 apologize.

25 **HSGAC Majority** No problem.

1           **Witness**           I also spoke with Butler County  
2   Emergency Services Director **Butler ESU Director**   It's **Butler ESU Director**.   And  
3   I spoke with his lieutenant.   I believe his name is  
4   **Butler ESU Ltnt**, or **Butler ESU Ltnt**, I'm sorry, as well, to invite  
5   them to the meeting.   So they all graciously accepted the  
6   invitation.   We were going to do the meeting at 1:00 on  
7   July 8th, because the staff for the Trump campaign and our  
8   advance team were going to do a walkthrough at the Butler  
9   Farm Show at 10 a.m. for an initial walkthrough, which is  
10   what happens during a visit, or during the advance  
11   planning, I should say.

12           So the First Lady's meeting was going to be, was  
13   scheduled to be at noon.

14           **HSGAC Majority**   Thank you.   And just one clarification I  
15   think you mentioned before.   But agent **Field Office Counterpart** what is his  
16   role again?

17           **Witness**           He was the lead agent, or the field office  
18   counterpart, I should say, not lead agent.   He was the  
19   field office counterpart for the First Lady's detail.

20           **HSGAC Majority**   Got it.

21           **Witness Counsel**:   We've gone for more than an hour.   I don't  
22   know how long your --

23           **HSGAC Majority**   We usually start our hour after the  
24   intros.

25           **Witness Counsel**:   Yeah, that's fine.   I just want to make

1 sure you don't need a comfort break or anything.

2 **HSGAC Majority** We'll be another 5 or 10 minutes or  
3 less.

4 **Witness Counsel**: Great. Thanks.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Really quickly, do you -- when you made  
6 that outreach to those local agencies that you listed, what  
7 did you convey?

8 **Witness** I told them that obviously former  
9 President Trump was scheduled to visit on July 13th, that  
10 we -- I think we knew the site at that point, the Butler  
11 Farm Show, and that we, at the initial police meeting, we  
12 go over itineraries and then begin the planning process for  
13 the entire visit.

14 **HSGAC Majority** And did you attend the meeting itself on  
15 the 8th?

16 **Witness** Which meeting?

17 **HSGAC Majority** The police meeting.

18 **Witness** Yes.

19 **HSGAC Majority** And did you leave the meeting?

20 **Witness** I made welcoming remarks, or opening  
21 remarks, which welcomed everybody and thanked them. And  
22 then I turned the meeting over to Agent **Lead Agent**

23 **HSGAC Majority** And during the meeting do you recall  
24 Agent **Lead Agent** discussing the Security Room or Command Center  
25 that was planned for the site?

1           **Witness**       I believe she invited everybody into the  
2   Security Room at the Farm Show, which is customary. That's  
3   what we normally do. I don't recall specifically if it was  
4   -- that's what I recall.

5           **HSGAC Majority**   Do you recall if there was any  
6   discussion of potential threats or vulnerabilities at the  
7   Farm Show site?

8           **Witness**       No. I recall the discussion mostly being  
9   about -- so the meeting took place, and then everybody  
10   breaks up into sections, to different teams, I guess is the  
11   way to do it. Some people deal with the motorcade, some  
12   people deal with the site, and then other different duties,  
13   as well. I recall the discussions being about parking and  
14   about the congestion and traffic due to extensive road  
15   construction that's around the site, and that being one of  
16   the main concerns at that point.

17          **HSGAC Majority**   Thank you. If it's all right with you  
18   we're going to turn it over to my colleague just for a  
19   couple more minutes, and then we'll break.

20          **HSGAC Majority**   So some follow-up, and I will try to be  
21   as quick as possible. You mentioned a Special Agent

22   **Special Agent**   I know he recently retired. But did he have any  
23   role in planning for the event?

24          **Witness**       I can't -- I don't recall.

25          **HSGAC Majority**   What specifically, if any, documents or



1 plans did you approve prior to the July 13th rally?

2 **Witness Counsel:** Did he approve?

3 **HSGAC Majority** Yes. So I know my colleague, **HSGAC Major**

4 **HSGAC Majority** showed you the Preliminary Survey, which you said  
5 you reviewed the night prior. She showed you the Manpower  
6 Request. What documents did you approve, if any, prior to  
7 the July 13th rally?

8 **Witness** I don't think I actually approved  
9 anything.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. You mentioned -- and when I  
11 say putting together a Security Plan I'm not referring to  
12 you specifically, but Secret Service, in general, putting  
13 together a Security Plan for the event. Is there a  
14 singular Operations Plan or Site Security Plan, or is it a  
15 series of separate documents, like the one we've been  
16 looking at?

17 **Witness** For the actual Site Security Plan --

18 **Witness Counsel:** And you're talking about as a general  
19 matter.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Correct.

21 **Witness** Are you referring -- when you ask, I'm  
22 just looking for clarification.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Sure. So let's look specifically at the  
24 Preliminary Survey. The Preliminary Survey doesn't have  
25 any maps, right?

1           **Witness**           Correct.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   The Preliminary Survey doesn't have a  
3   threat assessment, right?

4           **Witness**           No, there isn't -- there is a mention for  
5   intelligence in the Preliminary Survey.

6           **HSGAC Majority**   But there's no threat assessment.

7           **Witness**           It's at the back. There's actually a  
8   thing that says "Intelligence" on page 10, if you look.

9           **HSGAC Majority**   Okay. So there is intelligence. But is  
10   there any -- the Preliminary Survey doesn't address, for  
11   example, line of sight vulnerabilities. Correct?

12          **Witness Counsel:**   That's a different question. You want to  
13   read that line from Intelligence into the record?

14          **HSGAC Majority**   We don't need to. I will agree, there  
15   is a section on Intelligence.

16          **Witness Counsel:**   I think it's helpful, though.

17          **Witness**           It says, "SA {blank} is the intelligence  
18   advance for this visit. At this time no adverse  
19   intelligence has been developed concerning this visit. Any  
20   adverse intelligence that may arise will be passed to all  
21   working supervisors."

22          **HSGAC Majority**   There is no discussion of line of sight  
23   vulnerabilities in the Preliminary Survey. Correct?

24          **Witness**           Not that I know.

25          **HSGAC Majority**   Did you review any state or local

1 operations plans prior to July 13th?

2 **Witness** No, I did not receive any either.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Who is responsible for reviewing state  
4 or local operation plans prior to the event?

5 **Witness** State and local plans are not always --  
6 they don't always do them, so in my experience they're not  
7 always done. I would have to defer to the site agent.

8 **HSGAC Majority** In this particular instance,  
9 Pennsylvania State Police developed an Operations Plan as  
10 well as Butler County ESU. Were you aware that  
11 Pennsylvania State Police and/or Butler County ESU  
12 developed Operations Plans in advance of the rally?

13 **Witness** I was not.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Is there someone in charge at Secret  
15 Service who is in charge of reviewing state and local  
16 Operations Plans prior to an event?

17 **Witness** If they were provided to whoever the agent  
18 was, I guess would be the answer. I don't know in terms of  
19 specific --

20 **HSGAC Majority** But Secret Service has no policy or  
21 procedure to request, if available, any state or local  
22 Operations Plans.

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

24 **HSGAC Majority** And you mentioned you were in touch with  
25 a number of state and local law enforcement. I think you

1 mentioned one of those was Lieutenant **PSP Officer in Charge**

2 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Were you ever asked to provide prior  
4 Operations Plans to Pennsylvania State Police in advance of  
5 the rally, to assist with planning?

6 **Witness Counsel**: Required by whom?

7 **HSGAC Majority** No. Were you ever asked to provide.

8 **Witness** were you ever asked to provide prior Operations  
9 Plans?

10 **Witness** No.

11 **HSGAC Majority** What's your chain of command?

12 **Witness** I report to Deputy Assistant Director **Dep. Ass. Directo**  
13 **Dep. Ass. Directo** in the Office of Investigations.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Where is he located?

15 **Witness** Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Specifically with regard to the July  
17 13th rally, who has the final say, for example, if an issue  
18 comes up -- in case it's helpful, let's just say with the  
19 Preliminary Survey. But in general, who has the final say?  
20 Is it you? Is it the Donald Trump detail?

21 **Witness** It would be the Office of Protective  
22 Operations, either the Trump detail or the Office of  
23 Protective Operations.

24 **HSGAC Majority** And for the July 13th rally, which  
25 individuals would that be?

1       **Witness**       Well, at the same level as me is the  
2       special agent in charge of the Trump detail, **DTD SAIC**  
3       The second supervisors that were on the ground the day  
4       before and reviewed the sites and did the walkthroughs, I  
5       believe it was ASAC -- it was two ASACs that were on the  
6       ground for that. Or I shouldn't say ASACs. One of them,  
7       his title is not an ASAC, from what I understand.

8       **HSGAC Majority**   **DTD 2nd Sup.** and **DTD Campaign Sup.**?

9       **Witness**       Yes.

10      **HSGAC Majority**   Okay. And I apologize. I'm jumping  
11      around a bit, but I just want to ask a few follow-up  
12      questions from all the information we covered. What is the  
13      difference -- I know on the Preliminary Survey you  
14      mentioned Special Agent **SAIC Buffalo**, who you appointed as  
15      the command post supervisor. What, if any, difference is  
16      there between the Command Post and the Security Room? Are  
17      those terms interchangeable?

18      **Witness**       No, they're actually not, but I believe  
19      it's on the advance documents. I don't know if there is --  
20      this is a formatted drop-down like --

21      **HSGAC Majority**   Yeah. Like you're limited in what  
22      you're able to put in.

23      **Witness**       So a Command Post for a large visit, for a  
24      presidential visit, a Command Post would be the central  
25      command hub, and then each site would have their own

1 Security Room. A Security Room is almost a smaller  
2 version of a Command Post. It doesn't have the same  
3 communications equipment.

4 **HSGAC Majority** And what's the role of the command post  
5 supervisor?

6 **Witness** That's to communicate with the entire  
7 site, or to maintain communications with the site and  
8 liaison with the -- our partners.

9 **HSGAC Majority** But who, specifically?

10 **Witness** Excuse me?

11 **HSGAC Majority** Can you be more specific?

12 **Witness Counsel:** About what?

13 **HSGAC Majority** The communications. You say to maintain  
14 communications. But how? Specifically how and with whom?

15 **Witness** So the Secret Service Security Room  
16 Supervisor or Command Post maintains communications with  
17 Secret Service employees, or Secret Service assets that are  
18 at the site, through our own communications network.

19 **HSGAC Majority** And referring to Exhibit 2, on the  
20 second page, this is a diagram of the Butler Farm Show  
21 rally. Is that correct?

22 **Witness** Yes.

23 **HSGAC Majority** And when you see the stars with PD,  
24 that's referring to the post-standers that were designated.  
25 Is that correct?

1           **Witness**       No. I believe those refer to -- let me  
2     see. I think those are actually referring to local or  
3     state police officers.

4           **HSGAC Majority**   I see. So the Site Diagram doesn't  
5     actually depict where the Secret Service post-standers and  
6     jump teams would be. Correct?

7           **Witness**       Not in this diagram, no. Not that I can  
8     see.

9           **HSGAC Majority**   And were you aware that -- our  
10    understanding is the perimeter is rather fluid and there  
11    are three layers of it. One is the inner perimeter, and  
12    then the middle, and then the outer. Were you aware of the  
13    perimeters for this event?

14          **Witness**       The exact outer perimeter?

15          **HSGAC Majority**   No, were you --

16          **Witness Counsel**:   Wait a minute. Wait a minute. The  
17    perimeter as of when? Let's talk about timing.

18          **HSGAC Majority**   Thanks, **Witness Counsel**. Let me be more specific.  
19    So for the July 13th rally, were you aware of the  
20    perimeters that were designated for that event?

21          **Witness**       The exact perimeter for everything, I was  
22    not.

23          **HSGAC Majority**   When you say "the exact perimeter for  
24    everything," what do you mean by that?

25          **Witness**       I mean the entire event, where the public

1 was penned in, or what was completely closed off to the  
2 public. I don't know -- I don't recall being briefed on  
3 that before the 13th.

4 **HSGAC Majority** With regard to the perimeter, is it  
5 correct to say there are three lines, if you will? There  
6 is an inner perimeter, a middle perimeter, and an outer  
7 perimeter. Is that correct?

8 **Witness** That's, yes.

9 **HSGAC Majority** And did you have an understanding of  
10 where the inner perimeter would be for the event?

11 **Witness Counsel**: This was before the event or on the day  
12 of the event?

13 **HSGAC Majority** I mean, either.

14 **Witness Counsel**: Okay.

15 **HSGAC Majority** But let's say, yes, before the event.  
16 Before noon on July 13th, did you have an understanding of  
17 where the inner perimeter would be?

18 **Witness** The inner perimeter? The inner bubble  
19 that we're talking about?

20 **HSGAC Majority** Yes.

21 **Witness** That is actually done by **LES**

22 **LES**

23 **LES** part of the Trump  
24 detail, that's what we're referring to when we say inner  
25 perimeter. **LES**



1 LES

2 HSGAC Majority So I'm showing you what has been marked  
3 as Exhibit 4. This is an overview of the site.

4 [Exhibit No. 4 was  
5 marked for identification.]

6 HSGAC Majority We received this document from Butler  
7 County ESU. Have you seen this document before?

8 Witness I have not.

9 HSGAC Majority Is this an accurate depiction of an  
10 aerial of the event?

11 Witness Counsel: Objection.

12 HSGAC Majority Well, in your view does this depict the  
13 Butler Farm Show rally site?

14 Witness Just the site itself?

15 HSGAC Majority Yes.

16 Witness Yes.

17 HSGAC Majority And looking at the top, where you see  
18 Butler ESU, is that the AGR building?

19 Witness Yes.

20 HSGAC Majority And looking below, where we see Secret  
21 Service Hercules 1 and 2, are those the barns?

22 Witness Yes.

23 HSGAC Majority Is this the site you were at on July  
24 13th?

25 Witness Yes.

1       **HSGAC Majority**    So can you roughly -- and I understand  
2    this is rough -- draw where the inner perimeter was, the  
3    bubble you're talking about.

4       **Witness Counsel**:    Objection.    He's not going to draw  
5    anything.    He's here to answer your questions all day long.

6       **HSGAC Majority**    Well, let me explain.    So --

7       **Witness Counsel**:    And I will say, we are way over an hour.

8       **HSGAC Majority**    I am going to limit the number of  
9    questions specifically but I'm happy to follow up at the  
10   next -- after the break.

11       **Witness Counsel**:    I think there's a misunderstanding.    To  
12   get him to define what he means by inner bubble, he's  
13   defining a very, very close proximity to the protectee.    I  
14   want to make sure we're both -- we have the same  
15   understanding of the terms of inner, middle, and outer.

16       **Witness**            I can clarify.

17       **Witness Counsel**:    Before we answer any questions.    So --

18       **HSGAC Majority**    Thank you.    Can you explain and define  
19   what you mean by inner perimeter, middle perimeter, and  
20   outer perimeter?

21       **Witness**            Inner perimeter is the bubble that  
22   actually -- wherever the protectee is, that's that inner  
23   perimeter, what we're referring to.    So it's moving.    It's  
24   not a fixed thing that you're looking for.

25       **HSGAC Majority**    Understood.    And then how about middle

1 perimeter?

2 **Witness** The middle perimeter would be the secured  
3 zone where it's posted by Secret Service, everybody is  
4 swept coming into it.

5 **HSGAC Majority** What is -- within the magnetometers?

6 **Witness** Using magnetometers and then using other  
7 devices to keep the area clean.

8 **HSGAC Majority** And what about the outer perimeter?

9 **Witness** The outer perimeter is generally our -- is  
10 secured by our local and state partners.

11 **HSGAC Majority** But can you define the outer perimeter?  
12 Based on your understanding, was the AGR building included  
13 in the outer perimeter, looking at Exhibit 3, or 4?

14 **Witness** On the day of my walkthrough on the 10th,  
15 I was told that there would be **LES** at the  
16 AGR, that there would be police, or vehicles posted in the  
17 rabbit run, the two fences, in between the AGR building and  
18 the site, and that the AGR would be closed for business and  
19 locked. I don't recall talking about it being on the outer  
20 perimeter. My understanding was it was secured that way.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Did you have an understanding prior to  
22 the event whether the AGR building was within the outer  
23 perimeter?

24 **Witness Counsel**: He just answered the question.

25 **HSGAC Majority** He did not answer the question. He

1 answered his understanding of how the AGR building would  
2 be secured. But my question is whether the AGR building,  
3 based on your understanding, was in the outer perimeter.

4 **Witness Counsel**: He said that on the 10th they didn't talk  
5 about perimeters.

6 **HSGAC Majority** That's not my question. My question is  
7 prior to the July 13th rally, was your understanding that  
8 the AGR building was part of the outer perimeter?

9 **Witness** My understanding was the AGR building was  
10 a no-go zone, that there was no access to the site.

11 **HSGAC Majority** I'm sorry. It was a what zone?

12 **Witness** It would be -- there would be no access to  
13 the site from it.

14 **Witness Counsel**: He said it was a no-go zone.

15 **HSGAC Majority** A no-go zone. Okay.

16 **Witness** I apologize.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. I apologize. We've gone  
18 over the hour. We will take a break. Thank you.

19 VOICE: We are off the record at 1:35.

20 [Recess.]

21 VOICE: Back on the record. The time is now 1:53.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Good afternoon. I'm **HSGAC Minority**  
23 with Ranking Member Paul. I want to follow up on a few  
24 things that you said in the previous hour and get some  
25 clarifications there. At the end, right where we left off,

1 you had said that your understanding was the AGR building  
2 was in a no-go zone. What do you mean by no-go zone?

3 **Witness** So when we were talking earlier, in terms  
4 of the walkthrough on the 10th that I conducted, I believed  
5 that the AGR was covered by the state and local partners,  
6 meaning that when I say no-go zone there would be no access  
7 to the site from the AGR building. It was also being  
8 covered by Secret Service counter snipers who were there to  
9 begin conducting their advance on that day, as well. So  
10 when we did our walkthrough, or at the conclusion of our  
11 walkthrough, the counter sniper advance had just arrived at  
12 the site to begin conducting his part of the advance.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Did your understanding involve any  
14 police assets securing the building or grounds?

15 **Witness** Yes.

16 **HSGAC Minority** What police assets?

17 **Witness** There were no specific police assets at  
18 that point. When we were at the stage area, where the  
19 proposed stage area would be for the visit, I pointed over  
20 to that area where the AGR building was. I asked, "What  
21 are we doing over there?" I was told that there would be  
22 **LES** police posts, fixed police posts in the rabbit run,  
23 that we would have bleachers to block line of sight, large  
24 farm equipment to block line of sight, and the counter  
25 snipers, as well.

1           **HSGAC Minority**     Who told you that?

2           **Witness**           It would've been -- I don't recall who  
3 specifically, but it Wall Street the advance team that was  
4 with me, so that was Agent **Lead Agent** Agent **Site Counterpart** and Agent  
5 **Site Agent**

6           **HSGAC Minority**     Was your question to them about the  
7 grounds or the roof, or both?

8           **Witness**           It was the entire area.

9           **HSGAC Minority**     Including the roof.

10          **Witness**           Yes.

11          **HSGAC Minority**     Okay. Did you have a role in  
12 approving, reviewing, or otherwise having input on the  
13 survey for the First Lady's visit?

14          **Witness**           Not that I recall.

15          **HSGAC Minority**     Would your role for that have been any  
16 different than the role for the former President's visit?

17          **Witness**           If I was working that visit, then no. I  
18 had almost no role in that visit, after helping to set up  
19 the initial police meeting, which was at noon on July 8th,  
20 and then establishing the advance team for that.

21          **HSGAC Minority**     What do you mean by "working the  
22 visit"?

23          **Witness**           So I worked -- I was actually with  
24 President Trump, the visit, so I couldn't -- both visits  
25 literally took place 10 minutes of each other. So I had

1 the -- I worked the Trump visit and I had a supervisor  
2 from my Charleston, our Charleston office down in West  
3 Virginia, come up to work the First Lady's visit.

4 **HSGAC Minority** And I believe you said earlier that  
5 West Virginia is under your field office. So that  
6 individual works for you?

7 **Witness** Correct.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Who is that individual?

9 **Witness** His name is **Intel Advance**

10 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. How did you decide that you  
11 would go on the Trump visit and he would go on the other?

12 **Witness** The Trump visit was a much more involved  
13 visit. It was a bigger visit in terms of scope. The First  
14 Lady's visit was going to be to an indoor site -- or I'm  
15 sorry. We didn't know the site at that point but we knew  
16 it would be a quicker visit, that it was supposed to be a  
17 smaller venue, even though a site had not been picked yet.

18 **HSGAC Minority** You said earlier, in response to  
19 questioning, that you assigned Agent **Lead Agent** to be the lead  
20 agent for the Trump visit.

21 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Did you assign Agent **Site Counterpart**

23 **Witness** I don't believe I did.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know who did?

25 **Witness** I believe ATSAIC **ATSAIC** asked her if she

1 could work the visit, or work, to be part of the advance  
2 team, I should say.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Is that typical for that decision to  
4 be made by the SAIC, or the ATSAIC, or does it vary? How  
5 is it decided who is going to make that decision?

6 **Witness** It could be either of us, but it's  
7 normally done at a lower level than me. I was more  
8 involved because of our ASAC retiring, so just to help out  
9 I took on the responsibilities that I normally might not.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. What about Agent **Intel Advance Lead** Who  
11 made that decision?

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

13 **HSGAC Minority** So you said at an earlier point in  
14 your career you worked in the War Room, which our  
15 understanding is assigning manpower to events. Is that  
16 accurate?

17 **Witness** Yes.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. How are agents, from your  
19 experience, how are agents evaluated for their performance  
20 of their jobs, on an ongoing basis? Is it an annual  
21 review? Is there a check-in? What kind of process is  
22 there for that?

23 **Witness** There's a six-month preliminary or halfway  
24 point as part of the evaluation process, and the final  
25 evaluations are done at the end of the year.



1           **HSGAC Minority**     And that is done by special agent in  
2 charge or someone else in the office? Who is that?

3           **Witness**           The supervisor, whoever the agent reports  
4 to.

5           **HSGAC Minority**     Okay.

6           **Witness**           Whatever supervisor.

7           **HSGAC Minority**     Are agents' manpower requests  
8 considered as part of that performance, that review  
9 process?

10          **Witness**           That would be -- I'm confused about the  
11 question.

12          **HSGAC Minority**     Okay. Would an agent who submits a  
13 manpower request for visits, as part of their  
14 responsibilities, having part of those requests denied  
15 factor into their reviews of their job performance?

16          **Witness**           No. No, denial of assets or requests does  
17 not happen at our level.

18          **HSGAC Minority**     So that would not be a factor in any  
19 way.

20          **Witness**           No.

21          **HSGAC Minority**     You spoke about the policy change of  
22 the field office, supervisors reviewing and approving plans  
23 versus others now. Do you know who made that change?

24          **Witness**           I don't.

25          **HSGAC Minority**     Do you know what office or department

1 that change would've come from?

2 **Witness** I would -- I don't know. It would be done  
3 at Headquarters, at the Headquarters level, not locally.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Is it typical for a special  
5 agent in charge of a field office to be assigned to a role  
6 in a protective event, other than as you were for July  
7 13th, in the motorcade?

8 **Witness** Can you clarify the question?

9 **HSGAC Minority** Is it typical for a special agent in  
10 charge of an office to be assigned to work a post, if you  
11 will, at an event for a protectee?

12 **Witness** During a high, critical staffing period,  
13 like we're in right now, then yes, it would be more likely  
14 to happen.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Would that happen typically within the  
16 SAC's area, their division -- sorry -- their area, their  
17 office, their field office, or be assigned to a different  
18 field office?

19 **Witness** If you had a visit to your district, you  
20 would be involved with the visit, not in a post-stander  
21 capacity. You would be involved like I was on July 13th,  
22 in the liaison role and the other things that you were  
23 doing.

24 **HSGAC Minority** So the assignment of **SAIC Buffalo** to this  
25 event, or to one of the events, that is not atypical?

1       **Witness**        If it was not a high -- if it was not a  
2       critical staffing period, like it is right now, it would be  
3       atypical in terms of the travel tempo. So when **SAIC Buffalo** called  
4       to tell me that he was available to work, because of his  
5       experience and because of the numerous assignments he's  
6       had, that's why I asked for him to do that as opposed to a  
7       non-supervisory agent or somebody with less time on the  
8       job.

9       **HSGAC Minority**    Who makes the decision to send special  
10      agent in charge of another field office to an event outside  
11      their district?

12      **Witness**        Oh, that's done in the War Room. Thank  
13      you for that. The War Room.

14      **HSGAC Minority**    Has that happened to you, where you  
15      have been assigned to an event outside of your field  
16      office?

17      **Witness**        Yes.

18      **HSGAC Minority**    In your role, would you be aware of  
19      the presence of other Federal agencies at an event, at a  
20      protective event in your district?

21      **Witness**        We should be.

22      **HSGAC Minority**    Were you aware of the presence of any  
23      Federal agencies, other than the Secret Service and HSI, at  
24      the July 13th rally?

25      **Witness**        None were brought to my attention.

1           HSGAC Minority   HSGAC Minority   again for Ranking

2   Member Paul.   Are you ready?

3           Witness       Yeah.   Just one second.

4           HSGAC Minority   I just want to clarify.   When SAIC Buffalo  
5   called you, was he already assigned to work the First Lady  
6   event, or was -- you just mentioned something about him  
7   being available for work.

8           Witness       So --

9           HSGAC Minority   Can you clarify which one it was,  
10   because I understood it before that he was -- your previous  
11   comment that he had already been assigned to work the First  
12   Lady event, but then you had just mentioned in your answer  
13   to HSGAC Minority questions that he was available to work.   So  
14   can you clarify?

15          Witness       Sure.   So what happens is when the War  
16   Room receives a manpower request, like Exhibit 3, what will  
17   happen is this gets approved through the Office of  
18   Protective Operations -- I can actually go through this for  
19   you if you want.   In the War Room itself there are  
20   representatives from the Office of Investigations and the  
21   Office of Protective Operations.   Okay?   The Manpower  
22   Request gets approved through the Office of Protective  
23   Operations.   So in this Manpower Request they asked for LES  
24   total post-standers.   LES of those would be jump teams,  
25   so that's LES Secret Service agents.   Those are already

1 agents that are assigned to a jump team, so they're  
2 already set to go.

3 The [LES] additional agents that I requested, these  
4 Secret Service-specific agents that were approved on this  
5 Manpower Request, then what happens, the Office of  
6 Protective Operations basically approve the sheet and then  
7 takes it to the Office of Investigations and says, "You  
8 guys fill it." And that was my role when I was in the War  
9 Room. I was the ASAC for the Office of Investigations. So  
10 we don't -- on that side of the room, they normally don't  
11 get involved with, you know, scrutinizing the manpower  
12 request that comes in. You basically just get told how  
13 many numbers of agents you need for that protective visit.

14 So what would've happened that day, I believe on July  
15 10th, when I spoke with [SAIC Buffalo] on the phone, is he got a  
16 preliminary phone call from the Office of Investigations  
17 saying, "I need [LES] agents from your office to work the  
18 First Lady's visit in Pittsburgh on the 13th." It's my  
19 understanding, if I recall from talking with [SAIC Buffalo] that  
20 those are the last [LES] agents in his district, to include  
21 himself, that were going to be working the visit. He told  
22 me that -- he then called me to say, "Hey, I got  
23 notification that I'm probably coming to work the First  
24 Lady's visit," and that's when I said, "Okay. I'd prefer  
25 if I could switch you to the Trump visit," because of his

1 experience on the job.

2 So he said he would gladly do it, and I made the phone  
3 call to the War Room to ask, because the official orders, I  
4 do not believe, had been sent out at that point, with which  
5 assignment he was going to go to.

6 **HSGAC Minority** And then when you made the phone call to  
7 the War Room, was that the same day that you spoke with  
8 him?

9 **Witness** Yes.

10 **HSGAC Minority** And then did they approve it right away,  
11 or did it have to go through some additional discussion?

12 **Witness** No. I believe it was right away.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. I'm going to ask you -- we're  
14 going to jump around a little bit; bear with me -- but I'm  
15 going to ask you a little bit about the First Lady's event,  
16 just because we went through, for the Trump event, who was  
17 assigned what a little bit earlier. So the field office  
18 coordinator from the Pittsburgh office, was that the  
19 individual from West Virginia that you mentioned?

20 **Witness** No.

21 **HSGAC Minority** No? Okay. Who was that.

22 **Witness** **Field Office Counterpart**

23 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then what about the airport  
24 site agent?

25 **Witness** I don't recall who it was.

1 HSGAC Minority Okay. And then the site agent?

2 Witness Counsel: [Inaudible.]

3 HSGAC Minority We're talking about all the First Lady  
4 event.

5 Witness Counsel: Okay.

6 Witness I believe it was Site Agent – First Lady visit .

7 HSGAC Minority And I'm going to assume that all of  
8 these people are from the Pittsburgh office, unless you  
9 tell me otherwise. Is that fair?

10 Witness That's fine.

11 HSGAC Minority And then transportation advance?

12 Witness I don't recall.

13 HSGAC Minority Intelligence advance from the Pittsburgh  
14 office?

15 Witness I believe for that visit that the resident  
16 agent in charge from Charleston, Intel Advance performed  
17 that duty, as well.

18 HSGAC Minority Okay. And then counter surveillance  
19 advance?

20 Witness I don't recall.

21 HSGAC Minority Okay. Do you know if, for the Trump  
22 event, there was a counter surveillance advance?

23 Witness There was not.

24 HSGAC Minority Okay. So what is the difference between  
25 intelligence advance, counter surveillance advance? Can

1 you help me understand what that even is?

2 **Witness** Sure. A counter surveillance advance,  
3 that's an agent that conducts a vulnerability assessment of  
4 a site, for a visit. So that was for the First Lady's  
5 visit. It's my understanding that that was not, at the  
6 time, approved for former President Trump, so that's why  
7 there was none for the visit.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Does that have anything to do with  
9 whether or not there's going to be a Counter Surveillance  
10 Unit? And you served on a Counter Surveillance Unit, you  
11 mentioned earlier. So is that something that only is  
12 assigned -- you only get a counter surveillance advance if  
13 you're getting a Counter Surveillance Unit?

14 **Witness** Yes.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So when did you first find out  
16 that there was not going to be a Counter Surveillance Unit  
17 for the Trump event?

18 **Witness** I believe that was -- I'm not sure. It  
19 was before the visit.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Do you know if it was before the  
21 police meeting? If you don't recall, that's --

22 **Witness** I don't.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Were you surprised when you  
24 learned that, or no?

25 **Witness** No. It wasn't -- up to that point I don't



1 believe it was assigned, those were an asset that  
2 provided at that point, that I know of, from my experience.

3 HSGAC Minority Provided to --

4 Witness To the former President, former President  
5 Trump.

6 HSGAC Minority Okay. Is that an asset that's typically  
7 provided for other protectees?

8 Witness LES

9 LES

10 HSGAC Minority What about for the First Lady?

11 Witness Yes. She's part of the President's  
12 detail.

13 HSGAC Minority Okay. So the First Lady always gets  
14 the, I'm going to call it like the package, that the  
15 President has?

16 Witness I shouldn't say always, but that is an  
17 asset that she did get.

18 HSGAC Minority Okay. And then that event was an indoor  
19 event. Correct?

20 Witness Mm-hmm.

21 HSGAC Minority How many people were at that event?

22 Witness I don't know.

23 HSGAC Minority It was less than the Trump event. And  
24 you don't have to speak in specific numbers. But if I  
25 recall it was significantly less than. And the Trump event

1 was outside. The First Lady's event was inside. Is that  
2 typical that you would prioritize a Counter Surveillance  
3 Unit for an inside event over an outside event?

4 **Witness** I didn't prioritize any -- that wasn't my  
5 decision.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Okay. So we talked a little bit  
7 about the July 8th planning meeting, police meetings.

8 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Did you attend both the one for the  
10 Trump event and the one for the First Lady?

11 **Witness** Yes.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Were the same people at both  
13 meetings?

14 **Witness** No. Additional people came for the Trump  
15 visit, for the Trump meeting, at 1:00.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Do you recall who was at -- which one  
17 was first? I'll ask that.

18 **Witness** The First Lady at noon.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And who was at the First Lady's  
20 event, that you recall?

21 **Witness** It would've been representatives from  
22 Allegheny County Police, Pittsburgh Bureau of Police,  
23 Pennsylvania State Police, Allegheny County Emergency  
24 Services, people from the Airport Authority.

25 **HSGAC Minority** What Federal agencies, other than Secret

1 Service?

2 **Witness** I don't know if there was anybody from the  
3 FAA or if there was anyone from -- in terms of Federal law  
4 enforcement agencies, none that I recall.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Or any Federal agencies?

6 **Witness** Excuse me?

7 **HSGAC Minority** Any Federal agencies.

8 **Witness** I don't recall if TSA was there.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Was the Western Pennsylvania  
10 Fusion Center represented at either meeting?

11 **Witness** They may have been. I'm not sure.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Was FBI?

13 **Witness** No.

14 **HSGAC Minority** ATF?

15 **Witness** No.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. At the Trump planning meeting,  
17 did you discuss with local law enforcement partners that  
18 Secret Service had limited resources that week, the week of  
19 the 13th, because it was covering the NATO Summit in D.C.?

20 **Witness** No. I made a --

21 **Witness Counsel**: Before we get to that I just -- I'm  
22 sorry. Can you just repeat the question. I'm sorry.

23 **Witness** Sure.

24 **Witness Counsel**: Just repeating. I want to try to  
25 understand it. That's all.

1           **HSGAC Minority**    Yeah.  So during the July 8th meetings  
2    -- meaning either the Trump or the First Lady's one -- did  
3    you communicate to any of the law enforcement partners  
4    there that the Secret Service had limited resources the  
5    week of the 13th because they were working the NATO summit  
6    in D.C.?

7           **Witness Counsel**:  Did who communicate that?

8           **Witness Counsel**:  Did who?

9           **Witness Counsel**:  Did the witness?

10          **HSGAC Minority**    Did the witness.

11          **Witness**            I was just waiting for **Witness Counsel**

12          **Witness Counsel**:  Yeah.

13          **Witness**            I don't recall stating that.  I believe I  
14    stated something to the effect that some of our advance  
15    team members from Pittsburgh were not present at the  
16    meeting.  I believe both of the airport agents were at  
17    NATO, so they were going to be traveling back into  
18    district.  But they were not at the meeting, and I think I  
19    made a comment about the fact that they were not there  
20    because of NATO.

21          **HSGAC Minority**    Okay.  And were any other -- how many  
22    folks from the Pittsburgh office were at the NATO event?  
23    Just generally.

24          **Witness Counsel**:  Pittsburgh folks meaning Pittsburgh Secret  
25    Service agents?

1 HSGAC Minority Yes, from this field office.

2 Witness So if we -- most of my office was gone. I  
3 had LES agents back and then working non-supervisory  
4 agents, and then myself and ATSAIC ATSAIC were back. We  
5 normally would not even have that many during NATO, but  
6 because of the fact that we knew about both visits  
7 happening I was able to keep more agents back to help  
8 conduct the advances.

9 HSGAC Minority Okay. For the First Lady event, was  
10 there anyone from the Headquarters Protective Intelligence  
11 Division that came down?

12 Witness No. I believe that was Resident Agent in  
13 Charge Intel Advance that handled that part.

14 HSGAC Minority And then did you attend walkthroughs for  
15 the First Lady's event?

16 Witness I did not.

17 HSGAC Minority You did not. And who did that for the  
18 field office?

19 Witness ATSAIC ATSAIC

20 HSGAC Minority When did the field office submit the  
21 letter to FBI, notifying them of the Trump visit on the  
22 13th?

23 Witness Counsel: Is there a document you want to put in  
24 front of him? I don't know.

25 HSGAC Minority No. We found out about this yesterday,

1 that there is a document. We have not been provided that  
2 document yet from Secret Service. We have requested it. I  
3 think --

4 **Witness** It's normally done at the beginning of the  
5 advance week. I don't recall when it was sent. But it's a  
6 notification letter that goes through the special agent in  
7 charge for the FBI Pittsburgh Division.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Is that **SAIC FBI**

9 **Witness** **SAIC FBI** yes.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And so do you recall if that was  
11 sent before or after the police meeting?

12 **Witness** I don't.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then who sent that letter?

14 **Witness** It would be sent by admin staff. Our  
15 administrative staff sends it.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then what is in that letter  
17 again?

18 **Witness** I believe it's a notification of the  
19 upcoming visit and then a request to pass any adverse  
20 intelligence that they may have.

21 **HSGAC Minority** And when they say "adverse  
22 intelligence," what does that mean?

23 **Witness** It would be intelligence either regarding  
24 the visit itself or our protectee.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did the field office get any

1 acknowledgement of receipt from FBI of the letter?

2 **Witness** I don't recall. I don't know. I don't  
3 know if we normally get a receipt or not.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Did the FBI provide any adverse  
5 intelligence?

6 **Witness** They did not.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then when did your office  
8 send the letter for the First Lady event?

9 **Witness** I believe it was done -- it would've  
10 probably been done at the same time.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

12 **Witness** I'm sorry, I don't know the date.

13 **HSGAC Minority** And was there any difference between  
14 those letters?

15 **Witness** No.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And that was also sent to **SAIC FBI**

17 **SAIC FBI**

18 **Witness** Yes.

19 **HSGAC Minority** And did FBI respond to that letter?

20 **Witness** Not that I know of, no.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did they transmit any  
22 intelligence or threat information about the First Lady --

23 **Witness** No.

24 **HSGAC Minority** -- or the First Lady visit?

25 **Witness Counsel**: To the witness?

1           **HSGAC Minority**    Yes, or to the field office. I mean,  
2    I'm assuming that -- would that information come to you if  
3    they were providing it, or would it go to someone else?

4           **Witness**            It could either come to the protective  
5    intelligence advance agent or to myself. But if they were  
6    transmitting any kind of threat intelligence they would  
7    most likely call me and ask me to come over to their SCIF.  
8    They wouldn't just transmit it.

9           **HSGAC Minority**    And what if there is no protective  
10   intelligence advance agent, or -- I just want to make sure,  
11   because we learned a little bit about this yesterday, and  
12   it sounds like sometimes there's a protective intelligence  
13   agent that's sent from Headquarters down, but that doesn't  
14   happen every time. And so sometimes someone from the field  
15   office serves as kind of that role.

16          **Witness**            So for most visits, for anything from the  
17   Presidential Protective Division in terms of the President  
18   himself, they will get an advance agent from the Protective  
19   Intelligence Division. So for the First Lady, though, they  
20   did not send that. For the Vice President, I believe if  
21   they have the resources available they will send it, but  
22   sometimes they do not.

23          **HSGAC Minority**    So if there is no protective  
24   intelligence advance like there was not for the First Lady  
25   event, it sounds like that would come to you, if there was



1 intelligence or threat information passed?

2 **Witness** There was for the First Lady. There was a  
3 protective intelligence advance. It was **Intel Advance** I'm  
4 sorry. He was performing dual duties.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. But he's not from Headquarters,  
6 right?

7 **Witness** No.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So was he in the same role that  
9 Special Agent **Intel Advance Lead** was?

10 **Witness** Yes.

11 **HSGAC Minority** So Special Agent **Intel Advance Lead** was also the  
12 protective intelligence advance.

13 **Witness** Yes.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. I'm just trying to get the roles.  
15 So are you aware of him receiving any intelligence or  
16 threat information?

17 **Witness** No. He would've told me.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. When did you first become aware  
19 that counter snipers were being sent, Secret Service  
20 counter snipers?

21 **Witness** I believe I saw an email on Tuesday, July  
22 9th, in the evening, requesting housing for them. So  
23 that's when I first knew.

24 **HSGAC Minority** And do you recall who that email was  
25 from? Was it from Headquarters? The War Room?

1       **Witness**       No. I believe it was from the Special  
2       Operations Division, which is where the counter snipers are  
3       -- it was from their Operations Section.

4       **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. And do you know why -- so I guess  
5       stepping back, was that the first time you had heard about  
6       even a request for counter snipers?

7       **Witness**       I did not even know a request was made.

8       **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. Do you know why they were sent?

9       **Witness**       I don't.

10      **HSGAC Minority**   In your experience, have you ever seen  
11      Secret Service counter snipers be sent for someone that's  
12      not the President?

13      **Witness**       I was under the impression that they were  
14      sent because of the outdoor rally.

15      **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. And why were you under that  
16      impression?

17      **Witness**       Because the former President was starting  
18      to receive more assets as the campaign was ramping up, but  
19      nobody told me that. That was my assumption.

20      **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. And how did you know that he was  
21      starting to receive more assets?

22      **Witness**       Because he was receiving a **LES** Counter  
23      Assault Team element that was traveling with the working  
24      detail at the same time. And they had also, in June, on a  
25      -- we have monthly calls with all the special agents in

1 charge in the Secret Service, I believe we were told then  
2 that the CNOS detail supplement was being added on, as  
3 well. So that's my understanding.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Were you aware of any  
5 communication or notification from Secret Service to the  
6 Trump campaign on July 9th alerting them that there was a  
7 credible threat and that they would be receiving additional  
8 security resources?

9 **Witness** I never received that information.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And so that was the same day that  
11 counter snipers, my understanding, that they were  
12 requested, approved, and it sounds like the same day that  
13 you learned about counter snipers for the first time, July  
14 9th.

15 **Witness** I just learned about them coming because  
16 of the housing request.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So you were never told that  
18 counter snipers were being sent because of a threat.

19 **Witness** I was not.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Special Agent **Lead Agent** did she ever inform  
21 you about counter snipers being sent because of a threat?

22 **Witness** Not that I recall.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Did she ever tell you that she received  
24 a call about credible intelligence that whoever called her  
25 could not speak about over the phone, but that is why

1 Secret Service was sending a counter sniper advance?

2 **Witness** No.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Is this the first time you're learning  
4 about that, or have you learned since then about this?

5 **Witness** I learned about it in the weeks after the  
6 events, during congressional testimony from either Director  
7 Cheattle or through Acting Director Rowe, where they  
8 actually said, in their testimony, that the reason that the  
9 Counter Sniper Team was sent, because they were being asked  
10 about the specific threat, and I believe they said we sent  
11 -- something to the effect of we sent the team because of  
12 that threat.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Mm-hmm.

14 **Witness** But I, as the special agent in charge of  
15 the district where the visit was, was not included on any  
16 briefing or anything for that threat.

17 **HSGAC Minority** And Special Agent **Lead Agent** has never spoken  
18 with you about that since?

19 **Witness** Since?

20 **Witness Counsel**: Meaning since the 13th?

21 **HSGAC Minority** Yes. Have you spoken with her about  
22 counter snipers being sent, why they were being sent, or  
23 about credible intelligence?

24 **Witness** She may have said something to me about,  
25 "Yeah, that's why they sent them" afterwards, when the

1   hearings were on, or something. I don't recall if it was  
2   anything more than that.

3       **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. Did she tell you that she  
4   specifically asked that whoever called her notify you?

5       **Witness**       No.

6       **HSGAC Minority**   Does that surprise you?

7       **Witness**       It surprises me now that I'm hearing, yes.

8       **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. So this is the first time you're  
9   hearing this?

10      **Witness**       Yes.

11      **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. As the special agent in charge,  
12   should you have been told if there was credible  
13   intelligence?

14      **Witness**       I should've, yes. I believe so. But that  
15   intelligence wouldn't be passed the way you're describing  
16   in terms of **Lead Agent** even telling me. It would be done  
17   through a more formal process, or at a SCIF, like we were  
18   talking about.

19      **HSGAC Minority**   Mm-hmm.

20      **Witness**       If it wasn't done that way, it would've at  
21   least been -- I would've -- I've never had this happen. I  
22   shouldn't say never, but I don't recall this happening,  
23   where a credible threat or whatever initiated the Counter  
24   Sniper Teams to come. It was not passed to me like that.  
25   So I can't -- I don't -- I'm not that experienced in terms

1 of receiving that kind of intelligence. When I was on  
2 the President's detail I've been in SCIFs where you get  
3 read in and you're informed of intelligence when you're in  
4 charge of being the lead advance for a foreign visit or  
5 something along those lines. So I've been a part of it  
6 that way, but in terms of something like this I have not.

7 **Witness Counsel:** And when you said you've not had the  
8 experience, you mean you've not had the experience of  
9 having a casual phone call as opposed to receiving the  
10 intelligence in a SCIF. Is that correct?

11 **Witness** That's correct.

12 **Witness Counsel:** Or on a secure phone.

13 **Witness** Correct.

14 **HSGAC Minority** And I want clarify, too. It sounds like  
15 this was a very general, like what I'm communicating,  
16 that's what we were informed was communicated to her. So  
17 nothing was -- it doesn't sound like any specific  
18 information was passed over the phone or anything. It was  
19 just that there was credible intelligence and generally  
20 that's why, and they couldn't pass it to her over the  
21 phone, and she asked for you to be notified.

22 **Witness** And I wasn't.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Where is the closest SCIF? Is it  
24 at the FBI?

25 **Witness** Yes.

1           **HSGAC Minority**     Okay.   How often --

2           **Witness Counsel**:   Hold on.   I just want to make sure that  
3 anything we talk about [unclear].

4           **HSGAC Minority**     How often do you go there, or when's the  
5 last time you were at the SCIF?

6           **Witness Counsel**:   I just want to make sure that, Service  
7 counsel is here, and if you could just make sure that these  
8 are questions he's okay to answer.

9           **Agency Counsel**:   Yes, certainly general questions.

10          **Witness Counsel**:   Okay.

11          **Witness**            So in my experience as special agent in  
12 charge I believe I've been in their SCIF once or twice, as  
13 a tour and their joint terrorism -- they have different  
14 assets that are over there that we used to participate in,  
15 as well.   So I've been there for that purpose, but not for  
16 any kind of formal briefing.

17          **HSGAC Minority**     And I guess outside of when you were on  
18 the President's detail, have you ever received threat or  
19 intelligence information about a protectee prior to an  
20 event?

21          **Witness**            Not that I recall.

22          **HSGAC Minority**     Are you aware of whether or not any  
23 intelligence or threat information was passed to Special  
24 Agent **Intel Advance Lead**

25          **Witness**            No.   I'm not aware.

1           **HSGAC Minority**     Would he have been someone who  
2     would've received that information? My understanding is  
3     that he called the morning of, he called -- I don't recall  
4     exactly who he called, but he called to check and see if  
5     there had been an update in any intelligence, and was told  
6     that there wasn't.

7           **Witness Counsel**:   What's the question? Sorry.

8           **Witness Counsel**:   Yeah.

9           **HSGAC Minority**     So would any intelligence information or  
10    threat information be provided to him, in his position?

11          **Witness Counsel**:   Would it -- what do you mean? If there  
12    were intelligence to pass, would he be the person --

13          **HSGAC Minority**     Yes.

14          **Witness Counsel**:   -- or a person to receive it?

15          **HSGAC Minority**     Well, he was the intelligence advance so  
16    I assume that --

17          **Witness Counsel**:   I'm just trying to clarify your question.

18          **HSGAC Minority**     Yeah.

19          **Witness**            I guess it would depend on the level of  
20    the classification.

21          **HSGAC Minority**     I'm just trying to figure out. So it  
22    sounds like if there were intelligence or information it  
23    probably should've been passed to you. It wasn't. Should  
24    it also have been passed to Special Agent **Intel Advance Lead** in his  
25    role as intelligence advance?



1           **Witness**           I would say yes, but I just don't know  
2   in terms of -- I don't know how -- I don't know the  
3   specific threat. I've never been -- I have not been  
4   briefed on it. I don't know the nature of what generated  
5   it.

6           **HSGAC Minority**   And have you asked anyone since?

7           **Witness**           Not since, no.

8           **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. And then, so you weren't aware of  
9   the July 9th event -- Secret Service communicating anything  
10   to the Trump campaign. Were you aware that the day before  
11   the event, on July 12th, the FBI arrested a foreign  
12   national for, over the course of several months, hiring and  
13   paying individuals who they had thought to be hitmen, to  
14   kill U.S. politicians?

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

16          **HSGAC Minority**   Did **SAIC Buffalo**           ever  
17   discuss with you the arrest of an individual in New York on  
18   June 28th, for allegedly threatening to kill President  
19   Biden, posting on social media that he was going to "put a  
20   bullet in your head if I ever catch you"?

21          **Witness**           Did who ask me about that?

22          **HSGAC Minority**   Did Special Agent in Charge **SAIC Buffalo**   ever  
23   mention that?

24          **Witness**           Not that I recall.

25          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. It's my understanding that his

1 office was involved in investigating that threat.

2 **Witness** Oh, okay. I apologize.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. All right. I'm going to  
4 introduce an exhibit. It is Bates No. 1721. Five.

5 [Exhibit No. 5 was  
6 marked for identification.]

7 **HSGAC Minority** Do you recall receiving this email, or  
8 does this look familiar?

9 **Witness** I don't recall receiving this specific  
10 email.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So it looks like you're CC'd, and  
12 this is an email, the subject is "Video of Downed Shooter,  
13 Butler PA," dated July 13th at 7:43 p.m. It has an  
14 attachment video, and it looks like you are on the Sent  
15 line, or you received this email. But you don't recall?

16 **Witness** I don't recall. I don't even think I can  
17 open videos on my work phone.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Do you recall receiving any  
19 videos of the shooter?

20 **Witness** No. Well, no, I shouldn't -- I didn't  
21 open any. I can't open them on my phone, my work phone.

22 **HSGAC Minority** What about later on your work computer?

23 **Witness** No. Not that I recall.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And what does JOC AT stand for?

25 **Witness** That's Joint Operations Center. AT just

1 is a shorter version of saying ATSAIC. So that's in  
2 Washington, D.C.

3 **HSGAC Minority** And who is that -- so it's redacted, the  
4 name of the individual. Do you know who that individual  
5 is?

6 **Witness** I don't.

7 **HSGAC Minority** And what is the Joint Operations Center?  
8 [Pause.]

9 **Witness** The Joint Operations Center is a  
10 communications, and I don't know if it would be a fusion  
11 center, but it's in -- it's with members from -- somebody  
12 from each of the -- not each of the protective details but  
13 members from the Office of Protective Operations, our  
14 Intelligence Division, and Uniformed Division.

15 **HSGAC Minority** And so is that a Secret Service entity?

16 **Witness** Yes.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And is that always -- is that  
18 something that's always up, or --

19 **Witness** Yes.

20 **HSGAC Minority** -- it's stood up in certain situations.

21 **Witness** Yes.

22 **HSGAC Minority** And do you typically have communication  
23 with them during protective events?

24 **Witness** No.

25 **HSGAC Minority** And do they typically send videos?

1           **Witness**       I don't typically receive communications  
2   from them.

3           **HSGAC Minority**   Okay.  What is the Director's Crisis  
4   Center?

5           **Witness**       I believe whenever an incident occurs, the  
6   Director's staff meets immediately, as fast as possible, to  
7   begin to, you know, obviously address whatever has  
8   happened.  I'm not part of it.

9           **HSGAC Minority**   Is it a formal -- so it's like a formal  
10   -- is there a formal standup of that?  Are there documents  
11   related to that?

12          **Witness**       I'm not sure.

13          **HSGAC Minority**   Have you ever heard of it before?

14          **Witness**       Have I heard of --

15          **HSGAC Minority**   Yeah.  Is that something that you're  
16   briefed on, or you've been briefed on?

17          **Witness**       I don't recall.  I've never been a part of  
18   it, so it's not something that I'm familiar with.

19          **HSGAC Minority**   Who is a part of it?

20          **Witness**       I believe it's the executive staff.

21          **HSGAC Minority**   So would that just be people at  
22   Headquarters and the Director's office?

23          **Witness**       I'm not sure, in terms of the executive  
24   board.  So I don't know specifically.  I'm sorry.

25          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay.  So I'm assuming that, well, it

1 was then Director Cheattle at the time?

2 **Witness** Yes.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know if acting -- now Acting  
4 Director Rowe was a part of the Director's Crisis Center?

5 **Witness** I don't know anybody that was there, if  
6 they were there or not there that night.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know when it was stood up?

8 **Witness** I don't.

9 **HSGAC Minority** And do you know how long it was active?  
10 Is it still active?

11 **Witness** I don't know.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And you didn't interact with it  
13 at all. Did anyone from this office?

14 **Witness** From this office?

15 **HSGAC Minority** From Pittsburgh Field Office.

16 **Witness Counsel**: He --

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

18 **HSGAC Minority** To your knowledge?

19 **Witness** To my knowledge, no.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Do you know of anyone who  
21 interacted with the Director's Crisis Center?

22 **Witness** So I received phone calls from my  
23 leadership. I don't know if they were doing that in the  
24 capacity of the Director's Crisis Center or if it was just  
25 being my direct supervisors.

1 HSGAC Minority Okay. So they or may not have been  
2 part of it?

3 Witness Yeah, I'm not sure.

4 HSGAC Minority Okay. And then do you know if Special  
5 Agent in Charge SAIC Buffalo was part of that?

6 Witness No.

7 HSGAC Minority No. Okay. I'm going to introduce  
8 another exhibit, Exhibit 6, Bates No. 1833.

9 [Exhibit No. 6 was  
10 marked for identification.]

11 HSGAC Minority Oh actually, sorry. It's the wrong one.  
12 I apologize. It's 1787.

13 [Pause.]

14 HSGAC Minority Does this look familiar to you?

15 Witness Yes.

16 HSGAC Minority Okay. So it looks like this is an  
17 email, subject line "Butler Memorial Hospital." It was  
18 sent at 9:49 to you. Who was it from?

19 Witness Counsel: Can you just take time to look at that.

20 HSGAC Minority Oh yeah. Let me know when you're ready.

21 [Pause.]

22 Witness Okay.

23 HSGAC Minority Who was this sent by?

24 Witness I believe it was sent by Resident AIC Ft Myers.

25 HSGAC Minority Who is that?



1 FBI's role there?

2 **Witness** So when we had this incident, when we have  
3 an incident like this, we have a Memorandum of  
4 Understanding with the FBI that we will secure the crime  
5 scene until they come to take over, and then they conduct  
6 their investigation and we release the crime scene to them.  
7 I don't know what this agent's specific role was at the  
8 hospital, so I can't speak to it.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then it says, "No other  
10 victims were brought here," and then there's another  
11 redaction. "Will pull video of arrival/departure from  
12 hospital lock it down if it's available."

13 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

14 **HSGAC Minority** What is that referring to?

15 **Witness** The arrival/departure video of former  
16 President Trump arriving at the hospital and departing. We  
17 didn't want that to be out in the public.

18 **HSGAC Minority** And so what does it mean to lock it  
19 down?

20 **Witness** That's what he's referring to, is to make  
21 sure that it's secured, that we take that video.

22 **HSGAC Minority** So is that standard operating procedure?

23 **Witness** I believe so.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Is that standard operating  
25 procedure for unusual events, or where there's a crime, or



1 when does Secret Service take video like that?

2 **Witness** This would be -- I believe this was done  
3 just to protect the privacy of the former President --

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

5 **Witness** -- in terms of this event.

6 **HSGAC Minority** And is that standard operating  
7 procedure, for privacy reasons video is taken?

8 **Witness** So like if normally we go into a venue for  
9 a site and we're in secure areas where, for our protectees,  
10 **LES** Due  
11 to the fact that we came to the hospital after we had the  
12 chance to do that, that's what they're referring to in this  
13 email.

14 **HSGAC Minority** And how does Secret Service **LES**

15 **LES**?

16 **Witness** Well, depending on the protectee or the  
17 advance, we have **LES**

18 **LES**

19 **LES**

20 **LES**. And if we can't **LES**

21 **LES** to make sure we don't  
22 want people to see the methods, how we do our protection,  
23 and also to protect the privacy of our protectees.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So are you aware of any camera  
25 systems or recordings that were disabled at all on July

1 13th?

2 [Witness] No.

3 [HSGAC Minority] For the Butler site, at all?

4 [Witness] Not that I know of.

5 [HSGAC Minority] Okay. Would you be aware of that? Who  
6 would be responsible for doing that?

7 [Witness] That would be the site agent.

8 [HSGAC Minority] The site agent?

9 [Witness] Mm-hmm.

10 [HSGAC Minority] And can you remind me who that was that  
11 day?

12 [Witness] [Site Agent]

13 [HSGAC Minority] [Site Agent] So it would be the Trump detail.

14 [Witness] The Trump detail and the Trump  
15 supervisors.

16 [HSGAC Minority] So [Site Counterpart] [Site Counterpart] would not have any role  
17 in that?

18 [Witness] She could.

19 [HSGAC Minority] She could? Okay. [Lead Agent] ?

20 [Witness] For the day of the visit?

21 [HSGAC Minority] Would she have any potential -- would  
22 she potentially have a role in that?

23 [Witness] I don't even know if it happened.

24 [HSGAC Minority] Right. Is that something that has to be  
25 approved, or is that something that is reported anywhere,

1 reported anywhere if they do LES ?

2 Witness I'm not sure. We have a thing called a  
3 CSP advance agent, LES

4 LES

5 LES

6 LES . So I don't know  
7 what the paperwork they generate. That goes to the detail.  
8 It doesn't come to me.

9 HSGAC Minority Okay. And do you know if there was a  
10 CSP advance?

11 Witness There wasn't.

12 HSGAC Minority Okay. For the Trump event. Do you know  
13 if there was for the First Lady event?

14 Witness I don't recall.

15 HSGAC Minority Okay. Thank you. I think we'll pass  
16 that along to our PSI minority colleagues.

17 PSI Minority So we are almost the hour mark. I  
18 think we have about six minutes left on the hour here. So  
19 we'll go ahead and break for now, and we'll resume our  
20 questions at the top of the next minority period.

21 HSGAC Minority Do you guys want to do that, because I  
22 think the majority went for an hour and 15.

23 HSGAC Majority Let's take a break and then figure out  
24 the -- well, either way, we don't want to interrupt their  
25 time. So let's break for five minutes or so, and we'll

1 figure out the timing.

2 VOICE: We'll go off the record. The time is now  
3 2:46.

4 [Recess.]

5 VOICE: We are back on record. The time now is 2:59.

6 HSGAC Minority This is HSGAC Minority again for  
7 Ranking Member Paul. I just had a quick follow-up question  
8 to what we discussed before the break. If you had been  
9 made aware that there may have been, you know, generally  
10 may have been additional threat or information or  
11 intelligence information related to the protectee or the  
12 event, what would you have done?

13 Witness I would've asked to be -- I would've asked  
14 what the intelligence was, to at least be read in or at  
15 least provided some more specific information, if it was  
16 something that was either to our protectee or to that area,  
17 as well, to find out what the nature of the threat was. If  
18 it was a specific threat to an outdoor venue like that, I  
19 might have made a big push that we shouldn't be having this  
20 event at an outdoor venue. That's not up to me. That's up  
21 to other people. I would've requested other assets be put  
22 in place at that point, as well. We were talking about it  
23 earlier, the Counter Surveillance Unit would've been  
24 something that I would've made a very big push for.

25 The Counter Assault Team that came off the plane with

1 former President Trump, that's a LES element that  
2 came off the plane with him. Normally what would happen is  
3 if there was a threat driven -- if a Counter Assault Team  
4 were assigned to this based on threat, you would get a full  
5 team. It would be a LES team, depending on  
6 what was available. I've done it. I did it for three  
7 years of my career. That Counter Assault Team would have  
8 an advance team member, as well, just like the Counter  
9 Surveillance would have an advance team member, as well.  
10 So they conduct a full advance, coordinate with all of the  
11 assets, locally and statewide, that are necessary, as well.

12 I most likely would've asked if it was specific to  
13 this event that we're talking about, to ask for more assets  
14 in terms of post-standers. And that's, you know, only if  
15 it was going to still be at an outdoor venue.

16 I had none of the information to make these  
17 recommendations or to have a full -- to fully understand  
18 what was going on in terms of this.

19 HSGAC Minority Would you have requested any additional  
20 drone assets or counter UAS assets?

21 Witness So I'm not as familiar with the drone  
22 assets in terms of -- I understood that we had a counter,  
23 or a drone detection system there, I believe. An agent was  
24 there for that. But I would've requested everything that  
25 we could get. There's also a LES It's basically a

1 HAZMAT team. **LES** is Hazardous -- and I'm sorry, I  
2 don't know all of the acronyms. It's another one of the  
3 special teams that goes for -- goes with a high-level  
4 protectee, or a high-threat level for a protectee. They

5 **LES**

6 **LES** for the most part.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Thank you. I'll turn it over to  
8 PSI minority.

9 **PSI Minority** Agent **Witness** this is **PSI Minority**  
10 with Senator Johnson's office. Can you hear me all right?

11 **Witness** I can, sir. Thank you.

12 **PSI Minority** Okay. I want to focus in on the day of  
13 the rally. So can you tell me, when did you get to the  
14 rally location? Did you go to the rally location that day?

15 **Witness** I did, sir. I arrived in the motorcade.

16 **PSI Minority** Okay. So approximately 5:30-ish when  
17 you arrived with the motorcade?

18 **Witness** Yes, sir.

19 **PSI Minority** Okay. When you get to the rally  
20 location, what do you do?

21 **Witness** So when we got to the rally, I was riding  
22 towards the back of the motorcade. I was riding with the  
23 protective intelligence agent, **Intel Advance Lead**, so I was  
24 further back in the motorcade. I think I was in the **LES**  
25 car in the motorcade. So I had to make my way up to the



1 arrival/departure area or backstage area, if that helps.  
2 When I arrived, the police and fire photos that I referred  
3 to earlier, those individuals were already lining up to be  
4 ready to their picture with former President Trump. So  
5 when I arrived at the site after 5:30, I walked towards  
6 them. As I was walking towards them, somebody yelled  
7 hello me from above. It was one of the counter sniper  
8 technicians who was on the roof above the arrival/departure  
9 area. So I'm not sure of the exact time but that would've  
10 been after 5:30, as well.

11 **PSI Minority** Which counter sniper yelled hello?

12 **Witness** **Hercules 1 C/S**

13 **PSI Minority** Did you know **Hercules 1 C/S** from prior work?

14 **Witness** Yes, sir.

15 **PSI Minority** Can you unpack that a little bit? How  
16 did you know **Hercules 1 C/S**?

17 **Witness** So when I was on the Counter Assault Team  
18 from 2006 to 2009, we worked extensively with the counter  
19 snipers. So we were a part of the Special Operations  
20 Division together, so that's how I know him.

21 **PSI Minority** Did you know Sergeant **Hercules 1 C/S** was going to  
22 be working that day?

23 **Witness** I did not.

24 **PSI Minority** Did you and Sergeant **Hercules 1 C/S** have  
25 communications after '09?

1       **Witness**       Yes. I have seen him at other visits,  
2 during my time on the Presidential Protective Division and  
3 then even him coming to Pittsburgh or me seeing him at  
4 other protective venues.

5       **PSI Minority**       Do you have **Hercules 1 C/S** phone  
6 number? Do you guys exchange communications?

7       **Witness**       After this. I did not have his number  
8 before. I had his number after this to -- well, his Secret  
9 Service -- we all have access to each other's numbers,  
10 through our directory. So I reached out to him, just to  
11 see how he was doing and how he was coping with everything.

12       **PSI Minority**       Did Sergeant **Hercules 1 C/S** know that you were  
13 the special agent in charge in Pittsburgh?

14       **Witness**       I believe so.

15       **PSI Minority**       Just going through your timeline again,  
16 while you're there. So Sergeant **Hercules 1 C/S** yells hello to you.  
17 You're with the firefighters and the police, doing their  
18 photos. Are you there the entire time, or do you leave  
19 that location and go somewhere else?

20       **Witness**       Okay. So the VIP photos were taking place  
21 at that point, and then the fire and police photos happened  
22 afterwards. We took our ten photos with former President  
23 Trump individually, and then afterwards, it's a push-pull,  
24 so they take their picture and then they get pulled out of  
25 the tent after they say hello to the President. And then I



1 went back outside of the tent to say thank you to all of  
2 them again.

3 And then after that, I would have to backtrack just to  
4 explain this to you, but when we were at the airport prior  
5 to arriving at the site, in the afternoon, our radios are  
6 encrypted. So we have a system to do that, where you don't  
7 need a device to do it. It's called an **LES** system -- it's  
8 **LES** It's **LES** I think it stands for **LES**  
9 **LES**, where you go to a certain channel and it helps  
10 you **LES** your encryption on your radio, because we were  
11 going coded. We go coded for protective visits. It was  
12 not working for me while I was at the airport, so I went  
13 over to the motorcade for the First Lady's detail, because  
14 the agent, the field office coordinator there, **Field Office Counterpart**  
15 had a coder with him, a physical one. So I went and got  
16 code from him, and then made my way back to the motorcade  
17 staging area for the former President Trump motorcade.

18 Then before, at some point before former President  
19 Trump arrived after 4:00, Agent **Lead Agent** told me that her radio  
20 was not **LES**. The **LES** system that I had tried to  
21 work, she could not -- it was not working for her, as well.  
22 Due to the fact that the First Lady's arrival was imminent,  
23 that motorcade had already relocated to the tarmac, for the  
24 arrival of the First Lady's plane, so Agent **Field Office Counterpart** was not  
25 there then. So I gave Agent **Lead Agent** my radio, because of the

1 fact that she was going to be in the lead car for the  
2 motorcade. She was in charge of the motorcade as well as  
3 being the lead advance agent, so she needed a radio for her  
4 -- for the ride. It was over -- I think it was a **LES**  
5 motorcade, if I'm correct in saying that.

6 I exchanged radios with her, even though her radio  
7 wasn't coded. I was going to be riding in the same car as  
8 **Intel Advance Lead**, and he had a radio that was coded, so I  
9 would have communications. It was more important for  
10 **Lead Agent** to have communications with everybody than for  
11 myself at that point.

12 During the visit -- on the day of the visit and during  
13 the visit, I act more in a liaison capacity. I don't hold  
14 a post or a sector. I'm not part of any protective  
15 formation. I'm there just if something comes up and  
16 somebody needs help or if there's something with our local  
17 or state partners or something else comes up, I'm there to  
18 help assist with that.

19 So now to go forward, after the police and fire photos  
20 and after I said thank you to all of those individuals, I  
21 still needed a code for my radio. So I walked around the  
22 venue, to the other side of the venue, where the Security  
23 Room was, and I went in there. I used the restroom  
24 quickly, said hello to **SAIC Buffalo**, and then asked where the  
25 coder was. I was told that the coder was back at the

1 motorcade where I had just walked from, that they were  
2 using it to code -- I believe they were using it to code --  
3 I don't know what they were -- they needed it back at the  
4 motorcade, from what I understand.

5 **PSI Minority** Agent **Witness** I do want to continue with  
6 your timeline, but I just want to try to get a better  
7 understanding of where we are in the time right now.

8 **Witness** Sure.

9 **PSI Minority** Approximately -- and if you've got to  
10 estimate, estimate -- what time is it that you're walking  
11 to the Security Room?

12 **Witness** So I'm going off of just what I know when  
13 I got into the Security Room, sir. It was before 6:00,  
14 right before 6:00. And then when I was in the Security  
15 Room I was only there for a minute or two, that I recall.  
16 I started to hear the music, "Proud to be an American," and  
17 I know that's the music that President Trump uses to go  
18 onto the stage. So at that point I left the Security Room  
19 when I found out the coder wasn't in there, because I  
20 needed to get back -- I wanted to go backstage and get code  
21 so that I would be able to hear what was going on.

22 When I left the Security Room I made the mistake of  
23 walking inside the bike rack, towards the back -- the  
24 Security Room was at the other end of the venue, if that  
25 helps you. If it was a football field, there was the stage

1 in one end zone and the Security Room in the other.

2 **PSI Minority** Down closer to Whitestown Road?

3 **Witness** I don't --

4 **PSI Minority** That main road that runs right in front  
5 of the rally site?

6 **Witness** I believe so, sir.

7 **PSI Minority** Okay. Sorry. Please continue.

8 **Witness** So when I left the Security Room, I don't  
9 know if, for whatever, I made a mistake and I walked inside  
10 the bike rack because the crowd towards the back was  
11 sparse. Everybody was packed up or towards the middle. So  
12 as I was moving up through the crowd, or towards the crowd,  
13 where it was getting more crowded, I was trying to find a  
14 break in the bike rack where I could just get back out and  
15 get around the site so I could get back to the motorcade  
16 and find the coder.

17 I believe I was towards the middle of the site in the  
18 crowd at this point. I was walking towards the right side  
19 of the bike -- or trying to get towards the right. And  
20 then I heard the first shot go off. When the first shot  
21 went off it sounded like a firecracker. Nobody in the  
22 crowd reacted at all. I shouldn't say they didn't react,  
23 but they looked but there was no panic in the crowd, I  
24 should say. So it reminded me of an event, a visit with  
25 President Biden, where had come to the East Palestine, that

1 train derailment, the disaster site.

2 **PSI Minority** Yes, sir.

3 **Witness** He went there in March, sir, and when we  
4 were at an outdoor, doing the tour for that site, there was  
5 a wooded tree line that was elevated above where we were.  
6 And I don't know if it was, how close it was, but there  
7 were some firecrackers that went off in there. And I don't  
8 remember how it was resolved for that, but President Biden  
9 was never in any danger. He was behind structures to keep  
10 him safe at that point until we found out what was going  
11 on.

12 **PSI Minority** And these sounded similar to that? Is  
13 that right?

14 **Witness** Yes, sir. So when I first heard the first  
15 shot, that's when I thought, oh, this is another  
16 firecracker. I couldn't see what was going on on the stage  
17 at that point, I don't think. I was looking around the  
18 crowd, and then the next shots started going off. After  
19 the second shot went off I knew something -- I knew that  
20 this was not firecrackers at that point. People in the  
21 crowd started to hit the deck. I ran towards the bike rack  
22 and tried to jump over the bike rack. The grounds there at  
23 the Butler site, I think they were running sprinklers or  
24 something, so the ground was very muddy. I think they were  
25 running sprinklers because of the heat that day.

1           So as I went to the bike rack I tried to jump over  
2   it and I couldn't get a grip with my dress shoes. I had a  
3   leather-bottomed dress shoe on and couldn't get a grip. So  
4   I just dove over the bike rack and landed on my back. And  
5   then I got up and I ran to the front of the stage as fast  
6   as I could, on the outside of the bike rack. And right  
7   when I got to the -- I think it was right when I got to the  
8   -- it would've been if the nose of the podium, or looking  
9   off where President Trump was speaking from, sir, was the  
10  12 o'clock, I got right to the 9 or 8 o'clock area and I  
11  heard somebody from above yell, "Shooter down."

12           **PSI Minority**   Got it. Okay. Let's pause there  
13  because I think we've got a lot to unpack. We've covered a  
14  fair amount of time here.

15           **Witness**       Okay.

16           **PSI Minority**   So I want to make sure I'm clear.

17           **Witness**       Yes, sir.

18           **PSI Minority**   When you get to the site, and up until  
19  you hear, "Shooter down," your radio is not working. You  
20  don't have access to the radio communications with the  
21  other Secret Service agents that day.

22           **Witness**       That's correct, sir.

23           **PSI Minority**   Okay. When you first get to the site,  
24  do you text or call -- I guess how were you communicating  
25  with folks on the site if you didn't have access to the

1 radio communications? Let's start there.

2 **Witness** So before we arrived at the site I called  
3 ATSAIC **ATSAIC** **ATSAIC** because he was corralling  
4 the police and fire photos for the pictures that were going  
5 to take place. Before I arrived at the site, though, any  
6 radio communications I would've gotten through Agent  
7 **Intel Advance Lead** in the car with him.

8 **PSI Minority** So do you alert anybody when you get to  
9 the site that you're there? Do you alert Agent **ATSAIC**  
10 Do you alert Agent **Lead Agent** Agent **Site Agent** **SAIC Buffalo** ?

11 **Witness** No. They know that I was coming in the  
12 motorcade, so when the motorcade arrived they knew -- I  
13 didn't have to alert anybody that I was coming.

14 **PSI Minority** Got it. Okay. I want to show you a  
15 record, quickly. I'm going to share my screen with it.  
16 Can you see what I'm showing you?

17 **Witness Counsel**: How long is this record, **PSI Minority** ?

18 **PSI Minority** It's 23 pages, but we are not walking  
19 through the whole record, **Witness Counsel** .

20 **Witness Counsel**: Okay, great. Thank you.

21 **PSI Minority** Okay.

22 **HSGAC Minority** **PSI Minority** what is it?

23 **PSI Minority** It's the **PSP Site Liaison** transcript. So it's an  
24 interview with the Pennsylvania State Police with Sergeant  
25 **PSP Site Liaison** .

1 HSGAC Minority Is this an exhibit?

2 PSI Minority Yes. This will be Exhibit 8, I  
3 believe. Or is it 7?

4 HSGAC Minority I believe we're on 7.

5 PSI Minority Okay. Exhibit 7.

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

8 Witness Okay.

9 PSI Minority Okay. If you have a hard copy I'm  
10 going to stop sharing my screen then. Okay. So if you  
11 look at page 2 of that document, Sergeant PSP Site Liaison is saying  
12 that he was the Pennsylvania State Police officer who was  
13 in the Command Center, or in the Security Room, that day.  
14 Do you remember seeing a Pennsylvania State Police office  
15 in the Security Room when you entered the Security Room?

16 Witness I believe so.

17 PSI Minority Okay. So let's go to page 7 of that  
18 document. We just talked about you get to the Security  
19 Room and its around, just before 6:00, sometime close to  
20 6:00. If you look at page 7, about halfway down --

21 Witness Mm-hmm.

22 PSI Minority -- Sergeant PSP Site Liaison is stating, "I  
23 received a phone call from Butler ESU Commander in the county  
24 command post, I believe -- and this is approximate, you  
25 know, like, I don't have. Down to the second. At 1744."



1 Further down he is relaying what **Butler ESU Commander** said to  
2 him, and it is, "There was a young male near the AGR  
3 building with a rangefinder that had been seen by the  
4 counter snipers."

5 When you got to the site, were you aware that an  
6 individual had been identified as suspicious with a  
7 rangefinder near the AGR property?

8 **Witness** No, sir.

9 **PSI Minority** When go into the Security Room -- I  
10 know you said after using the restroom you stopped and  
11 talked to **SAIC Buffalo** and said hello. Does he make any  
12 reference to you that, "Hey, we've identified somebody with  
13 a rangefinder over at the AGR property"?

14 **Witness** No, sir.

15 **PSI Minority** And how long were you in there, I guess  
16 until about 6:03?

17 **Witness** It was just minutes. So it was -- I think  
18 the longest time I was in there for was just standing in  
19 line to use the restroom, so it was very quick.

20 **PSI Minority** Okay. I want to go back to the counter  
21 snipers when they said hello to you and you talked to Mr.

22 **Hercules 1 C/S** Were you aware that the counter snipers had received  
23 a text message from local PD alerting them to a suspicious  
24 individual at the AGR building?

25 **Witness** No, sir

1           **PSI Minority**       Is this the first time you're  
2       hearing that the counter snipers were made aware of a  
3       suspicious individual at the AGR building?

4           **Witness**       No. I believe I heard about it  
5       afterwards.

6           **PSI Minority**       You heard about it afterwards. So  
7       you're the -- and I know your role wasn't necessarily in  
8       the security but you are the head of the Pittsburgh office.  
9       Could all of that information have been relayed to you? I  
10      mean, you interact with **SAIC Buffalo**. You interact with the  
11      counter snipers.

12          **Witness**       No, so this goes to -- this is a  
13      protective operation so all of this information goes to the  
14      detail. In terms of passing it to me, people would've -- I  
15      think they, you know, did not know my radio was down. But  
16      even when I arrived at the site, the heads of all the local  
17      police departments that we were working with were the ones  
18      that were getting their pictures. They didn't tell me  
19      anything either.

20          **PSI Minority**       Did you interact with the heads of the  
21      local police department when you were doing to photos? Is  
22      that right?

23          **Witness**       Yes, sir. That's who was getting their  
24      photos.

25          **PSI Minority**       Got it. And none of them mentioned

1 that their folks had been identifying a suspicious  
2 individual with a rangefinder either.

3 **Witness** No. When I arrived I said, "How's  
4 everything going?" and everything was good. There was no  
5 information passed to me.

6 **PSI Minority** When did you receive a working radio?  
7 When did you get your radio working?

8 **Witness** So after we departed the site and went to  
9 the hospital, while I was at the hospital one of my agents  
10 came up to me and I switched radios with him.

11 **PSI Minority** So you didn't have a working radio at  
12 all while you were on-site.

13 **Witness** No, sir.

14 **PSI Minority** Okay. Were you around any other Secret  
15 Service agents immediately before shots fired, or were you  
16 off on your own?

17 **Witness** I was literally by myself, trying to get  
18 back to the motorcade area to get coded as fast as I could.

19 **PSI Minority** Okay. You're a very experienced  
20 individual. I know you said you've got hundreds of  
21 protective events come through your field office. You've  
22 been a site lead. You've been a Security Room lead. If  
23 information from the locals is passed to the Security Room  
24 about a suspicious individual, is that the type of thing  
25 that would be radioed out from the Security Room to all

1 Secret Service, to put them on alert?

2 **Witness** I think it would just depend on the  
3 situation, of where it was and what the nature of it was.

4 **PSI Minority** So let's use this specific situation.  
5 Individual identified with a rangefinder, looking toward  
6 the location that a protectee was going to be. That  
7 location is, I think it's about 150 yards from the  
8 protectee. Is that information that should be relayed out  
9 from the Security Room?

10 **Witness** If the Security Room, if that's the  
11 information that they got, I can't speak. I don't know  
12 what those conversations were.

13 **PSI Minority** When you have worked the Security Room  
14 in the past, and that was information you received, would  
15 that be something you would relay out?

16 **Witness Counsel**: You're making an assumption that's all  
17 that they received. We don't know precisely what **Witness**  
18 was --

19 **PSI Minority** But I mean --

20 **Witness Counsel**: Or what was told to him. I mean, so  
21 you're hypothesizing, you know. It's not reality. You're  
22 asking --

23 **PSI Minority** **Witness Counsel**, I'm basing it on the information  
24 that we have in the Security Room. I'm not adding any  
25 additional facts. You are adding additional facts now,

1 assuming that they've got additional information. I am  
2 basing it on solely a report of an individual identified  
3 with a rangefinder, looking toward where a protectee came,  
4 or was.

5 When you were a Security Room agent, is that  
6 information, as a Security Room agent, you would have  
7 relayed out at a protective site?

8 **Witness Counsel**: That precise information to him, I mean,  
9 I don't know if there was any other caveats associated with  
10 it or not. That precise information, that's how you have  
11 to answer this hypothetical.

12 **Witness** I may or may not. I --

13 **Witness Counsel**: No, no. You can answer, however you want  
14 to answer. It's a hypothetical, **Witness**

15 **Witness** I mean --

16 **Witness Counsel** Do you want to rephrase the question,  
17 **PSI Minority**? It sounds like the witness isn't clear.

18 **PSI Minority** Sure.

19 **Witness Counsel**: Thank you.

20 **PSI Minority** You are someone who has been in the  
21 Security Room and a Security Room lead previously. Right,  
22 Agent **Witness**?

23 **Witness** I am, sir.

24 **PSI Minority** When you were working a detail, a  
25 protective detail, in a Security Room, if you received

1 reports from the locals you were working with that an  
2 individual was identified as suspicious, using a  
3 rangefinder, in the direction of the location that a  
4 protectee was known to be appearing, is that information  
5 that you would have relayed out, over the radios, to all  
6 other Secret Service as an alert?

7 **Witness Counsel**: Okay, you can answer that, **Witness** but I'm  
8 not sure that anyone ever said that he was, quote,  
9 "suspicious," end quote. Isn't that quite what they're  
10 evaluating, whether he was suspicious or not?

11 **Witness Counsel**: I mean, I guess just to cleanly state the  
12 objection, it assumes facts and evidence.

13 **Witness Counsel**: But go ahead.

14 **PSI Minority** **Witness Counsel** --

15 **Witness Counsel** He can answer the question, **PSI Minority** I'm  
16 not telling him --

17 **Witness Counsel**: You can answer the question --

18 **Witness Counsel**: I'm not telling him not to answer the  
19 question.

20 **Witness Counsel**: If he says -- if the hypothetical is that  
21 he's conveyed that this is a suspicious person with a  
22 rangefinder, it's a hypothetical question to you, **Witness** You  
23 can answer that however which way you want. But understand  
24 what the question is. A suspicious person.

25 **Witness** It could've been -- it could be either

1 way, sir. It could be LES to everybody or to  
2 dispatch the Protective Intelligence Team to find out  
3 what's going on. If there's no actual weapon there at that  
4 point, or threat, I would just be hypothesizing.

5 PSI Minority Okay. But it sounds like some action  
6 would've been taken, I think you said either protective  
7 intelligence or radio communication.

8 Witness Counsel: Yep, he answered the question.

9 PSI Minority Okay. Let's go back to Sergeant  
10 PSP Site Liaison transcript quickly, and let's look at page 17. So  
11 look at the bottom of the page, where it says, PSP Site Liaison  
12 It's the last PSP Site Liaison on there. At the end of that  
13 paragraph, it says, "At 1809, I received another call from  
14 Butler ESU Commander saying that the guy was discovered on top of a  
15 roof and they had officers below." And then if you flip to  
16 page 18, at the bottom of that it says that he relayed that  
17 information to SAIC Buffalo who I'm assuming is SAIC Buffalo, the  
18 Secret Service agent who was in the Security Room.

19 Witness Okay.

20 Witness Counsel: What's the question?

21 PSI Minority Information about an individual on a  
22 roof, who had previously been identified as with a  
23 rangefinder. Is that information that should be relayed  
24 out from the Security Room to other Secret Service agents?

25 Witness Counsel: Same objection, but answer the question.

1       **Witness Counsel**: You can answer that, **Witness** Go ahead.

2       **Witness** It should be communicated with everybody,  
3 by the locals and by us.

4       **PSI Minority** Okay. How were the locals supposed to  
5 communicate it to the Secret Service?

6       **Witness** It's my understanding that Butler tactical  
7 team, which I believe **Butler ESU Commander** was a part of, received a  
8 radio from the Secret Service when the motorcade arrived.

9       **PSI Minority** Who informed you of that?

10      **Witness** Agent **Lead Agent**

11      **PSI Minority** Agent **Lead Agent** told you he gave a radio to  
12 **Butler ESU Commander**

13      **Witness** No, sir. Agent **Lead Agent** the lead advance  
14 from -- for the visit, made arrangements with the Counter  
15 Assault Team members, the team **LES**  
16 former President Trump, to bring a spare radio to give to  
17 the Butler team when they arrived at the site, which was  
18 before this event took place, or which is before these  
19 communications took place that you see here.

20      **PSI Minority** Sorry. Can you restate that? I'm  
21 slightly confused by that.

22      **Witness** Okay.

23      **Witness Counsel**: What's the question that you want answered,

24 **PSI Minority** ?

25      **PSI Minority** I want him to restate his answer as to



1 how Agent **Lead Agent** provided a radio to Butler.

2 **Witness** Agent **Lead Agent** didn't provide the radio. The  
3 agent assigned to the Counter Assault Team, that were  
4 **LES** former President Trump, when they arrived at  
5 the site in the motorcade with the rest of us, it's my  
6 understanding that they found the Butler tactical, one of  
7 the Butler Tactical Team members that was in the barn, or  
8 in the area at the six o'clock, behind the stage, and gave  
9 them a Secret Service radio so that they could have  
10 communications with us directly.

11 **PSI Minority** Do you know who that Butler officer was  
12 who they gave a radio to?

13 **Witness** I do not, sir. I wasn't there.

14 **PSI Minority** I'm going to kick it back to my  
15 colleagues in the majority.

16 **HSGAC Majority** **HSGAC Majority** with Chairman Peters  
17 again. I'll just pick up right where we left off. And  
18 just to make sure I heard you right just now, is it correct  
19 that you said Agent **Lead Agent** informed you that the Secret  
20 Service CAT team members were providing a Secret Service  
21 radio to someone on Butler ESU?

22 **Witness** Yes.

23 **HSGAC Majority** When did she tell you that?

24 **Witness** I believe she told me that after.

25 **HSGAC Majority** After the shooting?

1           **Witness**           Yes.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   And she told you -- what specifically  
3   did she say? Did she specify whether that was the plan, or  
4   whether she knew that had, in fact, happened?

5           **Witness**           I believe that was part of the plan, that  
6   that's what they had arranged to do.

7           **HSGAC Majority**   And did she give you any more detail  
8   about that radio exchange or any other planned radio  
9   exchanges between Secret Service and state or locals that  
10   day?

11          **Witness**           Not that I recall.

12          **HSGAC Majority**   Talking about, you know, overall  
13   communications, who would you say is responsible overall  
14   for ensuring interoperable communications between the  
15   Secret Service and state and local partners at a protectee  
16   event, generally and on the 13th?

17          **Witness**           That would be the site agent.

18          **HSGAC Majority**   In this case that would be --

19          **Witness**           **Site Agent**

20          **HSGAC Majority**   And when you say that the site agent  
21   would be responsible for interoperable communications,  
22   could you elaborate in terms of whether that means -- what  
23   that means with respect to, you know, the technology versus  
24   a, you know, plan for the flow of information?

25          **Witness**           The technology is not up to the site

1 agent. It's just whatever is provided for that  
2 protectee. It's more about the flow of information that  
3 you're referring to.

4 **HSGAC Majority** And in terms of a communications plan,  
5 is that something that -- you know, where would the  
6 communications plan -- by communications plan I mean the,  
7 you know, how information was supposed to flow between the  
8 different partners on-site -- where would that be  
9 established and how? Is there a document, a brief,  
10 different places?

11 **Witness** I believe Agent **Lead Agent** invited them all to  
12 be in the Security Room on Monday, during the police  
13 meeting that took place in Allegheny County. In terms of  
14 subsequent communications on planning for that, I wasn't  
15 part of that so I can't speak to it.

16 **HSGAC Majority** And in the past when you have been a  
17 lead agent, did you have a role in developing or reviewing  
18 the communications plan for the day, for a protectee event?

19 **Witness** I don't recall specifically as the lead  
20 agent dealing with it. I recall dealing with it as a site  
21 agent.

22 **HSGAC Majority** And did you -- you may have mentioned  
23 this before so I apologize -- did you notify anybody that  
24 your radio was not working on the 13th?

25 **Witness** Notify, like --

1       **HSGAC Majority**    Like did you send an email or text  
2        message to anyone else to say, "Heads up. My radio is not  
3        operational"?

4       **Witness**        No. I thought it was going to be a quick  
5        fix once I arrived at the site.

6       **HSGAC Majority**    And then also just to clarify, you said  
7        that you were not able to fix it or obtain a working radio?

8       **Witness**        No. The incident, the shooting took place  
9        before I could get the radio coded.

10       **HSGAC Majority**    And who was in charge of the technology  
11        aspects of the radios that day, on the 13th?

12       **Witness**        In charge of the --

13       **HSGAC Majority**    Like was there somebody on-site who was  
14        responsible for troubleshooting technical issues?

15       **Witness**        No, we did not have that asset.

16       **HSGAC Majority**    Did you bring -- was it your own radio?

17       **Witness**        Yeah, it's a personally assigned radio,  
18        handheld radio.

19       **HSGAC Majority**    And you just said now that the site  
20        agent was responsible for ensuring interoperable  
21        communications. Did you have any role, as the special  
22        agent in charge?

23       **Witness**        With setting up the Security Room, or --

24       **HSGAC Majority**    Yeah, the Security Room or the  
25        communications plan.

1           **Witness**           No.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   To your knowledge, did anybody on the  
3 Donald Trump detail have a role?

4           **Witness**           Well, it would've been the site agent.

5           **HSGAC Majority**   And talking about the Security Room,  
6 again just to make sure I heard you right just now, is it  
7 accurate you said you were only there for a very short  
8 period of time, a matter of minutes?

9           **Witness**           Yes.

10          **HSGAC Majority**   And before we spoke about how **SAIC Buffalo**  
11 was the Security Room agent in charge, and you had also  
12 said that that's a role that you've held previously,  
13 earlier in your career. What are the responsibilities of  
14 the Security Room agent?

15          **Witness**           The Security Room agent, they maintain a  
16 log of movements at the event of the protectee. They  
17 conduct radio checks with all of the post-standers to make  
18 sure that their radios are working, and if they're not, try  
19 to do whatever they can to fix the problems. And then it's  
20 obviously just to pass information to the appropriate  
21 entities that need it.

22          **HSGAC Majority**   Were you aware, either before the 13th,  
23 on the 13th, or afterwards, that there was a separate  
24 Butler County-led Command Post on-site?

25          **Witness**           So I was not led to believe it was a

1 separate platform for law enforcement. On July 5th I  
2 spoke with EMS Director **Butler ESU Director** when I called him to  
3 invite him to the meeting on the following Monday, on the  
4 8th. That was my first time talking to him, but he said to  
5 me, or during the discussion -- it was a very quick  
6 conversation -- but during the course of the discussion it  
7 came up about how hot it was going to be that day, on July  
8 13th, how it was predicted. It was all over the news in  
9 Pittsburgh. When it's above 90 it's a big deal here, so  
10 it's different than D.C., obviously. But it was predicted  
11 to be about 95 degrees that day, and it's an open area.

12 So Director **Butler ESU Director** made the comment about the fact that  
13 there was probably going to be a lot of people dropping,  
14 like meaning having medical heat incidents that day. And  
15 he said to me, "Maybe we'll bring out the Command Center  
16 for that." I took that to mean that that was a medical or  
17 EMS platform. At no point was it -- it was not briefed to  
18 me that that was for an additional law enforcement  
19 platform.

20 **HSGAC Majority** When did you become aware that it was  
21 more than a medical platform?

22 **Witness** Afterwards, through media.

23 **HSGAC Majority** And your understanding, I think you had  
24 mentioned earlier, was that at the July 8th police meeting  
25 that all of the local partners, you said invited -- is that

1 right? -- to be in the Security Room --

2 **Witness** Yes.

3 **HSGAC Majority** -- and it's standard practice?

4 **Witness** Yes.

5 **HSGAC Majority** And if the local partners do not take  
6 you up on it, I guess -- let me rephrase that. After  
7 they're invited at a police briefing, what happened next?  
8 Would the Secret Service follow up to say, "Hey, who are  
9 you going to send to our Security Room?" or would you just  
10 rely on the local partners to reach out and confirm that  
11 yes, we're going to have somebody there?

12 **Witness** I haven't dealt with this often, in terms  
13 of them not accepting the invitation to a Security Room.  
14 But it's a request. It's not something, not that I know  
15 of, that we can compel them to do it. And just as an  
16 example, afterwards, even after these events, I know that  
17 former President Trump went to Harrisburg for a rally, and  
18 I believe PSP did not sit in the Security Room at that  
19 event. So it's something that we request, and if it was  
20 brought to my attention I would strongly, obviously,  
21 encourage it. But it was not something that I knew about.

22 **HSGAC Majority** And have you worked past protectee  
23 events with Butler County ESU?

24 **Witness** Not that I recall. The last visit in  
25 Butler was on October 31st. That was 2020. That was

1 President Trump's last visit in Pennsylvania before the  
2 election.

3 **HSGAC Majority** And aside from the event you just  
4 mentioned, where Pennsylvania State Police were not in your  
5 Security Room, in all of the hundreds of events that you've  
6 been a part of, are you aware of other events where there  
7 was a separate local law enforcement Security Room or  
8 Command Post?

9 **Witness** Am I aware of it? Not that I recall.

10 **HSGAC Majority** And is it fair to say that it is not a  
11 standard or best practice to have a separate local Security  
12 Room?

13 **Witness** Yeah, I mean --

14 **Witness Counsel:** Clarify the question.

15 **HSGAC Majority** Is it standard Secret Service practice  
16 for there to be a separate local Security Room at a  
17 protectee event?

18 **Witness** Is it standard?

19 **HSGAC Majority** Or is it common.

20 **Witness** No.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Are you aware of it ever happening?

22 **Witness** I'm sure it's happened. So to give you  
23 some context, I worked in the New York Field Office for six  
24 years. The New York Field Office has multiple Command  
25 Posts that they have, for every kind of event. So they set



1    them up for every kind of presidential visit and  
2    everything else.  So we may not sit -- they may send  
3    somebody to us, but they also have their own Command Posts  
4    that they set up, as well.  So it's not unheard of.

5           **HSGAC Majority**    So on July 13th, when you arrived with  
6    the motorcade, you were briefly in the Security Room.  At  
7    that point in time was it your understanding that local  
8    Butler County law enforcement was present in that room?

9           **Witness**           I don't recall seeing a Butler County law  
10   enforcement.  I think I saw a Butler County EMS person that  
11   was in there, and I did see the Pennsylvania State Police  
12   representative.  I didn't know if the Butler County EMS was  
13   communicating everybody or how that worked.

14          **HSGAC Majority**    And is it fair to say that you were  
15   relying on the Security Room agent to make sure that the  
16   relevant individuals were in the room?  And by relevant I  
17   mean individuals that would have the ability to communicate  
18   with law enforcement throughout the event?

19          **Witness**           The Security Room agent --

20          **HSGAC Majority**    Yes.

21          **Witness**           -- to be in charge of that?

22          **HSGAC Majority**    Yes.

23          **Witness**           No.

24          **HSGAC Majority**    And who would've been in charge of that?  
25   You said the site agent.

1       **Witness**       It would've been the site agent in  
2 terms of that. The Security Room agent was coming from out  
3 of district.

4       **HSGAC Majority**   And you said their role would be what  
5 again?

6       **Witness**       To maintain communications with --

7       **HSGAC Majority**   Just within the Secret Service?

8       **Witness**       Correct.

9       **HSGAC Majority**   I'm going to jump around just a little.  
10 I want to just quickly move back to an earlier discussion  
11 about the AGR building and the mitigation steps taken that  
12 you mentioned earlier. And I just want to make sure I  
13 understood you correctly. Previously, am I right that you  
14 said during the July 8th walkthrough there was some  
15 discussion between you, **Lead Agent** **Site Counterpart** and **Site Agent** about how  
16 line of sight concerns would be mitigated with respect to  
17 the AGR building?

18       **Witness**       It was July 10th.

19       **HSGAC Majority**   July 10th.

20       **Witness**       You said July 8th.

21       **HSGAC Majority**   Oh yes, sorry.

22       **Witness**       That's okay.

23       **HSGAC Majority**   So at the manpower walkthrough.

24       **Witness**       Yes.

25       **HSGAC Majority**   One of the mitigation measures you

1 mentioned was that farm equipment would block the line  
2 of sight, and that was a plan that was conveyed to you by  
3 Agent [Lead Agent] Is that right?

4 [Witness Counsel] He said that was part of the plan.

5 [HSGAC Majority] Or that as one of the measures conveyed  
6 to you.

7 [Witness] I don't recall who it was. It was a  
8 discussion --

9 [HSGAC Majority] One of those --

10 [Witness] It was one of the -- it would've been one  
11 of them.

12 [HSGAC Majority] To your knowledge, did that, in fact,  
13 happen? Was there farm equipment used to block the line of  
14 sight?

15 [Witness] It's my understanding -- I didn't see that  
16 part of the area when I arrived. It's my understanding  
17 there was a large piece of farm equipment there. I don't  
18 know if it was positioned where it was requested to be or  
19 if it -- or how they -- that wasn't determined through me.  
20 That was determined through the detail, so I wasn't briefed  
21 on where they wanted the farm equipment to be actually  
22 placed.

23 [HSGAC Majority] Did you have any subsequent  
24 conversations with either [Lead Agent] [Site Counterpart] or [Site Agent] about farm  
25 equipment being used to block the line of sight?

1           **Witness**           Since July 13th?

2           **HSGAC Majority**   Or after the walkthrough, before the  
3 event.

4           **Witness**           No. I was briefed it would be -- that was  
5 what was supposed to be done, and that's -- I was satisfied  
6 with that.

7           **HSGAC Majority**   And so you were never made aware of any  
8 concerns expressed by the Trump campaign staff about using  
9 either farm equipment or trucks, other machinery, to block  
10 the line of sight?

11          **Witness**           Before the event?

12          **HSGAC Majority**   Yes, before the event.

13          **Witness**           No.

14          **HSGAC Majority**   And just as a general matter, not  
15 specific to this event, but if a -- if campaign staff or  
16 staff of a protectee disagree with a plan proposed by the  
17 Secret Service advance team, who gets the final say in what  
18 happens going forward?

19          **Witness**           So part of the reason that, it's my  
20 understanding that the Trump detail sends out a site agent  
21 is because of their working relationship with staff. So  
22 this would go up through the detail. So if it was brought  
23 to my attention ahead of time, and I said, "Hey, I believe  
24 we need to -- this needs to happen," I could get overruled  
25 by the Trump detail. Even though it's -- a misconception

1 is that just because this is --

2 **Witness Counsel**: She's asking about a disagreement between  
3 the detail and the staff, not with you.

4 **Witness** Oh, I'm sorry.

5 **HSGAC Majority** I was saying -- my question was about a  
6 disagreement between the staff and any Secret Service.

7 **Witness** That's -- I mean, I don't know if that's  
8 what happened, but that would go through the detail. That  
9 wouldn't come to me.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Gotcha. And then moving on to  
11 another mitigation measure you mentioned that came up  
12 during the July 10th walkthrough, you had said you were  
13 informed there would be, I believe I got the quote right,  
14 "LES police posts." Did you have an understanding of  
15 what agency was providing those LES posts?

16 **Witness** No. It's my understanding that the  
17 following day, on July 11th, there was going to be another  
18 meeting with all of the local police and the site agents to  
19 finalize or determine that. So it wasn't determined at the  
20 point when I was doing a walkthrough.

21 **HSGAC Majority** And at any point before the rally on the  
22 13th did you receive additional information about either  
23 the number of LES police posts or the agencies that  
24 would be providing them?

25 **Witness** No.

1           **Witness Counsel**: And just to be clear, were you at the  
2 July 11 meeting?

3           **Witness**           I was not.

4           **HSGAC Majority**   And based on your past experience  
5 working protectee events, who would be responsible for  
6 ensuring -- or who would be responsible for determining the  
7 number of **LES** police posts in an area, like outside the  
8 main perimeter?

9           **Witness**           That would be done with the site agent and  
10 through the detail to approve that.

11          **HSGAC Majority**   Okay. And to the next mitigation  
12 measure you mentioned, you also mentioned **LES** police  
13 posts in the rabbit run. Is that right?

14          **Witness**           I believe they were in -- I believe I was  
15 told they would **LES** in the rabbit run.

16          **HSGAC Majority**   And by the rabbit run, just for the  
17 record, I think I know what you're talking about. It's the  
18 area between those two fences. And did you have any  
19 awareness of who would be providing those vehicles and how  
20 many vehicles there would be?

21          **Witness**           I don't recall that.

22          **HSGAC Majority**   Back to something else you had said  
23 earlier on the AGR building, and again, correct me if I'm  
24 saying anything incorrect. But I believe you said, as far  
25 as you understood it, the AGR building would be closed and

1 locked. Is that right?

2 **Witness** Yes.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Did you have an understanding of whether  
4 there would be any restrictions on public movement in the  
5 area surrounding the building, like outside the second  
6 fence but not within the building itself?

7 **Witness** I just -- I recall during the  
8 conversations that that area would be, I think it was  
9 something like off limits. I don't recall --

10 **HSGAC Majority** By that area --

11 **Witness** By the AGR building. When I pointed over  
12 towards that area and said, "What's going on? What are we  
13 doing over here?" and that's when I started to get all of  
14 the countermeasures that were taking place.

15 **HSGAC Majority** So was it your understanding that the  
16 public wouldn't be able to, you know, gather, you know, in  
17 the area between the AGR building and the fence?

18 **Witness** I don't recall that we discussed that.

19 **Witness Counsel:** He had already testified that it was a no-  
20 go zone, and that the state and locals were there to secure  
21 it with the counter snipers.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Maybe --

23 **Witness** Yeah, it --

24 **HSGAC Majority** -- clarify that. So when you said a no-  
25 go zone previously, I had thought you meant that by no-go

1 one there was no ability to go from that area into the  
2 secure perimeter. Is that incorrect?

3 **Witness Counsel**: He had clarified this in a question in  
4 response to Senator Paul's staff. The transcript speaks  
5 for itself.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. So it sounds like your  
7 understanding was that the entire area surrounding the AGR  
8 building would be off limits.

9 **Witness** Well, that area is large, so that's why  
10 I'm -- I think for clarification, are you speaking  
11 specifically about the AGR building property?

12 **HSGAC Majority** Between the AGR building and the fence.

13 **Witness** Towards the venue?

14 **HSGAC Majority** Yes.

15 **Witness** Yes.

16 **HSGAC Majority** That that would be off limits. That was  
17 your understanding.

18 **Witness** Are you talking about the property right  
19 in front of the AGR or the property, if you kept on going  
20 towards Whitestown Road, like it's a large -- that's a  
21 large property there.

22 **HSGAC Majority** I guess maybe another way to put it, I  
23 don't know if you've seen it from pictures of the event,  
24 you probably can see on the day of there were -- my  
25 understanding is there were people gathered up along the



1 fence line, watching the event from outside the secure  
2 perimeter. Is that your understanding?

3 **Witness** Afterwards seeing it, that there were  
4 people there?

5 **HSGAC Majority** Yes.

6 **Witness** Yes.

7 **HSGAC Majority** But your understanding prior to that day  
8 was that that area should've been off limits.

9 **Witness** The area right around the AGR building. I  
10 don't know how close those people were in those pictures or  
11 what you're referring to.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Did you have an understanding  
13 prior to July 13th of if there were going to be local  
14 snipers or counter snipers present at the event and where  
15 they would be?

16 **Witness** Yes.

17 **HSGAC Majority** What was your understanding?

18 **Witness** My understanding that there would be **LES**  
19 local counter sniper teams. One of them would be at, I  
20 believe it was on the survey at four o'clock and one at the  
21 eight o'clock position on the survey. And then I saw the  
22 counter sniper, their survey, or their -- the documents  
23 that they provided for briefing that night before, as well,  
24 on July 12th, where one of the photos showed, at that four  
25 o'clock or three -- where the AGR building is, one showed

1 an icon which indicated the local team to be inside the  
2 building. One showed them, on the next page I think it  
3 was, showed the icon with them on top of the roof. So if  
4 that's what you're referring to.

5 **HSGAC Majority** And so when you just said that you had  
6 seen documents showing them in two different places, what  
7 was your understanding of what the actual plan was?

8 **Witness** Well, I wasn't briefed on the plan because  
9 it was briefed and approved through the detail, not through  
10 me.

11 **HSGAC Majority** But when you saw those two conflicting  
12 documents did you ask anybody about that?

13 **Witness** I didn't at that point, no.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Was that unusual to see documents  
15 depicting two different locations for snipers or counter  
16 snipers?

17 **Witness Counsel:** We're talking about a document that's not  
18 in front of us, and I don't know if they're conflicting.  
19 They have the information that's there.

20 **HSGAC Majority** I think he just described those  
21 conflicting. One showed them inside. One showed them on  
22 the roof.

23 **Witness Counsel:** I think that was the word he used.

24 **HSGAC Majority** My -- did you say that one document  
25 showed the snipers inside and one showed them on the roof?

1           **Witness**           Yes.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   And are those two postings conflicting?

3           **Witness**           Well, I took that to mean that that area  
4   was covered, so I didn't -- I took it to mean that the AGR  
5   building was covered with that CS team, as well as the  
6   other police postings.

7           **HSGAC Majority**   And aside from this document, did  
8   anybody ever communicate to you directly anything else  
9   regarding the location of the local counter snipers in, on,  
10   around the AGR building?

11          **Witness**           No.

12          **HSGAC Majority**   Really quick, so who was responsible for  
13   assessing overall if there are any gaps and weaknesses in  
14   the protectee event security plan, to include Secret  
15   Service, state, and local -- let me rephrase that.  When  
16   I'm saying "security plan" I mean the plan for the day on  
17   behalf of the Secret Service, the plan that local law  
18   enforcement has, the plan that state law enforcement, any  
19   other partners present.  Is there somebody responsible for  
20   determining that the plan is sufficient or if there are any  
21   gaps that need to be addressed?

22          **Witness Counsel**:   I think he's testified to that already.  He  
23   talked about the site agent going through the detail.

24          **Witness Counsel**:   Yeah, and you've got to define, you know,  
25   what do you mean by "plan," because there seems to have

1 been different plans. There's the counter sniper plan.  
2 There's a site agent plan. So we have to break that down a  
3 little bit. If you're asking him who the ultimate  
4 authority is to approve these plans, these composite plans,  
5 I guess you could ask that.

6 **HSGAC Majority** What I'm asking is if, you know, the day  
7 before an event, there -- I'm not talking about this event  
8 specifically, but in general, who -- is there an individual  
9 or individuals who would be expected to look at the  
10 holistic planning, and if there were any gaps or  
11 weaknesses, identify them prior, or address them prior to  
12 the event?

13 **Witness** I can answer it. So the day before the  
14 event, on July 12th, there's what's called a second  
15 supervisor walkthrough, and I think we talked about it  
16 before already, or it's called a final walkthrough. The

17 **LES**

18 **LES**

19 **LES**

20 **LES**. In doing this, they do it with the **LES**

21 **LES**

22 **LES**. So in this case the **LES**

23 **LES**

24 The site, at this point, is already being built out,  
25 so I believe the stage is probably there. They can get a

1 sense of what's going on with that. The tents are  
2 getting put up. Bleachers are getting put up, everything.  
3 So they have a better idea of line of sight issues and  
4 other things like that.

5 So during that walkthrough, and this is just in  
6 general, if you were the site agent you would have to --  
7 you would answer all these questions that your supervisors  
8 would ask.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Just to clarify, were you present at  
10 that final walkthrough on July 12th?

11 **Witness** No, I was not.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Okay.

13 **Witness** So as the agent in charge of the district,  
14 I'm not required to be there for that. It's a walkthrough  
15 for the detail, for their supervisors, who are making the  
16 decisions on if it's -- if there needs to be changes or if  
17 the plan is going to be sound.

18 **HSGAC Majority** And in terms of ultimate approval on the  
19 advance planning documents, that is the detail.

20 **Witness** Correct.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you.

22 **HSGAC Majority** And I know we're short on time. I  
23 wanted to show you an exhibit, very quickly. Are we up to  
24 -- oh whatever, 7.

25 **Witness Counsel:** I think we're at 8 right now.

1 HSGAC Majority Oh, I apologize. 7 was the PSP Site Liaison  
2 transcript. Sorry about that.

3           **HSGAC Majority**   I'm going to show you something I'm  
4   marking Exhibit 8.

5 [Exhibit No. 8 was  
6 marked for identification.]

7 HSGAC Majority This is a page from the transcript of  
8 our interview we had with. I'm showing you page 19, and  
9 asking you to direct your attention to Line 9. And I'll  
10 just read this excerpt into the record. It begins with HSGAC Majority  
11 questioning, "Okay. And what is the chain of  
12 command in terms of who is in charge of the planning and  
13 security of the event that day?" Site Agent "As far as  
14 like a point of contact, the site agent is the primary  
15 point of contact for any issues, for any planning and  
16 execution of the event, but from the chain of command again  
17 you have the site agents, in this case Senior Agent Site Counterpart  
18 with the site counterpart. ATSAIC ATSAIC was a supervisor  
19 from the local field office, and Special Agent in Charge  
20 Witness the special agent in charge from the Pittsburgh  
21 Field Office, in charge of the overall overseeing of the  
22 visit."

23           So my question for you is, based on this testimony it  
24   sounds like you are in charge for overseeing the visit in  
25   its totality. Is that inaccurate?



1           **Witness Counsel**: Hold on. The testimony speaks for  
2           itself, but I imagine the testimony includes many other  
3           pages. This is one page from what was probably a four- to  
4           five-hour interview. I have no idea what the testimony was  
5           in totality I can see what this page says. But if you  
6           want to ask SAC **Witness** about his recollections of events,  
7           and not someone else' testimony, feel free.

8           **HSGAC Majority**    Well, I was going to ask him if this --  
9    what he can see in front of him, that the special agent in  
10   charge of the Pittsburgh Field Office is in charge of the  
11   overall overseeing of the visit.  If, in your view, that is  
12   an accurate statement or not.

13           **Witness Counsel:** He's told you that's not correct, but go  
14 ahead.

15           **Witness**           That's inaccurate.

16       **HSGAC Majority**       That's inaccurate. I'm going to show  
17       you one other quick excerpt. I think we're up to Exhibit  
18       9.

[Exhibit No. 9 was  
marked for identification.]

21 HSGAC Majority This is from a transcribed interview  
22 with Agent [REDACTED] on August 26th, with this Committee. I'm  
23 showing you page 24 and page 25, and I'm going to begin  
24 reading Line 3. Again, starting with a question from [REDACTED]

25 HSGAC Majority to Lead / Lead Agent "So as the lead agent do you determine

1 where the posts are for Secret Service, state and local  
2 law enforcement?" **Lead ,Lead Agent** "I do not determine where the  
3 posts are." **HSGAC Majority** "Who determines that?" **Lead ,Lead Agent**  
4 "The site agents will make the recommendations along with  
5 their police counterparts that they worked with at the  
6 site, and the recommendations are then raised to the field  
7 office supervisor and the Trump detail." **HSGAC Majority** "And  
8 that would be Special Agent in Charge **Witness?**" **Lead Agent**  
9 "He would be the field office supervisor, yes." "And who  
10 would it go to after him?" **Lead ,Lead Agent** "The Trump detail  
11 supervisor, second supervisor that for this trip was **DTD 2nd Sup.**  
12 **DTD 2nd Sup.** and there was a campaign supervisor, **DTD Campaign Sup.**  
13 **DTD Campaign Sup.** "

14 I'll give you a moment to take a look.

15 **Witness Counsel**: Can we see the rest of the interview  
16 transcript?

17 **HSGAC Majority** We don't have the --

18 **Witness Counsel**: Can the witness read through the entire  
19 interview transcript before answering this question? These  
20 are two pages from what was probably a four- or five-hour  
21 interview.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Well, I didn't get to the question.

23 **Witness Counsel**: I --

24 **HSGAC Majority** I completely recognize that he is just  
25 being shown this for the first time, and I'm not asking him



1 about the entire interview. I want to ask him about  
2 something very specific on this page, which is that **Lead Agent**  
3 **Lead Agent** from what this page shows, says that "recommendations  
4 for posts for Secret Service, state and local law  
5 enforcement are raised" -- I'm quoting -- "raised to the  
6 field office supervisor and the Trump detail." And the  
7 field office supervisor being Special Agent **Witness** and then  
8 who would that go to after, the Trump detail supervisor.

9 So again, recognizing that this is only two pages of a  
10 longer transcript, my understanding is that her testimony  
11 is that the decision in this case for post assignments goes  
12 through you and then to the Trump detail. Is that  
13 inaccurate, in your --

14 **Witness Counsel**: I'm going to object to the question and the  
15 way in which the Committee is using these exhibits. If you  
16 want to repeat a question, feel free. I'm going to -- it's  
17 along the same lines and I'm going to register the same  
18 objection.

19 **HSGAC Majority** So is it inaccurate -- again, I believe  
20 you talked about this before, but were you part of a chain  
21 of review for the determination of law enforcement postings  
22 for the July 13th event?

23 **Witness** Law --

24 **Witness Counsel**: You can answer that. That's a different  
25 question. Go ahead.

1           **Witness**           I was in charge for Secret Service  
2 postings.

3           **HSGAC Majority**   Not for state and local postings.

4           **Witness**           Not for state and local.

5           **HSGAC Majority**   I'm going to turn it over to my  
6 colleague on PSI, remotely, for just a couple more  
7 questions.

8           **PSI Majority**       I realize we're running short on time  
9 so I'll keep it short.   **PSI Majority**   PSI majority staff.  
10 I want to pick up on where my colleague, **HSGAC Majority** was just  
11 asking about, the chain of review. I understand that we're  
12 looking at a transcript, but the transcript of the  
13 interview with the other agents is describing a process  
14 that exists outside of these interviews. So to say that  
15 the client can't respond to questions about what the  
16 process is that somebody else is describing to us, you  
17 know, I guess the question is what is your role in  
18 reviewing security plans for the event that day. And I  
19 don't think that's an unfair question. I think it's pretty  
20 straightforward.

21          **Witness Counsel:**   The objection was to the use of the  
22 documents in this manner. If you want to ask him a  
23 question about his role, that's fine. It's more of, it's  
24 just sort of making a characterization of the witness'  
25 four-hour testimony reduced to a page, I think is unfair to

1 that witness, frankly, and unfair to the witness before  
2 you. But feel free to ask a question about his role and  
3 his understanding and recollection of the events.

4 **PSI Majority** So, you know, our understanding, and  
5 we're asking is the accuracy or the degree, to make sure  
6 that we've got our head around it right, because that's  
7 what our role is here, is fact finding, to try to figure  
8 out what happened.

9 **Witness** Yep.

10 **PSI Majority** So, you know, we spoke to others, and  
11 you see here that we spoke to **Lead Agent** and to **Site Agent** and  
12 they're saying that the agents did a walkthrough of the  
13 site and put together various documents to plan for the  
14 event, and then they were elevated to yourself and to the  
15 Trump detail before being approved. Is that accurate?

16 **Witness** No.

17 **PSI Majority** So what is your role in the review  
18 process?

19 **Witness** As I stated earlier, my role in the review  
20 process is for the allocation of Secret Service post-  
21 stander assets, and that's what took place on July 10th  
22 during that walkthrough. All of the other assets and local  
23 police entities were not finalized at that point. They  
24 were done by July 12th, and that's done through the Trump  
25 detail and through the Office of Protective Operations.

1           **PSI Majority**           And do you have an advisory role in  
2   that? Do you look at the plans and say, well, maybe you  
3   want to move this here or add this here, think about this  
4   here?

5           **Witness**           If there's an issue that's brought to my  
6   attention I do. There was no issue brought to my  
7   attention.

8           **PSI Majority**           And so do you have any role -- I guess  
9   my question -- I just have a couple of quick questions --  
10   do you have any role in allocating assets for drones or  
11   counter drone equipment?

12          **Witness**           No, I don't.

13          **PSI Majority**           Okay. And do you have any role in  
14   making sure that the people on the ground have the  
15   resources and the training necessary to fulfill their  
16   roles?

17          **Witness Counsel:** Can you repeat that question, please?

18          **PSI Majority**           Well, I understand that there's a  
19   number of technicians who do specialized roles. I know  
20   there's the bomb squad, the drones --

21          **Witness Counsel:** You're asking him whether he has a role  
22   in making sure they've fulfilled their training  
23   requirements?

24          **PSI Majority**           If they have the resources necessary  
25   to do the job.

1           **Witness Counsel**: Which job?

2           **PSI Majority**           Whatever the position they're assigned  
3 to, and I'm guessing -- and I guess that would be a  
4 question of --

5           **Witness Counsel**: You mean, you know, does a bomb  
6 technician have the right equipment?

7           **PSI Majority**           Yeah, exactly.

8           **Witness Counsel**: Does the drone operator have the right  
9 drone equipment? Do counter snipers have the right rifles  
10 and the tripods? Are you responsible for that?

11          **Witness**               No.

12          **PSI Majority**           Okay. That was -- I just wanted to  
13 know if you had any role in setting that up. That is it  
14 for me. Thank you.

15          **HSGAC Majority**       I think we are at the hour. Sorry.

16          **Witness Counsel**: We're past it.

17          **HSGAC Majority**       We're past the hour. Did you need a  
18 quick break?

19          **Witness Counsel**: Do you need a comfort break?

20          **Witness**               If I could just take a couple minutes, I'd  
21 appreciate that.

22          **Witness Counsel**: Yeah, a couple of minutes.

23          **HSGAC Majority**       Of course. We'll go off the record.

24          VOICE: We're off the record at 4:09.

25          [Recess.]

1 VOICE: Back on the record. The time now is 4:24.

2 HSGAC Minority I'll just say quickly, my  
3 understanding of what our plan for the rest of the time we  
4 have here is our side will pick up now and go until about  
5 5:10, and then we will turn it back over to the majority to  
6 wrap it up, for whatever remaining time that we have. And  
7 for folks on the line from PSI, we'll kick it to you all in  
8 a few minutes after we get through a couple of questions  
9 here. HSGAC Minority is going to start.

10 HSGAC Minority Okay. We'll go quick and again bounce  
11 around. Have you since learned of any other Federal  
12 agencies that were present at the event, that you were not  
13 aware of before?

14 Witness I believe I've heard something about ATF.  
15 I don't know in what capacity or why.

16 HSGAC Minority Okay. And do you know who informed you  
17 of that?

18 Witness I think I actually saw it in the media.

19 HSGAC Minority In the media? Okay. Has Agent Site Counterpart  
20 did she notify you of interacting with any plainclothes ATF  
21 that day?

22 Witness No.

23 HSGAC Minority Okay. I'm going to introduce Exhibit --  
24 are we on 11? -- 10, Bates 1833.

25 [Exhibit No. 10 was

1 marked for  
2 identification.]

3 HSGAC Minority And just let me know when you have  
4 looked over this.

5 Witness Counsel: We have two documents.

6 HSGAC Minority Yeah, sorry. The other one doesn't have  
7 a Bates number but it was produced to us in the same  
8 production from Secret Service. So the other one is the  
9 Federal Property Receipt. I'll ask question about both,  
10 but we can start with the first document.

11 Witness This is the first one?

12 HSGAC Minority Yes, the text message.

13 Witness Okay.

14 HSGAC Minority So this is a text message that was sent  
15 to you from ASAIC Special Ops from SOD, at 10:34 p.m., on July  
16 13th. Who is --

17 Witness This is an email?

18 HSGAC Minority Oh. It looks like a text.

19 Witness Oh, I'm sorry. I was looking at the top  
20 so I thought that. I apologize.

21 HSGAC Minority Yeah, it looks like an email. Did you  
22 receive this text?

23 Witness Yes.

24 HSGAC Minority And who is ASAIC Special Ops

25 Witness ASAIC Special Ops is the Special Agent in Charge



1 of the Special Operations Division.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And it says, "**Witness** shoot me a  
3 call in reference to an item you were supposed to take from  
4 my guy, per D1." What is he referring to?

5 **Witness** He is referring to when we arrived at the  
6 airport, after departing the hospital, taking possession of  
7 the shooter's, the counter sniper rifle, to turn it over  
8 for custody to -- at that point it was still being  
9 discussed, at 10:34, whether it was going to be the FBI or  
10 PSP taking possession of it PSP was leading the officer-  
11 involved shooting, which was the counter sniper technician.  
12 FBI was obviously handling the -- Crooks' part of the  
13 investigation. So there was discussion going back and  
14 forth between them on who would take custody of the weapon.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Who took custody of the weapon?

16 **Witness** Eventually it was the FBI.

17 **HSGAC Minority** And did you take custody of the weapon  
18 at any time?

19 **Witness** No.

20 **Witness Counsel**: You mean SAC **Witness**?

21 **HSGAC Minority** I mean you, yes.

22 **Witness** No.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So and then who is D1?

24 **Witness** D1 is just a reference to the Director.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So Director Cheattle?



1           **Witness**           Yes.

2           **HSGAC Minority**   Okay.   So did you end up giving him a  
3   call?

4           **Witness**           Her?

5           **HSGAC Minority**   Oh, no, Mr. **ASAC Special Ops**

6           **Witness**           I believe I did.

7           **HSGAC Minority**   Okay.   Do you recall what time that was?

8           **Witness**           I don't recall if this was before or after  
9   former President Trump left, departed.   The timeline I'm  
10   confused about.   But it would've been after this text.   And  
11   I believe I let him know that we were just trying to  
12   establish who was the agency to turn the weapon over to.

13          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay.   But at some point -- so there was  
14   discussion about whether it would go to PSP or FBI, who  
15   would take possession of it.   But at some point this  
16   individual thought that you may be taking possession of the  
17   weapon.

18          **Witness**           No.   It was just about me helping to  
19   facilitate that transfer.   I never took possession of the  
20   weapon.

21          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay.   But was there any discussion  
22   about Secret Service ever keeping the weapon or taking  
23   possession of that weapon?

24          **Witness**           Not with me.

25          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay.   And then that second set of

1 documents that appears to be a receipt for property --

2 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

3 **HSGAC Minority** -- does that look familiar to you?

4 **Witness** Yes.

5 **HSGAC Minority** And then is this the FBI receipt of the  
6 weapon? It's redacted, so I'm not sure what's under the  
7 redaction.

8 **Witness** At the bottom I can see, yeah, I can see  
9 it says Sergeant Technician, so I believe that's the  
10 counter sniper's signature.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And do you know what was -- what  
12 property was turned over to the FBI? The weapon? I mean,  
13 anything else?

14 **Witness** I don't recall if it was -- I recall  
15 seeing the weapon and his scope with the weapon, and I  
16 believe he turned over the cartridge from the, the shell  
17 casing from the round that he fired. That's all I recall,  
18 though, from what was turned over.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Thank you. Did anyone from the  
20 Pittsburgh Field Office that worked the Butler event work  
21 any other protective assignments after July 13th?

22 **Witness** So, I can't recall.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Would you be aware of that if  
24 they did?

25 **Witness** If people --

1       **HSGAC Minority**     If anyone from the Pittsburgh office  
2     was working a protective detail after July 13th, that  
3     would've been assigned by you?

4       **Witness**           No. I mean, there's agents from the  
5     Pittsburgh Field Office that are working protective  
6     assignments right now.

7       **HSGAC Minority**     But anyone who worked the Butler event?

8       **Witness**           That was involved?

9       **HSGAC Minority**     Yes.

10      **Witness**           Is that the question you're asking?

11      **HSGAC Minority**     Yes.

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

13      **HSGAC Minority**     Okay. Do you know what document you  
14     were referring to when you talked about seeing local  
15     snipers on the roof of the AGR building? Is that what you  
16     said?

17      **Witness Counsel:**   That's not what he said.

18      **HSGAC Minority**     No, okay. Just can you clarify?

19      **Witness Counsel:**   Yeah.

20      **Witness Counsel:**   She's talking about the diagram that you  
21     saw on the 12th, with the circle and the X through it on  
22     the AGR building.

23      **Witness**           Thanks.

24      **Witness Counsel:**   She said it referred to snipers being  
25     there, and I said that's not --

1           **HSGAC Minority**    The local snipers.

2           **Witness Counsel**:   Right.

3           **Witness Counsel**:   I don't think -- go ahead.   Well, what's  
4   the question?

5           **HSGAC Minority**    I guess I'm just trying to make sure  
6   that I understand.   So I heard earlier that there was some  
7   discussion about two conflicting documents, potentially,  
8   and one looked like there may have been the local snipers  
9   on the AGR roof.   If that's not correct --

10          **Witness**           No, that's -- you're correct.   You're  
11   correct in terms of what you --

12          **HSGAC Minority**    That it's not correct?

13          **Witness**           No, no.

14          **Witness Counsel**:   Just describe what was on the document so  
15   it's clear.

16          **HSGAC Minority**    Yeah.   Do we have a --

17          **Witness Counsel**:   We're not writing anything.   Just --

18          **HSGAC Minority**    No, no.   I just wanted to know if this  
19   was the document you were referring to or not.   I think we  
20   have a picture.   Was this the counter sniper, the Secret  
21   Service counter sniper advance document?

22          **Witness**           Yes.   That's what I was referring to.

23          **HSGAC Minority**    Okay.   And there's one that's like a  
24   view from -- and again, I don't know.   We're trying to find  
25   it.   But one that's like a view from the ground, looking at

1 the building, and then there's an aerial view. And are  
2 you referring to the two different pictures, the different  
3 views?

4 **Witness** That would be correct.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did you ever talk to the counter  
6 sniper advance? I believe his name is **C/S TeC/S Team Lead**

7 **Witness** On July 10th, when I concluded the  
8 manpower walkthrough, he arrived at the site. I said hello  
9 to him, but I was never briefed by him. He doesn't report  
10 to me, and it was reported through the detail, not to me,  
11 about his operational planning.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Did you see what he did when he arrived  
13 to the site?

14 **Witness** I departed the site when he was getting  
15 there.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Do you know if he went on the AGR  
17 roof?

18 **Witness** I do not.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Or on the AGR property?

20 **Witness** I do not.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Would you be surprised to learn that he  
22 did not ever go on the AGR property?

23 **Witness** I can't speak to what he did, so I don't  
24 know.

25 **HSGAC Minority** But would you be surprised to learn

1 that? Because you have experience in the past, it  
2 sounds like significant experience, doing protective  
3 events. You worked as a CAT. You did CAT advance, is that  
4 right --

5 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

6 **HSGAC Minority** -- and you mentioned earlier that you  
7 knew **Hercules 1 C/S** because he -- in your interaction as CAT  
8 with him as a counter sniper. I'm just trying to  
9 understand, you know, is it typical that the counter sniper  
10 advance would get on potential areas or even get on the  
11 location, go into the location, where local snipers would  
12 be posted?

13 **Witness** So in my experience, I'm not trained as a  
14 counter sniper technician. So in terms of their advance  
15 process I don't want to speak to, I'm surprised that they  
16 didn't do something or if that's not part of their normal  
17 SOP or their standard operating practices. So I'm not  
18 trained like they are. I conducted Counter Assault Team  
19 advances, which were different. We would work together in  
20 terms of placement of assets and other things, but I did  
21 not conduct counter sniper advances to know what he would  
22 or would not do.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Have you ever seen counter snipers  
24 conduct an advance during your advance in the past?

25 **Witness** Have I seen them conduct advances?

1 HSGAC Minority Yeah.

2 Witness Yes.

3 HSGAC Minority Have you seen counter sniper advances go  
4 into locations where they're going to have, or where the  
5 local snipers are going to be posted?

6 Witness I'd be speculating. I don't remember. It  
7 was -- the last time I did that was 2009, so it's been a  
8 long time.

9 HSGAC Minority Okay. Okay. I'm going to introduce  
10 another exhibit, Exhibit 11, Bates No. 1698 through 1701.

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

13 HSGAC Minority And this is a series of text messages I  
14 think are related, but I'll give you a minute to  
15 familiarize yourself.

16 [Pause.]

17 HSGAC Minority Do you recognize these? We can start  
18 with the first one. This text message that was sent on  
19 July 13th at 6:51 p.m., it looks like it was sent to you.  
20 Does this look familiar?

21 Witness I don't recall it, but --

22 HSGAC Minority Okay. So you don't recall who sent this  
23 message to you?

24 Witness I don't.

25 HSGAC Minority Okay. It says, "Will need identifiers

1 on shooter when we have them to begin process." So you  
2 don't recall this?

3 **Witness** I don't.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. What identifiers would Secret  
5 Service need, or would the --

6 **Witness** I don't know that the shooter was even  
7 identified at this point.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And you don't -- so you don't  
9 recall this at all.

10 **Witness** I don't.

11 **HSGAC Minority** And then the next -- if you turn to the  
12 next page, this looks like it's you responding back,  
13 saying, "Copy. I just talked to," and it's redacted, "we  
14 turn the investigation FBI."

15 **Witness** That was referring --

16 **Witness Counsel**: What's the question?

17 **HSGAC Minority** So is this you replying to that text  
18 message?

19 **Witness** I don't know who these are from. I don't  
20 know the context with it, I guess is what I'm saying, in  
21 terms of who is the person asking or me replying to.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So you don't recall who you sent  
23 that message to?

24 **Witness** I don't.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. If you flip to the last page,



1 1701 --

2 **Witness Counsel**: And just to clarify the record, these are  
3 text messages, one apiece on an individual document, not a  
4 log of text messages.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Yes.

6 **Witness Counsel**: And through no fault of the Committee's  
7 own, I'm just saying that the witness is not being shown a  
8 complete log of his text messages. He is being shown  
9 individual text messages.

10 **HSGAC Minority** And for the record, we would much prefer  
11 to you viewing it, as well, in, you know, a log, so we can  
12 see what's replying to what it is. Especially with  
13 redactions, it is very difficult to discern what relates to  
14 what, who it relates to. So if, you know, if you are  
15 willing to provide that to the Committee, we would gladly  
16 accept it. This is what we were given by Secret Service,  
17 so that's what we're operating with. **HSGAC Minority**

18 **HSGAC Minority** I'll just interject that this has come  
19 up multiple times throughout this process, throughout this  
20 investigation, that we are being given incomplete documents  
21 that we're having to waste time, the witnesses' time, our  
22 time, in going through and filling in blanks -- who is this  
23 to, who is this from -- and it is impeding the Committee's  
24 ability to conduct our investigation in a thorough and  
25 timely manner. We have brought this to the attention and

1 had discussions with the Service and the Department  
2 repeatedly. We continue to not get the information we  
3 need.

4 So I just want that on the record for everybody and  
5 would ask agency counsel to please take that back and  
6 reiterate it. Once again we are running into problem  
7 because of these redactions.

8 **Agency Counsel:** Understood.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Thank you.

10 **Witness Counsel:** And I just want to note that no request for  
11 documents has been directed to my client individually by  
12 Congress, and that he is fully cooperative with the Service  
13 in terms of their requests of him for documents, to help  
14 them with their production.

15 **Agency Counsel:** And just to close that out, the  
16 documents that SAC **Witness** referenced earlier regarding  
17 photo, notes that he took associated with photos for state  
18 and local law enforcement and other first responders,  
19 appear at Bates numbers 8, 1873 to 1911.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Are those redacted?

21 **Agency Counsel:** I don't know if they are redacted or  
22 not, but I just wanted to --

23 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. I would like to -- we should  
24 check on that because we did receive some entire pages that  
25 looked to be like photos, but they're entirely redacted, so

1 we would not be able to identify what it is or isn't.

2 But we'll check.

3 **Agency Counsel**: 1873 through 1911.

4 **HSGAC Minority** And I want to clarify something for the  
5 record. Did Secret Service reply to your request? We did  
6 send the request letter to the Secret Service. I guess can  
7 you help me identify what did you turn over to the Secret  
8 Service?

9 **Witness Counsel**: I think probably what they asked him for,  
10 but go ahead.

11 **HSGAC Minority** No, what did Secret Service ask you turn  
12 over?

13 **Witness** I don't recall if it was directly from  
14 this Committee or who it was from. It was a Preservation  
15 Notice and then a -- I believe that's what initially came  
16 out, and then it was to turn over any -- it was to make our  
17 devices available so that anything could be uploaded, in  
18 terms of information. So our phones and things like that.  
19 And then also any email communications involving the run-up  
20 to the event and after. And then I believe hard copies or  
21 scanned copies of anything that we had that was hard,  
22 between written notes or documents that I had with me that  
23 day.

24 **HSGAC Minority** And you did that?

25 **Witness** I did.

1           HSGAC Minority    And was that for your work devices  
2   and personal devices, to the extent that they had any  
3   communication or records relating to the event?

4           Witness           No, that was work.

5           HSGAC Minority    It was just work?

6           Witness           Yeah.

7           HSGAC Minority    Okay. And then would that also have  
8   included any encrypted apps, messages on any encrypted  
9   apps?

10          Witness           No, there's no encrypted --

11          HSGAC Minority    Did the request --

12          Witness           It would've, but yeah.

13          HSGAC Minority    Have you ever used an encrypted app to  
14   communicate about work-related things?

15          Witness           There's no encryption on work-related  
16   devices.

17          HSGAC Minority    Okay. Like Signal?

18          Witness           No.

19          HSGAC Minority    Okay. Okay. So it sounds like, I mean,  
20   we certainly intended for our requests to cover any  
21   related, you know, event planning or day-of event or  
22   subsequent conversations that were conducted on personal  
23   phones, especially given the fact that we know that there  
24   were some cell issues at the event. So some people were  
25   conducting work through their personal phones, because

1 that's the cell service they could get. If we need to  
2 submit a separate request letter directly to personal  
3 counsel we would be happy to do that if the Secret Service  
4 has not relayed that request to you that that is something  
5 the Committee is looking for. So I just wanted to say that  
6 on the record.

7 I don't know if Secret Service counsel has a response?

8 **Agency Counsel**: No. We certainly asked, and I will  
9 continue to ask personnel of any other materials that could  
10 be provided to the Committee in advance of their interviews  
11 and to continue to provide that information to make this  
12 process more productive.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Can you give me those Bates numbers  
15 again, on the responsive document we were talking about?

16 **Agency Counsel**: Bates numbers 1873 through 1911.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. I just want to again, just for  
18 the record, I'm looking at the documents in question, and  
19 almost the entire aerial view of the site is a giant white  
20 box in the document we were provided, where we cannot see  
21 the placement of the assets. This is for agency counsel,  
22 and I'm putting that on the record. Thank you.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know who is conducting the  
24 investigation into the attempted assassination and actual  
25 murder of an attendee?



1       **Witness Counsel**: Like which part of the government, or --

2       **HSGAC Minority** Yeah. Federal, who is responsible for  
3 it, or who is doing that for the Federal Government?

4       **Witness** That's the FBI.

5       **HSGAC Minority** And what office in the FBI?

6       **Witness** The Pittsburgh Division.

7       **HSGAC Minority** And who is the special **SAIC FBI** in charge  
8 of that?

9       **Witness** **SAIC FBI**

10       **HSGAC Minority** And that's the same field office that  
11 was sent the letter requesting any intelligence information  
12 leading up to the event, in advance?

13       **Witness** Yes.

14       **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Is this field office  
15 participating at all in that investigation?

16       **Witness Counsel**: When you say "this field office" --

17       **HSGAC Minority** Pittsburgh.

18       **Witness Counsel**: But for the Secret Service?

19       **HSGAC Minority** Yes. Like, yes.

20       **Witness** We've given witness interviews. That's  
21 it.

22       **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Have you given a witness  
23 interview?

24       **Witness** I have.

25       **HSGAC Minority** How many interviews have you done?

1       **Witness Counsel**: Again, I'm going to --

2       **Witness**       What's the question?

3       **Witness Counsel**: You can answer that question.

4       **Witness Counsel**: Yeah, go ahead.

5       **Witness**       Did I give how many interviews?

6       **HSGAC Minority**   How many interviews have you done --

7       **Witness Counsel**: For the FBI.

8       **HSGAC Minority**   Yeah.

9       **Witness**       It was with the FBI and Pennsylvania State  
10 Police, one.

11       **HSGAC Minority**   One. And when was that?

12       **Witness**       That was the week after the event.

13       **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. And do you recall who you  
14 interviewed with?

15       **Witness**       I don't.

16       **HSGAC Minority**   Do you recall what they asked you?

17       **Witness Counsel**: I'm going to tell him he has a duty of  
18 confidentiality, and we're going to have to clear it with  
19 them, if they clear it at all.

20       **Witness Counsel**: You guys can -- Congress can talk to the  
21 Department of Justice about that.

22       **Witness Counsel**: Yeah.

23       **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. But that's to the extent, just  
24 witness interviews. Secret Service Pittsburgh Office is  
25 not participating in any other way in the investigation?

1           **Witness Counsel**: I'm confused by the question.

2           **HSGAC Minority** Secret Service conducts investigations  
3 as well, right?

4           **Witness Counsel**: Yeah.

5           **HSGAC Minority** I just wanted to -- there's no  
6 investigation that this office is conducting related to the  
7 event?

8           **Witness** Not that I know of, no.

9           **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

10          **Witness Counsel**: Okay.

11          **HSGAC Minority** And have you ever worked an event where  
12 an attendee died?

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

14          **HSGAC Minority** And back to the FBI Pittsburgh Field  
15 Office, have you asked them since the event why they didn't  
16 provide you any information, intelligence information or  
17 threat information?

18          **Witness Counsel**: The Pittsburgh Field Office?

19          **HSGAC Minority** That's who the letter went to, right?

20          **Witness Counsel**: You mean the FBI --

21          **Witness Counsel**: The FBI --

22          **HSGAC Minority** The FBI Pittsburgh Field Office. Sorry.

23          **Witness Counsel**: Okay. I'm sorry. Can you repeat the  
24 question?

25          **HSGAC Minority** Have you asked anyone from the FBI



1 Pittsburgh office since the event why they didn't  
2 provide any intelligence information or threat information,  
3 or if they had any that they didn't provide? Have you had  
4 any conversations?

5 **Witness** I have not.

6 **HSGAC Minority** No? Okay. Why not? Is it because you  
7 haven't communicated with anyone from that office, or --

8 **Witness** I believe during the testimony the Deputy  
9 Director of the FBI testified that they didn't have that  
10 intelligence, when asked about it.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. It's come up that there was an  
12 advance timeline that was put together by the Pittsburgh  
13 Field Office. Is that correct?

14 **Witness Counsel:** What are you talking about?

15 **HSGAC Minority** That there was a timeline put together  
16 by the Pittsburgh -- Secret Service Pittsburgh Field Office  
17 of events leading up to the --

18 **Witness Counsel:** Is there a document you want to --

19 **Witness Counsel:** Before or after the event?

20 **HSGAC Minority** After the event. Yeah, we can show you  
21 a copy of it. Exhibit 12.

22 [Exhibit No. 12 was  
23 marked for identification.]

24 **HSGAC Minority** Well, I mean, do you mind giving him the  
25 copy? Mine has writing on it. You can just give him this

1 one if you want.

2 Are you familiar with this timeline?

3 **Witness Counsel**: Take the time to read it.

4 [Pause.]

5 **HSGAC Minority** If it's helpful, I plan to ask just  
6 general questions. I'm not going to go into specific  
7 detail asking questions about what's in or isn't in this.  
8 I know that you were just provided it. But it's my  
9 understanding that this office, Secret Service Pittsburgh  
10 Office, was involved in putting this together. Do you  
11 recall that? Does this document look familiar?

12 **Witness** I recall this document.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And what was the purpose of this  
14 document?

15 **Witness** The purpose was to -- for a briefing for  
16 the Director at the time to be able to communicate with  
17 Congress the understanding of the events described in the  
18 document.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And was this -- do you know if  
20 this is the final version? Again, I know I just said that  
21 I wasn't going to ask you. I mean --

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

23 **HSGAC Minority** Okay And then who was this document  
24 provided to or submitted to?

25 **Witness** I believe it was submitted to

1 Headquarters. I don't know who.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Who instructed or ask -- I guess,  
3 was there a request for you all to put this together, or  
4 did you do it -- the Secret Service Pittsburgh Field Office  
5 -- decide to do this on their own?

6 **Witness** No. We were requested to do this.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know who requested that?

8 **Witness** **SAIC HQ** was here in the office, and  
9 was being asked by Headquarters, I don't recall who, to put  
10 this together.

11 **HSGAC Minority** And who is **SAIC HQ**

12 **Witness** **SAIC HQ** he was the special agent  
13 in charge of the Philadelphia Field Office at the time. He  
14 is now a Deputy Assistant Director in the Office of  
15 Investigations. He was promoted within the past couple of  
16 weeks, his promotion took effect.

17 **HSGAC Minority** And is that in Headquarters?

18 **Witness** Yes.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So he was here in the Pittsburgh,  
20 the Secret Service Pittsburgh office? And what was his  
21 role here?

22 **Witness** He was here for -- he was here overall  
23 for support, to help with -- helping run the office after  
24 the events, beginning the Monday -- I believe he came  
25 Monday or Tuesday afterwards. But he was requested to come

1 and help with all of us in terms of helping with support  
2 and also helping make sure everything was going okay with  
3 the office in terms of running office operations.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And who contributed to this  
5 document?

6 **Witness Counsel**: To the extent that you can.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Yeah, to the extent you can.

8 **Witness** Myself, Agent **Lead Agent** Agent **Site Counterpart** Agent  
9 **ATSAIC** and Agent **Intel Advance Lead**

10 **HSGAC Minority** And did the information that is  
11 contained in this, did all of it come from the field  
12 office, or was it supplemented by information that came  
13 elsewhere, such as Secret Service Headquarters?

14 **Witness Counsel**: He can only answer to what he knows.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Yeah, of course. To the extent you're  
16 aware. Did **SAIC HQ** did he contribute information  
17 to this document?

18 **Witness** Not that I recall.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And do you know if this document  
20 was created or was being worked on prior to your interview  
21 with the FBI, or was it after?

22 **Witness** I believe this was -- I believe it was  
23 before.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Before. Okay. And, I guess, so **SAIC HQ**  
25 **SAIC HQ** was here to help run the office. Was that because

1 -- I mean, you were not removed from your position. I  
2 mean, you're responsible for running the Secret Service  
3 Pittsburgh Field Office. Is that correct?

4 **Witness** Yeah, I believe it was for just support --

5 **HSGAC Minority** Support.

6 **Witness** -- from what we had all just gone through.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And what is your current  
8 employment status?

9 **Witness** My current employment status is, I guess,  
10 modified, like administrative duties from home, working at  
11 home.

12 **HSGAC Minority** And who informed you of that?

13 **Witness** My Deputy Assistant Director. My  
14 supervisor, **Dep. Ass. Director**

15 **HSGAC Minority** And so we've heard the term "situational  
16 telework." Was that what **Dep. Ass. Director** relayed to you about  
17 your status?

18 **Witness** Yeah. I was told that I need to work from  
19 home.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Has that ever happened before, in the  
21 past? Have you ever been told you have to work from home?

22 **Witness** No.

23 **HSGAC Minority** What is your understanding of the  
24 situation? I've never heard of this, so we're learning  
25 about it. It doesn't sound like it's administrative leave.

1           **Witness**           It's not.

2           **HSGAC Minority**   And it doesn't --

3           **Witness Counsel**:   No.

4           **HSGAC Minority**   Oh, go ahead.

5           **Witness Counsel**:   No, no.   It's not leave.   He's in a pay  
6   and duty status.   That's what he is.

7           **HSGAC Minority**   And was it communicated to you why you  
8   were being asked to work from home?

9           **Witness**           No.

10          **HSGAC Minority**   Is anyone else from the Pittsburgh --  
11   Secret Service Pittsburgh Field Office working from home?

12          **Witness**           Yes.

13          **HSGAC Minority**   Who else?

14          **Witness**           **Lead Agent**   **Site Counterpart**   **ATSAIC**   and   **Intel Advance Lead**

15          **HSGAC Minority**   And were you responsible for  
16   communicating to them that they were supposed to be working  
17   from home?

18          **Witness**           Yes.

19          **HSGAC Minority**   How did you do that?

20          **Witness**           I did it in person with everyone except

21   **Site Counterpart**   I had to call her on the phone.

22          **HSGAC Minority**   And who instructed you to instruct them  
23   that they needed to work from home?

24          **Witness**           DAD   **Dep. Ass. Director**

25          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay.   And during the same conversation?

1           **Witness**           Yes.

2           **HSGAC Minority**   What did he communicate to you?

3           **Witness**           You need to tell them that they have to  
4   work from home for now, and help with -- we're helping  
5   still with protective visits in terms of making phone calls  
6   and helping coordinate, but we're not involved with the  
7   actual hands-on planning or anything else right now.

8           **HSGAC Minority**   And did he tell you why?

9           **Witness**           I was told that it was -- that we were  
10   told to work from home.

11          **HSGAC Minority**   Did you ask why?

12          **Witness**           Yes.

13          **HSGAC Minority**   Did you receive a response?

14          **Witness**           I was told that it was coming from above.

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

16          **Witness**           In the same phone call.

17          **HSGAC Minority**   I'm sorry. Do you recall the date?

18          **Witness**           It was a couple of weeks ago. I don't  
19   know the exact date.

20          **HSGAC Minority**   And do you know how long?

21          **Witness Counsel:**   How long what?

22          **HSGAC Minority**   How long you are working from home?

23          **Witness**           How long I'm -- how long --

24          **HSGAC Minority**   I assume you're still -- you're  
25   currently still on this telework or work from home status?

1           **Witness**           Yes.

2           **HSGAC Minority**   When will it end?

3           **Witness**           I don't know.

4           **HSGAC Minority**   Is it associated with anything else, any  
5 disciplinary process, any investigation?

6           **Witness**           Well, it's associated with the Mission  
7 Assurance investigation.

8           **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. And do you have any understanding  
9 about the timeline of that investigation?

10          **Witness**           My understanding is that they were given a  
11 60-day timeline from Congress for it, or that's what we  
12 gave to Congress.

13          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay, 60 days. And do you know when  
14 that, that 60 days started?

15          **Witness**           I believe it was the week after  
16 everything.

17          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. And do you have a relationship  
18 with Acting Director Rowe?

19          **Witness**           I do not.

20          **HSGAC Minority**   You do not. Do you know him personally?

21          **Witness**           I do not.

22          **HSGAC Minority**   You do not. So you did not serve on a  
23 CAT -- I read somewhere that you had served on a CAT team  
24 with him.

25          **Witness**           Yeah, I saw that too. I did not. I



1 served on CAT. He did not.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

3 **Witness** I've never worked with him -- I apologize.

4 I have not worked with him in any capacity that I recall.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Have you communicated with him about the  
6 event or since the event?

7 **Witness** I spoke with him for the first time on the  
8 phone the Tuesday after the event. He called me to lend  
9 support. And then the next week he came to Pittsburgh to  
10 go visit the Butler site, and he came to the office and did  
11 an office meeting to lend his support to the office. And  
12 that's the last I've communicated with him.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Did you go to the site with him when he  
14 came?

15 **Witness** I did.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did you go up on the roof with  
17 him?

18 **Witness** I did not.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did he ask you any questions  
20 about what happened that day, during that trip or the  
21 meeting here?

22 **Witness** What happened that day?

23 **HSGAC Minority** July 13th.

24 **Witness** I don't recall anything specific at the  
25 site. There was a bunch of us, but I was not next to him

1 the whole time. I don't recall anything, any  
2 conversation that stands out to me.

3 HSGAC Minority Okay. I'm going to turn it over to  
4 HSGAC Minority.

5 HSGAC Minority Yes. I have a list of questions, but  
6 I'm going to forego them in lieu of just one follow-up line  
7 to what we just talked about and then kick it to our folks  
8 in -- PSI friends.

9 You said regarding the work from home that you were  
10 told the directive came from above. What did you take that  
11 to mean?

12 Witness I took it to be above Assistant Director  
13 Asst Dir Investigations

14 HSGAC Minority And that was all you were told?

15 HSGAC Minority Assistant Director Asst Dir Investigations

16 Witness So DAD Dep. Ass. Director and Asst Dir Investigations is above  
17 him, and then --

18 HSGAC Minority Who is above Asst Dir Investigations

19 Witness Well, there are multiple assistant  
20 directors, but Acting Director Rowe was above, at the top,  
21 obviously. I don't know where it came from. I can't speak  
22 to it.

23 HSGAC Minority Was it in any way said, communicated,  
24 suggested, that how you participate in these investigations  
25 will impact how -- that leave -- or not leave, the work

1 from home resolves?

2 **Witness** No.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Are you aware of anyone else in the  
4 Secret Service, other than the people we just talked about,  
5 being put on the same status?

6 **Witness** I don't know. I can't speak to it  
7 personally. So I know about my office. I don't know about  
8 anybody on the details, or on the Trump detail, I should  
9 say, or anybody else involved.

10 **HSGAC Minority** You don't know, as in you haven't been  
11 -- nobody has told you that, or you don't know that it has  
12 happened?

13 **Witness** I don't know if it has happened. Normally  
14 I wouldn't know that.

15 **HSGAC Minority** You wouldn't know that. Okay. All  
16 right. I'm going to turn it over to **PSI Minority**

17 **PSI Minority** Hi, **Witness** This is **PSI Minority**  
18 with Ranking Member Ron Johnson's office. Thank you for  
19 your time today, sir. I want to go back to Exhibit 1, the  
20 very first exhibit that we talked about, the Preliminary  
21 Survey. Do you have that on hand, sir?

22 **Witness** I do, sir.

23 **PSI Minority** If you could go to page 10 of the  
24 Preliminary Survey --

25 **Witness** Yes, sir.

1       **PSI Minority**       -- and there is a category that says  
2       "Intelligence." It's towards the top. Do you see that?

3       **Witness**       I do, sir.

4       **PSI Minority**       Would it be your expectation that if  
5       there was any credible threat or any intelligence, not  
6       necessarily classified intelligence, but any intelligence  
7       generally, regarding a threat to either the protectee or  
8       specific to the July 13th event, would it be your  
9       expectation that that information would appear in that  
10      section, under "Intelligence"?

11      **Witness**       It would -- yes, sir.

12      **PSI Minority**       Okay. Did this document, the  
13      Preliminary Survey, assist you in your understanding of the  
14      locations of Secret Service assets on July 13th?

15      **Witness**       I believe I looked at it the night before,  
16      and just saw the positions of the other assets. It's on  
17      page 5.

18      **PSI Minority**       Yes. And when you looked at page 5 the  
19      night before and you saw the position of the other assets,  
20      to your knowledge this was where they would be positioned  
21      or the July 13th event?

22      **Witness**       Just from reading this. I was never  
23      briefed. It was briefed to the detail but it's not briefed  
24      to me. So I was just looking at the paperwork.

25      **PSI Minority**       Right. But you were reviewing it at

1 this point why?

2 **Witness** Just to familiarize myself with it.

3 **PSI Minority** So as you were familiarizing yourself  
4 with this document you were expecting that it would contact  
5 accurate information regarding the locations of the assets  
6 for the July 13th event?

7 **Witness** I would expect that.

8 **PSI Minority** So on page 5, under "Other Assets" that  
9 we were just discussing, if you look at the second row that  
10 say "LES local CS team, elevated 4 o'clock and 8  
11 o'clock, barn roof," is that your understanding of where  
12 the local counter sniper teams were positioned on the day  
13 of the July 13th rally?

14 **Witness** From this document that would be my  
15 understanding, yes.

16 **PSI Minority** Knowing where they were positioned now  
17 on the day of the rally, is this information accurate?

18 **Witness** I'm unsure about the 8 o'clock position,  
19 and for the team positioned in the AGR building, I don't  
20 know if you're asking in terms of just the clock position.

21 **PSI Minority** Well, I'm asking if a local counter  
22 sniper team was on the barn roof in those positions, the  
23 local counter sniper team.

24 **Witness** There were multiple barns there, sir.  
25 That's why I'm asking. There are multiple structures at

1 the Butler Farm Show.

2 **PSI Minority** Do you know the positions of the Secret  
3 Service counter sniper teams at the July 13th event?

4 **Witness** I believe they were both on the structures  
5 behind the stage.

6 **PSI Minority** Were they in the 4 o'clock and 8  
7 o'clock positions on the barn roof, behind the stage?

8 **Witness** They were not.

9 **PSI Minority** Where were the Secret Service counter  
10 sniper teams located?

11 **Witness** I'm sorry. Let me look back at that for a  
12 second.

13 [Pause.]

14 **Witness Counsel**: **Witness** was the AGR building at the 3  
15 o'clock? Is that correct? Was the 4 o'clock correct,  
16 identifying the AGR building at 4 o'clock?

17 **Witness Counsel**: Sorry. **PSI Minority** what's the question pending?

18 **PSI Minority** Oh, well, I think we were trying to  
19 establish where the Secret Service counter sniper teams  
20 were located, based on **SAIC Pittsburgh** knowledge of their  
21 location during the event and his knowledge of the location  
22 of the local counter sniper teams.

23 **Witness** Okay. So in terms of the location of the  
24 local teams, I knew the location of one of the local teams  
25 from the counter sniper paperwork, but I don't know -- the

1 Secret Service teams were located at the 4 and 8 o'clock  
2 on the barn structures behind. I don't know why this is --

3 **PSI Minority** Right.

4 **Witness Counsel**: Is that accurate, **Witness**

5 **Witness** Yeah, the two Secret Service -- is that  
6 what you're talking about, sir? I was looking at a  
7 different line. That's why I'm asking.

8 **PSI Minority** Yeah, sure. I think what I'm --

9 **Witness** I apologize.

10 **PSI Minority** No worries. What I'm just trying to  
11 get at is whether or not, as you look at this document  
12 today, and as you think back to where the positions of the  
13 local counter sniper teams were and the positions of the  
14 Secret Service counter sniper teams were, is this second  
15 row, under "Other Assets," is that accurate.

16 **Witness Counsel**: About the local team? That talks about the  
17 local team.

18 **Witness** Right.

19 **PSI Minority** Correct.

20 **Witness Counsel**: Right? I thought your question as about --

21 **Witness Counsel**: I think what he's asking --

22 **Witness Counsel**: I thought you were asking about Secret  
23 Service.

24 **PSI Minority** Well, we've talked about Secret Service  
25 because you were talking about 4 o'clock and 8 o'clock

1 position, which is also mentioned in this line here, as  
2 you can see. But taking this line as it's written, the  
3 local counter sniper team, elevated 4 o'clock and 8  
4 o'clock, barn room --

5 **Witness Counsel:** Right. That's one line.

6 **PSI Minority** -- was that --

7 **Witness Counsel:** Go ahead.

8 **PSI Minority** -- is that accurate?

9 **Witness Counsel:** Right. But just to clarify for the record,  
10 that's one line, and then there are two other lines up  
11 above that line, under "C/S" --

12 **PSI Minority** Correct.

13 **Witness Counsel:** -- that say, "Two 2-man Hercules elevated 4  
14 o'clock and 8 o'clock.

15 **PSI Minority** Correct.

16 **Witness Counsel:** Okay.

17 **PSI Minority** So I'm asking about the accuracy, for

18 **Witness** of the local counter sniper team elevated 4  
19 o'clock and o'clock barn roof. Is that line an accurate  
20 description of where they were -- where those teams were  
21 located on the day of the rally?

22 **Witness** I don't think it's accurate, from what  
23 they have here.

24 **Witness Counsel:** All right. That's his answer.

25 **Witness** But I did not review or approve this



1 paperwork, so that you understand.

2 **PSI Minority** Well, I understand that you didn't  
3 approve it, but I think you have testified that you did  
4 review it when you opened it up the night before.

5 **Witness** I reviewed it after it had already been  
6 approved and submitted.

7 **PSI Minority** Okay. Understood. If you had reviewed  
8 it and saw information in here that you thought was not  
9 accurate, prior to it being submitted and approved, would  
10 you have notified someone about that?

11 **Witness** If I knew there was an error? Yes.

12 **PSI Minority** And would you have notified the  
13 individual who was the one creating and contributing to the  
14 document?

15 **Witness** I would've probably notified the lead  
16 agent.

17 **PSI Minority** And the lead agent for the July 13th  
18 rally was --

19 **Witness** Agent **Lead Agent**

20 **PSI Minority** Okay.

21 **Witness Counsel:** Recall he did not go through the  
22 walkthrough on the 12th, to know whether this was accurate  
23 or not. The second supervisor walkthrough was conducted by  
24 the supervisors of the detail, in whose chain of command  
25 this event was.

1       **PSI Minority**        Do you know which Secret Service  
2 counter sniper fired at the shooter at the July 13th rally?

3       **Witness**        I believe it was Sergeant-Technician **Hercules 1 C/S**

4       **PSI Minority**        How did you come to have that  
5 awareness?

6       **Witness**        It was after the shooting when I was  
7 notified about having to secure his weapon for, or working  
8 with the FBI and PSP to secure his weapon.

9       **PSI Minority**        Who did you -- who told you that it was  
10 Sergeant **Hercules 1 C/S** that fired the shot?

11       **Witness**        I don't recall if I first heard it from  
12 Agent in Charge **ASAC Special Ops** from the Special Operations Division  
13 or if it was somebody else.

14       **PSI Minority**        Did you discuss with Sergeant **Hercules 1 C/S**  
15 regarding whether or not he fired the shot that killed the  
16 shooter?

17       **Witness**        I discussed it with him at the airport,  
18 when we arrived in the motorcade.

19       **PSI Minority**        What did you communicate with him?

20       **Witness**        I located him and just was checking on him  
21 to see if he was okay.

22       **PSI Minority**        So you asked him if he was okay, and  
23 how did that turn into did you take the shot that killed  
24 Crooks?

25       **Witness**        I already knew that before I approached

1 him.

2 **PSI Minority** Did you confirm that with him in  
3 person?

4 **Witness** Well, I had to tell him that we had to  
5 make arrangements to turn his weapon over to the FBI and  
6 PSP.

7 **PSI Minority** Understood. Did you have any further  
8 discussions about him taking the shot that killed Crooks?

9 **Witness** No. I had no discussions with him about  
10 that.

11 **PSI Minority** On July 13th, were you made aware of  
12 any technical issues relating to Secret Service counter  
13 drone equipment?

14 **Witness** No.

15 **PSI Minority** Were any requests for manpower --  
16 actually, let me pause there for a second. Would it be  
17 your expectation, in your role, to be made aware of  
18 technical issues involving counter drone equipment?

19 **Witness** In my role that day? No. It would've  
20 gone through the detail.

21 **PSI Minority** Were any requests for manpower for the  
22 July 13th rally denied?

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

24 **PSI Minority** Were any requests for manpower for the  
25 July 13th rally ignored?

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

2           **PSI Minority**       Has anyone from Secret Service or DHS  
3 instructed you not to speak with Congress?

4           **Witness**           No.

5           **PSI Minority**       Agent **Witness** this is **PSI Minority** again. I  
6 just have a couple of quick questions, but I want to just  
7 make a couple of things clear from the top on the record.  
8 I know you've mentioned a couple of policy documents as it  
9 relates to the review process for some of these records  
10 we've talked about, like the Preliminary Survey and the  
11 Manpower. To Secret Service counsel, I don't believe we  
12 have those specific policy documents. So if you could  
13 provide those to us we would appreciate it.

14           I also want to make sure that we're clear that Agent  
15 **Witness** mentioned a number of records and emails as it  
16 relates to the early notification and planning of this. We  
17 don't have any of those emails, so we expect you to produce  
18 them, as they are in response to our request.

19           And then we talked a little bit about the  
20 confidentiality. **PII**, again, I'm just saying this to  
21 make sure it's clear. Federal law prohibits Federal  
22 agencies from preventing an individual from speaking with  
23 Congress. They are not allowed to enforce a nondisclosure  
24 policy or any policy that has prohibitions from speaking  
25 with Congress. If that's the case, we need to know. So

1 again, just saying that. I know you still want to talk  
2 to who you've got to talk to. I just want that clear.

3 **Witness Counsel**: All right. Thank you.

4 **PSI Minority** Yep.

5 **Witness Counsel**: **PSI Minority** when you said those requests, when  
6 you used the pronoun --

7 **PSI Minority** Our July 24th request to Secret  
8 Service.

9 **Witness Counsel**: Right. Thank you.

10 **PSI Minority** Yep.

11 **Witness Counsel**: So when you're saying, you used the pronoun  
12 "you," you mean the Secret Service, not --

13 **PSI Minority** Correct. I'm using the Agency  
14 colloquially, yes.

15 **Witness Counsel**: Thank you.

16 **Agency Counsel**: And **PSI Minority** excuse me, just so that I'm  
17 clear. The policy documents that you're looking for, I  
18 just want to make sure that I'm noting these properly.  
19 These were policies associated with -- again, I'm  
20 struggling a little bit with this.

21 **PSI Minority** The review and approval of the  
22 documents created for the advance team. I believe Agent  
23 **Witness** indicated that there was a policy change where the  
24 ASAC no longer reviews, or the SAC no longer reviews the  
25 Preliminary Survey and that that has changed to the detail.

1 It sounded as though that was a policy change. If there  
2 is a written policy on that, we want to see it.

3 **Agency Counsel**: Certainly. Right. I'll look for that  
4 and see if that was included. And I can also look to see,  
5 from the historical records, to see if we can provide any  
6 more information about that change. Thank you.

7 **PSI Minority** Great. I appreciate it.

8 Agent **Witness** I just want to cover a couple of things  
9 that happened after the shooting and after you left the  
10 site. I know you said you went to the hospital. Do you  
11 remember approximately what time you went to the hospital?

12 **Witness** I believe we departed the site at 6:14,  
13 sir, and then I want to say about 10 minutes afterwards we  
14 arrived at the hospital.

15 **PSI Minority** Okay. And did you go back to the site  
16 after that, or did you go to the airfield after that?

17 **Witness** I was still working the visit so I stayed  
18 with former President Trump through his departure.

19 **PSI Minority** Okay. All right. I want to show you a  
20 couple of records. This will be Exhibit 12 -- I'm sorry,  
21 Exhibit 13.

22 [Exhibit No. 13 was  
23 marked for identification.]

24 **PSI Minority** Okay. Can you see this record?

25 **Witness Counsel**: No. Can you make the screen bigger,

1 please?

2 **PSI Minority** Sure.

3 **HSGAC Majority** **PSI Minority** what is it, just so we're  
4 aware?

5 **PSI Minority** So this is an email dated Saturday,  
6 July 13th, at 7:19. Is that better?

7 **Witness Counsel**: Yes.

8 **PSI Minority** It's Bates stamped 1707. Agent **Witness**  
9 it looks like you're CC'd on this email. It says, "Please  
10 call FBI SA. They have set up a command post in New Castle  
11 and are sending out a bomb squad." Why was the FBI sending  
12 out a bomb squad?

13 **Witness** I didn't know at the time, but I believe  
14 they found explosives -- there was a concern about  
15 explosives or explosives material.

16 **PSI Minority** Do you know where those explosive  
17 materials were?

18 **Witness** I don't. I wasn't briefed on it at the  
19 hospital.

20 **PSI Minority** Have you subsequently learned where  
21 those explosive materials were?

22 **Witness** I believe I just saw it through media, but  
23 I don't know for sure.

24 **PSI Minority** Okay. So you don't know if those were  
25 -- if that was in reference to his vehicle that was found

1 at the location?

2 **Witness** Yeah, I wasn't briefed on that, sir.

3 **PSI Minority** Okay. I'm going to switch to another  
4 document. This will be Exhibit 14.

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

7 **PSI Minority** I'm going to zoom in so you can see it.  
8 Are you able to see this document? It's Bates stamped  
9 1715. It's a text messages between you and **SAIC Buffalo** at  
10 8:14. It says, "This is the shooter," and there is an  
11 image, and I'm going to scroll down. I believe this is the  
12 image attached. Again, to the earlier point, this comes  
13 sequentially in the documents that were produced to us, and  
14 it reference an image. It appears to be an image of  
15 Crooks, the shooter. Was this the first time you had  
16 received an image of Crooks?

17 **Witness** I believe so.

18 **PSI Minority** Do you know how **SAIC Buffalo** came to  
19 possess this image?

20 **Witness** I don't.

21 **PSI Minority** Did you inquire with him how he came to  
22 possess this image?

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

24 **PSI Minority** Did you receive --

25 **Witness** -- talking to him about it.



1           **PSI Minority**       Did you receive any other -- I'm  
2       sorry. Please continue.

3           **Witness**        I'm sorry. I said I don't recall talking  
4       to him about it

5           **PSI Minority**       Did you receive any other messages from  
6       **SAIC Buffalo** regarding the shooter?

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

8           **PSI Minority**       Did you communicate with **SAIC Buffalo**  
9       using your personal phone that day?

10          **Witness**        I don't believe so.

11          **PSI Minority**       You don't believe so or you know so?

12          **Witness**        I don't remember, sir.

13          **PSI Minority**       Okay. I would ask that you search your  
14       personal phone to see if there are communications with  
15       **SAIC Buffalo** related to the event that day, and if there are  
16       that you turn them over to Secret Service, as those would  
17       be in response to our request.

18          **Witness**        Okay.

19          **Witness Counsel**: We have your question under advisement.

20          **PSI Minority**       Okay. I'm going to turn it back over  
21       to my colleagues in the majority.

22          **HSGAC Majority**   And I'm going to turn it over to **HSGAC Major**  
23       **HSGAC Majority** but we talked earlier about trying to wrap up at  
24       5:45.

25          **Witness Counsel**: 5:30.

1           **HSGAC Majority**    5:30. I was going to say, if it's  
2 all right.

3           **Witness Counsel**: It's not. 5:30 is what we said. 5:30 is  
4 great.

5           **HSGAC Majority**    I'm saying for the record if we do stop  
6 at 5:30 we may have to return at a later date.

7           **Witness Counsel**: We -- time is fleeting here. We agreed to  
8 an interview between 1 and 5. We got here and you said  
9 5:30. I said that's fine. He's here to do this once.  
10 We're not doing this more than once.

11          **HSGAC Majority**    Well, at the beginning, as my colleague  
12 --

13          **HSGAC Majority**    I guess in the interest of time, for  
14 today, and we have said in the beginning that the Committee  
15 may need to ask additional questions. So we may follow up.  
16 We do have additional questions. We would ask to go to  
17 5:45 if that is okay.

18          **Witness Counsel**: Can we go off the record?

19          **HSGAC Majority**    Yes. Well, we can go off the record  
20 briefly. I think in the interest of time we'd like to  
21 resolve this quickly.

22          **Witness Counsel**: Yeah. Tell us when we're off.

23          VOICE: We are off record now at 5:22.

24          [Recess.]

25          VOICE: We are on record at 5:24.

1       **HSGAC Majority**    So we're back on the record.  As we  
2   just discussed -- and thank you very much, **Witness Counsel** and SAC  
3   **Witness** for agreeing to stay an extra 15 minutes.  I  
4   apologize.  We cannot make any commitments, but we hope  
5   that this interview will include everything.  We just,  
6   unfortunately, can't make any commitments, but we are doing  
7   the best we can.  And with that I will move expeditiously.

8       I have a few clarifying questions and then some  
9   additional follow-up.  To your knowledge, did Secret  
10  Service invite local law enforcement -- when I say "local  
11  law enforcement" I mean Butler ESU -- to be in the Security  
12  Room for the July 13th rally?

13      **Witness**           Butler ESU was at the police meeting on  
14  July 8th.  I can't speak to what they heard or what they --  
15  there was a general invitation, from what I understand.

16      **HSGAC Majority**   Can you -- is there any more clarity you  
17  can provide?  When you say "general invitation," do you  
18  mean an invitation for local law enforcement to be in the  
19  Secret Service community room?

20      **Witness**           Yes.

21      **HSGAC Majority**   Okay.  And just another clarifying  
22  point, and I apologize if I missed this.  You might've  
23  already spoken to it.  But on July 13th, when, if at all,  
24  did you learn of a suspicious individual with a  
25  rangefinder?

1           **Witness**           I did not.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   Around 5:44, Secret Service was made  
3   aware of a suspicious individual with a rangefinder. Who  
4   would be responsible for tracking down the suspicious  
5   individual with a rangefinder once he was identified, once  
6   Secret Service became aware of this?

7           **Witness**           It would still the law enforcement that  
8   identified the person.

9           **HSGAC Majority**   But once Secret Service became aware of  
10   this, would Secret Service Protective Intelligence have a  
11   role?

12          **Witness**           Yes.

13          **HSGAC Majority**   And would Secret Service Counter  
14   Surveillance -- or Counter Sniper Response Team have a  
15   role?

16          **Witness**           Yes.

17          **HSGAC Majority**   Who makes the decision to take former  
18   President Trump off stage in the event of a security  
19   threat?

20          **Witness**           That would be the leader of the detail,  
21   the agent in charge.

22          **HSGAC Majority**   And who was that on July 13th?

23          **Witness**           **DTD SAIC**

24          **HSGAC Majority**   Who was responsible for providing  
25   information about security threats to **DTD SAIC**

1           **Witness**       Are you talking about in general, or --

2           **HSGAC Majority**   Yes, if there's a significant security  
3   threat, I'm trying to understand the flow of information.  
4   So who would be responsible for providing that information  
5   to **DTD SAIC**   in the event of a significant security  
6   threat?

7           **Witness**       For a threat, that would be anybody who  
8   saw it.

9           **HSGAC Majority**   So anybody who saw it would have a  
10   direct line of communication to **DTD SAIC**

11          **Witness**       Yes.

12          **HSGAC Majority**   Secret Service counter snipers were  
13   positioned on the barn roof, as depicted in Exhibit 2,  
14   which we've previously looked at. Were you aware of that  
15   on the day of the event?

16          **Witness**       I was aware of the one team that I -- the  
17   one technician that I said hello to, and then I did not see  
18   the other team. But I believe I saw one of the documents  
19   that said they were there.

20          **HSGAC Majority**   Did you know the local snipers were not  
21   positioned on the AGR roof?

22          **Witness**       For the -- I was not briefed on what their  
23   position would be, so I was looking at documents that we  
24   discussed earlier.

25          **HSGAC Majority**   Understood. And just a little bit of a



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

7 **Witness** Could you repeat the question?

8 **HSGAC Majority** Sure. Did you know that the only  
9 security of the AGR building and surrounding area was local  
10 snipers that were inside the building, behind guns, that  
11 were approximately three to four feet behind windows, with  
12 no visual of the AGR roof?

13 **Witness** Was I briefed that ahead of time?

14 **HSGAC Majority** Did you know that?

15 **Witness** No.

16 **Witness Counsel**: No, she's just asking whether you knew  
17 that.

18 **Witness Counsel**: Yeah, he said no.

19 **Witness Counsel**: And, of course, we're assuming a lot of  
20 facts that have not been established here today. But  
21 nevertheless, assuming that all that is true,  
22 hypothetically --

23 **HSGAC Majority** If he knew. Correct.

24 **Witness** I did not know that.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you, **Witness Counsel**. As it relates to

1 the July 13th advance planning for the rally, what is  
2 the relationship between you, as special agent in charge,  
3 and Ms. **Lead Agent** as the lead agent?

4 **Witness Counsel**: Can you clarify the question?

5 **HSGAC Majority** Let me be more specific. Sure. **HSGAC Min**  
6 **HSGAC Minority** touched on this earlier. You mentioned that you  
7 were not briefed on, or not informed of a credible threat  
8 as part of the advance planning. Aside from the credible  
9 threat that you were not informed of, is there information  
10 that you have since learned about the advance planning that  
11 should have been relayed to you but wasn't?

12 **Witness Counsel**: He talked about that today.

13 **HSGAC Majority** And forgive me. Could you --

14 **Witness Counsel**: It's been a long day, and I think it's  
15 unfair to have the witness summarize five hours of  
16 testimony.

17 **HSGAC Majority** I'm not asking him to summarize five  
18 hours of testimony. I'm trying to get at, as the special  
19 agent in charge, what do you expect the lead agent to  
20 inform you of, and are there specific things, in addition  
21 to the credible threat that we discussed, that you found  
22 out after the event that you should've been informed of  
23 before the event?

24 **Witness Counsel**: So objection. Assumes facts and evidence  
25 and it mischaracterizes his testimony. He talked about

1 having the expectation that if there was intelligence of  
2 a credible threat he would be informed in a SCIF or on a  
3 secure phone, not from the lead agent but from others. And  
4 in terms of what he would expect the lead agent to do is if  
5 she had questions for SAC **Witness** she would raise them with  
6 him and he would resolve them, as a general matter. But  
7 she was reporting to the detail chain of command for this  
8 event, and would bring her issues there. That's what his  
9 testimony has been.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Have you participated in any after-  
11 action reviews of what went wrong?

12 **Witness** I have not.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Did you contribute --

14 **Witness Counsel**: Well, hold on. You already asked and he  
15 answered that question. He has been participating in the  
16 Mission Assurance investigation.

17 **Witness** I apologize.

18 **Witness Counsel**: And he's cooperating fully.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Understood.

20 **Witness** Sorry about that.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Did you contribute to the final Site  
22 Survey, the final Site Survey after the event? Is this  
23 something you're familiar with?

24 **Witness Counsel**: Is there a document you want to put in  
25 front of us.



1       **HSGAC Majority**    We have not received it. But my  
2 understanding is after these events there's a final Site  
3 Survey that's created.

4       **Witness**        There's a final survey that's created.

5       **HSGAC Majority**    A final survey. Excuse me.

6       **Witness**        Yeah, I did not.

7       **HSGAC Majority**    Okay. What happened at the July 13th  
8 rally was a near miss or what Secret Service refers to as  
9 an unusual protective event or incident. Are you aware of  
10 any other such events in the past?

11       **Witness**        Near miss of one of our protectees?

12       **HSGAC Majority**    Correct, of an unusual protective event  
13 or incident.

14       **Witness**        Are you talking about like 1981, when --

15       **HSGAC Majority**    That you've been involved in.

16       **Witness**        I have not.

17       **Witness Counsel**:    Over his watch.

18       **HSGAC Majority**    A threat, you know, such as a suspicious  
19 individual, is evolving. You know, an event in isolation  
20 might not be indicative of any threat, but multiple events,  
21 taken together, may be then evaluated as a threat. I'm  
22 just saying this as background. To your knowledge, is  
23 there a system or policy or protocol in place to ensure a  
24 singular touchpoint, that there is one person or some  
25 singular touchpoint to receive information from all

1 outlets, including local, state, and Secret Service, so  
2 Secret Service can evaluate information in its entirety?

3 **Witness Counsel**: Can you clarify that question?

4 **HSGAC Majority** Is there a system or policy or protocol  
5 in place to ensure there is a singular touchpoint to  
6 receive information from all relevant outlets when securing  
7 events, so Secret Service is able to evaluate information  
8 in its entirety instead of in isolation?

9 **Witness Counsel**: Well, you can answer that. Do you know  
10 of any such, in the institution?

11 **Witness** Are you talking about the Protective  
12 Intelligence Division?

13 **Witness Counsel**: Well, all right. So you've already  
14 testified to this.

15 **HSGAC Majority** I'm talking about taking information  
16 from local radios, state radios, Secret Service radios. Is  
17 there a singular touchpoint, is there a policy or protocol  
18 in place to ensure that all of this information is  
19 streamlined so that one person is able to make a thorough  
20 assessment of a situation?

21 **Witness** In terms of -- I guess I'm confused.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Communication. I'm trying to get at  
23 what protocols are in place to ensure a coordinated flow of  
24 information to a singular person who can evaluate relevant  
25 information in its entirety. Does that make sense?

1       **Witness Counsel**: No. There's so much disparate  
2 information. There's so much raw data coming to so many  
3 different individuals, each of them have a duty to evaluate  
4 that to assess a threat.

5       **HSGAC Majority** Let me ask the question --

6       **Witness Counsel**: I'm not sure I understand.

7       **HSGAC Majority** That's fair. Let me ask the question in  
8 a different way. The former President of the United States  
9 was shot. The former and acting Directors of the Secret  
10 Service have both testified before Congress there were  
11 operational failures that occurred that day. Do you agree  
12 that there were operational failures that occurred that  
13 day?

14       **Witness** What I was briefed was that the building  
15 in question, the AGR building, would be locked and secured,  
16 posted with **LES** police posts and posts in front, there  
17 would be large farm equipment to block line of sight, that  
18 there would be a counter sniper advance also taking place  
19 to help mitigate this issues that the bleachers would be  
20 there to block the line of sight from that area, as well.  
21 I can't speak to why things happened or did not happen in  
22 terms of the way I was briefed. So I don't know if -- I  
23 don't know where the failures come from, if there were  
24 failures. I can only speak to what I know and what I was  
25 briefed about what was supposed to take place that day. I

1 don't know what happened over at the AGR building with  
2 our local partners, and I've still not been briefed on what  
3 happened on the day of the event in terms of them.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Are there any lessons learned you've  
5 taken from the events that have occurred on July 13th?

6 **Witness Counsel**: Wouldn't he have to know what happened  
7 before he can draw any lessons? He just said he doesn't  
8 know what happened, not yet, with respect to an important  
9 component of the plan.

10 **HSGAC Majority** I'm asking based on what you know, based  
11 on the direct knowledge that you have and your experience,  
12 are there lessons learned that you've identified?

13 **Witness Counsel**: He's testified to some of them as a general  
14 matter, for five and a half hours. But if there's anything  
15 else you want to add.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Is there anything else you'd like to  
17 add?

18 **Witness** I think I've touched on obviously the  
19 sharing of intelligence in this matter, or any matter, I  
20 think is an issue. Also the communications systems even.  
21 I think that's come up in testimony about the technological  
22 deficiencies within the Secret Service. A lot of these  
23 things have been corrected now for former President Trump  
24 as he's receiving high-level assets now in terms of --  
25 sorry -- he's receiving high-level assets, communications

1 support, other things that we did not have that day.

2 But in terms of everything, I don't know everything  
3 that went wrong still that day, so for me to give a  
4 recommendation.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. One final question. Is  
6 there anything -- I know we've talked about a lot and at  
7 length -- is there anything that we haven't discussed that  
8 you think is important for us to be aware of related to the  
9 July 13th planning and security?

10 **Witness Counsel**: If something else comes to mind we'll let  
11 you know.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you.

13 **HSGAC Minority** I want to interject a clarification  
14 here to something that was just said. You said that  
15 communications systems came up in testimony. What  
16 testimony are you referring to?

17 **Witness** I believe it was former Director Cheatle  
18 or Acting Director Rowe, in subsequent congressional  
19 briefings, I believe talked about it, or if I'm mistaken,  
20 it was -- it's been brought up, and Acting Director Rowe  
21 did a town hall, or a press conference that week  
22 afterwards, as well. I believe it came up about needing to  
23 upgrade our communications systems to be more compatible  
24 with our Federal and state, or our local and state  
25 partners. So that's what I'm referring to.

1           HSGAC Minority       Public testimony.

2           Witness           I believe so.

3           HSGAC Minority       Okay.

4           HSGAC Majority     In closing, from all of us we would like  
5   to thank you, SAC Witness and your counsel, for your time  
6   and flexibility and willingness to extend the interview.  
7   We sincerely appreciate it. Thank you very, very much.  
8   And thank you for being here today.

9           As I mentioned, we have tried to cover every topic  
10   area. Just to put on the record, and I know it's been on  
11   the record, but DHS and Secret Service have not provided  
12   full and complete documents I know we are working through  
13   that. But it has limited our ability to be efficient and  
14   thorough. We may have further questions, and we'll follow  
15   up with your counsel if that is the case.

16          As we mentioned in the beginning, we ask that you not  
17   speak about what we discussed here today with anyone  
18   outside of who was in the room today, to preserve the  
19   integrity of our investigation.

20          Thank you, and with that we will go off the record.

21          Witness Counsel: Thank you. Be safe, everybody. Take  
22   care of yourselves.

23          [Whereas, at 5:42 p.m., the interview was concluded.]  
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Committee Errata

Page	Line	Correction
83	13	Strike “down”
83	13	Add “down” after “sent”
85	6	Strike “even”
86	24	Add “and” after “intelligence”
100	7	Add “a” after “reasons”
117	9	Strike “Could” and replace with “Would”
154	9	Strike “question” and replace with “questions”
164	11	Strike “to”
174	2	Strike “ask” and replace with “asked”
183	21	Strike “or” and replace with “for”
184	4	Strike “contact” and replace with “contain”
191	18	Strike “in response” and replace with “responsive”
196	17	Strike “in response” and replace with “responsive”

Witness Counsel Errata

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11	12	“ <u>Are you</u> done with that statement? I had a question about it.”
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26	23-24	“Have you been to the Farm Show?” “ <u>No</u> .”
46	12	“No, <u>when</u> we say perimeter...”
50	19	“And did you <u>lead</u> the meeting?”
65	3	“specifically, but it <u>would have been</u> the advance team that was”
72	6	“approve” should be “approves.”
110	16	“I started to <u>hear</u> the music, “Proud to be an American,” and
116	9	“When <u>you</u> go into the Security Room – I”
121	12	“objection, it assumes facts <u>in</u> evidence.”
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