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P R O C E E D I N G S

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

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

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

19 We will provide introductions and then briefly explain
20 how today's interview will proceed. Can you please state
21 your full name for the record.

22 **Witness** : **Witness** .

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Thank you. And we have counsel for
24 Special Agent **Witness** joining remotely. Would you
25 introduce yourself.

1 **Witness Counsel** Yes. **Witness Counsel** , **Witness Counsel** **PII**
2 as in **Witness Counsel** . Thank you.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: And my name is **HSGAC Majority** . I am
4 Deputy Chief Counsel for Chairman Gary Peters on the full
5 Committee, and I'm joined today by my colleague, **HSGAC Majority**
6 **HSGAC Majority** , who is Senior Investigative Counsel, and I will
7 let the other three offices introduce themselves.

8 **HSGAC Minority**: Hi. My name is **HSGAC Minority** , Chief
9 Counsel for Ranking Member Paul, HSGAC minority. I'm
10 joined here by my colleague, **HSGAC Minority** , and I
11 believe **HSGAC Minority** is on the line.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: If the folks on Teams would like to
13 interview themselves.

14 **PSI Majority** : This is **PSI Majority** . I am Senior
15 Counsel for Chairman Blumenthal of the Permanent
16 Subcommittee on Investigations.

17 **PSI Minority** : Good afternoon, Agent **Witness** This is
18 **PSI Minority** , Chief Counsel for Ranking Member Ron
19 Johnson. I'm joined by my colleague **PSI Minority** , Deputy
20 Staff Director, and **PSI Minority** , Counsel.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: And I'll also add that for Chairman
22 Peters we have joining us remotely our Chief Counsel, **HSGAC Majority**
23 **HSGAC Majority** , and Senior Investigator, **HSGAC Majority** .

24 You know we have four offices here today. We're going
25 to take turns asking questions. We will take short breaks

1 at the end of every hour. And if you need a break other
2 than those breaks, please let us know. And since your
3 counsel is remote, if you need to take a break to speak
4 with your counsel just let us know.

5 **Witness** : Sure.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: So the reporter here today is going to
7 create a verbatim record of what we discuss. With that in
8 mind, as I'm sure you're familiar, please response to
9 questions verbally, since the reporter cannot record
10 nonverbal responses. Do you understand?

11 **Witness** : Yes.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: This interview is unclassified, so if
13 the questions call for any information that you know to
14 implicate classified national security information please
15 state so for the record, as well as the reason you
16 understand it to be classified. Once you have clarified,
17 to the extent possible, please respond with as much
18 unclassified information as you are able. And if we need
19 to have a classified session later on, we can arrange for
20 that at a later date. Do you understand?

21 **Witness** : I do.

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

1 can evaluate the claim. When deciding whether to honor a
2 privilege, the Committee will weigh it's need for the
3 information against any legitimate basis for withholding
4 it. This interview today is occurring without prejudice to
5 any future discussion of the Committees, and we reserve the
6 right to request your participation in future interviews or
7 compel testimony.

8 If you have any questions about what we are asking or
9 you don't understand a question we have asked we are happy
10 to clarify.

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

13 **Witness** : I do.

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

21 **Witness** : I do.

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

24 **Witness** : No.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: We would also ask that you not speak

1 about what we discuss in this interview today with anyone
2 outside of the room or joining us remotely, in order to
3 preserve the integrity of our investigation. We also ask
4 that you do not remove or make copies or photographs of any
5 exhibits that you will be shown today. Do you understand?

6 **Witness** : Yes.

7 **HSGAC Majority**: We will provide counsel the opportunity
8 to review a transcript and provide an errata expeditiously
9 following this interview.

10 Do you have any questions before we begin?

11 **Witness** : I do not.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: All right. And before we start going to
13 each office, I'll start with a question -- yes.

14 **Agency Counsel** Sorry. If I can intervene.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: Of course.

16 **Agency Counsel**: I'm **Agency Counsel** with the Chief
17 Counsel's Office for the U.S. Secret Service. I also need
18 to put a statement into the record regarding the agency's
19 provision of information today.

20 The Secret Service and the Department of Homeland
21 Security have made available to the Committee, consistent
22 with requests from the Chairman, information and records
23 that would not be publicly released. This includes
24 information and records covered under the Privacy Act,
25 personnel and other personal privacy information, for

1 official use information, intelligence and law enforcement
2 sensitive records, and raw intelligence information.

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

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

16 This transcript and any attachments are protected from
17 dissemination to the same extent as the documents and
18 information they are based on. Please consult with the
19 Secret Service and the Department prior to any public
20 release or disclosure.

21 The Secret Service and the Department have not
22 consented to, and were assured that there would not be any
23 video recordings of this interview. We understand for
24 today's interview that there is an audio recording. The
25 agencies understand the interview will then be transcribed

1 by a court reporter.

2 Thank you.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: Thank you, Counsel. I'll just add that
4 the Committee is bound by Senate and Committee rules, and
5 bound by those alone, and we do intend to produce a public
6 report based on the information we obtain during our
7 investigation, including this interview. And per our
8 standard Committee practice, we will provide excerpts of
9 any material that we plan to make public in advance of
10 publication and give the Secret Service the opportunity to
11 provide any factual corrections or raise any other issues
12 they would like.

13 **Agency Counsel** Thank you.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: All right. With that, Special Agent
15 **Witness** we'll start off. If you wouldn't mind, for all of
16 us, giving a brief overview of your role and
17 responsibilities for the July 13th Butler rally.

18 **Witness**: Sure. So I was assigned the Protective
19 Intelligence Advance Agent responsibility. That role, if I
20 can explain that pretty thoroughly to help delineate other
21 roles, that role is assigned to an agent in an office,
22 depending on the particular visit, whether that's a former
23 visit. I am not attached to Headquarters. I am not from
24 Headquarters. There is a Protective Intelligence Division
25 in Headquarters that does this full-time. I work in unison

1 with them on any intelligence that may pass.

2 This role can change, depending on the number of
3 visits that do come into Pittsburgh. I can be a Protective
4 Intelligence Advance Agent. I can also be other roles that
5 would be necessary for an in-town visit. Any sort of vice
6 president or presidential divisions that come into
7 Pittsburgh or any other cities, those are generally
8 Headquarters' people that come. So I either work with
9 Headquarters, and I work with local units to intake any
10 sort of intelligence the week of the visit. I assign an
11 FBI letter to the FBI, which they receive acknowledging the
12 timeline of events for our visit. And then if there's any
13 intelligence to provide they have my point of contact, I
14 believe our office's point of contact, as well, in that
15 letter.

16 Also, throughout the week, I am working with the
17 presidential staff LES [REDACTED]
18 LES [REDACTED]
19 LES [REDACTED]
20 LES [REDACTED]
21 LES [REDACTED]. That is then passed
22 to the LES [REDACTED]
23 LES [REDACTED]
24 LES [REDACTED]. And then also intaking any sort of,
25 you know, intelligence from headquarters or any local

1 threats that I would need to be addressing.

2 So that's my week, how that went. I do not -- I am
3 not participating in any sort of advance work as far as
4 assignments, post-standers, assigning whose security post
5 postures. I simply work with our Headquarters, a local
6 counterpart for intelligence, and that's my responsibility
7 for the office. And again, that can change depending on
8 the visit. It's not an assigned from -- like I'm not
9 working with Headquarters coming here. It's just taking
10 information, any threats that I may get from Headquarters.
11 I would act on them accordingly. And then also I work with
12 our local intelligence partners too, and that's the work of
13 my schedule through the week.

14 So it's focused on that solely. We also -- I have a
15 couple more minutes -- we also, on-site, have a protective
16 intelligence agent that is in a response capacity on the
17 day of the visit. **LES**
18 **LES**. I work
19 in unison with that person. They are boots on the ground,
20 per se, and they are responsible for any active or any sort
21 of immediate response that need to be dealt with the day of
22 the visit, in coordination with me, **LES**
23 **LES**, working throughout the
24 day, getting to the site.

25 So I know that was a little long but that's -- I'm

1 trying to be as clear as I can so that there's terms and
2 things that are as clear to my assignments, so there's not
3 a lot of confusion up front.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: Thank you very much.

5 **Witness**: Sure.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: We really appreciate it. That overview
7 was extraordinarily helpful. My name is **HSGAC Majority**. I
8 work for Chair Peters.

9 **Witness**: Okay.

10 **HSGAC Majority**: I think **HSGAC Majority** mentioned this in the
11 beginning, but we will ask questions for the first hour.

12 **Witness**: Sure.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: We will then take a break and turn it
14 over to my colleagues from Senator Paul's staff as well as
15 Senator Johnson's staff.

16 So I'd like to just first start, I want to touch on a
17 number of pieces you mentioned. But I'd like to start by
18 asking, have you taken any notes, whether it's throughout
19 the week prior, memorialized briefings, either before the
20 rally, at the rally, or since the rally?

21 **Witness**: They all have been sent to our
22 Headquarters folks and put in a OneDrive, and any documents
23 have been memorialized, yes.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: What notes have you taken?

25 **Witness**: No notes, like I haven't written any

1 notes. Just all electronic emails, like text messages.
2 Everything is electronic.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. And since the rally, have you
4 taken any, whether it's handwritten or typed out notes,
5 memorializing what happened at the rally?

6 **Witness**: I would have to check on those, but I
7 don't recall at this moment.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. Just to put on the record, we
9 will follow up with DHS and Secret Service on that.

10 **Witness**: Okay.

11 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you receive any -- actually, let me
12 come back to that later. How long have you been with
13 Secret Service, and in what positions?

14 **Witness**: Yeah. So approximately 13 years. I
15 started off in 2009 as a Uniformed Division Officer, and
16 then spent 6 years, roughly, the last 6 years, in Special
17 Operations Division, on the Emergency Response Team, where
18 I was a Tactical Officer. I managed a tactical canine, as
19 well, during that time. And roughly around 2019, I
20 switched to a special agent position, and was assigned to
21 the Pittsburgh Field Office. Since then I continued to
22 work in the Pittsburgh Field Office, doing my investigative
23 duties and protective duties as they come.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: When did you start working with the
25 Protective Intelligence Division?

1 **Witness** : So I don't work in the Protective
2 Intelligence Division at all. I work in the Pittsburgh
3 Field office, and the Protective Intelligence Division is a
4 headquartered body that is not a division that is held in
5 this office. I'm not going to speculate for other offices,
6 but that is an office that is headquartered. And any
7 information or supplemental stuff, we work with them in
8 unison. So that's why I explained earlier, like with my
9 role it's designated as the Protective Intelligence Agent
10 for that week, and then working in unison with Headquarters
11 personnel to supplement my duties that week.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: Who, in Headquarters, from the
13 Protective Intelligence Division, or other divisions, did
14 you work with as part of your role as the intelligence
15 lead?

16 **Witness** : I don't recall the name of the person,
17 but it would've been anybody assigned to either a duty
18 assignment for that week, for that week. I don't have that
19 person or persons name off the top of my head.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: How many events have you secured before?

21 **Witness** : Um --

22 **HSGAC Majority**: Now many events have you worked, you
23 know, advance planning for, and in what role? So either
24 intelligence lead, or if you were a lead agent or site
25 agent, if you could just give us a rough estimate of how

1 many events you've worked on and in what role.

2 **Witness** : Sure. I've done a couple, a lead for a
3 low-level assignment. I've assisted with a protective
4 intelligence lead for, I don't recall precisely but it was
5 a PPD or a VPD visit, where they would send an agent
6 assigned to PID, the Protective Intelligence Division at
7 Headquarters. And I've done that every so often, depending
8 on the visit. So I have had some experience with that.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : Have you worked as a site agent before?

10 **Witness** : Yes, I have.

11 **HSGAC Majority** : And have you worked as a lead agent
12 before?

13 **Witness** : Yes, I have.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : Any other advance planning roles you've
15 had before?

16 **Witness** : I don't recall at this moment, but they
17 do vary sometimes.

18 **HSGAC Majority** : You touched on your roles and
19 responsibilities, just in general. Can you talk
20 specifically as it relates to your role as the intelligence
21 lead for the Butler rally. What specifically were you
22 responsible for?

23 **Witness** : Yeah. So again, I was responsible for

24 **LES**

25 presidential staff -- not Secret Service staff; this is the

1 presidential staff -- LES [REDACTED].

2 HSGAC Majority: When you say "presidential staff," are
3 you referring to the Donald Trump detail?

4 Witness: Correct, yes.

5 HSGAC Majority: Okay.

6 Witness: Yeah, yeah. So LES [REDACTED]

7 LES [REDACTED],

8 LES [REDACTED]

9 LES [REDACTED]

10 LES [REDACTED]

11 LES Also giving the FBI a formal letter -- again, like
12 I spoke earlier -- to acknowledge the visit, and then any
13 sort of information that would be provided to them to
14 contact me or our office. And then if there's any sort of
15 intelligence to be provided from our local counterparts, to
16 receive that, as well.

17 HSGAC Majority: Do you remember when you were assigned
18 to be the intelligence lead for the July 13th rally?

19 Witness: I believe it was five to seven days
20 before the event. I'd have to go back on an accurate date,
21 but approximately that's the best I can remember.

22 HSGAC Majority: Do you recall when you sent that formal
23 letter to the FBI, requesting any information on threats or
24 intelligence?

25 Witness: The exact date, no, but it was days in

1 advance.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you recall who you sent that letter
3 to?

4 **Witness**: That letter was sent to, I believe, our
5 Administrative Office. Then that was sent to a
6 representative from the FBI. I don't have the specifics of
7 who that was, but it was forwarded from our office.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: And I apologize if I'm mistaken, but I
9 don't believe we have received a copy of that letter. So
10 I'd just like to put on the record that we do not have a
11 copy of that letter. It is relevant to today's interview.
12 Certainly, I think, constrains our ability to be effective
13 during this interview. We may have follow-up questions
14 once we receive additional documents. But I want to
15 formally just request that document and anything else
16 that's relevant.

17 With regard to the letter, is that like a form letter
18 that is sent, or is that something that kind of varies
19 depending on the event. Like, for example, this is an
20 outdoor event as opposed to one that's indoors.

21 **Witness**: No. This is general to a visit, so any
22 visit that is in town -- I can't speak for every precise
23 visit, but that letter would go out to the FBI to gather
24 any intelligence that they have for that specific week, if
25 they've seen anything that week of or anything that would

1 be needed to pass to the U.S. Secret Service. That does
2 happen in other offices, but that letter, again, I don't
3 know precisely every visit that it goes to, but that letter
4 is something that we coordinate with FBI, for them to pass
5 intelligence to us as necessary, or if they have anything
6 to provide.

7 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. And I'd like to follow up
8 on what you learned from that letter, but first, a few
9 more kind of background questions, if that's okay.

10 **Witness**: Sure.

11 **HSGAC Majority**: Can you talk about your chain of
12 command, so who you report to, you know, and whether it is
13 different specifically for the July 13th rally, or whether
14 the reporting structure is the same, you know, regardless
15 of your duties.

16 **Witness**: Yeah. So it's both. For the visit it
17 would be the lead agent. That would be, for my visit,
18 would be the chain of command.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: So you would report to the lead agent?

20 **Witness**: And anything to pass or anything to up
21 and downstream.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: Yeah. And who was the lead agent?

23 **Witness**: **Agent** .

24 **HSGAC Majority**: And what's your understanding of her
25 role?

1 **Witness** : She was the lead agent for the visit.

2 **HSGAC Majority** : And what's the --

3 **Witness** : The assistant -- there was another agent
4 that was there too, from Donald Trump detail. She was the
5 site agent, I believe. But she was also involved in that.
6 Beyond that I don't know their precise inner workings.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : And when you say you would report to
8 her, would she approve things? How would she -- can you
9 talk about, and if there's a specific example you're able
10 to provide, but just in terms of chain of command, how that
11 would work for, you know, something that you're working on
12 in preparation for the rally.

13 **Witness** : Yeah. So with the example of the **LES**
14 **LES** would be sent to her, in coordination to her, and
15 providing that sort of information. Any sort of command
16 decisions about assets or resources, people like, with
17 post-standers, tactical considerations, that I don't deal
18 with that, that would be her purview. And we also have our
19 field office supervisors that would, you know, be contacted
20 for various things throughout the week, in addition to my
21 normal assignments here in the office.

22 **HSGAC Majority** : So for the rally, your chain of command
23 was through the lead agent. And then who were your field
24 office supervisors?

25 **Witness** : **SAIC Pittsburgh** and then **ATSAIC** .

1 **HSGAC Majority**: And is that the general command through
2 **SAIC Pittsburgh** and **ATSAIC** ?

3 **Witness** : Correct, yes.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. Can you explain the distinction
5 between -- and I understand you're out of the Pittsburgh
6 Field Office --

7 **Witness** : Right.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: -- and the Protective Intelligence
9 Division, as you described, is at Headquarters -- what is
10 the difference between the role of the Protective
11 Intelligence Division and then the Office of Strategic
12 Intelligence and Information?

13 **Witness** : I can't describe that. I don't know if
14 I could tell you the difference.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: Have you worked with the Office of
16 Strategic Intelligence and Information before?

17 **Witness** : I don't recall, no.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. So is it fair to say you were
19 part of the Protective Intelligence Unit assigned for the
20 July 13th rally?

21 **Witness** : I wouldn't describe it as a unit. It
22 would just be the advance agent for the visit.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Which is you.

24 **Witness** : Which is me, yes.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. And anyone else, you know, from

1 protective intelligence? You mentioned someone assigned **LES**
2 **LES** in advance on the ground.

3 **Witness**: So that would be a post-stander. That
4 individual is chosen, I wouldn't say at random, but they
5 are picked based on availability of other agents in the
6 field, and they are assigned that, with the other post-
7 standers that would be part of that -- the folks that would
8 be responsible for Saturday to help out with posts and
9 stuff.

10 **HSGAC Majority**: But they have a specific role within
11 Protective Intelligence? Is that accurate?

12 **Witness**: No, it's not, no.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. Who was that individual you
14 mentioned?

15 **Witness**: Her name is **Protective Intel Agent** I don't have her
16 last name but it's --

17 **HSGAC Majority**: **Protective Intel Agent** Does that sound correct?

18 **Witness**: That's correct. Yep, that's correct.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: So I think you might have described her
20 as a protective intelligence agent. Is that accurate, or
21 no?

22 **Witness**: She would be the on-site protective
23 intelligence agent --

24 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay.

25 **Witness**: -- assigned that day. I don't know

1 precisely what office she's from, but she was from a
2 different -- similar to the Pittsburgh office, or
3 Cleveland, or anywhere else. She would've been asked to
4 come to the visit, and was assigned that specific role for
5 her specific assignment, to coordinate with me.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: And what is the -- you mentioned -- just
7 one other question, just so I understand roles and
8 responsibilities.

9 **Witness**: Sure.

10 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you work with Counter Surveillance
11 Units?

12 **Witness**: I do not.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay.

14 **Witness**: In the context of this visit, no, I do
15 not.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: But in the context of other visits?

17 **Witness**: Yes, they do. Yes.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: And what's the distinction between your
19 role as intelligence and then counter surveillance? How
20 would you work together?

21 **Witness**: I don't have a precise answer on that.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay.

23 **Witness**: But they generally work with information
24 that would be passed. They are part of advance teams, but
25 I can't get into more than what my role was on that day.

1 **HSGAC Majority**: And can you talk about -- well,
2 actually, let me pause and I'll come back to that. Had you
3 been to Butler, Pennsylvania, before?

4 **Witness**: The city?

5 **HSGAC Majority**: The site.

6 **Witness**: Prior to the --

7 **HSGAC Majority**: The Butler Farm Show.

8 **Witness**: -- prior to the advance, or just in
9 general?

10 **HSGAC Majority**: Prior to the advance.

11 **Witness**: No, I've not been there.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay.

13 **Witness**: In my personal life, no, I've not, yeah.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: Or not personally. Professionally. I'm
15 curious whether, or, you know, if you had secured an event
16 there before, and if so whether you relied on prior plans.

17 **Witness**: I got you. I don't recall, no.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. Were you involved at all with the
19 site security plan decisions regarding the placement of the
20 perimeter?

21 **Witness**: No.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: As the intelligence lead, you mentioned
23 the FBI letter that you prepare. You mentioned the **LES**
24 **LES** that you do. Do you prepare a threat assessment as
25 part of your advance planning?

1 **Witness** : No, I do not.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you prepare any other documents as
3 part of your advance planning, aside from the FBI letter
4 and the **LES** you mentioned?

5 **Witness** : No. We do get -- Headquarters can send
6 documents to provide to the post-standers, but I don't
7 generate intelligence reports. Those reports will come
8 from Headquarters, as necessary. Yes, that's the extent I
9 can discuss that or have knowledge of.

10 **HSGAC Majority**: And what would those documents entail?

11 **Witness** : Policies on, I believe, our heckler
12 policy.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: More of policies and procedures, not
14 intelligence.

15 **Witness** : Yes, correct.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. Were you involved in preparing,
17 drafting, reviewing, the Preliminary Survey?

18 **Witness** : No.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: Manpower Requests?

20 **Witness** : No.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: Manpower Brief?

22 **Witness** : No.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: The TSD, Technical Security Division,
24 Outdoor Site Survey?

25 **Witness** : No.

1 **HSGAC Majority**: The Secret Service Security Diagrams?

2 **Witness** : No.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you have any input into the final
4 survey?

5 **Witness** : No.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: Who was in charge of security for the
7 July 13th rally?

8 **Witness** : Can you be more precise with that
9 question, because I --

10 **HSGAC Majority**: Who, from Secret Service, was in charge
11 of overseeing everything for the July 13th rally?

12 **Witness** : That's a multilayered question because
13 there's Donald Trump's detail that working in unison with
14 the Pittsburgh office. I don't have direct knowledge of
15 precisely who would've overseen, like the person in charge.
16 But supervisors from our office and protective -- Donald
17 Trump's detail, were working in unison with that. But
18 wasn't --

19 **HSGAC Majority**: Was --

20 **Witness** : -- sorry, wasn't part of any of those
21 conversations or any part of those meetings where those
22 folks would've made decisions like that.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. And who was in charge of
24 the Donald Trump Division detail for this particular event?

25 **Witness** : They sent an advance agent. I believe

1 her last name was **Site Agent** To the best of my knowledge,
2 that's who I recall that was, but I don't have any
3 recollection of names of supervisors that would've been
4 sent. Well, that was not my purview or part of my
5 responsibility.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: As part of your responsibilities, do you
7 prepare something called a **LES** ?

8 **Witness** : No.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: No.

10 **Witness** : If information is provided to
11 Headquarters to me, that can be put out, but I don't recall
12 having that information to pass.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: Following up on the FBI letter that you
14 sent, what, in response, did you receive from FBI?

15 **Witness** : I did not get a response.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: Is that typical?

17 **Witness** : That can be. I don't have enough
18 experience to say otherwise, but I don't have enough to say
19 that may or may not be an appropriate response.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you know whether your letter was
21 received?

22 **Witness** : I don't recall if it was. It was sent
23 from, again, our office, as our office representative, but
24 I would have to look back precisely to find that out.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: We'd also like to follow up on that.

1 Was the letter sent directly from you?

2 **Witness** : I don't recall that, but again, it was
3 sent to somebody here from our office, to be sent to the
4 FBI.

5 **HSGAC Majority**: And we'd like a copy of the letter in
6 addition to whether there's any confirmation of receipt.
7 And do you recall whether -- when you say you had no
8 response, do you -- does that mean FBI wrote back and said,
9 "We don't have anything to share," or FBI just never
10 responded?

11 **Witness** : I didn't hear from them directly to me.
12 That doesn't mean that anybody else would've received a
13 response from them. But there was nothing passed to me of
14 any intelligence that would've been from the FBI that I
15 should be receiving and/or acknowledging.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you have a security clearance?

17 **Witness** : I do.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: What level?

19 **Witness** : Top Secret/SCI.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: And so as the intelligence lead would
21 you expect intelligence or any credible threats prior to an
22 event that you're leading be sent to you?

23 **Witness** : If there is some, yes, but depending on
24 the level of security that would dictate how I would get
25 that response.

1 **HSGAC Majority**: What do you mean by that?

2 **Witness**: Well, if it's a top secret/sci level
3 intelligence, I would generally believe that would be in a
4 SCIF room.

5 **HSGAC Majority**: Right.

6 **Witness**: But that wasn't an issue or addressed in
7 this specific visit.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: But you would be in a position to
9 receive that if there were such intelligence.

10 **Witness**: Yes. Yes.

11 **HSGAC Majority**: What intelligence, including any
12 credible threats, did you receive prior to the July 13th
13 rally, related to the protectee?

14 **Witness**: There was no intelligence received from
15 our Headquarters. I had called the morning of the visit to
16 our -- again, our Protective Intelligence, like 24/7 desk
17 number we have, to request any updates for that day. I did
18 not receive any. We did receive a local call around 11 or
19 12 p.m. of a person reporting a Facebook post, that was
20 followed up the week after, that was an elderly gentleman
21 that was not related to anything during the visit. Short
22 of that there was nothing passed that week.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you receive any intelligence about
24 an Iranian plot to assassinate former President Trump?

25 **Witness**: No.

1 **HSGAC Majority**: Have you since learned about an Iranian
2 plot to assassinate former President Trump?

3 **Witness**: I have not specifically learned about
4 that. I've seen reports in the media, but I have not
5 received, to my knowledge, any reports of that.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: Aside from the Facebook threat issue you
7 just described, was there any other intelligence that you
8 received prior to the event?

9 **Witness**: I don't recall any other information.

10 **HSGAC Majority**: Are you aware that Secret Service sent a
11 Counter Sniper Team to the rally?

12 **Witness**: Yes.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you know why Secret Service decided
14 to send a Counter Sniper Team to the rally?

15 **Witness**: I do not precisely know. I'm not in
16 those conversations, again, to decide who or what would
17 come or what assets to bring. So I wouldn't be privy to
18 any of those conversations.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: As the intelligence lead, though, how do
20 threat considerations, such as, you know, a credible
21 intelligence threat, factor into allocation and assignment
22 of resources? What role would you play in that?

23 **Witness**: I wouldn't have a role in that, again,
24 because that would be Headquarters' decision. I don't do
25 intelligence threat analyses.

1 **HSGAC Majority**: I see.

2 **Witness**: I just receive things from Headquarters,
3 and am given an assignment to do that. Again, if there is
4 a credible, immediate need it would be addressed. I'm
5 intake. I intake things. I'm -- go ahead.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: Is it accurate to describe your role
7 more as a facilitator? So you receive -- you know, there
8 is intelligence that you might receive and then you pass it
9 along. But I'm curious, who then is making the decisions,
10 based on intelligence that's received, on the allocation
11 and assignment of resources.

12 **Witness**: Sure. That's fair. That's, again, a
13 Headquarters division, like Protective Intelligence
14 Division, within that division, or other directorate levels
15 would be dealing with that. That's not in my purview or
16 have any sort of weight into those decisions.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you know who was responsible for that
18 for the July 13th rally?

19 **Witness**: I do not.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. So you don't know why a Counter
21 Sniper Team was sent.

22 **Witness**: No, I do not. Again, I'm not in -- like
23 with the lead, site agents, those advance entities, I'm not
24 responsible for having any purview or any influence on
25 that. So I wouldn't have any direct knowledge of precisely

1 why they would be at this event.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: And as the intelligence lead, do you
3 request any assets for the July 13th, or for any event that
4 you secure or lead?

5 **Witness**: So locally we do use local police, in
6 this instance, Pennsylvania State Troopers. They have an
7 intelligence unit that we work with, and I worked with that
8 week. That trooper --

9 **HSGAC Majority**: Was that from the Pennsylvania State
10 Police?

11 **Witness**: Correct, yes.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: And who was that individual? I
13 apologize.

14 **Witness**: No, it's fine. **PSP Trooper**. I can
15 get that information for you if you need it. But that
16 individual worked with **Protective Intel Agent** on-site, and he also had, if
17 I recall, two **LES** individual also on-
18 site that would work with him, who would work with **Protective Intel Agent**
19 and that would pass me anything on the day of the visit
20 that would be of concern.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: Was Special Agent **Protective Intel Agent** was she in
22 **LES** or was she in **LES** on that day?

23 **Witness**: After the fact, she had a **LES** on.
24 But again, I wasn't on-site during the day. I was working
25 **LES**.

1 **HSGAC Majority**: So you don't know whether she was
2 **LES** on that day.

3 **Witness**: I, again, wasn't precisely seeing what
4 she wore that day until after I got there. Again, I wasn't
5 in immediate contact with her, even when I arrived. She
6 was already working on assignment and in the field, so I
7 was not able to face-to-face with her. So I don't know
8 precisely what she was wearing on that day.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: Were you involved in any briefings
10 and/or walkthroughs the week of July 8th?

11 **Witness**: I did attend a walkthrough that was with
12 some of the lead agent and site agents, just to see the
13 landscape and how it was going to be set up, so I could
14 understand how things were laid out, in general, so when I
15 did show up I would understand where things were oriented.
16 But yeah, I did attend that meeting.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: Was that the police brief on Monday,
18 July 8th?

19 **Witness**: That's separate.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay.

21 **Witness**: Yeah.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: What was the meeting you attended?

23 **Witness**: It was a walkthrough.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: Oh, the site walkthrough on July 11th?

25 **Witness**: No. So let me back up. So there are,

1 not just this visit but other visits, there are
2 walkthroughs that aren't official, where you're just, hey,
3 let's meet here, let's have a discussion, let's look at
4 some things. So it was one of those types of meetings. It
5 wasn't, hey, this is an official supervisor walkthrough --

6 **HSGAC Majority**: Got it. Got.

7 **Witness**: I'm coming to check out the site. I
8 want to see where things are when I show up. On the day of
9 the visit I know precisely how things are set up and
10 working.

11 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. Do you recall what day that
12 was?

13 **Witness**: I would have to look back in my notes.
14 It was over a month ago, but it would've been in the middle
15 of the week, some time frame, yeah.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. When you mentioned your notes, is
17 that a calendar or something that you're looking at?

18 **Witness**: Just the timeline. Like, I would have
19 to like looked at an email or see maybe when I would've
20 been there. But it was in the middle of the week at some
21 point, yeah.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you recall who else was there with
23 you?

24 **Witness**: Special Agent **Site Counterpart** and I believe Lead
25 Agent **Lead Agent** Outside of that there were other folks there,

1 but I don't know precisely who they were. Staff, whether
2 it's Butler staff of some kind, but I don't have precise
3 names or folks that were there. But it would've been folks
4 that would have needed to be there to operate and set the
5 advance for the day.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you recall what was discussed, you
7 know, while you were there?

8 **Witness**: I don't have precisely what we
9 discussed. I can't recall conversations that were had.
10 This was over a month ago. But it would've been for the
11 advance.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: While you were there, do you recall any,
13 you know, discussions or concerns regarding the AGR
14 building?

15 **Witness**: I don't, no.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: So moving forward to Saturday, July 13th
17 --

18 **Witness**: Sure.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: -- what time did you and your team
20 arrive? Or I guess you did not have a team that day. It
21 was just you. Is that accurate?

22 **Witness**: So I had an Assistant United States
23 Attorney with me, and that is generally assigned to the on-
24 site Protective Intelligence Advance Agent, which would've
25 been me. They are generally assigned to provide counsel on

1 any Federal matters that may occur on-site, any violations
2 of Federal law, any guidance that would be given that day.

3 LES [REDACTED].

4 HSGAC Majority: What time did you arrive?

5 Witness: Approximately noon, but I don't have a
6 precise time.

7 HSGAC Majority: Do you recall around when you arrived
8 whether there were any discussions or concerns about the
9 AGR building as a vulnerability that day?

10 Witness: No.

11 HSGAC Majority: Where were you stationed -- or were you
12 stationed? Were you roving?

13 Witness: So at the airport?

14 HSGAC Majority: Once you arrived at the site.

15 Witness: Oh, so at the site I arrived around
16 approximately 5:30. Once the LES [REDACTED]

17 LES [REDACTED] -- I can explain that if you need me
18 to, what that means -- LES [REDACTED]

19 LES [REDACTED]

20 LES [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

21 LES [REDACTED]

22 LES [REDACTED]. To assist with the

23 LES [REDACTED], I can, and some
24 agents can, when they're available, help rearrange LES

25 LES [REDACTED]

1 LES [REDACTED]

2 LES [REDACTED] That can take some time and resources, LES [REDACTED]

3 LES [REDACTED]

4 LES [REDACTED]

5 LES [REDACTED]

6 So I was handling that, to help facilitate that.

7 After that, myself and the AUSA were holding in the
8 pre-backstage area, to get an assessment of what the crowd
9 looked like. Do you want me just to continue on?

10 HSGAC Majority: So you arrived around 5:30 p.m.?

11 Witness: Approximately. I could get precise
12 times if you needed, but that's approximate.

13 HSGAC Majority: I'd like to ask a couple of questions
14 after you arrived, but one question prior, we understand
15 that at approximately 1:51 p.m. there was a reported threat
16 to the venue, that the Butler County Commander shared with
17 you. Does this ring a bell at all?

18 Witness: It does not. I received one, again,
19 from the Facebook post that I received, and I did deal with
20 that. I don't recall that right now.

21 HSGAC Majority: So I'm showing you what's been marked as
22 Exhibit 1, and this is a Butler County CAD report from that
23 day.

24 [Exhibit No. 1 was
25 marked for identification.]

1 **HSGAC Majority**: And if you look down to the entry, 1:51
2 p.m., it says, quote, "1052 hours, info from 911. Caller
3 online reporting threat to venue. Spoke with Secret
4 Service SS lead and **Lead Agent** advised to go direct with Intel
5 Special Agent **Witness** Spoke with Special Agent **Witness**
6 He requested the call taker gather as much info as possible
7 and then have call taker go direct with him. Info relayed
8 to 911. I also relayed the info, the PSP Command Center
9 Supt Sergeant **PSP Site Liaison** Does -- do you know what this is
10 about?

11 **Witness**: This appears to be the same call that I
12 just talked about, with that Facebook post, and I deal with
13 that same post. This is what this looks like, yes.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. Thank you. And were you on
15 radio communications that day when you arrived?

16 **Witness**: Yes.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: Which communications? Which frequency?

18 **Witness**: I don't recall the precise frequency.
19 It would've been either a post-stander or like the shift.
20 I don't recall precisely which one. Again, it was over a
21 month ago.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: Were there problems with your radio that
23 day?

24 **Witness**: I don't recall having any issues.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you recall having any problems with

1 cellphone service?

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

3 **HSGAC Majority** : Did you have real-time access to state
4 or local radio communications?

5 **Witness** : I did not. That's the purpose of having
6 the Pennsylvania State Troopers with the on-ground PI site
7 team. That way they could pass pertinent information to
8 **Protective Intel Agent**, to me, to handle those issues.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : Can you talk about that information flow
10 and how it's supposed to work?

11 **Witness** : Um --

12 **HSGAC Majority** : I guess, let's --

13 **Witness** : -- generally I can.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : Yes.

15 **Witness** : Sure.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : I guess and to put a finer point on it,
17 let's say there's a suspicious individual who is identified
18 as a threat, and I'd like to talk through the events of
19 what happened that day. But how is that information
20 supposed to flow once, let's say, a local officer
21 identifies a suspicious individual? How is that
22 information supposed to flow to Secret Service?

23 **Witness** : So I can't speak on the general, from
24 like the shift or anywhere else, but specifically to my
25 role in this, if there was intelligence from the

1 Pennsylvania State Troopers, that they would've received,
2 that would've been passed to **Protective Intel Agent** who was on-site --

3 **HSGAC Majority**: Who would've passed it to her?

4 **Witness**: Well, she was working with the state
5 trooper. I believe his last name was **PSP Trooper**. Again, I can
6 get the precise name for you. That individual would've
7 received anything, passed to her, and then she would pass
8 it to me, as they would be working on it.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: And to your knowledge, did Special Agent
10 **Protective Intel Agent** have any contact, direct contact, with local law
11 enforcement?

12 **Witness**: Well, so state troopers would be
13 considered local law enforcement, but beyond that I don't
14 know.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: To follow up, our understanding is that
16 the state troopers were on a different radio system than
17 local law enforcement. So if local law enforcement has
18 information about a suspicious individual, how are they
19 supposed to relay that information to Secret Service?

20 **Witness**: I don't have, again, knowledge of that
21 because my focus was the communications between the
22 intelligence units that were on the ground, and to me,
23 precisely for that information.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: And so for what you oversee, State
25 Trooper **PSP Trooper** to be confirmed --

1 **Witness** : Sure, yeah.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: -- any information that he receives
3 regarding something specific, he then relays to Special
4 Agent **Protective Intel Agent** who then relays that to you. How is this
5 information relayed? Is it on a radio communication? Is
6 it by cellphone?

7 **Witness** : Yes, cellphone.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: Cellphone. And is it through a phone
9 call? Through text message?

10 **Witness** : Both.

11 **HSGAC Majority**: And did you send text messages to
12 Special Agent **Protective Intel Agent** and/or State Trooper **PSP Trooper** that
13 day?

14 **Witness** : Yeah, so it might be helpful if I walk
15 through a timeline, because that will answer some of these
16 questions, if that's fair.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: Great. Perfect. That would be great.

18 **Witness** : So again, when I arrived at
19 approximately 5:30, you know, assessing the situation with
20 the United States attorney, we moved up -- now again, this
21 is my north, so if I'm where the stage is I'm moving to the
22 Security Room, not the actual like Tactical 12 or anything
23 like that, those terms. But as we moved north to our
24 Security Room that we have, I arrived there, and shortly
25 thereafter she called me, just right after 6:00, to inform

1 me of this individual.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: And when you say "this individual," are
3 you referring to the suspicious person with the
4 rangefinder?

5 **Witness**: Correct, yes.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. And so you received a call from,
7 a phone call, from Special Agent **Protective Intel Agent** at, you
8 mentioned around what time?

9 **Witness**: So if you let me look at my file I can -
10 -

11 **HSGAC Majority**: Oh, that would be great.

12 **Witness**: Yeah. Or at least as best as I can.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: And I'd also just like to put on the
14 record, we have not received text communications. We have
15 only received some text communications. I just want to
16 make sure we have received all text communications between
17 Special Agent **Protective Intel Agent** and Special Agent **Witness** for that
18 day.

19 **Agency Counsel** I can confirm that. I think you should
20 have them.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: I have all of them? Okay.

22 **Witness**: So incoming call around 6:05, roughly,
23 and then followed up with a subsequent picture of this
24 person, which I then replied, "Received." Then we were
25 working on that issue. We were waiting on her to work with

1 state troopers and find out the veracity of that
2 information, and depending on how that was going to be
3 handled, how I would respond to that, yeah.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: And so I'm showing you what I've marked
5 as Exhibit 2.

6 [Exhibit No. 2 was
7 marked for identification.]

8 **HSGAC Majority**: Is this the follow-up text message you
9 received?

10 **Witness**: That looks familiar. I have -- I can
11 confirm that with my phone.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: that would be great. And just for the
13 record, it's Bates stamped 1545 through 1547.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: Just for the record, are you unable to
15 confirm whether that is your text message, because of the
16 redactions on the page?

17 **Witness**: Yeah, I don't want to say that this is
18 me without knowing that's from my phone number or anything
19 on here precisely.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: If you can look at your phone --

21 **HSGAC Majority**: For the record, I'll explain that the
22 From/To, most of the subject line, and date have -- well,
23 not the date but everything else has been whited out.

24 **Witness**: Okay.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: And that is why the witness is saying he

1 -- just saying for the record.

2 **Witness** : Yeah, oh, sorry, sorry. Sorry about
3 that.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : No worries. I was just thinking when
5 you said that, based on the redactions, you are unable to
6 confirm, looking at this piece of paper, that this is your
7 text message.

8 **Witness** : Correct. Yes.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : Thank you.

10 **HSGAC Majority** : And so looking at your phone, if you
11 could confirm.

12 **Witness** : Yeah. Just give me a minute.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : Take your time.

14 [Pause.]

15 **Witness** : Yeah, so that is accurate, yes.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : And so the text message, who was the
17 text message from. It says here, "Command Post PSP trooper
18 said he may be walking toward the Sheetz."

19 **Witness** : Yeah. So that appears to be from me. I
20 don't recall because I don't know iPhones that well, but it
21 looks like I sent that.

22 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. And is PHX Phoenix?

23 **Witness** : That would be our field office
24 designation, but I can't confirm that.

25 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay.

1 **Witness** : Based on it's saying from PIT, that's
2 our office, that's -- but I wouldn't know beyond that.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: So do you recall who you sent this text
4 message to?

5 **Witness** : Yeah. It would've been **Protective Intel Agent**

6 **HSGAC Majority**: And where would you have received the
7 information, "Command Post PSP trooper said," or is that
8 **PSP Site Liaison** Command Post PSP trooper?

9 **Witness** : I don't have a name. I don't recall
10 precisely where that would've come from, but somebody in
11 that room potentially would've passed that information.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: And so if you turn the page to 1546,
13 this is at 6:07:25. Who is sending this, since these are
14 redacted. Can you tell us who sent this message, and did
15 you receive it?

16 **Witness** : Yeah, so I can confirm that's messages
17 that would've been in communication with Special Agent
18 **Protective Intel Agent**

19 **HSGAC Majority**: And she writes, "Subject outside venue
20 along fence line, seen with a rangefinder." What was your
21 understanding of the situation at this point?

22 **Witness** : That she was working the issue with her
23 local counterpart to address this individual.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: And when you say "local counterpart,"
25 you're referring to State Trooper **PSP Trooper**

1 **Witness** : I am, yes.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: Were you aware that local law
3 enforcement lost sight of a suspicious person with a
4 rangefinder around 5:42 p.m.?

5 **Witness** : No.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: And as Special Agent **Protective Intel Agent** is
7 working this, do you know if she is working alongside the
8 Counter Sniper Response Team?

9 **Witness** : I didn't know at the time, but after the
10 fact I believe she was working with them. I would have to
11 confirm that. Because again, I'm not face-to-face with
12 this individual. I am in the Secure Room -- Security Room,
13 rather.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: Right. Were you aware that there was a
15 Secret Service Counter Response Team at the event?

16 **Witness** : Counter Response Team?

17 **HSGAC Majority**: I'm sorry. Counter Sniper Response Team
18 at the event.

19 **Witness** : I don't precisely recall who that
20 individual was, but after the fact I did learn that, yes.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: And can you walk us through exactly --
22 so let's just go to the next message. The next message is
23 not until 6:34 p.m., which is after shots fired. So I'd
24 like to go back to, which says, "Call me on my personal
25 cell." Do you recall whether you sent this or received

1 this?

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

3 **HSGAC Majority** : Do you recall who the other person would
4 be?

5 **Witness** : I do not.

6 **HSGAC Majority** : Are you about to look at your phone?

7 **Witness** : It would have to -- I don't know, yeah.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : So there's no text messages between
9 6:07:25 until 6:30. So could you walk us through your
10 interactions and what you did beginning at 6:07 p.m.,
11 knowing that there is, you know, at the latest update here,
12 is "subject outside venue along fence line, seen with
13 rangefinder." What was your understanding of the situation
14 and, you know, how it was being addressed at that point?

15 **Witness** : Yeah. So again, I arrived in the
16 Security Room, and around 6:07 is when those two advised of
17 that information, and that they were working that problem,
18 trying to figure out who this individual was, where they
19 were located.

20 **HSGAC Majority** : And who is "they were working" that
21 problem?

22 **Witness** : Again, **Protective Intel Agent** yeah --

23 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay.

24 **Witness** : -- **Protective Intel Agent** was, and then shortly
25 thereafter is when I heard on, I believe, a state trooper's

1 radio that shots were fired. And from there I received a
2 respond outside of the Security Room, and then noticing
3 that the crowd was coming towards me, trying to figure out
4 what precisely had happened. Knowing the fact that there
5 were shots fired put on the radio, and then -- I'll keep
6 going if you'd like, or just you need --

7 **HSGAC Majority**: Actually, I'd just like to get a better
8 understanding of what happened between 6:07 and 6:11, when
9 shots were fired. Were you in the Security Room --

10 **Witness**: I was, yes.

11 **HSGAC Majority**: -- that entire time?

12 **Witness**: Yes.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: What did you -- who was in the Security
14 Room when you were there during that time?

15 **Witness**: Various entities from law enforcement.
16 I don't precisely remember their number and who they were.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: What were the discussions?

18 **Witness**: Again, I was in there for a short amount
19 of time, and I was waiting on her to provide updated
20 information on their response to this person at the time.
21 While I was waiting for that and assessing that is when the
22 shots fired came out. So there was no other discussions
23 than just to get outside and see precisely what was going
24 on outside and assess that.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: Can you describe -- I mean, was Special

1 Agent SAIC Buffalo in the Security Room?

2 Witness : I knew his name after the fact, but we
3 do generally have a person in the Security Room that is
4 manning communication radios, yes.

5 HSGAC Majority: Who else from Secret Service that you
6 recall was in the Security Room at that time?

7 Witness : I don't recall. This was, again, a
8 month ago, and I was in that room for a short amount of
9 time prior to the shots fired.

10 HSGAC Majority: Was there a sense of urgency? Can you
11 talk about just what that room was like during that period
12 of time when there were concerns about a suspicious
13 individual with a rangefinder.

14 Witness : Again, once that -- the time that I
15 received the message that she was working that problem, I
16 responded out. Once I heard that the shots fired on the
17 radio, to assess and help as I could outside the Security
18 Room.

19 HSGAC Majority: Whose responsibility would it be to
20 relay this information to the lead agent?

21 Witness : As far as the --

22 HSGAC Majority: That there's a suspicious individual
23 with a rangefinder at the event, that local law
24 enforcement, state law enforcement, and Secret Service is
25 trying to track down. Local law enforcement flagged this

1 individual at 5:42 p.m. So once Secret Service finds out,
2 whose responsibility is it to make sure that the lead agent
3 is aware?

4 **Witness**: Yeah, so that isn't --

5 **Witness Counsel** Can I just intervene for a second? Hold
6 it. When you say "lead agent," I'm not sure that's been
7 defined.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: Sure. **Lead Agent** .

9 **Witness Counsel** You mean lead advance?

10 **HSGAC Majority**: No, the lead agent, **Lead Agent** .

11 **Witness Counsel** Oh, **Lead Agent** . So that's the lead
12 advance.

13 **Witness**: Yeah. Correct.

14 **Witness Counsel**: Is that right?

15 **Witness**: Yes. So she, along with various
16 individuals that is on that site, would have a potential to
17 report that to her, or anybody on either details, to deal
18 with that potential suspicious person at the time.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: And should Lead Advance **Lead Agent** have been
20 made aware of this?

21 **Witness**: I don't recall because again, in my role
22 I was working on this with her, and depending on the
23 outcome of that search that **Protective Intel Agent** was doing, I probably
24 determined the level of not alone, but try to assess that
25 situation and report it as necessary. Again, in my role,

1 dealing with the person on the ground that they were trying
2 to find, I was waiting for a response back from her on any
3 sort of confirmation, and then addressing that once I got
4 more feedback from her.

5 **HSGAC Majority**: And did you --

6 **Witness**: Which is -- oh, sorry. Go ahead.

7 **HSGAC Majority**: -- did you receive any more feedback
8 from Special Agent **Protective Intel Agent**

9 **Witness**: I don't recall, and shortly thereafter
10 is when the shots fired came out. So when she initially
11 sent me the text message, and then shortly thereafter is
12 when I heard the shots fired from the radio in the Security
13 Room.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you, at any point before shots were
15 fired, learn that the suspicious individual with a
16 rangefinder was on the roof?

17 **Witness**: No.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you learn that he was armed?

19 **Witness**: No.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: Were you involved in or aware of any
21 discussions to take former President Trump off stage in
22 light of this suspicious -- the reports of a suspicious
23 person with a rangefinder?

24 **Witness**: No. No.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: In the over 25 minutes from when local

1 law enforcement lost sight of the suspicious individual
2 with a rangefinder and when shots were fired at 6:11, who
3 was responsible for assessing the evolving situation and
4 determining whether to put President Trump onstage at 6:03,
5 or take President Trump off stage?

6 **Witness** : I don't know who would be responsible
7 for that. That's -- in my role, when I arrive, the timing
8 of what I was doing, and again realizing that 6:07 time
9 frame was when I was receiving this information and trying
10 to assess it with **Protective Intel Agent** while she was on the ground with
11 local law enforcement, then a few minutes thereafter is
12 when the shots fired went off. So I don't have a precise
13 answer for that, based on my role in this -- and response
14 upon when I arrived, because I wasn't there. I was in the
15 **LES** , so yeah.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : Are you aware of any local law
17 enforcement firing their weapons at the shooter?

18 **Witness** : I am not.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : I've got just a few follow-up questions.

20 **Witness** : Sure.

21 **HSGAC Majority** : I wanted to go back and clarify what you
22 had said about Agent **Protective Intel Agent** and PSP Trooper **PSP Trooper**. You
23 said that they were assigned to work together. Does that
24 mean that they were stationed physically together
25 throughout the day?

1 **Witness** : Yeah, so he would be in contact with her
2 via cellphone so they could coordinate on the ground, yes.
3 The veracity of their physical meetings I wasn't privy to,
4 again, because I was in a **LES** .

5 **HSGAC Majority**: But you've worked in the role of
6 intelligence advance before with protective intelligence,
7 that agent who was out in the event, before. Correct?

8 **Witness** : I've assisted in that assignment but I
9 can't recall precisely what physical connections they were
10 doing that day.

11 **HSGAC Majority**: Is there a normal procedure for whether
12 they're supposed to be in the same proximity, or if they're
13 investigating something are they supposed to split up and
14 just maintain contact?

15 **Witness** : I don't have a policy to cite or any
16 sort of tactical response on that.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. But you said that they were -- as
18 far as you're aware they were in cellphone communication
19 with each other.

20 **Witness** : I don't know precisely if she had called
21 him, but yes, I gave her his information to be aware that
22 that was her local counterpart for the day.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Got it. And to your knowledge, did they
24 have direct radio contact with one another?

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

1 **HSGAC Majority**: And I think you said this before. I
2 just want to be clear. In terms of the communications
3 between the Pennsylvania State Police and any local Butler
4 County or any other law enforcement entities on the ground,
5 Did you have any visibility into how those entities were
6 able to communicate with one another?

7 **Witness**: No.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: And a couple of follow-up questions
9 about the Security Room. Could you say again approximately
10 the timing of when you were in the room?

11 **Witness**: Roughly 6:00. I don't know precisely
12 when I got in there, but it was between the time of 5:30-
13 ish when I arrived, and that 6:00, 6:07 time frame, to my
14 knowledge.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: And you said before you didn't recall
16 specifically who was in there. But could you approximate,
17 you know, how many people were in there? Was it 4 or 5?
18 Was it a dozen?

19 **Witness**: I can't. I don't recall. Sorry.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: Any sense, whatever you can remember, of
21 the setup of the room or how big it was?

22 **Witness**: I mean, approximate, maybe this room
23 here. And again, typically when we have the Security Room
24 setup, partners from local and state law enforcement are
25 invited to sit in, EMS as well.

1 **HSGAC Majority**: You don't recall specifically if you saw
2 other officials from other state or local agencies in the
3 room?

4 **Witness**: Yes, there are, but I can't
5 approximately, like hey, this agency, that agency. But
6 there were individuals there, yes.

7 **HSGAC Majority**: Just from, you know, the size of the
8 setup of the room, do you recall if it was small enough
9 that you, you know, could likely hear somebody having a
10 cellphone conversation on the other side of the room?

11 **Witness**: I'm not going to speculate on it. Yeah,
12 sorry.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: That's fine. And going back to, was it
14 Exhibit 2, the text messages, the text messages between you
15 and Agent **Protective Intel Agent** Would anybody have been, you know --
16 let me step back. Just to clarify, did you or, to your
17 awareness, did she make anybody else aware of what was
18 happening at the time of the person that she was tracking?

19 **Witness**: Say it again. I'm sorry.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you or her -- was anybody else made
21 aware of the fact that she was going out looking for this
22 suspicious person.

23 **Witness**: I don't know who she may have
24 communicated with outside of my communications with her,
25 other than her local counterpart, who she was partnered

1 with.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: To your knowledge there's not a standard
3 procedure for whether she would, you know, put it out on
4 the radio to some other set of agents?

5 **Witness**: Yeah, no, I think I understand what
6 you're saying, but there's not, to my knowledge, an SOP for
7 how we communicate with individuals.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: Got it.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: So I guess taking a step back, when you
10 are an intelligence lead for an event, you are paired,
11 generally, with someone on the ground, like Special Agent
12 **Protective Intel Agent** whose role is to track down suspicious
13 individuals. Is that accurate?

14 **Witness**: So I don't know if I'd classify it as
15 tracking down suspicious individuals.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. Can you explain what your role
17 is? Yes.

18 **Witness**: So again, she is on the ground to
19 coordinate with state troopers, and then if there's an
20 actual response to an individual, there are various
21 responses that may occur, whether in a medical emergency,
22 if it's in proximity of her, or there's a suspicious person
23 or individual that needs attended to, or if Pennsylvania
24 State Troopers are dealing with somebody. That, again, is
25 very fluid. But she is to communicate with me if there's

1 any sort of protective intelligence-related information or
2 a suspicious person that's being addressed with, and then I
3 can relay that to the AUSA and we can deal with that on a
4 Federal level.

5 **HSGAC Majority**: And how does that role interact with a
6 Counter Sniper Response Team role?

7 **Witness**: Which role do you mean. My role or her
8 role?

9 **HSGAC Majority**: Her role, on the ground.

10 **Witness**: I don't recall precisely that specific
11 role. I'm not in charge of who assigns that or gets that
12 assignment. But I don't want to speculate on that. But if
13 there is an event, there could potentially be communication
14 between both entities.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: In addition to Special Agent **Protective Intel Agent**
16 was there anyone else from Secret Service who was assigned
17 to follow up on threats and intelligence similar to Special
18 Agent **Protective Intel Agent**

19 **Witness**: No. It was her and myself, and then if
20 there was any information that day from Headquarters, I
21 could call the general number and get the on-duty or a desk
22 agent that would be there.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Just one clarifying question. You
24 mentioned you also received a photo of the individual. Is
25 that right?

1 **Witness** : That's correct, yes.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: I'm just marking this as Exhibit 3. And
3 again, these are redacted. It's Bates stamped 1592.

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

6 **HSGAC Majority**: Is than email that you sent?

7 **Witness** : I don't recall as an email, but because
8 it's redacted I can't tell if this is from me or not. But
9 I have this picture in a cellphone communication from

10 **Protective Intel Agent**

11 **HSGAC Majority**: I'm not sure we received that email or
12 that text message with the cellphone. If you can check and
13 let us know what time she sent the photo of the suspicious
14 individual to you.

15 **Witness** : Sure. I can do that now, if you'd like.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: That would be great.

17 [Pause.]

18 **Witness** : 6:07.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: 6:07.

20 **Witness** : Yes.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: So as you are looking at those messages,
22 what's the first message that you received from Special
23 Agent **Protective Intel Agent** regarding the --

24 **Witness** : It's the picture --

25 **HSGAC Majority**: -- concern?

1 **Witness** : -- the picture of the individual.
2 Chronologically, on my phone, is the picture, is what I
3 have right here, yes.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: And then what's the next message you
5 received from her?

6 **Witness** : The Command Post -- well, the one next
7 is the "Command Post PSP Trooper said he may be walking
8 towards Sheetz," which I believe was sent from me. And
9 then she replies, "Subject outside of venue along fence
10 line, seen with a rangefinder."

11 **HSGAC Majority**: And then those are the only messages
12 between you and Special Agent **Protective Intel Agent** that day.

13 **Witness** : I don't recall any other messages. I
14 would have to look at other records, even email on my
15 phone.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: But via text message, those are the only
17 --

18 **Witness** : I believe so, yes.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: And did you receive any other
20 communications from state, local, or Secret Service agents
21 regarding the suspicious individual?

22 **Witness** : Can you -- like a timeline?

23 **HSGAC Majority**: No. Any other communications similar to
24 what you received from Special Agent **Protective Intel Agent** So any
25 other, you know, texts, emails, calls regarding the

1 suspicious individual with a rangefinder.

2 **Witness**: I don't recall any other ones. I could
3 look at emails and texts, but because my role in this was
4 precisely dealing with her, and any information that would
5 be sent to me, precisely to anybody that we deemed a
6 suspicious person, that's my line of communication, my role
7 is specifically with that.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: And what is your role once you receive
9 that information? So it 6:07, you learn this information.
10 You have a photo. You have a suspicious person with a
11 rangefinder is not on a golf course but at a political
12 event. What is your role in terms of what do you do with
13 that information?

14 **Witness**: Yeah. So again, while I received that,
15 was waiting on a response from her to locate the
16 individual, and then I would respond out to interview that
17 individual. Depending on the information I was going to
18 receive back from here I would've assessed that. I was
19 working the problem, working this with her. And shortly
20 thereafter is when the shots fired came out. And once that
21 happened I responded outside the Security Room to try to
22 deal with anything that I can once I left.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: So is it accurate to say that your role
24 is really to go back and follow up with whomever the
25 suspicious individual is. It's not to escalate the

1 request, or escalate the information?

2 **Witness** : Depending on the nature of the incident,
3 that may vary on the specificity of that information
4 received. But again, like I said at the time, I was
5 waiting to hear back what she would've received or
6 responded to, to that person, to assess my role and my
7 response to receiving the information from her.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: And did you have any information that
9 this suspicious individual with a rangefinder was flagged,
10 you know, 20 minutes earlier by local law enforcement?

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

12 **HSGAC Majority**: Is there any other information that you
13 had prior to 6:07 p.m. about the suspicious individual with
14 a rangefinder?

15 **Witness** : No.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. I just wanted to pause to see if
17 any of my colleagues that are remote have any questions.

18 [No response.]

19 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. I think we're nearing the hour,
20 so we'll go off the record and take a 5-minute break.

21 **Witness** : Okay.

22 **Witness Counsel** Okay.

23 [Recess.]

24 **HSGAC Minority**: **HSGAC Minority** again for HSGAC
25 minority. We're going to jump around a little bit, so bear

1 with me. But I wanted to start on Exhibit 2, that we were
2 just discussing. I think it was the last text that says,
3 "Call me on my personal." So when we were discussing the
4 texts and call logs earlier, were those from your work
5 phone?

6 **Witness** : Yes.

7 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. And did you use your personal
8 phone at all that day?

9 **Witness** : Yeah, for like personal reasons, I
10 assume, but not for the work related, no.

11 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. So you don't believe that this is
12 from you or to you, this email?

13 **Witness** : Email?

14 **HSGAC Minority** : Oh, sorry, the text message from Exhibit
15 2.

16 **Witness** : So Exhibit 2 I have says, "Command Post
17 PSP Trooper said he may be walking towards Sheetz."

18 **HSGAC Minority** : Is there multiple pages?

19 **Witness** : Oh.

20 **HSGAC Minority** : The third page? It's Bates No. 001547.

21 **Witness** : Okay, yeah. Yep. Go ahead. Sorry.

22 **HSGAC Minority** : So you don't believe that -- you don't
23 recall this being either to or from you?

24 **Witness** : I don't recall either. I would have to
25 check to confirm that.

1 HSGAC Minority: Okay. Can you check.

2 Witness: Yes.

3 [Pause.]

4 HSGAC Minority: And if you're not finding it, we can
5 also try to look for it in the break.

6 Witness: Yeah. I just don't see it right now in
7 my -- yeah, sorry.

8 HSGAC Minority: Okay. Because I want to, you know, this
9 came in a production that was related to -- that was made
10 to us related to your transcribed interview for today.

11 Witness: Sure, okay.

12 HSGAC Minority: So again, it's hard for us to tell
13 because things are redacted. But, you know, our
14 understanding is that it's relevant to what we're sitting
15 here today, so I assume that you're one of these, either to
16 or from. But we can move on.

17 Witness: Okay.

18 HSGAC Minority: I just want to ask, though, did you
19 speak to Protective Intel Agent after, at all?

20 Witness: In person, yes, I recall.

21 HSGAC Minority: You did.

22 Witness: Yeah, but I -- the veracity of those
23 conversations I don't recall because this was over a month
24 ago.

25 HSGAC Minority: Okay. And then if you did speak with

1 anyone on your personal phone at all that day, did you give
2 those call logs and any texts from that phone to Secret
3 Service?

4 **Witness** : No.

5 **HSGAC Minority**: No. Did they ask for anything from your
6 personal phone, or did they just ask for stuff from your
7 work phone.

8 **Witness** : From work phone, and I relayed to them
9 that information, yeah.

10 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So they didn't ask for anything
11 that could potentially be work-related that might be on
12 your personal device.

13 **Witness** : Yeah, yeah, I don't recall that, no. I
14 would have to go back and, like, look at those documents
15 that would've been requested.

16 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So I want to go back to the FBI
17 letter. So you don't recall exactly the date that it was
18 sent.

19 **Witness** : No. I'd have to look at some emails
20 when they were -- it would've been during the middle of the
21 week, approximately, yeah.

22 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And you sent it to FBI?

23 **Witness** : I don't recall if I sent it, but it was
24 sent from somebody in this office, I believe, yes.

25 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. If it wasn't sent by you, who do

1 you think it would've been sent by?

2 **Witness** : It would've potentially been an
3 administrative personnel.

4 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay.

5 **Witness** : I don't have the precise name of who
6 that would've been sent by.

7 **HSGAC Minority** : Were you, though, at least on the
8 transmittal. You know for a fact that there was a
9 transmittal.

10 **Witness** : I believe so, yes, but I would have to
11 confirm that, because I pass it along to be sent out, yes.

12 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. So you pass it along to be sent
13 out. And then you're not aware of any like bounce-back or
14 something.

15 **Witness** : I don't recall, no.

16 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. But to your knowledge the FBI
17 received it. You have no reason to believe the FBI did
18 not receive it.

19 **Witness** : Correct.

20 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. So you said the middle of the
21 week. Do you know if it was sent before July 12th?

22 **Witness** : Yeah, I mean, again, it would've been
23 the middle of the week, but I don't recall. I have to look
24 at the emails, when I would've sent it, but it would've
25 been sent prior to the visit, yes.

1 **HSGAC Minority**: I'm just trying to get a better
2 understanding because there were -- so, you know, you
3 talked a little bit before about the role of Headquarters
4 and then the FBI providing you information about either the
5 protectee or the venue, and that the week before sounded
6 like -- and correct me if I'm wrong -- it sounded like the
7 week before they would be monitoring any threats and then
8 would pass that information to you, if they had any. Does
9 that --

10 **Witness** : Headquarters? Yeah.

11 **HSGAC Minority**: Well, FBI.

12 **Witness** : Oh sorry. Yeah, FBI. Yeah.

13 **HSGAC Minority**: So I just want to explain my line of
14 questioning here. When I'm asking specific dates I'm
15 asking because, you know, now, looking back, we are aware
16 of several things that seem like it would be potentially
17 notable in terms of intelligence.

18 **Witness** : Understood.

19 **HSGAC Minority**: And so I'm trying to make sure I
20 understand if the letter requesting information from FBI
21 was sent before these things happened. So July 12 --

22 **Witness** : Well, I don't know if it was July 12th,
23 but it would've been during the week of the advance, before
24 the day of the visit, approximately that it would've been
25 sent out, yes.

1 **HSGAC Minority**: So I assume it was sent before July 12th
2 because the event was --

3 **Witness** : The 13th, yeah.

4 **HSGAC Minority**: -- the 13th. So are you aware that on
5 July 12th, the FBI arrested a foreign national for trying
6 to coordinate an assassination plot against political
7 officials, including Trum?

8 **Witness** : No.

9 **HSGAC Minority**: Does that sound like something -- and it
10 was sealed at the time, but it was FBI that actually made
11 those arrests. Does that sound like something that would
12 be intelligence related?

13 **Witness** : I am not going to speculate on that. I
14 don't know the veracity or if that would or would not have
15 been relevant, because at the time I wasn't privy to any of
16 that stuff.

17 **HSGAC Minority**: If there was someone that had been
18 trying to coordinate an attempted assassination of the
19 former President, the protectee, is that something
20 relevant?

21 **Witness Counsel** She's just asking if it's true.
22 Assuming, for purposes of the question, that it is
23 hypothesized, but if it's true. I think that's what she
24 wants to know.

25 **HSGAC Minority**: Well, someone was arrested.

1 **Witness** : Okay.

2 **HSGAC Minority**: Are you aware of this, or is this the
3 first time you're hearing it?

4 **Witness Counsel** I understand. I understand. But he
5 didn't have access to all the facts. But she's asking, for
6 your purpose, it's a hypothetical. You can answer a
7 hypothetical. It's all right.

8 **Witness** : So hypothetically, if that did occur,
9 that would potentially be interesting to find out or
10 knowledgeable. But that's hypothetically, but I don't
11 speculate on that.

12 **Witness Counsel** Right. We understand.

13 **HSGAC Minority**: And assuming this is true, I mean, it's
14 public now, and I'm happy to have -- we can have someone
15 print the indictment for you later and you can read it, if
16 you're not aware of it. You know, what is your reaction to
17 the fact that you weren't given that information? Because
18 it sounds like you were not because you didn't receive any
19 information from FBI. Correct?

20 **Witness** : Correct. Again, hypothetically, I'm not
21 going to give a reaction to that, but again, like my
22 previous answer, it would've been information that
23 potentially would be passed or be used to review or have an
24 assessment on.

25 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And I guess let's just step back

1 a minute. When we talk about protective intelligence and
2 intelligence, what does intelligence mean, in your view, or
3 in your role, what is intelligence?

4 **Witness** : So again, I'm not a headquartered body.
5 This is not my entire role, right.

6 **HSGAC Minority** : Right.

7 **Witness** : So anything that would be a threat to
8 our protectee, or protectees that we protect, as general as
9 I can be, yeah.

10 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. So do you know if you sent the
11 letter before July 9th? And again --

12 **Witness** : Yeah, the dates are going to be hard to
13 confirm --

14 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay.

15 **Witness** : -- but that would've been transmitted
16 sometime during that week of the visit.

17 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. And do you know if you sent it
18 before the police meeting?

19 **Witness** : The police meeting, I don't believe so,
20 because that typically wouldn't be sent during that time.
21 But I don't have the precise dates.

22 **HSGAC Minority** : And can you give me a little bit more
23 detail about what was actually in the FBI letter?

24 **Witness** : Sure. Without having it in front of me,
25 I can speak generally. It's the visit, the timelines of

1 the sequence of events, to pass any information that the
2 FBI would have related to that event. That's generally
3 from my recollection. I don't have precisely. But it's a
4 letter to coordinate, in general, with the FBI on
5 intelligence related to a protectee coming to a visit, a
6 city, whether it's Pittsburgh, Cleveland. It doesn't
7 matter.

8 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And like how long was it? Was it
9 five pages? Was it one page?

10 **Witness**: I don't recall the precise pages.

11 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And do you recall who it's sent
12 to in FBI, and if not the person, the division? Like is
13 there a special division at FBI that receives this?

14 **Witness**: I believe the SAC of that office is in
15 there, in that body, but precisely who receives that I
16 don't recall or know.

17 **HSGAC Minority**: So it goes to the Pittsburgh FBI Field
18 Office?

19 **Witness**: Correct, yes.

20 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And you said you've worked some
21 previous intelligence advances, or you've been involved.
22 Is that correct?

23 **Witness**: A limited role, yes.

24 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Have you ever been involved in
25 the FBI letter for any other protective intelligence?

1 **Witness** : I don't recall right now if I have or
2 not.

3 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Have you ever been involved in
4 communicating with FBI about a protective event --

5 **Witness** : Um --

6 **HSGAC Minority** : -- previously, before this?

7 **Witness** : For this specific event?

8 **HSGAC Minority** : Previously. Prior to this event.

9 **Witness** : I don't recall having those
10 conversations, or can recall an event or an assignment
11 where I would have to do that.

12 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Can you recall an event or a
13 situation where you reached out to the FBI and the FBI did
14 not respond, prior to this one?

15 **Witness** : Yeah, I don't recall. Again, I have
16 limited experience in doing those advances, and they can
17 vary between months and years, depending on the assignment.

18 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. And so there were two protectees
19 in the area that day. Is that correct?

20 **Witness** : Yes.

21 **HSGAC Minority** : And the other one was the First Lady.
22 Is that right?

23 **Witness** : If I recall correctly, yes, that's
24 right.

25 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Who was the intelligence advance

1 for the First Lady?

2 **Witness** : I don't recall who that would've been.

3 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So you said that for protective
4 intelligence, Headquarters, if it's POTUS or the Vice
5 President, they'll send someone from Headquarters?

6 **Witness** : From my general understanding of it,
7 yes.

8 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. What about for any other
9 protectees? Have you ever, in your experience, seen
10 Headquarters send someone for someone that's not POTUS or
11 the VP?

12 **Witness** : So again, my limited experience, with my
13 career, I've been in this office so I'm not privy to any
14 communications at Headquarters, who decides who gets
15 delegated to go to that particular protective division.
16 That's something out of my purview.

17 **HSGAC Minority**: I'm just asking if you, in your
18 experience, while you've been here, have you ever seen
19 Headquarters send someone down from Protective Intelligence
20 for someone that's not POTUS or the VP?

21 **Witness** : I don't recall that or have any
22 knowledge.

23 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So do you know if the First Lady
24 had anyone from Headquarters?

25 **Witness** : I don't recall or have knowledge of

1 that.

2 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. But if they didn't, it would be
3 someone from this field office. Is that right, who would
4 have conducted the intelligence advance?

5 **Witness**: That depends on factors of manpower and
6 decisions made by like the SAC and attention to details. I
7 am not privy to those or have any knowledge of who would've
8 made that or if someone would've made that.

9 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So you're not sure if there was
10 an intelligence advance from this office or from
11 Headquarters for the First Lady.

12 **Witness**: Not that I recall, again, because
13 manpower is not decided by me or who gets delegated to do
14 what. I am assigned things because of my non-supervisory,
15 as just a special agent.

16 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And then the Assistant U.S.
17 Attorney, who was that, that was assigned to you and **LES**
18 **LES** ?

19 **Witness**: **AUSA**, yeah.

20 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Have you ever interacted with him
21 before?

22 **Witness**: Yes, for investigative cases, yes.

23 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. When was he assigned to this
24 event?

25 **Witness**: It would've been the week of, but I

1 don't have the precise date.

2 **HSGAC Minority**: And how does that work? I mean, who
3 notifies the U.S. Attorney's Office that there's going to
4 be an event?

5 **Witness**: That's generally done by a supervisor in
6 the office, that would call over to the Attorney's Office
7 to coordinate that, and they would provide a body, if
8 available.

9 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So do they always provide
10 someone?

11 **Witness**: Can't be precise on that, but in my
12 experience generally there is an attorney that comes to a
13 protective assignment in our office, yes.

14 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So do know if the First Lady had
15 one assigned?

16 **Witness**: I don't recall or have any knowledge to
17 that, no.

18 **HSGAC Minority**: But she likely would if the office
19 typically has --

20 **Witness**: I don't want to speculate on that.
21 Again, just speaking in my assignment, so yeah.

22 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And you mentioned that when you
23 arrived on the site it was about 5:30, and you were
24 assessing the situation with the AUSA. What does that
25 mean? Like what were you looking for, and what is the

1 purpose of assessing the situation? Are you looking for
2 crime like being committed in that moment?

3 **Witness**: No. I mean, again, it's because I
4 haven't been there all day, so I'm looking to see if -- how
5 big the venue is, just taking general assessments of it,
6 and then looking to see if there's anything that I can
7 assess, look at the crowd size, see the venue that's been
8 built, and then make a determination, coordinating with

9 **Protective Intel Agent** And again, that timeline was pretty quick from
10 when we got there **LES**, then getting in
11 the Security Room, and then receiving the information from
12 her.

13 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. But what is the AUSA's role in
14 that? Like why was he assessing the situation?

15 **Witness**: Yeah. Again, as I said earlier,
16 generally they are to provide Federal guidance of any
17 violations. If someone would commit a Federal violation
18 they are there to help with counsel on that. That's their
19 role in being there.

20

21 **HSGAC Minority**: So when you say you were assessing the
22 situation, I understand why you were, but is that because
23 he just stays with you the entirety of the day?

24 **Witness**: Correct.

25 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So he wasn't assessing the

1 situation or anything in his role.

2 **Witness** : No, he's --

3 **HSGAC Minority**: It was just because he was assigned to
4 you, and he stays with you.

5 **Witness** : Right. And so, again, if there's any
6 sort of communications from **Protective Intel Agent** that there's an issue
7 out there that needs to be addressed from a Federal level,
8 I would escort him, depending on where that would be,
9 potentially, or handle it in kind on the dependence of the
10 response from her or any other -- it's not just her either.
11 It could be any other agents that are on post if they have
12 an issue that could be a violation, or protective
13 intelligence related.

14 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So he was also in the Security
15 Room?

16 **Witness** : He came with me in there, yes.

17 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So he was in there the entirety
18 of the time that you were in there?

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

20 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And then did he -- so how did you
21 leave the event? Did you get back in the **LES**

22 **Witness** : No. I stayed because I missed the
23 **LES**

24 **HSGAC Minority**: You missed it. And so did he also stay?

25 **Witness** : Yeah, he was there.

1 **HSGAC Minority**: And then what was he doing after the
2 event? Was he giving you advice or was he interviewing
3 people? What was he doing?

4 **Witness**: Yeah. So at that point we were trying
5 to assess various things, whether there was still an active
6 shooter, where the shots were fired, who would've fired
7 them, trying to figure out, like the crowd was moving
8 counter flow where I was trying to go. Again, this is
9 south from me, from the Security Room. And then trying to
10 help him, you know, at some point get him to a safe
11 location where he could -- because he doesn't have weapon,
12 right. So trying to figure that out, assess anybody that
13 would've been injured, help with local partners that are
14 still there to preserve anything. Just spent time trying
15 to figure out what was going on.

16 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And did you have any
17 responsibility to secure the scene at all, after the
18 shooting?

19 **Witness**: I didn't have a responsibility, but I
20 was trying to help with that because I was left behind in
21 the **LES**

22 **HSGAC Minority**: Do you know who had the responsibility
23 to secure the scene?

24 **Witness**: I don't know specifically because we
25 were trying to coordinate with local partners to help do

1 that, whether that's state troopers that may have been
2 there, Butler Police, trying to coordinate with, you know,
3 other entities that would've been there at the time to help
4 secure that, knowing that this was a potential crime scene.

5 **HSGAC Minority**: And then FBI, were they on the scene
6 before the shooting? Were they at the event?

7 **Witness**: I can't specify on if they were there
8 prior to, but they did arrive afterwards at some point, but
9 I did communicate with them.

10 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And do you recall about what time
11 and who?

12 **Witness**: I don't have a precise time, but it
13 would've been, you know, sometime after the event occurred.

14 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. I want to jump to the
15 intelligence and kind of in your role and passing of
16 information. So again, I understand that you didn't
17 receive any information from FBI for this event. But I
18 just want to better understand how you could have received
19 it. So do you all have **LES** here?

20 **Witness**: We do not.

21 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So where's the nearest **LES**

22 **Witness**: I don't know the nearest one, but I know
23 FBI does have one in their office.

24 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. How close is FBI office to here?

25 **Witness**: Ten, 15 minutes, depending on traffic.

1 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And so you have a TS/SCI
2 clearance. Have you ever received classified information
3 in a SCIF, in this position, since you've been in the
4 Pittsburgh office?

5 **Witness**: In this position, no.

6 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So in previous advances that you
7 worked, you've never received any classified information?

8 **Witness**: I don't recall previous ones, but not
9 specific to this event.

10 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. To this event, or -- but I'm
11 talking about -- so you don't recall any previous events?

12 **Witness**: No, because I was limited in my role as
13 a PI agent in the office. If there is TS/SCI information
14 that needed to be passed it would be in a SCIF room, but I
15 don't recall participating in those specific meetings, or
16 any other events, because again, the roles vary. I can be
17 a PI agent on the 13th and then a year later I can be that
18 assignment. The assignments vary. So again, it would be
19 inaccurate for me to try to assess that.

20 **HSGAC Minority**: But not even -- so I'm talking just
21 generally, in any role that you've ever been assigned to,
22 whether it's PI or post-stander or lead. Have you ever
23 received classified information relating to a threat, in
24 any role you've ever been in?

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

1 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. What about unclassified
2 information that's a threat, threat information?

3 **Witness**: That information can be passed from our
4 Protective Intelligence Division. Again, that can be, like
5 they would call during the week, "Hey, we received a threat
6 to your area. We need the office to assess this, and
7 follow up with that." Those happen on a regular basis in
8 every office. But that information varies, so I don't have
9 any purview on dissemination of that or who would be
10 responsible for generating said reports.

11 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And when did you find out that
12 counter snipers were being assigned, or Secret Service
13 counter snipers?

14 **Witness**: I don't recall when they were assigned.
15 I knew the day of that they were there. I could physically
16 see them, based on where we were pulling in.

17 **HSGAC Minority**: So you don't recall knowing that in
18 advance?

19 **Witness**: I don't recall. I'd have to look at
20 some of the emails. But I don't recall precisely a day
21 that I would've been. Not to say that they weren't, but
22 again, I don't recall precisely.

23 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And have you ever been told about
24 any threat information that was communicated to the
25 Pittsburgh office about former President Trump? Did

1 **Lead Agent** ever tell you --

2 **Witness Counsel**: Wait. So I just want to clarify that it
3 seems to presume that there was threat information
4 communicated to the Pittsburgh office. I'm not sure that's
5 been established. I don't know --

6 **HSGAC Minority**: And I think -- I'll clarify my question.

7 **Witness Counsel**: Please. Please.

8 **HSGAC Minority**: Did **Lead Agent** tell you that she --
9 indicate to you that she was told that you guys were
10 receiving Secret Service counter snipers for the event
11 because there was some kind of threat?

12 **Witness**: Not to my knowledge, no.

13 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay.

14 **Witness**: Not that I recall having -- again,
15 because I'm not responsible for assigning or getting CS
16 teams, counter sniper teams or any of that. That's out of
17 my purview for this -- for my job and my responsibility.

18 **HSGAC Minority**: But would a threat be intelligence?

19 **Witness**: Depending on the threat, yes.

20 **HSGAC Minority**: Can you -- is there any scenario where
21 there would be a threat that's not relevant to your job
22 then? I just --

23 **Witness**: Yeah. You're asking me to speculate,
24 because there's various threats that the Secret Service
25 gets on a weekly basis, that I'm not, you know, privy to,

1 because that is a Headquarters thing that they disseminate
2 those or assess those.

3 **HSGAC Minority**: And **Lead Agent** works in this office
4 as well, right?

5 **Witness**: Yes.

6 **HSGAC Minority**: And how often do you all interact?

7 **Witness**: It varies. It could be weekly. Yeah,
8 it just varies based on our assignment and our case load.

9 **HSGAC Minority**: Did you interact with her at all prior
10 to the event -- the week of the event and the week of the
11 advance? Did you interact with her at all?

12 **Witness**: Yes.

13 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. How frequently? Like every
14 single day that week?

15 **Witness**: Yep. I would recall every day because
16 we're on the advance team, yes. But the frequency, I can't
17 recall precisely those conversations or times we would've
18 talked.

19 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And again, she never communicated
20 to you that she was told that counter snipers were being
21 assigned because there was a threat.

22 **Witness**: I don't know precisely what that
23 would've been sent to me. I don't understand what --

24 **Witness Counsel**: Listen to the question. Hold it. Hold
25 it. Hold it. Hold it, please. Just bear with me for a

1 moment. Listen to the question that she asked, all right.
2 She just asked you a question --

3 **Witness** : Sure.

4 **Witness Counsel** -- do you know whether, I think did she
5 ever tell you that she was told. Did she ever tell you
6 that?

7 **Witness** : No, I did not receive a conversation
8 from her saying yes, these are assigned. I think that is
9 what you are asking?

10 **HSGAC Minority** : Yes, and that's --

11 **Witness** : No. Not that I recall.

12 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. And then.

13 **Witness Counsel** : Okay. That's all. All right.

14 **HSGAC Minority** : And information about a threat, again,
15 in your role as the intelligence advance, your
16 understanding is that you would be receiving intelligence
17 and threat information related to the protectee or the
18 venue.

19 **Witness** : Yes.

20 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Are you aware of any discussions
21 about a credible threat to Donald Trump at all in the
22 media?

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

24 **HSGAC Minority** : Have you ever been briefed on any
25 threats to any other protectee?

1 **Witness** : Can you be specific? Because the reason
2 why I asked that is on a weekly basis our office does get
3 threats for various protectees.

4 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay.

5 **Witness** : Whether that's social media, so we would
6 deal with those. I don't know the veracity of how many,
7 the frequency of, or the person, but they can vary to the
8 office.

9 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. So is it unique in this situation
10 that you received no information about threats? I mean, we
11 talked about the day of, the Facebook post.

12 **Witness** : Sure.

13 **HSGAC Minority** : Was that the only threat information you
14 received at all?

15 **Witness** : I recall, yes.

16 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Is that unique, to only receive
17 one threat?

18 **Witness** : I don't know if that's unique or not. I
19 haven't done several of PI advance, or we do receive
20 threats every so often. But I don't think there's a
21 uniqueness or a pattern to if and when and the amount of
22 intelligence we would receive for a visit, or in general,
23 during our, you know, case load or our various assignments
24 during the week, whether that's in the visit or not. We
25 get these on a weekly basis, 24/7, 365, so they can be

1 frequent, they can be infrequent. There's not a, no, yeah.

2 **HSGAC Minority**: And **SAIC Pittsburgh**, what was his role?

3 **Witness**: The SAC of the office, yeah.

4 **HSGAC Minority**: What was his role in terms of this
5 event?

6 **Witness**: The supervisor for the field office. I
7 don't know precisely, you know, his job in this, but he
8 managed local assets. But I can't speak to his precise
9 role and everything that he would be doing, because I am
10 under him and I don't, you know, know everything that he'd
11 be responsible for doing.

12 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. **LES** ?

13 **Witness**: Yes.

14 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Did you communicate with him at
15 all?

16 **Witness**: Yes.

17 **HSGAC Minority**: That day?

18 **Witness**: Yeah.

19 **HSGAC Minority**: What did you all communicate about?

20 **Witness**: Various things. I don't know. I can't
21 recall that day.

22 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And then did you communicate with
23 anyone from the Donald Trump detail that day?

24 **Witness**: No, I don't believe so.

25 **HSGAC Minority**: And who **LES** ? Who

1 LES [REDACTED]

2 Witness [REDACTED] : LES [REDACTED] .

3 HSGAC Minority : LES [REDACTED] .

4 Witness [REDACTED] : LES [REDACTED]

5 HSGAC Minority : Okay. So I was just wondering if there
6 was someone from the Trump detail that was LES [REDACTED] .
7 Did you interact with them at all that day?

8 Witness [REDACTED] : No, because they were coming off the
9 plane, so we were setting up to receive them. LES [REDACTED]

10 LES [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED] ,
11 because I'm the protective intelligence. So yeah.

12 HSGAC Minority : Okay. And then was it just you and the
13 AUSA LES [REDACTED]

14 Witness [REDACTED] : And SAIC Pittsburgh , SAIC Pittsburgh , yeah.

15 HSGAC Minority : SAIC Pittsburgh LES [REDACTED] ?

16 Witness [REDACTED] : Yes.

17 HSGAC Minority : Okay. So it was you, SAIC Pittsburgh , and the
18 AUSA.

19 Witness [REDACTED] : The AUSA, yes. Correct.

20 HSGAC Minority : And I want to pass it along to HSGAC Minority
21 for a couple of questions.

22 HSGAC Minority : Okay. HSGAC Minority [REDACTED] . Thank you
23 for your time. I think early on in this interview you had
24 said that you work with local intelligence partners to get
25 information. Who are those partners?

1 **Witness** : It would be local police. It could be
2 Pennsylvania State Troops or county officials. I don't
3 precisely recall who that was because this was a month ago.

4 **HSGAC Minority** : Sure.

5 **Witness** : We do have local counterparts that would
6 work with us.

7 **HSGAC Minority** : So state and local rather than --

8 **Witness** : Generally, yes.

9 **HSGAC Minority** : -- local offices of Federal agencies.

10 **Witness** : Yes. Generally in an intelligence role
11 it is with local and state law enforcement is who I
12 predominantly would work with, yes.

13 **HSGAC Minority** : Would you interact with local offices
14 or local agents -- a colloquial term there -- of other
15 Federal agencies? You mentioned FBI already, but are there
16 others who you would interact with in that capacity, or you
17 did interact with for the July 13th event?

18 **Witness** : In the week up to?

19 **HSGAC Minority** : Yeah.

20 **Witness** : No, I did not. The day of, yes. The
21 13th -- is that what you're referring to?

22 **HSGAC Minority** : Sure. Go with that. I mean, leading
23 up to it and then, but if there were some that you
24 interacted with on the 13th, I would be interested to know
25 who that was too.

1 **Witness** : Yeah. So this kind of gets into the
2 conversation of while I was there, like after the shots
3 fired, trying to assess what was going on, working with FBI
4 as they arrived to try to help them figure out the scene,
5 who needs to preserve it, who would take it over, having
6 those conversations. And then moving towards, you know, in
7 that time frame helping if any injured needed to be helped
8 out, I helped doing that. Then trying to identify the
9 shooter who was on the roof, then assisting in that role to
10 help identify that individual.

11 **HSGAC Minority** : Do you recall any other agencies
12 besides -- you mentioned FBI. I don't think you mentioned
13 any others specifically, Federal agencies there.

14 **Witness** : So the ATF was there. They showed up
15 subsequently after the FBI, to help process the scene or
16 help provide any resources to do that. I believe we had
17 HSI agents that were assigned as post-standers, but I
18 believe that was the only other Federal presence that were
19 there that night, because there was a lot of commotion, a
20 lot of resources trying to ascertain the situation.

21 **HSGAC Minority** : In your role, would you have been
22 notified of other Federal agencies present at the event
23 prior to the -- in the normal course. Not talking about
24 after the shooting, but in the, you know, in the normal
25 event, as you were, you know, preparing for it and then

1 actually executing the event. Would you be aware of other
2 Federal agencies who were there?

3 **Witness** : I don't know. It would depend. I
4 wouldn't be unless it was particular to -- if I had to
5 receive an intelligence threat from another agency, if that
6 was the case. But as far as particular, that generally
7 wouldn't fall under me.

8 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. And just to be clear, you, in
9 fact, did not have awareness of any other agencies there,
10 other than, prior to the shooting, HSI and Secret Service,
11 Federal agencies.

12 **Witness** : Yeah, because in my limited role in what
13 I was doing was, you know, in contact with FBI for that
14 week, and then understanding that we had HSI post-standers
15 with us. But I don't recall interacting with any other
16 Federal agencies, to my knowledge, today, speaking to you.

17 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Were you the PI lead for the
18 entire trip of former President Trump that day --

19 **Witness** : Yes.

20 **HSGAC Minority** : -- so the airport, from wheels down to
21 wheels up?

22 **Witness** : Wheels down to getting over there, yes.

23 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Back to the FBI and the FBI
24 letter, recognizing, you know, that we've already discussed
25 the lack of response, to your awareness. If there were to

1 have been, or in prior instances where you have been in
2 this role, did the FBI, if they did responsive information,
3 did that come directly to you from the FBI, or does that go
4 to Headquarters, and then Headquarters makes the decision
5 whether to relay that to you or not?

6 **Witness** : Yeah. So I don't, in my -- I recall,
7 the last time I assisted with a major visit -- and a major
8 visit is a PPD or a VPD visit, right -- I don't recall if
9 that would've been received from FBI, or the lack of, or a
10 positive reception of. Because I've had limited experience
11 in this role, doing this with previous experiences. And
12 the infrequency of getting these assignments because it can
13 go from three months to a year, depending on how much
14 activity is in the district. But I can't speak to that,
15 particularly.

16 **HSGAC Minority** : You were asked earlier if you had been
17 to Butler before preparing for this event, and I think your
18 answer was limited to your professional capacity. Had you
19 been there prior to July 13th, or preparation for that
20 event, in your personal capacity?

21 **Witness** : I've been to Butler, the city, but not -
22 - I mean, I'm not going to get into like personal, going to
23 Butler or not. I don't remember if I would've been to the
24 Farm, or whatever that building or that designation was.

25 **HSGAC Minority** : Just the city, the location, the town.

1 You had been there before.

2 **Witness** : To the city of Butler, yes. Yeah.

3 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. What is your current duty
4 status?

5 **Witness** : It's a like restricted status that I'm
6 like teleworking from home.

7 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. How did you find out about
8 that?

9 **Witness** : Through our Special Agent in Charge, **SAIC Pittsburg**
10 **SAIC Pittsburgh**

11 **HSGAC Minority** : Was that email? A letter? Phone
12 call?

13 **Witness** : It was in person. I didn't receive an
14 official email.

15 **HSGAC Minority** : Have you been given any instructions
16 or direction about how long that lasts, what kind of
17 restrictions are in place on you?

18 **Witness** : No. In a standby mode is the best I can
19 describe it. I'm not on any protective assignments right
20 now, and just standing by in a like restricted duty status.

21 **HSGAC Minority** : Is this the first time you have been
22 back in the office, this field office, since you were given
23 that information?

24 **Witness** : I believe so, yeah. I don't recall
25 having to come back to the office for that, any reason.

1 **HSGAC Minority** : So he told you in person, but that
2 wasn't here?

3 **Witness** : I don't remember precisely what day it
4 was, but it would've been either on the phone or in person,
5 yes, from our Special Agent in Charge, yes.

6 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. I'm going to turn it back over.

7 **HSGAC Minority** : So you sent a letter to FBI. Are there
8 any other letters that are sent to any other agencies?

9 **Witness** : No.

10 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. And you're not aware of any other
11 agencies being informed of the trip or a protective detail
12 event prior, aside from FBI, and then I guess DOJ, AUSA.

13 **Witness** : So are you speaking like federally or
14 just general?

15 **HSGAC Minority** : Federally.

16 **Witness** : From what I informed is the FBI and the
17 U.S. Attorney's Office, I don't recall if there's any other
18 entities that would've been informed. If they were that
19 would not have been, I believe, from me. Maybe there is a
20 general email that may go out. I don't know. I can't
21 speak precisely to that.

22 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. And what about ATF -- there's no
23 --

24 **Witness** : That's not my purview in this
25 assignment, so I don't recall.

1 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. When did you first learn that
2 there was not going to be Counter Surveillance Unit at the
3 Butler site?

4 **Witness**: I don't remember hearing anything about
5 that or recall it not being, or given to, because I was
6 focused on my role at that time.

7 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And so was there a Counter
8 Surveillance Unit?

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

10 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And in your intelligence advance
11 do you have any role interacting with the Counter
12 Surveillance Unit or taking in information from them?

13 **Witness**: It's speculative, but I don't -- they
14 are two separate entities that work two different
15 assignments. Information can be shared through the events
16 or advances, but there is no direct work, directly, like
17 Protective Intelligence and Counter Surveillance. They're
18 two separate divisions that are headquartered separately,
19 so again, I don't do that full-time, so I can't speak to
20 the veracity and preciseness of their, you know --

21 **HSGAC Minority**: But intelligence information would be
22 fed to you, as the intelligence -- as the PI for the event,
23 right?

24 **Witness**: Sure, yeah.

25 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So if there were Counter

1 Surveillance Units at the site, and they were doing their
2 surveillance, and they saw something suspicious or some
3 kind of threat, they would have communicated that to you?

4 **Witness** : Would be part of a communication, but I
5 don't know if that's precisely, if I'm the only person that
6 would've been notified of that.

7 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. In past events that you have
8 worked in any role have there been Counter Surveillance
9 Units?

10 **Witness** : Yes.

11 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Have you ever worked an event, a
12 protective event, where there was not a Counter
13 Surveillance Unit?

14 **Witness** : I can't recall if there has or has not
15 been.

16 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. And were you aware that the
17 counter UAS system was not operational that day, for a
18 portion of that day?

19 **Witness** : I was not tracking that. Again, I was
20 at the airport and **LES** , so I don't have any
21 information or recall any information.

22 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. So is this the first time you're
23 hearing about that?

24 **Witness** : I don't recall. I can't speak
25 intelligently to if I have or have not.

1 **HSGAC Minority**: I mean, so a threat, you know, a
2 potential drone threat is being mitigated by having a CUAS
3 system in place. Do you think that it should've been
4 communicated to you that the counter UAS was not
5 operational for part of the day?

6 **Witness**: I can't speculate on that because
7 there's levels to that. My role is to focus on the
8 protective intelligence side of the advance.

9 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Did you communicate with anyone
10 using Signal or any other encrypted --

11 **Witness**: No.

12 **HSGAC Minority**: -- apps that day?

13 **Witness**: No.

14 **HSGAC Minority**: Prior?

15 **Witness**: No.

16 **HSGAC Minority**: After?

17 **Witness**: No.

18 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Have you ever been to the
19 Clairton Sportsmen's Club in Butler?

20 **Witness**: I don't know where that's at. It
21 doesn't ring -- I don't recall that or it doesn't sound
22 familiar to me.

23 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And so did you have any exchanges
24 with ATF the day of the event?

25 **Witness**: After the incident happened, yes.

1 **HSGAC Minority**: And did you exchange -- were those all
2 in person, or did you exchange emails, texts, phone calls
3 with ATF?

4 **Witness**: During the process of working to
5 identify that individual, they were coordinating with us
6 and FBI on scene to kind of help solve that problem.

7 **HSGAC Minority**: And who from ATF were you coordinating
8 with?

9 **Witness**: I don't have the person's name, but I
10 believe that were at the Pittsburgh office, ATF individual,
11 but I don't have their name, though.

12 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. **HSGAC Minority** do you have any questions
13 that you'd like to ask?

14 **HSGAC Minority**: No. I think you all have covered
15 pretty much what I have.

16 **HSGAC Minority**: PSI?

17 **PSI Minority**: Agent **Witness** this is **PSI Minority**
18 with Senator Johnson's office. Thanks for speaking with us
19 today. I just want to make it clear up at the top, Agent
20 **Witness** this isn't directed to you. This is directed to
21 the Secret Service counsel. Again, the redactions that
22 Secret Service has been applying to these records is
23 interfering with our ability to conduct efficient
24 interviews. We've had a number of instances where we have
25 attempted to show Agent **Witness** records that he is not able

1 to identify them directly from the record. It's
2 unacceptable.

3 I'll also note that Agent **Witness** has mentioned a
4 number of phone calls today. I don't believe we have his
5 call logs. We would like his call logs, along with the
6 identity of the individuals that he was calling that day.

7 Agent **Witness** going back to something you mentioned
8 earlier in the discussion with my colleagues from Ranking
9 Member Paul's office. You said you didn't hear anything
10 from Agent **Lead Agent** or any of the leadership about threats to
11 the rally, right?

12 **Witness** : Correct.

13 **PSI Minority** : Did you ask anybody if they were
14 receiving any information about threats to the rally?

15 **Witness** : Yeah. I called our Protective
16 Intelligence Division phone number the morning of, to
17 provide any information, if they had any updates, and there
18 was none to pass to me.

19 **PSI Minority** : Did you ask Agent **Lead Agent**?

20 **Witness** : I don't recall if I had asked her or
21 not.

22 **PSI Minority** : Would you normally ask the site lead
23 about threats to the rally or if they were receiving
24 information about threats to the rally?

25 **Witness** : I don't know precisely because I would

1 be communicating that with Headquarters, because that is my
2 assignment. I would try to mitigate that and pass any
3 information to the lead. So that's my understanding.

4 **PSI Minority** : Right. But I guess what I'm asking you
5 is would it be normal procedure, as the PI for this event,
6 to speak with the lead for the event as to whether the lead
7 was receiving any information regarding threats to the
8 event.

9 **Witness** : Yeah, I don't know if it's procedure or
10 we have a protocol in place for that. But having
11 communications with the lead about protective-related
12 matters does occur.

13 **PSI Minority** : Okay. And you've been a PI in the
14 past, right?

15 **Witness** : In a limited capacity, yes.

16 **PSI Minority** : Okay. Have you had conversations with
17 the leads in those past events, about threats?

18 **Witness** : No, because my role in that was a minor
19 role because the larger detail was in town. I don't recall
20 if it was PPD or VPD. Because they had an individual that
21 was traveling as a Protective Intelligence full-time agent
22 that would be communicating with that lead of that detail,
23 and that would be out of my purview for that assignment.

24 **PSI Minority** : Got it. What about when you were a
25 site lead? Did you have discussions with your PI?

1 **Witness** : I don't recall precisely what lead that
2 would've been or if I can recall precisely communications
3 with a PI agent. Because again, depending on the visit,
4 the resources can vary or change, so I can't recall
5 precisely.

6 **PSI Minority** : All right. Let's go back to the day of
7 the rally. I just want to make sure we have your timeline
8 down as tight as we can.

9 **Witness** : Sure.

10 **PSI Minority** : So I know you said you get to the rally
11 at 5:30, approximately, right?

12 **Witness** : Approximately, yes, yeah.

13 **PSI Minority** : Yeah. When you get to the rally do you
14 reach out to **Protective Intel Agent** the PI who is on-site?

15 **Witness** : Not right away, no, because I'm helping
16 with the motorcade **LES**

17 **LES** that

18 could be done. And that was a job that needed to be done,
19 to be helped with, so I was taking care of that at the
20 time.

21 **PSI Minority** : So that's what you do when you first
22 get to the rally is **LES**

23 **Witness** : That's not my job, but it was something
24 that I helped do, yes.

25 **PSI Minority** : Understanding it's not your job, but

1 that's the first action you take. When you first get
2 there, **LES**.

3 **Witness**: Yeah. At some point upon arrival I do
4 start helping doing that, yes.

5 **PSI Minority**: Okay. How long does that take,
6 approximately?

7 **Witness**: I'm not going to speculate, but I could
8 estimate maybe anywhere from 5 to 15 minutes, but I don't
9 recall precisely how long that takes.

10 **PSI Minority**: Yeah, sure, sure. Estimation is fine.
11 Okay. So when you're done with the **LES** then do you let
12 **Protective Intel Agent** know that you're on the rally site?

13 **Witness**: I don't recall if I do or not, because
14 I'm working with the AUSA to assess the scene and then move
15 towards the Security Room a few minutes, or shortly
16 thereafter, to get a lay of the land, or just coordinate.
17 And then that's immediately when I got that call from her.
18 So the timeline was pretty quick from when I finished with
19 that to assessing the crowd with the United States
20 attorney, then move into the Security Room, and then
21 receiving a call from her in that time frame.

22 **PSI Minority**: Yeah, and I think you said 6:05 is when
23 you received that call, right?

24 **Witness**: If I recall, yes, around that time,
25 yeah.

1 **PSI Minority** : Okay. So we're about 35 minutes after
2 you get there. So there's a significant amount of time, or
3 maybe not significant but a substantial amount of time that
4 occurs when you're there. It's not like you get there and
5 immediately she's calling.

6 **Witness** : Not immediately, no.

7 **PSI Minority** : Okay. Would you normally alert a PI
8 site -- like I don't know what her title would be, site
9 agent, site assist -- that you've arrived on scene?

10 **Witness** : Generally, but I don't know precisely an
11 appropriate time every time. It can vary depending on the
12 event or what is being done on that day.

13 **PSI Minority** : Okay. Okay. So can you check your
14 phone? Do you want to look at the message with her and see
15 if you did? Again, because we're relying on you because
16 the Secret Service didn't necessarily produce everything.

17 **Witness** : Yeah, I can attempt to do that.

18 **Witness Counsel** : Okay. Do you want him to do it now?

19 **PSI Minority** : Sure, sure. If he has his phone handy,
20 let's do it.

21 **Witness Counsel** : I don't know. Do you have it?

22 **Witness** : I do. I'm looking right now. Just give
23 me like a minute or two.

24 **Witness Counsel** : Okay. Okay. Take your time.

25 [Pause.]

1 **Witness** : So I have the call at 6:05 from her.
2 And that appears to be the only call I have with her at
3 that time.

4 **PSI Minority** : Okay. No text messages saying, "Hey,
5 I'm here"?

6 **Witness** : Not that I can see, no.

7 **PSI Minority** : Okay. So I know you **LES**, you
8 go with the U.S. attorney, you're scoping out the area,
9 assessing the area. What are you looking towards when
10 you're looking at the area? Are you looking out at the
11 crowd or are you just generally looking around at
12 everything?

13 **Witness** : Well, I'm behind the stage, where the
14 **LES** is, because that's the area where we
15 arrived, so I'm trying to help coordinate **LES**
16 **LES** with some
17 of the agent there, and then assessing the backstage area,
18 trying to see how it's set up, and then assessing the
19 crowd, and then just making my way up to the Security Room,
20 looking at the crowd more, the size of it, the people in
21 the crowd, and then just making my way to the Security
22 Room.

23 **PSI Minority** : Got it. How long did it take you, do
24 you think, to walk from the crowd to where the Security
25 Room was located?

1 **Witness** : I don't know. I can't speculate
2 precisely.

3 **PSI Minority** : Let's say how far was it,
4 approximately. Estimate.

5 **Witness** : Yeah. Maybe 200 yards, 150 yards. I
6 don't know. It's not super long, but not also super short.

7 **PSI Minority** : Sure. So a two-minute walk, maybe, 200
8 yards, two-minute walk.

9 **Witness** : I don't know if I want to put a specific
10 time on it, but it would've taken a few minutes to get
11 there.

12 **PSI Minority** : Okay. As you're walking to the
13 Security Room do you notice police presence? Are you
14 looking over to the right or to the left? Do you notice
15 anything that stands out?

16 **Witness** : Not immediately, no.

17 **PSI Minority** : Unpack that a little bit more. What do
18 you mean, not immediately?

19 **Witness** : Well, again, because I'm speaking to
20 when the shots fired, several minutes after, when I get in
21 there. So walking to the Security Room --

22 **PSI Minority** : Yeah. I'm talking -- we're before
23 shots are fired, right. We are on our walk to the Security
24 Room.

25 **Witness** : Sure.

1 **PSI Minority** : Do you notice any police presence? Do
2 you notice any specific activity that draws your attention?

3 **Witness** : No. There's police presence there, but
4 nothing that draws my attention, no.

5 **PSI Minority** : Okay. So I know at 5:45, it's our
6 understanding the Secret Service snipers received a message
7 alerting them to the suspicious individual on the AGR side,
8 and then they subsequently were communicating amongst
9 themselves. Do you notice the Secret Service snipers doing
10 anything around that 5:45 time? I'm assuming you're either
11 at the stage or on your walk over to the Security Room
12 around this time.

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

14 **PSI Minority** : Okay. Do you look up at the snipers'
15 location at all when you get there?

16 **Witness** : I initially saw them, but then I -- that
17 was when I first got there. I can't give you a timeline on
18 that, but that was not --

19 **PSI Minority** : Yeah.

20 **Witness** : Yeah, but then --

21 **PSI Minority** : What direction were they looking when
22 you first got there?

23 **Witness** : I don't recall precisely which location
24 it was, but I just acknowledge that they were there.

25 **PSI Minority** : Okay. All right. Let's go forward to

1 the Security Room. How long are you in the Security Room
2 before you get that call from **Protective Intel Agent**? Again, estimate for
3 me.

4 **Witness** : If I had to estimate, maybe 5 minutes or
5 less. I don't recall precisely.

6 **PSI Minority** : Okay. So it's around 6:00.

7 **Witness** : I think that would be fairly accurate,
8 but I don't know the precise time.

9 **PSI Minority** : Okay. I'm going to put a document on
10 the screen, and I just want to walk through it really
11 quickly.

12 **Witness** : Sure.

13 **PSI Minority** : So what I have here is a transcript
14 from an interview with Pennsylvania State Police Sergeant
15 **PSP Site Liaison** , and he was in the Command Post that day, in
16 that Security Room. I'm going to go down to page 7. This
17 will be Exhibit 4.

18 [Exhibit No. 4 was
19 marked for identification.]

20 **PSI Minority** : So if we look right around that halfway
21 mark, right where the cursor is, he states that while he
22 was in the Secret Service Command Post, at 5:44, he
23 received a phone call from the locals alerting him that
24 there was a suspicious individual at the AGR building with
25 a rangefinder. There's a brief description of him. And

1 then if you look over at page 8, he states that he
2 mentioned it to the Secret Service agent that there was a
3 guy with a rangefinder, and what he heard.

4 When you get to the Security Room does anybody say
5 anything to you or mention to you, "Hey, we've got a report
6 of somebody suspicious over at the AGR building"?

7 **Witness** : I believe there were some state troopers
8 who were discussing it, but I don't precisely know of the
9 individual named here, **SAIC Buffalo**. This is the text you're
10 talking about.

11 **PSI Minority** : So let's talk about that a little bit
12 more in the Security Room. So when you get there, there
13 are some Pennsylvania State Police officers who are talking
14 about a suspicious individual?

15 **Witness** : I'm trying to recall from a month and a
16 half ago, based on the text message I sent, because there
17 was some information passed about state troopers
18 acknowledging it. But beyond that I can't recall the
19 veracity or where that would've originated, or who they
20 would've passed it to prior to or after that.

21 **PSI Minority** : So I guess, right, you're the
22 intelligence lead. If this sort of information was in the
23 Security Room, is this something that should have been
24 flagged for you, right when you get to the Security Room?

25 **Witness** : Well, I believe it was, because in that

1 time frame I was receiving that from [Protective Intel Agent], as well. So
2 I think that's where that information was being relayed.
3 I'm not going to speculate because she was with -- in
4 communication with the state trooper, that was assigned to
5 her.

6 [PSI Minority]: Yes. I just want to make sure I got
7 this, have this clear then, right. So you're in the
8 Security Room. You get the call from [Protective Intel Agent] about a
9 suspicious individual, but you're also hearing it in the
10 Security Room from individuals, that there's a suspicious
11 individual with a rangefinder identified.

12 [Witness]: Yeah. In the text message I received
13 there was communications about it, but I don't know
14 precisely or recall who that was, or who would've passed
15 it, or who would've received it, because this was over a
16 month ago. Because I had limited time in the Security
17 Room, to the best of my recollection.

18 [PSI Minority]: Right. Okay. You know, understanding
19 you're in the Security Room, shots are fired approximately
20 around 6:11, I believe. So you're in there about 11
21 minutes before the shots are fired. It sounds like there
22 is some communication about a suspicious individual.
23 You're certainly hearing it from [Protective Intel Agent]. When all of this
24 is going on around the 6, 6:05 minute, are there any
25 discussion about putting out a broadcast to everybody over

1 the radios, saying, "Hey, we're getting a lot of reports
2 about a suspicious individual with a rangefinder"?

3 **Witness** : I don't recall, because at the time I
4 was working with **Protective Intel Agent** to handle it in my
5 responsibilities, so that receiving her information after
6 that, to try to ascertain how I would appropriately respond
7 based on what she was giving me.

8 **PSI Minority** : Yeah. I understand that. Did you, at
9 the time, considering alerting either Agent **Site Agent**, Agent
10 **Lead Agent**, Agent **Site Counterpart**, Agent **SAIC Pittsburgh** about the reports of the
11 suspicious individual, or that **Protective Intel Agent** was, for lack of a
12 better word, deploying to look into that?

13 **Witness** : At the time I was not because I was
14 focused on working with **Protective Intel Agent** exclusively to ascertain
15 what she was providing me, and then once receiving that and
16 working the problem with her, trying to figure out how I
17 would handle that information once I received it.

18 **PSI Minority** : Yeah. No, understanding that you're
19 working on it. I guess wouldn't that information be
20 beneficial to the site lead and to the other individuals
21 who are working that day, to protect the former President?

22 **Witness** : Yes, it would, and that's the
23 information I was working on at the time to ascertain
24 precisely what was being worked on, the accuracy of it, and
25 any information that she could pass to me to verify what

1 they were working, who they had, and confirming any
2 information that she was working on. Because that, again -
3 -

4 **PSI Minority** : I've got --

5 **Witness** : Sure.

6 **PSI Minority** : -- a little bit with you there, because
7 you just said the accuracy. Were you concerned that the
8 multiple reports were inaccurate?

9 **Witness** : No, because again, I am not physically
10 there with her so I am relying on her to provide that or
11 confirm information if this person was found or the
12 confirmation of the actual rangefinder or any other items
13 that may have been in this person's possession, or stopped
14 by local PD, so that she could pass that and then I could
15 make a determination on how I would respond to that
16 information.

17 **PSI Minority** : Okay. So again, just so I'm clear, you
18 wouldn't alert the site lead or the lead agent or the SAIC
19 about this until you had confirmed that there was an
20 individual with a rangefinder.

21 **Witness** : Not precisely until I confirmed it. I
22 wanted to make sure I understood precisely what they were
23 working with and if I had that information, to then pass it
24 to a relevant person that -- up the chain or relevant
25 entities. Because I, again, am not on the ground. She is

1 working that with her counterparts. And then trying to
2 confirm the information from her, then to make a decision
3 on getting that information to me, and then to disseminate
4 that or investigate that further, depending on how that
5 would be provided.

6 **PSI Minority**: Roger. But going back, you said you
7 didn't only hear it from her. You had heard it from the
8 folks in the Security Room, and that they were talking
9 about it. So it sounds like, to me, there were multiple
10 people talking about this suspicious individual. At that
11 point it would seem to be prudent to raise it up the chain
12 and say, "Hey, we're getting multiple reports of a
13 suspicious individual," again using a rangefinder, which is
14 not a normal thing to be seen at a rally event. It is used
15 to gain the yardage or distance from a target. It's not
16 really any other reason. Am I thinking about this right?

17 **Witness**: I'm not sure precisely if you're asking
18 to ascertain if that should be escalated, because again, we
19 do get suspicious people that are at sites regularly, and I
20 was trying to, at the time, get the information from her,
21 pass it along, that she was working with the PSP troopers
22 to ascertain it. Yeah.

23 **PSI Minority**: Have you ever been on an event where an
24 individual was sighted using a rangefinder to range the
25 location where a protectee was known to be going shortly?

1 **Witness** : I don't recall. I can't speak to
2 confirm any reports of a rangefinder or any other items
3 that people may be in possession of.

4 **PSI Minority** : I guess -- and again, right, I'm not a
5 professional with the Secret Service, but that would seem
6 to stand out in my mind if there had been other reports of
7 individuals ranging a protectee's location with a
8 rangefinder, when the protectee was going to be appearing
9 there shortly.

10 Okay. Let me ask, did you ask **Protective Intel Agent** to alert the
11 Counter Sniper Response Teams or to alert the counter
12 snipers that she was aware of a suspicious individual and
13 their location?

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

15 **PSI Minority** : Okay. Let's scroll down a little bit
16 in this. I want to cover a few more things. So we're
17 going to go to page 17 on this, and I'm going to scroll for
18 us. Okay. And at the bottom here, so I know we talked
19 about you're in the Security Room from approximately 6:00
20 until the shots are fired, right?

21 **Witness** : Yep.

22 **PSI Minority** : Okay. So let's look at the bottom here
23 of this, this graph from Sergeant **PSP Site Liaison** It says, "And
24 that occurred at roughly 18:04. I then called Officer **Butler ESU Comm**
25 back and said where is he at now, and he said that the

1 sniper team had reported that it had lost sight of him. At
2 18:09, I received another call from Officer [Redacted] saying
3 that the guy was discovered on top of a roof, and they had
4 officers below, meaning municipals, not troopers, that they
5 couldn't like figure out how he got up there or access
6 him."

7 So you're in the Security Room. Officer [Redacted] is in
8 the Security Room, and gets a call that there's a guy on
9 the roof at 16:09. Did you hear anything about a guy on
10 the roof at 16:09, or at 6:09?

11 [Redacted] Witness : I did not.

12 [Redacted] PSI Minority : Okay. I guess, help me understand
13 that. If you're in the Security Room and he's in the
14 Security Room, wouldn't that have been relayed to other
15 folks in the Security Room? And if you look over to --
16 sorry, if you look over to the next page, he states that he
17 communicated that to [Redacted] PII -- I'm assuming [Redacted] SAIC Buffalo -- who
18 was in the room with him. Do you see the Pennsylvania
19 State Police talk to [Redacted] SAIC Buffalo and mention that there was an
20 individual on a roof at 16:09?

21 [Redacted] Witness : I do not.

22 [Redacted] PSI Minority : Or 18:09 -- I apologize, 6:09?

23 [Redacted] Witness : No, I do not.

24 [Redacted] PSI Minority : Would that have been information that
25 would've been helpful to you to get?

1 **Witness** : Hypothetically, yes, but I did not
2 receive any of that information.

3 **PSI Minority** : Okay. Yeah, again, I'm just having a
4 hard time understanding how you're in the Security Room and
5 this information is being passed around, and you don't hear
6 or receive it.

7 I'm going to pass it over to my colleague, **PSI Minority**

8 **PSI Minority**

9 **PSI Minority** : **Witness** , thank you for your time.
10 I know our time is limited, and we're going to go on a
11 break soon, at the end of this period. But just a few
12 follow-up questions, sir. And going back to something that
13 we discussed earlier, when were you placed on restricted
14 duty status?

15 **Witness** : I don't know the precise date, but I
16 could --

17 **PSI Minority** : Was it -- sorry, go ahead.

18 **Witness** : No. I'd have to get confirmation on
19 that.

20 **PSI Minority** : Was it yesterday?

21 **Witness** : No, it was not yesterday.

22 **PSI Minority** : Was it this week?

23 **Witness** : It would've been last week at some
24 point, but I don't know the precise date. I'd have to look
25 at -- yeah.

1 **PSI Minority** : Okay. So last week. Okay. Did you go
2 to the AGR building after shots were fired?

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

4 **PSI Minority** : Did you go to the roof of the AGR
5 building?

6 **Witness** : I did.

7 **PSI Minority** : Why were you on the roof of the AGR
8 building?

9 **Witness** : I was trying to help the FBI identify
10 who this individual was, after the shots were fired and
11 after the scene was secured, trying to ascertain that
12 identity of that person.

13 **PSI Minority** : In what way were you trying to
14 ascertain the identity?

15 **Witness** : Look at any facial features or any
16 weapons or anything that would've been there, to provide in
17 coordination or coordinate that with the FBI.

18 **PSI Minority** : With just the FBI or other law
19 enforcement agencies?

20 **Witness** : I don't recall precisely who was on the
21 roof with me, but there would've been other tactical
22 officers there. But subsequent to getting, it would've
23 been with the FBI and the ATF that were there at some
24 point.

25 **PSI Minority** : How did you know that ATF was there?

1 **Witness** : They were in the Security Room at some
2 point throughout the night.

3 **PSI Minority** : And how did you know it was ATF?

4 **Witness** : The individual looked familiar from our
5 office, or the Pittsburgh office here, and they
6 acknowledged that, that they were who they were.

7 **PSI Minority** : So someone who looked familiar to you
8 from ATF was at the site. Was this individual there before
9 or after shots fired?

10 **Witness** : I don't know before, but they were there
11 after the shots were fired.

12 **PSI Minority** : And as you were on the roof, did you
13 notice the weapon on the roof?

14 **Witness** : I did, yes.

15 **PSI Minority** : Did you notice anything else belonging
16 to the shooter?

17 **Agency Counsel** : If I could interject. At a certain
18 point, Special Agent **Witness** is going to need to refer
19 questions concerning the identification of the shooter and
20 the investigative steps taken to ascertain his identity to
21 the Department of Justice. So again, I mean, his actions
22 up until this point, I think, were in solid territory, but
23 again, questions around the investigative steps taken
24 beyond that point I think are properly directed toward the
25 Department of Justice, either through FBI or ATF.

1 **PSI Minority** : Okay. Well, we're talking about what
2 **Witness** did. He's a Secret Service employee, as far as
3 I know. So we'll continue to discuss --

4 **Agency Counsel**: And I'm going to --

5 **PSI Minority** : Any other --

6 **Agency Counsel**: Just so I'm clear, on the record, he's
7 not been authorized to provide information about the
8 Department of Justice's efforts to make an identification
9 of the individual.

10 **PSI Minority** : Well, I don't know what his awareness
11 of their efforts are. I don't know if he has awareness of
12 it. So you're presuming that he does and would be able to
13 speak to it. So we'll continue with talking about --

14 **Agency Counsel**: I'm apprising you that there will be a
15 limit. Thank you.

16 **PSI Minority** : So Special Agent **Witness** did you
17 notice anything else belonging to the shooter besides his
18 weapon?

19 **Witness** : I don't recall if there was anything
20 else. Yeah, I don't recall if there was anything else
21 there.

22 **PSI Minority** : Was there a backpack? Was there a
23 backpack?

24 **Witness** : I believe there was. I don't recall
25 precisely if and when I would've seen it.

1 **PSI Minority** : Was there a device that looked like a
2 remote control?

3 **Witness** : I don't recall seeing a device.

4 **PSI Minority** : Were there shell casings?

5 **Witness** : I don't recall seeing those.

6 **PSI Minority** : Do you know what time you got to the
7 roof of the AGR building?

8 **Witness** : I don't have a precise time.

9 **PSI Minority** : Estimate?

10 **Witness** : At maybe 8 p.m. I don't recall
11 precisely. It was a while after the shooting occurred, the
12 **LES**, and then us trying to ascertain scene
13 security and coordinating with the FBI.

14 **PSI Minority** : Did you have to send any information to
15 any of those other law enforcement agencies regarding your
16 ability to ascertain the identity of the individual?

17 **Witness** : To -- there was communications to our
18 Protective Intelligence Division to help identify that
19 person.

20 **PSI Minority** : I'm asking did you send any
21 communications regarding the efforts to ascertain the
22 identity of the individual.

23 **Witness** : I don't recall precisely which like
24 communications to identify the individual. But --

25 **PSI Minority** : Not -- no. Well, frankly we don't have

1 any communications, so I can't necessarily ask you to
2 specify any specific, any particular communication.

3 **Witness** : Okay.

4 **PSI Minority** : But I'm asking generally, did you
5 communicate any information to those agencies regarding
6 your efforts to ascertain the identity of the individual?

7 **Witness** : Yes, communications.

8 **Witness Counsel** : Do you have any recollection of that?
9 That's all.

10 **Witness** : Yeah.

11 **PSI Minority** : And what did you send?

12 **Witness** : I don't think I sent anything I can
13 recall, but there would've been at least verbal
14 communications to the other agencies that were there, and
15 then trying to work that investigation or assist them in
16 identifying, or assisting in that, efforts to identify the
17 individual on the roof.

18 **PSI Minority** : And these communications occurred at
19 the time you were on the roof, around 8:00. Did they
20 continue on after leaving the roof, or was your role just
21 confined to that moment in time that you were on the roof,
22 attempting to ascertain the individual's identity?

23 **Witness** : No. My responsibility was to assist the
24 other agencies and try to collect as much information, or
25 try to assist any way I could because at that time the

1 other agencies were there to support various investigative
2 and supportive roles in the incident.

3 **PSI Minority** : So in what way did you -- what did you
4 communicate verbally regarding the efforts to ascertain who
5 this individual is?

6 **Witness** : There were various individuals on the
7 roof, and they're trying to communicate generally how to
8 identify the person. But I don't recall providing any
9 specific knowledge that would've assisted in identifying
10 that individual to other Federal agencies, to ascertain an
11 ID.

12 **PSI Minority** : When you were on -- during your time on
13 the roof, did you or did anyone else successfully identify
14 the individual?

15 **Witness** : I don't recall if somebody did at that
16 time.

17 **PSI Minority** : Did the individual have identification
18 on him?

19 **Witness** : I don't recall if he did or not. I
20 wasn't in a position to identify, collect, or preserve any
21 evidence to do that. I was merely in a supportive role, to
22 assist in any way I could. So just, yeah.

23 **PSI Minority** : Yeah. I guess I'm just trying to
24 understand, and please forgive me as I continue to question
25 you on this part. But if you couldn't offer any of those

1 ways of assistance, in what way were you assisting trying
2 to acquire or identify this individual?

3 **Witness** : So we were getting communications from
4 our Protective Intelligence Division desk, trying to ID
5 this person, or if I had any information to pass to ID this
6 person, so that they could potentially, you know,
7 investigate this, to help ID this person or provide any
8 other facts beyond that, which is what my role was during
9 those subsequent hours after the shooting, to try to
10 collect any information, or if there was any information to
11 be given to me from the other Federal agencies or locals,
12 that I could pass to our Protective Intelligence Division
13 or Headquarters people to help ID or further along our
14 investigation at the time.

15 **PSI Minority** : So you were receiving this information
16 and you were passing it on. Is that accurate?

17 **Witness** : That's correct, yes.

18 **PSI Minority** : And the way in which you were receiving
19 this information, was that via verbal communications? Text
20 messages? Emails?

21 **Witness** : It would've been electronic
22 communications and telephone conversations, I believe, but
23 I would have to confirm that.

24 **PSI Minority** : Okay. Did you speak with any of the
25 counter snipers following the July 13th event? And let me

1 be more specific. Did you speak any of the counter snipers
2 who were on duty that day, following the event?

3 **Witness**: I did, because they had left the roof,
4 just to ensure they were okay or if there had any physical
5 injuries beyond that. But subsequently that's the
6 interactions that I had with them, because I was left on
7 scene. I did not go.

8 **PSI Minority**: Understood. Who did you speak with?
9 Can you identify those counter snipers that you spoke with?

10 **Witness**: Officer -- I forget the individual's
11 name. Yes, sir, I'm drawing a blank right now. But it was
12 our Secret Service counter snipers, to ensure they were
13 okay, if there were any injuries or anything I could help
14 them at the time. Yeah.

15 **PSI Minority**: Did you speak with -- how many did you
16 speak with? It's our understanding there were four. Did
17 you speak with all four?

18 **Witness**: I believe at least two of them.

19 **PSI Minority**: Do you know which team these two were
20 on? Our understanding is that there were two teams.

21 **Witness**: To the veracity of how many teams or
22 what their assignments were, I'm not sure about that, but I
23 did talk to at least two of them.

24 **PSI Minority**: Did you speak to the individual that
25 fired the shot at Crooks?

1 **Witness** : I believe I did, but I can't confirm
2 that because of the immediacy of his needs, and trying to
3 confirm that they were okay.

4 **PSI Minority** : Did they say that they were okay? Did
5 you confirm that?

6 **Witness** : I believe so, but I don't remember the
7 particular conversations we had.

8 **PSI Minority** : Was there any discussion about who
9 fired the shot at Crooks?

10 **Witness** : I believe there was, but I can't confirm
11 which individual had said it. I don't recall precisely.

12 **PSI Minority** : And could you describe what that
13 conversation was?

14 **Witness** : To the best of my knowledge and my
15 ability, somebody had taken a shot, but I don't recall
16 anything beyond that.

17 **PSI Minority** : If there was a credible threat to the
18 July 13th event, would it have been your expectation that
19 you would be made aware of that threat ahead of the event?

20 **Witness** : Protective intelligence-related, yes.

21 **PSI Minority** : Understood. Has Secret Service or DHS
22 instructed you not to speak with Congress?

23 **Witness** : No.

24 **PSI Minority** : Okay. It's 4:22 right now. I think
25 we'll go for a break, if that is okay with everyone.

1 **HSGAC Minority**: I think we went a little over, so we'll
2 take a five-minute break.

3 [Recess.]

4 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. We are back on the record. So
5 this is, again, **HSGAC Majority**. Thank you again for taking
6 the time. I think we have about an hour left, so we'll
7 follow the same format. I'll ask a few follow-up questions
8 and then turn it over to my colleagues.

9 I just want to put something on the record, that we
10 just discussed, which is over the break I understand that
11 you looked at your phone and saw that Bates stamped 1547,
12 which we received as a redacted text message, with the
13 text, quote, "Call me on my personal," you looked this up
14 and it seems to be a message, or it is a message from you
15 to Senior Special Agent **Site Counterpart**. Is that correct.

16 **Witness**: Mm-hmm.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: And this is at 6:34 p.m. Why did you
18 ask -- do you recall why you asked her to call you?

19 **Witness**: I don't recall. It was after the shots
20 were fired, several minutes after that, but I don't recall
21 exactly what, you know, I asked her to call me for.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: And do you recall why you asked her to
23 call you on your personal phone as opposed to your work
24 phone?

25 **Witness**: I don't know. I can't recall that

1 conversation.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. And I had a few follow-up
3 questions based on what we've discussed. The first is you
4 sent -- and I can show you a copy of this, if helpful, but
5 it looks like you sent a text message or email to Special
6 Agent **Protective Intel Agent** -- remind me of her last name?

7 **Witness**: It's hard to pronounce. **Protective Intel Agent** I'm
8 probably butchering that, but I apologize.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: And you say you have an extra PI packet.
10 What is a PI packet? And if you'd like to see it I'm happy
11 to --

12 **Witness**: No, that's fine. That is documents that
13 we have to give to somebody. Like if we, say, for example,
14 we have someone that needs to be interviewed, a person of
15 interest or a protective intelligence related threat, that
16 packet **LES**

17 **LES**

18 **LES**.

19 These forms are distributed all over our offices. They are
20 used quite frequently for any PI-related incidents, or call
21 to the office. That's what those documents are, yeah.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you --

23 **Witness**: Oops, most agents -- yeah, sorry, just
24 to help --

25 **HSGAC Majority**: Go ahead.

1 **Witness** : Most agents will have those in some
2 veracity, so that if there is a need to, you know, use them
3 in a PI-related matter.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: Were any PI packets used during the July
5 13th rally?

6 **Witness** : I don't believe so, no.

7 **HSGAC Majority**: However, you had these on you, on the
8 day of the event. Correct?

9 **Witness** : I had -- I don't recall if I had them on
10 my person, but they would've been available to use for that
11 event if, in fact, we had to interview somebody that was of
12 protective intelligence interest.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. Do you know how Special Agent
14 **Protective Intel Agent** learned of the suspicious individual with the
15 rangefinder?

16 **Witness** : I don't. It would've -- I'm not going
17 to speculate, but it would've probably been her partner,
18 but I can't confirm that. It would've been from a local
19 counterpart, I believe, but you'd have to ask her precisely
20 how she got that.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you know if she was on the local
22 radios?

23 **Witness** : I'm not going to speculate for her
24 because I was not there the entire time.

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

1 **HSGAC Majority**: And as part of your work, though, on
2 protective intelligence, if you find a suspicious
3 individual then you go to wherever that individual is and
4 follow up and conduct an interview. Is that right?

5 **Witness**: So I don't go personally. That's the
6 role of **Protective Intel Agent** I coordinate with her. If that said
7 person is located then I would coordinate where she is.
8 Then if I need to respond out, because it is a threat or
9 intelligence-related threat that would need my attention
10 and AUSA's attention, I would then respond out to her and
11 help accordingly.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: Physically.

13 **Witness**: Physically, yes, yeah.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: So would it -- is it helpful to you to
15 know where the post-stander positions are?

16 **Witness**: For who? Pennsylvania State Troopers?
17 I don't know if that would be helpful or not because that's
18 scenario driven, and depending on where or not she would be
19 going, that's why we have state troopers with her and in
20 contact with me, so I can coordinate and having that asset
21 to do that.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. So when she is conducting
23 her field work in terms of tracking down a suspicious
24 individual, in this case she is with, physically with a
25 state trooper. Is that accurate?

1 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. And looking at page 1 -- and it's
2 not Bates stamped -- it lists the advance team, and it
3 lists the different leads for the July 13th rally. There
4 is no lead listed for communications. Do you know who led
5 communications on that day?

6 **Witness**: I don't know precisely who would've led
7 that, and I'm not sure what communications you're precisely
8 referring to.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: Within the Security Room. Within the
10 Secret Service Security Room, ensuring interoperability of
11 communications.

12 **Witness**: I understand.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: Whose responsibility is that?

14 **Witness**: Generally that White House
15 Communications, but I don't know precisely if they were
16 doing that for this advance or not.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: Who?

18 **Witness**: White House Communications.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: And who would that be?

20 **Witness**: I don't know -- do you mean like the
21 individual for that, or people assigned to that? I don't
22 know precisely, but that group does work on communications
23 for the Secret Service and **LES**. But beyond
24 trying to explain more particular details, that's not my
25 lane or anything I've been trained to do.

1 **HSGAC Majority**: Were you aware there were two command
2 centers for the July 13th rally?

3 **Witness** : I was aware of our Security Room that we
4 had.

5 **HSGAC Majority**: And were you aware that there was no
6 local law enforcement in that room?

7 **Witness** : In our Security Room? I don't know the
8 -- say it again one more time.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: Were you aware --

10 **Witness Counsel** : So what you're saying, that there was a
11 Pennsylvania State Police officer in there?

12 **HSGAC Majority**: Correct. State police, just local law
13 enforcement.

14 **Witness Counsel** : The transcript.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: But local law enforcement.

16 **Witness Counsel** : You mean a non -- all right.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: Not State Police.

18 **Witness Counsel** : Not the Pennsylvania State Police.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: Correct.

20 **Witness Counsel** : All right. Just clarify that then. All
21 right, please.

22 **Witness** : I don't recall if there were other
23 entities there, with the limited time that I was in the
24 Security Room.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: Looking at the leads on the Preliminary

1 Survey, the advance lead, the site agent lead, site
2 counterpart, intelligence, counter sniper, and Technical
3 Security Division, of these leads, who has teams on the
4 ground to follow up on intelligence or threats for the July
5 13th rally? So let's go through them one by one, and we'll
6 start with you. So for intelligence, you had -- you worked
7 with Special Agent **Protective II**^{Protective Intel Agent} Correct?

8 **Witness** : Correct.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: What about for counter snipers? Were
10 you aware of the Counter Sniper Response Team on the ground
11 that day?

12 **Witness** : I wasn't aware of the precise person or
13 their location. I was known after the fact, because they
14 were in the Security Room after the incident had occurred.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you know there was a Counter Sniper
16 Response Team on the ground that day?

17 **Witness** : I don't recall if I knew that or not.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: Looking at these leads, are there any --
19 is there any other team -- and when I say "team" I'm
20 referring to, you know, each line, whether it's a lead
21 agent, site agent, site counterpart -- is there anyone else
22 that has teams on the ground to follow up on intelligence
23 or threats?

24 **Witness** : Outside of my role, no, and my
25 responsibility, no.

1 **HSGAC Majority**: No, there aren't any, or no, you're just
2 not aware of whether there is any other Secret Service --

3 **Witness** : I'm not aware of any other Secret
4 Service entities that would've been working intelligence
5 that day.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. How is information
7 exchanged among the advance leads, so there's situational
8 awareness of intelligence and threats.

9 **Witness** : Through email, or work email or calls,
10 or any intelligence that would be passed from Headquarters,
11 which would be disseminated to me, which then would be sent
12 to the team, as appropriate.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: I guess I'm talking more specifically at
14 the rally event --

15 **Witness** : Okay.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: -- as events are unfolding. How is that
17 information exchanged among the leads here, so there's
18 situational awareness among everyone?

19 **Witness** : Okay. So you're referring leads,
20 dissemination of information to other people, or just the
21 general exchanging information amongst the counterparts?

22 **HSGAC Majority**: Amongst the lead counterparts. So
23 looking right here under the advance team --

24 **Witness** : Yep.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: -- under Special Agent **Lead Agent**, Special

1 Agent **Site Agent**, Senior Special Agent **Site Counterpart**, you, Special
2 Agent, or Operator-Technician, Officer-Technician
3 **C/S Team Lead** and **TSD Advance Lead**. How is information exchanged
4 among each of the leads so there is situational awareness?

5 **Witness**: Sure. There is an email router that was
6 put together, where everybody was included on that. And
7 then on the day of any radio communications. I don't
8 precisely know if -- the veracity of how many or the
9 frequency of those communications. But generally there's
10 an email router put on the day of the visit that has most,
11 if not all, advance team members, or relevant people that
12 need to be on that, to ensure, you know, pertinent updates.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: And is that email router, I mean, is it
14 a specific subject? Is it titled anything?

15 **Witness**: I don't recall. But --

16 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you receive communications from
17 other advance leads on that router of a suspicious person
18 with a rangefinder?

19 **Witness**: I don't recall seeing any emails. I'd
20 have to look, other than what I described today and in the
21 text message with **Protective Intel Agent**.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: And I just want to put on the record, I
23 don't believe we've received the information exchange
24 between the advance leads on this email router that Special
25 Agent **Witness** just mentioned, so we'd like to follow up on

1 that.

2 And multiple advance -- or let me take a step back.
3 Were you aware that at 5:45 p.m., OT **C/S Team Lead** received a
4 text message that said, and I'll quote, "At AGR, sending a
5 uniformed officer to check him out. Kid lurking" -- or
6 leaning, which I think should be lurking -- "around
7 building we are in. AGR I believe it is. I did see him
8 with a rangefinder looking towards stage FYI. If you want
9 to notify Secret Service snipers to look out. I lost sight
10 of him. Also a bike with backpack sitting next to it in
11 rear of building that was not seen earlier." And then it
12 includes pics of the shooter.

13 Is this a text message you ever received?

14 **Witness**: I don't recall seeing that, no.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: And that was at 5:45 p.m. Is this
16 something that would've been important for you to know --

17 **Witness**: Uh --

18 **HSGAC Majority**: -- as a lead intelligence?

19 **Witness**: That would be helpful, but I don't know,
20 speaking hindsight, depending on the situation that they
21 were dealing with, I can't speak for them and what his mind
22 was going through during that.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: And --

24 **Witness Counsel**: No, no. All right. All right. I just
25 want to -- she just asked do you think that would be

1 helpful to you. That's all. That's all she's asking.

2 **Witness**: Yeah, it would be, yes. Yeah.

3 **Witness Counsel**: Okay. That's fine.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: Thank you. So threats, including, you
5 know, those of potentially suspicious individuals, are
6 constantly evolving, and, you know, events that are in
7 isolation might not be concerning. But when incidents are
8 taken together, the situation may be evaluated as a threat.
9 Does that make sense? So pieces in isolation, that might
10 not be an issue. But when you, you know, have, you know, a
11 culmination of information, the, you know, evaluation of
12 the information may change, right, because you have more
13 information. And the reason I'm just kind of providing
14 this backdrop is my questions is, is there a system or a
15 policy or a protocol in place to ensure that one person,
16 that there's a singular touchpoint for information between
17 local, state, and Secret Service?

18 **Witness**: Yeah, I don't recall if there is a
19 policy or a sort of protocol that's in place to pass
20 information. I think the information is passed
21 situationally. But to be precise on a unilateral, you
22 know, we use radios. But if you're asking a single,
23 unilateral, I don't recall of a policy existing. You'd
24 have to ask our Headquarters about that.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: And to your point with radios -- or let

1 me just take a step back before I follow up on that.

2 You're not aware of a policy on that.

3 **Witness** : As far as --

4 **HSGAC Majority** : I just want to make sure I understand
5 what you --

6 **Witness** : Yeah, yeah, sure.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : So you're not aware of a policy where
8 there's a kind of system or policy to have kind of like a
9 singular touchpoint to ensure one person is receiving
10 information, so Secret Service can evaluate information in
11 its entirety instead of in isolation.

12 **Witness** : So when you say "evaluate," do you mean
13 like somebody getting the information, assessing it, then
14 passing it along to pertinent people? Here is why I'm
15 asking. I'm trying to help clarify. Because in the
16 Security Room we have our Security Room agent who does
17 monitor radio traffic and then can pass that along to
18 frequencies. But as far as if you're asking about, hey,
19 there's a centralized unit that gets that information and
20 then passes it along, because they make a determination if
21 it's important or not, I don't believe that exists.

22 The reason why I say that is because everything is
23 very dynamic, and everything's unique. So like that's why
24 I just want to -- yeah.

25 **HSGAC Majority** : Understood. And when you mentioned

1 radio communications, the locals were on a separate radio
2 communication from the state law enforcement, and state law
3 enforcement was on a separate radio communication from
4 Secret Service. Is that your understanding of radio
5 communications?

6 **Witness**: I don't know the precise communications
7 because I was involved with my specific job with PI and
8 dealing with the state trooper and then his unit, so
9 communicating that way. And then communicating with my
10 service colleagues, as well, for any pertinent information.

11 But to speak to like precisely who had which radios or
12 what frequency, it wasn't anything that I was immediately
13 privy on.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: And to your knowledge, there is not a
15 singular person who is responsible for receiving concerns
16 from local communications, receiving concerns from state
17 communications, and receiving concerns from Secret Service
18 communications to evaluate and assess a situation in its
19 entirety.

20 **Witness**: Yeah, I don't recall of there ever being
21 a single person, but there are multiple units that handle
22 various communications, or depending on if that person
23 deems it appropriate they may or may not put it out on the
24 radio. It's a very fluid situation with communications,
25 local, state, and Federal. But there's not somebody that

1 just is the end-all, be-all, or the sayer of passing or
2 receiving information. If that's what you're asking, yeah.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. And on that day, I just
4 want to confirm, you did not relay the information you
5 received from Special Agent **Protective Intel Agent** to anyone because --
6 correct me if I'm wrong -- you mentioned you had not yet
7 been able to verify it or run it down.

8 **Witness**: Correct, yeah. Still in the process of
9 working with her and trying to ascertain that information.

10 **HSGAC Majority**: Who makes the decision on whether to
11 take, in this case, former President Trump offstage in the
12 event of a security threat?

13 **Witness**: I don't know who's the person that would
14 be responsible for that. I'm not going to speculate
15 because of the role that I had. So, yeah.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: I'm not asking you to speculate. Just
17 only if you know.

18 **Witness**: Yep, I don't.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: Have you participated in any after-
20 action reviews of what went wrong that day?

21 **Witness**: I don't recall having any after-action
22 or reviews.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Who have you interviewed with or spoken
24 with since the event about what happened?

25 **Witness**: The FBI. I talked to our Inspection

1 Division, an independent panel that was put together by
2 President Biden. I don't recall who precisely that was,
3 but the interviews with them, yeah.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: And what was discussed in your
5 conversation, your interview with the Independent Panel?

6 **Witness**: I don't know if I'm going to be able to
7 talk about that because of the -- but I can refer to **Witness Counsel**
8 about answering any questions in that.

9 **Witness Counsel**: Yeah, you know, there were instructions
10 as to confidentiality with respect to all of these
11 interviews.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood.

13 **Witness Counsel**: So I would like to some clearance first
14 from the panel --

15 **HSGAC Majority**: Sure.

16 **Witness Counsel** -- from the FBI before we go ahead. All
17 right. I don't mind trying to get the clearance -- don't
18 get me wrong -- but I just want to make sure. That's all.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. We'll make a note to follow
20 up on that and appreciate it.

21 **Witness Counsel**: That would be helpful if you can handle
22 that too. Thank you.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Thank you, **Witness Counsel**. We'll follow up
24 with you separately on that. And any other interviews that
25 you've had, other than the three you just mentioned with

1 FBI, Inspections Division, and the Independent Panel?

2 **Witness** : No.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: What happened at the July 13th rally
4 was, you know, a near miss, or what Secret Service has
5 referred to as a, quote, "unusual protective event, an
6 incident." Are you aware of any other such events in the
7 past?

8 **Witness** : I don't recall that term or what would
9 be classified as, so I can't speak to that.

10 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you know if after the Butler shooting
11 if anyone completed an **LES** form, which is an Unusual
12 Protective Event Preliminary Information Form?

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

14 **HSGAC Majority**: Is there -- we talked about it a lot
15 today -- is there anything that we haven't asked about that
16 you think is important for us to be aware of, relating to
17 the planning for this event and what happened on the day of
18 the event?

19 **Witness** : I don't believe so. I can't recall
20 anything pertinent, no.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: And then in your view, just limited to
22 your role and what happened on that day, what went wrong?

23 **Witness** : I'm not going to opine on like what
24 would've gone wrong, because I did my job and what I was
25 supposed to do, to the best of my ability. I can't speak

1 for other units that would've been involved in this, so
2 it's hard for me to make that assumption, or ascertain any
3 conclusion of what went or did not go wrong.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: Looking forward, you've secured events
5 as an intelligence lead, you mentioned you've secured
6 events as a site agent, you've had experience working in a
7 number of different capacities to secure events for, you
8 know, a former President and others. Are there lessons
9 learned that you think, you know, that you've identified in
10 terms of looking forward?

11 **Witness**: Lessons learned? I don't know precisely
12 the lessons learned. I think I could speak to like the
13 manpower. I don't know if that's relevant now, or we can -
14 -

15 **HSGAC Majority**: Sure.

16 **Witness**: For things that need to be like
17 addressed or fixed for the agency, we can discuss that now.
18 But I don't have a lessons learned because again, other
19 entities that were responsible for various different parts
20 of this event. But I can't precisely say what lessons
21 would've been or should've been learned. Yeah.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: I just have one quick follow-up question
23 about the Security Room. Do you recall if you signed in on
24 a log or sign-in sheet of any kind in the Security Room?

25 **Witness**: I don't recall. I was in there a

1 limited time. No, I don't recall if I did or not.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. Do you know if that's standard to
3 sign in, coming and going from the Security Room?

4 **Witness**: I don't know if that's a standard policy
5 or not.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: Thank you.

7 **HSGAC Majority**: Let me pause. **PSI Majority** do you have any
8 questions?

9 **PSI Majority**: No, I don't have anything at this
10 time. Thanks.

11 **HSGAC Minority**: Who is **SAIC FBI**? I don't know if
12 I'm saying his name correctly.

13 **Witness**: Special Agent in Charge for the FBI.

14 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And is Special Agent in Charge
15 for the Pittsburgh Field Office?

16 **Witness**: Yes.

17 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Was he the one who would've
18 received the FBI letter?

19 **Witness**: I don't know precisely if he would've
20 received it. It was in a memo line --

21 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay.

22 **Witness**: -- addressed to him, but I don't --
23 again, like the process that the FBI has to like receive an
24 email, then it goes to various folks who would've received
25 an email, if that makes sense.

1 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So he was notified, as long as
2 we're assuming that FBI actually did get the letter, he
3 would've had awareness of the event.

4 **Witness**: I don't know, again, because I'm
5 speculating on what FBI, how they communicate with each
6 other. You'd have to ask them.

7 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. How soon after shots fired did
8 you see the ATF in the Security Room?

9 **Witness**: I don't know the precise time. I try to
10 be helpful. At 8, 8:30? I don't know a specific time.
11 Sorry.

12 **HSGAC Minority**: So it was after you had left the
13 Security Room to go on the roof?

14 **Witness**: Yes, after that, yeah.

15 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So that wasn't your first
16 interaction -- was that your first interaction with ATF
17 that night?

18 **Witness**: I believe so, but I don't recall
19 precisely when or the multiple amounts of times I may or
20 may not have interacted with them.

21 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. But you don't believe they were
22 on the roof when you were on the roof.

23 **Witness**: There were others but I don't -- I can't
24 -- I don't want to speak for them. I can't recall if they
25 were or not.

1 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Did the AUSA that was with you,
2 did he go up on the roof?

3 **Witness**: I believe so, yes.

4 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And he was with you, again, the
5 entire time, or did you separate --

6 **Witness**: Yeah. So again, once the **LES**
7 we were left there, which is fine. Once everything was
8 secure and there was no second shooters that we were aware
9 of, or there was no other threats to anybody or anybody was
10 in danger, then he was with me, and then trying to, you
11 know, if he needed to help, any help that he could.
12 Because this was an unusual situation. So yeah, just to
13 provide any relevant assistance he may or may not have.
14 Calling his office potentially or letting them know of the
15 incident. I mean, you could ask him, but I'm not going to
16 speak on his behalf.

17 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So when you left the roof, so he
18 got on the roof when you got on the roof, and when you left
19 the roof, he also left the roof.

20 **Witness**: Yes.

21 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. What service provider do you have
22 for your work phone?

23 **Witness**: I don't know the answer to that.

24 **HSGAC Minority**: Can you look on your phone real quick?

25 **Witness**: Yeah.

1 **Witness** : I'm not sure of this.

2 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So this document was provided to
3 us, was produced to us by Secret Service, and our
4 understanding was this was compiled with some officials
5 from the Pittsburgh Field Office as like a timeline of
6 events of the advance and then the day of.

7 **Witness** : Okay.

8 **HSGAC Minority**: And I believe there was also a
9 Headquarters Secret Service individual here, as well,
10 compiling it. Were you in these meetings to compile the
11 timeline?

12 **Witness** : I don't recall if I was or not.

13 **HSGAC Minority**: So you don't remember being in any
14 meetings with individuals from the field office, your
15 coworkers, to develop a timeline?

16 **Witness** : I believe we may have talked to some of
17 the supervisor, but I don't recall like precisely giving or
18 writing down timelines. But I believe there were
19 conversations that may have been had, yeah. I'd have to
20 look. I'm not familiar with this.

21 **HSGAC Minority**: Do you recall the context of those
22 conversations? Were they -- were you like asked to come in
23 to a meeting and describe what you did for the advance?

24 **Witness** : I don't recall precisely, but I think
25 just to communicate if there were -- yeah, I don't remember

1 precisely, no. Yeah.

2 **HSGAC Minority**: Who do you recall communicating to?

3 **Witness**: Uh --

4 **HSGAC Minority**: Was it **SAIC Pittsburgh**?

5 **Witness**: It would've probably have been **SAIC Pittsburgh**
6 or **ATSAIC** but I don't recall when or how often or when
7 those would've occurred.

8 **HSGAC Minority**: Our understanding is that this was
9 developed July 15 through 17, approximately.

10 **Witness**: Okay.

11 **HSGAC Minority**: Does that sound right?

12 **Witness**: I don't know. This was over a month
13 ago. I'm trying to do the best I can to recollect that.

14 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Yeah. I ask because -- and I'm
15 not going to have you go through this. It's several pages
16 -- but I did not see really anything that jumped out at me,
17 information related to your advance work or what you did on
18 the day of. So I just wanted to know if you had
19 contributed at all to this, since it was communicated to us
20 that this was a collective timeline that was produced by
21 the Pittsburgh Field Office.

22 **Witness**: Okay. Yeah, again, I don't -- this
23 doesn't really look familiar to me, so I can't to speak to
24 if I did or did not.

25 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. When you were asked by the

1 Protective Intelligence Division desk to help identify the
2 shooter, how did they want you to help?

3 **Witness** : To work with our local, like Federal
4 agencies to help, if they had any information to pass to me
5 to then pass to them.

6 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Did they ask you to take any
7 pictures of the shooter?

8 **Witness** : I did not, no.

9 **HSGAC Minority** : Did they ask you to?

10 **Witness** : I don't remember if they did or not.

11 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. But you didn't take any pictures.

12 **Witness** : No.

13 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Did you use any facial
14 recognition software?

15 **Witness** : I did not, no.

16 **HSGAC Minority** : Do you know if the Protective
17 Intelligence Division did?

18 **Witness** : I don't, no. I don't know if they did
19 or not.

20 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay.

21 **Witness** : They're completely separate from
22 anything that I would've done that day, or if they
23 would've, I don't know.

24 **HSGAC Minority** : So you didn't send any pictures to them?

25 **Witness** : I may have sent pictures to them with

1 the email on my work phone, but I don't know. I'd have to
2 look at those emails precisely.

3 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Did you send -- you said you
4 didn't take any pictures of the shooter when you were up on
5 the roof, but did you receive any pictures of him from
6 someone else while he was dead on the roof?

7 **Witness**: No.

8 **HSGAC Minority**: No. Okay. So you said you had
9 interviews with FBI, the Investigative Committee. What did
10 they tell you about confidentiality?

11 **Witness**: As far as -- I don't --

12 **Witness Counsel**: Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa.

13 **Witness**: Yeah.

14 **Witness Counsel**: Slow it down. You want to ask what did
15 they tell you about confidentiality?

16 **HSGAC Minority**: Yes.

17 **Witness Counsel**: You're asking him to remember the precise
18 --

19 **HSGAC Minority**: No, no.

20 **Witness Counsel**: -- instructions?

21 **HSGAC Minority**: Just generally. Did they say --

22 **Witness Counsel**: So his understanding?

23 **HSGAC Minority**: Well, I want to know --

24 **[REDACTED]**: See, I don't understand why this is
25 relevant. I was there.

1 **HSGAC Minority**: Well, it is relevant if it's preventing
2 him from being able to provide us information or if his
3 interpretation, or your interpretation, is that he cannot
4 communicate certain things to us because of those
5 statements.

6 **Witness Counsel**: That's correct. That's correct. And I'm
7 going to maintain that. I'm going to tell him not to
8 answer those questions now. All I want to do is obtain
9 clearance. We have different components that have
10 different charges and responsibilities. That's what checks
11 and balances are all about. And we will resolve those.
12 But I can't resolve it here. I'm not going to make a --

13 **HSGAC Minority**: I know. I'm not asking you to resolve
14 it here. I'm asking him to -- all I'm asking is what did
15 they communicate to you about confidentiality regarding --

16 **Witness Counsel**: The content of his conversations with
17 them would remain confidential, and he's not to disclose it
18 to anybody without their permission. And I'm not going to
19 direct him to answer any more questions about that.

20 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And that was for --

21 **Witness Counsel**: I told you not to answer that. Excuse
22 me?

23 **HSGAC Minority**: So the FBI communicated that. Who else?
24 The Inspections Division communicated that?

25 **Witness**: Communicated what?

1 **HSGAC Minority**: That you could not relay any information
2 discussed.

3 **Witness** : Well, I'm not going to say who did or
4 didn't say that. I'm going on the advice of my counsel.

5 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And then the Blue Ribbon Panel?

6 **Witness** : Same answer.

7 **Witness Counsel**: Right.

8 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay.

9 **Witness Counsel**: So I'm going to direct him not to answer
10 those questions until I can get some clarification from
11 those components as to whether he's free to discuss these
12 matters with Congress. We respect and defer to your role.
13 It's a very important role. You're dealing with the public
14 trust.

15 **HSGAC Minority**: So we --

16 **Witness Counsel**: We respect that. But I'm not ready to
17 tell him to divulge confidential --

18 **HSGAC Minority**: That's fine.

19 **Witness Counsel**: -- information.

20 **HSGAC Minority**: But please, when you communicate --

21 **Witness Counsel**: And that's where I am.

22 **HSGAC Minority**: -- when you get back to us on what they
23 say, please ensure that there is also, if they say that he
24 cannot communicate to us about what was discussed, we would
25 also like the legal justification for withholding that

1 information from Congress.

2 **Witness Counsel**: That's fair.

3 **HSGAC Minority**: Were you instructed by anyone not to
4 speak about certain aspects of your involvement on July
5 13th?

6 **Witness**: I don't --

7 **Witness Counsel**: You can answer that, yeah.

8 **Witness**: Yeah, I don't recall anybody saying
9 that.

10 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay.

11 **Witness**: Yeah.

12 **HSGAC Minority**: So you haven't been told by anyone that
13 you cannot discuss the investigative steps that you were
14 involved with.

15 **Witness**: I don't know if I can recall speaking on
16 those.

17 **Witness Counsel**: No, no. Look, she's asking whether
18 anyone has instructed you not to talk about anything that's
19 relevant to their scope of their investigation. Has anyone
20 else, other than those components we just discussed, told
21 you not to discuss anything that could be relevant to their
22 scope of their investigation.

23 **Witness**: No.

24 **Witness Counsel**: Anybody. Okay. That's fine.

25 **HSGAC Minority**: But those entities did?

1 **Witness** : I'm not going to --

2 **Witness Counsel** : We already went through that. No more.
3 Don't say a word.

4 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. And then have you had
5 conversations with DOJ?

6 **Witness** : In what capacity?

7 **HSGAC Minority** : Any capacity?

8 **Witness** : The --

9 **HSGAC Minority** : Earlier, just a little bit earlier, I
10 think counsel here has said that we would have to relay any
11 questions about the investigative steps --

12 **Agency Counsel** : That's correct.

13 **HSGAC Minority** : -- to DOJ.

14 **Agency Counsel** : Right. Yes. The Department of Homeland
15 Security has conferred with the Department of Justice, and
16 they have expressed that they wish all information
17 concerning investigative steps to be directed to them, as
18 they control the ongoing investigation.

19 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. But has that been communicated to
20 you?

21 **Witness** : Yes, to refer to them, to communicate
22 with DOJ?

23 **HSGAC Minority** : Yeah.

24 **Witness** : Yeah, prior to this conversation, yes.

25 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. By who?

1 familiar, and I can't speak on precisely what the
2 information is or like who or what that, was precisely in
3 the communication.

4 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So I assume then, because **SAIC Pittsburgh**
5 **SAIC Pittsburgh** name is no redacted, but then there's one other
6 email address that is redacted, and it's Pittsburgh. So
7 I'm assuming that's you. Is that right?

8 **Witness**: I can't confirm that's me or not, but I
9 did have communications with individuals from the ATF, FBI,
10 and Special Agent in Charge.

11 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And so **SAIC FBI** is on this
12 email, as well. If you look down it says, "Here is the
13 information we talked about," and it's an email, at 10:26
14 p.m., ATF. What's the context for that?

15 **Witness**: I don't know. I'd have to look at more
16 of this conversation and who would've been a part of.
17 Because this is -- yeah, I can't speak to precisely what
18 this person would've meant by that.

19 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And do you know who sent this,
20 who from ATF?

21 **Witness**: I don't know the name, no. I don't
22 recall.

23 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And if you go to -- if you flip
24 through a couple of pages, Bates No. 1651, the middle email
25 there at 9:27, from ATF, and then down below it says, "Good

1 luck on the interview." Do you know what that's regarding?

2 **Witness**: I don't, no.

3 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Do you know who ATF interviewed
4 that night about this?

5 **Witness**: I don't recall seeing this or can speak
6 precisely on who would've been a part of this email, no.

7 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. It looks like they're referring
8 to the ATF Firearms Transaction Record for the gun that was
9 on the roof. Do you know if ATF interviewed the owner of
10 that gun?

11 **Agency Counsel**: Again, I'm going to assert the same
12 issue here. What the ATF did or didn't do in their efforts
13 to trace a weapon or to identify the shooter is a matter
14 for the Department of Justice to address, not the
15 Department of Homeland Security.

16 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So it's also ATF. Did ATF
17 instruct you not to answer questions related to --

18 **Witness**: I don't know if this -- no, they did not
19 instruct me. I don't know if this is, which email chain
20 this or may not have come from.

21 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. I just wanted to hand out one
22 more exhibit, because we talked about it a little bit
23 earlier. The individual who was arrested -- who was
24 arrested the day before the event, Mr. Merchant, by the
25 FBI. And, you know, you weren't aware of it before, and so

1 I wanted to introduce and show you. This is actually a
2 filing document that's the detention argument. It's
3 Exhibit 9, sorry. I forgot to do that.

4 [Exhibit No. 9 was
5 marked for identification.]

6 **HSGAC Minority**: And I just wanted to clarify -- and I
7 just want to point you to page 4 of this document. If you
8 look under "Nature and Circumstances of the Offense
9 Charged," it says, "The defendant's criminal conduct was
10 extraordinarily serious. The defendant traveled to the
11 U.S., and over the course of several months hired and paid
12 individuals whom he believed to be hitmen to, among other
13 things, kill U.S. politicians. The defendant's criminal
14 conduct was a direct attack on the U.S. political system
15 that threatened government officials' lives and our
16 nation's stability and security."

17 So again, you were not aware of this --

18 **Witness** : No.

19 **HSGAC Minority**: -- arrest before? Okay. Does something
20 like potential hitmen that are looking to assassinate U.S.
21 politicians, is that a threat, in your view?

22 **Witness** : Yes.

23 **HSGAC Minority**: Do you think that you should've been
24 made aware of this by the FBI?

25 **Witness** : I don't know, depending on how they send

1 information back and forth. I can't speculate on the
2 veracity of who would get this or who wouldn't because
3 things are sealed and unsealed with investigations and
4 indictments. So I can't speculate on that.

5 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. But again, this was -- so this
6 letter is dated July 17th, but he was arrested July 12th,
7 the day before the rally.

8 **Witness**: Okay.

9 **HSGAC Minority**: I just want to clarify again, for the
10 record, you sent the letter to the FBI asking for
11 intelligence information, threat information prior to July
12 12th. Is that correct?

13 **Witness**: Yes. I sent it to our office, so
14 somebody would've sent it to the FBI.

15 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And then just one last question
16 from me. Are you aware of the Secret Service communicating
17 to the Trump campaign on July 9th any information about a
18 credible threat against the former President?

19 **Witness**: Say it again.

20 **HSGAC Minority**: Are you aware of the Secret Service
21 communicating to the Trump campaign on July 9th that there
22 was information about a credible threat to former President
23 Trump?

24 **Witness**: I gotcha. I'm not aware, no.

25 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And I just wanted to also note

1 for the record that that's also the same day, July 9th,
2 that counter snipers were assigned. So I'll pass it over
3 to **HSGAC Minority** if he has anything else.

4 **HSGAC Minority** : Quickly, what kind of training did you
5 receive to do protective intelligence lead work?

6 **Witness** : Just through the Academy, and then just
7 various, you know, conversations having with agents. But
8 nothing specialized, that I'm aware of.

9 **HSGAC Minority** : So at the Academy, was that a
10 formalized program for that responsibility, or that was
11 just a portion of a larger training program? I'm not
12 familiar with the Academy or what you all do there.

13 **Witness** : Yeah. To recall -- it was years ago --
14 but I believe it was probably part of that Academy, but you
15 could ask them or somebody that would be out there.

16 **HSGAC Minority** : So would that have been -- that
17 training have been when became a special agent, or at some
18 point in one of your prior assignments?

19 **Witness** : I don't recall on my Uniformed Division
20 side. But I'm trying to recall from years ago, being in
21 even the special agent class. There is a section about
22 protective intelligence, if I recall correctly, but as far
23 as the veracity or how much it's discussed or the training
24 behind that, I can't speak to that.

25 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. But there was not a -- the

1 first time you were going to be involved in protective
2 intelligence there wasn't a -- you weren't off to a
3 specialized training program just for that. It was part of
4 the larger program, and then on-the-job experience.

5 **Witness** : Yeah. Yeah. Correct.

6 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Back to the question of being
7 told, things you can't talk about or not talk about, which
8 I'm not going to rehash the conversation we just had about
9 the other investigations. But I just want to, relating to
10 the restricted duty that you're on now, has there been any
11 suggestion about how your participation in investigations
12 goes will affect how the result, the outcome of that
13 protective -- or that restricted duty, ends?

14 **Witness** : Could you be precise on that? Do you
15 mean like my Federal investigations?

16 **HSGAC Minority** : Has anybody in any way suggested to
17 you that how you -- what you say, what you relay, how you
18 participate in these investigations will affect what your
19 ultimately job status or duty is?

20 **Witness** : No.

21 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay.

22 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay, We'll turn it over to PSI
23 minority.

24 **PSI Minority** : Thanks, **HSGAC Minority** Again, I don't want
25 to relitigate the issue of what you're not permitted to

1 speak about with us from those investigations. I just want
2 to note for the record that the Whistleblower Protection
3 Act does prohibit any agency or entity from forcing an
4 individual, and a Federal employee, from signing a
5 nondisclosure agreement or any policy related to not
6 allowing you to speak with Congress. So if anything like
7 that has occurred, we need to know. And **Witness Counsel**, I'll just
8 leave it at that. I know you want to talk to folks there,
9 but I just wanted to make that clear.

10 **Witness Counsel** Yeah, thank you for that, and I will
11 definitely clarify it. I don't doubt that we will be able
12 to address your concerns.

13 **PSI Minority** : Okay. Thank you.

14 **Witness Counsel** : That's what my goal is.

15 **PSI Minority** : Much appreciate it, **Witness Counsel**. Agent

16 **Witness** I just want to quickly talk about radio coms again
17 real fast. I know you said that the Security Room agent
18 was the one responsible for relaying radio coms out to
19 everybody at Secret Service. Is that right?

20 **Witness** : It's a responsibility, yes, to monitor
21 both radios, but as far as the veracity or the consistency
22 of that, you would have to talk to him. But that is a job
23 that that person would be doing, yes.

24 **PSI Minority** : Understood. A responsibility, that's
25 part of their job. Did you receive any radio

1 communications on July 13th about any suspicious
2 individuals at the AGR building?

3 **Witness** : I don't recall because I was making my
4 way to the Security Room and then dealing immediately with
5 the issue with **Protective Intel Agent**.

6 **PSI Minority** : Right. Before you got to the Security
7 Room, I know we talked earlier about the 5:44 --

8 **Witness** : Yeah, I don't recall any radio traffic,
9 hearing anything.

10 **PSI Minority** : Okay. If those radio communications
11 were not done, is it fair to say that that would be a
12 failure of communications that day?

13 **Witness** : I'm not going to speculate on if that
14 would or would not be, but I, yeah.

15 **PSI Minority** : Your opinion. Your opinion. Let's go
16 that. As an individual lead who has done lead before, site
17 lead, you've done these events, if information about
18 suspicious individuals is not communicated out to other
19 members of the Secret Service, is that a failure of
20 communications?

21 **Witness** : I don't want to speculate on if that is
22 or is not, because there are very fluid situations on how
23 the information can or can't be shared. That's the best I
24 can answer.

25 **PSI Minority** : Let's --

1 **Witness Counsel**: I guess it also means -- I guess also
2 implicit in the question is how do you evaluate the raw
3 data, the raw information that you're receiving. Is it
4 just an annoyance? Is it a suspicion? Is it a threat? I
5 mean, I think it's an unfair question. I'm not suggesting
6 anything malicious on your part.

7 **PSI Minority**: No, sorry. I'll rephrase it.

8 **Witness Counsel**: I mean, you could see how the evaluation
9 is evolving, and the question is, you know, at some point,
10 you know, if it's a threat and it's not communicated, could
11 that equate a failure? Yeah. But did this rise to the
12 level of a threat? That's what the issue is, and I think
13 that's what they're trying to ascertain. That's why I
14 think it's an unfair question.

15 **PSI Minority**: Let me rephrase it, **Witness Counsel**. So an
16 individual identified with a rangefinder as suspicious, who
17 later takes shots at the protectee and kills a few
18 individuals. The failure of that to be communicated out
19 when that individual was identified, is that a failure of
20 communications?

21 **Witness Counsel**: Okay, hold it. Just hold it one second.
22 I think it's improper to look at this from the omniscience
23 that is, after the fact, 20/20 hindsight. I think you're
24 trying to resurrect his state of mind and the others at the
25 time they were confronted with the information, to

1 resurrect his state of mind unseen, and say, well, what
2 would a reasonable protective intelligence person
3 understand at the time, with the information that he had,
4 as fragmented as it was. You see, that's what's unfair.

5 **PSI Minority** : **Witness Counsel**, I want to be clear --

6 **Witness Counsel**: -- that he's an omniscient individual,
7 that he sees everything, and he sees it all how it's played
8 out. No. He has very fragmented information, in a very
9 volatile, maybe, evolving situation. And he has a couple
10 of seconds to decide, you know, he's just waiting to get
11 some information back. He hasn't evaluated it yet. That's
12 what's unfair.

13 **PSI Minority** : **Witness Counsel**, I'm not asking specifically on
14 his end if it was a failure. What I'm asking for is it
15 generally a failure that this individual [unclear].

16 **Witness Counsel**: I don't know whether you can answer that.
17 I don't think he can answer that because all he knows is
18 that there's a guy with a rangefinder, lurking around. I
19 don't know what he knows, actually. Maybe I'm giving too
20 much there.

21 **PSI Minority** : Well --

22 **Witness Counsel**: But that's all he knows.

23 **PSI Minority** : -- we know that --

24 **Witness Counsel**: Why don't you tell us all you knew. Tell
25 us all you knew, **Witness**. Do I have the right name?

1 **Witness** : I mean, yes, the --

2 **Witness Counsel** : What did you know? What were you working
3 with? That's what we want to know.

4 **Witness** : Well, that's why I discussed earlier
5 with the text communications from **Protective Intel Agent**, is the
6 information I was working with. That's what I had, in the
7 brief time that I was moving through the --

8 **Witness Counsel** : All right.

9 **Witness** : -- yeah, when I was moving from the
10 **LES** to the Security Room and then dealing
11 with that information I had, and then trying to figure that
12 out and work that problem with my intelligence counterpart.

13 **Witness Counsel** : Yeah, so you -- understand that or
14 evaluate that.

15 **PSI Minority** : Understanding that, and we already
16 talked about the fact that there were communications to the
17 Security Room that there was an individual on the roof.
18 Should that have been --

19 **Witness Counsel** : At 6:09.

20 **PSI Minority** : -- the individual identified on the
21 roof.

22 **Witness Counsel** : At 6:09.

23 **PSI Minority** : **Witness Counsel**. **Witness Counsel**, let me finish the
24 question. Should it have been communicated out from the
25 Security Room, and would it be normal practice to

1 communicate out from a Security Room that an individual had
2 been identified on a roof, near where an individual had
3 been identified using a rangefinder, and identified as
4 suspicious?

5 **Witness Counsel** Okay. Are you asking that if they've
6 identified that there's a person on the roof and should
7 that have been communicated?

8 **PSI Minority** : He already spoke about, **Witness Counsel**, that an
9 individual -- that it had been communicated to the Security
10 Room that an individual was identified on the roof.

11 **Witness Counsel** : On the roof, at 6:09. Okay, so that's a
12 different question.

13 **PSI Minority** : Okay. Agent **Witness** can you answer
14 that question? Should that have been communicated out?

15 **Witness Counsel** : If you knew, if you were aware that there
16 is communicated a person actually on the AGR roof, would
17 that be of value to be communicated? What's your answer?

18 **Witness** : Yeah, it would be, yes, but I was
19 working the information that I had at the time from **Protective Intel Agent**
20 --

21 **Witness Counsel** : Right.

22 **Witness** : -- and working that --

23 **Witness Counsel** : We know that. We know that. But now
24 he's asking you, on the roof.

25 **Witness** : Yes.

1 **Witness Counsel**: That would be, right? Okay. So the
2 answer is yes.

3 **PSI Minority**: Thank you. I'm going to turn it over
4 to my colleague.

5 **PSI Minority**: Just a final couple of things. Exhibit
6 6 is the Preliminary Survey, sir, that we talked about
7 earlier. Did you contribute to the Preliminary Survey?

8 **Witness**: I don't recall if I did or not because
9 that's handled by the lead agent or the site agent.

10 **PSI Minority**: Do you have Exhibit 6 in front of you,
11 sir?

12 **Witness**: I do. I do, yeah.

13 **PSI Minority**: Can you turn quickly to page 10, the
14 section that says "Intelligence." Do you see that?

15 **Witness**: Yeah. That would've been communicated
16 through the lead agent to put that in the surveillance, the
17 Preliminary Survey. Yes.

18 **PSI Minority**: So you did not contribute to that
19 section of the Preliminary Survey?

20 **Witness**: I did not personally, no, but that
21 would've been communications made to the lead agent to put
22 that in.

23 **PSI Minority**: By who?

24 **Witness**: The agent that would've worked on and
25 created this Preliminary Survey.

1 **PSI Minority** : Okay. I'll turn it back to my
2 colleagues.

3 **HSGAC Majority** : Are you both done, **PSI Minority** and **PSI Minority**

4 **PSI Minority** : Yes. Sorry, **HSGAC Majority** We're turning it
5 back over to you.

6 **HSGAC Majority** : All right. Thanks. I didn't have
7 anything else.

8 **HSGAC Minority** : Yeah, I just have one last thing. So I
9 just want to clarify, you are not aware of any ATF agents
10 that were at the rally, in any capacity, prior to the
11 shooting?

12 **Witness** : Not that I remember or can recall.

13 **HSGAC Minority** : Has **Site Counterpart** , has she told you that
14 she communicated with an ATF agent prior to the shooting?

15 **Witness** : I don't recall. I don't know.

16 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Because it's her testimony, and
17 we have received other information from other interviews,
18 that there were **LES** ATF agents there. So I just,
19 because you communicated with ATF after the shooting, we're
20 trying to understand who was there before, what was their
21 role, and then after, who came after the shooting, who was
22 there before, and why were they there. And so, again,
23 you're not aware of any ATF that were present at the site
24 prior to the shots fired.

25 **Witness** : I can't recall. I was not physically

1 there at the site until I arrived at 5:30.

2 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. I think we're good.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: With that we can wrap up today's
4 interview. Thank you very much, Special Agent **Witness** for
5 your time today. We really appreciate it. And thank you
6 to counsel joining us in the room and remotely.

7 **Witness Counsel**: Thank you. Thank you for the
8 accommodation. It's greatly appreciated.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: You're welcome. We have tried to cover
10 all relevant topics today. However, as mentioned earlier,
11 the Committee has not received all of the documents we've
12 requested, and the documents that have been produced
13 contain significant redactions that have limited our
14 ability to understand and use them effectively. There are
15 a few specific items we discussed today that we've asked
16 Secret Service to follow up on, and some of those are the
17 letter to the FBI and any additional communications related
18 to that letter, phone call logs for Special Agent **Witness**
19 any emails on the email router between advance leads.

20 And there were a few items I think we were unsure of
21 whether there were additional documents, so we'd like
22 confirmation on whether we have complete records of any
23 text messages, and if there were any work-related calls or
24 texts made on Special Agent **Witness** personal device, and
25 if you had made any notes following the event. And there

1 may be others, and we will follow up with counsel and
2 Secret Service on anything else.

3 As we mentioned earlier, we ask that you not speak
4 about what we discussed in this interview today with anyone
5 outside of the room or joining us virtually, to preserve
6 the integrity of our investigation. And with that --

7 **Witness Counsel**: We will respect that diligently.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: We appreciate that.

9 **Witness Counsel**: Okay.

10 **HSGAC Majority**: And with that we will conclude today's
11 interview. We're off the record.

12 [Whereas, at 5:37 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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Committee Errata

Page	Line	Correction
3	6	Strike “[Virtual]”
64	14	Strike “what” and replace with “why”
68	7	Strike “Trum” and replace with “Trump”
119	2	Strike “any specific”
156	5	Strike “no” and replace with “not”
159	11	Strike “Jully” and replace with “July”