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INTERVIEW OF

TSD Advance Agent [REDACTED]

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2 HSGAC Majority Okay. Good afternoon. This is a
3 transcribed interview of Witness U.S. Secret Service
4 Technical Security Investigator, and is being conducted by
5 the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
6 Affairs and the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on
7 Investigations.

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

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

20 We will now provide introductions of the offices
21 involved in today's interviews and then explain how today's
22 interview will proceed. So to Witness , can you please
23 state your name and your title for the record, and a note
24 for everybody, please press the Talk button when you are
25 speaking so it can be recorded, and press Off so we don't

1 create feedback when you are done.

2 **Witness** : Good afternoon, everyone. My name is
3 **Witness** . My title is Technical Security Investigator,
4 and I am with the U.S. Secret Service Technical Security
5 Division.

6 **HSGAC Majority** We encourage witnesses to appear before the
7 Committee to freely consult with counsel. Do you have
8 counsel present today?

9 **Witness** : Yes.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Counsel, if you would please state your
11 names for the record. Thank you.

12 MR. **Witness Counsel** Sure. **Witness Counsel** I am outside
13 counsel to the Federal Law Enforcement Officers
14 Association, and in that capacity I represent **Witness**
15 today.

16 MR. **Agency Counsel** My name is **Agency Counsel** I am the
17 Deputy Chief Counsel of the U.S. Secret Service.

18 MR. **Agency Counsel** **Agency Counsel** Senior Oversight Counsel
19 with the Office of General Counsel at DHS.

20 **HSGAC Majority** I will now turn to our four offices and
21 have everybody introduce themselves for the record, so you
22 know who you will be speaking with today.

23 Again, my name, **HSGAC Majority** I am the Chief
24 Investigative Counsel and Chief Counsel for Chairman Peters
25 and the majority staff for the Senate Homeland Security and

1 Governmental Affairs Committee. I will introduce my
2 colleagues, **HSGAC Majority** Deputy Chief Counsel for the
3 majority; **HSGAC Majority** Senior Investigator for the
4 majority; and **HSGAC Majority**, Senior Investigate Counsel for
5 the majority.

6 And now I will turn it over to the other offices.

7 **HSGAC Minority** **HSGAC Minority** for HSGAC minority.

8 I'm Chief Counsel, and I'm here with my colleague **HSGAC Minority**

9 **HSGAC Minority**

10 **PSI Majority** : Good afternoon. I'm **PSI Majority** .

11 I'm Counsel for PSI majority and Chairman Blumenthal.

12 **PSI Minority** Good afternoon, sir. My name is **PSI Minority**

13 **PSI Minority** I am the Staff Director for Ranking Member

14 Johnson. Thank you for being here.

15 **PSI Minority** **PSI Minority** Chief Counsel,

16 Ranking Member Johnson.

17 **PSI Minority** **PSI Minority** Deputy Staff Director

18 for Ranking Member Johnson. Thank you for your time.

19 **HSGAC Majority** So I'm going to go over just a few rules
20 that I think will help facilitate the interview today, and
21 when I conclude I'm going to ask if you would like to
22 provide any additional background information, any opening
23 statement, or any background before we start to answer
24 questions. So I will give you time to do that.

25 During this interview, we are going to do our best to

1 limit the number of people speaking at a time, so you are
2 not confused by who is asking what questions, and we will
3 try, for the court reporter's sake, to introduce ourselves
4 for the first few times so she can catch who is asking the
5 questions. That said, from time to time there may be
6 follow-up questions, so indulge us if somebody jumps in.

7 The reporter is going to create a verbatim record of
8 what we discuss today, and with that in mind, as I'm sure
9 you're familiar, please respond to the questions verbally,
10 because the reporter cannot properly record a nonverbal
11 response. Does that make sense?

12 **Witness** : Understood.

13 **HSGAC Majority** This interview is a public interview,
14 unclassified. We do not expect there to be any need to
15 discuss classified information. However, if such a need
16 arises please indicate clearly what, if any, classified
17 information may be indicated by the question. Answer to
18 the best of your ability with as much unclassified
19 information as you are able to provide. And if we need to
20 have a classified session, in one form or another, we can
21 arrange for that at a later date. Do you understand that?

22 **Witness** : Understood.

23 **HSGAC Majority** It's the Committee's practice to honor
24 valid common law privileges, claims, as an accommodation to
25 witnesses when those claims are made in good faith and are

1 accompanied by a sufficient explanation so the Committee
2 can evaluate that claim. When deciding whether or not to
3 honor privilege, the Committee will weigh its need for the
4 information against any legitimate basis for withholding
5 it. We will try and have that discussion with counsel as
6 it arises.

7 This interview today is occurring without prejudice to
8 any future discussions of the Committee, and we reserve the
9 right to request your participation in a future interview,
10 if needed.

11 If you need to take a break please let us know. We
12 will be happy to accommodate. But we will plan to break on
13 the hour.

14 If you have any questions about what we're asking or
15 if you don't understand one of our questions we will be
16 happy to clarify. Just state that you don't understand and
17 ask us to do so.

18 You are required to answer questions before Congress
19 truthfully. Do you understand?

20 **Witness** : Understood.

21 **HSGAC Majority** This applies to questions posed by
22 congressional staff in this interview, as well.
23 Specifically, 18 USC 1001 makes it a crime to make any
24 materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or
25 representations in the course of a congressional

1 investigation, and this statute applies to your statements
2 in this interview today. Do you understand?

3 **Witness** : Understood.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Is there any reason you would not be able
5 to provide truthful answers to our questions today.

6 **Witness** : No, sir.

7 **MR. Witness Counsel** To the best of his knowledge.

8 **HSGAC Majority** We'd ask that you please not discuss this
9 interview with anyone outside of the room today in order
10 for us to preserve the integrity of our investigation. And
11 we would also ask that you not remove or make any copies of
12 photographs or exhibits that you'll be shown today.

13 We will be sure to provide your counsel with a copy of
14 the transcript of today's interview and errata
15 expeditiously following this interview.

16 Do you have any questions about anything I've said
17 before we begin?

18 **Witness** Not at the moment.

19 **HSGAC Majority** So with that we wanted to begin today's
20 interview by first asking if you could give us an overview
21 both of your role and responsibilities for the July 13th
22 Butler rally and your efforts as they relate to the
23 planning and security for that event. After this, the
24 majority and the minority will alternate with questions.

25 **MR. Agency Counsel** Excuse me. I just have something I just

1 want to read into the record.

2 HSGAC Majority Go ahead.

3 MR. Agency Counsel It will take a minute. Thank you.

4 The Secret Service and the Department of Homeland
5 Security have made available to the Committee, consistent
6 with requests from the Chairman, information records that
7 would not be publicly released. This information includes
8 information -- I'm sorry -- information records covered
9 under the Privacy Act, personnel, and other personal
10 privacy information, for official use only, intelligence
11 and law enforcement sensitive records, as well as any raw
12 intelligence information.

13 While the Secret Service and the Department have made
14 this information and records available to the Committee, we
15 continue to assert that such information and any discussion
16 of that information is not intended for public disclosure.

17 The Secret Service and the Department are not waiving
18 any protections, and for the purpose of administrative
19 efficiency and to promote constructive dialogue during this
20 transcribed interview, are making this assertion at the
21 outset of the transcribed interview to preserve all
22 assertions and protection from the public release or
23 disclosure of information or records used or discussed
24 during the transcribed interview.

25 The transcript and any attachments are protected from

1 dissemination to the same extent as the documents and
2 information they are based on. Please consult with the
3 Secret Service and the Department prior to any public
4 release or disclosure. We would appreciate that.

5 Finally, the Secret Service and the Department have
6 not consented to, and were ensured by [REDACTED] that there
7 would not be any audio or video recordings of this
8 interview. If the Committee intends to make any such
9 recordings we ask you disclose that intention at this time.
10 I believe you started off, [REDACTED] at the beginning that you
11 were not recording any of today's proceedings. Yes.

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

14 Thank you.

15 [REDACTED] I have just requested our technical staff
16 to confirm that there are no other recordings. They have
17 confirmed that to me. My understanding is the only record
18 will be the transcript we are creating now. With respect
19 to the markings for any productions, DHS is free to provide
20 any notations it would like us to take into consideration.

21 It is the Senate rules and the Committee rules alone
22 that bind us. We will comply with those rules in advance
23 of any public disclosure of information we received. But
24 those will be the rules that bind us. And as is our
25 practice, we will make you aware in advance of publication.

1 MR. **Agency Counsel** Thank you.

2 **HSGAC Majority** With that, **Witness** would you like me
3 to repeat my request?

4 **Witness** No, sir.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Go ahead. Yeah, if you need more
6 time, we've allotted roughly 30 minutes. But if you need
7 more time let us know.

8 MR. **Witness Counsel** No, he's fine. No opening statement, so
9 what's the question on the table? I just want to remind
10 him.

11 **HSGAC Majority** So, **Witness** could you please begin by
12 describing your role and responsibilities as they relate to
13 the July 13th Butler rally, your efforts in the planning
14 and security in advance of that event.

15 **Witness** Understood. Again, my name is **Witness**

16 **Witness** My role and responsibility in the Technical
17 Security Division is to implement a plan that mitigates any
18 threats regarding explosives, chemical weapons, fire
19 safety, and also having a contingency plan in place if
20 these things were to occur. Also implementing an extra
21 layer of security, if needed, by technical means.

22 **HSGAC Majority** **Witness** thank you for being here
23 today. We'll start with that, a little bit more detail on
24 either background, if you could. You said you're a
25 technical security investigator in the Technical Security

1 Division of the Secret Service. Could you give a brief
2 overview of how long you've been in that position and what
3 your general responsibilities are as a technical security
4 investigator.

5 **Witness** Understood. My general role as a
6 technical security investigator is a broad one. It
7 includes what I just mentioned a couple of seconds ago, but
8 it also includes an investigative side to fellow special
9 agents. If someone needs to have evidence legally built on
10 them from **PII**, they call my
11 division to implement those things in place.

12 **HSGAC Majority** And how long have you worked in the
13 Technical Security Division?

14 **Witness** Going on about 7 years now.

15 **HSGAC Majority** And how long have you been with the
16 Secret Service?

17 **Witness** Eight years.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. And with respect to the July
19 13th rally, our understanding is that as the technical
20 security investigator you were a member of the advance team
21 planning for that rally?

22 **Witness** That is correct.

23 **HSGAC Majority** And more broadly, in your time at TSD,
24 the Secret Service, had you worked previously on other
25 advance teams, and roughly how frequently had you done so?

1 **Witness** I can't keep count of how many advance
2 teams I worked on because we work so many throughout the
3 year.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Can you repeat that last --

5 **Witness** Yes, ma'am. I can't recall how many
6 exact advances I've done, but we do them so often
7 throughout the year that I lost count a long time ago.

8 **HSGAC Majority** And have you -- could you describe the,
9 you know, categories of protectees and types of events that
10 you've typically worked advance on in the past?

11 **Witness** Presidential details, vice presidential
12 details, foreign and high-level dignitaries, and also
13 former President Trump, as well.

14 **HSGAC Majority** And have you worked on events prior to
15 July 13th for former President Trump?

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

17 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know roughly how many?

18 **Witness** I lost count last year, miss.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Would it be fair to say dozens?

20 **Witness** Maybe over a dozen or so.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Thank you. And with respect to
22 your role on the advance team for the July 13th rally,
23 could you give us an overview of your responsibilities as a
24 member of that team?

25 **Witness** Just to be clear, miss, you're referring

1 the day of. Correct?

2 **HSGAC Majority** Or prior -- I guess let's take a step
3 back. So you were a member of the advance team for July
4 13th. When were you assigned to be a member of that team?

5 **Witness** I think 5 to 6 days prior, but I'm not
6 completely sure. I can get those dates to you later.

7 **HSGAC Majority** And who assigned you to be on the
8 advance team?

9 **Witness** We have an Operational Center for our
10 division, and they select certain members, based on the
11 qualifications, and they sent me there.

12 **HSGAC Majority** And how were you notified that you would
13 be assigned to this advance team?

14 **Witness** Phone call or email, official email.

15 **HSGAC Majority** There was an official email --

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

17 **HSGAC Majority** -- notifying you? You said, sorry, 5 or
18 6 days prior --

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

20 **HSGAC Majority** -- roughly? And as part of the advance
21 team, who did you report directly to?

22 **Witness** That would be the lead agent.

23 **HSGAC Majority** The lead agent. And who was that?

24 **Witness** **Lead Agent** .

25 **HSGAC Majority** **Lead Agent** . Did you also have any

1 reporting obligations to somebody else in TSD with respect
2 to your advance role?

3 **Witness** No, ma'am. I was the lead person for
4 this role.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. And I'm going to take a
6 second. I want to show you a document, and I have extra
7 copies to pass around. And if somebody wouldn't mind
8 getting one to --

9 [Pause.]

10 **HSGAC Majority** **Witness** you have in front of you a
11 document from the Secret Service entitled "Technical
12 Security Division Support Advance Procedures." And we are
13 going to mark this Exhibit 1, and it is also Bates stamped,
14 the range is 244 to 249.

15 [Exhibit No. 1 was
16 marked for identification.]

17 **HSGAC Majority** Are you familiar with this document?

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

19 **HSGAC Majority** And is this the primary policy document
20 that describes TSD's role in Secret Service advance
21 responsibilities?

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

23 **HSGAC Majority** And are there other guidance documents
24 that you are aware of with respect to TSD responsibilities
25 for advance?

1 **Witness** This encompasses everything.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Great. Thank you. And on the first
3 page of this document it states that "Technical Security
4 Division is responsible for all aspects of technical
5 security in advance of travel of the President of the
6 United States and the Vice President of the United States,
7 and upon request, an authorization for all other protectees
8 of the USSS."

9 So would it be accurate to say that TSD is always
10 involved in advance for travel by the President or Vice
11 President, but that it's not always the case for other
12 protectees?

13 **Witness** It is a situational for anybody outside
14 of the President and Vice President. Whoever sits in the
15 seat of presidency is our main focus, along with the Vice
16 President. But we are known to implement or augment former
17 presidential details and high-level dignitaries if they
18 come into the country.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. And so it says, "Upon
20 request, an authorization for other protectees." Do you
21 know who is responsible for making those kinds of requests
22 and who has the provide the authorization?

23 **Witness** Could you repeat the question, miss?

24 **HSGAC Majority** So for a non-presidential or vice
25 presidential protectee, who would typically, or by policy,

1 have to make a request for TSD to be assigned to advance?

2 **Witness** That respective detail or liaison would
3 reach out to our Operational Center from TSD, and they'll
4 make the call if that is possible, if we are available for
5 that.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Sorry. Who is it who would make the
7 call?

8 **Witness** So the respective detail that is
9 requesting this for former presidential detail or -- I
10 can't recall exactly who the detail is that covers foreign
11 dignitaries, but they would make the request for us to
12 come. If our operations in TSD can make that accommodation
13 they call us and they let them know.

14 **HSGAC Majority** And who in TSD would have to approve or
15 sign off on those requests?

16 **Witness** As far as who strikes the pen for that,
17 I am unsure. I just know that the Operational Center calls
18 me, or any of my teammates, to make that happen.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And is that also the case for the
20 July 13th request?

21 **Witness** Could you say that one more time?

22 **HSGAC Majority** So another way to phrase the question,
23 do you know, with respect to the request for TSD
24 involvement in the July 13th advance, do you know who
25 specifically requested TSD?

1 **Witness** I don't know specifically who. I would
2 assume that it would come from the DTD, the Donald Trump
3 detail, and they reach out to our Operational Center. To
4 the best of my knowledge, I just receive a phone call of
5 where I'm supposed to be.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you.

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

8 **HSGAC Majority** And continuing on this document, on the
9 first page there is a list under the heading "TSD Lead
10 Coordinator," that lists duties of the TSD lead
11 coordinator. And with respect to the July 13th rally, is
12 it correct that you were the TSD lead coordinator for this
13 event?

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

15 **HSGAC Majority** Great. So I'm going to ask you about a
16 couple of the listed duties here. One of the listed duties
17 is to conduct or designate personnel to conduct the TSD
18 brief at the police and manpower meetings. Could you
19 briefly explain what that means?

20 **Witness** This is basically a police meeting where
21 all the assets that I need to talk to, from the fire chief,
22 the respective bomb squad sergeant or captain -- or
23 commander, excuse me -- also HAZMAT team, and so on and so
24 forth, they are there at this meeting. If I am unavailable
25 to get that meeting, they leave their cards and I will talk

1 to them over the phone or meet them in person at a later
2 date, during that week.

3 **HSGAC Majority** That's the police briefing?

4 **Witness** The police meeting.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Meeting.

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

7 **HSGAC Majority** Police meeting. And is that part of a
8 larger meeting between other members of the advance team?

9 **Witness** I wouldn't say a larger meeting. This
10 is just an introduction for anyone. So it is not a brief,
11 per se. We are just introducing ourselves, and everyone is
12 making themselves known and their roles.

13 **HSGAC Majority** And did that meeting occur in advance of
14 the July 13th rally?

15 **Witness** To my knowledge it did. I was
16 unavailable at that meeting because I was driving from a
17 presidential detail a day prior, or the day of. I can't
18 remember exactly. But the lead agent was sure to get the
19 respective people that I needed to talk to, their
20 respective business cards, and I reached out to them the
21 day of.

22 **HSGAC Majority** And do you know when that meeting took
23 place?

24 **Witness** No, ma'am.

25 **HSGAC Majority** And then also the manpower meeting is

1 referenced in this document. Can you describe what that
2 is?

3 **Witness** A manpower brief is something that
4 usually occurs towards the end of an advance. So after a
5 plan is implemented by the advance team we tell everyone
6 that we requested assets that are flying in to post and EOD
7 team, we brief them on what the plan is, who is going to
8 respond from what location, and other fine details at that
9 point.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And did that meeting occur?

11 **Witness** Over the phone. For me, I am unsure
12 because my focus was with the explosive teams, the military
13 EOD teams. I talked to them via the phone, and our meeting
14 was the next morning for our official manpower brief, of
15 what was to occur.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And then take a step back and
17 talk a little bit about the, you know, your timeline
18 leading up to the July 13th rally. You said roughly 5 or 6
19 days out you were assigned to the advance team. Can you
20 tell us at that point, you know, what, if any, planning
21 meetings took place before you traveled to the site in
22 Pennsylvania?

23 **Witness** Any meetings -- could you say that --

24 **HSGAC Majority** Well, any particular planning meetings
25 with the advance team in advance of traveling to

1 Pennsylvania?

2 **Witness** Prior to me traveling to Pennsylvania?
3 No, ma'am. It was, when I was boots on the ground I talked
4 to the lead and site agent at the actual site itself. We
5 would meet every day for a different reason. I was there
6 the first day to talk to them in person, and they addressed
7 any TSD concerns to me. And from there, the next day, I
8 would meet with the fire chief or the lead agent. So us --
9 anything prior to that, we had no communication.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And what day was it that you
11 arrived?

12 **Witness** I am unsure, but I can look at my emails
13 and find that out for you. Roughly about 5 to 6 days prior
14 to the -- July 13th.

15 **HSGAC Majority** So between when you got the call or the
16 email assigning you to the advance team, roughly, you know,
17 how much time from then until when you traveled to
18 Pennsylvania?

19 **Witness** Oh, from when I got the phone call to
20 when --

21 **HSGAC Majority** Yeah.

22 **Witness** Maybe a day. I just asked them honestly
23 to give me a day to go home, wash my clothes, and get to
24 where they needed me to go.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And then could you -- you said

1 you didn't recall exactly what day, but do you recall the
2 first day that you got there, what happened? You know,
3 what did you do? Who did you meet with?

4 **Witness** Again, it was with the site agent and
5 the lead agent, talking about, one, who I needed to contact
6 -- the bomb squad sergeant, the fire chief, any HAZMAT
7 groups -- developing a technical plan from that point.

8 **HSGAC Majority** And where was that meeting?

9 **Witness** At the actual Farm Show.

10 **HSGAC Majority** So the first meeting you had was at the
11 actual site?

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

13 **HSGAC Majority** **Witness** if you wouldn't mind just
14 speaking a little bit closer to the microphone. I think
15 some of my colleagues might be having trouble hearing.

16 **Witness** Move back a little bit?

17 [Side conversation.]

18 **HSGAC Majority** Oh, no problem.

19 **Witness** Just to be clear, do you guys need me to
20 speak louder or -- that's perfect? Okay. Got you.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. All right. So you arrive in
22 Butler and meet with the site agent and the lead agent, and
23 it is just the two of them in that initial meeting with
24 yourself?

25 **Witness** Two site agents and also one lead agent.

1 HSGAC Majority Do you recall who those agents were?

2 Witness That was -- the lead agent was Lead Agent

3 Lead Agent The site agent was Site Counterpart . And Special Agent

4 Site Agent was also a site agent.

5 HSGAC Majority Do you recall roughly how long your
6 meeting was with them on the first day?

7 Witness No, ma'am. Sometimes, generally
8 speaking, it can be for an hour, a couple of hours, walking
9 the site, and then it concludes inside of office space, if
10 necessary, to debrief on how we should implement a plan,
11 moving forward.

12 HSGAC Majority So on that first day you did a
13 walkthrough and had discussions about what you would need
14 to do?

15 Witness Yes, ma'am.

16 HSGAC Majority And I'll show you another set of
17 documents, and we'll mark these Exhibits 2 and 3.

18 [Pause.]

19 [Exhibits Nos. 2 and 3 were
20 marked for identification.]

21 HSGAC Majority Did you have a chance to take a look at
22 the documents?

23 Witness Yes, ma'am. I'm familiar with both.

24 HSGAC Majority So the document with the email on the
25 first page, we're going to mark that Exhibit 2, and the

1 first page here is an email dated Saturday, July -- yeah,
2 initially on the chain is dated Thursday, July 11th, with
3 the subject line "TSD Site 2 Survey."

4 Are you familiar with this email?

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

6 **HSGAC Majority** Did you send this email?

7 **Witness** I did.

8 **HSGAC Majority** Do you recall who you sent it to?

9 **Witness** I'm pretty sure it was **Lead Agent**.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Looks like there were three recipients
11 on the July 11th email. Do you recall who the other ones
12 were?

13 **Witness** July 11th?

14 **HSGAC Majority** Yeah. There are two emails on that
15 first page.

16 **Witness** Yes, ma'am. So the document that was
17 sent, that was just my survey again. It was either to the
18 lead agent or site agent.

19 **HSGAC Majority** And so the document attached, there's a
20 one-page document titled "TSD Outdoor Site Survey Executive
21 Summary of Threats and Vulnerabilities," followed by a six-
22 page document titled "Technical Security Division Outdoor
23 Site Survey." Could you, you know, give us an overview of
24 what this document is and your role in creating it?

25 **Witness** Yes, ma'am. So the TSD Outdoor Site

1 Survey is the document we use to document our findings in a
2 security plan from the technical security standpoint, and
3 only the technical security standpoint, anything from
4 explosives, fire safety, chemical weapons, the layout of
5 the event itself, it is document officially through this,
6 our Site Survey.

7 **HSGAC Majority** And is this something that you completed
8 as a result of that walkthrough on the first day?

9 **Witness** Not on the first day, ma'am.

10 **HSGAC Majority** And when did you complete this site
11 survey?

12 **Witness** I want to say the 11th, if not the 12th.
13 I'm pretty sure it would be the 11th.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Like I said, the email was on the 11th,
15 so it probably wasn't the 12th.

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

17 **HSGAC Majority** And can you describe the steps you took
18 to complete that survey?

19 **Witness** Again, that includes -- let me back up.
20 To complete a survey you have to talk to several people --
21 the fire chief, the HAZMAT group, the explosive sergeant
22 for the local team, any staff that is on or a groundskeeper
23 of the land or building that we go to. You know, that
24 takes several days, at least.

25 **HSGAC Majority** And how many times, if you recall, did

1 you visit the site in order to complete this?

2 **Witness** Maybe three or four times, but in a span
3 -- each visit was about two to three hours.

4 **HSGAC Majority** And was that over the course of multiple
5 days?

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

7 **HSGAC Majority** And, sorry, you said how many visits?
8 You said three or --

9 **Witness** Roughly three or four visits.

10 **HSGAC Majority** -- three or four? And if you could walk
11 us through, if you remember, the timeline of those visits
12 and who else, if anybody, was with you to those site
13 visits.

14 **Witness** No problem. The first day, again, was
15 with the site agent, lead agent. The next few days it
16 would be with the respective fire chief, because the best
17 way to plan with someone who is going to respond is for you
18 both to be there together to discuss any concerns, anything
19 that may not be a concern. And from there I would just go
20 to also check the integrity of the **LES** to make sure that
21 whatever **LES** equipment is set up that it can hold
22 anything that we may have to put on there for the
23 protectee, and for the protectee itself.

24 **HSGAC Majority** And for any of your subsequent site
25 visits after the first one, were there other Secret Service

1 personnel with you?

2 **Witness** Usually the lead agent or the site agent
3 would be there.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Do you know specifically if they
5 were there for all of them, or --

6 **Witness** I don't recall. They were only there
7 for my capacity, to ask them questions, and as soon as I
8 was done I would leave or talk to whoever I needed to talk
9 to from the local or state assets.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Got it. And so coming back to this
11 document --

12 **Witness** You're referring to the Outdoor Survey,
13 miss?

14 **HSGAC Majority** Yeah, the Outdoor Site Survey. You said
15 you recalled that this was likely completed on July 11th.
16 If you could look at the second document, which we've
17 marked Exhibit 3, also one page that's titled "TSD Outdoor
18 Site Survey Executive Summary of Threats and
19 Vulnerabilities," followed by six pages, "Technical
20 Security Division Outdoor Site Survey."

21 This document, the second one, has some information
22 that's not included on that first one.

23 **Witness** Could you specify, ma'am?

24 **HSGAC Majority** Yes. So for example, on the first page
25 of the Executive Summary, the sections titled "Protective

1 Assets, Canine Teams, and EOD Teams," you know, those
2 fields are blank on that first one and they're filled in on
3 the second one.

4 **Witness** Forgive me, miss. I'm trying to catch
5 up to you.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Oh, no problem. The very first page of
7 Exhibit 3, and the second page of Exhibit 2, or the first
8 page after the email.

9 **Witness** One second, please.
10 Forgive me, miss. Could you walk me through again
11 what Exhibit 3 is?

12 **HSGAC Majority** I'm not sure I handed you the right
13 document.

14 **Witness** So -- I apologize. What page again,
15 miss?

16 **HSGAC Majority** So for Exhibit 2 it's the very -- for
17 Exhibit 3 it's the very first page. For Exhibit 2 it's the
18 third page. It's that Bates No. 310.

19 **Witness** Okay. I am unsure why that is, to that
20 capacity, why this is blank. But nonetheless, I'm pretty
21 sure this document -- this is Exhibit 3, I'm assuming?

22 **HSGAC Majority** Sorry?

23 **Witness** I'm assuming this is Exhibit 3?

24 **HSGAC Majority** Yes.

25 **Witness** I'm sure that this was the one that was

1 used, that has the actual physical numbers of explosive
2 teams, et cetera.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Got it. So I guess my question to you
4 is whether you recall creating multiple versions or if
5 there's, you know, one circulated before you had all the
6 information about these various categories.

7 **Witness** Not to my recollection, but if there
8 were multiples sent it was just to correct a grammar error
9 or just to put a number on there that I maybe had forgotten
10 to put on there before.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Or was it -- so, but turning to
12 one of the fields that is blank on one and completed on the
13 other, for protected assets, you know, the square field on
14 the, on Exhibit 3, lists your number of **LES**
15 **LES** and other assets as **LES** and **LES**
16 It's my understanding is those are counter UAS measures.
17 Were those determined as necessary at a later date than
18 your initial survey, or --

19 **Witness** No, ma'am. They were determined prior
20 to the visit.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Prior to --

22 **Witness** The visit itself. But they were not --
23 I didn't submit an original survey and not include
24 requesting these assets, if that makes any sense.

25 **HSGAC Majority** I guess -- so you're saying that it was

1 an oversight. It wasn't that additional assets were
2 determined necessary down the line?

3 **Agency Counsel** Sorry. I think I might just be able to
4 clear things. I think it just might be -- this is **HSGAC Min.**
5 with OGC DHS. I think it might just be an inconsistent
6 redaction.

7 **HSGAC Majority** Oh, okay.

8 **Agency Counsel** If that helps.

9 **Witness** Yeah.

10 **HSGAC Majority** I guess that would explain it. Yeah,
11 thank you for that. But I guess the question then for you,

12 **Witness** just to make sure we're clear. So you
13 completed this document, determined, in consultation with
14 the relevant local agencies what assets needed in each of
15 these categories would be necessary.

16 **Witness** Not only with the local assets but
17 mainly the advance team, the site agent and the lead agent.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Got it. And then at any point after you
19 first, those determinations were first made, was there ever
20 any change or update in the levels or types of assets that
21 would be necessary?

22 **Witness** No, ma'am.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Okay.

24 **Witness** No, ma'am. Forgive me. I was confused
25 on this document here because I'm very good about making

1 sure what the team knows on implementing on the form. So
2 forgive me for that misunderstanding.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Oh, that's not your fault. Absolutely.
4 And looking at Exhibit 3, and taking a look at the Outdoor
5 Site Survey, as you are looking through it does it -- you
6 know, since we might have an issue with the redactions and
7 information not appearing there, is there any information
8 that you see as missing that you recall putting into that
9 survey?

10 **Witness** Not at the moment.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Separate from this Outdoor Site Survey, are
12 you familiar with another survey or document that is
13 created that determines what the security perimeter will
14 be?

15 **Witness** No, sir.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Is there a determination that has to be
17 made for each event about what a security perimeter will
18 be?

19 **Witness** Yes, sir, but that is outside my
20 purview. That will be a question for the site agent or
21 lead agent.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Are you made aware of what the security
23 perimeter will be prior to making your Outdoor Site Survey
24 determination?

25 **Witness** To a degree, yes. I only conduct my

1 explosive sweeps **LES**

2 **LES** our respective
3 security site.

4 **HSGAC Majority** And for the July 13th event, were you made
5 aware of what the security perimeter was in advance of
6 conducting this survey?

7 **Witness** Yes, sir, and only the security
8 perimeter.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Say that again?

10 **Witness** Only the security perimeter.

11 **HSGAC Majority** And who made you aware of that?

12 **Witness** The lead agent and site agent, because I
13 need to know exactly what is out of bounds for me and my

14 **LES** teams. Because we conduct our sweeps in a system
15 that once we leave it has to be held by law enforcement or
16 Secret Service personnel or else it will be considered a
17 "dirty area," if you will. Once we **LES**

18 **LES**

19 **LES**

20 **LES**

21 **LES** .

22 **HSGAC Majority** So for the July 13th event it would've been

23 **Lead Agent** and **Site Counterpart** who made you aware of that?

24 **Witness** Yes, sir.

25 **HSGAC Majority** And when did they make you aware of that?

1 **Witness** The day prior and the day of.

2 **HSGAC Majority** And when you made this site determination,
3 did you look at both within the security perimeter
4 established and outside of the security perimeter, or were
5 your responsibilities limited solely to within the security
6 perimeter established?

7 **Witness** Our main responsibility **LES**

8 **LES** . Again, the
9 only capacity in which I am concerned about the **LES**
10 **LES** .

11 I would view our security zone as an arena, meaning that my
12 main concern is that arena, but I'm also concerned about
13 how someone could try to create a threat outside of it.
14 And that's when the contingency plans are in place for the
15 local assets or whoever is assigned to use from a state,
16 local, or Federal asset to respond to that so we can get
17 our protectee **LES** to a safe location.

18 **HSGAC Majority** So for the July 13th event there's been
19 much discussion, obviously, of the AGR building, which was
20 outside of the security perimeter and is where the
21 assailant took a shot at the former President. In advance
22 of the July 13th event, did you, as a part of your
23 responsibilities, make any assessments of the threats you
24 described you are responsible for that were specific to
25 that building?

1 **Witness** I only asked what they were going to
2 cover. They said they would get back to me. My concern is
3 only regarding explosives. But as far as long-range
4 threats, of course, things like that are of a concern. But
5 how they would implement a plan, you would have to ask
6 them. That is not in my purview.

7 **HSGAC Majority** And you said -- so I just want to make sure
8 I understood you correctly -- you asked about it and were
9 told they would get back to you, meaning **Lead Agent** and **Site Count**
10 **Site Counterpart** would get back to you. Is that correct?

11 **Witness** To some degree. I don't -- those
12 weren't the exact words, but that's just a discussion we
13 had while we were there. Yeah.

14 **HSGAC Majority** To your recollection, did they get back to
15 you?

16 **Witness** Yes. They got back to me and told me
17 where our security perimeter was. That's all I was
18 concerned about.

19 **HSGAC Majority** And what did they tell you about the
20 perimeter?

21 **Witness** They just told us exactly the edge of
22 the perimeter, where we were to stop with our **LES**
23 sweeps, where it would be considered **LES** As far as
24 coverage in certain buildings, I wasn't told who will be
25 responsible for that.

1 [REDACTED] And was the edge where you were told you
2 needed to stop prior to that building?

3 **Witness** Could you repeat that?

4 [REDACTED] Was the edge where you were told your
5 responsibilities could stop with respect to assessing the
6 threat within a perimeter, that excluded that building?

7 **Witness** Correct.

8 [REDACTED] Based on your responsibilities and what you
9 assess that goes into this plan for Exhibit 3, did you have
10 any concerns about the proximity of that building as they
11 relate to the threats you assess?

12 **Witness** There is always a concern with
13 explosives. Again, I determine how to mitigate these
14 things. And if we are unable to cover certain areas we
15 have plans in place to make sure the protectee and people
16 inside our venue that falls under our purview are able to
17 be safe.

18 [REDACTED] And with respect to the July 13th event,
19 were there any contingencies or plans created with respect
20 to whatever threat you viewed this building to present?

21 **Witness** From an explosives standpoint, chemical
22 weapons standpoint, and fire safety standpoint, yes, sir.

23 [REDACTED] And what were those?

24 **Witness** It's not what they were. It was more if
25 a bag or a suspicious vehicle is there how we approach it

1 from the interior portion and who would respond from the
2 local or state asset to said suspicious item or suspicious
3 vehicle.

4 **HSGAC Majority** And who did you determine would be
5 responsible to respond to that?

6 **Witness** That would belong to Allegheny County
7 Bomb Squad.

8 **HSGAC Majority** And is that documented anywhere?

9 **Witness** Yes.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Where?

11 **Witness** I am unsure. It should -- I would have
12 to get back to you on that.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Could you just take a moment, and to the
14 extent it is documented in Exhibit 3, could you point it
15 out to us?

16 **Witness** No problem. One second.

17 [Pause.]

18 **Witness** At the front page of Exhibit 3, under
19 the nomenclature "RSP Notification and Response
20 Procedures," where it says, "TSD or USSS personnel on-site
21 will contact Sergeant 'Blank' if any suspicious items are
22 found." But this person was a part of Allegheny County
23 Bomb Squad.

24 **HSGAC Majority** And who is that sergeant?

25 **Witness** **Allegheny Co. Sgt.**

1 HSGAC Majority And he's with the Pennsylvania State
2 Police, you say?

3 Witness No, sir. Allegheny County.

4 HSGAC Majority I'm sorry. So Allegheny Co. Sgt, Allegheny
5 County.

6 Witness Yes, sir.

7 HSGAC Majority Thank you.

8 HSGAC Majority Thank you. I just want to recap and
9 make sure I have a couple of things straight from what
10 you've just described.

11 One thing I wanted to clarify. Could you describe the
12 difference -- you talked both about doing a sweep, and
13 we're talking about the survey, can you describe the
14 difference between the survey and the sweep?

15 Witness Yes, ma'am. The survey is a brief
16 overview of the security plan from the Technical Security
17 Division standpoint. A sweep is actually implementing

18 LES plan to LES

19 LES

20 LES

21 LES

22 HSGAC Majority And in the sweep that you conducted,
23 this document says sweep start date and time, Exhibit 3 on
24 the first page, seep start date and time July 13th, 2024,

25 LES Is that -- that's the sweep

1 that you're referring to when you're describing the sweep?

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

3 **HSGAC Majority** The only sweep.

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

5 **HSGAC Majority** And then in terms of -- and so you've
6 described earlier that the sweep you conducted, that was
7 limited to within the security perimeter. Is that correct?

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

9 **HSGAC Majority** But taking a step back to the survey
10 that you conducted, you know, it sounded like some number
11 of days before the sweep on the morning of the 13th, for
12 the survey were you limited to the area that would be
13 contained within the perimeter or does your survey consider
14 a wider physical area?

15 **Witness** My concern is mainly to the site itself,
16 the established perimeter from the Secret Service. But
17 from an **LES**

18 **LES**

19 **LES**

20 **LES** a

21 **LES**. But I need to
22 know, from my survey, the best course of action if these
23 were to occur, to effectively get our protectee **LES**

24 **LES** to a safe location.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Gotcha. And then just to be

1 really clear, the very first day that you arrived and met
2 with the agents on-site, during that meeting, that first
3 meeting, were you made aware of where the perimeter would
4 be?

5 **Witness** No, ma'am.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Was that a subsequent meeting?

7 **Witness** At a later date. Not on the first day.

8 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Did you recall asking about -- or
9 I guess do you know whether it had been decided at that
10 point where it would be?

11 **Witness** No, ma'am. Usually on the first day it
12 would be nearly impossible to say what your security
13 perimeter was. In fact, I think that would be very
14 unprofessional for someone to do so.

15 **HSGAC Majority** And were you involved in any of the
16 discussions regarding where that would be set?

17 **Witness** Personally, no, ma'am.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Let me pause a minute and just see if
19 any of my colleagues have any follow-ups on what we've
20 covered so far.

21 [Pause.]

22 **HSGAC Majority** This is **HSGAC Majority**. I have a few
23 follow-up questions. Thank you again for your time.

24 On the -- were you at the rally on January 13 -- or
25 July 13th?

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

2 **HSGAC Majority** And I guess taking step back, can you
3 talk about the planning meeting that you were in on July
4 8th?

5 **Witness** Yes, ma'am. Again, it was roughly
6 around the first day, if I recall. They're just telling me
7 who I need to contact for my respective counterpart from
8 the local asset. And we walked the site, maybe an hour or
9 two, addressing any technical concerns, chemical concerns,
10 fire, life safety concerns. And that was about it.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Who led that meeting?

12 **Witness** **Lead Agent**, the lead agent.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Did you have any interaction with local
14 law enforcement on that day?

15 **Witness** That particular day, no, ma'am.

16 **HSGAC Majority** I'm sorry.

17 **Witness** That particular day, no, ma'am.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. As part of your advance
19 planning for the July 13th rally, what documents did you
20 use, either rely on and/or prepare for the rally, in
21 addition to the TSD Outdoor Site Survey we just discussed?

22 **Witness** The Site Survey itself is the one we use
23 as a guide when we're conducting these surveys.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Did you prepare any other documents?

25 **Witness** No, ma'am.

1 HSGAC Majority Did you have communications with other
2 Secret Service officers in advance to plan for the rally?

3 Witness Secret Service officers?

4 HSGAC Majority You mentioned Lead Agent and Site Agent .

5 Witness Yes, ma'am. Mainly the four TSD lead.
6 Our main lifeline is always the TSD lead and the respective
7 site agent.

8 HSGAC Majority How did you communicate with them?

9 Witness In person or over the phone.

10 HSGAC Majority Did you communicate at all via text or
11 email?

12 Witness Not to my recollection. No, ma'am.
13 With the lead agent, text messages were regarding hotel
14 stay for any LES teams and maybe flying in from
15 respective LES . Not too many logistical things
16 outside of that.

17 HSGAC Majority Did you -- a preliminary survey was
18 conducted. Did Secret Service ever conduct a final survey?

19 Witness For TSD? The preliminary survey -- what
20 are you referring to?

21 HSGAC Majority So there's a preliminary survey that was
22 conducted for the event. Is that something you're familiar
23 with?

24 Witness No, ma'am. That's outside my purview.

25 HSGAC Majority Understood. And on the day of the

1 event, where were you stationed?

2 **Witness** The day of the event I was -- my role
3 requires me to be all over the site, within the site,
4 talking to multiple different people.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Can you walk us through where you were
6 that day?

7 **Witness** Yes, ma'am. So we arrived roughly
8 around 10 a.m. to conduct a brief, with the EOD team and
9 the local bomb squad, to meet with the respective fire
10 chiefs, to start our sweeps **LES** that
11 morning. **LES** we are
12 conducting **LES** sweeps. That only includes law
13 enforcement or military personnel inside the site. No one
14 is allowed in until we are confidently done with our job,
15 and from that point they allow people into the site. My
16 concern at that point is to establish a system where the
17 EOD teams, military EOD teams, **LES**

18 **LES**

19 **LES**,

20 **LES**

21 **LES** to ensure the integrity of the site **LES**

22 **LES**.

23 **HSGAC Majority** If a possible IED is found during the
24 event, what is the protocol to respond?

25 **Witness** The protocol is to do two things at

1 once. I know it is silly to say, but you do call the
2 respective bomb squad **LES**. They
3 will respond at a respective time. And you also let the
4 Security Room know to put it out over the air, on the
5 radio, so every post-stander and respective law enforcement
6 agent or officer on-site can evacuate the area.

7 **HSGAC Majority** So there is a number of spaces outside
8 the perimeter, which includes parking lots as well as open
9 fields, where explosive devices could potentially be found.
10 Is that under the purview of Secret Service or local law
11 enforcement?

12 **Witness** Anything outside of our site,
13 established site, is outside of the purview of the Secret
14 Service. However, it is a concern to us always, because

15 **LES**

16 **LES**

17 **LES**

18 **HSGAC Majority** Did you ultimately recover any explosive
19 devices that day?

20 **Witness** That particular night, after finding a
21 remote device on the young shooter's body, we found
22 explosives in the trunk of his car. Allegheny County, if I
23 recall, were the ones who found two ammo cans' worth of
24 explosives inside the trunk of his car.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Was that car present when you initially

1 conducted a sweep?

2 **Witness** To my knowledge, no, ma'am.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know when the car pulled into the
4 lot where it was found?

5 **Witness** The exact time I am unsure, but based on
6 the event itself I would assume somewhere in the afternoon.

7 **HSGAC Majority** **Witness** my name is **HSGAC Majority**
8 I'm a senior investigator for Senator Peters. I just have
9 a few more questions for the majority. First, a follow-up
10 on my colleagues' questions.

11 On that day, the 13th, did you have any communications
12 with any other Secret Service personnel or state or local
13 law enforcement? In other words, were you connected by a
14 radio or otherwise for communications that day?

15 **Witness** For radio, yes, sir. The Site Security
16 Room, that includes any Secret Service post-standers. But
17 that's the only radio that I was tuned into.

18 **HSGAC Majority** In the Site Security Room, you said?

19 **Witness** Yes.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. So you weren't given an
21 individual radio?

22 **Witness** I think we're misunderstanding each
23 other. So I have a personal radio that is tuned into the
24 radio in the Site Security Room itself.

25 **HSGAC Majority** I see. And who has access to that Site

1 Security Room communications? Was that just Secret Service
2 personnel?

3 **Witness** When you say "access to," do you mean
4 the radio or walking in, in person?

5 **HSGAC Majority** Via radio.

6 **Witness** Anyone that was issued a radio, a
7 respective post-stander from another Federal law
8 enforcement agency, meaning HIS post-standing, ATF post-
9 standing, and Secret Service personnel are all issued their
10 own personal radios.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know if any state or local law
12 enforcement had radios that could connected to that Site
13 Security Room?

14 **Witness** To my knowledge, no, sir.

15 **HSGAC Majority** No. Okay. Did you have any
16 communications with any state or local law enforcement that
17 day, via radio or otherwise?

18 **Witness** No, sir.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Okay.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Sorry. One quick follow-up on that.

21 For the Secret Service radio, were all Secret Service
22 personnel on-site that day on the same radio frequency, or
23 were there multiple?

24 **Witness** There are usually two frequencies. You
25 have a post-stander frequency and then you have the shift's

1 frequency that day, go back and forth between the post-
2 stander and their personal frequency. But mainly, majority
3 of all agents were on the same frequency with the Site
4 Security Room.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Thank you.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And then just one further line of
7 questioning. I'd like to ask about the use of drone
8 technology, also known as UAS and counter drone technology,
9 known as CUAS. So starting with counter drone CUAS
10 technology, do you generally use this technology or
11 capabilities in your line of work?

12 **Witness** If necessary, yes, sir.

13 **HSGAC Majority** And how does that generally work?
14 Again, starting with the counter UAS technology, what
15 technology or capabilities do you help deploy at these
16 kinds of events?

17 **Witness** Not to get into the specifics, but there
18 is a device that is usually requested to deter any drone
19 threats if they are deemed a threat to our protectee or
20 site.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Sorry. Did you say they deter those
22 threats?

23 **Witness** Yes.

24 **HSGAC Majority** How does that work?

25 **Witness** I can't --

1 **HSGAC Majority** Is that something you can describe it?

2 **Witness** If we see it, we use the device, it is
3 no longer a problem.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Was that technology, or any kind
5 of CUAS technology, planned to be deployed at this event on
6 the 13th?

7 **Witness** Planned to be deployed? Could you --

8 **HSGAC Majority** Was it part of the planning for the
9 event to have that capability present and deployed at that
10 rally?

11 **Witness** Deployed if necessary. Yes, sir.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Were you involved in deploying it or
13 planning to deploy it?

14 **Witness** We never deployed this device. Could
15 you --

16 **HSGAC Majority** You said you did not deploy that device
17 on the 13th?

18 **Witness** When you say "deployed," could you give
19 me the exact definition? From my experience, when I say
20 I'm deploying something that's equivalent to me pulling my
21 gun out. You hear what I'm saying?

22 **HSGAC Majority** Oh.

23 **Witness** So deploying a system from a Secret
24 Service standpoint is that you're actively using a --

25 **HSGAC Majority** I see. I mean more in layman's terms.

1 Was it available that day and intended to be operational?

2 **Witness** Understood. Yes, it was available that
3 day to be used, if necessary.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And was it operational that day?

5 **Witness** The counter UAS asset, one was not. It
6 was not implemented in time, to my knowledge. But there
7 was a device that if a drone was visually seen we would be
8 able to **LES** that threat.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And regarding the former, the one
10 you said that to your knowledge was not operational, first,
11 were you personally involved in making it operational?

12 **Witness** Only talking to the counter UAS agent
13 that would be operating the system the day of. We both
14 discussed where it should be, what the best place to
15 implement it, and that was pretty much it.

16 **HSGAC Majority** And what agency was that agent from?

17 **Witness** Secret Service.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Secret Service. Okay. And to you
19 knowledge why was that capability not operational that day?

20 **Witness** I am unsure. I don't know.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Is it your understanding that that
22 capability relies on local cell service to be operational?

23 **Witness** That particular system I'm not an expert
24 on. You would have to ask the actual counter UAS person.
25 Because frequencies and things like that may be a problem,

1 but I don't have enough expertise in that field to answer
2 that.

3 **HSGAC Majority** If you'll take another look at Exhibit 3
4 in front of you, that first page, it looks like the CUAS
5 technology is referred to there as "**LES**" and **LES**
6 **LES** ." Are we talking about the same thing there?

7 **Witness** Yes, sir.

8 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. So you're not an expert in that,
9 so you're not sure if that relies on local cell service,
10 generally, to be operational?

11 **Witness** To my knowledge, no, sir.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And are you aware of other Secret
13 Service CUAS technology that does rely on local cell
14 network capability?

15 **Witness** Their reliance on how they operate, I am
16 unsure.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And can you talk generally about
18 the importance or role of CUAS technology at an event like
19 this, and why it's important, and what effect there could
20 be if it's not operational?

21 **Witness** Counter UAS assets is a supplemental
22 thing to any protective site. There are plenty of
23 redundancies in place if they were not there for us to get
24 our protectee out of the actual respective site itself.
25 But they are always asked for, for every outdoor site, from

1 a professional standpoint.

2 **HSGAC Majority** They're always asked for? They're
3 always requested at outdoor sites?

4 **Witness** Understood. Yes, sir.

5 **HSGAC Majority** And so I presume that means they're
6 therefore generally deployed at outdoor sites --

7 **Witness** Deployed --

8 **HSGAC Majority** -- or again, they're used at outdoor
9 sites?

10 **Witness** Yes, sir.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Okay.

12 **HSGAC Majority** if I could draw your attention to
13 Exhibit 3. **HSGAC Majority** mentioned the technical security, the TSD
14 Outdoor Site Survey you created, on page 2 of that
15 document, which actually I think is page 3, paragraph 28.
16 You write, "The site is located in open farm area and is
17 vulnerable to possible drone attacks with the limited
18 amount CUAS equipment on-site." Why was there limited CUAS
19 equipment on-site?

20 **Witness** Limited meaning that there are other
21 devices that can be used. But these were the pieces of
22 equipment that we're able to use for the site itself.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Were there other mitigation devices that
24 were there as a backup?

25 **Witness** No. They were not available.

1 **HSGAC Majority** So the only CUAS equipment, or
2 alternates, that were there was CUAS. There was no
3 mitigation, no backup.

4 **Witness** There was mitigation there. Again, **LES**
5 of these two devices can **LES** a drone, if necessary. From
6 a professional standpoint, just pointing out that we are
7 vulnerable doesn't mean that we aren't able to counteract a
8 threat.

9 **HSGAC Majority** When you mentioned limited in this
10 instance, is it limited specific to this particular event,
11 or is it -- is there something specific here that there
12 should have been on-site but there wasn't for CUAS
13 equipment?

14 **Witness** No, ma'am.

15 **HSGAC Majority** And then moving forward to around 5:45
16 on the day of the event, when local law enforcement
17 identified a backpack and a bicycle that were -- did not
18 have any affiliation whatsoever, was that something you
19 became aware of?

20 **Witness** Not until after the shooting itself.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Is that something you should have been
22 aware of earlier?

23 **Witness** Not necessarily. It would have been
24 good to know from the inside. But --

25 **HSGAC Majority** Did you have any insight into the local

1 communication channels?

2 **Witness** No, ma'am.

3 **HSGAC Majority** And just a couple more questions about
4 the CUAS technology. First, what was the name of the
5 Secret Service agent you mentioned who handled the CUAS
6 capability?

7 **Witness** I don't recall his name. Special Agent
8 **C-UAS Advance Lead** if I'm not mistaken.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know how to spell that?

10 **TSD Advance Lead** **C-UAS Advance Lead**

11 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Thank you. And then Acting
12 Director Rowe has talked about changes being implemented in
13 the wake of the attempted assassination. Regarding CUAS
14 technology, are you aware of any changes Secret Service has
15 made going forward about the use of CUAS technology?

16 **Witness** Officially, at the moment, no, sir.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Including whether other Federal
18 agencies are assisting, or providing assistance to Secret
19 Service regarding CUAS technology?

20 **Witness** I'm unaware of any details.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And then briefly, switching to
22 UAS technology, in other words, the use of drones by the
23 Secret Service, are you generally involved in that, in
24 events like this?

25 **Witness** Yes and no. As a lead there are some

1 TSD people that are drone qualified. But we rely, if
2 necessary, on local or state assets, if they have those
3 assets available.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Can you just briefly describe
5 what the purpose of that is, what role those drones serve
6 at events like this?

7 **Witness** Just giving you an aerial overview of
8 the site.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Is that for planning purposes
10 before a site, during the event itself, or both?

11 **Witness** Mainly during the site itself, during
12 the --

13 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And do you know if Secret Service
14 used UAS technology that day, the 13th?

15 **Witness** We did not. No, sir.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know if that technology was
17 offered to the Secret Service by any other law enforcement
18 agency, state or local, or --

19 **Witness** To my knowledge, no, sir, it was not.

20 **HSGAC Majority** No? Do you know why there was no drone
21 technology used, UAS technology used that day?

22 **Witness** It just wasn't available, sir.

23 **HSGAC Majority** It wasn't available by Secret Service or
24 any Federal or state or local partners?

25 **Witness** It wasn't available by Secret Service,

1 and to my knowledge wasn't available from state or local
2 assets.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know if Secret Service submitted
4 a request to other agencies for that asset?

5 **Witness** No, sir.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Do you have an opinion about the
7 effects of not having that technology available that day?

8 MR. **Witness Counsel** I'm going to direct him on that not to
9 answer. He's here as a fact witness.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. I appreciate it. I think those
11 are all the questions I had.

12 **HSGAC Majority** I think we're near the end of the first
13 hour, and we can take a five-minute break, unless anybody
14 has anything directly relevant to this to follow up on.

15 All right. So we'll break and reconvene in about five
16 minutes.

17 [Recess.]

18 **HSGAC Minority** All right. Can you hear me? Okay.
19 We're going to start with Exhibit 4, which looks like a
20 timesheet that I just handed around.

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

23 **HSGAC Minority** **Witness** does this look familiar to
24 you?

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

1 **HSGAC Minority** Can you explain to me what this is?

2 **Witness** This is a work schedule that is
3 submitted by the respective TSD lead at a respective site,
4 saying the time in which he is working for in advance, and
5 the day, as well.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then do you know who -- so
7 that lead, is that you?

8 **Witness** That is me. Yes, ma'am.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So this is your approved work --

10 **Witness** Work schedule. Yes, ma'am.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So I see -- so it looks like you
12 arrived the 8th, or there was a half-day you were work
13 travel. Is that what WT stands for?

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

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And so that's what you explained
16 when you were driving down from a previous --

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

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So can you walk me through, say,
19 the first date that you recall being on the site?

20 **Witness** I recall it being, I want to say on the
21 9th.

22 **HSGAC Minority** The 9th. Okay. And then do you recall
23 when you conducted the survey?

24 **Witness** On the 9th itself.

25 **HSGAC Minority** The 9th itself.

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

2 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Okay. Thank you.

3 Can we go back to Exhibit 1 that was previously
4 introduced?

5 So we talked a little bit about this counter UAS, and
6 that's referenced a couple of times on that first page,
7 under "TSD Lead Coordinator." Can you -- are you aware of
8 what is in the redactions or whited out in the sixth bullet
9 down? Specifically, it says, "Detail lead, if counter
10 UAS," comma.

11 **Witness** That part I am unsure of, not seeing it
12 --

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then two bullets down, it
14 says, "Coordinate all TSD teams," and then there's a
15 redaction, and then it says, "CUAS." Do you know what,
16 under that redaction is? I'm just trying to understand
17 exactly what your role was in terms of coordinating the
18 counter UAS teams.

19 **Witness** Yes, ma'am. So to coordinate all TSD
20 teams, mainly would fall under military, canine, UD canine,
21 any military EOD assets, and possible counter UAS
22 operators, if they are available.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And how many counter UAS
24 operators were there?

25 **Witness** One.

1 **HSGAC Minority** One. And so were you in charge of --
2 when we say "coordinate," what does that exactly mean?

3 **Witness** So I, one, during the survey I say this
4 is what we need. They tell me what is and what is not
5 available. And coordination means basically I say this is
6 the amount of explosive teams, explosive canines that we
7 need to conduct a sweep for **LES**, or **LES**
8 **LES**, if necessary. That's basically it.

9 **HSGAC Minority** But in terms, specifically, of the CUAS.

10 **Witness** Could you clarify just a little bit?

11 **HSGAC Minority** So you were basically coordinating the
12 team of the CUAS operator.

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

14 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So do they tell you what
15 equipment they have? So I think if we want to turn back to
16 Exhibit 3, there's the **LES** and **LES**

17 **Witness** Yes. That is correct. Yes, ma'am. So
18 they tell me this is what we can provide to mitigate any
19 threats from an aerial drone standpoint.

20 **HSGAC Minority** And when you say "provide," is that
21 Secret Service providing that?

22 **Witness** Secret Service. Yes, ma'am.

23 **HSGAC Minority** So are these the same thing, or are they
24 two separate systems?

25 **Witness** Two separate systems.

1 HSGAC Minority Okay. Can you explain what each one is?

2 Witness The best that I could say, one is a
3 detection and one is a LES .

4 HSGAC Minority Okay. Which is which? Do you know
5 which is which?

6 Witness One second.

7 [Pause.]

8 Witness To be on the safe side I don't think I
9 can give you the specifics of each one. But the best I can
10 say is that one gives detection capability and the other
11 one is a mitigation LES to any drones.

12 HSGAC Minority Okay. And specifics, is that because
13 that's classified?

14 Witness Classified. Yes, ma'am.

15 HSGAC Minority Okay. It's classified.

16 Witness I am unsure if it's classified or not,
17 but to be on the safe side I would rather not say.

18 HSGAC Minority Okay. And so one of these systems was
19 not operable. I think you said it was --

20 Witness The detection of system was not
21 operable.

22 HSGAC Minority The detection one.

23 Witness Yes, ma'am.

24 HSGAC Minority Okay. So detection or the LES ?

25 Witness Detection.

1 HSGAC Minority LES was operable?

2 Witness Yes, ma'am.

3 HSGAC Minority Do you know what time the LES

4 system became operable?

5 Witness It is operable at all times.

6 HSGAC Minority At all times.

7 Witness Yes, ma'am.

8 HSGAC Minority Okay.

9 Witness It is a -- it's operated by an
10 individual. It has to be switched on, but it is like
11 flipping a light switch to make it operational. It takes
12 no effort to put it on.

13 HSGAC Minority So were you unaware of any counter UAS
14 system that was inoperable for a portion of the day, that
15 then became operable?

16 Witness I was unaware of the detection system
17 being inoperable.

18 HSGAC Minority And was that inoperable the entire day?

19 Witness That part I am unsure of.

20 HSGAC Minority Okay. On the day of the event, what
21 were you wearing? And I'm just trying to establish, were
22 you in a uniform? Were you in a suit?

23 Witness I was in uniform. Well, a raid vest,
24 cargo pants, and boots.

25 HSGAC Minority Okay. And did you access the roof at

1 any time, the AGR roof, after the incident?

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

3 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. I'm going to show you some
4 pictures, and can you identify if this is you on the roof?
5 These are taken from local law enforcement body cam.

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

8 **Witness** Yes, ma'am, that is me.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Thank you. Can you explain to us
10 exactly how you became depicted in this picture, when you
11 accessed the roof? Can you just explain to us a little bit
12 more about the circumstances?

13 **Witness** Yes, ma'am. There was a bike and
14 backpack that was called out to me after the shooting. I
15 don't know the exact time frame. This is while we were
16 evacuating citizens, rendering aid to who needs it. So
17 myself and the local bomb squad, **Allegheny Co. Sgt,**
18 responded to the bike and backpack in question. And as
19 fate would have it, the actual owner of the bike walked up.
20 We interviewed him for about 30 minutes. One of our agents
21 interviewed the gentleman, as well. I don't know the time
22 frame, but he had no connection to it, so that was not a
23 suspicious item like the local originally thought.

24 And some of this is a blur because adrenaline was
25 still pumping after being shot at, but we accessed the roof

1 to look at the body for any potential remote devices and
2 things like that, which was found. A remote was found on
3 his body, and that's when a search for anything within a
4 100-yard radius was implemented immediately by myself.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So you initially were in -- and
6 correct me if I'm wrong -- you were initially in the area
7 because of the suspicious bike.

8 **Witness** Initially I was not in the area. I was
9 still inside the site, helping to render aid to any
10 civilians and evacuate civilians out of the site.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And was this before or after the
12 shots were fired?

13 **Witness** This is after.

14 **HSGAC Minority** After. Okay. So you initially were
15 responding to the bike.

16 **Witness** When you say initially --

17 **HSGAC Minority** You were initially brought to that area
18 --

19 **Witness** Oh, to -- after the shots, yes, ma'am.
20 But the time frame between evacuating citizens and moving
21 wounded civilians, I don't remember the time frame in which
22 we responded to the bike and the backpack. I just recall
23 getting a phone call from the site security agent saying,
24 "There is a suspicious item here," and we responded
25 accordingly.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And the site security agent, can
2 you remind me the name of that individual?

3 **Witness** I don't recall his name.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. The site security agent for --

5 **Witness** Secret Service. Yes, ma'am.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So that individual called you to
7 let you know there was a suspicious bike --

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

9 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And you mentioned that the owner
10 came right after?

11 **Witness** Yes. After we cordoned -- made a
12 perimeter around the bike, moving people back away from it,
13 the bomb squad was about to do a render safe procedure. He
14 walked up, rightfully so because that was his bike,
15 wondering why people were around it. We interviewed him,
16 and that was it from there.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Was there a backpack on the bike?

18 **Witness** I do recall there being a backpack on
19 the bike.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Was that --

21 **Witness** The owner of the bike was the owner of
22 the backpack, as well.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And so then they took the bike
24 and it was all cleared. Did you have to fill out any
25 reports related to that incident?

1 **Witness** No reports. That would be under
2 Allegheny County that would file a report.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So I'm going to jump around a
4 little bit. Bear with me.

5 **Witness** Okay.

6 **HSGAC Minority** It's easier than way. So you arrived,
7 you said, a day late to the advance. So you arrived the
8 9th, or that was the first time you went to the site.

9 **Witness** The first time I went to the site. Yes,
10 ma'am.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So were there other advance
12 activities that took place on the 8th?

13 **Witness** Just phone calls with the lead agents,
14 the site agent, just introducing myself, saying was there
15 any concerns that they saw if they had been to the site
16 itself. But me, personally, I didn't get to the site until
17 the following day.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Are you aware of any other advance
19 activities that Secret Service was conducting in advance of
20 your arrival?

21 **Witness** No, ma'am.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So everything started on the 9th?

23 **Witness** For me. Yes, ma'am.

24 **HSGAC Minority** For you. What about the Secret Service
25 as a whole?

1 **Witness** Prior to that I have no knowledge.
2 Again, my division jumps from detail to detail and site to
3 site globally, so they just give me a phone call or email
4 saying, we need you to go to this place at this date, and
5 this is going to be your lead agent on this particular
6 mission.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So you don't generally have
8 awareness of what other advance teams are doing, as it
9 relates to an event?

10 **Witness** Only the things that fall under my
11 purview.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

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

14 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Can we also go back to Exhibit --
15 the Technical Security Division Policy Document? So you
16 were the Technical Security Division lead for the event, or
17 the coordinator, the lead coordinator?

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

19 **HSGAC Minority** So if you flip through that document it
20 appears there are several other -- so there's, on page 3, a
21 TSD site coordinator?

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

23 **HSGAC Minority** Who was that?

24 **Witness** So during a TSD advance you have a TSD
25 lead and also there may be a TSD assist. So sometimes we

1 have multiple sites to cover, and a TSD lead or TSD assist
2 will be the site coordinator, as well.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So was there that individual
4 assigned -- was there someone assigned to that position for
5 this event?

6 **Witness** No, ma'am. I was the only TSD person
7 for this.

8 **HSGAC Minority** So you were the only one.

9 **Witness** Yes, ma'am. So I can -- for a TSD lead,
10 in respect to the unique part of TSD is that I can be the
11 TSD lead but I can be the coordinator for several sites, as
12 well.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

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

15 **HSGAC Minority** And then there are some other positions.
16 So under the "TSD Site Coordinator" there's, it looks like
17 a redaction. You just see an end parenthesis and then you
18 see something that says "coordinator." Do you know what
19 that position is?

20 **Witness** Could you point out which bullet point?
21 Is that the second one?

22 **HSGAC Minority** On page 3 of that same document, under
23 that last bullet point.

24 **Witness** The last bullet point where it says
25 "maintain the storage"?

1 HSGAC Minority Yes.

2 Witness Okay.

3 HSGAC Minority Do you see how it appears --

4 unfortunately, the redactions are white, so it's hard to
5 identify exactly what is redacted. But I'm assuming this
6 is a redaction. There's an end parenthesis and then the
7 word "coordinator."

8 Witness What's in parenthesis? Since it's white
9 I'm not sure.

10 HSGAC Minority Yeah. You're not sure.

11 Witness No, ma'am.

12 HSGAC Minority Okay. And then on the next page there
13 is the word "operator."

14 Witness Yes, ma'am.

15 HSGAC Minority Do you know what that --

16 Witness I would assume maybe counter UAS
17 operator.

18 HSGAC Minority Okay. So is the counter UAS operator
19 technically part of the TSD team, or --

20 Witness Yes, ma'am.

21 HSGAC Minority Okay. So there were, I guess, two TSD
22 personnel then?

23 Witness Myself and the counter UAS operator, who
24 showed up later that week.

25 HSGAC Minority Okay. And his name was --

1 **Witness** Agent **C-UAS Advance Lead** if I'm not mistaken.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So in this are you his supervisor
3 since you're the lead, or are you --

4 **Witness** Not supervisor, necessarily, but more of
5 a team lead. We are on the same GS scale. However, as a
6 lead, he just channels information to me if he's able to do
7 so.

8 **HSGAC Minority** So he's responsible for informing you,
9 or you would approve if he was going to take certain
10 actions. Would you have to approve it, or does he operate
11 independently?

12 **Witness** When you say "take certain actions,"
13 what do you mean?

14 **HSGAC Minority** I'm not sure. You know --

15 **Witness** Well, if he has a pressing issue, he
16 doesn't have to get permission from me. It goes to officer
17 or agent discretion.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So I guess in terms of reporting
19 structure, is he required to report to you, or could he go
20 directly to the site agent?

21 **Witness** Both actually. So --

22 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

23 **Witness** -- he'll let me know, being the TSD
24 person. But usually -- the chain of command is that he
25 tells me what's going on, to let the site agent know, to

1 make sure there's one source of information.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

3 **Witness** If we're able to do so. If I'm
4 unavailable for some reason, if I'm busy with several other
5 things that I have to deal with, then he'll call the site
6 agent or the lead agent himself.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So in terms of the system that
8 was inoperable, did he inform you of that?

9 **Witness** No, ma'am.

10 **HSGAC Minority** So should he have?

11 **Witness** Professionally, maybe, but I was unaware
12 he was informing the site agent, which is also a good
13 option too, because again, I'm all over the site, talking
14 to fire chiefs, explosive people, uniformed officers.
15 Literally, I am not in one place for a long time. And also
16 maybe he thought I was busy and maybe he reported to the
17 site agent or lead agent or Site Security Room agent, as
18 well.

19 **HSGAC Minority** And if he were to need to communicate
20 with you, would he do that via radio, via phone call, text,
21 email?

22 **Witness** One or the other -- text, phone call,
23 email, or radio.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did he communicate with you at
25 all that day?

1 **Witness** I saw him in person and asked him. I
2 mean, that was it.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And can we go to the next page of
4 that document, page 5.

5 **Witness** This is Exhibit 1. Correct?

6 **HSGAC Minority** I'm sorry?

7 **Witness** Exhibit 1?

8 **HSGAC Minority** Yes, Exhibit 1. Yes, the Technical --
9 yeah, the TSD Policy Document. So here there's the counter
10 UAS -- I didn't see this until just now. Are there two
11 different operators potentially to deal with UAS, or --

12 **Witness** Could you clarify the question just a
13 little bit more?

14 **HSGAC Minority** Yes. So that first page we were just
15 talking about this -- on page 4 we were talking about the
16 operator at the top of that page as potentially being
17 counter UAS. Again, it's hard for us to tell what's under
18 the redaction. But then on the next page, on page 5, it
19 looks like there's another position that specifically says
20 "counter UAS operator."

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

22 **HSGAC Minority** So are both of those related to counter
23 UAS, or --

24 **Witness** The counter UAS operator portion of it -
25 - let me --

1 **HSGAC Minority** Let me clarify my question. So on page
2 4, you had said previously that you thought that was
3 counter UAS, at the top?

4 **Witness** Yes, ma'am. Reading the description,
5 that is not counter UAS, so I apologize. Counter UAS is --

6 **HSGAC Minority** Is the next one.

7 **Witness** Yes, yes.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know what, on the top of page 4,
9 that position is?

10 **Witness** I do know the position but I am unsure
11 if I'm able to verbally say that, due to classified
12 information.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So that could potentially -- the
14 name of that position could potentially be classified?

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

16 **HSGAC Minority** Was someone assigned to that role?

17 **Witness** That particular day? No, ma'am.

18 **HSGAC Minority** No?

19 **Witness** To my knowledge, no, ma'am.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then we were discussing the
21 operator at the top of the page. Then if you go down it
22 looks like there's an equipment handler. Was there anyone
23 assigned to the position of equipment handler that day?

24 **Witness** Equipment handler -- so there's an
25 equipment section in D.C. for us that implements or sends

1 equipment accordingly globally. But the TSD lead
2 ultimately is the equipment handler, and I may delegate
3 that, if necessary, to someone who is an assist or on the
4 TSD team.

5 **HSGAC Minority** So you were the equipment handler for
6 this event?

7 **Witness** Yes.

8 **HSGAC Minority** What does that entail?

9 **Witness** That entails having knowledge of what
10 equipment is on-site for us, having the number of agents,
11 officers to secure it overnight if it's a classified or
12 sensitive piece of equipment, and having documentation of
13 what it is, and its function.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then if we move down that
15 page there is another operator. Do you know what that
16 operator is?

17 **Witness** This is on page 5. Correct?

18 **HSGAC Minority** Page 4, at the bottom of the page, under
19 "equipment handler."

20 **Witness** The redacted operator portion, I'm
21 unsure what that is at the bottom of page 4.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And so now we're back on page 5.
23 We have "counter UAS operator." And then under that
24 there's another, what appears to be whited-out redaction,
25 and then it says "lead." Do you know what is under that?

1 **Witness** No, ma'am.

2 **HSGAC Minority** And then there is another term that says
3 "lead" under that.

4 **Witness** I'm unsure of what the -- I would say it
5 would be TSD lead there, in the redacted portion.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then if you go to the next
7 page, page 6, there is "TSD supervisor." Was someone
8 assigned to that position?

9 **Witness** No, ma'am.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Is that something that you would
11 take on as the lead, or is that --

12 **Witness** No, ma'am. That generally falls under -
13 - TSD supervisor falls under somebody who is a GS-14 and
14 above. I usually see them on foreign trips or during NSSE.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

16 **Witness** Yes.

17 **HSGAC Minority** I just had a couple of follow-up
18 questions on your drone. Before July 13th, was it frequent
19 that you had these same types of issues with the
20 capabilities of the deterrence, the detection not working
21 properly? Have you experienced that recently?

22 **Witness** Uh --

23 **HSGAC Minority** And I guess to follow up, if so, was
24 that reported to someone to get mitigated?

25 **Witness** I'm going to answer the first question,

1 and I apologize if I have to ask you to repeat the second
2 one again. When it comes to technology, quite literally
3 it's not uncommon for things to break bad the day of, the
4 day prior. You may or may not have the hardware available
5 to fix it on scene of technology breaks. So it's very
6 unpredictable, but it's not uncommon to see things break.

7 Your second question?

8 [REDACTED] Yeah. The second question was,
9 obviously you didn't have a redundancy there for another
10 piece of equipment to be utilized. Is that standard that
11 you would only have one piece of equipment, whether it's
12 the detection equipment or the deterrence equipment? So,
13 in fact, if one doesn't work, is that standard that you
14 would only have one of those there?

15 **Witness** I wouldn't say standard. It was
16 available to be implemented. TSD, in technical means,
17 doesn't -- what's the best way I can put it? -- it doesn't
18 mean that other security measures are not in place, just
19 because a piece of technology is not operable at that
20 moment in time.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Thank you.

22 **HSGAC Minority** So can we go back to Exhibit 3 that was
23 previously introduced? This is the TSD Outdoor Survey.

24 **Witness** Okay.

25 **HSGAC Minority** So at the bottom of the first page there

1 there's a "Summary of Threats and Vulnerability" and it
2 highlights that the site is vulnerable to possible drone
3 attacks, with limited amount of CUAS equipment on-site.
4 What was the concern? And again, this is something that
5 you filled out. Is that correct?

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

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So what was the specific concern
8 about possible drone attacks that you are referencing here?

9 **Witness** So whenever there is an outdoor site
10 you're always concerned about any aerial type of vehicle
11 that could be used in an attack. That doesn't mean that we
12 don't have things in place to move our protectee off the
13 stage or away from the site, if necessary, but it's
14 something that we document of a concern.

15 **HSGAC Minority** And so -- but there were -- so there was
16 a vulnerability there, and then there was some exposure.
17 Would you acknowledge that there was some exposure as to
18 some of the systems that you had planned to have in place
19 were not operable that day?

20 **Witness** One detection system was not operable.
21 However, the **LES** system was available to be used, if
22 necessary.

23 **HSGAC Minority** But you were planning on having both
24 that day?

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

1 **HSGAC Minority** And so not having both, is that a
2 potential vulnerability?

3 **Witness** I would say yes, but again, it is a
4 vulnerability in a sense that -- let me back up. More so
5 just because that technical layer is not there doesn't mean
6 that there aren't plans in place to have our protectee
7 moved off-stage or off that particular site if we do detect
8 or see something that is of a threat, a drone. If we
9 visually see it then we obviously have plans in place to
10 move the protectee off-stage, if necessary.

11 **HSGAC Minority** And so to your knowledge, was local law
12 enforcement under the assumption that both the detection
13 and **LES** systems were operable that day?

14 **Witness** That part I'm unsure of.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Were any drones detected that day?

16 **Witness** To my knowledge, no, ma'am.

17 **HSGAC Minority** So it's been reported, and I think the
18 FBI has confirmed, that Crooks flew a drone that day near
19 the site, on the site. Is that accurate, to your
20 knowledge?

21 **Witness** On-site? No, ma'am. Maybe on the outer
22 perimeter somewhere. But I can tell you from doing this
23 for years, I've had agents confuse birds for drones and
24 they go crazy. So I am 99 percent sure that the drone was
25 not on-site, because I have very professional confidence

1 that someone would have visually seen it and called it out.

2 **HSGAC Minority** And so that detection system, would it
3 only detect things on-site, or is it a broader kind of
4 drone perimeter?

5 **Witness** A broader one.

6 **HSGAC Minority** What is that radius?

7 **Witness** I cannot give that information.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Would it have covered the AGR area?

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

10 **HSGAC Minority** It would've? Okay, if it would've been
11 operable.

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

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

14 **HSGAC Minority** If you would, back on the same document
15 she was referring to on the TSD Outside Site Survey -- I
16 get this one -- on the bottom she just hit the UAVs, but
17 you also noted in there vulnerable to vehicle-borne IEDs.

18 **Witness** Yes, sir.

19 **HSGAC Minority** What's your -- I don't know if you can
20 answer this or not, but what were you considering your
21 protective offset from a blast, protected area?

22 **Witness** Um --

23 **HSGAC Minority** I mean, what was your blast radius
24 calculation?

25 **Witness** Blast radius was included in this, but I

1 can't give you the exact --

2 **HSGAC Minority** No, that's fine.

3 **Witness** But the closest that he could've been to
4 operate something, if it was to detonate, it wouldn't have
5 harmed anyone inside the site or our protectee.

6 **HSGAC Minority** So a vehicle-borne IED at the fence at
7 that AGR building, would that have been a concern at that
8 point?

9 **Witness** At the actual edge of our perimeter?
10 Yes, it would've been a concern. It would have been
11 addressed immediately.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Did you see any countermeasures in
13 place to prevent that?

14 **Witness** Countermeasures in what regard?

15 **HSGAC Minority** To prevent a vehicle-borne IED at the
16 AGR building on the side where the fence is at?

17 **Witness** That portion belonged to local and state
18 outside of our site. I don't know if there were
19 countermeasures in place on their behalf.

20 **HSGAC Minority** So I guess the last question on that
21 one. If you felt like that was a concern in your
22 walkthrough survey, your advance assessment, could you have
23 told that to the lead agent and they would consider that as
24 maybe they need to extend their perimeter?

25 **Witness** As far as extending the perimeter out,

1 that would be up to them. I can only give my concerns
2 about any, as in the survey --

3 [REDACTED] Right.

4 **Witness** -- I told them during the week that this
5 is a concern. But if this was to go off at this distance
6 then we would be okay.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. That makes sense, because on
8 here you specifically mentioned Evans City Road.

9 **Witness** Yes, sir.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Which, just looking at the map looks
11 like it's a farther distance than the AGR fence was.

12 **Witness** Yes, sir. So from an explosives
13 standpoint, I implement plans, and most of my colleagues
14 do, as well, in TSD, in the sense of a military base. A
15 bad guy could come to the edge of a fence at a military
16 base but he won't affect anybody inside, if you know what
17 I'm saying.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Right.

19 **Witness** We can't -- no military base can
20 effectively implement a plan outside of that to deter
21 someone that is legally able to drive next to a site and
22 blow up a device. So we can just only mitigate the damage
23 at that point.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Thank you very much.

25 **Witness** No problem.

1 **HSGAC Minority** All right. We're going to jump around a
2 little bit. Do you have a security clearance?

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

4 **HSGAC Minority** What level?

5 **Witness** Top Secret SCI.

6 **HSGAC Minority** And how long have you held that security
7 clearance?

8 **Witness** Seven years, if I'm not mistaken.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Is that common for TSD agents to have
10 security clearance?

11 **Witness** The SCI is required for TSD.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And what's the purpose of having
13 a security clearance?

14 **Witness** To have access to classified information
15 that you are read in on.

16 **HSGAC Minority** And what kind of classified information
17 is relevant to your role?

18 **Witness** Mainly technology, explosives, and
19 chemical weapons.

20 **HSGAC Minority** When you perform a site survey do you
21 take into account any intelligence related to the actual
22 protectee?

23 **Witness** If that intelligence is given to me,
24 yes, ma'am.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Did you have any intelligence related to

1 the protectee for the July 13th event?

2 **Witness** Not to my recollection. No, ma'am.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Would TSD normally be read into any
4 intelligence related to a protectee?

5 **Witness** It depends on the situation. Again, if
6 there is something of concern, they would tell us, if
7 necessary.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Who would be responsible for
9 communicating that to TSD?

10 **Witness** That part, I'm not sure. I would say
11 maybe our PI team, maybe. But how that information is
12 implemented to me could come anywhere from the lead agent,
13 site agent, PI, multiple sources.

14 **HSGAC Minority** In your previous experience working
15 other events have you received intelligence related to a
16 protectee?

17 **Witness** Yes.

18 **HSGAC Minority** How often? And again, I'm not going to
19 hold you to it, but I'm just trying to understand, you
20 know, how often that kind of thing is communicated, because
21 obviously --

22 **Witness** It depends on the site. I mean, the
23 Secret Service is very unique in the sense that wherever we
24 go we bring unique threats. So there may be someone from a
25 Joe Schmoe that said something in 1976, that is on our

1 radar. But again, this information is given to me by
2 multiple sources, if necessary.

3 **HSGAC Minority** And given you found out about the event
4 very -- in close proximity to actually arriving there, how
5 would that be communicated if you're on the road? Are
6 there temporary SCIFs that are available at the event
7 sites?

8 **Witness** If there is a classified brief, we
9 usually go to a SCIF at the respective field office or
10 wherever SCIF is available, or a room that is considered to
11 be a temporary place that we can talk about sensitive
12 information.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. I'm going to pass out, I guess,
14 what number -- we're on Exhibit 6. We'll pass this around
15 and then --

16 [Exhibit No. 6 was
17 marked for identification.]

18 **HSGAC Minority** I tried to make it a little easy to
19 identify what I'm going to be asking you about
20 specifically. I'll mention the color of the arrows. So
21 this is an NCTC document dated January 3, 2024, that
22 relates to threats against U.S. officials that were threats
23 from Iran against U.S. officials that they believe are
24 culpable for the death of Soleimani in January 2020. Have
25 you heard generally about this, that Iran is seeking

1 retaliation against U.S. officials?

2 **Witness** I personally don't recall. No, ma'am.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Professionally?

4 **Witness** Excuse me?

5 **HSGAC Minority** Have you been professionally made aware
6 of this?

7 **Witness** Professionally? No, ma'am.

8 **HSGAC Minority** No? Okay. So you were not aware, and
9 if you look on that first page, the first bullet, second
10 paragraph, it says, "Iran has repeatedly highlighted former
11 President Donald Trump among its priority targets for
12 retribution." You were not aware of that?

13 **Witness** No, ma'am. Again, my division,
14 regardless of if it's Iran or a random Joe Schmo, from
15 wherever, our plan remains the same, to protect our
16 protectee accordingly.

17 **HSGAC Minority** If we go to page 2 of the document, it's
18 the gray arrow.

19 **Witness** Excuse me. You said page 3?

20 **HSGAC Minority** Page 2.

21 **Witness** Page 2.

22 **HSGAC Minority** It's the gray arrow, that highlight. It
23 says, "The Iraqi judiciary issued arrest warrants for
24 former President Trump and former Secretary of State
25 Pompeo." So you weren't aware that foreign countries were

1 -- and I'm speaking professionally. That's not something
2 that was ever briefed to you?

3 **Witness** This was never briefed to me, no, ma'am.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then on the last page, or on
5 the last bullet, there is a pinkish arrow, that says, "DOJ
6 announced charges against IRGC member" -- and I'm not going
7 to try to pronounce his name -- "for trying to arrange the
8 assassination of former National Security Advisor Bolton."
9 Were you aware of any arrests of individuals related to
10 Soleimani by our government?

11 **Witness** No, ma'am. Again, with the top secret
12 clearance, you are only read in on a need-to-know basis.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then on the third page, that
14 gray bullet, discusses a public interview that Tehran
15 wanted to kill former President Trump for killing
16 Soleimani. And again, you were never briefed on that?

17 **Witness** No, ma'am.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Does it concern you that you were never
19 briefed on any threats like that against a protectee?

20 **Witness** Does it concern me? No, ma'am, because
21 again, TSD, regardless of who is threatening our protectee,
22 the security plan remains the same.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Would the threat potentially change if
24 it was a state actor versus a domestic actor, in terms of
25 capabilities or potential capabilities?

1 **Witness** No, ma'am. Only a concern if there is a
2 coordinated attack from multiple people with multiple
3 resources. Of course, things like that would change. But
4 again, we don't change our posture just because a threat is
5 given to our protectee, regardless of who it comes from.
6 And if it was something of concern that we needed to buff
7 up our resources, it would have been done accordingly.

8 **HSGAC Minority** And were you aware at the time that
9 someone had been arrested on the 12th, the day before, for
10 potentially trying to coordinate an assassination attempt
11 on U.S. officials?

12 **Witness** No, ma'am, I was not.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Were you made aware of that later?

14 **Witness** Later? No, ma'am. I was busy with
15 other things in the aftermath, or paperwork myself.

16 **HSGAC Minority** So is this the first time you're hearing
17 about it?

18 **Witness** Yes.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Thank you.

20 I don't know where we are, but we'll reserve any time
21 and pass it along to PSI Minority.

22 **PSI Minority** Hi, **Witness** My name is **PSI Minority**
23 **PSI Minority** with Ranking Member Johnson's office. Thank you
24 again for your time today.

25 I kind of want to zoom out a little bit here and try

1 to establish a bit of a timeline about what you did that
2 day and when and why. Over the course of our conversation
3 you've detailed some time points, but I just wanted to make
4 sure that we understand the whole chronology.

5 So if you wouldn't mind, on July 13th, can you tell us
6 when you arrived at the rally site?

7 **Witness** Roughly around 10 a.m. on July 13th.

8 **PSI Minority** And what did you do at 10 a.m.?

9 **Witness** What did I do at 10 a.m.? I arrived and
10 met up with the local bomb squad, my military EOD assets
11 and military canine assets.

12 **PSI Minority** And after that could you tell us what
13 you did next?

14 **Witness** Afterwards we started our sweeps at 11
15 a.m.

16 **PSI Minority** You started the sweep at 11 a.m. And
17 how long did that sweep last for?

18 **Witness** Two hours.

19 **PSI Minority** And how many people were involved in
20 the sweep?

21 **Witness** Not including the local bomb squad I had
22 -- I will refer to my survey -- **LES** military EOD teams and
23 **LES** military canines, and **LES** local canine asset that was
24 on standby.

25 **PSI Minority** I'm going to go ahead and enter in

1 Exhibit No. 7, and apologies to the rest of my colleagues
2 for not having enough copies right now. But this is Bates
3 No. 260. This was in the production that we received last
4 night.

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

7 **PSI Minority** **Witness** this email seems to be
8 referencing something about a clearing. It says, "EOD
9 teams ^{LES} and ^{LES} finished clearing." Did you receive this
10 message?

11 **Witness** Yes, I did.

12 **PSI Minority** Are you on the To line of this message?
13 It's redacted, so we can't see.

14 **Witness** Yes, I am on the To line for this.

15 **PSI Minority** You're on the To line. Do you recall
16 who sent this message?

17 **Witness** I don't recall who it was. It was one
18 of the EOD military members.

19 **PSI Minority** And is it standard for you to receive a
20 message like this during the sweep?

21 **Witness** If it's not being radioed it will be via
22 a phone call or text.

23 **PSI Minority** And what was the meaning of this
24 message? Is this a text or --

25 **Witness** So when I build out an **LES** plan I

1 delegate certain leadership positions to certain teams to -
2 - what's the best way I can put it? -- to minimize multiple
3 people calling me at once saying they're done with their
4 respective job. So whoever was in charge of EOD Teams [REDACTED]
5 and [REDACTED] contacted me saying they were done with their
6 respective portion of the site, sweeping it.

7 **PSI Minority** Okay. And I appreciate the
8 clarification. So you said EOD Teams [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. So these
9 are team --

10 **Witness** -- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

11 **PSI Minority** These are team numbers.

12 **Witness** Team numbers. Yes, sir.

13 **PSI Minority** And how many team numbers are there, or
14 were there for this particular sweep?

15 **Witness** So there was [REDACTED] military EOD, [REDACTED]
16 military canine, and [REDACTED] local canine asset.

17 **PSI Minority** And if this is a reference to Teams [REDACTED]
18 and 4, what is that specifically -- what teams is it
19 specifically referencing?

20 **Witness** Well, EOD Teams [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

21 **PSI Minority** Okay.

22 **Witness** And [REDACTED] -- to make sense, usually the EOD
23 team is paired with a respective canine. We had [REDACTED]
24 available that day. We were still able to effectively do
25 our job by doing so. But the military canine was attached

1 to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], if that makes any sense. So EOD Team [REDACTED] was
2 attached -- EOD [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had military Canine [REDACTED], if that
3 makes any sense.

4 **PSI Minority** Okay. And again, this sweep only
5 occurred in the area of the established security perimeter.
6 Is that correct?

7 **Witness** That is correct.

8 **PSI Minority** Did this sweep include the AGR
9 building?

10 **Witness** No.

11 **PSI Minority** Why not?

12 **Witness** It was not inside our secure zone.

13 **PSI Minority** So the sweep you mentioned went from [REDACTED]
14 to [REDACTED] Is that correct?

15 **Witness** [REDACTED] hours after [REDACTED]. Yes, sir.

16 **PSI Minority** And then what happened, from your
17 perspective, that day?

18 **Witness** What happened? That's a very broad
19 question.

20 **PSI Minority** I'm sorry?

21 **Witness** I said that's a very broad question for
22 an eventful day.

23 **PSI Minority** After the security sweep, what did you
24 do?

25 **Witness** From there I coordinate with other

1 agents and officers and fire chiefs, making sure everyone
2 is in their respective locations. If a fire breaks out on
3 the field, where are the fire engines going to respond
4 from, making sure they're locked and loaded, like we plan
5 for days prior. Same with things coming into the site.
6 Putting certain EOD teams and canine assets at the mag
7 checkpoints and VIP checkpoints, to make sure that any
8 vehicles or items or backpacks coming in are searched by
9 EOD, and military canine, if necessary.

10 **PSI Minority** And you had mentioned earlier that you
11 had received a radio. Is that correct?

12 **Witness** I have been issued a radio by the Secret
13 Service. Yes, sir.

14 **PSI Minority** And when was that radio issued to you
15 that day?

16 **Witness** I don't know. It's the standard issue
17 item for Secret Service members.

18 **PSI Minority** So did you receive that radio when you
19 arrived on-site that day?

20 **Witness** No, sir. I had it with me.

21 **PSI Minority** Oh, you had it on you. Okay.

22 **Witness** Yes, sir.

23 **PSI Minority** So in terms of these coordinations, do
24 you recall roughly how long that -- how much time that
25 took, or was that ongoing throughout the day?

1 **Witness** What was ongoing?

2 **PSI Minority** The conversations you had with -- the
3 reoccurring conversations you had with the fire chief and
4 others.

5 **Witness** That doesn't stop until the protectee is
6 wheels up.

7 **PSI Minority** Okay. Do you recall when the protectee
8 arrived on July 13th?

9 **Witness** I don't recall when he arrived. Again,
10 I am busy handling other things. People inform me after
11 I'm able to take a breath and get settled to receive
12 information. But I don't recall when he arrived.

13 **PSI Minority** Where were you located during -- after
14 -- or during or after the sweep? Where were you located?

15 **Witness** I was back and forth behind the stage,
16 at the red barn, or walking from there to the mag
17 checkpoint tents and other places inside the site.

18 **PSI Minority** I'm sorry. Could you repeat that last
19 part again?

20 **Witness** So I was behind the stage at the red
21 barn, and also walking from there to the mag checkpoint and
22 other places in the site, to answer certain questions or
23 address any other concerns.

24 **PSI Minority** Did you find yourself mainly located at
25 one position for most of the day, or were you at multiple

1 points --

2 **Witness** Multiple points. A TSD lead is never in
3 a static location.

4 **PSI Minority** Okay. And were you -- did you know --
5 you said you mentioned that you weren't made aware
6 specifically of when the protectee arrived, but could you
7 tell when the protectee arrived?

8 **Witness** Yes.

9 **PSI Minority** Okay. How could you tell?

10 **Witness** You can look down the roadway and
11 there's a big motorcade sitting right there.

12 **PSI Minority** Okay. And after that point did you
13 notice when the protectee went on stage?

14 **Witness** When he went on stage, in particular I
15 don't recall. I'm sorry.

16 **PSI Minority** And then maybe you can help us
17 understand the events that transpired after the protectee
18 went onstage. And if you know the time, specific
19 timestamps, that would be helpful, if you wouldn't mind
20 noting that.

21 **Witness** Okay. Timestamps to --

22 **PSI Minority** Anything that you saw as you're
23 recalling what occurred after the protectee went on stage.

24 **Witness** Nothing out of the ordinary. I'm
25 talking to some other officers and agents at a mag

1 checkpoint at this particular point while he's on stage,
2 walking back and forth between that and the red barn.
3 Because we had water and snacks in there, because it was a
4 very hot day. I'd go grab a bottle of water and come right
5 back to the mag checkpoint if I was needed there. That was
6 pretty much it.

7 **PSI Minority** Okay. And then leading up to the
8 moment of shots fired, was there anything out of the
9 ordinary from your perspective?

10 **Witness** To my recollection, no, sir.

11 **PSI Minority** Did you have any line of sight to the
12 AGR building from where you were standing?

13 **Witness** Line of sight, meaning did I see it
14 directly?

15 **PSI Minority** Did you see the AGR building from --

16 **Witness** Yes.

17 **PSI Minority** You could?

18 **Witness** Yes.

19 **PSI Minority** In the moments leading up to shots
20 fired you could see the AGR building?

21 **Witness** Moments leading up to it, meaning just
22 throughout the day?

23 **PSI Minority** Or in the imminent moments leading up
24 to shots fired.

25 **Witness** The AGR wasn't even in my mind to look

1 at, at that point in time.

2 **PSI Minority** Okay. Could you see the rooftops -- I
3 guess if you're staring at the stage could you see the
4 rooftops of the barn buildings located directly behind the
5 stage?

6 **Witness** Could I see the rooftops of the barns?

7 **PSI Minority** Yes.

8 **Witness** To my recollection I could.

9 **PSI Minority** You could?

10 **Witness** The red barns. Correct.

11 **PSI Minority** Yes.

12 **Witness** Yes.

13 **PSI Minority** Do you recall seeing Secret Service
14 agents on top of those buildings?

15 **Witness** Our CS team? Yes, sir.

16 **PSI Minority** Do you recall when you saw them?

17 **Witness** When I saw them? No, sir.

18 **PSI Minority** But you do recall them on top of the
19 building.

20 **Witness** Yes, sir.

21 **PSI Minority** Do you recall what direction they were
22 facing?

23 **Witness** Towards the general direction of -- I
24 don't recall exactly what they were looking at. I just saw
25 them up there and just went about doing my part of the job.

1 **PSI Minority** Did those agents, as they were up
2 there, did you see them change positions, as in they were
3 facing one direction and then you noticed they were facing
4 another direction?

5 **Witness** Yes, but that's a general thing of what
6 they do. They always look in multiple directions for
7 multiple long-range threats. So that's not out of the
8 ordinary for me to see.

9 **PSI Minority** When a counter sniper is on top of a
10 roof, as these agents were, would it be characteristic for
11 them to set up their weapons facing one direction and then
12 reestablish their weapons facing another direction?

13 **Witness** You would have to ask CS on their
14 protocol. I'm not sure of the practicality and the reasons
15 why they do things.

16 **PSI Minority** Okay. So now I think it would be
17 helpful for you to walk us through the moment that you
18 heard shots fired.

19 **Witness** I am at the mag tent. I heard the first
20 shot. We look in that general direction, because we were
21 unsure of what it was. Because also during this time we
22 saw the hydraulic system of a crane that was holding a
23 speaker go down, spilling hydraulic fluid. So everyone is
24 confused. And then the volleys followed after, and myself
25 and some other officers sprinted towards that general

1 direction, trying to identify the threat, and it lasted
2 maybe ten-ish seconds until there were no more volleys.
3 Still unsure. I see the protectee getting inside of a
4 vehicle, and our job at that point, once we know that the
5 protectee is no longer on-site and is safe, to the best of
6 our knowledge is to help and render aid to any civilians
7 that need help at this point, and evacuate civilians out of
8 the area.

9 **PSI Minority** And I'm sorry. I might have had
10 trouble hearing some of the things that you just described.
11 But you mentioned that you heard shots fired and you could
12 see the hydraulic system on one of the speakers?

13 **Witness** Yes, inside the site.

14 **PSI Minority** Okay. Do you recall what area you saw
15 that speaker --

16 **Witness** If I'm facing the stage it'll be to the
17 right.

18 **PSI Minority** To the right.

19 **Witness** Yes.

20 **PSI Minority** And did you know at that time, could
21 you sense what direction the --

22 **Witness** The first pop I was unsure what was
23 happening. Once the volleys occurred, that's when I saw a
24 few civilians get hit, and I made a general assessment of
25 where it was coming from, based on the sound, rushing

1 towards that direction.

2 **PSI Minority** And what was your assessment of where
3 the bullets were coming from?

4 **Witness** Just that general direction. I was
5 unsure.

6 **PSI Minority** And what was that general direction?

7 **Witness** Towards the AGR building.

8 **PSI Minority** Did you hear bullets fired from other
9 directions in addition to AGR?

10 **Witness** Only from the red barn roof.

11 **PSI Minority** I'm sorry?

12 **Witness** Only from the red barn roof.

13 **PSI Minority** Okay. And when you heard that shot
14 fired, did you associate that with a Secret Service agent
15 firing their weapon?

16 **Witness** I was unsure.

17 **PSI Minority** Okay. You mentioned that you saw the
18 protectee leave, and then you went to go render aid to
19 people who were injured?

20 **Witness** Yes. Any civilians that were hit. A
21 few of my explosive team members started rendering aid to a
22 chest wound victim. The fire chief that was unfortunately
23 hit in the head, he was moved to the tent and we laid a
24 towel over his head so his wife and kids couldn't see him,
25 because he was severely wounded, and we were establishing -

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2 **PSI Minority** Were you with him at that time?

3 **Witness** Yes.

4 **PSI Minority** So you went to the bleachers and then
5 you left with him into the tent --

6 **Witness** I went to the bleachers to see who else
7 was -- if they were wounded. But two of the explosive team
8 members from the military laid him on the table with some
9 State Police troopers, because we were establishing that
10 tent as a makeshift temporary triage area for any wounded
11 people at that point. There were a lot of civilians with
12 blood on their clothing, so we were unsure who got hit, and
13 we just wanted to be sure who else needed actual EMT
14 services at that point.

15 **PSI Minority** And at that time, on your radio, could
16 you describe what, if any, radio communications you were
17 hearing?

18 **Witness** At this point it was all a blur and my
19 adrenaline was pumping.

20 **PSI Minority** Did you receive a radio communication
21 instructing you or notifying you that an assailant was
22 down?

23 **Witness** I do recall hearing something that the
24 shooter is down.

25 **PSI Minority** Do you recall what time?

1 **Witness** No.

2 **PSI Minority** From your vantage point on the ground
3 could you tell whether or not any of the counter snipers
4 had fired at the assailant?

5 **Witness** Only from audible shot from the red roof
6 itself.

7 **PSI Minority** Did you know the counter snipers --

8 **Witness** No.

9 **PSI Minority** -- at this event?

10 **Witness** No.

11 **PSI Minority** Do you know how many counter snipers
12 were on the roof?

13 **Witness** No, sir, I don't.

14 **PSI Minority** Could you see how many were there?

15 **Witness** I saw at least two.

16 **PSI Minority** At least two?

17 **Witness** Yeah.

18 **PSI Minority** What position were those two in, that
19 you saw?

20 **Witness** If you're facing the stage they were on
21 the left side of the barn roof.

22 **PSI Minority** Okay. Could you then tell us, after
23 you went to the bleachers, you went behind with the victim
24 -- is that correct?

25 **Witness** In the tent. Yes, sir.

1 **PSI Minority** In the tent. At that point, did you
2 receive any radio communications indicating that there was
3 a shooter at AGR?

4 **Witness** The particular location, that was
5 unsure. I was unaware where the shooter was, in
6 particular, until I got a call to go look at suspicious
7 items in that particular area with the bomb squad.

8 **PSI Minority** And when did you receive that
9 instruction?

10 **Witness** That part I'm unsure.

11 **PSI Minority** Who did you receive that instruction
12 from?

13 **Witness** The Site Security Room.

14 **PSI Minority** I'm sorry?

15 **Witness** The Site Security Room agent.

16 **PSI Minority** And how did that person communicate
17 that instruction to you?

18 **Witness** I don't recall. It was either radio or
19 phone.

20 **PSI Minority** And once you received that
21 communication, is that when you left the tent to go to the
22 AGR building?

23 **Witness** That is correct.

24 **PSI Minority** And when you got to the AGR building
25 did you see other law enforcement there?

1 **Witness** Yes, I did.

2 **PSI Minority** Do you recall what time you arrived at
3 the AGR building?

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

5 **PSI Minority** Once you arrived at the AGR building,
6 did you have any interaction with the other law enforcement
7 agents?

8 **Witness** Very briefly.

9 **PSI Minority** Did they say anything to you?

10 **Witness** Not to -- nothing that stood out to me.
11 We're trying to establish perimeter. We're trying to
12 evacuate civilians and do our business.

13 **PSI Minority** So once you got there, what did you do
14 next?

15 **Witness** I first -- we first responded to a bike
16 and backpack that was deemed not suspicious because the
17 actual owner of the backpack and bike arrived, and he was
18 cleared, and that was no longer a suspicious item. The
19 time frame in which we went up to the AGR building and the
20 remote device was found, I don't know the particular time
21 or timestamp. But from there that's when we established a
22 perimeter to start sweeping the AGR building and anything
23 within a 100-yard radius.

24 **PSI Minority** I'm sorry. Could you repeat the last
25 part again?

1 **Witness** And sweeping anything within a 100-yard
2 radius of the remote.

3 **PSI Minority** Going back to the bike that you had
4 brought up earlier and you just mentioned again --

5 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

6 **PSI Minority** -- could you just say how you knew that
7 the bike was no longer a threat?

8 **Witness** The owner of the bike and backpack
9 actually walked up, and rightfully so several law
10 enforcement officers were rigging his bike to be destroyed
11 for reasons. And he asked us what we were doing, and we
12 asked him who he was. And we interviewed him for about 30
13 minutes, specifically the bomb squad sergeant from
14 Allegheny County, and I also held him for our agents to
15 come out and interview him, to make sure he had no
16 connection to the shooter, because at this point we don't
17 know if there are any secondary people. But to be on the
18 safe side they held him, detained him, and he was released.

19 **PSI Minority** Were you involved in the interview of
20 this individual?

21 **Witness** Briefly.

22 **PSI Minority** Okay. You mentioned it was about 30
23 minutes, so you were there for only part of that time?

24 **Witness** Minimum of 30 minutes with Allegheny
25 County. We held him thereafter for our agents to come out

1 and talk to him personally, as well.

2 **PSI Minority** And who was this individual?

3 **Witness** I don't recall who the PI agent was. I
4 just requested him to come outside at that particular
5 location. And I know they came out to talk to them, but I
6 don't know who it was.

7 **PSI Minority** Were you instructed to go to the roof
8 of the AGR building?

9 **Witness** I wouldn't say instructed, but at this
10 point -- this is a part of the **LES** plan
11 for us. If something is close to a site and is found, I'm
12 just not going to let the local or state assets go out
13 there by themselves.

14 **PSI Minority** So you decided on your own to go up to
15 the roof of the AGR building.

16 **Witness** Yes, from a professional standpoint.
17 Yes, sir.

18 **PSI Minority** And at this point, are there other
19 Secret Service agents either on the roof with you or in the
20 area of the AGR building?

21 **Witness** At this point, no. It's just myself,
22 the local bomb squad sergeant, and the local tag team that
23 was in camouflage.

24 **PSI Minority** Knowing what you knew at that time,
25 were you expecting there to be more of a Secret Service

1 presence besides yourself at the AGR?

2 **Witness** At this point I am the liaison for the
3 Secret Service to relay information, if necessary, for any
4 explosive and chemical threats.

5 **PSI Minority** When you arrived at the AGR building,
6 did you communicate on your radio that you were going to
7 the roof?

8 **Witness** Yes. On the radio? I don't think it
9 was the radio. It was a cellphone or in person. But I do
10 know I established communication to the site agent or Site
11 Security Room that this is where we are, and this is what
12 we are doing.

13 **PSI Minority** And just to make sure that I
14 understand, sir, when you say that you communicated, was
15 that text?

16 **Witness** That part I'm not sure. I don't
17 remember.

18 **PSI Minority** Okay.

19 **Witness** I just know that I talked to someone
20 from the Site Security Room.

21 **PSI Minority** And did you receive confirmation after
22 you communicated that?

23 **Witness** Yes.

24 **PSI Minority** And you said that you communicated that
25 to the site agent?

1 **Witness** The Site Security Room agent.

2 **PSI Minority** And the name of that individual?

3 **Witness** That, I don't recall his name.

4 **PSI Minority** Okay. Is it **ATSAIC**?

5 **Witness** That doesn't ring a bell at all.

6 **PSI Minority** Okay. You're unfamiliar of any agent

7 with that name?

8 **Witness** No.

9 **PSI Minority** Okay. So once you got to the roof,
10 could you describe whether there were other individuals on
11 the roof with you?

12 **Witness** Other law enforcement individuals, the
13 local bomb squad sergeant, as well, and that's it.

14 **PSI Minority** Do you know what entity or county those
15 other law enforcement individuals were affiliated with?

16 **Witness** I think they were the local assets from
17 Butler County.

18 **PSI Minority** And the bomb squad?

19 **Witness** No, Allegheny County is the bomb squad.

20 **PSI Minority** Allegheny County.

21 **Witness** It's a different county from Butler.
22 Allegheny County covered us from an explosive local bomb
23 squad standpoint.

24 **PSI Minority** And when you arrived on the roof and
25 you saw these individuals there, you saw the body of the

1 shooter? Is that correct?

2 **Witness** Yes, sir.

3 **PSI Minority** Did these individuals say anything to
4 you when you got up to the roof?

5 **Witness** We just -- they did say something but I
6 don't recall exactly what was said.

7 **PSI Minority** Did any of these individuals
8 communicate to you that there could be a bomb concern, an
9 explosives concern?

10 **Witness** No.

11 **PSI Minority** How did you access the roof?

12 **Witness** When I arrived we had a -- there was a
13 black ladder that was put in by the local or state assets
14 on the side of the building.

15 **PSI Minority** How did you become aware that that
16 ladder was put there by local law enforcement?

17 **Witness** A law enforcement officer told me. He
18 said, "Hey, because I was trying to figure out how to get
19 on the roof myself." He said, "We put a ladder there," or
20 someone from law enforcement, military, put that ladder
21 there. And he pointed to it, and I just went up from
22 there.

23 **PSI Minority** Did you try to enter the building
24 initially when you got there?

25 **Witness** Yes.

1 **PSI Minority** Were you able to?

2 **Witness** Yes.

3 **PSI Minority** Did you go inside the building?

4 **Witness** I did.

5 **PSI Minority** What was inside the building?

6 **Witness** It looked like a masonry wood shop type
7 building. That was pretty much it. Some office spaces.

8 **PSI Minority** When you entered the building, was the
9 door unlocked, or did someone have to open it for you?

10 **Witness** I think it was open, if I'm not
11 mistaken, because there were some law enforcement entities
12 inside, clearing the building, from a technical standpoint.

13 **PSI Minority** And when you entered the building, were
14 you still trying to access the roof at that point?

15 **Witness** Yes.

16 **PSI Minority** And were you informed that you had to
17 go to this ladder?

18 **Witness** Later on. Because from my perspective
19 we had to learn about buildings from literally how a
20 building is structured. I've been doing it for so many
21 years, there is virtually no buildings that I've ever come
22 across that don't have some type of hatch to access the
23 roof. And this building just didn't have that. I walked
24 back outside and that's when I saw the law enforcement
25 officer telling me, "Hey, that ladder right there leads to

1 the roof."

2 **PSI Minority** How long were you inside the building?

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

4 **PSI Minority** Did you see any blood inside of the
5 building, on the floor or anywhere else?

6 **Witness** No.

7 **PSI Minority** So it's been about an hour. So I think
8 we can take a five-minute break, and then regroup. We'll
9 go off the record now.

10 [Recess.]

11 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. **Witness** in response to an
12 earlier line of questioning that related to vehicle-borne
13 IED threats by the AGR building, you said that that portion
14 belonged to local law enforcement. Are you familiar with
15 that line of questioning I'm referring to and your
16 response?

17 **Witness** Could you repeat that portion of the
18 question please?

19 **HSGAC Majority** With respect to questions related to a
20 particular threat by the AGR building you responded that
21 that location belonged to local law enforcement.

22 **Witness** To clarify, anything outside of our
23 security perimeter belongs to local and state assets.

24 **HSGAC Majority** And you were aware that the AGR building
25 was outside of your perimeter.

1 **Witness** Correct.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Who told you that the AGR building was
3 outside of your perimeter?

4 **Witness** That would be the site agent, **Site Counter**

5 **Site Counterpart** and Ms. **Site Agent**

6 **HSGAC Majority** And when was that communicated to you?

7 **Witness** The morning of.

8 **HSGAC Majority** And I want to now return to the timeline
9 you walked through the day of. You said at **LES**. the day
10 of you conducted a **LES** sweep --

11 **Witness** Correct.

12 **HSGAC Majority** -- and that was specific to within the
13 perimeter. Is that correct?

14 **Witness** That is correct.

15 **HSGAC Majority** The local law enforcement, to your
16 knowledge, did they conduct a sweep outside of the
17 perimeter?

18 **Witness** For explosives?

19 **HSGAC Majority** Yes.

20 **Witness** To my knowledge, no, sir.

21 **HSGAC Majority** And was there a part of a plan, that you
22 are aware of, for such a sweep to be conducted?

23 **Witness** For a sweep to be conducted outside the
24 site? No, sir.

25 **HSGAC Majority** And why is that?

1 **Witness** My only concern is anything that is
2 within the site and responding to something that is in
3 close proximity, if necessary.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Do you have any input into determining what
5 is the perimeter?

6 **Witness** Little input.

7 **HSGAC Majority** What input is that?

8 **Witness** Anything that is of an explosive
9 concern.

10 **HSGAC Majority** And did you provide that input with respect
11 to the Butler site?

12 **Witness** Yes.

13 **HSGAC Majority** And relate please what that input was that
14 you provided.

15 **Witness** The area that if somebody was to
16 detonate a device, this would be where I would do it,
17 because our division has knowledge of how to **LES**
18 explosives ourselves. That's it.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Returning now to the timing you described
20 earlier of the day of events, and you said around 1 p.m.,
21 that time, you began communicating with local fire
22 officials and others to do searches within the perimeter.

23 **Witness** At 1 p.m. to do searches with fire
24 officials? That's not -- let me clear that portion. At
25 this point I am making sure everyone is staged where they

1 need to be respond to their respective categories. So if
2 there's a fire inside the farm field, the firefighters will
3 respond accordingly from a section of the site. If there's
4 a chemical attack of sorts or a chemical weapon that is
5 implemented, by whatever means, the HAZMAT team will
6 respond from this particular section, and they have these
7 assets to help our protectee and also help the actual
8 public, as well.

9 **HSGAC Majority** What, if any, resource-specific
10 determinations go into your assessment of needs related to
11 the perimeter, resource in terms of personnel, in terms of
12 availability, and specific to this planning for the Butler
13 event?

14 **Witness** It goes into the size of the size, the
15 actual structure of the site, it goes into implementation
16 of how I request the number of assets I need, the time at
17 which they want to open the site to the public to be
18 screened. It goes into I need this amount of people to do
19 it in this amount of time.

20 **HSGAC Majority** You've articulated earlier the resourcing
21 requests you made, and those resourcing requests were made
22 after the perimeter was established. Correct?

23 **Witness** Could you repeat that one?

24 **HSGAC Majority** You made a statement earlier about the
25 resources you requested for that day. Correct?

1 **Witness** Correct.

2 **HSGAC Majority** You made the determination of the resources
3 you needed based on a knowledge of the perimeter for that
4 date that had already been established. Is that correct?

5 **Witness** Not knowledge of the perimeter but
6 knowledge of the site and the -- this is weird to say -- so
7 there is -- what goes into me implementing how many
8 resources I need is not the perimeter itself, but it
9 encompasses the size of the site itself too. So if we had
10 to respond outside of it, like we did on July 13th, I have
11 enough personnel to cover that area, as well.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Does the determination for that include
13 both U.S. Secret Service and other Federal available
14 personnel, as well as state and local personnel that you
15 would need access to, or only Federal?

16 **Witness** So for my assets, explosively speaking,
17 they are military personnel, EOD personnel, to be specific,
18 and also military, if not UD canine, that go into my
19 purview of what I'm requesting as far as outside of the
20 Secret Service. But as far as what personnel is needed for
21 post-standing to establishing a site perimeter goes on the
22 site agent and the lead agent themselves.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Are you made aware of what state and local
24 resources are available in terms of personnel?

25 **Witness** Yes.

1 HSGAC Majority And for this specific date, when were you
2 made aware of that?

3 **Witness** The morning of, if not the day prior,
4 because we usually tell each other who is wearing what,
5 what the right vest looks like, what this person has this
6 pin, this person is allowed inside. So I'm aware to that
7 capacity.

8 HSGAC Majority You are saying that is July 12th or 13th
9 you are made aware.

10 **Witness** Yes, sir.

11 HSGAC Majority Are you aware of a state and local planning
12 meeting that was established to be held on July 8th?

13 **Witness** A state and local meeting --

14 HSGAC Majority Of law enforcement personnel by state and
15 local officials that would be held July 8th. Were you ever
16 made aware of that?

17 MR. **Witness Counsel** With the Secret Service or autonomously?

18 HSGAC Majority With the Secret Service.

19 **Witness** With the Secret Service, on the 8th, I'm
20 unaware, but I think the meeting you may be referring to
21 with the Secret Service is the police meeting where we
22 introduced each other.

23 HSGAC Majority And what date was that?

24 **Witness** That part I don't recall, but I know
25 that it was held. The information that I needed while I

1 was traveling to that area was given to me.

2 **HSGAC Majority** And just to clarify, you were not at that
3 meeting. You are aware it was held. Is that correct?

4 **Witness** I was not at the police meeting. I was
5 aware that it was held. The lead agent made me aware of
6 who was the local bomb squad and who was the fire asset
7 that I needed to contact for this particular mission.

8 **HSGAC Majority** By "lead agent" you mean **Lead Agent** ?

9 **Witness** Yes.

10 **HSGAC Majority** And when did she make you aware of that?

11 **Witness** If not the day of the police meeting,
12 the day after.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Leaving the timeline for a moment, at a
14 certain point the day of, July 13th, it was communicated
15 that there was an individual with a rangefinder. Was that
16 communication ever relayed to you that day?

17 **Witness** I never received that message at all.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Did you become aware, at any point that
19 day, that an individual had a rangefinder?

20 **Witness** Afterwards.

21 **HSGAC Majority** If you were made aware prior to the
22 shooting that an individual had a rangefinder, would that
23 rangefinder itself indicate to you any threats specific to
24 the responsibilities you were responsible for?

25 **Witness** As a law enforcement officer myself,

1 someone with a rangefinder outdoors is obviously considered
2 suspicious. In a law enforcement capacity, that falls
3 under reasonable suspicions, so that allows me to detain
4 somebody, to question them for what they are doing. I've
5 had people who have had certain binoculars at outdoor
6 events that I've conducted an interview with myself, and
7 they just were out there to take pictures. They wanted to
8 get certain range of the stage or a certain item within the
9 site, to take certain photos from a professional
10 standpoint. Although they were suspicious, they were not a
11 threat at that point in time.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Could a rangefinder indicate to you a
13 threat that has anything to do with capabilities for
14 explosives or other things within your purview?

15 **Witness** A rangefinder, in my capacity, is just
16 reasonable suspicion at this point, that you are -- if I
17 told somebody in a crowd -- how could I clarify?
18 Reasonable suspicion has to pass in front of a reasonable
19 person that if I detained this person in a law enforcement
20 capacity it has to be a good reason why.

21 To clarify even further what reasonable suspicion is
22 for a law enforcement officer, if someone is outside your
23 house, but on the sidewalk, with a hood on, and they're
24 just staring inside, if they're not doing anything illegal,
25 they're not necessarily a threat. But it's reasonable for

1 you to confront them, and it's a suspicious thing to do.
2 In the same capacity, a person with a rangefinder would
3 cause me to be reasonably suspicious and talk to this
4 person, or at least locate this person.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you, **Witness** I just have a
6 few follow-up questions. First, turning to the day of, on
7 July 13th, you had mentioned earlier that you didn't have a
8 fixed location, that you were making the rounds and
9 checking in with different personnel. At any point during
10 the day on July 13th did you, were you present inside of
11 the Command Center or the Security Room? And my
12 understanding is those two terms are used interchangeably.
13 Is that right?

14 **Witness** So the Command Post and the Security
15 Room are viewed interchangeably, but they are the same
16 thing usually. I was in and out sometimes, maybe once or
17 twice, but I'm mainly outside of that area, unless they
18 call me in for a particular reason.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Can you describe the setup, like if it
20 as a room or a tent?

21 **Witness** It was inside a small building on the
22 farm area.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know where it was located?

24 **Witness** If you're --

25 **HSGAC Majority** Let me enter another exhibit. Let me show

1 you a map really quickly. This will be -- what are we up
2 to? -- this will be marked 8.

3 [Exhibit No. 8 was
4 marked for identification.]

5 **HSGAC Majority** And if it's all right with you, if you
6 are able to, to the best of your recollection, mark where
7 the Security Room was.

8 [Pause.]

9 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Thank you. So I guess that
10 Secret Service logo is probably --

11 So you said it was inside of a building?

12 **Witness** Inside that building. Yes, ma'am.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know what that building was, if
14 it had a --

15 **Witness** Just general like office building or
16 small -- you walked in and it was maybe a 15-by-15-foot
17 room, open space, with a U-shaped table in the middle for
18 all law enforcement people to sit.

19 **HSGAC Majority** And do you know roughly how many people
20 were in that room at the times you were there?

21 **Witness** I wasn't counting, but there were law
22 enforcement and fire personnel inside with Secret Service.

23 **HSGAC Majority** And to your knowledge, were they all
24 Secret Service personnel?

25 **Witness** No. Multiple assets from city officials

1 -- excuse me -- city police officers, fire personnel, and
2 Secret Service personnel.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Do you recall, of the Secret Service
4 personnel, who was stationed in the Command Center?

5 **Witness** I just know it was the site -- not the
6 site agent but the Security Site -- how can I put it? --
7 the Security Room agent who is responsible for relaying
8 information to other post-standers on a certain frequency.

9 **HSGAC Majority** And that's the agent where if you were
10 to pick up your radio and radioed something, that is who
11 you would be --

12 **Witness** They would be the force behind the
13 radio, yes.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Gotcha. Thank you. And also
15 with respect to July 13th, you had mentioned at various
16 points earlier today, communications that occurred both by
17 radio and by phone. And just to follow up on the phone
18 communications, are you referring to calls or texts on a
19 personal cellphone or work cellphone?

20 **Witness** From work cellphone, a phone call or a
21 text, yes, ma'am, or email.

22 **HSGAC Majority** And were those -- is that standard
23 protocol for communicating during a protectee event?

24 **Witness** Yes. If we are unable to hear someone
25 over the radio, whether it be to complications or just the

1 crowd being too loud, we'll step away and call someone on
2 our cellphone or go to the Security Room ourselves.

3 **HSGAC Majority** And if you can recall all the
4 communications, do you recall who you communicated with by
5 phone or text on the day?

6 **Witness** Phone or text, it would be either the
7 site agent, the local bomb squad sergeant, my EOD teams, my
8 canine teams, and possibly the fire chief. But usually I
9 talk to them in person.

10 **HSGAC Majority** So in terms of state or local officials,
11 the local bomb squad chief and potentially fire chief of
12 the --

13 **Witness** Local bomb squad sergeant.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Sergeant.

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

16 **HSGAC Majority** Were those the only two state or local
17 officials you would've communicated with?

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

19 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. So with respect to just a
20 couple of follow-ups on planning prior to the 13th. You
21 talked about earlier that you had done multiple
22 walkthroughs or visits to the site in advance. Do you
23 recall a walkthrough on July 11th where multiple local law
24 enforcement participated?

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

1 day I was out there with the local fire department,
2 establishing a fire plan. Maybe it was on that day.
3 Because everyone is in plain clothes at this point, so I
4 don't know who was who outside of the fire team that I was
5 talking to.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Was there one walkthrough that had a
7 much larger number of participants than any of the others?

8 **Witness** With the fire department there, yes,
9 ma'am, because I had maybe about seven to eight people
10 talking to me from the fire department, because this
11 particular county, which is a little uncommon, where the
12 fire team is separate from the HAZMAT team. So both of
13 them were talking to me on what their plans were for that
14 day, where they were going to be, and the assets they were
15 going to be able to provide for us if a fire or chemical
16 was to break out.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Gotcha. Apologies for jumping all over
18 the place. Just one follow-up on the CUAS assets that were
19 planned. You had mentioned there was a specific CUAS
20 specialist or agent, and you said that person was within
21 TSD. Is that correct?

22 **Witness** This particular person is not in TSD.
23 He is counter UAS qualified on the detail.

24 **HSGAC Majority** So this person is a permanent or
25 assigned member of the Donald Trump detail team.

1 **Witness** Yes.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. So were the assets, the CUAS
3 assets -- I forget what they were called, but the ones that
4 were in place or supposed to be in place on the day -- were
5 those assets that were normally -- and I forget the term --
6 belonging to or assigned to the detail rather than to TSD?

7 **Witness** The assets that were requested, the
8 detail had available that they were going to bring
9 themselves.

10 **HSGAC Majority** And is that common, in your experience,
11 for a detail to have their own CUAS assets?

12 **Witness** Yes in the respect that the counter UAS
13 assets are allocated to **LES**, and this detail is
14 unique in the sense that no former, from our recollection,
15 has never had this type of protection as far as counter
16 UAS. This is one of the only or few protectees that
17 constantly does outdoor events, so they were allocated
18 specifically for him on his detail.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Gotcha. Thank you. Actually,
20 that leads into my last question for you. You know, we
21 have come to understand that at some point between the
22 rally was announced and when it occurred that there was an
23 awareness of a heightened security threat, and you have
24 spoken before about the fact that you didn't have any --
25 you were not personally briefed about any threat. That's

1 correct?

2 **Witness** That is correct.

3 **HSGAC Majority** At any point were you aware, or made
4 aware, of the assignment of additional or atypical
5 resources to the detail specifically asking about your
6 Secret Service counter snipers or counter assault teams?
7 Were you made aware at some point that those resources had
8 been assigned to this event?

9 **Witness** Earlier in the week, but that's not
10 particularly briefed to me. I just saw a person from the
11 CS team during an advance. That's it.

12 **HSGAC Majority** And was that, in your experience, was
13 that unusual to have someone from the Secret Service CS
14 team at an event for a former President?

15 **Witness** This is the first time I've seen a CS
16 member. Yes, ma'am.

17 **HSGAC Majority** And to your knowledge, is this the first
18 time that that's occurred?

19 **Witness** That part I'm unsure of.

20 **HSGAC Majority** All right. I think that's it for me, so
21 thank you very much.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Following up on what **HSGAC Majority** mentioned,
23 this is the first time that a Secret Service counter
24 assault team and Secret Service counter snipers staffed a
25 campaign event. Did this raise any concerns for you or a

1 need for heightened security?

2 **Witness** No, ma'am.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Why not?

4 **Witness** Seeing more assets doesn't mean that I'm
5 concerned about something. If it was up to the Secret
6 Service we would establish an entire military base around a
7 protectee. I'm not even trying to be funny. So to see
8 that, I always invite that type of stuff, but it doesn't
9 ring a bell to be concerned about something at this point.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Are there other -- have there been other
11 times where Secret Service deploys more assets, like
12 counter assault teams and counter snipers, for campaign
13 events?

14 **Witness** To my knowledge I am unsure, but based
15 on certain teams -- and it's outside of my purview -- may
16 come to a situational --

17 **HSGAC Majority** You mentioned you've been with the
18 Secret Service, I believe, for eight years?

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

20 **HSGAC Majority** Can you talk about just your shifts, how
21 often, the hours that you work, what your schedule is, how
22 much time you have on and how much time you have off?

23 **Witness** TSD is very unique in the sense that
24 outside of a 9-to-5 we don't have a set schedule. So I may
25 get a call to go to Poland overnight, and that's the reason

1 for the work schedule that you see, that we establish
2 flight times, the amount of time that it will take me to
3 conduct an advance from a reasonable standpoint. So for us
4 there is no reasonable -- "reasonable" is the wrong word --
5 there is no set schedule for us outside of a 9-to-5.

6 **HSGAC Majority** I see. So you work the 9-to-5, it seems
7 here, on Monday through Saturday. How do you determine
8 days off?

9 **Witness** When you find that out you please let me
10 know.

11 [Laughter.]

12 **HSGAC Majority** Do you have to put in a request, or do
13 you know when a weekend might be? I hear -- I see Friday
14 and Saturday you're working, but Sunday it looks like you
15 didn't. How do you know when your weekends, or when you
16 get days off are?

17 **Witness** So that particular work schedule goes on
18 a seven-day basis. So the following day I traveled back to
19 New Jersey, New York area, back where I live. And they
20 just let me -- sometimes it's a day-by-day basis.
21 Sometimes you know months in advance. Like when the UN is
22 coming up next month, I know my assignment there. But
23 because of the nature of the job you can't predict when a
24 protectee wants to go to anywhere on the globe until if
25 they say they want to go to there last minute.

1 **HSGAC Majority** Can you talk about your travel schedule,
2 and I guess more broadly, but then specifically what it
3 looks like this week and the couple of weeks prior?

4 **Witness** It varies. I was in Philly with POTUS.
5 I got a call to be there. But I may get a phone call right
6 now saying we need you to go to X, Y, and Z on this set
7 date. And as we say in the military, Secret Service, it's
8 not a volunteer. It's volun-told. So quite literally
9 there is not set schedule for us, or protected --

10 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. And so the couple of weeks
11 before, were you in the East Coast time zone, West Coast
12 time zone, out of the country?

13 **Witness** East Coast time zone.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And that week, just referring
15 back to Exhibit 4, with your schedule, the hours that you
16 worked, was that in Pittsburgh? Or could you actually walk
17 us through where you were on those days?

18 **Witness** From the 7th through the 13th?

19 **HSGAC Majority** Yes, starting with July 8th, Monday.

20 **Witness** No problem. So on July 8th, that was my
21 work travel day from the New York area. I was about a six-
22 hour drive to get to that particular part of Pennsylvania.
23 On each day it says 9-to-5 p.m. or 9-to-1700. However,
24 that may happen before or after the time, which is why each
25 agent has LEAP or AUO to accommodate you for any times that

1 you cannot schedule. So you may conduct an advance from 8
2 a.m. to 8 at night.

3 **HSGAC Majority** So on the 8th, were you conducting
4 advance for another site in addition to Butler?

5 **Witness** No, ma'am.

6 **HSGAC Majority** But you were unable to make the police
7 briefing on the 8th. Correct?

8 **Witness** I was not able to make the police
9 briefing.

10 **HSGAC Majority** So what were you doing on the 8th?

11 **Witness** Traveling from the New York area. The
12 day prior I was in Philadelphia. I went home around the
13 7th to pack my bags, wash my clothes, and to get back on
14 the road on the 8th.

15 **HSGAC Majority** And then on the 9th you arrived in
16 Butler. Is that correct?

17 **Witness** On the 8th.

18 **HSGAC Majority** On the 8th.

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

20 **HSGAC Majority** I see. And then did you spent the night
21 in Butler beginning on the 8th?

22 **Witness** Beginning on the 8th. Yes, ma'am.

23 **HSGAC Majority** And could you walk us through, on the
24 9th I believe, that was the day you conducted the TSD
25 Outdoor Site Survey. Is that correct?

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

2 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And then -- and, actually, let me
3 just question. Had you ever been to Butler before?

4 **Witness** That part of Pennsylvania, no, ma'am.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Had the Secret Service been?

6 **Witness** I am unaware, but I wouldn't be
7 surprised if we were.

8 **HSGAC Majority** I ask because did you rely on any prior
9 plans from previous events?

10 **Witness** No, ma'am. Every plan that I implement
11 is a new one.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And then on Wednesday, the 10th,
13 what did you do in preparation for the event?

14 **Witness** Talked to the site agent, the lead
15 agent, talked to some of the local assets from the
16 Allegheny County Bomb Squad, talked to the fire chief in
17 person, talked to the HAZMAT group, and also conducted an
18 in-person survey, again, trying to see what the staff is
19 going to establish for a stage, because I have to check
20 also the integrity of the stage to make sure if anybody
21 that is under our protection walks and the stage doesn't
22 collapse.

23 **HSGAC Majority** And then on Thursday?

24 **Witness** Thursday is the same thing. Just go out
25 to the site, do paperwork. Go out there to make sure there

1 wasn't any last-minute changes with like the staff or the
2 lead agent or site agent. And that's when I conclude my
3 actual TSD Site Survey.

4 **HSGAC Majority** And then on Friday were you at the site,
5 as well?

6 **Witness** I don't recall being at the site on
7 Friday, but at this point if I'm out there it's for
8 miscellaneous reasons. There's no point for me to be out
9 there at this point in time.

10 **HSGAC Majority** So you were at the site at least three
11 times prior. Was there any discussion, you were there with
12 your colleagues, about the AGR building, about coverage
13 there?

14 **Witness** The AGR building, in particular? Not
15 with me. I just asked how far out are you guys going to
16 establish a perimeter so I know how to implement a plan
17 from an explosives standpoint, for inside the site.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Had you worked with Special Agent **Lead Agent**
19 before?

20 **Witness** No, ma'am.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Had you worked with Special Agent **Site Agent**
22 before?

23 **Witness** To my knowledge, no, ma'am.

24 **HSGAC Majority** And how about Special Agent **Site Counterpart** ?

25 **Witness** To my knowledge, in passing, but not as

1 personal as it was that week.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Is that common to not work with folks
3 before?

4 **Witness** Very common. Yes, ma'am.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Oh, very common. Okay. And then on
6 Friday evening, did you have any meetings relating to the
7 event? What did you do?

8 **Witness** What particular day?

9 **HSGAC Majority** July 12th.

10 **Witness** July 12th? Phone call with the lead
11 agent saying what my part of the plan was, how many assets
12 we had. Some people that are coming in, at this point
13 we're doing hotel logistics for our respective military
14 members that are coming in from different parts of the
15 globe to help us implement this plan.

16 **HSGAC Majority** And then moving forward, on the day of,
17 CUAS was not functional, or the detection system of CUAS
18 was not functioning. What alternate plans were in place?

19 **Witness** Does that conclude the question?

20 **HSGAC Majority** My inflection was not appropriate. So
21 after you learned, or your CUAS agent learned that the
22 detection system was inoperable --

23 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

24 **HSGAC Majority** -- did you have any alternate plans in
25 place?

1 **Witness** Are there other plans in place outside
2 of TSD? If something was to go wrong from a detection
3 system there are still security plans in place to have our
4 protectee move to a safer location, if necessary.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Was there something -- was there an
6 alternate system that is comparable to a detection system
7 that was put in place?

8 **Witness** Detection system? No, ma'am.

9 **HSGAC Majority** On the day of the event, whose radio
10 communications were you on?

11 **Witness** Secret Service.

12 **HSGAC Majority** You mentioned you did not learn about
13 the individual with the rangefinder until after. Were you
14 aware that around 5:42 p.m., local law enforcement lost
15 sight of a suspicious person and was looking for an
16 individual?

17 **Witness** No, ma'am.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Were you aware of any discussions to
19 take the former President off the stage because of security
20 concerns?

21 **Witness** No, ma'am.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Did you ever go into the Command Center
23 as you were securing the event on the 13th?

24 **Witness** My job is not to secure the event. My
25 job is to establish a sweep plan for the security of the

1 event itself.

2 **HSGAC Majority** As you were working the event?

3 **Witness** In and out maybe once or twice.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Who was in the Command Center?

5 **Witness** Different law enforcement officials,
6 fire officials, and Secret Service personnel.

7 **HSGAC Majority** And then one final question. We had a
8 hearing where the Acting Director of the Secret Service and
9 the FBI, as well, discussed operational failures that went
10 wrong that day. Based on your knowledge and your
11 experience, what, in your view, what failures occurred?

12 MR. **Witness Counsel** I'm going to direct him not to answer.

13 **HSGAC Majority** May I ask why?

14 MR. **Witness Counsel** -- evaluation of policy, [unclear]
15 circumstances and factors that he can't possibly assess at
16 this point. He's a fact witness and he'll answer your
17 questions concerning what he saw, what he heard, what he
18 smelled, what he tasted, what he touched, but that's it.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Based on what you saw that day, what you
20 observed and you experienced, what went wrong?

21 MR. **Witness Counsel** Not enough. He's not going to answer it.
22 It's not enough information. There are so many other --

23 **HSGAC Majority** There's no speculation. I'm asking --

24 MR. **Witness Counsel** Who had so many other perceptions, who
25 had so many other responsibilities. He's not capable of

1 answering that question here today.

2 **HSGAC Majority** I would like --

3 MR. **Witness Counsel** And he's not going to answer it. You can
4 go forward, move forward, whatever you want, but he's not
5 answering it.

6 **HSGAC Majority** I'm going to ask a different question, and
7 I'd ask you not to speculate. To the extent you're not
8 able to answer, say so. I want to know, based on your
9 training and experience, if you can speak to planning that
10 was not, or that contributed to the events that happened?
11 And I'm going to ask a segregated set of questions, each
12 with the same result -- planning, resources, coordination,
13 or communications. With respect to any of those four
14 pieces, with respect to your expertise and knowledge, to
15 the extent you have an answer, please provide that answer.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Can you answer that?

17 **Witness** If it doesn't include anything regarding
18 technical capability, explosives, fire safety, and chemical
19 concerns, it is outside of my purview.

20 **HSGAC Majority** One specific follow-up from that. To
21 your knowledge, were there any deviations from policies or
22 protocols, either in the planning or during the staffing of
23 the event.

24 **Witness** To my knowledge, no, ma'am.

25

1 HSGAC Minority So I want to pick back up on a line of
2 questioning that came up in the last segment about the
3 CUAS. So you said that the fact that the protectee had a
4 CUAS operator was unique. It was unique to Trump?

5 Witness The first --

6 HSGAC Minority The CUAS. You mentioned something about
7 it not being typical for a LES, you know, LES, to have
8 a counter UAS operator on their detail. Am I recalling
9 that correctly?

10 Witness Yes, ma'am.

11 HSGAC Minority So it's not common.

12 Witness It is not common, no, ma'am.

13 HSGAC Minority So you've never seen that before?

14 Witness With a former President, no, ma'am.

15 HSGAC Minority Do you know when that started being
16 added to his detail? Because you said you worked some
17 previous events for him in the past.

18 Witness Yes, ma'am.

19 HSGAC Minority In all of the previous events have you
20 seen that he has a counter UAS?

21 Witness Yes, either counter UAS from his -- a
22 counter UAS asset or liaison from his particular detail or
23 from D.C.

24 HSGAC Minority Okay.

25 Witness Yes, ma'am.

1 **HSGAC Minority** And do you know about when the first
2 Trump event that you worked was, what year, potentially?

3 **Witness** The year, maybe 2022. Well, when he was
4 President, of course. Are you referring to when he's
5 President or former President?

6 **HSGAC Minority** Oh, so you the first event you worked he
7 was President, but you've also worked some events when he
8 was a former President.

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

10 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So can we pass out Exhibit --
11 what number are we on? -- Exhibit 9.

12 [Exhibit No. 9 was
13 marked for identification.]

14 **HSGAC Minority** It's an article from January 2022 about
15 a video that was posted to the Iranian supreme leader's
16 website about a drone strike to assassinate former
17 President Donald Trump. Are you aware of that video?

18 **Witness** No, ma'am.

19 **HSGAC Minority** That was in 2022. In your experience,
20 would something like this potentially result in something
21 like a counter UAS operator being added to a detail, in
22 response?

23 **Witness** This video is in reference to a drone
24 strike, miss?

25 **HSGAC Minority** A what?

1 **Witness** I'm asking. You're saying this --

2 **HSGAC Minority** Yes. If you read the article it says
3 the video was posted on the Iranian supreme leader's
4 website, showcased a video, appears to show Trump on the
5 golf course at his Mar-a-Lago, Florida, residence being
6 targeted in a drone strike.

7 **Witness** If it goes to an area of a drone strike
8 that would be a military concern at this point. A drone
9 strike is a very serious thing that the U.S. military will
10 be involved at this point.

11 **HSGAC Minority** So a counter UAS system, is that
12 designed to potentially respond to --

13 **Witness** What is your definition of a drone
14 strike, because I --

15 **HSGAC Minority** What is your definition?

16 **Witness** A drone strike, from my observation and
17 experience in the military, is a drone the size of a small
18 aircraft or small Cessna with missiles and things, and
19 things of that nature, on it, which military assets would
20 be involved to mitigate this threat.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Were there any military assets involved
22 in the July 13th event?

23 **Witness** EOD. Yes, ma'am.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then what about a **LES**
25 attack via a drone?

1 **Witness** **LES** attack?

2 **HSGAC Minority** So, I mean, you do deal with chemical,
3 explosives as part of your --

4 **Witness** Correct.

5 **HSGAC Minority** So when you're thinking about potential
6 vulnerabilities are you thinking about how a drone could
7 potentially be holding **LES**? Is that something that
8 you think of as part of your responsibilities as TSD lead?

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

10 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. I'm just trying to get to, you
11 know, it seems clear to me that there are numerous examples
12 about how the protectee had some threats against him that
13 relate to drones. And so I'm trying to understand, you
14 know, how, on the scale of vulnerabilities, drones were
15 basically on your threat assessment, because that system
16 was not operable, right?

17 **Witness** The detection system was not operable.
18 The mitigation tool to deter a drone was available. But
19 just to be clear, there are several types of drones. You
20 have your small drone that is available at Target the size
21 of a small cellphone, that weighs about 5, maybe 10 pounds.
22 But you also have drones that are capable of carrying
23 missiles, that are the size of small aircraft. I think
24 that's the part that you guys are confusing.

25 **HSGAC Minority** So you distinguish between that. Your

1 system is only looking for small drones.

2 **Witness** Small aerial type things. But at this
3 point, where you have a drone that is capable of having
4 artillery on it, that is a military concern that we
5 mitigate about them, and they will address that concern to
6 us, as well.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. What Federal agencies were
8 present at the site, that you are aware of, if you could
9 list them.

10 **Witness** To my knowledge it was HSI, they were
11 post-standing, ATF was post-standing, and Secret Service.

12 **HSGAC Minority** So ATF was there?

13 **Witness** In a post-standing capacity.

14 **HSGAC Minority** At the event prior to any response?

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

16 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know what their -- what was their
17 role?

18 **Witness** Their role was to post-stand, meaning
19 that they were, in a Federal agent capacity, to have
20 certain access control, entry points into the site, within
21 the site.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know how many ATF?

23 **Witness** No, ma'am.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Did you interact with them at all?

25 **Witness** One.

1 HSGAC Minority One?

2 Witness Yes.

3 HSGAC Minority Do you recall his name?

4 Witness I don't recall his name.

5 HSGAC Minority Okay. Were you responsible for
6 coordinating at all with ATF?

7 Witness No, ma'am.

8 HSGAC Minority That's separate. Sorry. I interrupted.

9 So ATF, HSI --

10 Witness And Secret Service.

11 HSGAC Minority Secret Service. The FBI?

12 Witness I didn't see FBI personnel until
13 afterwards, the ERT FBI team that responded after the
14 shooting and after we were searching for explosives.

15 HSGAC Minority Anyone else?

16 Witness To my knowledge, no, ma'am.

17 HSGAC Minority Approximately how many HSI?

18 Witness I didn't count.

19 HSGAC Minority Dozens? More than 10?

20 Witness That part I'm not sure. You would have
21 to ask the site agent or the lead agent.

22 HSGAC Minority Okay. I'm going to hand out another
23 exhibit. This is the Manpower Briefing, so I guess we're
24 on Exhibit 10.

25 [Exhibit No. 10 was

1 marked for identification.]

2 **HSGAC Minority** So under "Advance Team" there is Title,
3 Name, Office, Responsibility. Do you know who -- so who
4 was the lead that would be the name in that?

5 **Witness** The lead will be **Lead Agent** .

6 **HSGAC Minority** And then the next one down, the airport
7 site agent?

8 **Witness** The airport site agent, I'm unsure of
9 who that was.

10 **HSGAC Minority** The site agent for DTD?

11 **Witness** The DTD agent will be Agent **Site Agent**

12 **HSGAC Minority** The site counterpart?

13 **Witness** That would be **Site Counterpart** .

14 **HSGAC Minority** Intelligence?

15 **Witness** I don't recall their name.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Did you interact with that individual at
17 all?

18 **Witness** Afterwards.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

20 **Witness** Yes.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Counter sniper?

22 **Witness** Unsure of who that was.

23 **HSGAC Minority** And then TSD?

24 **Witness** That would be myself.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Thank you.

1 If we could go back to Exhibit 2, this is the email, I
2 think, that had your Outdoor Survey. So the timestamp on
3 that is, at least the follow-up email, is 8:21 p.m., and
4 you're attaching it as requested. Who requested that?

5 **Witness** I'm pretty sure that was my immediate
6 supervisor from New York that requested that. That survey
7 was being requested by other entities in the Secret Service
8 after the shooting.

9 **HSGAC Minority** After the shooting?

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

11 **HSGAC Minority** And so I assume that was -- were you
12 asked to provide other things after the shooting, to anyone
13 --

14 **Witness** Um --

15 **HSGAC Minority** -- within Secret Service?

16 **Witness** To my knowledge, the main thing they
17 asked for was the Site 2 Survey in the email.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Were you debriefed by anyone in the
19 Secret Service?

20 **Witness** Debriefed for --

21 **HSGAC Minority** The incident. Or were you asked to
22 provide, you know, an incident report or some kind of
23 formalized report?

24 **Witness** I'm debriefing certain people outside of
25 Butler at this point because I'm actually in the mix of

1 things. And I just told -- I know when we were able to
2 breathe just for like five minutes my phone was blowing up,
3 so I just called my immediate supervisor and let him know.
4 Because asked -- that people in D.C. were asking for my
5 particular survey. That was it. No one was debriefing me.
6 There would be no point of people debriefing me while being
7 at the site myself.

8 **HSGAC Minority** And I probably asked that poorly. So
9 did you provide any kind of documentation or, you know,
10 were you interviewed about what you saw, what you
11 experienced, what you did?

12 **Witness** Interviewed the day after by the FBI,
13 and our Secret Service Inspections a couple of weeks later.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Sorry. Can you repeat that?

15 **Witness** The Secret Service Inspection Team
16 interviewed me a couple of weeks later. The document that
17 was forwarded to the people who asked for the site survey,
18 that tells you exactly what my plan was.

19 **HSGAC Minority** And how many folks were in the FBI
20 interview the day after?

21 **Witness** They had multiple agents. I think count
22 -- so they called us in team by team or individually.
23 Conducted the interview for roughly about 20 minutes, and
24 that was it.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Was there any local law enforcement as

1 part of that interview, or was it just FBI?

2 **Witness** To my knowledge, no, ma'am. It was only
3 FBI.

4 **HSGAC Minority** And did they ask you to provide texts,
5 emails, anything like that?

6 **Witness** No, ma'am. Just a witness account.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Thank you. So in terms of what
8 you provided to -- you said it was your New York office?

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

10 **HSGAC Minority** Is this the only thing you provided to
11 them after the shooting, related to your work?

12 **Witness** To my knowledge, yes, ma'am.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

14 **Witness** The Site Survey was the main thing.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Did you have any discussions with the
16 lead agent in charge after the shooting?

17 **Witness** The day after, seeing her in person.
18 That was it, while we were in the lobby waiting to be
19 interviewed.

20 **HSGAC Minority** So was she -- was it your understanding
21 she was being interviewed that day, as well?

22 **Witness** I don't know if she was being
23 interviewed. I just know she was just there.

24 **HSGAC Minority** And that's it. That was your only
25 communication with her after the event?

1 **Witness** Yes.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Are you aware of any medical or
3 heat-related emergency that the lead agent experienced the
4 day of?

5 **Witness** That the lead agent experiencing heat --
6 say that again, please?

7 **HSGAC Minority** We've heard from some folks that the
8 lead agent may have had some kind of heat-related medical
9 issue the day of --

10 **Witness** I never heard --

11 **HSGAC Minority** -- that was being treated by -- no?

12 **Witness** No, ma'am.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

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

15 **HSGAC Minority** So you've only been interviewed by the
16 Secret Service Inspector and then FBI.

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

18 **HSGAC Minority** Have you spoken with anyone outside of
19 Secret Service but within DHS?

20 **Witness** Outside of the Secret Service but within
21 --

22 **HSGAC Minority** Right. So not the Secret Service and
23 not your attorneys within Secret Service. But have you
24 spoken with anyone within DHS proper, either the
25 Secretary's office or anyone else, about the incident?

1 **Witness** No, ma'am, but I am scheduled to do so.

2 **HSGAC Minority** When is that?

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

4 **HSGAC Minority** And what is the nature of that?

5 **Witness** They asked me, a witness account, what
6 my role was. They talked to me based on my survey, why I
7 implemented the plan I did, and what may have went wrong.
8 And it's similar to something like this right here.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Is it your understanding that it's
10 actually the DHS, you know, is it the Secretary's office or
11 is it the outside, independent review panel?

12 **Witness** To my knowledge it is both, an
13 independent group and also a DHS component that will be
14 interviewing me.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Are they separate interviews or it's the
16 same?

17 **Witness** Separate interviews, to my knowledge.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Thank you. And then just one
19 last thing. Did you communicate at all with, and I'll just
20 list out some agent names and you can just say yes or no,
21 on the day of the event or after?

22 Agent **Site Agent** ?

23 **Witness** Yes.

24 **HSGAC Minority** **Site Counterpart** ?

25 **Witness** Yes.

1 HSGAC Minority Agent Intel Advance Lead ?
2 Witness No.
3 HSGAC Minority Does that name sound familiar?
4 Witness No.
5 HSGAC Minority Okay.
6 Witness Maybe I know him by face but --
7 HSGAC Minority C-UAS Advance Lead ?
8 Witness Yes.
9 HSGAC Minority Have you spoken with him after?
10 Witness No.
11 HSGAC Minority The special agent in charge, SAIC Pittsburgh ?
12 Witness Is this -- oh, SAIC Pittsburgh He --
13 HSGAC Minority SAIC Pittsburgh Sorry.
14 Witness Yes. The day of the initial
15 walkthrough.
16 HSGAC Minority The day of the initial walkthrough.
17 Witness Yes.
18 HSGAC Minority Was he present at the event?
19 Witness Yes, but I only saw him moving the
20 protectee into the armored vehicle.
21 HSGAC Minority And then ATSAIC ?
22 Witness No, ma'am.
23 HSGAC Minority Okay. I'm sorry. One last thing. I
24 don't think -- I'm not sure if we covered this, so I want
25 to make sure. When you were on the roof and you looked at

1 the body, did you see how many gunshot wounds?

2 **Witness** I only saw an exit wound to the back of
3 his neck, and that was it.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So one.

5 **Witness** Yes.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

7 **PSI Minority** Hi, **Witness** This is **PSI Minority**
8 **PSI Minority** again. I want to get back to the timeline where
9 we left off before, on the roof. But before that just a
10 couple of quick questions. Did anyone at Secret Service or
11 DHS ever instruct you not to speak with Congress?

12 **Witness** No.

13 **PSI Minority** Did you communicate with the counter
14 snipers who were there at the event, either on that day or
15 after July 13th?

16 **Witness** No.

17 **PSI Minority** Okay. So I want to now go back to the
18 timeline that we were discussing before, of the events on
19 July 13, 2024, and I think we can go back to Exhibit No. 5,
20 which was a picture that you had previously identified as
21 yourself in that picture. It appears that this picture is
22 of you on the AGR roof. Is that correct?

23 **Witness** That is correct.

24 **PSI Minority** And in the bottom lefthand corner of
25 this image it appears to be a timestamp marked 19:02:42,

1 which appears to be approximately 7:02 p.m. Does that time
2 frame sound accurate, in terms of you being on the roof
3 around 7:02 p.m.?

4 **Witness** That approximate time, yes.

5 **PSI Minority** Okay. So now that we're picking up
6 where we left off with you on the roof, once you get to the
7 roof you saw other law enforcement officials up there, and
8 you saw the body, what did you do at that point?

9 **Witness** I was -- at this particular point in
10 time I'm unsure. I just know around this time we
11 established that there was a remote device on his body, and
12 established a perimeter inside the building to be swept,
13 the AGR building, by explosive teams and canine units, if
14 necessary, and also establishing the fact that any
15 suspicious packages or any packages in obscure areas at
16 this point is considered suspicious to me and will be
17 swept.

18 **PSI Minority** You mentioned that you saw a remote
19 around his, the shooter's, body. Is that accurate?

20 **Witness** Yes, sir.

21 **PSI Minority** Could you describe what this looked
22 like to you?

23 **Witness** It was a gray remote, roughly around the
24 size of your common TV remote, that had 12 buttons on it.

25 **PSI Minority** And when you saw this remote, what, if

1 anything, did you -- given your professional background,
2 did you think that this could be a remote to set off an
3 explosive device?

4 **Witness** Yes. From my professional experience
5 this particular remote is used for fireworks.

6 **PSI Minority** For fireworks, you said?

7 **Witness** Professional fireworks. Yes, sir.

8 **PSI Minority** Okay. And at that point that you
9 noticed this and what this remote could do, did you
10 communicate that to anybody?

11 **Witness** Yes.

12 **PSI Minority** Who did you communicate that to?

13 **Witness** My respective EOD teams. The local bomb
14 squad sergeant was up there with me. He was one that
15 initially -- I think he was the one that recovered it off
16 his body. I can't remember exactly who. I talked to the
17 Site Security Room agent, and he established that a remote
18 was found on the shooter's body.

19 **PSI Minority** And when you communicated with, I think
20 you said, the Site Room security agent -- is that --

21 **Witness** That is correct.

22 **PSI Minority** -- how did you communicate with him?

23 **Witness** I don't recall. I want to say radio or
24 cellphone.

25 **PSI Minority** And when you say cellphone, do you mean

1 that you called him on the cellphone or that you texted
2 him?

3 **Witness** Call on the work cell or I'm pretty sure
4 it was on the radio.

5 **PSI Minority** And when you first arrived at the body,
6 was the remote already separate from the body, that it was
7 lying separate or next to the body?

8 **Witness** It was next to the shooter's body. Yes,
9 sir.

10 **PSI Minority** And once you radioed and communicated
11 the information in about this remote, did you then radio or
12 communicate to your team to establish the security sweep
13 inside of the building?

14 **Witness** Established a sweep inside the building,
15 yes, sir, along with the local bomb squad assets.

16 **PSI Minority** And approximately how soon after were
17 you given notification that that sweep had begun?

18 **Witness** I can't recall when I gave notification
19 because I was actually in the building myself.

20 **PSI Minority** So you then participated in the sweep
21 of the building.

22 **Witness** Yes.

23 **PSI Minority** So you left the roof to go back down
24 into the building to participate in the sweep?

25 **Witness** Correct.

1 **PSI Minority** How long were you -- approximately how
2 long were you on the roof for?

3 **Witness** On the roof, I'm not sure. I'm
4 conducting the sweep also included to see if anything was
5 on the actual roof itself too. So I don't know the exact
6 time frame of which I was on the roof because conducting
7 the sweep on the roof was necessary at this point, and also
8 giving a vantage point of anything outside of the building,
9 on the immediate exterior portions of the building.

10 **PSI Minority** In your entire time on the roof, did
11 any other Secret Service agent join you?

12 **Witness** As I was going down the ladder there was
13 an agent that was trying to figure out how to get on the
14 roof, and I showed him how to get on the roof and showed
15 him where the shooter's body was, and then I left to go
16 back inside the building.

17 **PSI Minority** You showed him on the roof or on the
18 ground as he was trying to --

19 **Witness** No. I physically showed him how to get
20 on the ladder.

21 **PSI Minority** Oh, okay.

22 **Witness** I escorted him up to the roof, and also
23 pointed to where the shooter's body was.

24 **PSI Minority** And who was this agent?

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

1 **PSI Minority** Could you describe what he looked like?

2 **Witness** White male, roughly around 5'8", red
3 hair.

4 **PSI Minority** Did you say red hair?

5 **Witness** Yeah.

6 **PSI Minority** Okay. And then after you pointed that
7 out to this agent you then went back down from the roof?

8 **Witness** Yes.

9 **PSI Minority** And then you went into the building?

10 **Witness** I went into the building. Yes, sir.

11 **PSI Minority** Okay. And at that point when you go
12 back into the building can you tell us if there were any
13 other Secret Service agents there with you during the
14 sweep?

15 **Witness** I don't recall. It was only -- at this
16 my only concern is finding explosives. Quite honestly, had
17 it been another Secret Service agent in there
18 unnecessarily, that would be a concern because there may an
19 immediate device inside the building. So I need only
20 necessary personnel to be inside. The only necessary
21 personnel needed inside that building at this point was the
22 respective ESU team clearing the building from a tactical
23 standpoint, for any other additional person, if possible.

24 **PSI Minority** And approximately how many people
25 conducted this sweep?

1 **Witness** Which sweep?

2 **PSI Minority** The sweep inside of the building?

3 **Witness** The explosive portion of it?

4 **PSI Minority** Yes.

5 **Witness** Of the **LES** EOD teams there was **LES**
6 canine, and maybe about **LES** EOD team, two-man teams,
7 inside the building, along with a bomb squad personnel from
8 Allegheny County. And all remaining personnel were doing
9 exterior sweeps of the building at this point.

10 **PSI Minority** And how long did that sweep take,
11 inside of the building?

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

13 **PSI Minority** When you finished the sweep, what did
14 you do?

15 **Witness** No devices were found inside the
16 building, and we worked with Allegheny County to implement
17 a further plan to find said device, because of the remote,
18 and the best way of going about doing it. Any vehicles in
19 the immediately 100-yard radius were of a concern, and we
20 systematically worked together at that point outside of the
21 building.

22 **PSI Minority** Were you concerned that just as you
23 were about to go into the building to conduct a sweep of
24 the building there were still law enforcement officials on
25 the roof?

1 **Witness** To a certain degree, yes. Once we saw
2 the remote, and at a certain point we did clear them off
3 the building, my immediate concern was on the exterior
4 portion. But their safety was never a concern to me at
5 this point.

6 **PSI Minority** I'm sorry. Could you just repeat?
7 When you saw the remote you said you cleared people off of
8 the roof?

9 **Witness** Not immediately.

10 **PSI Minority** Okay, not immediately.

11 **Witness** At this point, having a device like
12 this, you want talk to other EOD personnel on the best way
13 to make a contingency plan and how to go about it, because
14 time is of the essence at this point. So you want to
15 implement a plan of where you should start first, right.
16 And also talking about, do they need to come off the roof,
17 do we need to secure the shooter's body, to have police
18 presence to maintain the integrity of the shooter's body
19 and stuff, to make sure nobody goes on the roof while we're
20 not there, if you get what I'm saying.

21 **PSI Minority** Sure. So after you came out of the
22 building, after you conducted the sweep, did you
23 communicate anything to anyone at that point?

24 **Witness** The Site Security Room agent, yes.

25 **PSI Minority** Okay. And what specifically did you

1 communicate?

2 **Witness** No device has been found yet. We're
3 still conducting sweeps. And also telling him the amount
4 of personnel that are with me, and also the plan that is --
5 that we are going to implement moving forward, from an
6 explosives standpoint.

7 **PSI Minority** I'm sorry. The last part again?

8 **Witness** The plan that we're implementing from an
9 explosives standpoint, moving forward.

10 **PSI Minority** And what was that plan?

11 **Witness** Searching the exterior of the building
12 at this point, any vehicles in the immediate 100-yard
13 radius.

14 **PSI Minority** Did you participate in the search of
15 the exterior of the building?

16 **Witness** Yes.

17 **PSI Minority** Did you see anything of note?

18 **Witness** Nothing. Just one sandbag in the back
19 of the building, on an AC vent, and that was it.

20 **PSI Minority** Did anyone inform you at any point
21 about the gas to the building?

22 **Witness** To which building?

23 **PSI Minority** To the AGR.

24 **Witness** I was unaware.

25 **PSI Minority** I'm sorry?

1 **Witness** I was unaware of any gas in the
2 building.

3 **PSI Minority** Would it be standard to -- standard
4 practice to ensure that the gas is turned off to the
5 building, if you find anything indicating that there could
6 be explosives?

7 **Witness** Not necessarily. Going into a building,
8 gas being on is not one of my priorities at this point in
9 time.

10 **PSI Minority** When were you made aware about the car
11 being associated with the shooter?

12 **Witness** I don't recall the exact time, but it
13 was later, in the middle, like maybe 12-ish.

14 **PSI Minority** Oh, okay.

15 **Witness** Late that night.

16 **PSI Minority** Much later. And where was the car
17 located?

18 **Witness** Maybe about 100 yards away from the AGR
19 building itself.

20 **PSI Minority** Do you know what street it was parked
21 on?

22 **Witness** It was on the intersection of Evans Road
23 and -- I don't recall the name of the street. But it was
24 roughly around 50 yards away from Evans Road.

25 **PSI Minority** Do you recall the car being parked near

1 some business or an establishment?

2 **Witness** The establishment of the AGR building?

3 **PSI Minority** Or was it -- it was close enough to the
4 AGR building that you thought that it could be -- that it
5 wasn't parked at any other location, any other surrounding
6 --

7 **Witness** Anything from a 100-yard radius is a
8 concern at this point. Any cars. There were maybe three
9 or four cars in the parking lot immediately to the right of
10 the building, from an overhead view. We swept and cleared
11 that, and we just systematically and thoroughly started
12 doing sweeps inside and on the exterior portion of the
13 building.

14 **PSI Minority** I think we're going to pick up with the
15 car in a moment. But to stay consistent with our timeline,
16 I want to go ahead, and I guess this is going to be Exhibit
17 11. And **Witness** my colleague is going to give you a
18 copy. This is what appears to be an email sent on
19 Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 7:27 p.m. And I'll give you a
20 moment to take a look at it. This is Bates No. 276.

21 [Exhibit No. 11 was
22 marked for identification.]

23 **PSI Minority** **Witness** have you seen this email
24 before?

25 **Witness** Yes, sir.

1 **PSI Minority** Do you know who this email was from?

2 **Witness** Someone from the TSD, Technical Security
3 Division. I'm not sure exactly who.

4 **PSI Minority** I'm sorry?

5 **Witness** I don't recall exactly who it's coming
6 from.

7 **PSI Minority** And who was this email sent to?

8 **Witness** It's a mass email to all TSD personnel.

9 **PSI Minority** Did you receive this email?

10 **Witness** Yes.

11 **PSI Minority** Do you know why this email was sent?

12 **Witness** Yes. There were -- word traveled of
13 what happened, and my work cell was continuously ringing
14 from several different people from across the nation in TSD
15 and the Secret Service. My supervisor was made aware of
16 this, and a mass email was sent out to say, hey, just let
17 him do work and you will find out what happened afterwards.
18 They just wanted to make sure I was safe, and also once
19 something like this happens everybody wants to try to help
20 in any capacity that they can.

21 **PSI Minority** So this email is about you?

22 **Witness** Yes.

23 **PSI Minority** And did you request someone to send a
24 notice out to, you know, basically say you're okay and
25 please --

1 **Witness** I didn't request this. This is
2 something of that person's own accord. We do try to make
3 sure that we speak on others' behalf when it comes to our
4 safety and well-being. So he was just letting everyone
5 know I was safe and that I was conducting business, and
6 just refrain from calling my phone until the day after, at
7 least.

8 **PSI Minority** Did your phone ring a little less after
9 this email was sent?

10 **Witness** Yes, sir.

11 **PSI Minority** In the last sentence of the first
12 paragraph it says, "If you have any information you need to
13 pass it MUST be passed" -- and I emphasize must because the
14 word is in all caps -- "be passed to the SAIC, the DDC, or
15 myself so we can coordinate and verify the information."

16 Is it standard protocol for information that needs to
17 go to you to first be passed to an SAIC or the DDC, or
18 whoever is the sender of this email?

19 **Witness** No. I think that's just a general
20 statement that if they heard anything from me, new
21 information -- because they couldn't contact me at this
22 point in time. My supervisor was immediate liaison for me
23 -- that they would just, instead of just talking to each
24 other, let the leadership portion know of what's going on,
25 if they don't already know themselves.

1 **PSI Minority** Was this email sent from your immediate
2 supervisor?

3 **Witness** No.

4 **PSI Minority** Who is your immediate supervisor?

5 **Witness** **TSI Supervisor.**

6 **PSI Minority** I'm sorry. The last name?

7 **Witness** **TSI Supervisor.**

8 **PSI Minority** Okay. And where was this person on
9 July 13th?

10 **Witness** In New York City.

11 **PSI Minority** And is that the --

12 **Witness** The New York Field Office.

13 **PSI Minority** Okay. And is that where this person is
14 normally located?

15 **Witness** Yes.

16 **PSI Minority** The last sentence of this email reads,
17 "Please be mindful of your communications regarding the
18 events of today, both at home and in electric form."

19 What was your understanding of that sentence?

20 **Witness** Don't go on social media, talking about
21 what you think happened. Don't tell your friend from
22 college, telling what happened today. All of this is
23 sensitive information at this point in time.

24 **PSI Minority** Is it standard for Secret Service
25 agents to need such a reminder?

1 **Witness** Standard, no, but in a situation like
2 this, when people are concerned, it's good to let
3 leadership know that, hey, moving forward, I know we're
4 going through a lot, but remember, this is happening. It's
5 no insult to anyone's intelligence. It's just --

6 **PSI Minority** So I want to turn back to -- actually,
7 before I go there, let's do this next exhibit. We're going
8 to another email or text sent on -- this will be Exhibit 12
9 -- email or text sent on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 10:36
10 p.m. And I'll give you another moment to read it.

11 [Exhibit No. 12 was
12 marked for identification.]

13 **PSI Minority** And this is Bates stamped 337.
14 [Pause.]

15 **PSI Minority** **Witness** have you seen this message
16 before?

17 **Witness** Yes.

18 **PSI Minority** Do you know who this message is from?

19 **Witness** I don't recall exactly who it was from.

20 **PSI Minority** And do you know who this message was
21 sent to?

22 **Witness** Say it again, please?

23 **PSI Minority** Do you know who this message was sent
24 to?

25 **Witness** Myself. Yes, sir.

1 **PSI Minority** Did you receive this message at 10:36
2 p.m. on July 13th?

3 **Witness** Yes.

4 **PSI Minority** It appears, in this message -- it
5 appears, in this message, that the sender is implying that
6 you had asked for certain records earlier. Do you know
7 what this reference to records is?

8 **Witness** No, sir. I'm pretty sure this was
9 contact information for the respective supervisor for the
10 EOD teams or canine units that were assigned to me that
11 day. I needed to know who their supervisors were so they
12 knew what they did that day. Some rendered aid to a chest
13 wound victim without being asked. Some carried the fire
14 chief, retired fire chief, onto the table and laid a towel
15 over his face. So that's something that should not go
16 unnoticed. So anything that was of record is from a phone
17 contact standpoint.

18 **PSI Minority** The message continues below is
19 something that is redacted in our record, and something
20 else that is redacted in our record, followed by the word
21 "Commander."

22 **Witness** The commander, to me, speaks to a
23 military personnel at this point, so I'm pretty sure that
24 was a contact that I asked for from the EOD personnel later
25 that night.

1 **PSI Minority** Do you know when you asked for this
2 contact information?

3 **Witness** I don't remember exactly when, but it
4 was on July 13th.

5 **PSI Minority** Do you know if the request that you
6 made for this contact information was via text?

7 **Witness** It was in person.

8 **PSI Minority** It was in person?

9 **Witness** Yes.

10 **PSI Minority** Okay. I want to go back to the car
11 with the explosive devices. Were you there on site still
12 when the car was discovered?

13 **Witness** We were inside the Farm Show area,
14 again, because all Secret Service personnel were to report
15 back to this area, talking to the local bomb squad
16 sergeant. He said he had enough assets to continue forward
17 searching outside of the established perimeter, and he
18 would be in constant contact with me. We were on the Farm
19 Show when we got a call -- I forgot from who it was -- that
20 there were explosives found in the trunk of the car, and
21 from there they rendered it safe. And they went to his
22 house -- I don't know what entity it was -- and found
23 additional explosives inside his home.

24 **PSI Minority** Did you ever go to the car or the house
25 yourself?

1 **Witness** Never went to the house myself.

2 **PSI Minority** Did you go to the car?

3 **Witness** No, sir. At this point we were inside
4 the farmer area, getting an account for everyone about what
5 we're doing moving forward, as far as extending hotels
6 stays. We are not to leave for the next couple of days.
7 Something like this hasn't happened ever, so we're just
8 trying to establish what the plan is, moving forward, as
9 far as being interviewed, who is going to be interviewing
10 us, and what time we need to be there the following day.

11 **PSI Minority** What time did you finally leave the
12 site?

13 **Witness** That part I don't recall.

14 **PSI Minority** Was it -- by this point you mentioned
15 that the car was discovered around midnight, I think. So
16 at this point it's July 14th already, the morning of July
17 14th. Did you leave --

18 **Witness** I would say any time after midnight we
19 were gone. Maybe one-ish. I don't recall at all.

20 **PSI Minority** Okay. I'm going to turn it over to my
21 colleague, **PSI Minority**

22 **PSI Minority** **Witness** I'm **PSI Minority** with
23 Senator Johnson's office. It is normal for Secret Service
24 to reach out to local businesses around a site before an
25 event occurs?

1 **Witness** The protocol for that, you would have to
2 ask the site agent and lead agent, because it falls outside
3 of my purview.

4 **PSI Minority** So you did not reach out to any
5 businesses outside the site.

6 **Witness** No, sir.

7 **PSI Minority** Did the Secret Service sweep the AGR
8 building before the event?

9 **Witness** No, sir.

10 **PSI Minority** After the shooting, did you talk to your
11 Butler team about what happened?

12 **Witness** Talked to who, sir?

13 **PSI Minority** The Butler team, the Secret Service
14 people you served with on July 13th.

15 **Witness** The Butler team. The advance team? The
16 day after, in the hotel lobby, briefly, before we were
17 getting interviewed, and that was it.

18 **PSI Minority** And what did you guys discuss?

19 **Witness** Making sure everyone was okay --
20 emotionally, mentally, spiritually. Just speculation on
21 what was to come next, how these interviews were going to
22 be conducted, wished each other good luck, and that was it.

23 **PSI Minority** Did you guys discuss what each of you
24 witnessed on that day?

25 **Witness** Yes.

1 **PSI Minority** Did you discuss what communications that
2 you sent between each other on that day?

3 **Witness** Communications? No, sir.

4 **PSI Minority** Did you communicate with all the site
5 team leads on that day for the Secret Service?

6 **Witness** Mainly with the site agent before the
7 shooting. But that's a common practice for us to
8 communicate with each other.

9 **PSI Minority** How many texts and emails did you send on
10 July 13th?

11 **Witness** How many -- who?

12 **PSI Minority** Texts or emails did you send on July
13 13th?

14 **Witness** How many texts and emails? I don't
15 know.

16 **PSI Minority** But you did send --

17 **Witness** Yes.

18 **PSI Minority** Have you turned those over to Secret
19 Service Inspection Team?

20 **Witness** Yes.

21 **PSI Minority** When did you learn that a local shooter
22 took a shot at Crooks?

23 **Witness** A local shooter?

24 **PSI Minority** A local law enforcement officer took a
25 shoot at Crooks.

1 **Witness** To my knowledge it was a Secret Service
2 CS, sir.

3 **PSI Minority** You're not aware that a local law
4 enforcement officer may have taken a shot at Crooks?

5 **Witness** No, sir.

6 **PSI Minority** Was Crooks on any local, state, or
7 Federal radar?

8 **Witness** To my knowledge, I don't know.

9 **PSI Minority** Would any local threats that are in the
10 western part of Pennsylvania be communicated to you before
11 the rally?

12 **Witness** Me, in particular? Not necessarily.
13 Again, our posture doesn't change just because a certain
14 threat is revealed to me. They only bring it up to me to
15 let me know I need to request additional resources to
16 accommodate a certain threat.

17 **PSI Minority** Would any potential local threats be
18 communicated from local law enforcement to the Secret
19 Service? Is that generally how that works?

20 **Witness** I'm pretty sure it would, but that's
21 another question for the PI site agent or lead agent too.

22 **PSI Minority** When you were on the roof with Crooks'
23 body, did you see a cellphone?

24 **Witness** Yes.

25 **PSI Minority** Was the cellphone on?

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

2 **PSI Minority** Did you access the cellphone?

3 **Witness** Did I ask what now?

4 **PSI Minority** Did you access Crooks' cellphone?

5 **Witness** No, sir.

6 **PSI Minority** Did you take photos of Crooks' body or
7 any of the materials on his person or near him?

8 **Witness** Yes, sir. I took a picture of his body,
9 the remote device next to it, and the actual rifle that he
10 used.

11 **PSI Minority** How did you -- did you send those images
12 to other people?

13 **Witness** To my supervisor and the TSD SAC, I
14 believe it was.

15 **PSI Minority** Did you send those images to anyone in
16 the ATF?

17 **Witness** No.

18 **PSI Minority** Did the AGR building have security
19 cameras?

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

21 **PSI Minority** At any point before the shots were fired
22 at former President Trump were you aware that someone was
23 on the AGR roof?

24 **Witness** No, sir.

25 **PSI Minority** Do you know anyone who you worked with in

1 the Secret Service that was aware that there was an
2 individual running on the top of the AGR building roof?

3 **Witness** Running on the top of the building? No,
4 sir.

5 **PSI Minority** During the sweep that you conducted, next
6 to the AGR building there is a water tower.

7 **Witness** Correct.

8 **PSI Minority** Was there any discussion about that
9 vantage point and how high it was during your security
10 briefings?

11 **Witness** Just general things, but again, that's
12 outside my purview so I left that between the site agent,
13 lead agent, and the CS team.

14 **PSI Minority** Did the Secret Service team have a
15 specific text chain that you guys utilized on July 13th?

16 **Witness** Text chain? No, sir. To clarify, text
17 chain meaning a group chat of sorts?

18 **PSI Minority** Yes.

19 **Witness** No, sir.

20 **PSI Minority** Did you utilize your personal cellphone
21 during July 13th?

22 **Witness** Only to contact family and friends to
23 let them know I was safe.

24 **PSI Minority** Who was your boss on July 13th?

25 **Witness** For situational reasons the boss would

1 be the lead agent.

2 **PSI Minority** And what was that person's name?

3 **Witness** **Lead Agent** .

4 **PSI Minority** Did you do anything that you regret on
5 July 13th?

6 MR. **Witness Counsel** Can you repeat that again?

7 **PSI Minority** Did you do anything that you regret on
8 July 13th?

9 MR. **Witness Counsel** He's not answering that. Next question.

10 **PSI Minority** Do you agree with Acting Director Rowe
11 that there was mistakes on July 13th?

12 MR. **Witness Counsel** He's not answering that question.

13 **PSI Minority** Have you spoken to Acting Director Rowe
14 since July 13th?

15 **Witness** Directly? No, sir.

16 **PSI Minority** In what way have you communicated with
17 Acting Director Rowe?

18 **Witness** Chain of command.

19 **PSI Minority** And what was discussed?

20 **Witness** They just asked for my survey, what I
21 did that particular day, what I did during the advance.

22 **PSI Minority** What did the survey entail? We don't
23 know what that means.

24 **Witness** Oh, I apologize. The survey is the
25 Outdoor Site Survey that tells you exactly all the assets

1 and the plan and contingency plans I had on that day, from
2 the counter UAS to explosives and a fire safety plan.

3 **PSI Minority** Were you aware that Crooks had the
4 rangefinder with him on the roof of the AGR building?

5 **Witness** Not until afterwards.

6 **PSI Minority** You did not see it when you were up on
7 the AGR roof?

8 **Witness** Personally, no, sir, I did not. The
9 only concern, the total vision for me was that remote.
10 Anything outside of that I'm not concerned about.

11 **PSI Minority** Have you spoken to anyone who works for
12 the AGR building?

13 **Witness** No, sir.

14 **PSI Minority** We understand that there was a bookbag on
15 top of the roof near Crooks' body. Did you search that
16 bookbag?

17 **Witness** That was swept and cleared by EOD
18 personnel. But it was empty, to my knowledge, anyway.

19 **PSI Minority** The bookbag was empty?

20 **Witness** To my knowledge, yes, sir.

21 **PSI Minority** Do you know if Crooks brought that
22 bookbag onto the AGR roof?

23 **Witness** The law enforcement on the roof made me
24 aware of that.

25 **PSI Minority** Are you currently still working events?

1 **Witness** Yes.

2 **PSI Minority** Was there any discussion to remove Secret
3 Service personnel that worked at the Butler rally from
4 service?

5 MR. **Witness Counsel** What's the question?

6 **Witness** To move -- say it again, please.

7 **PSI Minority** Was there any attempt to sideline the
8 people who were involved in the Butler rally from working
9 events?

10 **Witness** Sideline, no. Take a break, yes. I was
11 offered to go home with family, but after, you know, laying
12 somebody's body in front of their wife and children, I had
13 to stay busy. I decided to stay and work and do
14 investigative things inside New York City. But it's still
15 available to me to work on the protective side of things.

16 **PSI Minority** Did you receive, on July 20th, my text
17 message to you?

18 **Witness** That was you? Yes, sir.

19 **PSI Minority** What did you do with that message?

20 **Witness** I sent it to our CRM group in the United
21 States Secret Service Headquarters.

22 **PSI Minority** And what did they tell you, if anything?

23 **Witness** Nothing thereafter.

24 **PSI Minority** They didn't tell you to do anything with
25 that?

1 **Witness** No. We are not to contact people
2 outside of professional setting that we're sitting in right
3 now.

4 **PSI Minority** Okay. **PSI Minority**

5 **PSI Minority** Agent **Witness** **PSI Minority** A
6 couple of quick questions. Did you have access to local
7 radios on the day of the rally?

8 **Witness** Access to local radios? No, sir.

9 **PSI Minority** Did you request access to local radios?

10 **Witness** No, sir.

11 **PSI Minority** Does the name **C/S Team Lead** ring a
12 bell?

13 **Witness** Not really.

14 **PSI Minority** Do you know the names of the counter
15 snipers who were on the roof that day?

16 **Witness** No.

17 **PSI Minority** Okay. Sir, one last question. When
18 you were doing the site visits, did any local law
19 enforcement raise concerns about the AGR building?

20 **Witness** To my knowledge, no, sir.

21 **PSI Minority** Did any local law enforcement raise
22 concerns that crowds would approach that building?

23 **Witness** That crowds would approach that
24 building?

25 **PSI Minority** Yes, sir. Use that area to watch the

1 event, outside the perimeter.

2 **Witness** To my knowledge, no, sir.

3 **PSI Minority** Okay. Thank you.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. **Witness** thank you very much for
5 your time today. We greatly appreciate it. Thank you to
6 counsel.

7 We have tried to cover every topic area today.
8 However, with respect to DHS U.S. Secret Service
9 redactions, to the extent that we were not able to cover
10 any additional topics, and we have additional questions, we
11 will try to raise those expeditiously. We would appreciate
12 your help in trying to expedite that and provide relevant
13 unredacted information, where possible. If we have follow-
14 up questions we will relay them to you.

15 As I stated earlier, we will provide an errata sheet
16 and a copy of the transcript expeditiously. That
17 transcript is a Committee document. We will treat that
18 under Senate Committee rules.

19 Beyond the transcript itself, as we work towards
20 additional efforts in our investigation, among the things
21 we may do is work towards a public-facing report per our
22 Committee practice. Should we do so and should we rely on
23 information from -- any of the information that's been
24 included but relevant to this, to the transcript itself, as
25 is our practice we will provide excerpts in advance of our

1 making a report public, for you to provide any factual
2 corrections.

3 As we mentioned in the beginning, we ask that you not
4 speak about what we discussed in this interview today, to
5 preserve the integrity of our investigation. And with that
6 our interview is concluded, and again, thank you very much.

7 **Witness** Thank you.

8 [Whereas, at 5:05 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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Committee Errata

Page	Line	Correction
65	6	Strike “than”, replace with “that”
83	22	Strike “threats against U.S. officials that were
135	6	Strike “you”
164	23	Strike “It is” and replace with “Is it”