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1 [REDACTED]. Today is Tuesday, November 12th, 2024, and this is a virtual
2 transcribed interview of [REDACTED]. House Resolution 1367, expanded by House
3 Resolution 1470, directed this task force to investigate the facts and circumstances of the
4 attempted assassination of Donald J. Trump on July 13, 2024, in Butler, Pennsylvania and
5 on September 15th, 2024, in West Palm Beach, Florida. Pursuant House Resolution
6 1367, Chairman Kelly and Ranking Member Crow requested this interview as part of the
7 task force investigation.

8 Can the witness please state their name and spell their last name for the record,
9 please?

10 [REDACTED]. My name is [REDACTED]. The spelling of my last name is
11 [REDACTED].

12 [REDACTED]. Thank you, sir.

13 My name is [REDACTED], and I'm a senior counsel with the task force. I want to
14 thank you for coming in today for this interview that's taking place virtually. The task
15 force recognizes and appreciates that you're here voluntarily.

16 You're allowed to have an attorney present to advise you during this interview.
17 Do you have an attorney representing you in a personal capacity present with you today?

18 [REDACTED]. I do not.

19 [REDACTED]. Is there an attorney present representing the Pennsylvania State
20 Police here today?

21 [REDACTED]. Yes.

22 [REDACTED]. Good morning. My name is [REDACTED].

23 [REDACTED]. Will counsel please identify themselves.

24 [REDACTED]. Good morning. My name is [REDACTED]. I'm chief
25 counsel for the Office of General Counsel, and I specifically represent the Pennsylvania

1 State Police.

2 [REDACTED]: Are there any other representatives from the Pennsylvania State
3 Police present today?

4 [REDACTED]: No.

5 [REDACTED]: Or the government of Pennsylvania?

6 [REDACTED]: Yeah. I am the Federal affairs representative for the
7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, [REDACTED], [REDACTED].

8 [REDACTED]: Thank you, [REDACTED].

9 Next, starting with majority and then minority, can the additional staff members
10 please introduce themselves with both their name, title, and affiliation?

11 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], senior counsel, task force majority.

12 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], senior professional staff member, task force majority.

13 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], deputy staff director for the majority.

14 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], investigative counsel for the minority.

15 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], investigative counsel for the minority.

16 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], staff director, minority.

17 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], can you introduce yourself?

18 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], senior professional staff member, task force
19 majority.

20 [REDACTED]: Thank you all.

21 [REDACTED]: before we begin, I'd like to go over the ground rules for this interview.

22 The way this interview will proceed is as follows: A majority and minority staffer will
23 each ask you questions for 45 minutes, beginning with the majority. If either side is in
24 the middle of a specific line of questions, they may choose to end a few minutes past the
25 45 minutes to ensure completion of that specific line of questioning for any pertinent

1 followups. In this interview, while one member of the staff for each side may lead the
2 questioning, additional staff may ask questions.

3 There's a court reporter taking down everything I say and everything you say to
4 make a written record of the interview. For the record to be clear, please wait until the
5 staffer questioning you has finished each question before you give them your answer, and
6 the staffer will wait until you finish your response before proceeding to the next question.
7 Further, to ensure the court reporter can properly record this interview, please speak
8 clearly, concisely, and slowly. Also, the court reporter cannot record nonverbal answers
9 such as nodding or shaking your head, so it is important that you answer each question
10 with an audible, verbal answer.

11 Do you understand?

12 [REDACTED]: I do.

13 [REDACTED]: We want you to answer our questions in the most complete and
14 truthful manner possible, so we will take our time. If you have any questions or you're
15 not fully understanding the question, please let us know and we will attempt to clarify,
16 add context to, or rephrase our questions. Do you understand?

17 [REDACTED]: I do.

18 [REDACTED]: If we ask you about specific conversations or events in the past and
19 you are unable to recall the exact words or details, you should testify to the substance of
20 those conversations or events to the best of your recollection. If you recall only a part
21 of a conversation or event, you should give us your best recollection of those events or
22 parts of conversations that you do recall. Do you understand?

23 [REDACTED]: I do.

24 [REDACTED]: Although you are here voluntarily and we will not swear you in, you
25 are required pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 to answer questions from Congress

1 truthfully. This also applies to questions posed by congressional staff in an interview.

2 Do you understand?

3 [REDACTED]: I do.

4 [REDACTED]: With that, any time you knowingly make false statements you could
5 be subject to criminal prosecution. Do you understand?

6 [REDACTED]: I do.

7 [REDACTED]: Is there any reason you are unable to provide truthful testimony in
8 today's interview?

9 [REDACTED]: There's none. I mean, I'm able to answer your questions today.

10 [REDACTED]: Please note that if you wish to assert a privilege over any statement
11 today, that assertion must apply to the rules of the U.S. House of Representatives. For
12 the chair to consider assertions of privilege over testimony and your statements,
13 witnesses, their entities must clearly state the specific privilege being asserted and the
14 reason for the assertion on or before the scheduled date of testimony or appearance.

15 Do you understand?

16 [REDACTED]: I do.

17 [REDACTED]: Finally, I'd like to note that the content of what we discuss today is
18 confidential. We ask you not speak about what we discuss here today in this interview
19 with any outside individual in order to preserve the integrity of this investigation.

20 For those same reasons, the marked exhibits used today will be provided to the
21 court reporters so that they may go in the official transcripts, and any copies of those
22 exhibits will be returned to us when we wrap up.

23 We plan to take a 5-minute break between the majority and minority's rounds of
24 questioning, but if you need a longer break or a break before that, please let us know and
25 we'll be happy to accommodate you. However, to the extent that there is a pending

1 question, we would ask that you finish answering the question before we take a break.

2 Do you understand?

3 [REDACTED]: I do.

4 [REDACTED]: Do you have any questions before we begin?

5 [REDACTED]: I do not.

6 [REDACTED]: Would Pennsylvania State Police like to make any type of statement
7 before we begin?

8 [REDACTED]: I would just say -- this is Chief Counsel [REDACTED] -- that Lieutenant
9 [REDACTED] had testified in front of this full committee in September voluntarily without the
10 necessity of a subpoena. He testified fully, was examined on multiple aspects of this
11 investigation, and we believe that that was thorough. We are going to continue to
12 cooperate but cognizant that if there's questions that need to be asked of Lieutenant
13 [REDACTED], we felt like they should have been asked in September, and we would ask that if
14 there are any further followup, that that happen today and that we conclude with
15 Lieutenant [REDACTED]'s participation which has been more than cooperative and more than
16 thorough in terms of not only the content of the information he's provided, but his
17 willingness to speak with this committee.

18 [REDACTED]: Thank you, [REDACTED]. This is [REDACTED], deputy staff
19 director. And we obviously appreciate your client's cooperation. And as you can
20 imagine, we've been learning things as we go and just hope to get a couple things clarified
21 with [REDACTED] today.

22 So, [REDACTED], we thank you for being here, and we will go ahead and get started
23 with our questions.

24 [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 [REDACTED]: Thank you very much. Time is 10:14, and the majority will begin

1 its questioning.

2 EXAMINATION

3 BY [REDACTED]:

4 Q [REDACTED], thank you for taking the time to meet with us today. We're
5 hoping to keep this rather brief and just go through some of the questions that have
6 arisen after speaking with the Secret Service. We know that you took point for
7 Pennsylvania State Police for the site planning on July 13th, you were involved in several
8 meetings and walk-throughs prior to the event itself. We'll go through the questions
9 that we have that are outstanding for some of those days in the advance and the day of
10 July 13th.

11 So, first, I'd just like to begin going through the day of July 8th where the police
12 briefing occurred. That was in Allegheny County, correct?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And you attended that police briefing, correct?

15 A I did.

16 Q And outside of Pennsylvania State Police there that day, do you recall local
17 law enforcement members outside of Pennsylvania police being present for that police
18 briefing?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Now, I want to shift right away to discussions about staffing the command
21 post that were present in Butler on July 13th. There was the Secret Service security
22 room and then there was also a local command bus, a local command trailer where I
23 understand it was originally meant for communications and the type of line of sight
24 mitigation.

25 Do you recall at that police briefing on July 8th that it was decided that

1 Pennsylvania State Police would have a presence in the U.S. Secret Service security
2 realm?

3 A I'm not sure when the -- it was discussed about we would, you know, putting
4 people in different command posts. Like, it wasn't on July 8th. July 8th was basically
5 they told us that the rally was going to be held at the Butler Farm Show, and they asked,
6 like, staffing, like, how many troopers we could provide. The county had brought up
7 about utilizing their mobile command post at the July 8th meeting, but there was no
8 discussion about, like, who would be where and what command post.

9 Once we determined that Secret Service was going to establish a command post
10 at the front office there at the main gate, I mean, PSP knew that's where we were putting
11 all our representatives with Secret Service. The county, you know, they brought in their
12 mobile command post and the State Police had nothing to do with that.

13 Q Thank you, sir.

14 And if you can recall, at the July 8th meeting where the local command trailer was
15 raised, do you recall who brought up that local command bus first at that briefing?

16 A Yeah, I want to say it might have been [REDACTED]. It was either [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. Somebody from Butler EMA had mentioned that they
18 were going to -- they were going to bring their mobile command post, and that was
19 from -- that was a county asset, not a State Police asset.

20 Q Okay. As far as the Secret Service mentioning a type of centralized
21 command that Secret Service would be at for the July 13th, do you recall that being
22 brought up in any way during that July briefing --

23 A No, I don't -- I'm sorry.

24 Q I just wanted to get the date there. Sorry, go ahead.

25 A No, I just -- your audio just broke there, [REDACTED]. I thought you were

1 finished asking the question.

2 But the actual, I guess, staffing of the command post, I don't recall ever having a
3 conversation with Secret Service about staffing the command post. We just -- I knew
4 from previous rallies that once Secret Service established their command post and where
5 they were going to be, that's where we were going to put our representative with Secret
6 Service. The county command post was something completely separate, and I
7 remember putting a PSP portable radio in that command post that they could hear our
8 communications, but we didn't staff it. It wasn't -- you know, our concern was staffing
9 the command post with Secret Service and that's where our sergeant was posted at.

10 Q Okay. And, you know, I just want to preface this by -- you know, I just want
11 to get into some granularity about discussions around the command post for Secret
12 Service at the July 8th briefing just because of questions that have been raised in
13 interviews with Secret Service and also in our interviews with local law enforcement.

14 If you can recall, do you remember if you overheard an offer extended to the
15 other local law enforcement partners at the July 8th briefing for them to have a presence
16 in the U.S. Secret Service security room?

17 A I did not. I mean, going back, I don't even recall us having an invite. I
18 mean, we just -- I just knew that, you know, a command post -- I was going to have PSP
19 represented in the command post with Secret Service. I don't recall having an invite to
20 put somebody there. I just -- I just knew that's where we were putting our person.

21 So to come back to your question, I don't recall ever having or heard local police
22 having an invite to that command post. But they also had meetings -- they also had a
23 meeting, I think, with ESU without us being present. So, like, I don't know what was said
24 there in those meetings. But the ones that I was present with with Lieutenant [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] from PSP, there was no -- I don't recall ever having a conversation that, you

1 know, these people are going to be in the command post.

2 Q Understood. And just in the setting of that July 8th police briefing, I know
3 that in your PSP interview you mentioned that was kind of hard to hear in that meeting at
4 certain points --

5 A Yes.

6 Q -- and you had to move around a little bit. Do you recall that?

7 A Yes, I do.

8 Q Was it a crowded room? Were there a lot of people there? Can you
9 estimate the number of people that were there?

10 A Yes. There was a lot of -- there was a lot of people in that room. And
11 once they broke out into their groups, there was a site group, motorcade, tac group.
12 And once we broke into our groups, they were all like congregated around one another.
13 So I had asked that we move to the other side of the room so I could hear like, you know,
14 the communication between our group. So we did, we traversed the entire room. And
15 we could sit there and communicate and hear one another.

16 But that meeting was -- like, there wasn't much information given at that meeting.
17 I mean, the only thing I got out of that meeting was, like, some of the resources that were
18 going to be there present that day, the fact that the farm show -- or the rally was going to
19 be held at the farm show. And I remember asking Agent [REDACTED], I said, is this a Q&A type,
20 like, environment because I have a lot of questions. Like, I started asking questions like,
21 where the stage was going to be, you know, different parts of the rally, and none of that
22 information was provided.

23 So all I knew at that point when I left there was, you know, we had offered up
24 about I think it was 15 troopers, I knew the sheriffs were involved -- the sheriff deputies, I
25 mean. And I knew that Butler Township was there. I saw somebody there with a

1 Butler ESU shirt on which -- and I made the statement before, I wasn't even aware that
2 Butler had an ESU unit, and -- or a CERT team was there, and they had gone and was part
3 of the motorcade, planning it, with Lieutenant [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

4 Q Okay. So just to be clear, you did not hear an offer from Secret Service
5 Lead Agent [REDACTED] make an offer to all local law enforcement partners that if
6 they'd like to be in the security room they can have an official in the security room with
7 the Secret Service, correct?

8 A I don't recall.

9 Q Okay.

10 A I don't recall hearing that.

11 Q We have heard, in the course of our interviews, conflicting reports about
12 that specific offer to have local law enforcement in the Secret Service security room.
13 And that offer was reportedly delivered at that briefing, so we appreciate your
14 perspective on this.

15 Was there -- and just to put a pin in it before I move on here, did you hear Lead
16 Agent [REDACTED] make any comment about a command post or a security room during the
17 July 8th police meeting?

18 A No. Agent [REDACTED] opened up with a PowerPoint presentation, and it was
19 basically -- what I recall was they were defining the site, the farm show, because going
20 into that meeting there was still discussion that it was going to be held at maybe the
21 fairground. There was a discussion about the airport that was south of our location
22 which was having a car show there, so that was not going to happen at the airport. And
23 not sure what happened at the fairgrounds, but, you know, we went in there thinking
24 like -- we weren't even sure where the site was going to be. So they told us it was up at
25 the farm show.

1 And she went through this PowerPoint that showed different pins that Secret
2 Service might wear and was giving us some history, you know, with Secret Service and the
3 agents that would be present. But, you know, I don't recall any discussion about the
4 command post and -- you know, because there was very limited or little information that
5 was put out at that meeting on Monday and, you know, a lot of it started to come
6 together after the July 9th and the July 11th walk-throughs.

7 Q Understood, sir.

8 A But even going back -- I'm sorry, [REDACTED]. But even going back, like, if you
9 think about the meeting there, like, there was -- like, going into July 9th at that meeting,
10 like, they didn't even know where the command post was going to be or if they were
11 going to use the county command post. I mean, that trailer -- during the week of
12 planning on Tuesday and Thursday and that trailer that the county was bringing, like,
13 Secret Service wanted it in multiple different locations. They kept saying, nope, it's
14 going to be here, it's going to be there, it's going to be over there by the pond. It was
15 going to be -- you know, they just kept moving it around and -- you know, and I think they
16 were using it for, you know, the one line of sight there by the pond, but in the end, they
17 put it right there by that one pole building. You know, and that was the question early
18 on about having that in the background, because they were talking about some photo op,
19 you know, from the stage, looking back towards our FOP lodge and they didn't want the
20 command post or fire trucks or, you know, police officers, they didn't want people like -- I
21 shouldn't say people like us, but they didn't want just people wandering around in these
22 photo ops.

23 So like, at that point, like, why would they even be discussing a command post?
24 Because it -- you know, it wasn't established until, you know, later in the week when we
25 were there onsite looking at availability of locations for a command post.

1 Q And by command post there, you're referring to the local command bus
2 trailer, correct?

3 A Yeah. The local command post, that was the trailer that it kind of moved
4 around a lot in the planning. And I -- being involved in these before, like, I knew, like,
5 that mobile command post didn't mean anything to me because I was -- wherever Secret
6 Service was going to be, that's where PSP was going to be.

7 Q Understood. And did that at any point give you, you know, concern that
8 local law enforcement partners, Butler ESU, Butler Township, the sheriff office, did you
9 have any concern that they wouldn't be in the Secret Service security room?

10 A Well, I didn't know they weren't going to be in there. But Butler Township,
11 EMA, like, 911 dispatches all of Butler County, so that would include EMS, local police, like
12 all that. So Butler EMS or EMA had a representative in the command post. So, you
13 know, I keep hearing that there was no comms between these agencies. Well, there
14 should have been, because Butler 911 had a representative in the command post. [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED] was there I think in the first wave. And the county for Butler County
16 dispatches all local P -- or not local -- local police, they dispatch them.

17 So, I mean, technically, if you think about the radio comms, you know, PSP, we
18 have our own secured radios, you know. But when you think of communication
19 between local police departments, you know, I -- I would assume that they would be able
20 to communicate because they had a representative in the command post. They were
21 represented in the command post with Secret Service.

22 Q Did you at any point hear an offer or a conversation that there needed to be
23 only one county representative in the Secret Service command post?

24 A No. I don't recall any discussion about like who would be in the county
25 command post or invites. I had no -- I don't recall any conversations with Secret Service

1 asking for people to be in there or not be in there. I just knew that PSP would be in the
2 command post with Secret Service.

3 Q Understood. I want to shift to the purpose of that local command bus. Its
4 ultimate placement was by the Brady Paul Lane lounge, correct, EOP lounge. Is that
5 accurate?

6 A Yes, that's our FOP lodge at Brady Paul Lodge there. That's one of the
7 areas where the trailer, the mobile command post was discussed being, was in that area.
8 So it moved around a few different places. But ultimately, it ended up like between the
9 FOP Lodge and that first pole building by the pond.

10 Q Understood. And you understood that Secret Service was moving around
11 the location of the local command bus for an unclear purpose, correct?

12 A Yeah. Like, it wasn't -- like, there was discussion on Tuesday, July 9th. So
13 we were there, and we were standing, I guess, in the area where the stage was going to
14 be in front of the three barns. And they were looking -- [REDACTED] was looking at
15 the view behind our FOP Lodge, and -- that goes over towards Fortieth Street. So she
16 was kind of concerned about that line of sight. And then there was a line of sight that
17 ran parallel to the pond leading up to the airplane hangar. So she was a little -- she
18 seemed like she was concerned about line of sight there.

19 So one option was putting, you know, the mobile command post in one of those
20 line of sights. And then I think it was somebody from the county that mentioned that
21 they could put one of their hazmat fire trucks or something to park something over there
22 in the pond area, you know, blocking that line of sight to the hangars. But that mobile
23 command post moved around a lot. And, again, the final destination or where it ended
24 up was not the responsibility of PSP.

25 Q Yes, sir. Now, what we just went over there with the purpose of that local

1 command bus, you mentioned that on Tuesday, July 9th, [REDACTED] was discussing
2 the location of that local command post for the purpose of line of sight. I can represent
3 to you that we've also heard from site agent -- site counterpart [REDACTED] that it was for
4 medical response coordination only. Do you recall that purpose being discussed?

5 A Yeah, that was -- my -- I do recall some discussion about that that trailer was
6 going to handle the majority of the medical calls, and that was the reason why PSP didn't
7 staff it, because we -- we weren't being tasked with medical calls, but in the end we were
8 because there was over 251 reported medical calls that day from the heat. And the
9 roving troopers that we had inside were dealing with -- you know, are helping and
10 assisting EMS with those calls. So that that was the thought process for I think
11 discussion with the mobile command post. The county mobile command post was to,
12 you know, handle a lot of the -- take that traffic away, I guess, from the command post
13 and that they were going to handle a lot of the medical calls.

14 Q And, you know, on July 9th, just talking about the location of the local
15 command post, do you recall an offer for PSP to be posted inside that local command
16 post?

17 A Where? You mean the county command post?

18 Q Yes.

19 A There was this -- I -- probably a discussion between Lieutenant [REDACTED]
20 and I were discussing, you know, like if we should staff it. But we felt no need to staff
21 and use a resource, you know, to put in a county command post, so we opted to put one
22 of our portables in there so that they could monitor. I think they were also monitoring
23 like the motorcade that was rolling too, so that's why we put our portable in that trailer.
24 But, again, back at command post, you know, we had a sergeant there with Secret Service
25 in the command post and that's where our communications were directed to. Even in

1 our ops plan, our comms were supposed to go to the command post, and that would
2 have been Sergeant [REDACTED] who was stationed, in position within the command post.

3 Q Okay. Do you recall an offer for Secret Service to be located in the county
4 command post?

5 A I do not.

6 Q Okay. Now, I just want to circle back. I know we're kind of getting into
7 July 9th a little bit, talking about the local command bus. But if I could just circle back to
8 the July 8th police briefing to round out a couple more points before I move on.

9 At that police meeting you spoke with Special Agent [REDACTED] about tentative
10 manpower numbers, correct?

11 A Yes.

12 Q At that time, did Agent [REDACTED] provide you with any information on how
13 many PSP troopers the Secret Service wanted for July 13th?

14 A No. She was just looking for a number. The sheriff, [REDACTED], was
15 there. The sheriff, he threw out a number. We were -- you know, not knowing what
16 our resources were -- what we were being requested for, like, we had no idea what we
17 were being tasked with at that point. So I think the number that we threw out was
18 somewhere in the range of 12 to 15. You know, and then -- but at that point, like, we
19 didn't -- there was no assignments given to us on that day, Monday. And so, therefore,
20 we were just waiting till we got onsite and started looking at what was being asked of us
21 to determine, like, the exact number. But that was the number that we provided.

22 And in the end, I think we doubled that number. You know, we weren't asked
23 for a specific number. They were just asking -- I think they were trying to get a number
24 of officers or resources that were available. And to me, that was the whole reason for
25 that Monday meeting, just the meet, greet, exchange information, contact information,

1 and try to see how much -- what resources they were going to have.

2 Q Understood. And then at that July 8th police meeting, at that time there
3 was no information about possible post locations communicated to you, correct?

4 A There was nothing.

5 Q Okay.

6 A No information. I mean, how could we even set up a post when we didn't
7 even know where the stage was going to be at?

8 Q All right. And then did Agent [REDACTED] ask if PSP would be able to fill any gaps
9 that local law enforcement partners might not be able to cover for the event?

10 A No, I don't -- the discussion for -- there was nothing discussed about post. I
11 mean, [REDACTED] threw out a number. He ended up reducing that number later in the
12 week. But then, you know, I remember reaching back out to [REDACTED] and asking him.
13 You know, because they said -- I had planned like having an X number of deputy sheriffs
14 there so, you know, I did reach out back out to him and ask him if he could give me one
15 more for the magnetometers. But, no, there was no backfilling asked at that date.

16 But when we -- we'll get to that date, though, on July 11th when I went around.
17 And once had I all my assignments, like, I knew I had what they were asking covered, but
18 I -- you know, I had information from my major, who was also walking with me that day,
19 he said that if we needed additional resources, we could tap surrounding troops, you
20 know. He's the area one commander here for the western side of the State, so we could
21 have pulled more people if we would have been tasked with additional assignments, but
22 we never got tasked.

23 Q Okay. And then at that police meeting on July 8th, was it decided that
24 Pennsylvania State Police would be handling the postings for the Butler County Sheriff's
25 deputies?

1 A What do you mean handling the post?

2 Q So by handling the post, I mean, I'm just -- I'm referring to the ultimate PSP
3 ops plan that has assignments for Butler County Sheriff's Office weaved in throughout the
4 post assignments. And I was curious as to, you know, how that decision of weaving in
5 the Butler County Sheriff's Office into the PSP ops plan arose.

6 A Okay, I think I follow you. The sheriff's office was going to supply resources
7 within the farm show, so inside the fence line. So [REDACTED] -- like, I was going to utilize
8 some of his deputies. The majority of the farm show, I guess, or part of it -- a big part of
9 it falls within PSP jurisdiction, primary jurisdiction. So we were going to handle any
10 incidents that took place inside the farm show, not the deputies from the sheriff's office.

11 So when I -- once we got our post assignments on that Thursday, that's when I was
12 in, like, putting -- on the fence line I would put like a trooper, a deputy sheriff, a trooper, a
13 deputy sheriff. And there were some places I'd put trooper, trooper, trooper, you know,
14 just to make sure, like, there was -- you know, the fence line was secured. And I didn't
15 want two deputy sheriffs next to each other, because if something would happen, that
16 was going to be our incident so we were going to be, you know, handling that. But
17 that's how the sheriff's department got intertwined with our perimeter. And, you know,
18 I was utilizing deputy sheriffs. But wherever there was a deputy sheriff, there was at
19 least one to two troopers.

20 Q Understood. Just moving to July 9th, we talked about that conversation
21 with Lead Advance Agent [REDACTED] around the stage area. But I want to talk
22 about specifically that day while you were onsite going through a type of walk-through.
23 You know, in terms of the other folks that were present with you for that walk-through
24 with Lead Advance Agent [REDACTED], we've heard that there wasn't any other presence of local
25 law partners there, so nobody from Butler Township Police, nobody from Butler County

1 Sheriff's Office or Butler Emergency Services Unit. Is that accurate?

2 A Yeah, I don't know about that. I'm thinking that [REDACTED] was present,
3 because when we came back to the barracks that day on Tuesday, [REDACTED] was
4 present at our meeting. So, you know, when we came back to the barracks after
5 walking through the farm show, there was [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Lieutenant [REDACTED]
6 from the State Police, myself, there was [REDACTED] from EMA, Butler EMA, [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] from Butler EMA, [REDACTED] from Butler EMA, and I'm pretty sure that
8 [REDACTED] was present too for that meeting. And he's the sheriff for Butler County.

9 Q Yes, sir. I appreciate you going through those names with us.
10 Do you recall if any -- or do you know if any representatives from Butler Township
11 Police Department, Butler ESU were invited to attend that walk-through?

12 A I don't know if they were invited, like, Tuesday. Because I went up there
13 and met up with [REDACTED], the lieutenant from PSP, once the motorcade came in
14 because they were running the route. So I asked [REDACTED], I said, let me know when you get
15 to the farm show and I'll come up. Even at that walk-through at the farm show, there
16 was no, like, post being divvied out to anybody Tuesday. Like, once we went there, [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED] said, why don't we go back to the barracks so we can do like a Google Earth, you
18 know, pull the farm show up on our screen. We have a large screen TV in our
19 classroom, so smart TV. So we pulled up the site, and we kind of like drew out the red
20 fence line where the fence was to show like the interior and exterior fence, you know, the
21 gates. Just to kind of give an overview of the site that we were dealing with.

22 But even on that day there was no assignments provided. You know, we kind of
23 like just talked about, like just very briefly, you know, what we were looking look at.
24 And then Thursday when we went back up there, that's when all, you know, the posts
25 were assigned and, you know, where [REDACTED], you know, Agent [REDACTED] kind of

1 pointed out where she wanted PSP cars or just where she wanted a post. And then I
2 took that information and I put troopers and deputy sheriffs in those locations
3 surrounding the outer fence line, because what we were being tasked with was just to
4 make sure that there was no access made to the farm show outside of the one gate there
5 by -- where the FBO for the airport, there was a gate that was open and all bystanders
6 were to enter through that gate and then filter in through the magnetometers to get to
7 the stage area. So we were just, you know, preventing anybody from hopping that
8 fence or getting through any of the additional gates. And that was what we were being
9 tasked with. But that all got discussed on July 11th.

10 Q Yes, sir. And we'll get into those postings that were discussed on July 11th.
11 But, you know, at that walk-through on July 9th, it's fair to say that there were no
12 discussions with Secret Service about post assignments and post locations, correct?

13 A No. We -- when we did that map -- when we drew that map out, like,
14 we -- [REDACTED] had put like a couple police cars on the map, just kind of showing like, you
15 know, kind of where, like, we would put some different people. But there was no
16 discussion, you know, like real discussion about where we were going to put people,
17 because we didn't even walk the property. We just -- we walked down to where the
18 stage was at and then we -- I think we did walk back over to the hangars. And then we
19 were up at the main gate and we left. So there was so much area to cover, you know,
20 that day which we didn't, so there would have been no need to post, you know, until we
21 did that on Thursday.

22 Q Yes, sir. And I'm just going to roll through some quick questions around
23 July 9th.

24 A Sure.

25 Q Just short and sweet here. There was discussions about postings when you

1 got back to the police barracks. Who else was present? Was it mainly just yourself
2 and [REDACTED]?

3 A On Tuesday?

4 Q Yes, sir.

5 A For PSP?

6 Q Yeah.

7 A Yeah, just the two of us.

8 Q Okay. Was site counterpart [REDACTED] present at all once you got back to the
9 barracks?

10 A Yep, yes.

11 Q Was she involved in those conversations about postings?

12 A For Thursday?

13 Q I'm speaking on Tuesday when -- after the walk-through, you went back to
14 the PSP barracks?

15 A Yeah, there was -- again, there was no discussion about, like, postings on
16 Tuesday. It was just a -- we took [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] back to the barracks and
17 pulled up that image of the farm show just to give them an idea what they were dealing
18 with, you know, and to show them an overview of the farm show. There was no
19 discussion of any, like, physical postings at that point. We were just looking at, this is
20 what we've got, you know. And, yeah, I don't recall -- there was no -- like, there was no
21 notes.

22 The only -- the only thing that I noted from that meeting is when we sent the
23 image of the map out. [REDACTED] had sent that map out to people that had attended
24 there, the Secret Service agents, just to give them an overview, you know, like, this is
25 what we discussed. And it basically showed the fence line, outer fence line and the

1 inner fence line, for the farm show and how it circled around back behind the FOP Lodge.

2 We did talk about -- we went behind the barns that day because we were looking
3 at -- the motorcade was going to come in off Brady Paul, so that was discussed on
4 Tuesday. And that's the first time I met [REDACTED], the campaign manager that day
5 too. And he was looking for like a large flag and stuff. And I remember giving [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]'s information regarding a flag. And then I forwarded him a bunch of pictures of
7 equipment that was utilized on the 2020 rally. So I guess that was something that took
8 place on Tuesday as well. But, you know, I'm not sure if he followed up with [REDACTED] or
9 not, so --

10 Q Thank you, [REDACTED].

11 And just quickly there, on July 9th -- again, I just want to move these quickly with
12 our time here.

13 A Yes.

14 Q I want to mention to you that site counterpart [REDACTED] insists that you had a
15 conversation about the AGR [audio malfunction] while you were both at the PSP barracks,
16 during which you [audio malfunction].

17 [Reporter asks for clarification.]

18 [REDACTED]: Yes, I can repeat. No problem. Yes, ma'am.

19 BY [REDACTED]:

20 Q Sir, when you went back to the Pennsylvania State Police barracks on
21 July 9th, site counterpart [REDACTED] insists that you had a conversation about the AGR
22 complex during which you asserted it would be closed, locked, and posted. Do you
23 recall having this conversation about the AGR complex?

24 A No. There was probably -- there was some social media they were putting
25 out there that the AGR building was going to not let people park there. And that was

1 the information that was provided to St. Conrad's church that was on Buttercup Road.
2 But at no point did I ever say that PSP was going to secure, lock, you know, that site
3 down.

4 First of all, going into that meeting, like, there was no information even to where
5 the stage was going to be placed. So, you know, at that point, like, there would have
6 been no reason to contact anybody for surrounding businesses, because if you think
7 about where the stage was going to be, you know, it could have been over on the runway
8 side. So if it was on the runway side, like, AGR building wouldn't have even been in
9 question. But once we found out where the -- I didn't know where the stage was going
10 to be until we walked down there and [REDACTED] said, this is probably the area where the
11 stage is going to be in front of those three barns.

12 And the other thing too with that AGR building, it falls within the primary
13 jurisdiction of Butler Township PD, not State Police. So if anybody was going to be
14 reaching out to a business in their primary jurisdiction, it would have been Butler
15 Township, not PSP, you know. Or if I would have been asked to, you know, secure that
16 site, I would have reached out to Butler Township first to see if they were able to do it
17 because that's in their primary jurisdiction, not PSP.

18 So you know, the process there wouldn't have happened that way. And, you
19 know, I didn't reach out to AGR. I didn't -- I was never tasked with AGR. If we would
20 have been tasked with that, we would have walked over there and looked at that site.
21 We never did that. We never looked at it, and it was never discussed that PSP would
22 handle that.

23 Q Thank you, sir.

24 Just going forward to July 10th, I understand that your only planning discussions
25 related to the rally on July 10th, that Wednesday, would have been really with Major

1 [REDACTED] regarding staffing. Is that accurate?

2 A Yes. The major had returned -- he was on -- I don't know if he was on days
3 off, but he wasn't in the office for Monday, Tuesday. Wednesday he shows up. I just
4 gave him an update where we were at in the planning. And then there was a meeting
5 that was scheduled for the walk-through on Thursday, and he said he would attend that
6 with us.

7 Q Okay. And then so no interaction period with Secret Service in person on
8 July 10th?

9 A No.

10 Q Going forward to July 11th, that full walk-through, do you recall what time
11 you arrived and what time the walk-through started on July 11th, Wednesday?

12 A I don't recall the exact time. It was probably, like, midday before -- just
13 before lunch or shortly after, but it was midday is probably when we met and at the front
14 gate. And there was a bunch of different, I guess, department heads or, you know -- I
15 know that Sheriff [REDACTED] was their chief deputy there at the sheriff's office, he
16 was present. Lieutenant [REDACTED] from PSP was present, myself. And then our
17 major, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] from PSP was present. And I'm pretty sure that
18 [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] were also all present. And there was a Butler ESU member
19 that walked the perimeter with us. And I don't recall -- I don't know who it was. I'm
20 not familiar with Butler ESU or their members, but there was someone that walked that
21 property line with us.

22 Q Understood. Now, I think you may have reviewed this a little bit earlier
23 during our time here this morning. But you were taking notes for PSP on the site that
24 day, correct?

25 A Yeah, I was just using a -- I was using a map. There was -- the map that we

1 generated on Tuesday, July 9th, I had printed that off, and I had that on a clipboard and I
2 was carrying that around with me. So when [REDACTED] had pointed out like she wanted a
3 car or somebody posted, she posted, like, at the main gate. We went clockwise as we
4 were inside the fence line. There was, again, that interior fence line that was around
5 where the group of people for the rally would be. And then there was an outer fence
6 line too. So we were in that green space between the two. And we just walked that
7 and then around the site. And wherever she wanted a car, we put cars.

8 And then I doubled up the main gate. I thought that that was going to be a point
9 of a headache for those that were out there, so I tried to stack that with additional
10 people. And even the day of I reached out to [REDACTED] and asked if he could get
11 somebody from his volunteers to go up there and help, because I think that that was
12 supposed to be an area that there was no access. We had media, we had, you know,
13 people that thought they were VIP that were trying to get through that, you know, come
14 through the main gate. But, you know, we were told that everybody was coming
15 through that one gate so that everybody would go through the magnetometers, and
16 that's what we were trying to do. So I was trying to get additional people at the main
17 gate to lock that down.

18 Q Yes, sir. And so mainly when you were going through the site with your
19 clipboard with the map on it, you were mainly getting instructions from [REDACTED], correct?

20 A Yes. It was all Agent [REDACTED]. Like, she was the one saying, like,
21 somebody here, somebody here, somebody here. And as we walked that fence line too,
22 like, there was that gate over by -- like, the AGR that was kind of like cracked open a little
23 bit, like, she wanted that secured tighter. There was a gate behind the FOP Lodge that
24 didn't have a padlock on it, she wanted -- she asked if we could put a padlock on that.
25 So wherever there was any openings, either she -- she wanted it secured.

1 And there was the gate that was I guess to the right of the stage, it was on that
2 interior fence. I'm pretty sure that was unlocked in our walk-through, because I know
3 that Lieutenant [REDACTED] and I had discussed putting a trooper inside the fence line.
4 And then we're like, that's not going to be feasible or not going to work well, because if,
5 you know -- they were anticipating 15- to 20,000 people showing up. And I'm like, if we
6 put a trooper inside, you know, and you get all those people, it's going to be hard for
7 them to get outside that interior gate. So we opted to put -- post five outside but inside
8 that green space. But that day, that became a challenge for us after shots fired because
9 somebody had put a padlock on that interior fence, and we ended up running a car
10 through that fence. So --

11 Q Yes, sir. And then as you were going around the site, you were also taking
12 notes for Butler sheriff's office, correct?

13 A Yeah. Well, [REDACTED] was with us, [REDACTED]. So [REDACTED] and I
14 communicated after the meeting, you know, to see like -- to make -- well, I guess at some
15 point I was informed that they were going to provide fewer deputy sheriffs in the -- you
16 know, that was going to -- it could impact us, but in the end it didn't. So I still had -- I was
17 still able to augment them into my ops plan and put them, you know, between -- you
18 know, like the troopers going around that fence line, as well as interacting them with, you
19 know, with -- at the magnetometers. So yes, to answer your question.

20 Q When you got to -- in your walk-through on July 11th, when you got to the
21 fence by the AGR complex, I know that you were describing the different types of fences
22 and the need for one of those fence lines to have a padlock, do you recall while you were
23 by the AGR complex by that fence line who exactly was with you?

24 A We were all in a group walking together. We didn't -- nobody like -- I don't
25 recall, like, walking over to that. It was just like, you know, looking over that direction.

1 I don't think we ever, like, separated, you know, too far as a group. I remember -- I
2 remember the grass being wet and, you know, I didn't -- my shoes were -- of course I had
3 boots on and stuff, but, like, looking at -- you know, [REDACTED] was the only smart one there,
4 she was walking in the path of vehicles that had driven along that fence line, so she was
5 walking where there was no grass so her feet was dry so, you know, making a comment
6 like that. But we were always together and walking as a group. We weren't, separated
7 to the point where there was any private conversations going on. We were all together
8 just walking. And [REDACTED] was saying, car here or person here, post here, post here, and I
9 was writing numbers down on that map kind of, like, as we just moved through, you
10 know, that area.

11 Q That's right. Okay. What I'm going to do right now is I'm going to actually
12 show you a copy of the Pennsylvania State ops plan for July 13th and kind of go through
13 that map and that postings from around the AGR complex.

14 A Sure.

15 Q My colleague's going to bring it up and share it.

16 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 1
17 was marked for identification.]

18 BY [REDACTED]:

19 Q So on page 4 here -- this can be majority exhibit 1 -- it has the PSP ops plan in
20 here, and it also has -- we have included the Butler Township Police Department's ops
21 plan as well at the back end of this document. But for right now, we just want to focus
22 on this map, page 4, the PSP ops plan that's on majority exhibit 1.

23 A Okay.

24 Q So just between Tuesday, going through that map that y'all walked through
25 on Tuesday in the police barracks and moving forward to when this ops plan was

1 ultimately produced, does this map look fairly similar to the one that you were referring
2 to on Tuesday, July 9th?

3 A There's probably some similarities, but it's -- I use the same Easy Street
4 application to pull this one up, you know, when I created this one. So the one on
5 Tuesday would have been very similar; it would have been an aerial shot. And we drew
6 on that one. On the 9th, we had a marker where we drew a red line, you know, showing
7 like the fence line and stuff. But this is the one that I -- once I started working on the
8 ops plan and using the map that I used a day on Tuesday, July 9th, like, I -- this is what I
9 came up with, where I was going to post my stationary patrols. As well as, I guess
10 looking at it too, 16 was the command post there, but 15 was the magnetometers, which
11 I had multiple troopers and some deputy sheriffs at that location at 15, but the rest of
12 them are pretty much stationary patrols.

13 Q Yes, sir. Now, just referring to this map and referring back to the July 11th
14 walk-through where Agent [REDACTED] is calling out where trooper vehicles should be and
15 where posts should be. Do the numbers that you see on this map accurately reflect
16 where she was assigning posts?

17 A Yes. The only post that, like, really assigning would be like 1 through 16, I
18 guess, minus 13 there. I didn't use 13. But 17, 18, and 19 were -- I had roving patrols
19 outside of the venue and that was just for traffic to monitor backlog and stuff. So she
20 had no input on my roving, I guess, patrol troopers outside the venue. Like, I just had -- I
21 just put like those intersections kind of like showed 17, 18, and 19, but -- so, yes, 1
22 through 14 was kind of like where she indicated that she wanted a post.

23 Q Yes, sir. And then, you know, speaking about posts that aren't necessarily
24 listed by number on this majority exhibit 1, the Pennsylvania State Police ops plan, there
25 are also undercover assignments and troopers on special assignment, correct?

1 A Yes. I had stationary patrol troopers and Butler deputy sheriffs. And then
2 I also had roving patrols, like supervisors, to make -- to go, because I had enough people
3 to go around and relieve people during or prior to the motorcade getting onsite. So one
4 thing that I passed out to all my stationary patrols was, you know, if you need a break,
5 you need to get something to eat, you know, pass, get relieved -- but I said, once that
6 motorcade was near, like, all my stationary patrol, troopers, and sheriff deputies were
7 going to be at their post and they were going to stay there until relieved --

8 Q From --

9 A -- until they were -- yes, told to -- you know, that their assignment was
10 completed, I guess. But that's all outlined in the ops plan.

11 Q Okay. I'm going to ask you one more question, and then I'm going to kind
12 of dive into like more granularity on some of these post assignments around the AGR
13 complex specifically. But I want to ask you first, sir, if -- you know, PSP is working with
14 the Butler Sheriff's Office here on post assignments for postings around the AGR building,
15 either, you know, with a trooper in person along the fence line, with the vehicle, but
16 there's also roving units in the vicinity. Did PSP have any type of role or oversight of the
17 movements and postings of Butler Township Police Department which also had roving
18 units in the area around the AGR building?

19 A No. Butler Township seemed like they were kind of strapped that day, but
20 they were controlling traffic on Whites -- like up to Meridian Road and Whitestown.
21 And then they were monitoring the traffic or people coming in Brady Paul Lane. So the
22 only people that should have been coming through there would have been law
23 enforcement, like fire, EMS, you know, unless people had appropriate credentials to
24 come through the Brady Paul Lane.

25 So Township, I had no control over Butler Township. They were going to watch

1 the gate there at Brady Paul, follow that down to I think it was Buttercup Lane there and
2 then up to the intersection up to Sheetz there at 68. The reason why there was a
3 portable radio that was put into the mobile or county command post was so that they
4 could monitor the channel for the motorcade, because they were going to dispatch their
5 officers up to like Sheetz there at 68, Meridian Road -- Whitestown, Meridian Road to
6 watch those intersections, because we were utilizing our roving patrols that were outside
7 too to go up to 422, Lions Road, and Benbrook Road to, you know, just to watch those
8 intersections when the motorcade came in.

9 So, you know, we didn't have oversight over them, but they were definitely
10 augmented and assisting us in the -- you know, on that side of the farm show, because
11 that part of the farm show falls within their primary jurisdiction which is Butler Township.

12 Q We're getting close to the 45-minute window. I want to ask you, [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED], and my minority colleagues, if it is all right if majority had an extra 10 to
14 15 minutes to run out its questions. We're only going to have one round today and we
15 just want to make sure that we get all of our questions in today, if that works for
16 everybody.

17 A That sounds good to me.

18 Q Okay. I really appreciate it. Thank you.

19 So I just want to understand the complete universe of local law enforcement and
20 State Police that were in, around, responsible for the AGR complex that day. Is it fair to
21 say that Pennsylvania State Police and Butler County Sheriff's Office and Butler Township
22 Police Department and the Beaver ESU and the Butler ESU members that were in the AGR
23 building itself is the closed universe of State and local law enforcement that was around
24 the AGR complex that day?

25 A You're asking a lot there, [REDACTED], but I'm just trying to figure out what you're

1 asking.

2 Q I understand.

3 [REDACTED]. David, this is [REDACTED]. So the State Police were not at
4 all at the AGR complex. The closest State trooper to the AGR complex was -- were at
5 posts four and five. They were not tasked with the AGR complex. They were not in
6 the AGR complex.

7 You're asking State and local. You're conflating the two. I would ask in future
8 questioning that you separate those and ask Lieutenant [REDACTED] specifically what the State
9 Police were responsible for. He already indicated that he placed Butler County sheriffs
10 at posts within the Butler County Farm Show. He was not responsible for any local law
11 enforcement that day. So I would ask if you could specify which agency and what you're
12 specifically asking as far as Lieutenant [REDACTED]. He already told you that he was not
13 tasked with the AGR complex and he was not responsible for any local law enforcement
14 outside of placing Butler County sheriffs in alternative locations along the fence line
15 within the complex.

16 [REDACTED]. I get that. And we'll look to that in future questions.

17 BY [REDACTED]:

18 Q But I'm mainly asking [REDACTED] here, from his perspective and his
19 experience on July 13th, his understanding of, first, the State personnel that were in that
20 area, doesn't matter whether or not they were tasked to it or not. And then secondly,
21 I'm asking the local law enforcement partners that were present that day. I listed a few:
22 Butler Township Police, Butler EU, Beaver ESU. From his general perspective, did he
23 understand those local law enforcement partners and State Police to be in that area
24 around the AGR complex?

25 A The only -- like, if you look at those postings, like, we were tasked with inside

1 that fence line only. Like, State Police and Butler Sheriff. There were no Butler
2 Sheriff's deputies outside, you know, the venue. The one trooper that came up by that
3 water tower was one of my roving patrol troopers that were, you know, out on the road.
4 And I had instructed all three of them. I said, when the motorcade's onsite, I wanted
5 them to close in closer to the venue. I didn't give them any direction of where. We
6 were just fortunate that Trooper [REDACTED] chose the site where he came up that
7 day. He didn't have instructions from me to go to any specific location. He just took it
8 upon himself to find that water tower and park there. So he was one of my three that
9 were roving the roads. And really that's also Butler Township. So he wasn't even in his
10 primary jurisdiction. He came up into Butler Township and hit that lane there for the
11 water tower.

12 PSP -- you know, I didn't even know that ESU was assigned that building until
13 Lieutenant [REDACTED] had mentioned it to me and it was -- it had to be -- I know I was
14 asked this question before, but it was either Thursday, I don't think I saw [REDACTED] Friday so,
15 you know, it could have been even Saturday morning that [REDACTED] had said that ESU had
16 units within that building. And I remember riding around in a golf cart with Sergeant
17 [REDACTED] (ph), and I had a laminated map of Butler ESU that had all their locations, and
18 that was the first that I saw where Butler ESU had members.

19 You know, early on in this planning, I had asked Secret Service to utilize our CERT
20 team, which is a tier 1 CERT team. And I even called our, you know, coordinator and
21 asked him what our role was, you know, CERT, and it was motorcade only. So, you
22 know, I tried to utilize some additional resources that PSP had, you know, which was
23 declined by Secret Service, even to the point where I was going to shut down 68 in front
24 of the farm show, which was declined by Secret Service. And there was even discussion
25 between Butler Township and PSP about shutting down Meridian Road when the

1 motorcade was onsite, and that was declined.

2 So, you know, we were -- even though we were tasked as an assist agency on this,
3 we were also providing, you know, other resources and ideals and resources for Secret
4 Service. But to be frank with you, everything that we offered up from closing roads, to
5 our CERT team, to giving a contact for additional equipment to be put around that place,
6 it was all denied by Secret Service.

1 [11:07 a.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q Thank you, sir.

4 I'll drill down on this Pennsylvania State Police plan, majority exhibit 1, post
5 number four and five.

6 A Yes.

7 Q Those posts.

8 And I understand that PSP was not responsible for in any way securing or covering
9 the AGR complex, correct?

10 A They were covering the grass area between those two fence lines, and even
11 if they would have been tasked with going outside of that area, the fence gated between
12 the two, you know, from the farm show to the AGR was -- at the request of Secret
13 Service, was to secure that fence.

14 So outside of driving through it or jumping over it, you know, we were tasked with
15 preventing anybody from gaining access to that property, to ensure that everybody that
16 came through there went through that one gate, that one area to make sure that they
17 went through the cattle shoots to get to the magnetometers, and that's what we were
18 tasked with and that's what we did.

19 Q Yes, sir.

20 And just for a clean transcript here, post four and post five were specifically
21 designed for crowd access, foot traffic around that area and the fence line, correct?

22 A No, it was just -- we were there to make sure nobody jumped that fence or
23 came through that area.

24 Trooper [REDACTED] that was at post five, he was even concerned about the gate there
25 after it was secured, that it still provided a space, you know, for somebody to go through

1 it. So [REDACTED] had took it upon himself to go over to that fence line and tape a rope from
2 his vehicle and intertwine that around through that gap area on that fence, you know,
3 that gate there at the AGR building to ensure that nobody was able to pass through it.

4 You know, our task was to ensure, again, that that inner perimeter was secured,
5 and we were not tasked at all with the AGR building. I mean, nothing.

6 We were -- here's the thing, [REDACTED]. If we were tasked with that, you know, that
7 day, like, why didn't we -- why didn't [REDACTED] want to walk over there and go
8 through that property? You know, if she would have said, hey, can we put a car over
9 there, I had resources. We would have went over there. We would have walked that
10 whole property. We never did. We were never asked to go over there. We never
11 walked that property. You know, and how easy would that have been, you know, but
12 we were never asked to do that, and we didn't go over there, like, period.

13 Q And for posts four and five there, did you understand those posts to be
14 responsible for crowd control in any way?

15 A No. There was no discussion about like, you know -- I think that crowd that
16 showed up along that fence line was a shock to everybody. Like, I don't think that
17 they -- you know, and, again, they're at that fence line. What were they going to do?
18 You know, they were tasked with making sure that nobody made access, you know, come
19 over that fence or get through that fence line, through that grass area, you know.

20 And then looking back at that, too, like, you know, like, I'm not sure how many
21 people were along that fence line, but I know like during the -- when the Crooks siting
22 was taking place, we were also looking at two other individuals that were suspicious on
23 the fence line. And my position, where I was at, I could see those two where I was at,
24 and I was trying to get troopers to post five to investigate those two.

25 But even at that point, that was probably a quarter to 6:00 or something probably.

1 You know, I had still not received any information from anybody from ESU that we were
2 looking for, you know, the suspect that ended up being Crooks.

3 Q I want to go back to that July 11th walk-through. I know you mentioned
4 that it was the large group was moving together throughout the property, throughout the
5 site. At any point, did you see Butler Township Police Department personnel, [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED], having a conversation with Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]?

7 A No, I think -- I don't recall -- I don't know if Butler ESU had an additional
8 meeting. Like, I don't know if they walked through that prior to us getting that. Like, I
9 don't know if that took place. But, like, I wasn't familiar with [REDACTED] until, you
10 know, the congressional hearing when I met him, you know, from Butler Township. So I
11 mean, I don't know if he was the person that was walking with us that day, but I
12 don't -- I'm not familiar.

13 So I was under the assumption that they had met there prior to us getting there.
14 I could be wrong on that, and if you know the answer to that, please, let me know
15 because I haven't heard if they had a meeting prior to us, you know, having our meeting.
16 But I don't recall any conversation, you know.

17 If that was [REDACTED] that was with us that day, like, I don't remember him saying a
18 word to anybody because that ESU member just walked -- he kind of like trailed behind us
19 and just followed us around the whole perimeter and had very little input in any of the
20 postings because if you think about where we were putting our posts, that didn't impact
21 ESU at all. That was just us and the deputy sheriffs.

22 Q Yes, sir.

23 A But I am -- after some of this, I have become aware that, you know, during
24 that walk-through, like our major that was with us, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] had
25 asked, you know, who has those buildings? [REDACTED] wasn't familiar with the -- that it

1 was the AGR building, but he said, who has those buildings? And Secret Service said
2 ESU.

3 And then, you know, Lieutenant [REDACTED] had mentioned that maybe use some of
4 their resources to cover the parking lot, and jokingly he even said why don't have them
5 post on the water tower, you know. But I don't recall that conversation, but I do know
6 that that was mentioned in their interviews, and they were with that group when we
7 were walking that same piece of property, the same day.

8 Q Yes, sir.

9 You know, everyone has been incredibly gracious with our time for this hour here.
10 I have one more question and then I'll yield to my colleagues.

11 I just want to fast-forward to July 13th, the day of the event, and discuss PSP
12 Sergeant [REDACTED]. Sir, I know that you mentioned that he was in the Secret Service
13 command post, the security room that day. Did you have any conversations with
14 Sergeant [REDACTED] on July 13th?

15 A I spoke to [REDACTED] multiple times on the 13th and even days prior leading up to
16 the event.

17 Q Okay. And then were your conversations, would you characterize them as
18 mostly over the radio or cell phone or in person?

19 A I would say the majority was -- the big part of the morning I was probably
20 between the two pole buildings by the pond. So I was monitoring radio traffic. So
21 there was a few times where like I heard dispatching going over the radio for different
22 things. There was a disturbance between two vendors. You know, just small stuff. I
23 think there were some medicals, you know.

24 But I remember calling [REDACTED] a few times over the phone just to make sure like he
25 had, you know, people, resources. You know, there was -- I'd say the majority of [REDACTED]

1 and my communication was probably via a cell phone, and it was just to limit traffic over
2 the radio. But I was, more or less, checking on [REDACTED] to make sure he had the
3 resources that he needed, and I was kind of monitoring like where people were at and
4 what they were responding to.

5 And then, you know, so a lot of that morning was just back and forth. Like, I
6 went around to all those posts. [REDACTED] and I, the deputy sheriff -- or the chief
7 sheriff there, we drove around, met with each of the sites prior to, you know, the event
8 because they wanted us onsite at 10:45, no later than 10:45.

9 So like, all my posts were up-to-date on the ops plan. I kept them up-to-date
10 prior to the ops plan coming out. I communicated with them over phone and even
11 emails. So, you know, and then that day of I went around and checked on all of them
12 so --

13 But, yeah, back to your question. I'm sorry for getting off track here a little bit.
14 But, yeah, I communicated quite a bit with [REDACTED], and most of it was probably via cell
15 phone.

16 Q Okay.

17 And then you mentioned that that was primarily, you know, just to avoid radio
18 traffic that you'd reach out over cell phone, and you had multiple conversations with him
19 during the day.

20 Do you recall conversations with Sergeant [REDACTED] approaching 6 o'clock, 5:30 that
21 day?

22 A There was -- I got nothing from [REDACTED] I guess that late. [REDACTED] and I was
23 communicating earlier, probably -- it was probably sometime after 5:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. to
24 probably 5:45 p.m., and it was in reference to the suspicious people that had the red and
25 yellow Hi-Vis shirt on.

1 So I had reached out to [REDACTED], and I asked him to get some troopers, [REDACTED],
2 Trooper [REDACTED]. And I don't know if I said [REDACTED], but he was one of the
3 supervisors, and [REDACTED] is one of our undercover assets that was inside. So I was trying to
4 get -- well, I did get information to Joe to get somebody to [REDACTED]'s location.

5 And I saw [REDACTED], [REDACTED], both troopers, and a female driving a golf cart,
6 later to find out that she was Secret Service. I didn't know who she was at the time, but
7 they drove up to post five, and I think there, you know, they were able to speak with
8 Trooper [REDACTED] and got some information regarding the, you know, the suspicious
9 people.

10 But at that point, like, there was no -- I had no comms after 6 p.m. with [REDACTED].

11 Q Okay.

12 A I didn't hear anything over the radio.

13 But we were having a lot of phone -- we were having cell phone problems, too,
14 about that time. Like, it seems like phones were cutting out really bad, and I remember
15 Sergeant [REDACTED] that was behind the stage with me, he was moving around
16 trying to get, like, a signal for his phone to work. It seemed like the phones were in-op
17 at that time.

18 Q Yes, sir.

19 And then my last question: For the UIC members, I know that you mentioned
20 Trooper [REDACTED], but for the UIC members, you know, their whereabouts, were you posted
21 on their positioning during the day? I understand in Trooper [REDACTED]'s interview he had
22 directed them around 5:30 to go to -- they were at the Sheetz, but he directed them to go
23 towards the AGR building.

24 Do you recall being posted, being aware of those UIC movements that were
25 happening 5:30 or so in the afternoon?

1 A I had communicated with [REDACTED] at some point. It was probably -- I
2 remember a text that I tried to send out to him to get to [REDACTED]'s position, and it failed to
3 go through. So that's when I called [REDACTED]. But I knew that information got out
4 because I saw [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in that golf cart make it to post five. So when
5 they made it to post five, I knew that information had gotten out.

6 So to know exactly where the other two were, I don't know where they were at, at
7 that moment. Like, I left that up to [REDACTED] to utilize those two. I know in the
8 beginning we were going to utilize them outside, but it wasn't -- you know, there was no
9 specific area to say that they were going to be at the AGR complex or they could have
10 been on the other side over by Hyman Trucking or down on Buttercup, you know,
11 because most of the parking was off of Buttercup.

12 So, you know, their position would have been at the discretion of Trooper [REDACTED],
13 the intel officer with PSP that day.

14 Q Okay.

15 [REDACTED]. I just want for the record to add that our colleague, [REDACTED],
16 senior professional staff, has added -- has joined the call.

17 With that, we can go off the record for majority. Thank you very much. We're
18 going to take a short break, 5 minutes, and then rejoin. Thank you.

19 [REDACTED]. Why don't we take about a 10-minute break, and then the
20 minority will plan to go 60 minutes.

21 [REDACTED]. Ten works great. All right.

22 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

23 [Recess.]

24 [REDACTED]. All right. It is now 11:30. We will go back on the record.

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EXAMINATION

1 BY [REDACTED]:

2 Q Sir, I'm going to ask you a few background questions and then we'll jump
3 into the particular dates. A lot of the information we've covered already with the
4 majority's questions.

5 In your role with Pennsylvania State Police, is Butler a part of the area of
6 coverage?

7 A Butler County?

8 Q Yes.

9 A Yes. We cover the majority of Butler County where local law enforcements
10 don't cover.

11 Q And is it accurate that about half of the Butler farm grounds is exclusively
12 PSP jurisdiction?

13 A That is correct.

14 Q And you're from the area, right? Did you describe it as like kind of being
15 across the street?

16 A Yeah. I was surprised I said that at the congressional hearing, but, yes, I
17 live across the street. I've been called out on that already.

18 Q I'm sorry to bring it back up.

19 On a day-to-day basis, would PSP have, for lack of a better word, authority over
20 local law enforcement if there is some sort of infraction on jurisdiction in which both of
21 you have coverage?

22 A Well, it depends. If oversight in this situation where after the shooting
23 Butler Township -- like, we asked Butler Township if they wanted to handle the incident,
24 you know, from Crooks shooting from that rooftop. We probably already knew the
25 answer to that question, but yet, they had primary jurisdiction. So we asked them, you

1 know, what their intentions were, and they said for us to handle it.

2 So in some situations, there are a lot of local departments that will handle
3 incidents into that nature, but, you know, a lot of times, if we're requested to do so, we
4 will take over the investigation.

5 Q And sort of thinking about the rally on July 13th, was your role to be the PSP
6 site supervisor?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And would that include handling site prep?

9 A Yes.

10 Q What other duties did that entail?

11 A Well, I guess for -- again, PSP was in a request assist role. So once we met
12 with the local -- I guess with the Secret Service, we wanted to -- we would see what they
13 were requesting us to do, and once we took, you know, got those assignments, then we
14 would staff those assignments.

15 So I guess, being a supervisor, I guess with the captain out at that time, too, I was
16 also acting for the troop, which covers five counties for our troop. So I was the acting
17 commander, station commander -- not station commander, troop commander with her
18 absence. So I was setting up, you know, this planning for the event.

19 So anything that Secret Service was asking us, or resources, I was providing it, as
20 well as completing the ops plan and providing all the resources to cover, you know, our
21 task at hand.

22 Q Did you understand your role to be that when he thinking about patrol and
23 sort of security around the perimeter of the event, that you were the liaison between
24 Secret Service and local law enforcement? In other words, for Butler Sheriff's
25 Department and possibly BTPD, you would have been the one --

1 A No.

2 Q -- helping coordinate?

3 Okay. So how did that work out?

4 A Well, I guess with -- well, they had their representative. They had a
5 lieutenant from Butler Township that was present, [REDACTED]. So [REDACTED] was being
6 tasked with things in their primary jurisdiction, which would have included Meridian
7 Road, the back gate area coming into Brady Paul. And he said that he was having issues,
8 like, with some of the staffing, like getting people to work, you know, all the shifts that,
9 you know, were required.

10 The sheriff's department was a little bit different because, you know, with
11 the -- again, with the sheriffs in Pennsylvania, like, we -- they were coming in to provide
12 uniformed officers within the -- inside the venue, you know. And then we just
13 augmented them with our security line, I guess, like for the interior fence line.

14 So, you know, township had their responsibilities. You know, we had ours. Like
15 and, you know, Secret Service was top comm here. You know, we were just an assist
16 agency, which we provided what we were being asked of, and we offered up some
17 additional resources, which they declined, which, you know, I could have had a lot more
18 troopers there with our SERT team, but they only wanted our SERT team involved in the
19 motorcade, and they could have been involved in site security as well, which Secret
20 Service declined to utilize them.

21 Q So Butler Township Police Department, they were not sort of under your
22 umbrella. They were coordinating directly with Secret Service. Is that right?

23 A They had -- I think [REDACTED] -- I'm not sure where [REDACTED] was that day,
24 like, if he was -- I don't know if he was in -- like, if he was assigned or if he was in a
25 command post or mobile. But, you know, county had a representative in the command

1 post, and they could have communicated with them.

2 But I know I touched base with several Butler Township officers at the back gate
3 and Brady Paul, and they were not under my command. They were under their -- you
4 know, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] was, you know, their lieutenant, and, you know, their
5 comms should have went through the command post.

6 You know, I did ready something where it said, like, PSP was like the point of
7 contact for local, you know, for the command post. That's not true. You know, we had
8 our frequency. You know, they had their own, and they had a representative, you know,
9 from the county in the command post that should have been receiving things from them
10 and dispatching them almost like the motorcade. Like, they were listening to our
11 comms, you know, for the motorcade to come in, but they had a county person. I can't
12 think of his name. Hayes I think was his last name or [REDACTED]. It's [REDACTED].

13 Q [REDACTED].

14 A [REDACTED] was dispatching Butler Township to the intersections to, you
15 know, to watch when the motorcade came in. So, you know, PSP wasn't over them or
16 directing them. I mean, they were in their primary jurisdiction, which is Meridian Road.
17 That's all Butler Township. All the way up through Sheetz and north of there on
18 Benbrook Road up to Lions Road, that's all Butler Township. I mean, that's their primary
19 jurisdiction.

20 So to answer your question, I would say, no. Like, I was not over, you know, local
21 police in that aspect. We were all there as a request assist.

22 Q We'll talk more about that day and the interoperability that day.

23 A Okay.

24 Q But when thinking about the planning phase, is it fair to say that the sheriff's
25 department and their participation came under Pennsylvania State Police?

1 A I would say that they were -- we augmented them into our ops plan and our
2 role. Like, I had, you know, [REDACTED]. You know, he was pretty much in arm's reach
3 of me quite a bit that day. The sheriff, like, I could -- there was a lot of times when our
4 paths crossed, and there was many times where like I was on a golf cart or in a vehicle
5 with their chief deputy, [REDACTED].

6 So, you know, to say that I was over them, you know, I'm sure if we would have
7 had a response, that they would have, you know, did what they needed to do, but, you
8 know, their supervisors were onsite as well, you know. And I'm sure if they would have
9 been given direction from, you know, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], their chief, or [REDACTED], you
10 know, they would have acted upon their, you know, orders given.

11 But they were all told, you know, once -- you know, they were in a stationary
12 patrol to ensure that fence line, and then that's what they all did.

13 Q Did you meet with Secret Service in person outside of the three dates,
14 July 8th, July 9th, and July 11th?

15 A Yeah, I met with -- I met them. Some of the evenings I would swing by
16 there on my way home. And like, I know at the congressional hearing they asked a
17 question about, you know, the incident that took place there Friday night. So I was
18 there. You know, I would swing by through there in the mornings on my way to work.
19 I would drive through there at night.

20 And then Friday night I met with I think it was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the farm
21 show Friday evening for an incident that took place with people that were parking their
22 vehicles inside the fence line, which, you know, they had like an 8 o'clock curfew or
23 something where all these vendors were supposed to be in and out, and, you know, but
24 yet they were still filing through the gate.

25 So, you know, I did interact quite a bit with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that night. And, you

1 know, I think I left there -- I forget what time I left. It was probably after 8 p.m., but,
2 they, you know, they were there several hours later and, you know, working, I guess, at
3 the farm show.

4 Q Sure.

5 And was there ever an instance in the week leading up to the event in which you
6 were present and where there was discussion about placement for BTPD or the sheriff's
7 department and representatives from those entities were not present?

8 A Say that again.

9 Q Was there ever a situation in which you met with Secret Service and
10 personnel BTPD or the sheriff's department were discussed, their placement, what their
11 roles were, and there was not someone from BTPD or the sheriff's department present?

12 A You know, the only -- when we got there Tuesday for a little bit, I don't think
13 Butler Township was present for that meeting, you know, like that walk-through, but I
14 made sure I contacted [REDACTED], you know, for the Thursday meeting to make sure he was
15 going to be present for that Thursday walk-through.

16 You know, the sheriffs were, you know, basically with the communication that I
17 was having with [REDACTED], that he was going to provide those deputies to, you know,
18 like augment like the interior perimeter, you know, with State Police. So I think that's
19 where, you know, maybe those resources were being used, you know, and with our
20 troopers, you know, for the fence line.

21 I mean, if I didn't have those deputy sheriffs, they would have all been troopers in
22 those positions, but, you know, he was willing to offer up some uniformed officers to put
23 in those positions, which, you know, that helped us, you know, with the fence line and
24 having, you know, the roving patrols that I had with inside.

25 So to have any communication with them, you know, it would probably have just

1 been that Tuesday, but, you know, the sheriff's office was present but I don't think the
2 Butler Township. But when we walked around through there, like, there was no -- there
3 wasn't really any discussion about like who was going to -- you know, what assignments
4 anybody was having. So there would have been no, you know, posting anybody.

5 I had nothing to do with posting township out there at the, you know, Brady Paul
6 Lane. It was -- you know, [REDACTED] provided like -- he said, I have X number of
7 people. This is what I can do. And that's what they did, and, you know, we just
8 worked around what they were able to do.

9 Q Understood.

10 I want to talk to you briefly about the police meeting on that Monday, July 8th.

11 A Yes.

12 Q You mentioned earlier that you did not recall an instance in which anyone
13 from Secret Service invited local law enforcement into the security room. When you say
14 you don't recall, is that the same as you saying it did not happen, or are you saying, like, I
15 just don't recall it?

16 A Well, when I say I don't recall, like, I don't think that conversation occurred
17 because --

18 Q Got it.

19 A -- when they went through that PowerPoint presentation, like, to me I was
20 like, this isn't helping me any. You know what I mean? Like, I want to know -- I want
21 details. So then when we met in that breakout group, that's when I asked Agent [REDACTED].
22 I'm like is this a Q and A type format, because I've got a lot of questions. I want to know
23 where the stage is at. Like, I just started asking questions, and they didn't have any of
24 that information. So, you know, that was all going to come at a later date.

25 You know, and then Agent [REDACTED] asked, she said, well, how many troopers can you

1 provide? And then she asked that to township, and she asked that to, you know, the
2 sheriff's office. And to me, the only thing that that meeting was -- what information was
3 obtained at that meeting was they were looking for contact information. Everybody
4 exchanged their information, phone numbers, you know.

5 And then they just -- Agent [REDACTED] wrote down the numbers everybody would say,
6 like how many people were going to -- you know, that we could provide. And, you
7 know, that number -- like I -- you know, that number was thrown out there, but, like, I'm
8 not going to say 100 or 200 or 300 troopers because I don't even know what we were
9 being tasked with.

10 So, you know, I was just trying to get, you know, information, start planning, you
11 know, and that whole week for me was planning. Like, I didn't do anything other but
12 plan for that July 13th rally. Like, all my other work was pushed aside. I didn't do
13 nothing but plan and work on that ops plan.

14 Q You mentioned that there was noise at the July 8th meeting. Are you fairly
15 confident that, noise aside, you were able to hear everything that was discussed in the
16 security room and command post did not come up?

17 A Yeah, the only time that the noise became a factor is when we broke into
18 our groups, like the site group. You know, everybody broke into their assigned groups,
19 and that was like one of the first things I said was let's move to a different place in this
20 room.

21 So the noise was never a factor when we were discussing things because like
22 when [REDACTED] or when Agent [REDACTED] had her PowerPoint presentation, she had everybody's
23 attention. Nobody was talking. Everybody was paying attention to that, you know,
24 that PowerPoint, which, you know, if you had a copy of that PowerPoint, that would
25 probably -- you would probably answer a lot of questions, like what was covered.

1 But I don't recall anything in that PowerPoint saying anything about a command
2 post. And then once we broke out into our groups, you know, I quickly -- because I don't
3 hear well with background noise. So I was like, we need to move to a different part of
4 this room. So we moved to a different part of the room, and once we did that, I could
5 hear the discussion between [REDACTED], the sheriff, township, you know, everybody that was
6 in our group, Butler EMA. We were all there.

7 And that was a quick meeting, like a site meeting. It was once we passed out
8 information, it was very basic information. There was no details, no requests made
9 other than how many people can you provide, and then everybody left.

10 And then the three troopers, myself, Lieutenant [REDACTED], and then Lieutenant [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED], which was there for the previous meeting for Jill Biden, you know, after that, after
12 everybody had left, we went out into a conference room, and we sat there and started,
13 like, discussing, you know, like what was coming in a week.

14 Q At the police meeting on July 8th, do you recall any local law enforcement
15 expressing concerns about their ability to have staffing available?

16 A No, I don't think anything at that time. Like, I know later in the week [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED] was saying he was having issues like staffing. Like, I know that they were having
18 some manpower issues at Butler Township. So I know he was having issues, you know,
19 even giving it out on overtime. Like, he couldn't fill some of his shifts, I guess, with
20 overtime for that rally. I think his zones were covered, but he was just having a hard
21 time getting people, you know, to cover.

22 [REDACTED] later in the week, the sheriff, he asked me if we were paying overtime
23 for the rally, and I think I had said at first we weren't paying overtime, like up front, but,
24 like, in the back end, there could be overtime. Like, I had a lot of people volunteer to do
25 this. I didn't have any issues getting people, manpower for this. I mean, troopers were

1 stepping up, changing their schedule, doing what they needed to do, you know, to make
2 this happen, which was fortunate for us.

3 But like once he -- I guess he was getting some pushback from some of the county
4 officials, and he ended up cutting his number. You know, but in the end, like, it didn't
5 matter. I still had plenty of troopers to cover some of his vacancies, and I still had
6 enough to, you know, provide what we were being tasked with.

7 Q Moving on to the 9th, you mentioned that you guys briefly visited the Butler
8 farm grounds and that you went and they had a stage. At that point --

9 A No.

10 Q -- was the group -- well, you said that you went near the stage area.

11 A It was just a grass -- [REDACTED] was -- [REDACTED], when we stood down there in an
12 open field, she said this is probably where the stage is going to be.

13 Q Okay. So at that point, you guys discussed where the likely location of the
14 stage would be?

15 A Yes. Yes.

16 Q Do you recall talking to anybody from the campaign staff about what
17 resources would be available based off your 2020 experience?

18 A I spoke to [REDACTED], and I just assumed he was the campaign manager
19 or, you know, for that site. So he asked -- he was showing interest or needed a flag, and
20 I said, I can get you a flag.

21 And then I ended up sharing with him multiple images of equipment that was
22 used in the 2020 rally. So there was banners, flags. So I put him in contact with [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED]. I gave him [REDACTED]'s information. [REDACTED] said that he could provide some of the
24 same equipment, banners. He could have stuff made on short notice. Like, he could
25 provide any and all of this equipment, and so I put them in contact.

1 And I followed up with it, too. So I reached out to [REDACTED] one time in
2 person. I think that was probably Thursday. It had to be Thursday because [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED] was with us, too. So Thursday evening or Thursday late afternoon. And I also
4 texted [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] had said that [REDACTED] didn't have the right size flag or
5 something, and he commented that the equipment was too large, too big for the venue.

6 Q And do you recall what the purposes of the equipment would have been?
7 Was it for line of sight? Like, what would the use have been for?

8 A I was a little concerned about some of the fence line, like especially up front.
9 Like, when they didn't want to close -- when I say they, Secret Service. When they didn't
10 want to close 68, I was concerned about traffic driving by. So I was thinking that, you
11 know, that would be a good place for, you know, some equipment to be put in front of I
12 guess the fence line there between post one -- I guess one and two and then three.

13 So between the main gate and three there would have been -- you know, put
14 something there that would block -- not saying that it was line of sight because that's a
15 little bit of a high ground there. So if you're on 68 looking towards the stage, the stage
16 is sitting pretty low. But still, driving by, I was a little bit concerned about that.

17 And then I was just concerned about like people driving through. You know, I
18 wasn't so much concerned about the high ground. Not that I had anything to do with
19 the high ground, but I thought that Secret Service is, you know, onsite, you know, high
20 ground, you know. They would have the high ground.

21 But I was concerned about vehicles. So if you think about those roads being
22 open and, you know, traffic driving by, you know, a quick turn and here you come. You
23 know, you could come through that fence and drive it right down into that crowd.

24 So my thought was putting more of the equipment along, you know, the fence
25 line. Like if, you know -- because they had talked about having all of this farm

1 equipment, you know, and I don't recall exactly how many pieces of apparatus they had,
2 you know, down on that -- you know, the stage area, but, you know, maybe four at the
3 most.

4 And, you know, they had that one combine up top there between the two, but it
5 was my understanding that, you know, that whole area was going to be -- you know,
6 there wasn't going to be any line of sight with farm equipment. There was a jumbotron
7 that was discussed, and I don't think that was set up. You know, there was a lot of stuff
8 that lacked, you know, that they had mentioned that they were bringing or trying to set
9 up, you know, that, you know, never happened.

10 Q And the area you're talking about, would that have been between the rally
11 location and the AGR complex?

12 A Well, there was discussion between Secret Service and the campaign.
13 There was discussion about -- they kept talking about this photo op, and it was like, you
14 know, at one point the photo op was going to be like towards the pond side, and then it
15 was going to be up on the AGR side, and then they were going to move, like, farm
16 equipment up by the AGR side, and then they were going to move it down. It was
17 almost like a mobile command post. Like, they couldn't figure out where they wanted
18 that mobile command post.

19 So, you know, that thing moved multiple times, you know, and I don't know, like,
20 who was making that call, if it was Secret Service or if it was the campaign trying to -- you
21 know, they were concerned about this photo op, you know, having the farm equipment,
22 you know, set up in the background for a photo. And that's what -- you know, but my
23 understanding was there was going to be a lot more equipment set up on either side of
24 that stage, you know, and there wasn't.

25 And that's where [REDACTED] were to come into play. Like, I gave them a

1 resource that they could have utilized, and he was more than willing to bring that stuff.
2 And, you know, I was just going off of what [REDACTED] told me. Like, I don't even know if [REDACTED]
3 was actually contacted or not, but, you know, Phil said the equipment was too big, and he
4 didn't have the flag, you know.

5 And that's called the farm show. You know, there's a lot of farm apparatus and
6 equipment that come in there for a small fair that they have. So I don't see how the
7 equipment that [REDACTED] was going to offer up, why it would have been too big to bring in
8 there. They brought that one combine in. That's a pretty large piece of equipment.
9 So, you know, why couldn't they have brought more of that stuff in?

10 So back to your question. You know, thinking of, you know, it's the fence line
11 that -- it wasn't foot traffic that had me concerned. It was vehicle traffic. So, you
12 know, like it was -- there weren't that many cement barriers.

13 You know, like, you know, I offered up -- like I even brought to [REDACTED]'s attention the
14 one night, it was Thursday night -- I say night but Thursday evening, but I had mentioned
15 about getting something from [REDACTED] to put at the main gate. Like, I wanted to choke
16 that down a little bit to prevent, you know, just traffic. You know, even -- because
17 you're trying to block that main gate with a couple vehicles and people standing. You
18 know, it wasn't -- to me, it wasn't that secured.

19 So, you know, by putting some type of a trailer or, you know, a piece of apparatus
20 there that would prevent vehicles from coming through there would have been a lot
21 securer than just, you know, a patrol vehicle. So, you know, that was offered up, too.

22 And, you know, [REDACTED], he didn't seem like he wanted that and kind of walked away
23 from me. And, like, what do you do? We had been bringing up resources the entire
24 week, you know, utilizing different things, and not one thing that we offered up was
25 utilized.

1 Q So when thinking about you guys are back at the barracks, and I understand
2 that you said that there was the agents there but also some local law enforcement there.
3 Is that right?

4 A Where was this at?

5 Q When you guys -- on July 9th, when you guys went back to the barracks.

6 A Yeah, there was -- it was Secret Service agents, all three, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and
7 [REDACTED]. And it was Lieutenant [REDACTED] and myself, and I'm almost confident [REDACTED]
8 was there because I know that the sheriff -- I'm pretty sure the sheriff was there. And
9 then there was three people from Butler EMA, and it was [REDACTED]. He's with the
10 hazmat team with the county. And then there was the supervisor for 911 Butler County,
11 [REDACTED], was there and another manager from 911, [REDACTED].

12 Q And we've gone over some about what you guys were doing, and I think you
13 mentioned that there was a map that you all created. I want to share an image of a
14 map, which I will label as minority exhibit B.

15 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit No. B
16 was marked for identification.]

17 BY [REDACTED]:

18 Q And I just wonder if you can tell me if this is the map that you have in mind?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Are you able to see it?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Is that the map?

23 A Yes.

24 Q So and it looks like there is red on it. Is that the red that you would have
25 drawn in?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And there are a few -- you mentioned earlier in your testimony there were
3 like a few patrol cars posted. I'm seeing some images of what looks like cars. Is that
4 what you're talking about?

5 A Yeah, Lieutenant [REDACTED] was running the computer at this time, so he
6 was -- as we were looking at, like, the fence line and stuff and just, like, dropping in cars
7 where, you know, like some of those -- you know, like we would put some cars I guess for
8 the walk-through on Thursday.

9 Q And I understand, having listened to the recording that you have from your
10 interview with PSP, that Secret Service was not as familiar with this, but you were very
11 familiar. So were you and [REDACTED] sort of telling them where the perimeter should be?

12 A No, we didn't tell them where the perimeter was. We were just -- this was
13 the farm show, and we were showing them where -- like, there was an interior and an
14 exterior fence. So we were, more or less, like showing them the -- like an aerial
15 overview of the farm show. Like, we -- no, we didn't tell them where the perimeter was
16 at. We were just showing them the property line for the farm show.

17 Q There is a 1 indicated here. You can sort of see where my mouse is
18 pointing. Is that where the stage was supposed to be?

19 A No, that's our FOP lodge.

20 Q Okay.

21 A Yeah, the stage is -- I'm sorry. Go ahead.

22 Q No, I'm sorry. You can go ahead, sir.

23 A No, just in front of the -- you can see where that ESU 1 barn, and then like in
24 the field area in front to the left of that is where the stage was going to be.

25 Q So at this point, when you all are at the barracks, there has been testimony

1 that there were agents. In particular, [REDACTED] recalls a discussion -- and I know you
2 covered this earlier today -- that there was a discussion about AGR, and you said
3 something to the effect that it would be like lockdown and sort of off limits for folks.
4 And [REDACTED] has recalled the same thing.

5 Do you think there's any possibility there was a miscommunication, that there was
6 some other discussion that happened?

7 A No. No. I never -- I read that part where I said I contacted the owner, and
8 it was going to be secured and posted. And back to my statement earlier, like, there
9 would have been no reason for me to reach out to AGR prior to this July 9th meeting
10 because I didn't even know where our assignments were going to be. You know, I didn't
11 even know where the stage was going to be.

12 So if you think about the stage being over on the runway side of this property, like,
13 why would AGR even be in play? Like, I never said I would cover that, and it's not even
14 in our primary jurisdiction.

15 So looking at that map, too, I don't want you to be confused thinking that that
16 EMA and Fire LE parking is up there at the AGR. There's a line that goes down behind
17 the barns, and that's where we were going to park EMA and Fire LE parking. It was
18 discussed at that point like maybe parking behind that one barn area.

19 And Secret Service couldn't even say, like, for sure if that was going to happen
20 because they weren't even sure which way the motorcade was going to come in. You
21 know, like, it was going to come up Brady Paul, and then it was going to make a right and
22 then a left and then it was going to go into the barn.

23 And then another, at some point, they said it was going to come straight past the
24 FOP lodge up to -- through the gate and then make a right into the tinted area. Like,
25 even like going through that whole week, I didn't even know which way the motorcade

1 was going to -- once it turned onto Brady Paul, I wasn't sure how it was going to get to the
2 stage. So, you know, that changed multiple times.

3 But back to that AGR building, it was never mentioned to me to cover that
4 building, and if I would have been asked to cover it, I had the resources. We could have
5 walked over there, which they never asked to walk over there and look at that building.
6 And even when we walked that property on July 11th, like, we walked right past that
7 fence line, and they never said anything about me putting a car over there. It did not
8 happen.

9 Like, I had the resources. I would have put people over there. I would have
10 reached out to Butler Township, you know, and it would have happened. Like, it did not
11 happen at all.

12 And when I say that -- when they're saying like July 9th, that took place July 9th,
13 like, there was no reason for me to reach out to any business around that whole property
14 because there was no indication, planning, or anything to where I would have been -- or I
15 would have known that like where the stage was going to be, where the parking was
16 going to be, where any of that was going to be. Like, that wasn't -- I didn't have that
17 information.

18 So why would I have reached out to anybody to see, you know, like, who was
19 closing what or what was going to be open or securing anything. Like, I was waiting for
20 additional information from Secret Service to let me know what needed to be done so I
21 could do it.

22 And if we would have been asked to secure that, that would have taken place. If
23 they would have taken us up on our SERT team, that probably would have been secured,
24 but they declined to use our SERT team. They stuck with Butler ESU, and they did not
25 use our SERT team.

1 Q So just to be clear, did you mention AGR at all on July 9th to [REDACTED] and
2 [REDACTED] ?

3 A If I mentioned anything about AGR, I probably said that the company was
4 not going to allow parking at their site, and that was it. The only thing I knew from
5 social media -- if you look down at the bottom, right there at the Google at the bottom of
6 that map is a large -- it's a Catholic church, St. Conrad's, and I had mentioned that St.
7 Conrad's -- and it was either Tuesday or Thursday. I don't know which day it was, but
8 there was discussion about AGR not allowing people to park at their facility, and the
9 church wasn't going to allow people to park at their facility. That was all.

10 I never said anything about posting a car. And, you know, they were so adamant
11 about walking that property line to see where all those postings were going to be. If
12 they wanted a PSP car there, don't you think that they would have walked over there and
13 looked at that building to see, like, what they had over there at that site? That was
14 never offered. We never walked over there. It was never mentioned. Nothing.
15 Like, we had no responsibility at that AGR building. It was never asked for us to go over
16 there.

17 Q So they didn't ask you to do anything with AGR on that Tuesday, July 9th.
18 And from what you recall, to the extent you made any comments, it would have been
19 about parking at the site. Is that right?

20 A Yeah, if there were -- like I -- there was probably -- I know [REDACTED] was
21 there on Thursday, and he was aware of, like, the parking at AGR so -- but I'm pretty sure,
22 like, I probably had mentioned that as well like through our discussion about parking, but
23 just like small talk.

24 I was saying like there were a lot of businesses around the farm show that
25 was -- they were capitalizing on this. They were charging people to park. And, you

1 know, the AGR building could have did the same. St. Conrads could have did the same.
2 But, you know, there were some businesses that opted to close their parking instead of
3 leaving it open and, you know, and capitalizing on this rally.

4 But at no point at all ever was I ever asked to secure the AGR building ever. Like,
5 if I would have -- and here's the other thing, too. Lieutenant [REDACTED], the only time that
6 lieutenant [REDACTED] and I were separated was when he was with the motorcade group on
7 Monday at that meeting. And then after that, every meeting that we did here at site, it
8 was either two troopers or three. It was [REDACTED], myself, and [REDACTED] on
9 Thursday, and it was [REDACTED] and myself on Tuesday.

10 Like, the entire time we never separated. I was never one on one with, you
11 know, Secret Service. Like, we went back to the barracks. We drew this map up. We
12 drew the fence line. Like, there was never any discussion about covering the AGR
13 building.

14 If that would have -- if they would have brought that up, I would have said, you
15 know, first of all, that's Butler Township's jurisdiction. You know, we would run that by
16 them first to see if they could cover it or if they -- you know, but, like, that was -- and if
17 they couldn't, we would have.

18 Like, I offered to bring up additional troopers, you know, to this site, and they
19 declined to utilize our SERT team, which is a tier one SERT team, you know, equipped with
20 everything, and all they were utilized for was the motorcade. That's it.

21 Q So a few follow-up questions, and I promise we're going to move on soon.

22 A You're good.

23 Q How did you know that the AGR parking lot would be off limits? Who told
24 you that?

25 A It was probably -- I think it posted on social media. Like, I wasn't -- I saw it,

1 heard it from somebody else, like -- and here's the thing, though, too. Like, I know
2 people that work at that facility. If I was tasked with doing something over there, I
3 would have called them. You know, I would have went over there. It would have been
4 so easy for me. I could have walked there from my house, you know what I mean, and
5 discussed it with them.

6 I was never tasked with the AGR building, so I never went there. Like, I never
7 went there and discussed anything.

8 And even to the point where like Saturday morning my -- we had people that met
9 at my house, and they were going to walk over to the rally. I said, you have two options.
10 You can go up Meridian Road, cut through the AGR building complex, walk down 68,
11 come in that gate. But I said, if you do that, you're going to have to walk down through
12 that gate, and you're going to have to pass everybody that's in line and get in line.

13 I said, you're better off to go -- you know, cut through Deer Run, cut through the
14 base property, drop down onto Buttercup, and then walk up in the back way. That was
15 the other option. So if I would have known that was going to be a secured area, like,
16 why would I tell my family to you walk through there on Saturday morning.

17 Q And did you -- and, look, I understand that you were not asked to secure
18 AGR. I take your testimony for what it is.

19 A question about you understood that the parking lot would be off limits. Did
20 you understand that the facility would be locked that day?

21 A No. I just took that as when AGR was closing their parking, it was closing at
22 the parking. That's how I took it. That's all I took it, that they weren't going to allow
23 people to park on their property.

24 Q So you didn't know whether AGR would have been open for its employees,
25 for example?

1 A True. Oh, yeah. I don't know that. And in the end, after all this took
2 place, like, I think that they did have some employees. There was a Harley motorcycle
3 that was there that was detained, and we wouldn't let it -- you know, we held it at the
4 property until our investigation was over. That was -- that ended up being an employee
5 of AGR.

6 So, you know, even though it was closed, they were still -- I think there were still
7 some vehicles that were parked over there, and they were probably AGR employees.

8 Q So as far as you're concerned, you may have talked about the parking lot
9 being off limits, but you did not -- there is no chance that you discussed the building being
10 off limits. Is that right?

11 A That is true. Because if the parking -- there was information that was being
12 put out there about the parking not being allowed at the AGR building, and I don't know if
13 that was Tuesday or Thursday, but there was information that they weren't going to allow
14 people to park there.

15 But at no point was I ever asked to secure that property. If I was asked to secure
16 that, we would have walked over there. I would have made phone calls. First, I would
17 have checked with Butler Township and then the ownership there, and I would have put
18 police tape around that whole place, and I would have parked a car or multiple cars over
19 there because that space is too big for one car to sit there and monitor.

20 And it was never asked. It was never asked.

21 [REDACTED]: My colleague has a brief question.

22 [REDACTED]: Yes.

23 BY [REDACTED]:

24 Q Hi, Lieutenant [REDACTED]. My name is [REDACTED]. I'm with the minority as
25 well. I just have one quick question. It's along the same lines. I'm sorry to beat the

1 point all the way into the ground.

2 A No, you're good.

3 Q But this question of who said what has been challenging, and there have
4 been memories that sort of tangle up on each other. We just want to be crystal clear.
5 To the best of your recollection, it is possible that a remark was made by yourself about
6 there being no parking at AGR. I think I got that part clearly. Is that right?

7 A That is -- it was -- yes. I'll say that if anything was mentioned on Tuesday, it
8 was either Tuesday or Thursday that probably came up that AGR was not allowing people
9 to park on their property.

10 Q I got it.

11 And I also got it crystal clear that at no point where you asked to secure AGR. I
12 heard that correctly a few times. Is that right?

13 A That is correct.

14 Q Great.

15 And my last piece is: To the best of your recollection, you did not make a
16 comment to Agents [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] that the AGR building would be locked, secured, or
17 posted. You have no recollection of any one of those possible comments. Is that
18 right?

19 A It was never made.

20 Q It was never said. Okay.

21 A I never made that.

22 And I think I expressed why that would have never been made because they said I
23 said that on July 9th. And, again, July 9th I had no idea where that stage was going to
24 be. So why would I have reached out to the ownership of AGR building?

25 Q For sure.

1 And putting the owner aside for a moment, I'll just repeat it. You have no
2 recollection of making a comment that AGR would be locked, posted, or secured, any of
3 those three. Is that right?

4 A That is correct. I never made that comment, never.

5 Q Okay. That's it. I just wanted to avoid any confusion in the future.
6 Thank you.

7 A Okay. Yep.

8 BY [REDACTED]:

9 Q All right. Sir, we're going to talk about Thursday, July 11th, but before we
10 do, I think July 10th was a light day as far as interaction with Secret Service, but I just
11 want to make sure we cover it out of an abundance of caution.

12 You mentioned that you checked in with your major, [REDACTED], that day. Is
13 that right?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Was there anything else with regard -- any meetings, any discussions about
16 July 13th that you had on July 10th with Secret Service or any local law enforcement?

17 A No, I don't recall any -- having any communication with Secret Service on
18 Wednesday. I don't recall anything.

19 Q How about local law enforcement?

20 A I mean, if there was -- I mean, I spoke to [REDACTED] a few times off and on
21 but, like -- but nothing for the planning. You know, there was some communication
22 with -- they were looking for, like, members, like, if we have family or friends or people
23 that they could -- you know, like for VIP passes. Like, I don't know when those texts or
24 emails went out, but, you know, there was nothing pertaining to planning that I recall
25 that was outside of just speaking to Major [REDACTED] on Wednesday.

1 Q So you didn't talk to local law enforcement about the rally that day either?

2 A I don't recall. I don't know if I did or not. Like, I mean, [REDACTED] and I
3 spoke a few times but that was off and on throughout the week. I'm not sure when
4 [REDACTED] and I spoke. I mean, there was always calls and emails, text, or something
5 going back and forth.

6 But I know I sent an email out to [REDACTED]. That was probably on
7 Thursday, like showing him the post, you know, just to get information of names and
8 contact information for people that they were going to provide, you know, for the
9 surrounding area, that fence line.

10 I'm not sure when [REDACTED] emailed me back or texted me regarding, like, he
11 was going to have to cut his numbers. But like to say, like, if that was Wednesday or
12 Thursday, I don't recall.

13 Q Right.

14 So talking about Thursday, July 11th, we understand that the meeting, the
15 walk-through was scheduled for 10 a.m. What time did you arrive?

16 A I was -- if it was at 10 a.m., I was there before 10 a.m. because whenever
17 that meeting was, I met with -- there was like -- I guess they call them fire police in
18 Pennsylvania. He's out of Connoquenessing. So he wanted to walk with us and, you
19 know, and I didn't feel that he had the security clearance to walk that, you know,
20 property with us. He was just basically going to work with traffic control on the 68 west
21 side, the farm show. So I answered all his questions beforehand, and then once he was
22 satisfied, we started our meeting.

23 So I met with him first, and it was right there at the main gate, and everybody else
24 was present, standing there, and ready to go, but we had to deal with him first.

25 Q And you said when you're walking around, you're walking with [REDACTED],

1 ██████ There may have been somebody from Butler ESU. Was ██████ and ██████ with
2 your walk-through as well?

3 A I'm pretty sure ██████ was there. I know ██████ was because I -- and ██████
4 was there because ██████ -- ██████ was the one pointing out, like, where she wanted a
5 post. And I know ██████ was there because I remember her walking in that clear area
6 along the interior fence, and, you know, the grass was wet.

7 And I'm pretty sure ██████ was there, too. And then Lieutenant ██████ and then
8 Major ██████ and there was somebody -- there was a local police department. And
9 ██████ was there as well from the sheriff's office. But, like, thinking back who
10 that local police officer was, like, I don't know who he was, and I'm going to assume that
11 he was with Butler ESU.

12 Q And was your understanding that ██████ was your point of contact when
13 talking to Secret Service about where the postings would be along the perimeter?

14 A Yeah, she was the one that was -- she was the one that was identifying each
15 position. So when we walked that fence line, she would say, like -- I forget if it was like a
16 car here or a post here, but she was indicating exactly where she wanted the stationary
17 patrol. And I was marking down numbers on that map that you shared -- or that map
18 right there that we're looking at so --

19 That's not the actual map. I provided that map. There is a map that has
20 numbers that -- no. It was pencil. Like, I was writing in with a pen and I -- there was a
21 map that as we walked that property line, I would write a one, a two, a three, a four, and
22 that map was provided.

23 Q So you mentioned earlier that you were not asked to cover the outside of
24 the AGR complex or anything beyond the perimeter, and had you been asked, you would
25 have been able to put a patrol vehicle, or it sounds like multiple patrol vehicles. Would

1 those have been PSP vehicles or Butler Township vehicles?

2 A No. If we would have been asked to secure that, I would have checked
3 with Butler Township first. If Butler Township -- you know, like, in the end, it probably
4 would have been PSP knowing that what they were tasked with or some of the challenges
5 Butler Township was having, you know, but like thinking -- I can't say for sure, like, where
6 our SERT team would have been utilized at.

7 But, you know, like, if they would have come to this party, we would have had a
8 lot more troopers and assets to utilize. But, you know, they didn't want to use them,
9 but once we were tasked with that interior perimeter, like, I had extra people. I didn't
10 need anybody else.

11 So if you think about -- you know, if I would have specifically been asked or tasked
12 or PSP was to cover that because of manpower, yes, I would have put multiple troopers at
13 that site. And if AGR would have been contacted and they didn't want people along that
14 fence line, like, we could have taped off that whole area with police tape, and we
15 wouldn't have allowed anybody.

16 If you think about the rally on October 5th, you know, our SERT team utilized the
17 parking area for the AGR building. So our SERT team parked their vehicles. We had
18 our drone operators there. We had multiple SERT assets at that location. So, you
19 know, that whole perimeter property was closed, you know, for the 5th.

20 But, you know, when those resources were offered up to use, and they weren't
21 offered up for the AGR building. I just offered up our SERT team because I wasn't
22 familiar with Butler ESU, and I asked to utilize our SERT team because we were able
23 to -- you know, we knew how they communicated. You know, we're on similar
24 frequencies. We know how they train. We know most of them by face. Like, it's
25 easy for us to interact and work with our SERT team because we're familiar with them,

1 and they're familiar with us.

2 But, you know, when Butler ESU was invited to this, you know, at some point, like,
3 I think it was Thursday, they, Lieutenant [REDACTED] from Butler Township asked me to
4 sign a form requesting ESU to this rally because they needed it for funding. And I said,
5 I'm not signing that.

6 Like, you know, if I was going to request a TAC team, I would request our own TAC
7 team or our SERT team. And [REDACTED] is like, I thought you would say that. So he
8 pulled out a form underneath, you know, that had his name on it and not my name on it,
9 and he signed it.

10 But, you know, like, we offered up additional resources that could have been
11 utilized for that particular role, but, you know, they were comfortable using ESU and, you
12 know, and they used them. Like, we had nothing to do with that AGR building.
13 Nothing.

1 [12:18 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q So speaking of [REDACTED] from were BTPD, he remembered pretty clearly,
4 at least from his perspective, that you asked him about putting a patrol vehicle in a AGR
5 parking lot and that he immediately told you he wasn't able to. Do you recall that
6 conversation?

7 A No, I don't recall that. And if it was a discussion between [REDACTED] and I and he
8 wasn't able to do that, like, you know, the request never came from Secret Service to post
9 anybody over there or secure that.

10 Q Okay.

11 A Like, it was -- we were not asked to secure that property.

12 Q And just to sort of do my own clarification. I asked you if you recalled it,
13 would be comfortable saying that that conversation did not happen that you did not
14 approach him about a patrol vehicle in a parking lot? I'm sorry?

15 A I'm just thinking. Like, I'm trying to think if -- why [REDACTED] and I would have
16 had that conversation, like -- and if it did, it probably would have happened on maybe
17 Thursday or Friday -- well, I didn't see him on Friday, so Thursday or Saturday. But, you
18 know, at the planning part, like, yeah -- I mean, why -- I guess the question would be, like,
19 why would he have asked -- why would that discussion have taken place between [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED] and I.

21 Q Yeah. And that's what we're trying to sort out. So his position is that you
22 approached him about the patrol vehicle in the parking lot. He told you he could not do
23 it, but that's the last he heard of it and that he thinks this was on Thursday.

24 A On Thursday? Okay. Yeah, I don't -- when I say recall, like I don't
25 recall -- I don't recall that conversation. Like, I don't see why we would have had that

1 conversation unless Secret Service, like, may have asked him but, like, we would
2 not -- like, if that conversation were to come up that [REDACTED] would have -- if there was
3 discussion about covering the AGR Building and he did not have a car to take that
4 position, I had a car to put in that position, like, I had people and I could have gotten more
5 people. Like, I had our major area one, major [REDACTED] had told me, like me after
6 we did the walk-through he was right there with us in Secret Service, and he was like how
7 are you doing on manpower or, you know, something along those lines. And he's like, if
8 we need to pull people from other troops, we can. And I'm, like, we'd good. If this is
9 all they want, we're good and that's what I told him that day after our walk around on
10 Thursday.

11 Q And just to be clear, I anticipate your answer before the record, on July 11th,
12 Secret Service did not approach you about securing the outside of the AGR complex?

13 A No.

14 Q In other words beyond the fence?

15 A No, no, never.

16 Q Do you recall any discussion about putting up opaque fencing between the
17 AGR complex and the rally?

18 A There was -- someone had mentioned that after the fact. Like, I don't know
19 who -- like, they said, like, during the planning or something on Thursday, like, that might
20 have been with that Jumbotron and some of the equipment or something that there was
21 supposed to be some stuff up along that fence and that was something else. I don't
22 recall that particular device -- or not device, but I guess material being put up. But, like,
23 there was discussion about, like, having additional things set up along the stage area, you
24 know, that would have prevented any line of sight, you know, from surrounding areas to
25 the stage. But even going back to July 9th, like, when we stood up there on that

1 property, you know, right there where that stage was at, like, Secret Service was never,
2 never -- they never mentioned anything about the AGR Building that, you know, when we
3 were standing down there. There was no discussion whatsoever about the AGR
4 Building. It was all, like over towards Fortieth Street and the pond, you know, like, over
5 by the hangars.

6 [REDACTED], that was the only thing that she could -- you know, she
7 picked -- like, she was looking at those two line of sight areas going towards the hangars
8 and then over by, you know, between the first pole building and the FOP lodge there was,
9 like an area back by -- I guess it's a cul-de-sac Fortieth Street. So she was a little
10 concerned about those two areas. But, like, she never mentioned the AGR Building, like,
11 it was never -- it was never brought up.

12 Q And also related to the AGR complex, were you ever told that Butler ESU
13 would be responsible for securing the AGR complex?

14 A No, the only -- [REDACTED], Lieutenant [REDACTED] -- again, I have
15 testified to this, like it was on a Thursday or a Saturday morning or something. He had
16 mentioned that there was two counter sniper teams from ESU that was going to be
17 securing, like, or inside the building over at the AGR Building. And that was the first and
18 only time I knew that Butler ESU was going to have assets over in that area. Like, I was
19 at none of their meetings. I was not at their tach meeting.

20 I did not have any communication with any of their members. I knew nothing
21 about their planning or, like, where they were going to be posted or anything until I got in
22 that golf cart the morning, the Saturday morning on the 13th. And I was driving around
23 with Sergeant [REDACTED] and he goes, look at this. It's a laminated map of the farm show
24 and it has all their, like, their locations. And later it was actually posted in the FOP lodge
25 too so they had a big map in their posting, like, all their locations. So prior to that, I had

1 no idea where Butler ESU was going to be posted.

2 And -- oh, I'm sorry. And going back to some of their, like, some of the, like, on
3 that one map you showed earlier it had like ESU there and that one barn. Like, even
4 their CAT or I guess they were referring to them as CAT team or something but like a react
5 team. But they moved around a lot too. And that was just like Secret Service talking
6 amongst themselves, they were going to be here, they are going to be there. That was
7 no concern of ours.

8 It was just -- like, they were saying, like, they we're going to be in these positions.
9 And I was more concerned about, like, when in our -- what we were being tasked with
10 the -- behind that barn when they kept talking about ESU was coming with 25, you know,
11 people, I was like -- I was telling [REDACTED], I'm like, where are any going to park all
12 their vehicles? Because if they bring 25 plus vehicles, of their personal vehicles, because
13 I don't know what they drive or what they have, you know, of resources.

14 So I said, if I'm going to go have 25 additional vehicles behind that barn, like, that's
15 going to cause a problem with the troopers and the sheriff's deputies that I have in that
16 back part of the farm show. Because to me, I'm trying to keep that space open so that
17 they can monitor really anybody trying to get through that fence line.

18 So, you know, I was like -- and they were like, oh, no, they are meeting over at the
19 Meridian Volunteer Fire Department or station three and they are going to meet up and
20 gear up and they are going to drive their armored vehicles over to the site.

21 So, you know, I wasn't part of any of their planning. I just -- you know, I
22 just -- when I heard 25 members I'm, like, one, where are they getting 25 members?
23 And how many additional vehicles am I going to have parked behind this barn because I'm
24 trying to keep this space open.

25 Q I want to direct to Friday, July 12th. Do you recall talking to [REDACTED]

1 about -- telling her that your PSP troopers would do rounds or someone, patrol officers to
2 do rounds that night and that morning to make sure that the area was secure?

3 A I -- they were there when there was -- the campaign had hired security and
4 they were there from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. And I don't know if it was, like, two to three
5 nights, like, going on in and then the night of the rally they showed up after all this took
6 place.

7 They showed up Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. So, you know, I think they were
8 there primarily to watch the gear and stuff from, you know, the campaign, what they
9 were setting up there at the stage and stuff. And I had informed them that, you know,
10 the security people I said, if any -- if there's any issues -- because they had vehicles
11 parking, you know, that night and that's why I went over there because [REDACTED] -- I guess it
12 was [REDACTED] that had called and said that, you know, somebody was parked and they had
13 given her a hard time.

14 So I went over and found the registered owner of the vehicle. He ended up
15 being a staffer for the campaign. And I instructed the security people if there were any
16 vehicles parked within -- you know, inside the fence line after everything was locked
17 down and stuff, to call us and they said we would send our midnight troopers over, you
18 know, to drive through or handle anything that needed to take place.

19 So, you know, troopers -- our midnight troopers were aware of the situation.
20 And, you know, like, there was foot traffic and people trying to walk through. And, you
21 know, I can't say -- well, I know that morning when I came in Saturday morning and I
22 asked if things were quiet over there.

23 And our dispatcher said, yes, we don't have anything overnight but we're starting
24 to have traffic, some traffic issues on Buttercup. You know, that was probably around 7
25 a.m. on Saturday morning. So, you know, the midnighters didn't respond over for

1 anything that night.

2 Q Do you also recall on Friday there was an instance in which [REDACTED] and one
3 of the campaign staffers had a discussion and that the campaign staffer took off? Do
4 you know what I'm talking about there?

5 A Oh, yeah.

6 Q Can you tell me a bit about that?

7 A Yeah, when I got over there, there was a lot of -- I guess they had vendors
8 that were coming in. Like, they were letting them come in and set up, the campaign.
9 They were setting up, like, different areas of the -- like, pretty much probably the 68 side
10 of the -- none of the vendors over on the runway.

11 Like, that was like a free for all over there on that runway area. They were
12 setting up pretty early. But the ones that were getting inside the perimeter.

13 [REDACTED] was -- she seemed like she was really upset about the people coming in.
14 And she said they are not -- she said, who's vetting these people? And she called
15 somebody from the campaign and this kid come up on a motor -- a golf cart. He pulls up
16 and he goes, I'm vetting these people. And she goes you're not vetting anybody.

17 And he goes, I'm vetting them. And he drives away. He goes back down to the
18 stage. So, you know, the campaign was not -- had he were not up there. You know,
19 none of their volunteers, nobody was up there checking to see who was coming in or who
20 was allowed. You know, these vendors were coming in setting up their, you know,
21 different -- I don't know if it was food or like drinks or whatnot, but they were setting up,
22 you know, their equipment and nobody was vetting these people coming through the
23 gate.

24 There was lot of vehicles parked there too so and that ended up being all staffers.
25 And, you know, that's what prompted the call. That's why I stopped over there because

1 [REDACTED] had approached one of the cars and this kid had given her a hard time and he got
2 up and walked away.

3 But when I found the registered owner of the vehicle, when he returned to the
4 vehicle, she wasn't even sure if that was the same kid that was in the vehicle so it made
5 that a little bit difficult to say for sure that he was the one that gave, you know, Secret
6 Service a hard time. But, you know, little disturbing to think that there was a disconnect
7 between Secret Service and the campaign, you know, when setting this up.

8 Q I want to now bring your attention to minority Exhibit A, which is the PSP ops
9 plan. And I am directing you to page 5. And I believe post four and five were around
10 where the AGR complex was. Is that right?

11 A Yes.

12 Q What does it mean when it says that there's no foot traffic or access. Is
13 that talking about just the fencing area or was it talking about the AGR complex itself?

14 A The fenced in area. Like, the vehicles between the fenced area, no foot
15 traffic or access. So that was to make sure that nobody entered in the green space
16 between those two fences. It would have impossible for our troopers to manage that
17 crowd that was up against that fence when they are inside the fence.

18 Like, that wasn't their responsibility. Their responsibility was they were inside
19 that fence line, those two fences in that green space and they were just to ensure that
20 nobody was able to make access, you know. And that's why even Trooper [REDACTED] went
21 over there and secured that gate even additionally with that road to prevent anybody
22 from slipping through that fence, you know, and making access into that space without
23 going through the magnetometers.

24 Q Were you ever told to be on the lookout for drones?

25 A I wouldn't say we were on the lookout for -- I think if troopers would have

1 saw a drone -- because I saw a fixed-wing aircraft flying over that day I thought that was a
2 bit disturbing because, you know, you would think that the Secret Service would have set
3 up a no-fly zone, you know. But early on there in that day there were fixed-wing aircraft
4 that were flying over the farm show.

5 Q But did Secret Service ever direct PSP to be on the lookout for drones?

6 A Not that I recall. I would say no.

7 Q Did Secret Service ever inform PSP about any known threats?

8 A That came up before, like, and there was -- like I don't know if -- it could
9 have come after the fact, like, after all this took place. I know that the Secret Service
10 counter sniper team was not -- there was discussion that they were not going to be
11 present for this early on. And then midweek, I think they were able to secure that asset.

12 I will say that, you know, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] either they were on the phone a lot, like,
13 trying to -- to me, I took it as they were trying to get resources for this event, you know,
14 because I had made multiple comments, like, this is nothing like the 2020 rally. And
15 they were, like, well, he's not President and he's not -- he hasn't gone through, like, the
16 RNC yet, you know, he's not the nominee yet. And it seemed like this was just a rally
17 that they were just trying to get through to get to the next one.

18 But, you know, I personally think they were reaching out, like, for their -- for
19 resources. And it's a little disturbing to think that, you know, that the former President
20 was coming to Butler and, you know, and they couldn't even secure a counter sniper
21 team, you know. But I don't know what resources are, you know, allocated to Secret
22 Service in this situation, you know. He was the sitting President in 2020 when he was at
23 the Butler rally and I'm sure that's the reason there were he had -- there was a lot of
24 resources that day and planning, which I was part of that, you know. But this was a little
25 different.

1 Q We talked earlier about the radios and that PSP did not have access to local
2 radio channels and vice versa. Was Secret Service aware that PSP would not be able to
3 hear locals and vice versa?

4 A I'm sure that discussion came up. We asked -- it was probably on that
5 Tuesday. I know that [REDACTED] we asked if there was a way to do a patch with our
6 radios and that probably would have been a good setting to ask that question on Tuesday.

7 So, you know, it was the timeframe, you know, it wasn't going to happen. So
8 that's the reason why we opted to put one of our portables in with the county command
9 post so that they could hear our communications.

10 And that's not new to them. Sometimes we over the years, depending on who
11 was our station commander here at Butler, we would put a portable at 911 so that they
12 could hear our communications, you know, for officer safety reasons. So, you know,
13 their portable that they use is very similar to our P25 Motorola radios.

14 So, you know, for them to have our portable in their possession was not new to
15 them. And, you know, we communicate with them on a regular basis, stopped down
16 there at 911 and, you know, they are familiar with our portables.

17 Q We've been going for about 65ish minutes. I want to try to speed through
18 these last few questions that I have. So to the extent it could be yes or no, excellent?

19 A Okay.

20 Q Of you need to explain, cool?

21 A I'll try to do that.

22 Q Saturday morning before 9 a.m., do you recall Special Agent [REDACTED] telling
23 you that she will make a pass and let you know if there were any issues for vehicle
24 placements?

25 A Yeah, I reached out to her first. When I got there -- I came to the barracks

1 first and loaded up and started making sure that our dispatchers here were equipped
2 with our ops plan, contacts, all that information.

3 So I wanted to make sure that they were all on board with what was going on,
4 touch base with them about anything that occurred overnight. And then there was
5 some issues so I started getting our daylight troopers responding to that area to deal with
6 the traffic congestion that we were having at 7 a.m. that morning.

7 So there was some, you know, some concerns there. But once I got onsite, I saw
8 a lot of vehicles parked behind that barn and that's not -- I guess through the discussion
9 and planning we weren't supposed to have all that, you know, all that parking there,
10 which I reached out to [REDACTED] and asked about, you know, her if there were any issues, you
11 know, when she would drive through there and let me know. And apparently there
12 weren't because I don't recall any further contact with [REDACTED], you know, regarding those
13 vehicles that were parked back there.

14 Q And during your earlier testimony, you mentioned that you heard
15 conversations about the two command centers. And that, you know, I think you
16 commented they should have been able to communicate because there was someone
17 from EMS in both. So was your understanding that day or after the fact let me know
18 that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] could have been in touch with each other?

19 A I would think they would be. They are both coworkers and they are both
20 from Butler County EMA so -- and that's their command post. So I would think that
21 almost like us being in communication with Butler our barracks, you know, we would be
22 able to communicate with them pretty easily from our command post, you know, and I
23 would say that they were more than likely monitoring our frequencies too just to keep
24 tabs on what we were doing and what was going on at the farm show, you know.

25 But, you know, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are both coworkers, you know,

1 from Butler 911. And I would assume that they would be able to communicate with one
2 another.

3 Q I'm just going to --

4 A They should have been, they are from the same agency. Why would they
5 not be able to communicate?

6 Q And in your understanding was that one of them was in the local trailer and
7 one of them was in the U.S. security room?

8 A Yes. [REDACTED] was in the mobile command post. And I spoke to [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED] and he had mentioned that [REDACTED] was in the command post, the Secret
10 Service command post, most of the morning. And then he had left at some point and
11 there was somebody -- somebody else that took his place within the command post.
12 And I'm not sure who that would have been.

13 Q So later that day, were you ever made aware that there was a crowd
14 gathering at the AGR complex fence?

15 A I don't -- no. The only thing that I was made aware of was when Trooper
16 [REDACTED] had mentioned that there was a suspicious person. He had mentioned some
17 suspicious activity with a guy in a red shirt and a guy wearing a high vis yellow shirt. But
18 there was no information that was received by me that there was a large gathering of
19 people at the AGR Building, the fence line.

20 Q Were you ever notified by [REDACTED] or anyone else that there was a suspicious
21 person with a rangefinder?

22 A Not that I recall. I say not that I recall -- the only suspicious people that
23 I -- was brought to my attention, and it was about the same time that the Crooks' stuff
24 was taking place was the red shirt and yellow shirt. And [REDACTED] had only mentioned
25 that those two were being suspicious. And the kid in the red shirt he had said that, like,

1 he was filming or looking a lot, like, up at the Secret Service assets on the barns and
2 behind the stage.

3 But I had -- I had moved and I was positioned behind the stage and tents and I had
4 eyes on both of those individuals. I could see them, you know, the red shirt and the
5 yellow shirt. And I had reached out to [REDACTED] and asked to get somebody to [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]'s position, post number five, to, you know, see what he had and get that
7 information from him. And I even -- and the reason why I included [REDACTED] on that
8 first with the text message to [REDACTED] because I wasn't sure where Trooper [REDACTED] and
9 Trooper [REDACTED] was positioned.

10 Because if they were on that side, they would be able to, you know, maybe make
11 contact with anybody outside the fence. But, you know, early on they were outside the
12 fence, but later like I had -- I did not have information to where their position would be,
13 like, if [REDACTED] would have pulled in inside or if they were still outside the property.

14 Q All right. So I think at this point I understand earlier you said that you
15 didn't hear any communications after 6 p.m. about a search for a suspicious person and
16 you were not aware of a rangefinder. So I think at this point, given how much time
17 we've spent that I'm going to pause to see if my colleagues have any questions, but
18 otherwise we're going to wrap this up.

19 A Okay.

20 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]?

21 [REDACTED]: No, I'm good.

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q Just one quick question.

24 When we were just speaking about the two command posts, I think I heard you
25 say that you thought that Butler EMA could monitor PSP frequencies. But I think that

1 might contradict what you said earlier about lacking a patch.

2 So just if you could just clarify what your understanding is of what Butler EMA was
3 able to hear in terms of PSP channels and other local law enforcement channels?

4 A We put a portable, one of our portables, inside the county command post.

5 Q Right.

6 A So that they could monitoring our transmissions. So that's how they would
7 be able to hear what we were saying and doing.

8 I will say this and I know I said it previously in one of my other interviews, but
9 [REDACTED] had reached out to Sergeant [REDACTED] and said that they were having issues
10 with one of our portables or not one of them, the portable that they had. So I was -- I
11 thought maybe they put it and they just had it on tach one and not repeater.

12 Our portables have to, like, use a vehicle as an antenna. So like, if it is too far
13 away from an antenna, the car will lose its frequency and it can utilize the car as an
14 antenna.

15 So I had [REDACTED] go over to the county command post and make sure that
16 they were on tach one repeater, because, you know, the portables should have been on a
17 repeater -- I guess a repeater so that, you know, they could link up with a car to use as a
18 tower. And I never got any information back that there was any further issues so, you
19 know.

20 And again, they are very familiar with, like, radios because we had been out there
21 multiple times with the county, you know, years past in looking at different ways to make
22 our portables, you know, more user friendly or have better receptions because the county
23 has additional antennas around the county where PSP has fewer so that's why we utilize
24 that repeater in our vehicles, you know, to boost our signals.

25 So when we're out a away from the car, you have to be .5 miles from that car for

1 that portable to link up to that car. But if you look at the overall property of the farm
2 show and the number of vehicles that we had up there, like, we had sufficient amount of
3 cars that were parked and running, which all portables, you know, not linking up with an
4 antenna should have been on a repeater, you know that people could hear and transmit.

5 So I guess the answer to your question is, you know, they had our portable, they
6 should have heard our communications and both county EMA had a representative in
7 their county command post and then they had one in the Secret Service command post.

8 But I'd just like to say too, like, PSP we didn't put somebody in the county
9 command post because we didn't feel that there was a need to, you know, because it
10 was, like, we needed to be with Secret Service and that's where, you know, our sergeant
11 was placed was in the command post with Secret Service.

12 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

13 [REDACTED]. We appreciate you taking time to talk us. And thank you for
14 your service in the Pennsylvania community.

15 [REDACTED]. I heard some good questions today. I appreciate it.

16 [REDACTED]. We can go off the record.

17 [Whereupon, at 12:44 p.m. the interview was adjourned.]

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