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5	TASK FORCE ON THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF DONALD J. TRUMP,
6	U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
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12	INTERVIEW OF:
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17	Friday, September 6, 2024
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19	Washington, D.C.
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22	The interview in the above matter was held at Pittsburgh Marriott North,
23	Sewickley Room, 100 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township, PA, commencing at
24	8:59 a.m.
25	Present: Representative Kelly.

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5	For the TASK FORCE ON THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF DONALD J. TRUMP:
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7	SENIOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER
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25	_ Today is September 6, 2024, and this is a transcribed interview of

1	Butler Township Police Lieutenant . House Resolution 1367 directed
2	this task force to investigate the facts and circumstances of the attempted assassination
3	of Donald J. Trump on July 13, 2024, in Butler, Pennsylvania.
4	Pursuant to House rule 16 nope, 1367, Chairman Kelly and Ranking Member
5	Crow have requested this interview as part of the task force's investigation. Can the
6	witness please state their name and spell their last name for the record.
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8	. Thank you,
9	deputy staff director for the task force majority, and I want to thank you for coming in
10	today for this interview. The task force recognizes and appreciates that you are here
11	voluntarily.
12	You're allowed to have an attorney present to advise you during this interview.
13	Do you have an attorney representing you in a personal capacity today?
14	I do.
15	Will that attorney please identify themselves.
16	<u>.</u>
17	. Is there an attorney present representing the police department
18	today?
19	<u>.</u> No.
20	. For the record, we're going to go through with the majority staff
21	and the minority staff. Please introduce yourselves with your name, title, and affiliation
22	, senior professional staff member, task force majority.
23	. , investigative counsel for minority.
24	, investigative counsel for the minority.
25	. , staff director for the minority.

1	. Thank you. I'd also like to note for the record that Chairman Mike
2	Kelly will be coming in at some point during this interview and may ask questions as well
3	as his deputy or his his district office staff, who will not be asking
4	questions. That was probably him. We can go off the record for a second.
5	[Recess.]
6	, before we begin, I would like to go over the ground
7	rules for this interview. The way this interview will proceed is as follows: The majority
8	and minority staff will alternate asking you questions 30 minutes per side per round until
9	each side is finished with their questioning. The majority staff will begin and proceed
10	for 30 minutes, and then the minority staff will have 30 minutes to ask their questions.
11	We will then alternate back and forth in this manner until both sides have no more
12	questions.
13	If either side is in the middle of a specific line of questions, they may choose to
14	end a few minutes past that 30 minute block to ensure completion of a specific line of
15	questioning to include any pertinent followups. In this interview, while one staff
16	member for each side may lead the questioning, additional staff may ask questions.
17	There is a court reporter taking down everything I say and everything you say to
18	make a record a written record of this interview. For the record to be clear, please
19	wait until after the staffer questioning you finished each question before proceeding with
20	your answer, and the staffer will wait until you finish your response before proceeding to
21	the next question.
22	Further, to ensure the court reporter can properly record this interview, please
23	speak clearly, concisely, and slowly. Also, the court reporter cannot record nonverbal
24	answers, such as nodding or shaking your head, so it is important that you answer each
25	question with an audible verbal answer. Do you understand?

1	Yes, I do.
2	. We want you to answer our questions in the most complete and
3	truthful manner possible, so we will take our time. If you have any questions that do
4	not you do not fully understand the question, please let us know, and we will attempt
5	to clarify, add context to, or rephrase our questions. Do you understand?
6	<u>.</u> Yes, I do.
7	. If we ask about specific conversations or events in the past that you
8	are unable to recall the exact words or details, you should testify to the substance of
9	those conversations or events to the best of your recollection. If you only recall part of
10	a conversation or event, you should give us your best recollection of those events and
11	parts of conversations that you do recall. Do you understand?
12	Yes.
13	. Although you are here voluntarily and we will not swear you in, you
14	are required, pursuant to 18 U.S. C., section 1001, to answer questions from Congress
15	truthfully. This also applies to questions posed by congressional staff in an interview.
16	Do you understand?
17	Yes.
18	If at any time you know you knowingly make false statements, you
19	could be subject to criminal prosecution. Do you understand?
20	<u>.</u> Yes.
21	Is there any reason you're unable to provide truthful testimony in
22	today's interview?
23	<u>.</u> No.
24	. Please note that if you or your attorney wish to assert a privilege
25	over any statement today, that assertion must apply within the rules of the House of

1	Representatives. For the chair to consider assertions of privilege over testimony or
2	statements, witnesses or entities must clearly state the specific privilege being asserted
3	and the reason for the assertion on or before the scheduled date of testimony or
4	appearance. Do you understand?
5	<u>.</u> Yes.
6	<u>.</u> Yeah.
7	_ Finally, I'd like to note that the content of what we discuss today is
8	confidential. We ask that you not speak about what we discuss in here today in this
9	interview to any outside individual in order to preserve the integrity of our investigation.
10	For these same reasons, the marked exhibits used today will be provided to the court
11	reporter so that they may go in the official transcript, but any copies of those exhibits will
12	need to be returned to us as we wrap up.
13	We plan to take a 5-minute break at the end of the each 30 minutes of
14	questioning, but if you need a longer break or a break before that, please let us know,
15	and we're happy to accommodate. However, to the extent that there is a pending
16	question, we would ask that you finish answering the question before we take that break
17	Do you understand?
18	Yes.
19	Do you have any other questions before we begin?
20	<u>.</u> No.
21	. The time is 9:03, and the majority staff will now begin their
22	questions.
23	EXAMINATION
24	BY :
25	Q Lieutenant , how long have you worked at the Butler Township

1	Ропсе Бера	rtment?
2	А	34 years.
3	Q	Can you walk us through your career very briefly.
4	А	Yes. I was hired in August of 1990 as a patrolman. I did approximately 7
5	years as a pa	atrolman and was promoted to detective, and I did 10 years as a detective,
6	and then I w	vas promoted to patrol sergeant. I think I did that for 7, 8 years, and then I
7	was promot	ed to lieutenant. I've been doing that 10 years.
8	Q	So what are your daily responsibilities as a lieutenant?
9	А	I do scheduling, fleet maintenance, approve reports, you know. It's an
10	administrati	ive type assignment.
11	Q	Okay. When did you first learn that the former President Trump was
12	coming to B	utler?
13	А	It was the evening of July 3rd.
14	Q	Okay. How did you learn of that?
15	Α	I got a text message from Sheriff .
16	Q	Did he give any context or just
17	А	Just gave me a text saying that former President Trump was having a
18	campaign ra	ally at the farm show.
19	Q	Okay.
20	А	And it was I think it included the date of the 13th.
21	Q	Okay. Did he ask to have Butler Township presence there or anything?
22	Α	Not at that time. That was about 10 o'clock at night.
23	Q	Okay.
24	А	And I went to bed. I did work the 4th, and everybody else was off, and
25	then, the 5t	h, I got I think it was notification that there would be a meeting prior to with

1 the Secret Service and that. 2 Q Okay. And did that come from Sheriff as well? 3 I got a phone call from -- I think the first phone call was from special agent in 4 charge 5 Q Okay. 6 Α Who asked for my email and said that, you know, I was invited to this 7 meeting and that I would be getting an email. 8 Q That was on the 5th? 9 Α That was on the 5th. Did you talk about anything else with 10 Q 11 Α No. 12 Q Okay. And is he, as far as you know, Secret Service Pittsburgh office or --Yes, Pittsburgh office. 13 Α Okay. Had you worked with him before? 14 Q 15 Α No. 16 Q Okay. So when was the planning meeting or the meeting that he was 17 talking about? 18 Α I did get -- after that phone call, I did get some emails, which I -- are provided 19 with the thumb drive I gave you. 20 Q Perfect. 21 It detailed that there was going to be a meeting on July 8th at 1 p.m. in 22 Allegheny County at the Allegheny County Emergency Operation Center in Moon Township. 23 24 Was there anything between the 5th and the 8th, other than those emails Q you mentioned? 25

1	Α	No.
2	Q	Okay. Did you go to the July 8th meeting?
3	Α	I did.
4	Q	Can you tell me about it.
5	Α	Yes. That meeting started off with a PowerPoint presentation that was put
6	on by speci	al agent her name just slipped I'll think of it here in a second.
7		Is it ?
8		. She did a PowerPoint presentation and it went
9	through i	t gave a list of the agents that various duties they had, the pins that the
10	Secret Serv	ice that we could encounter. That was several slides long. And then it went
11	to it gave	approximate times that the former President would arrive, his motorcade
12	would arriv	e and depart. And that's all I remember of the PowerPoint presentation.
13	Afterwards	we broke up into individual groups.
14		BY :
15	Q	Did they give you a copy of the PowerPoint?
16	Α	No.
17	Q	Okay. So, when you broke into individual groups, what group were you in?
18	Α	I don't know if it had a particular name, but I broke up, and I was introduced
19	to Special A	gent .
20	Q	And what did you talk about?
21	Α	Her first question was how many officers I could provide for the detail.
22	Q	Okay.
23	Α	And, at that time, I had only a few officers signed up. When I was notified
24	of this, I pu	t a signup sheet up, anybody that wanted to work this detail. It was an extra
25	detail and o	overtime if you want to work. At that time, I only had four officers signed up,

1	but I antic	ipated getting a couple more or assigning a couple more, so I told Agent
2	that I coul	d provide five or six officers.
3	Q	Okay. How did she react to that?
4	А	I think she was a little surprised.
5	Q	Okay.
6	А	And I explained that I have a small department, and that, you know, that's all
7	I could pro	ovide.
8	Q	Okay.
9	А	So she proceeded to show me a map of Meridian Road with numerous
10	intersection	ons, and she asked me if that road was in my jurisdiction, and I said yes. And
11	then she a	sked if I could control those intersections and stop traffic for the motorcade
12	arrival and	d departure, and I said yes, with the manpower, I could absolutely do that.
13	Q	Okay. Was that the only assignment for your guys as you understood it?
14	А	Yes.
15	Q	That road?
16	Α	Yep.
17	Q	Okay. Was there anyone else at that breakout with you?
18	А	I don't recall who else was there, because I when I first went there, I
19	immediate	ely encountered her and spoke to her. And then, after I kind of got my
20	assignmer	nt, I did stay at that meeting for a little while. I don't know who else she spoke
21	to.	
22	Q	Right.
23	А	They did toward the end when things were breaking up, they had a big
24	map on ar	overhead projector of the farm show grounds, and there was just general

discussion of, you know, parking, and they weren't sure exactly where the stage were.

1	They had a good idea. They said, "We're pretty sure the stage is going to be here," and
2	so they were kind of giving a layout of the
3	Was that where the stage ended up being?
4	<u>.</u> Yes.
5	BY :
6	Q Just for my mapping awareness, Meridian Road was the road that is that
7	behind AGR?
8	A It is to the east of AGR.
9	Q Okay.
10	A Now, Butler Township and Connoquenessing Township boundaries run right
11	through the farm show. So, if you're familiar with the Brady Paul Lodge, the line is very
12	close to that. Brady Paul Lodge is actually in Butler Township, but if you would walk 20
13	feet west of there, you're in Connoquenessing Township. Actually, the stage was
14	positioned or real close to the township boundaries.
15	Q But it was in the township?
16	A I don't necessarily know where the stage was. I don't. I'd have to look at
17	a map. It could have been right on the line. But, back to your question, Meridian
18	Road, it is to the east of there, and the intersections that she asked me to cover were the
19	entrance to Brady Paul Lane.
20	Q Okay.
21	A Meridian and Whitestown.
22	Q Sorry. I'm going to
23	A That was actually part of my ops plan.
24	Q This is?
25	A That's what it looks like.

1	Q All right. Well, then we'll move on.
2	. We'll mark this as majority exhibit 1.
3	[Majority Exhibit No. 1
4	was marked for identification.]
5	. All right. And then I'm actually going to introduce majority exhibit
6	2 as well, which I will hand to you.
7	Majority Exhibit No. 2
8	was marked for identification.]
9	BY :
10	Q This is going to be so fun. So this okay. Let's go through majority
11	exhibit 1 first. Can you point out the boundaries you were just talking about?
12	A Yes. Those are the intersections I was asked to provide traffic control at.
13	Q Okay. So
14	A Actually, minus Buttercup, Meridian Road at Buttercup. They didn't ask me
15	to cover that, but I put that in my op plan because that was the rear that's off of
16	Meridian Road. That was the only way into the park. So I actually stationed an officer
17	there, but I was asked to cover Meridian Road, Brady Paul Lane.
18	Q Okay.
19	A And that is also like a security detail. We weren't letting anybody in there.
20	You weren't just controlling traffic. You were controlling who came in and out.
21	Q And no one except for the motorcade?
22	A Correct. Well, prior to the event, the ESU members were entering that
23	with their personal vehicles and parking right off to the side and then, you know, gearing
24	up, so any law enforcement officer that responded there in their personal vehicle was
25	allowed to enter that gate prior to 3 n m

1	Q Okay.
2	. And is that information that the Secret Service gave you or you came
3	up with that?
4	. That was not provided at the very first meeting. That was, I think,
5	covered in a later walk-through, which we will get to.
6	<u>.</u> Okay.
7	BY :
8	Q So you had officers stationed
9	A I had them stationed at Meridian Road at Brady Paul and Meridian Road at
10	Whitestown.
11	Q Okay.
12	A There's Meridian Road at Evans City Road.
13	Q Okay.
14	A Now, Meridian Road at Evans City Road, as you go north, changes to
15	Benbrook Road. So then I had an officer control traffic at Greenwood at South
16	Benbrook. And then, if you see on there, 4:22 at Greenwood, that was only going to be
17	covered upon the exit of the motorcade.
18	Q Okay. How many officers did you have at each one?
19	A Well, it started out with one, and then, on Thursday, I had asked the
20	midnight crew to come out. Instead of coming out at 8 p.m. they came out at 2 p.m.,
21	and they were going to work an 18-hour shift. There was factors for that. I needed
22	relief officers, because the guys at these intersections got there at 10 a.m. It was a very
23	hot day. I needed some relief for them. And so I ended up supplementing with calling
24	out the midnight crew early.

Okay. So was there anything else at the advanced planning meeting that

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1	you found notable or we haven't already talked about?
2	A No.
3	Q Okay. So, after the advanced planning meeting, did you go back and write
4	your own plan?
5	A I did. Actually, at that meeting, another one of my officers was there.
6	That is Patrolman .
7	Q Okay.
8	A . First name is . He went down with me to that
9	meeting. He's one of my officers. However, he is assigned that day he was going to
10	be working the Butler County ESU, Emergency Service Unit. And just the Emergency
11	Service Unit from Butler County is comprised of members from various departments that
12	make up that. I have no control over that group. That is a county entity, but I provide
13	officers for that detail.
14	Q Okay. So how many officers total did you have working on the 13th?
15	A Well, it varied. Some left early. Some came in. I'd have to go through
16	and give a count. I think there was about nine that did that. That could go up, because
17	I had a patrol unit that was also working that day that was handling just our regular calls.
18	They weren't assigned to the detail. However, I supplemented them to help out, and so
19	it kind of it varied. When we first got there, there was, like, five, six of us. Then I
20	picked up a few. Some went home. And so it was between 6 and probably 10.
21	Q Okay. At the planning meeting, who did you understand to be in charge of
22	coordinating this security for this event?
23	A I didn't think there was just one. I knew Agent was involved, and
24	then I later met with Special Agent , and I knew she had some planning in
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                    Actually in charge, I don't know who was in charge of that detail. However,
       I knew special agent in charge
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                                                  was in charge of the entire Pittsburgh
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       branch.
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                    Okay. Was he -- he was at that meeting?
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                    He was.
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              Q
                   Okay.
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              Α
                    I didn't speak to him on that July 8th.
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              Q
                    Okay. So Secret Service was in charge of coordinating all of this?
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              Α
                    Yeah. They were in charge of coordinating that meeting on July 8th, and
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       then, the substantive followup, they were kind of moving all their stuff in there and we
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       had a walk-through on July 11th.
                   Okay. Let's talk about that.
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                   July 11th walk-through was scheduled for 10.
                   In the morning?
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                   Yes. I never got an email from the Secret Service on that.
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                    How did you find out?
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                    Lieutenant from Pennsylvania State Police contacted me and notified
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       me of that meeting.
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              Q
                   Okay. Was he running it?
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              Α
                    He was not.
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                   Who was?
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                   The Secret Service was.
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              Q
                   Okay.
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              Α
                    And he said there's going to be a walk-through. So I went at 10:00 and
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1 participated in that walk-through. 2 Q Okay. Did any of your officers come with you? 3 Α No. 4 Q Okay. 5 Α Not on this walk-through. There's several walk-throughs, but this one I will focus on, because I was there. 6 7 Q Yes. 8 Α Lieutenant was present. Lieutenant also with the 9 state police. **Deputy Chief** with the Butler County 10 Sheriffs, and myself. 11 Q Anyone else? 12 Α No. Okay. So where did you guys go? 13 Q We started from the --14 Here. We can look at majority exhibit 2. 15 Q 16 Α We started from the Secret Service command post, which was the farm 17 show office. 18 Q Farm show office. Okay. 19 Α And that is the closest to Evans City Road. It's kind of on the west side of 20 the complex. 21 O Okay. So you went there. Did they tell you it was going to be their 22 security room or --23 Yeah. I knew, because there was a lot of -- a lot of members of the Secret 24 Service in and out of that building. Did they say who was going to be in there with them? 25 Q

1 Α No. 2 Q Okay. Did you ever get invited to be in there with them? 3 Α No. 4 Q Okay. So you're in -- you're at the farm show office. 5 Α Yes. Then what happened? 6 Q 7 Α We walked clockwise around the complex. We were in between two 8 fences, and we walked, and the state police were saying where they were going to 9 position the personnel. 10 Q Okay. 11 And it was uneventful until we get down to the open I'm going to call it a Α 12 field area that was just south of the AGR building. 13 Q Okay. 14 Α We stopped there. There was some discussion about that area, and 15 Lieutenant asked if I could put a patrol car in the parking lot that is on the east 16 side of that building. 17 Okay. Of the AGR building? Q 18 Α Of the AGR building. 19 Q Okay. 20 Α And I immediately said, "No, I don't have enough men to do this. I cannot 21 do that." There was discussion and it went -- when we're bringing that up, there was 22 some discussion of putting some type of opaque fencing or barrier up along that fence 23 or --24 The AGR fence? Q 25 Α Well, there's a fence right south of the AGR building, but that fence I think is

1 owned by the farm show, and they were thinking about putting some type of -- they were 2 worried about people standing up along this fence watching it that didn't come through. 3 Q Right. 4 Α There was some discussion of the opaque material putting up there some 5 type of barrier or buses, tractor trailers, some type of barrier. 6 Do you remember who was discussing that? Just everybody? Q 7 Α That was, I think, discussing the possibility of that with 8 Lieutenant 9 Q Okay. Did you hear them come to any sort of conclusion? Α 10 No. 11 So they ask you can you put a guy there. You say no. Did they ask anyone Q 12 else present if they could put officers there? I don't recall. 13 Α 14 Q Okay. 15 That's one I've been going back to try to bring back up, but I don't recall how Α 16 that conversation ended. 17 Okay. So talk about that. Then where do you go? Q 18 Α We continue down that field, and we make our way to the Brady Paul Lane 19 entrance. 20 Q Okay. 21 We talked about my officer being there, and said that she would also 22 provide a Secret Service agent there to supplement my officer. 23 Q Did she? 24 Α Yes. 25 Q Okay. What agent was there?

1	Α	I just know his first name was
2	Q	Okay. Perfect. Did she say why she wanted a Secret Service there with
3	your officer	?
4	Α	No. I just she didn't specifically say why, but I took it as that is where the
5	motorcade	is coming in, so that's you know, that was just
6	Q	A key point.
7	А	That's a good assumption, I guess.
8	Q	When you were doing that walk-through, did you understand Secret Service
9	was in char	ge of coordinating all of this?
10	А	Absolutely.
11	Q	Okay. Did you have any indication that you were in charge of anything
12	except for y	our officers on those roads?
13	А	No.
14	Q	Okay. Did you express any concerns to Secret Service during the
15	walk-throug	gh?
16	А	Not at that time.
17	Q	Okay. So there was multiple walk-throughs. So when was the next one?
18	А	I don't know. I only participated in that one walk-through.
19	Q	Okay.
20	А	I can't talk about any other walk-through.
21	Q	Okay. Any of your officers went to any of the other walk-throughs either?
22	А	Yes. Patrolman .
23	Q	Okay.
24	А	And Patrolman . I know that they attended at least one
25	walk-throug	gh.

1 Q Do you know when that was? 2 Α I believe it was that day. 3 Q Okay. 4 July 11th. Α Okay. Did they come back and tell you anything afterwards? 5 Q 6 Α No. They participated in that walk-through for the ESU side of it. 7 Q Okay. 8 Α However, you'll see an operational plan that Officer worked for Butler 9 Township that day. He did not participate in the ESU. However, he participated in 10 some of the planning and walk-throughs for the ESU. I think he was hoping to work the 11 ESU detail that day, and I said, "I need the guys; I need you to work for Butler Township 12 that day." 13 Q Where was he on the --14 Α He relieved me at 2 p.m. at Brady Paul Lane. 15 Q Okay. 16 And then he was supposed to work Brady Paul Lane from 2 until the 17 conclusion, until he got moved, until after the motorcade left. 18 Q Okay. So was there any other prep that you went through between the 10 19 a.m. walk-through on July 11th and the day of? 20 I just tweaked the operational plan, and I do want to note that, after we left 21 that meeting, in the very first meeting on July 8th, I was with Patrolman 22 was not in my group. He broke up into the group for the ESU people, and when we 23 were driving home, I was telling him about our traffic detail, and I'm going to have to do 24 an operational plan, and he's an eager gung-ho type guy, and he said, "Well, I'd do those; 25 I'll do it for you." And I said, "Well, okay, let me see what you got." So he sent it, and

1 then I tweaked it and plugged things in and tweaked it. So I have to give him credit on 2 making a lot of that. 3 When did your officers get it? Q 4 Α The -- it varied. The midnight shift that I was calling out --So the midnight shift? 5 Q The midnight shift that I was calling out at 2 p.m., I briefed them the night 6 Α 7 before. I actually went on a Friday night at 8 p.m. and sat down with them and gave 8 them a copy. 9 Q So that was Friday the --10 Α Friday the 12th. 11 Q Okay. 12 And I might have done another officer I think that Friday. Patrolman 13 was working. I had him go to that Brady Paul Lane at 8 a.m. 14 Q Okay. They didn't request anybody until -- when I say they, the Secret Service 15 16 didn't request anybody until 10 a.m., but I had somebody there at 8. 17 Q Was that -- you felt it was the right thing? 18 Α Yes, because that is an entrance to the back entrance to the farm show, and 19 parking was at a premium. And I figured people are going to be trying to get in there 20 early, and they weren't opening the parking lot until 8, and then we end up -- I was -- I got 21 a call from Lieutenant about 7:30 that morning saying that traffic was all backed 22 up and that they actually called ahead and had the parking lot open at 7:30. 23 Q Okay. 24 There was people basically camping out too. Α 25 The Chairman. Can I just interrupt for one second. When you say "the

1	entryway," are you saying Meridian Road down to the Brady Paul VFW building?
2	Yeah. I call that the back entrance.
3	The Chairman. Well, it would be hard to figure out what entrance or back
4	entrance was because of the way it was laid out now. So the that's the same route
5	that, once President Trump was wounded, that's the route they went out then.
6	Yes. That was the motorcade entrance, and it was always
7	planned that way coming off of 422, Benbrook.
8	The Chairman. Because they routed everything not the main entrance, but they
9	took it down to Buttercup Road, which is at the end of the runway, which is a two-lane
10	highway as long as there's not two cars on it at the same time.
11	<u>.</u> Yes.
12	The Chairman. That was the only entranceway in, but the only exit way that day
13	for that facility, they did not open the up the front gates of the farm show to get in.
14	<u>.</u> Correct.
15	The Chairman. Just so you know, I've lived there all my life.
16	<u>.</u> Yes.
17	The Chairman. I've been on that site so many times. For the life of me, when I
18	first heard they were going there, I could say, "Who did the site visit?" And the answer
19	was, "Congressman, we've already made a decision," and at that point on, I knew that
20	was the beginning of something that was going to be absolutely off the charts not able to
21	be organized. And you know, on 68, that road was under construction, because they're
22	putting sewer lines in.
23	<u>.</u> Correct.
24	The Chairman. Just so you know, because you've been there. Nobody would
25	have ever chosen that site had they been to that site ahead of time and had eyes on it.

1	Yeah. We were just walking through with Lieutenant sort
2	of the planning that went into it, the walk-through that he had with Secret Service, and
3	we were just getting to day of, so
4	The <u>Chairman.</u> Yeah. I'm sorry.
5	. No, no, it's okay.
6	The Chairman. I'm trying to get in here. There was a traffic light about every
7	hundred feet now.
8	. Yes. So we walked through some of that.
9	The Chairman. Okay. I'm sorry to get here late, and I'm sorry to interrupt.
10	. You're fine.
11	The Chairman. First of all, let me tell you, local law enforcement did an
12	incredible job and an impossible mission, so thank you.
13	_ Thank you.
14	BY :
15	Q So you got officers there around 8 a.m.?
16	A The day of, yes. The guys that were on that detail in daylight. I got there
17	at about 8, and I started briefing guys around 9 a.m., and when I briefed them, I went
18	through the operational plan and gave each officer a copy. They had their own
19	individual copy.
20	Q Okay. It included the map that we walked through as exhibit 1. What
21	other information was in there?
22	A Their primary I assigned them to an intersection.
23	Q Okay.
24	A And told them their primary was to keep the flow of traffic going, because it
25	was going to be heavily congested. And, when the motorcade came through, I was

1 going to give them -- it was going to be, about 7 minutes prior to the arrival of the 2 motorcade, we were going to shut everything down, clear the intersections, so they 3 would be unimpeded. 4 How were you going to know when the motorcade was coming? 5 I was going to be in the command post, the Butler County 6 command post. 7 Is that the mobile trailer? 8 Mobile trailer, yes. And there was going to be, I thought, a state 9 trooper in there. 10 BY 11 Was there? Q 12 Α There was not. There was a state police radio. 13 Q Okay. 14 Α So, back to the plan, each individual officer had an area and an assignment. And we went through that, what channel to communicate on. 15 16 Q What channel were they on? 17 Α Ops three. 18 Q Ops three. Who else had access to that as far as you know? 19 Α Anybody with a county radio could have accessed that. 20 Q Okay. Who did you understand was going to be on that channel that day? 21 Α Just us. 22 Q Just you. 23 Α Yes. 24 How were your officers going to communicate to command? Was that Q 25 through you?

1		Α	With ops three. If they needed something, they could radio the command
2	center,	and	they were monitoring ops three.
3		Q	Okay.
4		Α	I was partially assigned to the command post, because a limited number of
5	guys.	I act	rually worked the Brady Paul entrance lane from noon until 2.
6		Q	Okay.
7		Α	And then, at 2 o'clock, I headed toward the command post and went to the
8	comma	ınd p	ost.
9		Q	Did you have anyone in the command post from the township?
10		Α	Prior to that?
11		Q	Prior to that.
12		Α	No.
13		Q	Okay. I think I'm at time, so I will go ahead and go off the record.
14		[Rec	ess.]
15			Examination
16			BY :
17		Q	Good morning, sir.
18		Α	Good morning.
19		Q	As I said earlier, my name is . I'm one of the counsel for
20	the mir	ority	y. I want to go over some of the stuff you mentioned with regards to your
21	backgro	ound	. First of all, 34 years is incredible. Thank you for your service.
22		Α	Thank you.
23		Q	Have you previously worked on any prior rallies in the Butler County area?
24		Α	No.
25		Q	So this is the first one?

1	Α	This is the first campaign rally at one location. I don't know the year; I
2	worked a tra	affic detail for Bush/Cheney that was a motorcade route that I just had to
3	secure inter	sections. They were traveling from Erie to Pittsburgh, and they were on
4	a like, a ro	oad trip, buses, and, you know, they came through our area and I had multiple
5	intersection	s to control. That's the only other detail really of the Secret Service that I
6	worked.	
7	Q	When former President Trump came in 2020, were you consulted with any
8	planning?	
9	Α	I was not. That was in Penn Township. That was outside my jurisdiction.
10	Q	I understand. How many officers did you have with Butler Township
11	around July	13th?
12	А	Working total?
13	Q	Yes.
14	Α	There was 20 officers on the roster.
15		Is your question as to the total complement of the police
16	department	?
17		Exactly.
18		<u>.</u> 20.
19		BY :
20	Q	And has that is that still about 20 today?
21	Α	It is.
22	Q	Have you had experience coordinating with Pennsylvania State Police or
23	State agenc	ies for any other mission?
24	Α	Yeah. We work closely. You know, we have the farm show come in every
25	year there.	It gets busy. Nothing this size, though, but I mean, we work together on

1	different things.
2	Q So, Butler Emergency Services and Butler Emergency Services Unit, is that
3	something that has been confused by folks before?
4	A People outside the law enforcement community, maybe. Emergency
5	services is the whole thing with ambulances and medics, and stuff like that. The
6	Emergency Services Unit, also known as team 400, when you add unit to it, that if
7	you're in the law enforcement community, you can distinguish between the two.
8	Q I understand. So you mentioned first hearing about the event on July 3rd
9	through the sheriff. Is that right?
10	A Yes.
11	Q And it sounds like Secret Service would have reached out to you
12	on July 5th?
13	A Yes. It was a phone call.
14	Q Aside from your walk-through, do you recall any other conversations with
15	Secret Service after July 5th?
16	A Yeah. After July 5th, I went to the July 8th meeting down in Pittsburgh and
17	had that PowerPoint presentation and broke up into groups.
18	Q So, in putting the walk-throughs aside, we were told by Butler ESU that at
19	some point Secret Service called you to request patrol officers around AGR. Do you
20	recall that?
21	A I was never contacted by the State fair and the Secret Service and asked to
22	provide anybody at AGR.
23	. Was your question I thought it was was your question did
24	Butler ESU contact him or Secret Service?
25	BY :

1	Q	No. We spoke to Butler ESU, so we wanted to know from you whether you
2	ever receiv	red a call requesting additional bodies to secure the AGR building?
3	А	I never received a call requesting security for AGR.
4		BY :
5	Q	Can I ask one quick question on that? The conversation you described, I
6	think, was	July 11th at the walk-through where somebody from Secret Service, I can't
7	remember	which agent, it might have been a maybe not.
8	Α	
9	Q	. Great. And there was a little discussion about, I don't know, are
10	you able to	have any guys over here by this fence line near AGR. Your guys are already
11	tied up wit	h patrol or traffic; so the answer to that is no, and then there's a conversation
12	about an o	paque barrier. I just was curious listening to that whether if you recall, was
13	that conve	rsation more, did you sense, about, like, the tailgate atmosphere that ended up
14	happening	where there is a hundred people milling around, or was it more, like, this AGR
15	building, th	nat roof is a line of site problem?
16	Α	There was never talk about the roof. There was talk about people
17	tailgating,	parking in the AGR parking lot and then coming up to that fence.
18	Q	More of a physical security conversation than, like, a sniper conversation.
19	Α	Yes.
20	Q	Thank you.
21		BY :
22	Q	Can I just confirm from my understanding, it was that asked you
23	explicitly.	It wasn't special agent
24	Α	
25	Q	?

1	Α	No. It was asked me for one car. Can you put a car in that parking
2	lot, and I sa	id no.
3	Q	So Special Agent never asked you during that July 11th walk-through
4	to provide	additional bodies at the AGR?
5	Α	She did not.
6	Q	Okay.
7		BY :
8	Q	From your recollection, Secret Service never asked you.
9	Α	They never did, no.
10	Q	So Lieutenant notified you about the July 11th walk-through. He
11	also called	you in the morning of July 13th. Was he your primary contact for this event?
12	Α	No. He was just he was working the detail with us, and I had a
13	traffic we	knew traffic was going to be bad.
14	Q	Yeah.
15	Α	And they were lining up on the road causing a traffic problem. That's why
16	he called m	e about 7:30 in the morning and said, "Hey, we already got traffic backing up.'
17	I wouldn't d	call him my primary he was my primary contact for the State police.
18	Q	Would the State police have been involved in what your duties were
19	with wha	t the Butler Township Police Department duties were?
20	Α	No.
21	Q	What type of events are typically held at the Butler Farm location?
22	Α	They have various throughout the year. Sometimes they have, like, a
23	barbecue ri	b fest, car shows, you know, the farm shows, the big one. So there's various.
24	Q	So you mentioned in the past you've worked with PSP because they can get
25	a little com	plex. What specific issues might you have?

A Traffic and crowd control. This past farm show, they had a detail stationed
at AGR just because of the publicity of it, and so we were in contact with them, and, you
know, they let us know what they were going to be doing up there. Sometimes we have
to go down Meridian Road to control traffic at the intersection of Meridian Road at
Buttercup just because traffic gets backed up.
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Q Congressmember Kelly mentioned that this would be a pretty difficult location to try to host a rally. Can you expand on that a bit?

A Well, parking is the big issue. They're anticipating, you know, I heard various numbers from 10,000, 15,000, 20,000, and when you have that many people coming in to an area at one time like that, you're going to have traffic problems. Where they were parking that day is actually the airport, which is kind of connected to the farm show, and there's big fields beside the airstrip, and that's where they were parking everybody. But where they were bringing everybody in was Buttercup Road, and there's only two roads into -- there was two roads into one road into the parking, so it was congested.

Q Do you have an opinion about using the Butler Farm location as opposed to the airport or some other location in Butler?

A When I first heard it was going to be at the farm show, I just said, "Jeez, this is going to be crazy. Traffic is going to be a nightmare." The airport -- I mean, I know where the Butler County airport is. I've never worked a detail there. So I didn't have an opinion one way or another. I just knew it was going to be there, and we were -- they were going to have it.

Q I noted you have a Butler ops plan, and we'll go over that in a bit. Did you receive plans from anyone else? I know there was a PowerPoint presentation, but did you get anything?

1	Α	I did not.
2		. So I am going to provide you with the copy of the Butler ops plan,
3	which we	will call exhibit A.
4		Minority Exhibit A
5		was marked for identification.]
6		BY :
7	Q	And, if anyone in the room needs additional copies, just let me know. All
8	right. Sc	looking at the first page under mission, it looks like, as you described earlier,
9	there is ar	officer at Meridian and Whitestown Road. Is that right?
10	А	Correct.
11	Q	How close is that to the AGR building on foot?
12	А	That's very close. 200 yards.
13	Q	How quickly could someone get there get to the AGR building from that
14	location?	
15	А	Well, if he's in a vehicle, he can get there very quickly.
16	Q	Seconds?
17	А	Yes. On foot, a minute.
18	Q	Do you was that Patrolman and Sergeant ?
19	А	Yes.
20	Q	And page 2 on the traffic control detail indicates who would be in each
21	location.	
22	А	Yes. Patrolman was there from 10 a.m. Sergeant didn't arrive
23	until 2 p.n	n.
24	Q	And as of 2 p.m. there are two people at that intersection?
25	А	Yes.

1	Q Now, the op plan, and I'm going back to the first page on the execution, it
2	says that each member, and this is the second sentence, "each member needs to keep
3	their intersection clear when Trump's motorcade is arriving and departing. Motorcade
4	will not stop. Approximate arrival time of Trump is 1620 hours."
5	A Correct.
6	Q What were the officers expected to do between former President Trump's
7	arrival and his eventual departure?
8	A Well, they had some issues. Traffic was so backed up at approximately
9	noon that people were stopping within the intersection as the light turned red, so it was
10	just bumper to bumper, and they had to go out there and kind of, you know, keep that
11	intersection because as it was bumper to bumper, at one time I was told about four
12	cars were getting through a light cycle. That's how congested it was. But if they sa
13	people on Meridian Road just kept bumper to bumper and nobody from Whitestown
14	Road was going to be able to turn, so they kind of managed that.
15	Q So, after Trump arrives at the location, they stay at their post to help with
16	traffic control?
17	A Yes. The plan was they had to stay there to control that intersection in
18	case there would be an emergency evacuation, or something like that, where they could
19	again clear the intersections. I was told at that very first meeting on the 8th that the
20	motorcade does not stop, that you have to keep those intersections clear on demand.
21	So that's why I had them there most of the day.
22	Q Going back to page 2, towards the bottom, it mentions a float officer.
23	What is a float officer?
24	A Well, he was going to drive up and down Meridian Road to make sure

nobody was just parking right along Meridian Road, half on, half off, and getting out and

1	walking to the event.		
2	Q Who was that patrol?		
3	A Well, that ended up being one of the patrol officers ended up taking that,		
4	and that kind of varied. Sergeant was up and down there. He was kind of		
5	assigned to the Greenwood Drive intersection. However, that was a temporary kind of		
6	intersection. So I had multiple people kind of driving up and down Meridian Road.		
7	Q Do you recall about how many?		
8	A Detective also broke free of the Buttercup/Meridian Road		
9	intersection, and I had him move up to Brady Paul Lane at one point to stop traffic.		
10	They really wanted to keep the traffic to the minimum once former President Trump		
11	arrived on scene.		
12	Q I think you also mentioned there are people expected to do relief. Is that		
13	anyone beyond what's listed here?		
14	A No. No. The midnight crew came in at 2 p.m. They you know, once		
15	they got on scene, the other officers could take a bathroom break or food break or be,		
16	you know, hydration. Hydration was a key that day. It was 95 degrees. I think that		
17	we put a case of water in each one of our cars.		
18	Q So, looking at page 2, which of these officers would have been there early		
19	and which of them would have come at 2 p.m.?		
20	A Very first one, South Benbrook at Meridian Road, Sergeant was		
21	there at 10. Meridian Road/Whitestown, Patrolman was there at 10. Meridian		
22	Road at Brady Paul, didn't get there until after 4. , Patrolman ,		
23	, was there from 8 until noon. Then I did noon to 2. Then Patrolman		
24	was after 2. And then, Meridian Road at Buttercup, I had Detective down		
25	there. That was where everybody was turning into, you know, get to the parking.		

1	They were	coming north and south on Meridian Road as a choke point. That	
2	intersection	was not asked to be covered by the Secret Service. I added that just	
3	because of	I'm from the area, and I knew that would be a choke point. We actually had	
4	demonstrat	tors down there and some issues down there.	
5	Q	I think what ended up happening with Patrolman ?	
6	Α	He called off sick. He was not out that day.	
7	Q	Did you I think the answer is no, but just to confirm, did you ever receive	
8	an ops plan from Pennsylvania State Police?		
9	А	I did not.	
10	Q	For your officers, did they have it sounds like they all had their police	
11	cruisers that day?		
12	Α	They did.	
13	Q	Were they expected to stay inside, outside, or alternate?	
14	А	I left that up to them depending on, you know, the conditions.	
15	Q	So, whenever I'm pausing, I'm skipping questions, so it's a good thing for	
16	you.		
17	Α	That's fine.	
18	Q	And you mentioned earlier that there were discussions about site line	
19	obstruction	s being contemplated between AGR and the rally, but you don't know why	
20	they decided not to put vehicles or film up, right?		
21	А	Correct. I do not know why that didn't happen.	
22	Q	Were you a part of any discussions as to why they left the AGR building	
23	outside of t	he perimeter?	
24	Α	You mean during these walk-throughs?	

Yeah. Was there any discussions about why AGR was carved out of the

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1	perimeter?	
2	A No.	
3	Q Did you question that decision?	
4	A I didn't know it was carved out. Actually, when this actually took place, I	
5	didn't know that there was nobody there.	
6	. I'm sorry; I didn't hear you.	
7	. I did not know that there was nobody there.	
8	BY	
9	Q So under this is we don't have pages, but if you flip a few pages, you'll	
10	see command control, a few pages. About six pages in. I think you're there. So,	
11	under command control, it says, "Team 400 will be responsible for all active threats, civil	
12	disturbances, and motorcade vehicles while at farm show grounds." What was your	
13	understanding of what Team 400 responsibility was with security at the rally?	
14	A That they would address any threats. Civil disturbances, I took that as	
15	inside the compound. And the motorcade parked at the Brady Paul Lane, and there is a	
16	big there was a gravel lot there, but the motorcade had a lot of vehicles in it. Once	
17	those vehicles came in, they were going to make sure they were secured. That's what I	
18	understood that they were going to do.	
19	Q Did you have an understanding of whether and team 400 is Butler ESU,	
20	right?	
21	A Correct.	
22	Q Did you have an understanding of whether they were responsible for any	
23	threats at the AGR complex?	
24	A No.	
25	BY :	

1	Q	Quick question, where did you get this information about what PSP team
2	400 was doi	ng?
3	Α	Patrolman did this, and he attended that meeting on the 11th with
4	me as an ES	U member, so he broke up into group for the ESU. I broke up, you know, in
5	a different ខ្	group, and then when we talked, we kind of figured out that the PSP SERT
6	team was	he was told that they were handling the motorcade from the airport to the
7	complex.	
8	Q	Okay. So this would have
9	Α	That's how we knew that the SERT team was PSP cert was with the
10	motorcade.	
11	Q	Great. So this would have come the 11 July walk-through with the ESU
12	Α	I'm sorry, this would have been from the 8th.
13	Q	8 July. Thank you.
14	Α	Yes.
15		. Thank you for that clarification.
16		BY :
17	Q	Could I ask a quick one about AGR. When you say, "hey, I didn't even
18	realize or kr	now that there was nobody really stationed there around AGR"
19	Α	Yes.
20	Q	I think something that is challenging for us to untangle sometimes is what
21	different pe	oples understandings were of, like, where that building fit into the overall
22	plan for the	day. So, for you on the 11th, like, what did you know or even think inside,
23	outside the	perimeter? Somebody asked you to put a car or cop, did you think there
24	was nobody	there? What did you
25	А	I took it that day it was outside the perimeter. They were using fences, I

- 1 think, as well. That fence is there, so that's going to be outside the perimeter. What
- 2 was --
- 3 Q That's part of it. Okay, there's a fence here. Somebody is thinking of that
- 4 as a natural sort of perimeter dividing line, okay. And when somebody asks you, "Hey,
- 5 can you afford to put a car or a person here," and you're not able to, is the question like,
- 6 "Hey, there's nobody at all covering this space, can you put somebody here," or is it like a
- 7 casual, "Hey, you know, you might benefit from one more post here"? You know what I
- 8 mean?
- 9 A I wasn't -- from that.

1	[9:58 a.m.]	
2	. I wasn't from that 11th walk-through when I was asked, "Can	
3	you put a car in the parking lot," and I said, "No," there was some discussion. I don't	
4	recall exactly what that was. So I can't after that, I don't know where it went.	
5	_ I appreciate it.	
6	Yeah. Now, we did to follow up on that, we barricaded our	
7	road department provided barricades to us, and we did barricade numerous places, and	
8	the AGR parking lot was one of them. Because in our discussion, we it was more	
9	toward people tailgating or parking there and walking up to that fence.	
10	You know, in hindsight, I've told people in other [inaudible], you would have	
11	needed at least six officers to at least six to properly secure that building; you know,	
12	two on the west, two on the east, one in front, one in the back.	
13	BY :	
14	Q You said you told someone that?	
15	A No. No, no, no. This is in hindsight. You know, when they asked me to	
16	put one car in the parking lot, that was not securing the building. That was more toward	
17	preventing people parking there and tailgating. That was not a secure thing. You	
18	couldn't secure that building with one person.	
19	Q I want to direct your attention back to the ops plan under detail encounters.	
20	And that is actually page 3.	
21	A Uh-huh.	
22	Q So it says, "Member will contact the command post to advise them of issue	
23	and provide description of actor and behavior. If not threatening, member will continue	
24	with their detail."	
25	So this is in regards to suspicious activity?	

1	A Correct.
2	Q What threat level do you think would be needed for an officer to feel like
3	they needed to contact a command post?
4	A That's going to depend on the officer. It's if he thought something was
5	suspicious, he should radio in to the command post and yeah. We didn't have a, you
6	know, threat level.
7	You're going on the experience of the officer. If an officer thinks something is
8	suspicious, then they're going to check it out, call it in to command post.
9	Q The the officers at Meridian and Whitestown, so Patrolman and
10	Sergeant , were either one of them prior military?
11	A No.
12	Q Do you know whether they would have been familiar with a range finder?
13	A Yes.
14	Q So would they have been?
15	A Yes.
16	Q Is that is a range finder something that would alert you to there being a
17	threat?
18	A A range finder is suspicious. So the you're going to go in a progressive
19	thing. If it's just a range finder, it's not a threat in its own. However, it needs to be
20	checked out. So, yes.
21	Q When you say it needs to be checked out, what would checking it out
22	A Stop and ID the person.
23	Q The day of July 13th, what forms of communication had you had? You
24	mentioned earlier ops 3.
25	A Yes. We were on ops 3.

1	Q	So you had a radio. Did you have anything else?	
2	А	My cell phone.	
3	Q	For your cell phone, did you have FirstNet?	
4	Α	I did not.	
5	Q	Did any of the officers have FirstNet?	
6	Α	They did not.	
7	Q	Is that something that you guys have discussed having?	
8	Α	Yes. We've explored that. We've met with FirstNet people, and it just	
9	never mate	rialized. That was the prior prior chief.	
10	Q	Did you listen to did you only listen to ops 3 that day, or did you go to the	
11	other chann	nels as well?	
12	Α	I started off scanning various channels, and then it at one point got chaotic.	
13	Q	Yeah.	
14	Α	And I had to take my scan off so I could just focus on my guys on ops 3.	
15	Q	You mentioned earlier that there was a Pennsylvania State Police radio in	
16	6 the Butler trailer?		
17	Α	Yes.	
18	Q	Who was listening to that radio?	
19	А	That was Commander from he's the commander of Team 400.	
20	There was also Officer in there, and then for the Butler County		
21	Communications was		
22	Q	And there was a sheriff deputy in there as well, right?	
23	Α	, yes. He was in there he was also in there, yes.	
24	Q	So, as of 2 p.m., it sounds like all of you are in that trailer.	
25	Are	you in the same space, or are you in different spaces within the trailer?	

1	Α	and I it's a long, skinny trailer, so it would be hard for all of us to
2	be in one sp	oot. So and I were, for all practical purposes, on the right side of
3	the trailer.	And then were kind of on the left at a table, and
4	they they	were taking notes and stuff like that.
5	Q	And mentioned there were times in which would scream
6	through the	wall. Was there a barrier between the two groups?
7	Α	I don't remember a barrier. It was just like almost like where a doorway
8	would be, b	ut there was no door. So it was like a a little indentation.
9	Q	Did any of your officers, as far as you're aware, use the Signal app to
10	communica	te?
11	Α	I do not know.
12	Q	Are you familiar with Signal?
13	Α	No.
14	Q	Did you use email that day?
15	Α	I did not.
16	Q	So, for your communications, you have the radio, you have your phone.
17	Were you sending text messages?	
18	Α	I did not text hardly at all that day. Maybe once or twice. I mainly used
19	the radio or	would call somebody.
20	Q	And, when you called people, did you have any issues with
21	Α	Yeah. There was there was times where it would not go through. So
22	then I would do a quick text.	
23	Q	And the text would go through?
24	Α	The texts seemed to go through.
25	Q	Was there an instance in which you tried to communicate with one of your

'	officers and was dilable to for, let's say, more than a minute:		
2	A No. Because the radio I would be able to communicate by radio. There		
3	was no really no issues there, me communicating with my guys and myself.		
4	Q Did you have any input on a decision to have two command posts that day?		
5	A I was not.		
6	Q Did you have an understanding of how the command posts were supposed		
7	to function and communicate with each other?		
8	A Truthfully, when I got to the command post, I I thought there was going to		
9	be a State trooper there, and there wasn't. But there was one of their radios because		
10	there was to back up, when I had that initial walk-through on the 11th, Trooper or		
11	Lieutenant he was supposed to be traveling with the motorcade.		
12	think he's part of their SERT team. And he said, "Hey, I'll radio out our location, and that		
13	will give you a time you know, when we get to X, you can start shutting down your		
14	intersections."		
15	When I got to the command post the mobile command post or Butler County		
16	command post, there was no trooper there. And then they told me, "Well, there's a		
17	State police radio. We'll hear it from there."		
18	There was a delay in former Trump's arrival, and so we we heard about the		
19	delay, and then we heard that he landed. And, for the longest time, I was like, "Okay, he		
20	landed. Are they mobile yet or anything?"		
21	And this is where we learned that we weren't getting anything on the State police		
22	radio. So knew somebody that was traveling in that motorcade, and he texted		
23	them. And here, they were already mobile and en route coming up 79. So they did		
24	some testing, and there was nothing coming through the radio, and I don't know why.		

That's for somebody else.

1	So, from there on out, would text them to let me know when to shut down the		
2	intersections. So, eventually, the motorcade came up they had to take an alternate		
3	route because of a fatal accident on their primary route, so they went to a secondary		
4	route.		
5	And then when they got to 422 and 528 is when I started having my guys shut		
6	down their intersection and get them clear.		
7	. I have one more question. Is that		
8	<u>.</u> Uh-huh.		
9	BY :		
10	Q So in the detail encounters, it mentions that for drones, report drone		
11	sightings to command post with approximate position and description?		
12	A Yep.		
13	Q Were your officers known did they know to be on the lookout for drones		
14	A Yes.		
15	Q Did they report seeing any?		
16	A No. Each one of my men got a copy of this, and they were briefed on this		
17	detail.		
18	Q And none of them reported seeing drones around 4?		
19	A No. And, even after action, nobody saw a drone.		
20	Q Understood. Thank you for your time, sir.		
21	A You're welcome.		
22	. Off the record.		
23	[Recess.]		
24	We can go back on the record.		
25	BY :		

1	Q	I want to pick up a little bit where the Democrats left off. But one of the
2	things you	mentioned with them was that AGR was barricaded?
3	Α	Yes.
4	Q	Can you explain that?
5	Α	Yeah. The road my road crew, public works work crew, they have I call
6	them barrio	cades. They're like horses. And I requested a bunch of them. I requested
7	some for B	rady Paul Lane. We had one of those set up.
8	The	re's also a water tower, and there's a little driveway that goes to the water
9	tower. Ik	plocked that off. And then there was some talk about not wanting people
10	parking in AGR. So I provided horses for that parking lot.	
11	So we had that barricaded or horsed off for so people couldn't just drive right in	
12	there.	
13	Q	Okay.
14	Α	And AGR later just a real quick note they end up posting the front of that
15	property w	ith "no trespassing" signs.
16	Q	Day of?
17	Α	I don't know when that was.
18	Q	Okay. Did you see them on that day, or was it
19	Α	Yes, I did see signs that day.
20	Q	Okay. You also were talking that building, who was in it.
21	Did	you know that any any law enforcement entity was going to be in the AGR
22	building or	around it?
23	Α	I did know there was going to be members of the Team 400 Butler ESU up in
24	the window	v.

25

You did know?

Q

1	A I did know.
2	Q Okay. How did you know that?
3	A I think it was either the walk-through on the 11th, or, you know, some of my
4	men are on the ESU and I heard it from them, but I knew somebody was going to be in
5	that window.
6	Q Did you know it was snipers?
7	A I I don't know if I heard word sniper. I just knew there was going to be
8	members up there.
9	Q Did you think that they were going to be controlling the parking lot as well o
10	just in the building?
11	A Just in the building.
12	Q Did anyone ever say other than the walk-through where they asked you to
13	put a car there, did anyone ever say anything else about that parking lot or how to contro
14	the crowds coming up to the fence?
15	A No.
16	So, just to be clear in my head, all of those barricades, you did that
17	on your own? That was not requested by Secret Service?
18	. That was not requested. I did that on my own.
19	BY :
20	Q Let's talk about, from 2 p.m. on when you're in the trailer. You said that
21	there's PSP radio, but it was not working?
22	A It was not.
23	Q And you became aware of that at what time?
24	A That would have been I don't know the exact time. It was probably, let's
25	just say, 5 p.m., in that area.

1	Q So there was nothing that whole afternoon coming through that radio from		
2	PSP as far as you know?		
3	A I never heard anything come through that radio.		
4	Q Okay. You said you were scanning for a time, but it got chaotic. What did		
5	you mean by that?		
6	A Just just people talking. Like, you know, my guys on the traffic detail, I		
7	was listening to them. You know, they were they were talking about the traffic and		
8	different things, and the other channels, they were talking about whatever they're doing		
9	also.		
10	And I got to the point where, who was that? Was that and I wasn't looking at		
11	my radio to see what channel was coming up. I just knew there was a lot of noise that I		
12	didn't need to be listening to.		
13	Q Okay. And then you also mentioned that you thought PSP would be in the		
14	trailer		
15	A That was just an assumption.		
16	Q An assumption?		
17	A Yeah.		
18	Q Because normally, that would be something		
19	A I thought everybody was going to be we were going to be in that		
20	command post and PSP was going to be one of them. That was just an assumption on		
21	my part.		
22	Q And you didn't know who would be in the Secret Service command post?		
23	A No.		
24	Q Okay. At what time did you become aware of any crowd issues up against		
25	that AGR fence, if at all?		

1	А	I never did.
2	Q	Never did?
3	А	No. It was never brought to my attention.
4	Q	Okay. None of your officers radioed on ops 3 and said, "Hey, there's like a
5	hundred pe	ople over here," nobody
6	Α	No. Because they were at this time they were all at their intersections.
7	Q	Okay. So they didn't see it. When did you become aware of a suspicious
8	person?	
9	А	I became aware of it around a few minutes after 6 p.m.
10	Q	How did you become aware?
11	Α	I heard my guys talking about looking for the guy up by AGR, and I as
12	they're com	nmunicating, I realized that they left their intersections, and they were now up
13	around AGR looking for this guy, short or I think it was gray shorts, gray shirt, possible	
14	range finde	r.
15	Q	How did they become aware of this suspicious person?
16	А	Well, there was a they put it out over our radio.
17		. When you say your radio
18		. They put it out over ops 3, and I think it went out over ops 4.
19	think it wer	nt over numerous channels.
20	And	Patrolman , who is now stationed at Brady Paul Lane, who is also an
21	ESU membe	er but working for us, he got pictures of the guy from other ESU members.
22	And then O	fficer started sending them out to my officers, but I think only a couple
23	of my office	ers got that photo.
24		BY :
25	Q	Because of the service issues?

1	A I think he might have just sent it to a couple guys. And that was when they	
2	left their intersections and started going up to AGR to look for this person. Because the	
3	ast known location was around the AGR building last seen walking toward the Sheetz.	
4	Q What time, about, was that?	
5	A Well, the two officers that I know got the text got that picture of him and got	
6	notified at 5:58.	
7	Q Okay. And so that's about the time that they left their posts?	
8	A Yes.	
9	Q And is that something that they would normally do? If there's an incident,	
10	they know to respond?	
11	A Yes. And I guess in asking them, "Why did you guys just leave," well,	
12	number one, it was so close; they could kind of see that way. It was several hundred	
13	yards. So they just a couple of the guys walked up there and some drove.	
14	But traffic had lightened up, and it was no longer bumper to bumper, total	
15	congestion. So it had lightened up, and they had already got the motorcade through	
16	and then so they decide, "Well, let's go up there and look for him."	
17	Q Was the Secret Service agent stationed with your officers still with the	
18	officer at that time?	
19	A Yes.	
20	Q Did they have a conversation with the Secret Service agent, saying anything	
21	that they're hearing about the suspicious person? Did the Secret Service talk to them,	
22	do you know?	
23	A I wasn't there. So I don't know.	
24	Q Okay. Did they radio anything back to you about, "Hey, Secret Service is	
25	with me: we're going over here " or how did you become aware that they were leaving	

1 their posts? 2 Α I was at the Brady Paul Lane. I had taken a bathroom break, and I was also 3 And I just heard on my radio that, "Hey, I'm going to go around this side; you hydrating. 4 go around this side," and I heard that they were up there kind of looking around the 5 building. What time did you take your break? 6 Q Α 7 It was -- it was around 6 p.m. 8 Q Around 6 p.m.? 9 Α Yeah. It was maybe a couple minutes until 6. 10 Q Did any of your agents -- sorry -- officers ever see the suspect? 11 The first sighting from one of my officers was Patrolman Α And that 12 was at 8 minutes after 6. And he was actually one of the ones walking up to the 13 building. He was -- between the water tower and his location was a little patch of 14 woods. So, when they were looking for this -- he actually went to the woods and was checking the woods for the suspicious person. 15 16 And he was doing that in a westward fashion while he was walking. And, when 17 he got up to an area -- I don't think he would have completely cleared that wooded area, 18 but he saw a person on the roof. 19 Q And then he radioed? 20 Α He radioed that he saw somebody on the roof. 21 O So, when you hear that call come through, do you say that in the command 22 post or --Well, the command post would have -- should have heard that. Okay. I 23 Α 24 was not yet in the command post. 25 Q Right.

1	А	I was still and he radioed that on ops 3 that he saw somebody on the roof.
2	Q	Who took your place in the command post?
3	А	Nobody.
4	Q	Nobody. Okay. So who was monitoring ops 3 in the command post?
5	А	That was .
6	Q	They knew they were supposed to be monitoring ops 3 while you were
7	gone?	
8	А	Yeah. They were monitoring that, like, the whole time. When I was in
9	there, I was	n't taking notes like they were. I was going to get the command to shut
10	down the ir	ntersections and relay that to
11	Q	Sure. So 6:08, radios that there's someone on the roof.
2	At tl	nat time, did he radio anything about that person being armed?
13	А	No. He did not see a weapon at the time.
14	Q	Okay. What happened next? You hear that
15	А	I leave Brady Paul, and I start walking up to I knew the area behind the
16	stage and tl	ne VIP tent is on top of a hill, and I would be able to see the AGR building from
17	that locatio	n.
18	Q	Okay.
19	А	So I started walking up that way. And I am not there yet. I'm halfway
20	between Br	rady Paul, in that area, when I hear Detective start yelling that the guy's
21	got a gun.	
22	Q	On the radio?
23	А	Yeah.
24		_ Can you just kind of generally explain where you were in relation to,
25	lika tha sta	Con

1 . Yeah. I -- I had -- I was halfway between Brady Paul building and 2 the actual stage when I heard them yelling that he had a long gun, guy on the roof had a 3 gun. And there was a transmission like somebody -- I took it as, "Did I hear that right?" 4 And then Patrolman said, "Yes, he has a gun." BY 5 So that had to be between 6:08 when the call first came? 6 Q This -- no, this was about 6:11. 7 Α 8 Q 6:11. Okay. confirms it on the radio? 9 Α Yeah. And then I start running up to that area. And, as soon as I got up to 10 the crest of the hill, the first three gunshots went off. 11 Q Okay. What was your reaction then? 12 Α Disbelief. Yeah. 13 Q So you hear three pops? 14 Α There was three pops, a pause, and then [inaudible] gunshots real rapid 15 after that. 16 Q Okay. 17 . Can you just explain what you were seeing as this was going on? 18 Yes. When the first three gunshots go off, I was at the top of the 19 hill, and now I can see the AGR building. The first three go off, and I can hear either one 20 or two rounds dinging off the aluminum grandstands. I hear a hiss. There was a 21 pause. And then the five more gunshots go off. 22 There was a crane back there that was holding a flag. I was able to kind of duck 23 down behind that. And then there was an ESU, Butler ESU guy that was about 50, 60, 70 feet out in front of me. He fired. And then there was also the snipers that were up on 24 25 the barns. I heard them fire.

1	. Were you able to see Crooks on the roof	
2	<u>.</u> I did not. Never.	
3	<u>.</u> at any point?	
4	. Never saw him.	
5	Now, prior to this, when I was walking at first I started walking up to that	
6	location. I knew I had a bunch of guys around there. They're talking, "Hey, I came	
7	around this side." "Well, I'm over here; I didn't see him." You know, they're talking.	
8	I'm walking up there.	
9	I see the snipers that are on the barn. They would be the ones on the	
10	southern they're dressed in black. They've got tripods. There's two of them. And,	
11	as I'm walking up there, I noticed that two of them are looking through their scopes over	
12	to the AGR.	
13	So, in my mind, I'm like, okay, they know about what's going over at AGR.	
14	BY :	
15	Q This is before shots are fired?	
16	A This is before shots are fired.	
17	Q Okay.	
18	A And so that's that's what I noticed. And then, as I'm walking up there,	
19	remember one of the guys and he would have been the further east he takes his gun	
20	off the tripod and lays down on the roof.	
21	Q What does that signal to you?	
22	A That signals to me that he's trying to get a better look or a better you	
23	know, better vantage. But they were looking over that way.	
24	Q Okay. And about how long from that movement to the first shot?	
25	A Oh, I don't know.	

1 Q Couple seconds? 2 Α Seconds. But I don't know. 3 During that time when you started walking over, did you see any 4 Secret Service personnel other than the snipers? 5 No. Okay. 6 7 BY 8 Q Could you see the grandstands or the stage? 9 Α The back of them. The back of them? 10 Q 11 Α Yeah. 12 Q Okay. 13 I couldn't really see the stage because they kind of had bleachers wrapped Α 14 around. I could just see the back of the stage -- or the back of the bleachers. 15 Q So the Butler ESU individual that fired, you said, was about 50 feet in front of 16 you? 17 Α You know, it was -- let's say, if I'm going to lock in, I'm going to say 75 to 100. 18 Q Okay. Feet? 19 Α Yes. And he was on the ground. 20 Q Firing at --Yeah, out in front of me. Because I was -- I was running this way. 21 Α 22 Was he stationary when he shot? Q 23 Α Yes. 24 Okay. And it was toward the AGR building? Q 25 Α Yes.

1 Shots are fired. You hear the sniper shot. What happens after that? Q 2 Α Yeah. I kind of just stand there in disbelief, but I'm listening to my guys on 3 the radio and --4 O What are they saying? 5 They're, you know -- one guy is calling for, you know, more officers and Α different resources, stuff like that. They're trying to confirm if he was down. 6 7 One officer was getting reports that Crooks was down, but he couldn't confirm 8 that because he couldn't -- he couldn't see him. You know, they were setting up a 9 perimeter. 10 At this time, you know, I kind of start walking back and forth, and I see that they're 11 treating a person on the ground. And then, shortly later, they carry -- the person that 12 was deceased, they carried him from the bleachers into the VIP tent. 13 Q Okay. 14 And they came right out in front of me. 15 So then I had a State trooper come up to me and say -- ask me if I had any crime 16 scene tape, and I said, yeah, and that was in my car. So I ran back down to my car, got 17 the crime scene tape, took it up. And they started marking off -- roping off the area 18 where the person had been shot. 19 Q Okay. Where was your car? 20 Α It was parked just outside of the Brady Paul Lane. 21 O Okay. 22 Α Brady Paul Lodge. It was not far from the building. 23 Q Okay. Did -- you got them the crime scene tape. Was there any other ask 24 for you to assist in processing or moving --

Not at that time. I had -- it was Sergeant calling for a lot of

1 resources over at the AGR building. 2 Q And he's with who? 3 He was my patrol sergeant that day. He was actually on patrol, but I was 4 utilizing him for this detail. 5 Q Okay. And I don't know if it was a direct request for me to get over there. It 6 Α 7 sounded like they needed some additional help over there. So I left that location, got in 8 my car, and I drove over to the AGR building. 9 Q Okay. And what was going on there? 10 Α They were securing the building. At this time, they're going on the radio 11 that they had found what they believed was a -- some type of remote device. 12 And when you say "they" -- sorry --Q They had gained access to the roof and confirmed that Crooks was deceased, 13 Α 14 dead. "They" is your people or --15 Q 16 Well, I think it was -- I know this is after the fact from watching the body 17 camera. It was the ESU members, but I believe they were -- the first ones were from 18 Beaver that were up there. 19 Q Okay. 20 Α But also , Detective made his way up there. 21 0 Okay. So he's radioing down? 22 Yeah. That there was -- he had what looked like a remote device. Α 23 Q Okay. 24 So, at that time, they wanted to secure the area, but they also were Α 25 doing -- into their search of the building. So there was some units that already made

1 way into the building and were clearing the inside of the AGR building. 2 Q Okay. 3 I set up a perimeter over where our traffic barricades/horses were. 4 just -- I stopped there and kind of held that perimeter for a little bit. 5 There was some people that were detained along that fence. They were eventually brought to my location. The State police had detained a couple individuals. 6 7 Q Okay. 8 Α And then they were transferred to Officer and Detective 9 We ID'd them. Later, it turned out that we uncuffed -- only one individual was 10 handcuffed, and we still didn't hear why. He was cooperative with us. We took the 11 handcuffs off of him and, you know, ID'd him. And then told them to wait in that area. 12 And they were eventually picked up by Homeland Security. 13 Q Okay. 14 When you say Homeland Security, do you know, was it -- what 15 agency? 16 Homeland Security? 17 So, like, his? 18 His. 19 Okay. 20 But PSP didn't tell you why --21 No. Because we were looking for -- I don't even know the 22 trooper that handcuffed him. 23 Do you remember --24 But I guess this was immediately after he was in the area. And he 25 had -- he had long hair down to his shoulder, approximate age. However, he had a red

1 shirt on. It wasn't a gray like the original description went out. 2 So I think it was just a combination of factors of why he was handcuffed. BY 3 4 Q And then you said there were two other individuals PSP asked you to hold? 5 Α No. There was a couple people with him. Oh, with him. Okay. 6 Q 7 Yes. And when they were brought to my location, it was just my officers Α 8 with these people. So we ID'd everybody and kind of took their statement. They were 9 more witnesses at that point. 10 O Yeah. 11 So then that's when, "Hey, you wait here." I know some of them were, Α "How long," and we were like, "However long it takes." 12 So do you remember the identity of the individual that was handcuffed? 13 Q I don't have that with me. 14 15 Q Okay. 16 Would that be in your incident report that you provided us with? 17 I am not sure. 18 Okay. 19 I -- I don't believe it is. 20 Okay. 21 But I can get you those names. Because this was transferred to a 22 State police investigation. I was only over at the AGR building for just, say, about one 23 hour. 24 BY 25 Q Okay.

1 And then I was called back to the Secret Service command post. And that's Α 2 when I got over there and saying, "Hey, the State police are handling the shooting, and 3 the FBI is handling the attempted assassination." 4 Q Okay. Who told you to go to the Secret Service command post? 5 Α It was a radio call. All OICs from each department report to the Secret Service. 6 7 Was that on ops channel 3? Q 8 Α At that time, it came over ops 3. Yeah, they put it out over, I think, multiple 9 channels --10 Q Okay. 11 Α -- because I was still monitoring ops 3. 12 Q Okay. Do you know who said that? That was -- that was -- I don't know. It was, I think, a dispatcher. 13 Α 14 Q A dispatcher. Okay. Yeah, for the county. 15 Α 16 Q Okay. At the time shots are fired, there's still hundreds of people on that 17 AGR fence line, right? 18 Α I didn't see hundreds. 19 Q Okay. 20 Α They were all concentrated up towards 68. 21 Q Okay. 22 They were all concentrated up towards -- this area was the most people up Α 23 here. Along this fence right here -- let me get my pencil -- there wasn't a whole lot of 24 people. There was only just, say, a handful of people.

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Okay.

1 Α Most of them were up around this area here. 2 Q Okay. 3 Α They were -- there was a large group up here. 4 O Okay. So there was not very -- maybe 10 --Α No. When the shots were fired, I'm going to say 6 to 10. 5 Six to 10. Okay. And was one of them the guy with the long hair? 6 Q 7 Α Yes. He had a red shirt on, and he was somewhere down along this. 8 Q Okay. 9 Α He was hiding behind a tree. 10 O Okay. So you get back to the Secret Service command post. What 11 happens? 12 Α That's when they started logistically saying -- the State police are saying, on 13 this portion, the FBI, they were calling in additional resources. 14 That's when I was notified that Detective had received an injury and that he was going to be taken to the hospital. So him and Detective 15 went to a 16 hospital. He got checked out. 17 What was his injury? Q 18 Α He twisted his ankle and knee. 19 Q Getting up on the --20 Α Nothing -- nothing broken. It was sprains and strains. 21 O Was that from getting on the roof? 22 Yeah. That was from him kind of releasing from the roof and landing. Α 23 Q Because he was lifted up? 24 He was lifted up to the roof. He wasn't totally on the roof. He was still Α 25 kind of hanging from the roof. In the body camera you can see he just has his, like,

1	elbows on the roof.		
2	Q And then that's when he sees the gun?		
3	A He looks to his left and encounters Crooks, and Crooks turns and points the		
4	gun at him. And he releases instinctively, whatever tell you he		
5	The Chairman. Can we have the time on that? Because I'm trying to follow the		
6	minute and the second and		
7	. That is 11 minutes after 6.		
8	The Chairman. Okay. Then he sees he reported that he that Crooks turned		
9	and pointed the gun at him. We know that for a fact. Did the officer say that?		
10	No.		
11	The <u>Chairman.</u> Okay. He went back.		
12	Then seconds later, shots are fired?		
13	The Chairman. Well, I would imagine if and I've never attempted to do		
14	anything that Crooks attempted to do, but I would think, once you know they know		
15	you're there, the next thing is, "I got to get this done right now."		
16	<u>.</u> Uh-huh.		
17	So did he say about how many seconds?		
18	Well, in our kind of after-action review, he drops down off the		
19	roof, gets on the radio, and yells, "He's got a gun. He's got a long gun." It was 30		
20	seconds after that that the first shots were fired.		
21	The Chairman. Just to interrupt one more time. So who else knew about the		
22	transmission, "He's got a gun; he's got a gun"?		
23	All my guys. Anybody that would have been scanning our		
24	channel. And I don't know who		
25	The Chairman. Would Secret Service also have been receiving the same?		

1	. No, not at this time. That call goes to the county command post
2	County command post has to call up to the Secret Service command post to tell them.
3	This is where two two command posts not good, should be unified.
4	The Chairman. So, if this is what you do and you're an elite group, the ability to
5	communicate at the time that you need to communicate, I think, would be essential.
6	Are we saying we didn't know until actually at that time that they couldn't
7	communicate and couldn't receive the communications? So there's a lapse from the
8	time we have a police officer that sees him on the roof, long gun, the guy turns towards
9	him, and then this conversation takes place back and forth, which would have been
10	ample time had everybody been keyed in on it to get the target off the stage?
11	<u>.</u> Correct. Yes.
12	The Chairman. The problem I have with all this is there's something I'm sorry
13	to interrupt, but I cannot understand, when we know and it's not like it wasn't long
14	enough. We had time that we knew there was a suspicious person until we get to that
15	point where they actually see this guy, and there's time before the policeman goes up.
16	There's time before that they see somebody on the roof.
17	At some point, wouldn't somebody have said, "Something needs to to get
18	Trump off the platform." I really if this is the elite group and we didn't have the abilit
19	to communicate and that we knew ahead of time that the communications were being
20	transferred through different stations, that's not acting in time. That's acting without a
21	regard to time.
22	I don't I'm not a police officer. And you guys, I thought, did a hell of a job that
23	day. I'm just trying to figure out who the hell was running who was in the booth
24	running the offense, and why weren't they able to get the message down here?
25	Hell, I watched the Chiefs last night. They know everything that's going on

1	because somebody is at a point that they can watch the whole thing, and they
2	communicate exactly as what does take place.
3	So we're saying on that day, for whatever reason, the most elite group we have to
4	protect people, that we put our protection group on, weren't able to respond in a timely
5	fashion and get the target off? We know the guy is not up there to shoot anybody else,
6	right?
7	This is what I got to tell you, we're going to go through this thing and keep going
8	through this thing. I wish I could get to the point where I thought
9	. Wait for a question.
10	The Chairman it wasn't people just not doing their job. I just and I'm not
11	blaming the locals. I think the locals are the ones that do the best job in this.
12	Okay. I'm sorry to go through this. I was there. I was about 60 feet away
13	from this whole damn thing and about 50 feet away from the guy who got the back of his
14	head. And I just think, if Crooks knows, now he knows that they know, "I got to get the
15	shots off right now."
16	So that rapid fire, it may have been I also understand we go through this that we
17	knew and we had him in our sights sniper had Crooks in his sight and was waiting for
18	somebody to tell him
19	. We are going to be asking that of the Secret Service, I think.
20	The Chairman. I know you guys got to go through this step by step, baby step by
21	baby step. But being there and watching it in real time, I'm just confused now why
22	people who weren't there all of a sudden have this input that really makes it harder then
23	for us to get to the answers that we need to get to. I just wish they'd wait until we do

I know it's an election year, and it's important to get your face on the TV. But, if

this before they start weighing in.

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1	you want to	get an answer to the stuff and if you really Lieutenant, I appreciate you
2	coming in to	oday, taking your time to come in. I know you've relived this. I can tell you
3	something,	you know and I know for , that game film keeps running back and
4	forth in his	head, and he can't he can't grasp that whole thing.
5	Oka	y. So we know I'm just looking at the timeline. It's amazing to me
6	that we k	now that we weren't able to communicate, and why is it that we had to wait
7	until somet	hing like that happened that we realized we couldn't communicate? That's
8	bizarre.	
9		. Yeah. It's very frustrating timeline-wise.
10		BY :
11	Q	Did you hear anything about President Trump's detail pulling him off the
12	stage? Die	d you see that at all?
13	Α	I did not.
14	Q	Okay.
15	Α	He was evacuated, and I did not I did not see him.
16	Q	Were your guys so all your guys had been pulled off the road at that time.
17	Trump was	pushed into the motorcade, taken out to the hospital?
18	Α	Yes.
19	Q	But you guys weren't
20	Α	I had one guy remained at 68 and Meridian Road, and that's the
21	intersection	n where Sheetz is.
22	Q	Okay.
23	Α	That's a busy intersection. He was able to shut that down and get the
24	motorcade	through that intersection.

Q Okay. Was that the one with the Secret Service agent, or was that

1	somebody else?	
2	A That's no, that's the Sheetz intersection.	
3	Q Oh, so it's the other side?	
4	A Yeah.	
5	Q Okay.	
6	A But, at this time, the back of Brady Paul just had the Secret Service Agent	
7	from Arizona because Officer had left and headed over to AGR.	
8	Q That Secret Service Agent stayed at his post?	
9	A Yes.	
10	. We're kind of at time.	
11	One final question if our colleagues will allow us since we're just a	
12	little over.	
13	You mentioned that you had spoken with Secret Service after the fact, day of, in	
14	the command post. Have you spoken with Secret Service since?	
15	. I have not spoken to some of the agents. I did have some	
16	conversations with Special Agent , and he was just checking to see how o	
17	guys were.	
18	There was some blame thrown out real quick after this, and he called me to say,	
19	hey, this wasn't coming from his office. It was and then I did get a call from the	
20	Director and	
21	. Was that Cheatle or Rowe.	
22	. Cheatle. I did get a personal phone call from her on my personal	
23	cell phone.	
24	BY :	
25	Q Okay.	

1	A That was, I think, Monday. That would have been the 15th.
2	Q What did she say?
3	A Just that, you know, they rely on the locals to work, and she doesn't like to
4	hear what's in the media because there was some blame thrown right at us early on.
5	Q Yeah. Did you know where that blame was coming from?
6	A No. So she she, you know, was apologizing for that and that they need to
7	do better. Just a typical, "We were in charge, and it happened on our watch, and we're
8	going to, you know, have to do better."
9	<u>.</u> But, aside from that, no debrief or after-action.
10	. Well, I did have a meeting yesterday with their internal
11	investigation. So I have sat down with their investigators.
12	. We can go off the record.
13	[Recess.]
14	We can go back on the record.
15	BY :
16	Q I just wanted to ask some quick clarifying questions, and I might have to step
17	out. So I'll just ask a few quickly, if I could.
18	A Sure.
19	Q One of them is pretty simple. We heard people talk about the different
20	radio frequencies. There's a patrol frequency or
21	A Yes. It was called police 2.
22	Q Okay.
23	A That is what my patrol guys would get dispatched to any regular police calls,
24	accidents. That is a county police 2. There's police 1 and police 2. Police 1 is the
25	southern part of Butler County; police 2 is the northern of Butler County, and we're in

1	police 2.	
2	Q	So that's police elsewhere in Butler County just doing their regular jobs?
3	Α	Yes.
4	Q	Got it. Thank you. For the when we talk about the Pennsylvania State
5	Police and t	he relationship between these different entities, we've heard some folks
6	make, like,	a contractor analogy where they say, "Well, our understanding is Secret
7	Service is a	contractor; Pennsylvania State Police a subcontractor," and, in your case, your
8	township is	the sub-subcontractor.
9	Not	everybody necessarily is on that same wavelength. I'm just curious what
10	your percep	otion would have been.
11	Α	No. I take it as, like, a subcontractor is going to take orders from I wasn't
12	taking any o	orders from the State police. I from the meeting on July 8th, I was dealing
13	on task to c	ontrol those intersections, and I made the op plan with Officer that
14	that's what	we were going to do.
15	Q	And that was really a product of a conversation with the Secret Service?
16	Α	Correct.
17	Q	Got it. So you didn't view the Pennsylvania State Police really as, like, a
18	middleman	between yourself and the Secret Service?
19	А	No.
20	Q	I think either somebody asked or you made a remark that, for the Secret
21	Service com	nmand post, you were not in there; you were not asked to be in there.
22	Just	curious, was it, like, a nobody ever asked you thing or somebody said to you,
23	"Oh, you kn	ow, it's restricted to just whomever"?
24	А	No. Never had that conversation with anybody.
25	Q	There was just never any conversation about it at all?

1	А	Nope.
2	Q	Was there ever a secondhand word-of-mouth, you know, "I heard that
3	somebody	else heard that Secret Service is only inviting one person," or something like
4	that?	
5	Α	Didn't hear anything like that.
6	Q	Just no dialogue. Okay. Great. And my other quick one was after the
7	event I th	nink it was maybe one or 2 days after when Special Agent called to say,
8	"Hey, this s	tuff isn't coming from me, not my office, did he mention or speculate on
9	where it m	ight have been coming from?
10	А	No. That was all media-driven, and we were getting bombarded by media.
11	So much to	the fact where I couldn't listen to the radio, I couldn't listen to the TV.
12	No,	he didn't tell me where it was coming from. He just said it wasn't coming
13	from his of	fice.
14		_ Thank you.
15		. Quick followup to his followup.
16		BY :
17	Q	So there was no conversation about whether or not you were going to be in
18	the Secret	Service command post?
19	А	Uh-huh.
20	Q	How was the determination made that you were going to be in the local
21	command _l	post?
22	А	Well, at one of those at the walk-through on the 11th, I had heard that the
23	county con	nmand post some call it mobile. But it was the command post was going to
24	be over by	the Brady Paul and that the sheriff and the county dispatchers and stuff were
25	going to be	in there, and that's where I believed I was going.

1	Q	Okay. So no one explicitly told you; it just made sense, as the OIC, that
2	that's wher	e you'd be?
3	А	Yes, yes. And I was also told that the State police were going to update me
4	where the i	motorcade was, and that's back to where when I got into the command post
5	and there v	vas not a State trooper in there, that's when the first question in my head was
6	like, where	is he?
7	Q	So, with the radio chatter in the command post and you were out of the
8	command p	post, if you needed to get some information that you had heard on ops 3 over
9	to the Secr	et Service, what was the plan for how to do that?
10	Α	The command post was contacting the Secret Service command post. So it
11	was either	or .
12	Q	And had that determination been made prior to it, or was that just the
13	assumption	based off of the
14	Α	I wasn't involved in any of that command post communication planning.
15	Q	Okay. When you walked in that day, did either one of them say, "If you
16	need a mes	sage to the Secret Service, let us know," or was that just the obvious
17	assumption	that you made?
18	Α	Yes.
19	Q	Okay.
20	Α	I did have some cell phone numbers if I needed to call somebody.
21	Q	Okay. Thanks.
22		BY :
23	Q	You mentioned earlier there was a PSP radio and that would have
24	had that, b	ut then you said that there was a PSP radio that wasn't working?
25	Α	That's the same radio. That was one PSP radio in the Butler County

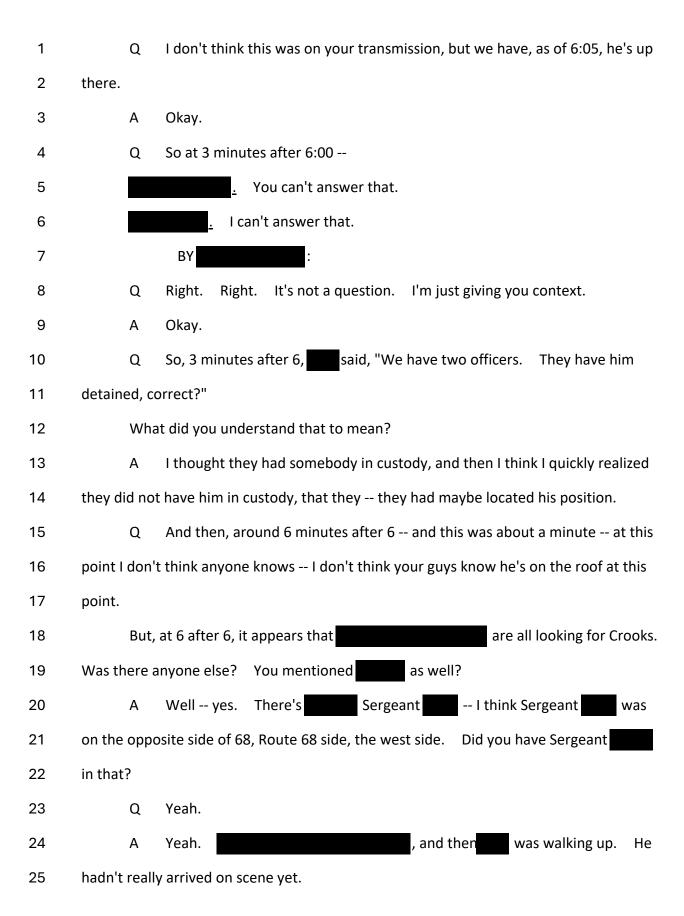
1 command post, and it wasn't working. 2 Q We're going to go through the timeline a bit. Some of it I'll just put out 3 there as an FYI, and then I'll have some questions. 4 So, at 4:26, Crooks is first identified. At 5:10, he's spotted with a range finder, 5 and there are photos taken of him at 5:14. But, at this point, we have no indication that -- we don't know whether you guys 6 7 were made aware of this. Were you made aware of any of this by that point? 8 Α I was not. 9 Q There are more images shared of Crooks at 5:38. Then, at 5:42, there's a 10 description that Butler ESU -- I'm sorry; Beaver ESU provides over the radio. 11 He also mentions a range finder with a bike and a backpack nearby. 12 Were you made aware of that at around 5:42? I don't remember that radio communication. 13 Α 14 O So, at 5:45, tells ops 4 that Pennsylvania State Police and sheriffs are 15 en route. 16 Did anyone ask the Butler Township Police to go to AGR at that point? I don't believe so. You said that was at 5:54? 17 Α 18 Q 5:45. 19 Α 5:45. Yeah. I know my guys started getting that text picture at 5:58. 20 Q And, just to go back a bit, at 5:35, that's when you told your guys that they 21 could open up all the intersections? 22 Α Yes. The motorcade had arrived, and we were opening those intersections 23 back up. 24 Then, from 5:35, when you made that announcement to 5:50, there wasn't Q

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anything on the transmissions.

1	What was happening in that 15-minute block?	
2	A There wasn't a whole lot going on.	
3	Q Were you in touch with the Butler Township folks through some other	
4	means, cell phone?	
5	A No, not at that time.	
6	Q Okay. And then, at 5:50, you asked, "How was traffic back there?"	
7	What's "back there"?	
8	A Meridian Road. I was referring to that.	
9	Q And then this is at 5:54. Command notifies the Butler Township on ops 3 of	
10	a suspicious person's report.	
11	Were you asked to do anything at that point?	
12	A I wasn't. I was I was in Brady Paul Lane taking a bathroom break and	
13	getting some hydration, water, and then they had these little electrolyte things.	
14	I had I think, up until that point, I had drank probably seven or eight waters, and	
15	it just didn't seem like they were doing it. So that's why I got those electrolyte things.	
16	Q Yes.	
17	A So that's when I was in there starting to hear my guys going to AGR.	
18	Q So would you when that notice is made at 5:54, would you have had your	
19	radio listen in as well?	
20	A Yeah. My radio was on all day. I just don't remember that specific radio	
21	call.	
22	Q And you said around this point is when your guys would have started	
23	heading over to AGR?	
24	A Well, they didn't start up until around 5:58. And Patrolman was one	
25	of the last ones on there. He didn't go up until a little later. He was on foot. It was	

1 all around 6, you know, 6:05 timeframe. 2 Q Around the 5:54 block, mentioned sending 1342 over. What's 1342? 3 1342 is Patrolman . He was one of my patrol officers. He was not 4 5 assigned to this duty. However, he was my zone car, and his zone was kind of the Meridian area. 6 7 Was he one of the floaters? Q 8 Α Well, I didn't actually assign him as a floater. 9 Q Okay. 10 Α He was handling any traffic accidents, domestics, any regular police calls for 11 the township that day. He just happened to be in the area. He stopped and talked to 12 Patrolman said, "Hey, we're looking for this guy," and he had a picture on his phone. 13 14 . Just so I fully understand, he was one of the 11 township 15 officers that were working on the 13th, but not the 9 or so that were actively working the 16 event? 17 Correct. 18 And his zone just happened to be that area? 19 That area. 20 ΒY 21 So about 3 minutes after 6 is when former President Trump takes the stages, 22 and around 5 minutes after 6 is when there is -- we first hear someone saying that Crooks is on the roof? 23 24 My understanding wasn't until 8 minutes after that he was spotted on the Α roof. 25



1	Q	Sounds like you guys are all over this. You guys sent a lot of people in that
2	direction.	
3	Α	Yeah.
4		What is the, kind of, officers' autonomy with that sort of
5	decisionma	iking? Because it doesn't look like anyone requested your permission to
6	leave their	post. What's the best practice for that?
7		Well, there was Sergeant and Sergeant They can
8	make that	call. So I think, when they were going up there, they were like it's my
9	understand	ling as traffic at that time was very light, and they're like, "Hey, we're close to
10	the building	g; let's go."
11		<u>.</u> Okay.
12		BY :
13	Q	So, as far as you know, no one actually told them to head that direction?
14	Α	No. They didn't get an order direct order or anything like that.
15	Q	So, 8 minutes after 6 and you mentioned this earlier this is when
16	said that th	ere is someone on the roof of the AGR building?
17	Α	Uh-huh.
18	Q	You mentioned that you started at this time heading towards the stage to
19	get a bette	r view of the AGR building?
20	Α	It was the area between the stage and the barns. The barns is like where
21	the VIP ten	t was. I have this
22	Q	I'm actually going to show you a different map.
23	А	Okay.
24		We're going to call this exhibit B.
25		Minority Exhibit B

was marked for identification.]

1	[11:04 a.m.]
2	BY :
3	Q If you want to just start looking at it, I'll pass it around. So this is a map
4	that we pulled over. It's a birds-eye view. You can ignore the yellow portion. But
5	you indicated that you were, and I'm looking towards the bottom right quadrant, Brady
6	Paul Lane and Meridian and that you started heading up?
7	A I wasn't at that location. I was at the Brady Paul Lodge. That lodge was
8	used for a hydration spot, a restroom, and people officers could go there and get a
9	break. There was some snacks and food in there.
10	Q And then, when you said you started heading up around, where were you
11	when you first heard that there was someone on the roof?
12	A I was leaving, I think, Brady Paul Lane and it was I had just left there when I
13	heard there was, like, somebody on the roof. And I started walking up to this direction,
14	because I knew at this crest of the hill I could see the AGR building.
15	Q And where did you end up where you heard shots fired?
16	A I just went to this area right here behind the stage and the bleachers.
17	Q So, if I'm looking correctly, you're in between the barn and the stage.
18	A Yes.
19	Q Essentially, the middle barn is about where you made it when you first heard
20	the shots.
21	A No. I was I'm going to say that I was not quite that far up.
22	Q Okay. So you were heading there, but didn't quite make it.
23	A Correct.
24	Q All right. And around the same time, so almost immediately after Officer
25	says that someone on is the roof, command informs the Butler Township Police that

1	there is no one from ESU on the roof. Do you recall hearing that?
2	A No.
3	Q Would your officers have felt, given that there is a range finder and now
4	there's someone on the roof, if they saw him on the roof, would they have felt at liberty
5	to shoot at him?
6	A I don't believe so, not at that time, if they didn't see a weapon.
7	Q So they would have had to wait for a weapon to be seen.
8	A Yes.
9	Q You mentioned that and sort of had discretion to make their
10	own judgment calls. Would they also be waiting to hear from someone?
11	A Waiting to hear about what?
12	Q About how to respond upon seeing someone on the roof.
13	A No. They took initiative to go up there and look for this suspicious person
14	Q So, at this point well, I guess let me back up. Is there a distinction
15	between suspicious person and a threat?
16	A They wanted to ID this guy. He had a range finder, so that escalated to
17	threat level a little bit. Still no weapon. We wanted to ID him. We wanted to talk to
18	this guy. So, yeah, I mean, it escalated a little bit, but there wasn't a threat really until
19	somebody was calling out that he had a gun.
20	Q So someone has a range finder; then he's on the roof. That still wouldn't
21	be a threat?
22	A Well, that's escalating.
23	. Hold on a second. Point of clarification. When you say
24	"threat," do you mean threat of death or serious bodily injury to somebody? What do
25	you mean by "threat"?

1		. I actually want him to define it to me. Like, "suspicious person"
2	versus "thre	eat," like, what is the difference? So, if that's the difference, then that's what
3	I'm trying to	o understand.
4		. There could be somebody on the roof that doesn't have a weapon
5	that just wa	ants to get a better view of the former President Trump. So, you know,
6	you've got	to look at the totality of the circumstances. You've got to first ID that this
7	person has	a gun before he is considered you know, he has a potential to cause serious
8	bodily injur	y or death.
9		. So it's the normal escalation of rules of engagement that you
10	would have	any other day of the year. There's no additional information or guidance
11	provided fo	or an event like this.
12		<u>.</u> Yes.
13		<u>.</u> Okay.
14		BY :
15	Q	I'm going to refer you back to exhibit B. You mentioned as you were
16	walking up	towards the barns and the stage, you saw the Secret Service snipers looking
17	towards AG	iR.
18	Α	Yes.
19	Q	About where were you when you saw that?
20	Α	I was walking up this location right here, and when I get to this area where
21	all these kir	nd of gravel roadways intersect, I could see the snipers on this barn right here.
22	They were a	at the peak.
23	Q	And they're looking towards AGR.
24	Α	They are looking toward AGR.
25	Q	So you first heard around 8 minutes past 6 that there was someone on the

1 , and that's when you start heading out. 2 Α Yes. 3 Q And, before 6:11, you see the snipers looking that direction. Yes. I'm still kind of walking up there. I didn't start running until I heard a 4 Α 5 gun. That's at 6:11? 6 Q 7 Α Yes. 8 Q So you're still walking at that point; so essentially, before 6:11, Secret Service 9 is looking at the AGR roof. Α 10 Yes. 11 So, at 6:10, the sheriff's department says that State and local law Q 12 enforcement officers have the AGR building surrounded. Was that what you understood to be happening at that time? 13 14 Α Yes. 15 And I think you explained earlier that, by this point, Q had actually left 16 Brady Paul. So he was no longer with the Secret Service agent? 17 Α Correct. 18 Q Do you know if anyone ever took s place at Brady Paul Lane? 19 Α They didn't. None of my guys did. But -- my understanding, 20 stayed there. It's my understanding -- you'll have to ask Patrolman 21 think was, like, "Go, you know, I got this, go." 22 is with Q So it sounds like . He hears what's going on and tells 23 him he needs to go. 24 Yeah. I think it was kind of mutual, but ask them. I was not there for that. Α

So, after the shooting takes place, you mentioned that you were at

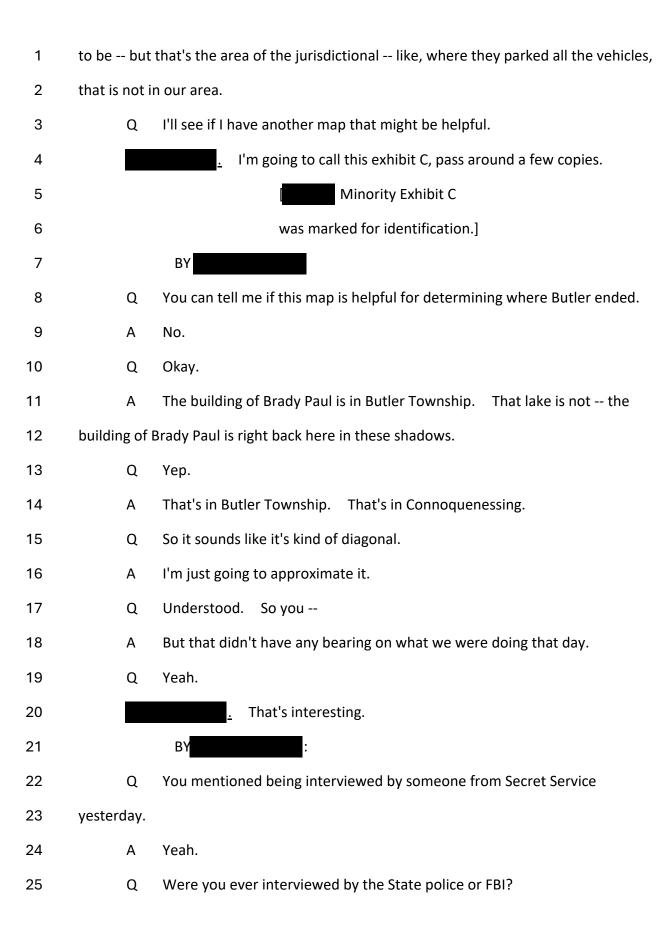
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Yeah.

1	the AGR building for about an hour?		
2	Α	Roughly, yes.	
3	Q	Did you see anybody besides the FBI handle Crooks' body or firearm?	
4	Α	No. I was never on that building. I was stationed at the entrance off of	
5	Whitestowr	Road, and I was kind of IDing some people that were around. When I got	
6	there, there	was a his officer that was standing with two people. So I walked over there,	
7	and he said,	"Hey, you might want to talk to these two people; they're witnesses." So I	
8	got their na	mes and information, and I passed that on to the State police.	
9		BY :	
10	Q	Backing up just a tiny bit. So shots fired is comes over the radio, and	
11	then within	just right after the next thing that comes over the radio on ops 3 is you	
12	saying "Lock	down 68, lock down 68, lock down all roads."	
13	Α	Yes.	
14	Q	So the intent for saying that is?	
15	Α	There's going to be an emergency evacuation; clear the intersections. That	
16	was instinct	ive, because I still was saying, "Hey, we got to lock down all those	
17	intersection	s," but yet all my guys are up at the AGR, and there was only one officer, and	
18	he locked d	own that intersection and got the motorcade through.	
19		BY :	
20	Q	That's what I was wondering. With leaving Brady Paul, I know you	
21	have other	officers in Butler. Are they coming to support this situation at this point?	
22	Α	Yes. After that there was an emergency alert tone that was put out, and	
23	that was by	I think, the 911 center. And then Officer was saying, "Send me	
24	anybody tha	at you can send me." Butler City sent some cars up, and they started helping	
25	with traffic.		

1 Q Okay. 2 Α Because you have 20- to 25,000 people on a mass exodus. We needed 3 some crowd control and traffic control. So there was other people that came in to assist 4 us. That request from came after the shooting. 5 Q Α 6 Yes. 7 Okay. Were you made aware either the day of or an after-action report Q that anyone touched Crooks' firearm? 8 9 Α I have no knowledge. 10 0 Did you happen to know where Crooks' vehicle was found? 11 Yes. I was at the Secret Service command center, and I was notified that Α 12 they found his vehicle on Whitestown Road in the area of -- I don't think it's on here. I'll think of the name of the road. Whitestown at -- the name of the road is --13 14 Q It sounds like it's a ways away. It's within walking distance, but it is not in Butler Township's jurisdiction. 15 Α 16 Q And earlier you mentioned that the farm grounds, there was, like, a divider 17 that would indicate where Butler ends and the other county begins. About where is 18 that? 19 Α Well, if this is the AGR building, this front building of AGR that's separate 20 from the big main building is in Connoquenessing Township. 21 O Interesting. 22 This part -- part of this is in Butler Township. We handle all calls to this, but Α 23 that line goes somewhere like right here. 24 So right around where the stage is. Q 25 Yes. There's a fence, and I don't think you can see it here. I'm not going



1	A Yes.
2	Q Did anyone else interview you?
3	A I had a brief one with
4	. There was a Senate Budget Committee group that did a group
5	interview, and Lieutenant was part of that.
6	. Was that by any chance?
7	I can get you the name. It's possible.
8	And then there was an Oversight Committee.
9	<u>.</u> Senate?
10	. I believe so. No. Homeland Security. It was Homeland
11	Security, and then the group I forget the agency within that that actually does the type
12	of investigations of criminal activity. If you said it, I'd remember it, but I can find it for
13	you.
14	. So about four interviews before us. Does that sound right?
15	Yes.
16	. Well, you had a group that did do an interview at the
17	community college.
18	<u>.</u> Yes.
19	_ That was you guys, kind of.
20	_ I wasn't part of that, because I was on vacation, but we also did the
21	independent review board for the Secret Service. That's the, you know, the
22	independent. That wasn't
23	_ That wasn't Secret Service.
24	
25	review board.

1		. So you're probably right. About four.	
2		BY :	
3	Q	Do you know if any of these interviews were transcribed or recorded in any	
4	way?		
5	А	The FBI was recorded audibly.	
6	Q	Okay.	
7	А	I think most of them probably were audibly recorded.	
8	Q	Have you made any public statements about this beyond these interviews?	
9	А	I have not.	
10	Q	So that means no social media posts, no videos anywhere.	
11	А	Nothing. I'm radio silence and driving the media crazy.	
12	Q	Are you aware of any other Butler Township officers and videos discussing	
13	July 13th?		
14	А	No.	
15	Q	What are your views on whether the AGR complex should have been shut	
16	down that o	day?	
17	А	After the fact, it should have been secured.	
18	Q	I guess during the rally, should that space have been, like, no one should	
19	have been allowed?		
20	Α	Yes.	
21	Q	So, based on our visits to Butler, it seems like the former President has a lot	
22	of support h	nere and that it is unlikely that law enforcement would have been a part of	
23	some consp	piracy. Do you have any thoughts on that?	
24	А	I don't have any thoughts on conspiracy.	
25		_ I'm going to pause and see if my colleague has any questions.	

I don't think I have any followup questions right now. We
 really appreciate your time.
 You're welcome.
 That's all for me. Thank you.
 [Whereupon, at 11:18 a.m., the interview was concluded.]

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