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11 CONTINUED INTERVIEW OF: CASSIDY HUTCHINSON

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20 The interview in the above matter was held in room 380 Cannon House Office
21 Building, commencing at 2:12 p.m.

22 Present: Representative Cheney.

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2 Appearances:

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6 THE JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL:

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Mr. [REDACTED] It's 2:12 on May 17th, and this is an interview of Ms. Cassidy

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Hutchinson conducted by the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th

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Attack on the United States Capitol pursuant to House Resolution 503.

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Ms. Hutchinson, can you please state your full name and spell your last name for

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the record?

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Ms. Hutchinson. Cassidy Jacqueline Hutchinson, H-u-t-c-h-i-n-s-o-n.

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[REDACTED] And, Mr. Passantino, can you please introduce it yourself and spell

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your last name for the record?

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Mr. Passantino. Yes. Stefan Passantino, P as in Paul, a-s, s as in Sam,

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a-n-t-i-n-o.

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[REDACTED] And my name is [REDACTED]. I'm a senior investigative counsel for

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the select committee. It is good to see you both again. And with me in the room is

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Ms. Liz Cheney, vice chair for the select committee.

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Now, we have met before on February 23rd and March 7th, but we did issue a

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new subpoena for your testimony and you are here today to conduct this transcribed

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interview pursuant to that subpoena. Do you understand that?

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Ms. Hutchinson. Yes, sir.

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[REDACTED] Now, the ground rules today are the same as they were before, but

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just to go over them briefly for your refresher.

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There is an official court reporter who is transcribing the record of this deposition

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and she will be taking the official record. So please wait until each question is

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completed before you begin your response and we'll try to wait until your response is

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complete before we begin our next question.

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The stenographer cannot record nonverbal responses such as shaking your head.

1 So it is important that you answer each question with an audible and verbal response.

2 We also ask that you provide complete answers based on your best recollection.

3 And if the question isn't clear, please ask for clarification. And if you don't know the
4 answer, please just say that as well.

5 I do want to remind you, I know we went over this before, but it is unlawful to
6 deliberately provide false information to Congress.

7 Do you have any questions about what we just went over?

8 Ms. Hutchinson. No, sir.

9 [REDACTED] Okay. And you and your attorney will have an opportunity to
10 review the transcript. After it's over, I will be in touch with you about that,
11 Mr. Passantino. And just for the record, this is being video recorded.

12 If you need a break, that is fine, but note that that will stay on. So we just ask
13 that you maybe head over there or we can step out, whatever's best for you.

14 With that, unless you have any questions, I will turn things over to Ms. Cheney.

15 Ms. Cheney. Thank you very much.

16 And thank you again, Cassidy. And we recognize the imposition of this.

17 Obviously, the committee has been involved in collecting information in a number
18 of ways. And additional information has come to light since we talked to you last that
19 we wanted to ensure that we talked to you about again.

20 So I am going to ask you some questions about both what you may have heard
21 and also what others may have told you that they heard. So I will begin.

22 Did you see or hear President Trump say anything on January 6th after he
23 returned from the Ellipse?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. Personally to me or generally speak -- like, throughout the
25 afternoon?

1 Ms. Cheney. Both.

2 Ms. Hutchinson. I did have a conversation with him after he returned from the
3 Ellipse on the 6th. There is a point where I was standing outside of the Oval Office
4 dining room, I was trying to get Mr. Meadows' attention because Mr. Jordan was on the
5 line for him, where I heard Mr. Trump in the dining room. But at that point, the door
6 was shut -- I mean, the door was open and shut throughout that little period anyway.
7 So there was a lot of conversation happening in the dining room at that time, but there
8 wasn't anything overly significant during the brief period that I was attempting to get Mr.
9 Meadows on the phone.

10 Ms. Cheney. What did you hear the President say?

11 Ms. Hutchinson. When I was in the dining room?

12 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh.

13 Ms. Hutchinson. He was watching the TV. At the time that I was in the dining
14 room he was watching TV and the protesters were going into the Capitol and they were
15 having more broad conversations about what they should do. Mr. Meadows had just
16 kind of been facilitating the conversation from that point.

17 Ms. Cheney. Did you hear the President say anything about the chants about
18 hang Mike Pence?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. He had been aware that that was being chanted at the time.

20 Ms. Cheney. And did you hear him say anything about that?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. I heard him kind of question if it was our supporters and how
22 many people there were chanting that at the time. And I had heard Mr. Meadows and
23 him having a conversation about the chants and if there is anything they should do about
24 it or how they personally felt about it at the time.

25 Ms. Cheney. And so, where were you when you heard this?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. So this is right when I stepped in to give Mr. Meadows the
2 phone they were having the conversation about Mr. Pence. And then I tapped Mr.
3 Meadows' shoulder, giving him the phone to talk with Mr. Jordan, and he stepped out of
4 the butler's pantry -- out of the dining room into the butler's pantry.

5 Ms. Cheney. So did you hear the President express anything specific about the
6 hang Mike sentiment?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Not when I was in the dining room.

8 Ms. Cheney. Were there any other moments during that day that you heard him
9 say anything specifically about hang Mike Pence?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. Not from the President, no.

11 Ms. Cheney. Secondhand?

12 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Meadows had come back and talked about the President's
13 reaction to that. He was with the attorneys at that time. They were talking about
14 whether they should put out a tweet or if that should be addressed explicitly.

15 Ms. Cheney. Did you ever hear the President -- the committee has a witness
16 who has told us that they believe you heard the President say, quote, "Mike Pence
17 deserves to be fucking hung," close quote.

18 Ms. Hutchinson. I recall there being a conversation in the West Wing along
19 those lines. I don't -- I don't know if that's the verbatim quote. I was not present if the
20 President had said that, though, physically present in the room.

21 Ms. Cheney. Did anyone tell you? Tell us about that conversation in the West
22 Wing.

23 Ms. Hutchinson. There was a conversation when Mr. Meadows had gotten back
24 from the Oval dining room. And he had walked into the main hub of our office and he
25 said something along those lines and attributed it to the President. But I didn't hear the

1 President say it firsthand.

2 Ms. Cheney. And tell you what you heard Mr. Meadows say.

3 Ms. Hutchinson. They were having a conversation about the hang Mike Pence
4 chants in the Capitol at the time. And that's when he had come -- he probably came
5 back a couple minutes later, maybe 5 to 7 minutes later, and he was walking into our
6 office I believe with Eric Herschmann and Pat Cipollone and they were talking about that
7 reaction and that Mr. Meadows had said something along the lines of what you -- I don't
8 remember the verbatim quote.

9 And then Pat had ducked into the office -- Mark's office -- Mr. Meadows' office
10 with him and said we need do something about this and then the door shut after that.

11 Ms. Cheney. So can you tell us exactly what Mr. Meadows said?

12 Ms. Hutchinson. What I heard Mr. Meadows say was he thinks --

13 Ms. Cheney. And "he" is?

14 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Trump has heard the chants something along the line, the
15 quote that you had. I don't --

16 Ms. Cheney. Can you tell us what it was so --

17 Ms. Hutchinson. Sorry. I don't remember the exact quote. I'm trying to
18 remember. I'll think back about the exact phrasing of it.

19 But he had said that to Pat. I don't know if Pat was not in the room in the Oval
20 dining room at the time, and that's why he was saying it to him. And I remember Mr.
21 Meadows shaking his head saying, I don't know what to do. And then that's when Pat
22 said, well, he has to something, and they ducked into his office.

23 Ms. Cheney. And so, can you just tell us your recollection of what Mr. Meadows
24 actually said?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't remember him saying at that time in the immediate

1 reaction. I remember later in the day he had hypothetically asked a number of people
2 that were standing in the office if they thought that we should address it. And he said, I
3 don't know if we should address it. I'm not sure that we should address it right now. I
4 think if we are going to do something we need to talk about the rioters. I don't think we
5 need to say something about Mr. Pence.

6 But I don't know if this was before or after the President's tweet went out about
7 Mr. Pence. I don't know what the time stamp was of that tweet that afternoon.

8 Ms. Cheney. So the tweet was at 2:24. And I believe you told us that you got
9 the notification on the phone. Can you tell us some more about that?

10 So you got the notification on your phone about the tweet and then what did you
11 do?

12 Ms. Hutchinson. After the tweet had come out?

13 Ms. Cheney. Yeah, when you saw the tweet.

14 Ms. Hutchinson. I think I just was at my desk at the time. I think it was really at
15 first to see that something had gone out --

16 Ms. Cheney. Does that mean the tweet that said Mike Pence doesn't have the
17 courage to do what needs to be done? And that was the 2:24 tweet.

18 Ms. Hutchinson. Okay.

19 Ms. Cheney. So that was the first tweet after the President came back from the
20 Ellipse. So do you remember seeing that tweet?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. I remember seeing that tweet. I don't remember if that was
22 before or after the chants, though. I would have to -- do you know when they first -- I
23 guess what time they broke through into the Capitol?

24 Ms. Cheney. Well, the riot was declared at 1:44.

25 Ms. Hutchinson. There is the point of the bike barricades versus getting into the

1 Capitol.

2 [REDACTED] Yes. I can go through some of the timeline that I put together and
3 this may not be exact. But around 12:53, while the President was still delivering his
4 speech on the Ellipse, the rioters were overwhelming the police on the outer perimeter of
5 the Capitol.

6 Around 1:03 they pushed up to the steps at the Capitol, so still roughly while the
7 President is speaking.

8 And then there is a pipe bomb found around 1:07.

9 I think 2:12 may be when they actually entered the Capitol itself.

10 Ms. Hutchinson. Okay.

11 [REDACTED] And this tweet comes out at 2:24. It is exhibit 9 if it's helpful to
12 look at.

13 Ms. Hutchinson. So I would think -- so they only got into the Capitol at -- you
14 said 2:12?

15 [REDACTED] [Inaudible.]

16 Mr. Hutchinson. Again, I'm going to have to think about the specifics of the
17 timeline for that, because I don't know when the chants had started. But I -- the
18 timeframe is -- I believe they had been chanting inside the Capitol at that time. So I
19 think that this conversation happened after -- in the chief's office -- happened after this
20 tweet had gone out.

21 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

22 Ms. Hutchinson. To my best recollection, though, just because it is the timing
23 with them breaking into the Capitol versus this only being 12 minutes after.

24 Ms. Cheney. Okay. Can you just go back, Cassidy? I just want to make sure
25 that it is clear and walk us through specifically what you heard the chief of staff, Mr.

1 Meadows, say, and tell us what you heard him say to your recollection.

2 Ms. Hutchinson. So I was at my desk -- well, I was at my desk and Mr. Meadows
3 was in his office. I had talked to him a couple times. And then he'd gone down to the
4 Oval dining room in that middle period where he is still in our offices trying to get a hold
5 of Mr. Jordan.

6 And then he ended up going down to the Oval dining room. So I was then trying
7 it reach out to Mr. Jordan myself and I had Mr. Meadows phones. I'd reached in on my
8 personal cell phone -- it might have been my work cell phone -- that's how Mr. Jordan and
9 Members spoke.

10 So I had gone down to the butler's pantry and stopped at the Oval dining room,
11 told [REDACTED] on duty at the time, that I need Mr. Meadows [inaudible]
12 going to get him, and we looked through -- there's a peephole and Mr. Meadows' back
13 was sort of towards us.

14 So I opened the door. They were watching TV. I'd heard them speaking about
15 Mr. Pence, but I was more focused on kind of getting Mr. Meadows' attention, telling him
16 that Mr. Jordan is on the phone. And I remember I wasn't going to linger there because
17 I wanted to get my phone back. I didn't know how long he would be in and I didn't want
18 to go back into the dining room again.

19 And then I -- they closed the door, I stepped out and Mr. Meadows stepped out.
20 I went back to the office.

21 A couple minutes later, Mr. Meadows had come back with at least Mr. Cipollone, I
22 believe Mr. Herschmann was there. Those are the two I'm most confident about coming
23 back to the office with him.

24 Mr. Meadows had said to the attorney -- attorneys -- I guess what you had said
25 about Mr. Pence.

1 Ms. Cheney. Tell us please.

2 Ms. Hutchinson. That the President was having a conversation of -- that there's
3 a chance that they are being [inaudible] viable or justified. And Mr. Meadows had
4 looked at the attorneys and asked if there is anything that --

5 Mr. Passantino. And, again, none of this that you talked about relates to
6 attorney-client privileged communication, so I'm -- I don't have a problem with any of
7 that.

8 Just be cautious if your conversation is about to turn to legal advice that might
9 have been provided by Mr. Cipollone or Mr. Herschmann to Mr. Meadows. That is
10 something that I think we are still asserting a privilege as to nothing that Representative
11 Cheney is asking about pertains to attorney-client advice. I'm just cautioning you
12 because we might be on the brink of that, I just want to keep that in your mind. But
13 that is not instructing you not to answer these questions.

14 Ms. Cheney. No, I'm just -- I want to make sure we are clear about what Mr.
15 Meadows said President Trump said.

16 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm more comfortable with the verbatim quote because my
17 memory is sharp, but I don't think it is that sharp where I can remember every -- every
18 word, and in case there were utterances in between.

19 But I recall Mr. Meadows coming back saying that Mr. Trump had hypothetically
20 potentially said that maybe perhaps the chants were justified, he's not doing the right
21 thing, he's not a true patriot, maybe our supporters have the right idea, and not really
22 adding additional commentary at that point. And the attorneys were very specific in
23 wanting to take action on that at the time when they stepped into Mr. Meadows' office
24 and closed the door.

25 Ms. Cheney. And do you recall if this was -- it sounds like this was after the

1 tweet. Do you recall when this would have been?

2 Ms. Hutchinson. Again, basing it off of the protesters coming into the Capitol at
3 2:12, this tweet coming out at 2:24, in my best judgment it would be after, because
4 I don't think this would have happened in that 12-minute timeframe there. Perhaps in
5 the next 15 to 20 minutes.

6 I don't know if my call logs have been made accessible to you all, but if there is
7 one with Mr. Jordan that would potentially help pinpoint.

8 Ms. Cheney. Okay. And so in terms of what Mr. Meadows was conveying
9 President Trump's, his views, it was in response to the hang Mike Pence chants. Is that
10 correct?

11 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes, ma'am.

12 Ms. Cheney. And it was that the President believed that the Vice President
13 deserved to be hanged.

14 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Trump at that time, the way that I
15 understand -- understood it then and understand it now, had said something along those
16 lines, but I don't -- I wasn't there. I didn't hear the tone of voice that he said it in. I
17 don't know if he was being sarcastic or if it was more of a broad blanket statement of him
18 just being very frustrated with Mr. Pence this day. You know, I don't want to attribute
19 anything he said to deliberate actions.

20 Ms. Cheney. No, I'm just asking what you heard Mr. Meadows say.

21 Ms. Hutchinson. No. Right. I understand that is not where we are going, but
22 I'm being cautious about my words because I want to be careful that I'm not saying that
23 he --

24 Mr. Passantino. And I don't want to interrupt nor do I want to shape what you're
25 saying at all here. I just -- in my notes I had just written down that the President said

1 perhaps they're right as opposed to I think the way the question was, which is in an
2 affirmative. I mean, I'm not trying to shape your testimony, but just for the accuracy of
3 what you're saying, just make sure you're clear of exactly what you recall and not --

4 Ms. Hutchinson. Perhaps more additional commentary of what was being said in
5 the prior few days to it, perhaps that the Vice President doesn't have the courage,
6 perhaps he's not a true patriot, perhaps he should be -- should listen to us and actually do
7 the right thing, I see [inaudible] at the time, which was --

8 Ms. Cheney. But this is a very specific --

9 Ms. Hutchinson. Right. But just in the clarification from that point.

10 I don't think that answers your question. I'm sorry. I --

11 Ms. Cheney. No. I mean, I just want to make sure, because we have -- it
12 sounds like -- well, let me ask you this, just to be very clear.

13 Because we have information that the President said Mike Pence deserves to be
14 f'ing hung, that you overheard that either directly or secondhand that --

15 Ms. Hutchinson. It was secondhand from Mr. Meadows.

16 Ms. Cheney. You heard Mr. Meadows say that.

17 Ms. Hutchinson. But I don't know if that was the exact quote, but it was
18 something along those lines. I don't know if there were a few words in between or
19 additional commentary.

20 Ms. Cheney. Okay. Thank you. And then did you have any -- did you hear
21 anything else about what the President said that day?

22 Ms. Hutchinson. Nothing that I can remember much of. We discussed this at
23 length on I believe my first deposition day.

24 If you have more specific questions or anything, I know that there was a lot of
25 conversations about the tweets he was going to put out or what the video should be if

1 they were going to put a video out. I overheard a lot of chatter from him and Mr.
2 Meadows as a conduit to him that day as we had attorneys meeting in our office
3 throughout the afternoon.

4 Ms. Cheney. And so can you just tell us about some of that in terms of the issues
5 they were concerned about or the issues they were discussing?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. It was more just the -- I'm sorry.

7 Ms. Cheney. No, no, go ahead.

8 Ms. Hutchinson. Generally, there were a lot of conflicted opinions about the
9 context we should put out, how firm we should be. There was people in certain camps
10 that wanted there to be a very explicit tweet saying call it off, denounce this right now.

11 And there was another camp that had wanted him to take a more neutral stance
12 and just say thank you for being here, which is the way that I think he ended up taking
13 that day.

14 And there was a smaller camp of people wanting to blame it on people who
15 weren't his supporters and potentially other groups that weren't affiliated with Mr.
16 Trump and his campaign, more of the antifa or the antifa going into the Capitol.

17 But that was the main -- those were -- those dominated the conversations that I'd
18 overheard and it was mostly speechwriters in and out of the office, the attorneys in and
19 out of our office with Mr. Meadows, Ms. Trump, Ivanka Trump, Ms. Trump coming in and
20 discussing what she thought we should put out. Mr. Meadows going to the dining
21 room, coming back and relaying it to the various groups that were in there at the time
22 and trying to facilitate things to his ability on that end.

23 But nothing, I don't think, to add to what's already been discussed in the first
24 deposition unless you have further questions.

25 Ms. Cheney. So when you say there was a second group that was sort of urging

1 neutrality, who was in that group?

2 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't remember. Mr. Meadows was sort of in that group,
3 because he was trying to echo what the President wanted to do. The President didn't
4 want to put anything out. I know Mr. Meadows personally thought he should put
5 something out. And I believe the way that Mr. Meadows took the line with that was
6 let's kind of you don't have to fully denounce it, you don't. Just call off. You don't
7 have to blame it on other people either. Let's try to stay as neutral as we can.

8 There were a few people in support of that too, but I guess it's difficult for me to
9 remember because a lot of people had been in the camp of call off this, this is really bad,
10 he needs to put out an explicit statement denouncing this, and had eventually drifted
11 more towards the middle [inaudible] realized there wasn't going to be that more
12 definitive statement put out to start.

13 Ms. Cheney. And so the -- did you hear people talking about why the President
14 didn't want to put a statement out?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Meadows at one point had told me that he didn't want to
16 put a statement out because he didn't at first, Mr. Trump didn't think that the riots were
17 necessarily unjustified and that there was going to be violence inside the Capitol. He
18 saw it as supporters going into a somewhat public building. They were upset about the
19 electoral vote that day and he thought that it was -- they were doing what they should be
20 doing.

21 But as the day progressed, he -- well, I'll leave it there, I'll leave it at that for now.

22 Ms. Cheney. Did Mr. Meadows relay to you or did you overhear Mr. Meadows
23 talk about anything else the President said that day?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Meadows and I had conversations with several people in
25 the office. I believe Ms. Trump was in the office at the time. I believe Ambassador

1 O'Brien, the National Security Advisor, was in the office at the time with Mr. Ornato.
2 And he was talking about how Mr. Trump was really angry at everybody who was telling
3 him that he needed to be doing something more. And he had asked the people in the
4 room with him what our opinions were on that.

5 And we had said, you know, many of us had said that we think we should be doing
6 something a little bit more. I think that would be the general consensus throughout the
7 administration, not just in the West Wing or White House complex, but throughout the
8 executive branch.

9 And I remember saying something along the lines to Mr. Meadows that I had
10 heard from several Members of Congress calling on Mr. Trump to say something. And
11 like I said to Mr. Meadows, I have your cell phones on my desk and your phones are
12 blowing up, Members kept texting you, there's people in the press who are texting you,
13 Mark, like, you need do something right now, this is your responsibility.

14 I'm not sure how much power I have right now, I'm not sure how much I can do.
15 I think -- I didn't say this, somebody else in the room said that, I don't remember who,
16 basically you need to figure it out, you are the chief of staff.

17 But this was probably around some between 3 and 3:30 that day.

18 Ms. Cheney. So while the violence was clearly underway?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

20 Ms. Cheney. And did Mr. Meadows explain to you why the President was --

21 Ms. Hutchinson. I didn't ask.

22 Ms. Cheney. -- not taking action?

23 Ms. Hutchinson. I didn't ask Mr. Meadows.

24 Ms. Cheney. Anything else, any discussions with Mr. O'Brien that you recall?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. O'Brien was out of the office in the earlier part of the

1 afternoon, if I remember correctly. And that's the only time that I remember that day
2 overlapping with Mr. O'Brien at the office, because there is a point after he arrived -- I
3 believe we talked about this a couple weeks ago -- but back and forth between my office
4 and the Eisenhower Building to our Secret Service detail to coordinate transportation to
5 get him home.

6 So there is a chance he could have come into our office and had more
7 conversations, but that is the only time that I specifically remember having a conversation
8 with Mr. O'Brien that day.

9 Ms. Cheney. And what did Mr. O'Brien say?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. I just remember Mr. O'Brien shaking his head at me and saying
11 this is wild, or can you believe this is happening?

12 Ms. Cheney. Anybody else, Mr. Cipollone, Mr. Herschmann?

13 Ms. Hutchinson. To me specifically?

14 Ms. Cheney. Or that you overheard.

15 Ms. Hutchinson. I overheard a lot that day. Nothing of -- nothing particularly
16 that I don't think we have already discussed. But I'll keep thinking on that. If there's
17 anything that you all have to ask I will try to answer. It is hard to decipher when I heard
18 things other than what has already been discussed?

19 Ms. Cheney. Any -- did you overhear any other discussions about the 2:24
20 tweet?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. I remember the conversation before this tweet. So Mr. -- this
22 is when Mr. Meadows had a couple times gone down to the Oval dining room. And I
23 recall him wanting him to put something out. And I remember once the tweet had gone
24 out he came back to the office and had said something along the lines of this is the best
25 we're going to get for right now.

1 Ms. Cheney. Well, this is the tweet about the Vice President doesn't have the
2 courage?

3 Ms. Hutchinson. Right.

4 Ms. Cheney. And so he was saying that is the best we are going to get right
5 now?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes, correct. Sorry.

7 Ms. Cheney. No, that's okay.

8 And the best in terms of did he indicate what he thought they were -- what the
9 President was trying to accomplish with this tweet?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. He said that in a conversation -- he was walking into the office.
11 Actually, I believe this was the same conversation from when they had left the dining
12 room with Mr. Herschmann and Mr. Cipollone coming back to our office. And I believe
13 that is the first thing I heard Mr. Meadows say, I assumed that it was to this tweet.

14 I believe Mr. Meadows had said when he was coming through that tweet's the
15 best we're going to get for right now and that the other brief conversation happened as
16 they are walking from the main area of our lobby into Mr. Meadows' office.

17 And I remember Mr. Meadows talking again to various people throughout the
18 afternoon, speechwriters, stenographers, people with the digital team, Mr. Scavino,
19 about someone may put additional tweets out.

20 But there was a lot of commotion that afternoon too, so, you know, and I
21 personally wasn't tracking social media outreach or anything, that wasn't my wheelhouse
22 with him.

23 And, you know, I relayed to him what I had heard people say just more generally
24 speaking. I believe you all had the one exhibit of the message that I had written down.
25 I believe that was a Member of Congress who had called me and said that or it could have

1 been somebody else at the West Wing at the time and wanted to get in to Mr. Meadows
2 a potential line to put in a speech or a tweet.

3 But I wasn't involved in drafting any of the language actually put out that day. I
4 didn't really see it as part of my job or something that I was [inaudible].

5 Ms. Cheney. And it wouldn't have been very welcomed?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. Just because I didn't work with his Twitter at all. I didn't work
7 with Mr. Meadows' Twitter either. So I'm not very involved in social media.

8 Ms. Cheney. Did you talk to Mr. Scavino at all during this period?

9 Ms. Hutchinson. Not on the 6th, that I can -- not on the 6th. It is entirely
10 possible he came into the office and we had a brief conversation of, is he in there? And
11 then having him go in there if he was in the office -- in Mr. Meadows' office and I had
12 been in there. But I don't recall having a conversation with Mr. Scavino about anything
13 noteworthy other than something that could just be purely logistical.

14 Ms. Cheney. And what kind of logistics?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. If Mr. Meadows was in his office or if he was down in the dining
16 room.

17 Ms. Cheney. And you went over to talk to Mr. Ornato in the EEOB or the OEOB.
18 Did you normally walk across to do that or would you normally just call him from your
19 office to make those arrangements? Is there a reason why you walked over there?

20 Ms. Hutchinson. So Mr. Ornato's office was directly across my mine. And
21 oftentimes if you wanted to have a more private moment, we would walk across West
22 Exec and walk over to the Secret Service down (ph) room, is what they had called it. I
23 don't know if there is a more official name for it.

24 But we frequently, we would try to time our walks to go over there. So we had
25 to go frequently go talk to my guys and he would go talk to the President shift over there

1 sometimes in the PBD operations section in the Eisenhower Building. Because I
2 remember that afternoon we had said, like, I think I went over to his office and said, do
3 you have to go to the Eisenhower Building? I can walk with you. So we walked over
4 together at that time.

5 Ms. Cheney. And what did you two talk about as you walked over there?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. I believe we were just [inaudible] condition yellow. I think
7 that was in my text with him too. Or I think we were about to put it into condition
8 yellow. And he was going over to talk to operations and I was going over to talk to my
9 guys.

10 And more just topline conversations that we had. Can you believe this is
11 happening? I think I said something to him along the lines of, what do you think we
12 should do or what do you think? Like, do you think that Mark should be doing
13 something more? Just hypothetically, like, almost trying to get his opinion on if I should
14 be advising Mark differently or if I should try to insert myself a little bit more. And Mr.
15 Ornato had said, I don't know how much any of us can do right now.

16 At that point, we were in the Eisenhower Building. I don't recall -- I don't really
17 recall much else specifically in that timeframe there. We talked later in the afternoon
18 about getting everybody off campus by a certain time, but that wasn't during that period
19 when we walked over to the Eisenhower Building.

20 Ms. Cheney. Okay. Did you overhear any conversations with anybody in the
21 Willard war room that afternoon?

22 Ms. Hutchinson. No, ma'am.

23 Ms. Cheney. How about Mr. Giuliani?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. I had spoken to Mr. Giuliani down at the Ellipse. And Mr.
25 Meadows had spoken with him when we got back up to the White House. If your

1 question -- I mean, do you want my conversations with him? Which they are the text
2 messages that I had with him, with Mark. He had the evidence that he thought we
3 could still send over to the Capitol as evidence that the election was stolen, the electoral
4 count should be delayed.

5 And I think he talked to Mr. Meadows about that that afternoon too. That was a
6 closed door meeting. I just remember him coming in and saying he wanted to talk to
7 Mr. Meadows about it.

8 Ms. Cheney. That Mr. Giuliani wanted to talk to Mr. Meadows about this
9 additional evidence?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. I believe -- I'm sorry. I believe that was a phone call later in
11 the day. He had called in early on the office line.

12 Ms. Cheney. Okay. Was this during the -- while the Capitol had been
13 breached?

14 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm not sure of the timing on that.

15 Ms. Cheney. But it was --

16 Ms. Hutchinson. We were back at the White House.

17 Ms. Cheney. Like 1:20, I think, or 1:19 [inaudible].

18 Ms. Hutchinson. It is, like, this may be incredibly unhelpful, but some time
19 between 1:30 and 3 o'clock perhaps.

20 Ms. Cheney. Okay. So Mr. Meadows spoke to Mr. Giuliani at some point
21 during -- while the attack was underway about additional evidence that they should
22 be getting --

23 Ms. Hutchinson. And he had spoken with him at the Ellipse rally too, very briefly.
24 Mr. Meadows had spent most of the rally in the control car of the motorcade. He was
25 on the phone there. Mr. Giuliani was in the tent behind the stage.

1 But Mr. Meadows had come out of the car when Mr. Trump was about to come
2 off the stage. They had crossed paths and had a conversation. But I remember
3 thinking I hope this checks the box and we're good for this and get it off my radar too.

4 Ms. Cheney. Okay. So when -- did Mr. Giuliani call Mr. Meadows directly?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. He called -- I believe his assistant called Ms. Thurston. And
6 Ms. Thurston knew it wasn't a good time for them to connect. And then I had asked
7 Ms. Thurston who it was, if it was a Member of Congress, because there were Members
8 of Congress calling our main office line too.

9 And she said no, it was -- I don't remember if she said it was Mr. Giuliani or
10 Mr. Giuliani's assistant, but calling to talk to Mark about election fraud issues.

11 Ms. Cheney. And so then --

12 Ms. Hutchinson. And they ended up connecting I think 10, 15 minutes later.
13 Mr. Meadows either was in with somebody or was out of the office at the time and she
14 had told him that Mr. Giuliani had reached out to talk to him. So I put him through.

15 Ms. Cheney. And so then Mr. Meadows took the call in his office?

16 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes. And I wasn't present for the call.

17 Ms. Cheney. And do you remember about how long the call lasted?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. No. [Inaudible] take calls frequently and it was later. I don't
19 know if he was in there for 20 minutes talking to him or if it was a 1-minute phone call
20 and he was having other conversations or doing other things.

21 Ms. Cheney. Okay. Besides this conversation with Mr. Meadows and Mr.
22 Cipollone and Mr. Herschmann about the 2:24 tweet, did you hear anybody else talking
23 about the 2:24 tweet?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. Once the tweet went out, there was a lot of chatter about it in
25 the West Wing. Some people saying at least a tweet was put out. Some people saying

1 this wasn't enough.

2 I'm not comfortable with attributing specific opinions to individuals. I don't
3 remember. There were some people questioning this is all that was going to be put out.
4 There was a lot of ambiguity in that moment too, though.

5 Ms. Cheney. Anybody else that you recall Mr. Meadows speaking to that
6 afternoon?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Not specifically in the West Wing or staffers.

8 Ms. Cheney. Anybody. Or by phone?

9 Ms. Hutchinson. He talked to his wife actually on the phone. They had dinner
10 plans that night in Old Town. He called to cancel them. He wasn't sure what time he
11 was going to be home.

12 I don't remember other -- off the top of my head, I don't remember the
13 conversations that he had that we haven't already discussed.

14 But, again, we had a pretty thin number of staffers there that day. So the names
15 that I have continued to say -- I mean, they were frequently in and out of our office and
16 that was kind of the core group of staffers there that day.

17 He talked to Don Jr. at one point that afternoon. Don Jr. came back to the White
18 House. And Mr. Trump, Don Jr., and Ms. Guilfoyle popped into Mr. Meadows' office
19 before they had left, but I don't know what their conversation was.

20 Ms. Cheney. Do you know if he talked to General Flynn?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know if he spoke with General Flynn that day. He
22 spoke with General Flynn on the 5th.

23 Ms. Cheney. By phone or in person?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. By phone.

25 Ms. Cheney. And tell us about that conversation.

1 Ms. Hutchinson. He had -- Mr. Meadows, I don't want to say he had planned to,
2 he had thought about going to the Willard Hotel the night of the 5th. And I remember
3 talking to our Secret Service detail saying logistically it would be difficult. And if he had
4 asked my opinion, which he didn't, but if he'd asked my opinion, which I had expressed to
5 our Secret Service detail, was that I thought that he should not go there. If there was
6 anything he needed to accomplish, he could do it by phone.

7 And I have forgotten [inaudible] I am not sure why he spoke with them by phone
8 on the 5th. I don't know if he just wanted to go home and knew of from this
9 conversation or if something else happened in between.

10 But he had spoken to a few people who were at the Willard Hotel and [inaudible].
11 I don't know all that much about the spirit (ph) of what was happening there. I don't
12 know the personalities that were there that night. I know a handful of them.

13 I know he spoke with Mr. Flynn though that night because had he been
14 communicating with him about going to the Willard Hotel.

15 And I believe -- I will leave it there, because I'm not confident enough about the
16 other conversation they may have had.

17 Ms. Cheney. Did he talk to Mr. Stone?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. That was the one that I wasn't confident of. I don't know if he
19 spoke to Mr. Stone on January 5th. He had spoken to Mr. Stone a couple of times,
20 December, January -- late December, early January, or the mid-December, early January
21 timeframe. I don't know about know about what, though. I just remember him
22 wanting to connect to Mr. Stone.

23 Ms. Cheney. And so he -- did he ask you to connect him to Mr. Stone?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. I believe he may have asked once. And I was like I don't have
25 Mr. Stone's -- I remember saying to him, I don't have Mr. Stone's contact information,

1 and I don't really want to have Mr. Stone's contact information. And he said, all right,
2 that's fine, and got it a separate way. I don't know if Ms. Thurston connected them or if
3 he reached out to one of his friends or colleagues either at the White House or on the Hill
4 to get his cell phone number.

5 Ms. Cheney. You think he may have sent to somebody on the Hill for it?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. Potentially. I don't think he had it himself. I don't know who
7 he would have reached out to. I mean, in the immediate -- in my immediate memory,
8 he knows that Mr. Stone and Mr. Gaetz are close. And Mr. Gaetz would frequently talk
9 about bringing Mr. Stone to meet with Mr. Meadows and it would always get pushed or
10 delayed. And I started to think it was because Mr. Meadows didn't want to facilitate
11 that meeting in his office.

12 So he potentially could have reached out to Mr. Gaetz to receive Mr. Stone's
13 contact information or Ms. Thurston could have provided it or somebody else in the
14 White House. I'm just not sure where he got it after that.

15 Ms. Cheney. And why was he thinking about going to the Willard on the 5th?

16 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm not sure.

17 Ms. Cheney. And how do you know he was thinking about doing that?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. Because he told me, would you be okay? I'm trying to decide
19 if we go to the Willard Hotel. I said, what do we need to go to the Willard Hotel for?
20 There are some people there that I think I have to meet with. Can you find out when
21 they are meeting?

22 And I just kind of let it go at that point. I told Ms. Thurston put it on schedule for
23 him. I told Ms. Thurston just keep an eye out for this. He just told me this in our
24 office. And she thanked me. And whatever action -- I don't believe she took any
25 action on it. I think it probably just died naturally.

1 Ms. Cheney. And did he say why he needed to meet with those people?

2 Ms. Hutchinson. He didn't.

3 Ms. Cheney. And why didn't you want him to?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. Two reasons. One, I wanted to go home. The second reason
5 I felt that there was enough going on. And I had heard enough about -- to be frank, I
6 didn't -- until after the fact, I didn't -- I didn't know that this group was assembling at the
7 Willard Hotel, there were people there. I didn't know a lot about it until a couple weeks
8 afterwards.

9 But I knew the people that were there that he wanted to meet with. And I just
10 kind of thought it would be better to -- for him to keep some distance and try to keep a
11 clear head for the next day and to not entertain some of the ideas that I knew some of
12 the people there had been discussing previously, not specific to that night, but --

13 Ms. Cheney. And what were some of those ideas?

14 Ms. Hutchinson. I kind of knew the names of the people there and attributed
15 those individuals to the ones propagating the election fraud claims, Dominion voting
16 machines, Italian satellites, and that set off my radar.

17 And I just personally wanted to keep -- which may be selfish -- but I personally
18 wanted to keep a little bit more of a distance from that, those ideals between Mr.
19 Meadows and the President, especially the day before January 6th.

20 But I didn't know much about the meetings that night. I just knew that there
21 were people there. I figured it was more of like a place to congregate because there
22 was also the -- I don't know the freedom -- there was a freedom rally or something
23 outside.

24 Ms. Cheney. Freedom Plaza.

25 Ms. Hutchinson. Freedom Plaza rally that night outside the hotel.

1 Ms. Cheney. So Mr. Meadows did speak with Mr. Flynn by phone?

2 Ms. Hutchinson. He connected -- he connected with people there that night by
3 phone. I don't know if he connected on his personal phone to Mr. Flynn's personal
4 phone, if he had called a land line phone. I know that he had placed a call to the Willard
5 Hotel that night -- to the individuals at the Willard Hotel that night, I should say.

6 Ms. Cheney. And how do you know that?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Because he on his way out was talking about it. And then I
8 talked with the guy -- the men on his Secret Service detail that evening.

9 And I always wait at the White House for them when they would get back. And I
10 asked if he had made a call. And he said, yeah, he was talking to them the whole car
11 ride home.

12 So in my head -- because sometimes Mr. Meadows would talk about making calls
13 and I would follow up with him at 9 p.m. and say, did you connect with Governor X,
14 Member Y, these individuals?

15 And I knew that was the only call that I was tracking that he had wanted to do.
16 So I just asked them if he had made it on the car ride home. He said, yeah, he was still
17 on the phone when he got out of the motorcade and went into his condo. So it was
18 something I didn't need to follow back up on with him.

19 Ms. Cheney. How long is the drive from the White House to Mr. Meadows'
20 condo?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. 15 minutes about. It's right -- he lives right at the northern
22 end Old Town.

23 Ms. Cheney. Okay. So do you know who he spoke to?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't. Just like the people at the Willard Hotel. You know,
25 now I know some of the people that were there. I don't if the call was on a speaker

1 phone or if he spoke with one individual.

2 But I remember him saying, I need to give Flynn a call on his way out and could
3 I -- I don't know if he called Mr. Flynn directly or if he called somebody else that he knew
4 was there. He had a lot of incoming that day from a lot of people, by text message and
5 by phone. He had a lot of missed calls and texts that had gone unaddressed throughout
6 the day. And I know those were some of them.

7 Ms. Cheney. Did you know who, in addition to Mr. Flynn, do you also know who
8 else was trying to reach him on the 5th?

9 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Boris Epshteyn had tried to. And that is the only person
10 that I remember specifically, because I remember seeing Mr. Epshteyn's name come up
11 on his phone. And I only remember that because sometimes he'd reach out to me when
12 he was trying get a hold of Mark. And he hadn't reached out to me so I knew it was
13 something that they probably had wanted to personally discuss and was fine not to have
14 me involved.

15 Ms. Cheney. And what did you think they wanted to discuss?

16 Ms. Hutchinson. January 6th, the rally. I didn't really put much thought into it
17 honestly.

18 Ms. Cheney. So when the Secret Service came back and told you he was on the
19 phone, did they tell you he spoke to Flynn, he spoke to Epshteyn?

20 Ms. Hutchinson. No, I just said, I asked Mr. Meadows, I said, Mark -- I think I said
21 Leverage, is his code name -- on the phone during the car ride home. I think I asked did
22 Leverage make the phone call on the ride home? And they said, yeah, he talked to him
23 the whole car ride home and on the way and up and into the condo. I said, you don't
24 think I need to follow back up with him tonight? They said, no, he looked really tired.
25 So I left him alone that night.

1 Ms. Cheney. And so did he talk to any of those individuals on the 6th?

2 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm not sure. I don't know everybody who was at the Willard.

3 Ms. Cheney. How about Mr. Flynn and Mr. Epshteyn?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't think so. I would encourage you all to ask Mr.

5 Meadows if you are ever given the opportunity to.

6 I don't think so. I personally don't remember him having a conversation on the
7 phone or by text with either of them that day. But I didn't have insight on everything
8 that he was doing at all times.

9 Ms. Cheney. Were you familiar with a phone call -- well, do you know a person
10 name Stewart Rhodes?

11 Ms. Hutchinson. The name sounds familiar. R-h-o-d-e-s?

12 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh.

13 Ms. Hutchinson. The name sounds familiar. I don't -- I don't know who it is or
14 who they are affiliated with off the top of my head.

15 Ms. Cheney. Are you familiar with any conversations Mr. Meadows had with
16 him?

17 Ms. Hutchinson. No.

18 Mr. Passantino. It's okay if you don't know.

19 Ms. Cheney. Yeah.

20 Ms. Hutchinson. S-t-u-a-r-t?

21 Ms. Cheney. I think it's e-w-a-r-t.

22 Ms. Hutchinson. Not that it matters. I was just trying to envision like if -- I
23 don't -- I don't think so. I don't recall if he had conversations with Mr. or Mrs. Rhodes.

24 Ms. Cheney. Are you aware of any phone calls -- Mr. Rhodes made a phone call
25 to the White House at 5 p.m. on the 6th. Let me rephrase that. Mr. Rhodes is

1 reported to have made a phone call to someone connected to Mr. Trump at 5 p.m. on the
2 6th. Are you aware of who he may have called?

3 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm not.

4 Ms. Cheney. Do you know if Mr. Meadows talked to Phil Waldron on the 6th?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't recall if he talked to Mr. Waldron on the 6th. He had
6 talked to him in the days leading up to the 6th, I know, and Mr. Waldron had reached out
7 to me after the 6th to be connected to him. And I remember flagging up for Mr.
8 Meadows and I don't think he took action on it at that point. I don't know if he had a
9 conversation with him on the 6th.

10 If you don't mind, I don't know if I'm allowed to ask questions.

11 Ms. Cheney. Sure.

12 Ms. Hutchinson. Was he at the Willard Hotel? Was he part of the --

13 Mr. Passantino. You know, it's probably better that you -- I mean, I know it kind
14 of like pains you not to know the answer to questions, but I think they would prefer
15 accurate testimony without sort of things getting injected into your head.

16 Ms. Cheney. Sorry. That's so you don't -- Mr. Meadows spoke to
17 Mr. Waldron --

18 Ms. Hutchinson. The only reason I asked about the Willard Hotel is because
19 Mr. Giuliani brought a bunch of people back into the tent that Mr. Meadows had spoken
20 to. Mr. Waldron and Mr. Giuliani frequently had been together. So if he was in the
21 group talking to Mr. Giuliani, if Mr. Meadows was in the group --

22 Ms. Cheney. Before the siege or during the siege.

23 Ms. Hutchinson. Right. If he was Mr. Giuliani at that time, then they would
24 have had a conversation. But I don't recall them having a phone conversation or Mr.
25 Waldron coming to our office that afternoon. I wasn't in the office the entire afternoon,

1 though, so I don't if he had come in at all. I don't think so.

2 Ms. Cheney. So Mr. Giuliani brought a group of people who were -- had been at
3 the Willard into the tent?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Giuliani was at the rally site prior to our arrival. Once we
5 had arrived, he brought a group -- and I don't remember who was in the group, several
6 men, one woman -- into the tent. He had one of the campaign staffers bring them back
7 into the tent once the motorcade had gotten to the rally site and everybody had
8 offloaded from the motorcade.

9 Ms. Cheney. But then do you know who that was that was with him?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't.

11 Ms. Cheney. Okay. I think that's everything I have on this issue. There are a
12 couple of other issues. I don't know, [REDACTED] if you have anything else on this particular
13 issue before I go to the next?

14 [REDACTED] Sure.

15 Ms. Hutchinson, you mentioned that the President -- or Mr. Meadows said that
16 the President had expressed anger at people who were saying to do more, telling him do
17 more on the 6th.

18 Do you know how the President expressed that anger? Did Mr. Meadows tell
19 you what the President said or did that suggested he was angry?

20 Ms. Hutchinson. I remember the tone of Mr. Meadows' voice how the President
21 was communicating. And just by the nature of what Mr. Meadows had said, which was
22 he's not happy with people who are saying he's not doing enough, that coupled with me
23 going down and hearing one portion of a conversation at a louder volume, being able to
24 put two and two together to know that he was yelling, I don't know specifically at
25 somebody or just to the room general frustration he was expressing.

1 But I don't -- I don't really know how much further than that.

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2 [3:12 p.m.]

3 [REDACTED] Okay.

4 Ms. Cheney. When you say more boisterous conversation and he was yelling,
5 what did you hear?6 Ms. Hutchinson. Loud. Even when you're standing in the butler's pantry, it's
7 not soundproof. So you can still hear, even if a conversation, like, think you could
8 probably hear if you're quiet enough. So I mean, he was yelling. You could hear.9 Ms. Cheney. Mr. Trump yelling?10 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.11 Ms. Cheney. And what was he yelling?12 Ms. Hutchinson. He was frustrated. Well, let me back up.13 The first time that I'd gone towards the butler's pantry that afternoon when I had
14 Mr. Jordan on the phone, and they were talking about Mr. Pence and the courage in
15 doing the right thing, and what should he be doing, what he's not doing. And that was a
16 pretty loud conversation.17 But then just throughout the afternoon there were times that I had walked past,
18 and I could just in passing or if I was talking to [REDACTED] hear -- I'm trying to be
19 careful with expletives.20 Ms. Cheney. No. No.21 Ms. Hutchinson. What the F else should I be doing? What else can I be doing?
22 Everybody has their opinions. Who should I be listening to you? Which was I think
23 fairly common in our White House. There was frequently people in and out of the Oval
24 Office that he admittedly enjoys having a lot of opinions and personalities around. But I
25 think to say it was a little too much and it was wearing on Mr. Meadows' patience too.

1 BY [REDACTED]

2 Q When you just said that you heard someone saying what the F more could I
3 be doing or something to that effect, that was the President saying that?

4 A Correct.

5 Q Do you know if Mr. Meadows gave him options of what he could be doing to
6 deal with the attack on the Capitol?

7 A I know Mr. Meadows laid out several options that afternoon. I don't know
8 all of them specifically, but, again, keeping it broad, you can call it off, you can toe the
9 line, you can get other people's ideas, which are, you know, play the blame game with
10 things.

11 But I wasn't around him enough that afternoon at all to, you know, reiterate any
12 conversations that were had. This was a few times I had walked by and overheard
13 yelling and general frustration being expressed.

14 It was a stressful time too, so we were trying to kind of keep tabs on things. And
15 Mr. Meadows was in his office. I had ducked out at one point just to walk by to see if I
16 had thought that things had tampered down or if Mr. Meadows should go back to the
17 dining room. But I wasn't in the room with him.

18 Q Okay. You mentioned someone named [REDACTED]. Who is that?

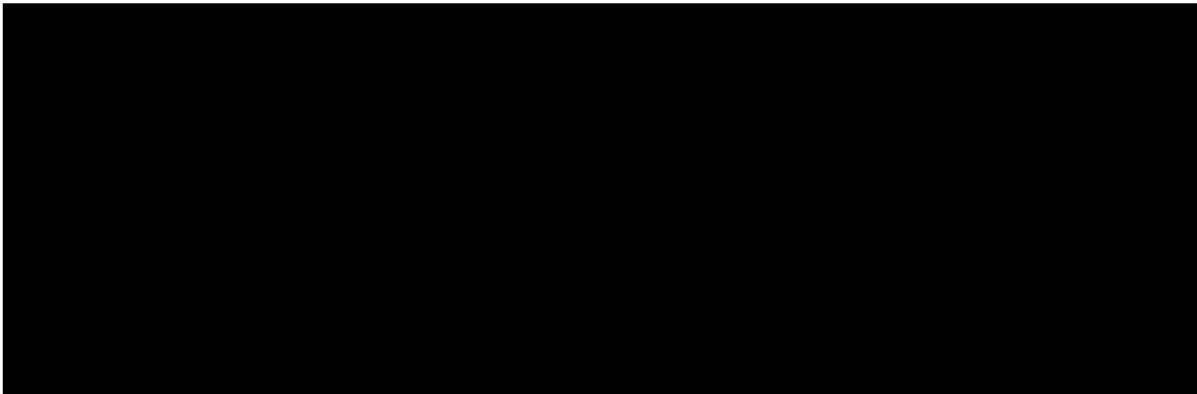
19 A So the President has a [REDACTED] that works the Oval Office dining room.
20 I can't remember [REDACTED] last name. I think he's still at the White House though.

21 And it's a military assignment for them. They work with White House mess, and
22 the valets are the ones that prepare the President's meals throughout the day. If he has
23 any requests when he's in the Oval Office or Oval Office dining room. [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED].

25 Q [REDACTED]?

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7 Q And where was he stationed, to the best of your knowledge, January 6th,
8 specifically the afternoon?

9 A In the butler's pantry area. I don't remember if [inaudible].

10 Q Does he have a desk there?

11 A No. It's very small. Maybe like 3 feet by 4 feet, cabinets and like a little
12 refrigerator. And he normally would stand there and keep his phone on the counter.
13 And, I mean, when he's standing there, his shoulders almost -- like they would almost
14 reach the entrance to the dining room door.

15 Q That's the same place where you said you were when you overheard some
16 of what was going on in the Oval dining room?

17 A I would frequently go stand with [REDACTED] right there just throughout the 10,
18 9 months of Mr. Meadows' tenure. Mr. Meadows spent a lot of time in the dining room.
19 If he ever needed something, our office wasn't far. But sometimes it was easier if I was
20 closer to where he was so he could just pop his head out and tell me what he needed.
21 So I would stand in the butler's pantry with him, but immediately outside of it, and I
22 would face inward towards him.

23 Mr. Passantino. Sorry to interrupt. What was that exhibit number?

24 [REDACTED] 43.

25 BY [REDACTED]

1 Q Did he tell you anything that he had heard that you didn't hear and have
2 already told us about that went on in the Oval that day?

3 A Nothing of specifics. He said to me at one point, the chief's hot right now.
4 And I remember thinking, like, that's kind of an odd thing for him to say to me. But I
5 took it more as a warning to stay away from any conflicts that were.

6 Q "Chief" being Mr. Meadows?

7 A Correct.

8 Q Okay. You also mentioned, when Ms. Cheney was asking you some
9 questions, that Mr. Meadows' phones were on your desk for at least part of the
10 afternoon on the 6th and that people were texting him, calling him.

11 Was he aware that people were texting him and calling him on the afternoon of
12 the 6th?

13 A I told him when he came back to the office at one point, I don't know which
14 time or which -- I'm sorry, it's incredibly unhelpful -- but I remember saying your phones
15 are blowing up. He said, I'll handle it later. And I remember shutting off his personal
16 phone because it was just vibrating. I didn't find it helpful to have it continue to vibrate
17 if he wasn't going to do anything with it.

18 Q We know that one of the people who was texting Mr. Meadows was
19 Mr. Trump's son, Donald Jr.

20 Do you know why Mr. Donald Trump, Jr., was trying to get ahold of Mr. Meadows
21 that afternoon?

22 A At the time, no. I mean, now that the texts have been publicly released, I
23 could infer. But at the time, I wasn't reading any of his texts. And we had just seen
24 Mr. Junior -- Mr. Trump Jr., Donald Jr., earlier that day, so it wasn't really something that I
25 thought was worth him -- me giving the phone to him and saying you need to call him

1 back right now.

2 Q Okay. And when you say you saw him earlier that day, you're talking about
3 the morning before the rally on the Ellipse?

4 A Right. He came back to the White House too briefly.

5 Q Do you know if he, Mr. Trump, Jr., spoke to the President that afternoon
6 too?

7 A When we first got back to the White House, he did. He was in the Oval
8 dining room and Ms. Guilfoyle was as well. I didn't see them in there. I remember
9 Mr. Ornato telling me, he came in, said if the chief wants to go down, Don Jr., Kimberly
10 are in the Oval dining room. And I said, okay, I'll let him know.

11 And I remember telling Mr. Meadows that Don Jr. and KG were in the dining
12 room. And he said, all right, thanks for letting me know, and he didn't go down.

13 Q Do you know what they were talking about?

14 A I don't.

15 Q And you spoke a little bit about the Willard and Mr. Meadows potentially
16 going there.

17 Are you aware of a meeting the day before -- well, to be clear, January the 4th at
18 the Trump International Hotel with several Senators, including Senator, I believe, Cramer?

19 A Could you repeat the question?

20 Q Sure. Are you aware of a meeting with several Senators at the Trump
21 International Hotel on the 4th, with a number of Senators, including Senator Cramer, who
22 I believe is from North Dakota?

23 A He is. At the time, I wasn't. I've heard since and read since about
24 meetings. But I don't remember Mr. Meadows ever saying he wanted to go to that with
25 the Senators. It's possible that he had conversations with it, but he never said anything

1 to me, which when he elevated something like that to me, I took it as a legitimate action
2 he wanted to take, both as a conduit service, but also somebody that would go with him.
3 And I don't recall him mentioning anything about that.

4 Q I believe Senator Johnson was also at that meeting at the Trump
5 International Hotel on the 4th.

6 A My timeline could be off, but it might have been the night that he went to
7 Georgia to have a rally, which is probably why he didn't say anything about going because
8 he traveled on that trip to Georgia.

9 Now, that's the wrong day. It's moot then. Sorry. But I believe he went to
10 Georgia on January 4th.

11 Q Okay. Thank you, Ms. Cheney.

12 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't want to be a pain, but maybe in 2 to 5 minutes could we
13 take a restroom break.

14 [REDACTED] Let's go off the record.

15 [Recess.]

16 [REDACTED] It's 3:29, and we are resuming the transcribed interview of Ms.
17 Cassidy Hutchinson.

18 B [REDACTED]

19 Q So one thing, I do want to go back, Ms. Hutchinson. Ms. Cheney at the
20 beginning asked you about what you heard about the President's reaction to the hang
21 Mike Pence tweets, and you relayed what Mr. Meadows told you or the best recollection
22 you have for what Mr. Meadows told you, but you said hypothetically. You said
23 hypothetically, perhaps he should be hanged or something to that effect.

24 I just want to be very clear, though, the words that you told Ms. Cheney were
25 what you heard Mr. Meadows tell you to the best of your recollection, correct?

1 A It wasn't a conversation from Mr. Meadows directed at me. It was, he
2 came back into the office, and kind of was having a conversation with Mr. Cipollone and
3 Mr. Herschmann, but there was -- I mean, their bodies also were facing the main part of
4 our office, and that's where I was sitting too. So it wasn't directed to intend to bring me
5 into the conversation, but also not close me out of it at the time.

6 Q Okay. So the words you said, though, were what you remember Mr.
7 Meadows saying to that group?

8 A Correct. I remember the quote about Mr. Trump with Mr. Pence and about
9 the hanging. I remember hanging chant. I don't remember hanging tweets.

10 Mr. Passantino. He said tweets.

11 ██████████ I'm sorry.

12 Ms. Hutchinson. It could have been a tweet with --

13 ██████████ You're exactly right. It was a chant.

14 Ms. Hutchinson. No. No. It's okay.

15 But -- and then I remember -- so there's that portion. Then I remember it was
16 the -- I guess it's important -- in my opinion it's important. Like he often would say
17 something, and then Mr. Trump would often say something and then retort to the room
18 and he would say, well, what do you think, Cassidy, what do you think, Mark? Perhaps
19 he should, right. Do you agree with this?

20 So I took that part as more of a conversational, do you agree with me, is this
21 something that is crazy for me to say or think right now? And that's when Mr. Cipollone
22 said he's got to do something. And they went to the office.

23 So, again, I am sorry. I wish I remembered the whole conversation verbatim.
24 I'm trying to be as helpful as I can with that.

25 ██████████ No. That's fine. Thank.

1 Ms. Hutchinson. It's difficult.

2 [REDACTED]. That was helpful.

3 Ms. Cheney. And then tell us about what happened. They went into the office,
4 and then what happened when they came out of the office?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. They went back to the Oval dining room.

6 Ms. Cheney. All of them together?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Uh-huh. I don't remember if anybody else stepped into his
8 office during that specific timeframe because, to the best of my recollection, that's the
9 first time that he had come back to our office since first going down to the Oval dining
10 room. And then after that, he was frequently back and forth, sometimes every
11 3 minutes, sometimes every 25, throughout the afternoon.

12 So I don't -- and throughout the other times that he would be back and forth, he
13 would bring different people back. But I don't remember if that specific break from the
14 Oval dining room he had anybody else in his office besides Mr. Herschmann and
15 Mr. Cipollone. They're the only two that I'm comfortable saying because I do know they
16 were in there with him at that time.

17 Ms. Cheney. And so then they went back down to the Oval.

18 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

19 Ms. Cheney. Do you know -- so when you got the notification about this tweet
20 that Mike Pence doesn't have the courage, do you remember if Mr. Meadows was in his
21 office then?

22 Ms. Hutchinson. He was in the Oval dining room at the time. That's why I think
23 that the conversation happened afterwards, again just trying to piece together the
24 timeline. But between them breaking into the Capitol -- because he was still in his office
25 when they broke. He was sitting on his couch when they had broken into the Capitol.

1 Because I had seen on Twitter they had broken into the Capitol. And that's when I went
2 into his office. He was in there by himself. And I told him, I told him a few times
3 beforehand I think you should go down to the dining room, like, they're getting closer.

4 Mr. Williamson at one point had gone in prior to them getting into the Capitol and
5 said they're getting closer. So there's a few people that had warned him. But I
6 remember specifically once they had broken into the Capitol, I said, Mark, they're in the
7 Capitol, you should go down and talk to the President and let him know right now.

8 So that's what he did. He was like all right and got up and went. So that's 2:12.
9 This tweet goes out at 2:24. He came back after this tweet went out.

10 Ms. Cheney. And that's when he came back with Mr. Cipollone and
11 Mr. Herschmann.

12 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

13 Ms. Cheney. Okay. We're going to shift topics now.

14 Did you ever see Mr. Meadows destroy documents?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. So the protocol for White House -- I don't know if you're
16 allowed to chime in and help explain the process.

17 Mr. Passantino. You want me to chime in?

18 The Witness. So there is -- every administration has something called burn bags,
19 and there's -- I forget the different levels of them, but you're not supposed to put any
20 paper in the trash cans. They're all supposed to go in burn bags. There's regular burn
21 bags, and then there's different classifications if there's classified material. There's top
22 secret and those are normally just from NSC.

23 So Mr. Meadows did use his burn bags as most staff do. All staff at the White
24 House do on campus. And I believe -- I mean, it's standing protocol, I believe, for
25 previous and future administrations too for recordkeeping purposes.

1 Ms. Cheney. And did you ever see Mr. Meadows burn documents in his
2 fireplace?

3 Ms. Hutchinson. So the Presidential Records Act only asks that you keep the
4 original copy of a document. So, yes. However, I don't know if they were the first or
5 original copies of anything. It's entirely possible that he had put things in his fireplace
6 that he also would have put into a burn bag that there were duplicates of or that there
7 was an electronic copy of.

8 Mr. Passantino. I don't think she's asking you to, like, come up with a legal
9 opinion, right or wrong. I think she's just asking sort of a factual question, which I think
10 you've answered.

11 So don't, unless you're specifically asked, feel an obligation to extrapolate to legal
12 conclusions. You can go wherever you want with that. But I just want to caution you.

13 The Witness. Right. I meant just to draw the distinction between burn bags.

14 Ms. Cheney. So did you see Mr. Meadows put documents in his fireplace?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes, ma'am.

16 Ms. Cheney. And do you know what the documents were?

17 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know.

18 Ms. Cheney. How frequently did you see him do this.

19 Ms. Hutchinson. I mean, it's hard -- I want to say once a week or twice -- it's -- I
20 can recall specific times that I did. Maybe a dozen, maybe just over a dozen, but this is
21 over a period December through mid-January too, which is when we started lighting the
22 fireplace.

23 Ms. Cheney. And you said you could recall specific times?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. I could just -- I remember thinking back like it wasn't like I saw
25 him do it daily. I don't remember if there were 2 weeks maybe that one time had

1 passed where he hadn't or I hadn't seen him do it.

2 But roughly a dozen times I remember seeing him, and it was when we would
3 have the GSA, General Services Administrative staff come light it first thing in the
4 morning, and then they had logs next to his fireplace and his closet too.

5 So throughout the day, he would put more logs on the fireplace to keep it burning
6 throughout the day. And I recall roughly a dozen times where he would take the -- I
7 don't know the formal name for what it's called that covers the fireplace -- but take that
8 off and then throw a few more pieces of paper in with it when he put more logs on the
9 fireplace.

10 Ms. Cheney. And could you see him do this from your desk?

11 Ms. Hutchinson. I was in the office with him. I couldn't see the fireplace from
12 my desk?

13 Ms. Cheney. Did he explain what he was doing?

14 Ms. Hutchinson. I never asked.

15 Ms. Cheney. Do you recall timeframes? So were these after particular
16 meetings or specific issues or documents?

17 Ms. Hutchinson. He was in meetings all day long, so it was after meetings.

18 I don't know specific documents. I know maybe three or four times -- between
19 two and four times, he had had Mr. Perry in his office right before.

20 Ms. Cheney. Do you know what Mr. Perry was talking to him about?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. Election issues.

22 Ms. Cheney. Anything more specific than that?

23 Ms. Hutchinson. The Vice President's role on January 6th. I'm trying to think
24 the first time Mr. Perry was at the White House with all of this. Mid-December, I
25 believe, Mr. Perry started coming to meet with Mr. Meadows about what he believed

1 could happen on January 6th, and they were preparing various PowerPoints and he would
2 bring physical material.

3 I remember one time he -- his door was propped open. He put a few things in
4 the fireplace. And there were a few people in the office with him. Mr. Perry was in
5 the office with him, but I don't remember who else was. Mr. Perry brought a few other
6 people to meet with him.

7 But I don't know what the documents were or if they were original copies, I mean,
8 or the only copy of something because he -- there's a process at the White House to
9 destroy and burn things.

10 Ms. Cheney. Like the burn bags that you had mentioned.

11 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

12 Ms. Cheney. Did you see this -- you mentioned between December and January
13 about a dozen times. Was this something that you had seen over the course of the time
14 you worked for Mr. Meadows?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. No, because we only had the fireplace burning when it got cold
16 out that winter.

17 Ms. Cheney. Did you see him removing boxes of documents?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. Not boxes, no.

19 Ms. Cheney. Any numbers of documents taken out of the White House?

20 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes, ma'am.

21 Ms. Cheney. And just tell us the circumstances of that.

22 Ms. Hutchinson. At the end of the day sometimes he would -- most of the time
23 he left without anything. But sometimes he would leave with a red manilla envelope.
24 I don't know what he would bring home. I never asked him.

25 But he had a stack of red manilla envelopes in his office. And whenever we

1 would prepare him things to bring home I always put it in -- I had a black chief of staff
2 binder that had the Presidential seal and said chief of staff on the bottom if I ever needed
3 to send him home with briefing materials or things that we had gone through throughout
4 the day to review. I would just put it in there for him and put it in his detail car before
5 we would leave.

6 And he always knew that too. [Inaudible] sit in the back seat so he could look at
7 it them when he was driving home or read it when he was driving to work next morning.
8 So when he would bring things out, I would assume that it would be things that he had
9 personally received or collected that he wanted to review.

10 Ms. Cheney. And so do you have any idea what those documents were?

11 Ms. Hutchinson. I never asked him.

12 Ms. Cheney. Was there any reason why he would need to do that?

13 Ms. Hutchinson. Bring documents home? I mean, if he didn't have time to go
14 over it during the day and he wanted to do it at night. Although, I think he was fairly
15 confident in the materials that I would send home with him too, so I don't know why they
16 weren't given to either Ms. Thurston or myself to put in that binder. But I never asked
17 him, though, why he didn't give us those things.

18 Ms. Cheney. So sometimes he would give you things, like put this in the binder?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct. He would forward emails or say print this and I'll
20 read this tonight or if he got something from the Office of the Staff Secretary to bring
21 home that didn't require immediate action that afternoon or evening, he would bring it
22 home to read it. And sometimes Mr. Lyons would drop off things for him to read and he
23 would just stick it in the binder for him to go home with.

24 So this wasn't anything that -- I don't want to speak on Ms. Thurston's behalf. I
25 don't believe her and I really ever even had a conversation about it. But I think it was

1 just a mutual understanding that these are things he wants to keep private to himself.

2 Ms. Cheney. Were they classified?

3 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm not sure.

4 Ms. Cheney. Did you ever see him take anything classified out?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes, ma'am.

6 Ms. Cheney. How many times.

7 Ms. Hutchinson. In this period?

8 Ms. Cheney. First, yeah.

9 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know. Because our classified things would come in
10 from an envelope from the Situation Room. Maybe between four and seven times.
11 Probably closer to seven. I know that sounds overly specific, but it definitely was less
12 than ten.

13 But sometimes he would carry out a manilla envelope in the red -- I don't know if
14 manilla is the right word -- red folding envelope.

15 Ms. Cheney. Yeah.

16 Ms. Hutchinson. And the ones that actually sealed shut are the ones from the
17 Situation Room that have classified stuff or from various agencies too. And sometimes I
18 remember seeing like a brown folder sticking out of the red folder.

19 But I didn't really -- I didn't ask him what it was or how it was received. And he
20 had meetings throughout the day. There were people constantly bringing materials.
21 He had people would come up from the Situation Room frequently, people from DOD
22 that would come and meet with him and bring him materials. And I just never -- I didn't
23 like to look through his stacks of things.

24 Ms. Cheney. Did you see him do that outside of this time period?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. There were a few times throughout his tenure as chief of staff

1 where he would bring home things from the Situation Room. But most frequently I
2 remember him bringing them back the next day, because I remember he would give it to
3 Ms. Thurston to bring that back to the Situation Room and she would bring his -- the
4 Presidential daily brief folder back down sometimes if our briefer didn't come that
5 morning.

6 Ms. Cheney. And so in this period, did you see him give these back to Ms.
7 Thurston?

8 Ms. Hutchinson. No.

9 Ms. Cheney. Were they out of the Presidential daily brief?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm not sure. And to be fair, I don't know if these were PDB
11 files in the envelopes or if they were just -- I just remember a handful of times seeing -- it
12 looked a little bit more full and seeing the brown envelope sticking out of the red folder.

13 And that's always where he kept classified things. And even if it hadn't come
14 from the Situation Room, sometimes he would take other documents and reuse old
15 folders, because those would be burn bags if they're not returned to the Situation Room.
16 But he sometimes would keep them and stick other things in them. So I don't know if it
17 was official material from the President's daily brief or if it was from other actors within
18 the executive branch.

19 Ms. Cheney. But you didn't see him bring these back and give them to Ms.
20 Thurston?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. It's possible he did and I just didn't see it. But I
22 didn't -- normally, he didn't bring the red envelope back at all.

23 Ms. Cheney. Okay. In the text that you -- I think it's exhibit 28 -- you -- there's
24 a text, I think it's between you and Ms. Thurston. It may not be exhibit 28.

25 [REDACTED]. You have the right one. It's wrong in the binder. Exhibit 25.

1 Try that one.

2 Ms. Cheney. So in that exhibit -- I don't think it is that one. Maybe page 8.

3 [REDACTED]. Here you go, Ms. Cheney.

4 Ms. Cheney. I think it's 25. I think you're right, [REDACTED]. It's page 7.

5 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm sorry. I didn't realize there's multiple pages in it.

6 Ms. Cheney. So at the bottom of that exhibit, you're texting Ms. Thurston, "I'm
7 going to give him a call this afternoon about HPSCI. The reality of them having unlimited
8 access to his office to review docs is dwindling." This was on December 28th.

9 Can you tell us about that text, what that means?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. I wonder if this is cut off. I believe we briefly talked about this
11 in the second deposition.

12 He met with Mr. Nunes and the staff director, [REDACTED]. I'm being
13 sensitive because of the -- I don't know if things were declassified or what it was. But
14 they had met about at the time what was classified information, and Mr. Nunes, Mr.
15 Meadows, and [REDACTED] agreed that they would get these documents from wherever
16 they've come from and bring them to the White House. And Mr. Meadows had
17 hypothetically -- it wasn't hypothetical -- Mr. Meadows had offered for the HPSCI staff to
18 use his office throughout the day while he was there to -- he had a long conference
19 table -- to start going through everything, taking notes and discussing what to do with
20 these documents.

21 And from the start I didn't agree with this approach because he's constantly in his
22 office making calls and they needed a different space to do this in, although he thought
23 that he could do both in tandem.

24 So this is me letting Liza know, Ms. Thurston know that I was going to address it
25 with Mr. Meadows to try to find a different meeting spot and strongly encourage that so

1 we could not have his entire day interrupted.

2 Ms. Cheney. So just so we're clear, I think in the last deposition we talked about
3 January 2nd and 3rd, which was a Saturday and a Sunday, when [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED], there were a number of HPSCI staffers who came.

5 This is December 28th, so that I'm trying to --

6 Ms. Hutchinson. They had talked about doing this December -- I remember the
7 first time he mentioned bringing HPSCI in -- perhaps December 18th, 17th or 18th, but he
8 had had said it more as we're going to look at doing this in the next couple weeks. Can
9 you talk to Mr. Nunes and see, like, what works best for them?

10 So I remember reaching out to Mr. Nunes and him saying like, let's connect right
11 after Christmas. And Mr. Meadows was in Georgia, so I called Mr. Nunes, I believe,
12 somewhere -- maybe the 26th or 27th and had talked to him. And then he had come in.
13 I don't remember -- I don't have a calendar in front of me.

14 Ms. Cheney. The 2nd and 3rd was Saturday and Sunday. So the 28th is a
15 Monday.

16 Ms. Hutchinson. The 28th was Monday?

17 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh.

18 Ms. Hutchinson. So I believe Mr. Nunes and [REDACTED] came in on the 29th to
19 meet with him about this protocol. Mr. Meadows and I had talked on the 27th or 28th
20 about when we do this in the next couple of days, I want them to use my office. And
21 had I initially sort of indicated that I was pushing back, but I hadn't fully said no, it's not
22 probable.

23 So I sent this text to Ms. Thurston in advance of them coming in to meet with him
24 prior to the document review all happening and just let her know that I am going to work
25 with either the Situation Room or somewhere else in the West Wing to reserve a spot

1 because I don't want them using Mark's office, Mr. Meadows' office all day long.

2 So then Mr. Nunes and [REDACTED] came in, and then the rest of the staff came in
3 in the next couple of days with everything. I thought there was something in here.

4 [REDACTED] Can I help you with that timeline-wise?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah.

6 BY [REDACTED]

7 Q Only because I'm just looking through these messages.

8 If you go to page 12, there's a long message, and it's from December 30th, it says,
9 "Tomorrow TBD if he wants HPSCI to come in. We just got the docs, him and Pat are
10 sorting through them now."

11 Is that the document review day or is this the day they came in to discuss
12 protocol?

13 A So they would have come in -- so Mr. Nunes and [REDACTED] came in then on
14 the 29th and discussed it with him. And then Mr. Nunes did not come back.

15 On December 31st -- or December 30th -- we got all the documents. I don't
16 recall who delivered them. I believe somebody from the Situation Room though.
17 There was a bunch of them. They came up on a dolly in a few boxes and I had to sign for
18 them.

19 And then he called White House counsel down. They were loosely looking
20 through things. And then [REDACTED] was bringing some more of the HPSCI staffers
21 back December 31st to look through them.

22 Q How many times did they come back to actually look at the documents?
23 Because there's another message on page 18 that says, "For Saturday he plans to meet
24 with HPSCI at 11 a.m. in his office."

25 A You said page --

1 Q 18.

2 A Yeah. Three or four times. I communicated with [REDACTED] on my work
3 phone, though. So I don't -- and I had talked to him every day that they needed to come
4 back in. I believe it was 3 days total. And then the last day was like this is what we
5 recommend doing.

6 And Mr. Meadows didn't stay, as was predicted, didn't have time to stay with
7 them the entire time that they were reviewing documents. So we found a separate
8 space for them. And then found time at the end of the third day. I don't think it was 4
9 days. I think it was 3 days total they came in and they all sat down and went over their
10 findings.

11 Q Okay.

12 Ms. Cheney. And did Mr. Nunes -- he only came the first time?

13 Ms. Hutchinson. He only came the first day?

14 Ms. Cheney. And without asking you to talk about classified information, which
15 it sounds like we may have to do, why were -- why was HPSCI coming to Mr. Meadows'
16 office to review documents?

17 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm not sure. It's just what he had asked for.

18 Ms. Cheney. And so how was the request made for the documents?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. The first I remember hearing about it was when he had said to
20 me, can you reach out -- he said Devin -- can you reach out to Mr. Nunes? He has some
21 documents that we want to review. He'll talk to you about how to get them here.

22 So I called Mr. Nunes and he said, Mark talked to me about that. Can you reach
23 out to [REDACTED]? I don't know who has them right now. I think it was just
24 above -- or below his pay grade at that point. He's not running around trying to locate
25 documents from Mr. --

1 Ms. Cheney. And so did you have a specific set of document ID numbers or --

2 Ms. Hutchinson. I signed for them, so I would assume they would have been on
3 that paper, but I don't have the paper?

4 Ms. Cheney. How did the Situation Room know which documents to give you?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know if it was the Situation Room that brought them or
6 if it was somebody, a staffer from -- I don't know -- because they came from the Hill, I
7 don't know how, like what the protocol is for releasing them. I don't know if they have
8 to go through the FBI or the CIA, or if it was something they could have sent to the
9 Situation Room to print and bind there.

10 So when I say somebody from the Situation Room came up, it was somebody with
11 a blue pass, a blue hard pass on the dolly. They were authorized to handle classified
12 information. But I don't know if --

13 Ms. Cheney. What the procedure was?

14 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah. If it was a Situation Room staffer that was responsible
15 for collecting and delivering them or if it was more of a we picked these up and here's the
16 delivery you all had requested. I'm just not sure how that's facilitated.

17 Ms. Cheney. Okay. So these were documents that came to the White House
18 from the Hill? And I'm not asking about the procedure.

19 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes. HPSCI had seen these documents at some point and had
20 these documents at some point and were aware of the contents of these documents. I
21 am not sure if it's something that the Republican HPSCI staffers had deeply looked into or
22 if it was more the intention to bring them to the White House to look into them.

23 Ms. Cheney. And why would they need to bring them to the White House to
24 look into them?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know.

1 Ms. Cheney. Because HPSCI obviously has a SCIF and all sorts of -- I mean
2 it's -- the -- it's unusual.

3 Ms. Hutchinson. We had been to the HPSCI SCIF before, so I don't know. I
4 don't know why he, Mr. Meadows, wanted them at the White House.

5 Ms. Cheney. Were they election related?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know.

7 Ms. Cheney. And again, do you know the topic, whether you can say the topic or
8 not? You don't have to say the topic, but are you aware of what the topic was?

9 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm aware of one of the topics. But I believe -- I know there
10 are multiple, but I'm only aware of one of them.

11 Ms. Cheney. And are you aware of why they needed to review them.

12 Ms. Hutchinson. I didn't ask him. He asked me if I wanted to stay in the room
13 while he initially met with them. All the HPSCI staff came the first day and met with him
14 for about an hour. He asked if I wanted to stay in there with him. And I told him no.
15 He said you have clearance, you can. I said it's okay.

16 Ms. Cheney. So that was December 31st.

17 Ms. Hutchinson. 31st, I believe. The Saturday.

18 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

19 Ms. Hutchinson. So perhaps January 1st.

20 Ms. Cheney. So --

21 Ms. Hutchinson. I believe December 31st he met with Mr. Nunes and
22 [REDACTED] in our office. January 1st, 2021, was the first day that [REDACTED] had
23 brought all of his staff.

24 Ms. Cheney. And they didn't, nobody said anything about why they were
25 bringing all the HPSCI staff?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. [Nonverbal response.]

2 Ms. Cheney. And how many -- so I'm just trying to make sure we have this. So
3 December 29th, I think we established Mr. Nunes and [REDACTED] came over for the first
4 time.

5 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm sorry if I'm getting my timeline --

6 Ms. Cheney. It's okay.

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Okay. So December 29th, you're right, would have been the
8 day Mr. Nunes and [REDACTED] came. And then the one that I had seen where it said
9 the White House -- reviewing the -- we had gotten everything on December 30th. So
10 December 31st would have been the first day that [REDACTED] had brought all of his staff.

11 Ms. Cheney. Okay. And then the -- when you say him and Pat are sorting
12 through them now, is that Pat Cipollone?

13 Ms. Hutchinson. That's correct.

14 Ms. Cheney. So did anyone else besides HPSCI staff review the documents while
15 they were there? Was White House counsel in the room?

16 Ms. Hutchinson. No. It was HPSCI staff.

17 Ms. Cheney. And you don't recall why they said they were coming to the White
18 House to do this?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. It's not that I don't recall, I don't think I ever knew. I didn't
20 ask. I don't want to say brash when I say that.

21 Ms. Cheney. No. No. It's -- if you didn't ask, you didn't ask.

22 Okay. But you were aware of one of the topics, and so I assume we can make
23 arrangements to get that information from you in a classified way so that we're sure
24 we're not violating any of the rules.

25 So then they reviewed the documents on the 1st and the 2nd, but you said you

1 got another space for them. Where did they end up doing that?

2 Ms. Hutchinson. So in our office there's the main office here. You walk into
3 the main office, and if you're -- I guess, if you're looking from the hallway into our office,
4 you're looking at the main office. And Mr. Meadows' office to the right. To the left,
5 there's another little office typically used for the deputy chief of staff. Mr. John Fleming
6 sometimes would use that office space. He would also use an office upstairs. And he
7 wasn't in for about 10 days during Christmas, so he put them in there for a little bit and
8 then one of the days they went into the Roosevelt Room because it had a bigger table.

9 Ms. Cheney. Did you over hear them talking about why they were there?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. [Nonverbal response.]

11 Ms. Cheney. Talking about the subject matter?

12 Ms. Hutchinson. No. [REDACTED] began to speak with me about it at one point,
13 and I quickly changed the subject, not to be rude to our guests, but we were dealing with
14 a lot of other things at the time, and I just didn't want to be really involved in this.

15 Ms. Cheney. Was there a reason why you didn't want to be involved in it?

16 Ms. Hutchinson. I respected my security clearance, but I also respected the fact
17 that I didn't fully understand the parameters of it. I never wanted to put myself in a
18 position of knowing something that could fall out of what I was cleared to know or to put
19 my clearance at risk. And I was always just very cautious about dealing with classified
20 materials.

21 So anything like this, even signing for the boxes, I said to Mr. Meadows, I asked if
22 he would sign for them and he was on a call at the time. I just didn't want to potentially
23 break any rules with my clearance that I didn't know I was authorized to make.

24 Ms. Cheney. So you ended up signing for them?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah. And, I mean, I have a TS/SCI clearance, so I could sign

1 for them, yes. But I just didn't, in terms of the contents of them, I didn't want to put
2 myself in a situation?

3 Ms. Cheney. Did Mr. Meadows spend time reviewing the documents with the
4 HPSCI staff?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. So he went through everything first with Mr. Cipollone, but not
6 super thoroughly. The first day the HPSCI staff came in, he spent about 2 hours with
7 them, maybe a little bit more getting them started, kind of walking through, like, I guess
8 what he expected from it. I don't remember. I ducked into the room at one point for
9 this, and I remember him talking about, like, taking notes and being able to brief him at
10 the end of it. And so they had a 2-hour closed-door conversation. So I wasn't sure
11 they talked about the materials of it.

12 And then at the end he spent probably about 2 to 3 hours talking to [REDACTED]
13 and maybe one or two of the other staffers. But Mr. Nunes never came back for that.
14 And I didn't go into the room -- or I stepped into the room one time during the final
15 conversation to give him a -- pass him a note on something when [REDACTED] was still in
16 there. And I only remember [REDACTED] had some remark to me. And I mean that's
17 pretty much the extent of --

18 Ms. Cheney. What did [REDACTED] say?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. Something sarcastic, like, I don't know, about the election, are
20 you stopping the steal out there or something? I don't know. Are you busy stopping
21 the steal and that's not why you're meeting with us? Something along those lines.

22 Ms. Cheney. When you say Mr. Cipollone and Mr. Meadows went through them
23 but not in detail.

24 Ms. Hutchinson. There's just a lot of papers. There's no way they could have
25 gone through -- that's what they were bringing the HPSCI staff in for.

1 Ms. Cheney. I see. An did Mr. Cipollone come over to Mr. Meadows' office to
2 go through them.

3 Ms. Hutchinson. The first time, yeah.

4 Ms. Cheney. How long did they spend doing that?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. Now I wish I had the time-stamped text in front of me.
6 Actually, I don't think this one was time stamped. I would say no more than 30 minutes,
7 maybe an hour absolute max.

8 But if I'm remembering this day correctly, maybe probably close to 30 minutes.
9 And he had probably more of them going through to make sure what Mr. Meadows had
10 requested had actually arrived and lined up with what they were expecting.

11 Ms. Cheney. So Mr. Meadows was told what to request by Mr. Nunes?

12 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know if he was told what to request by Mr. Nunes. I
13 think he brought Mr. Cipollone in so he could relay to Mr. Cipollone -- so Mr. Meadows
14 could relay to Mr. Cipollone what he was expecting to get so Mr. Cipollone could look at it
15 and ensure that it -- the documents produced had all arrived.

16 Ms. Cheney. And so what happened at the end of this?

17 Ms. Hutchinson. His meeting with Mr. Cipollone?

18 Ms. Cheney. No. After they reviewed the documents. So I guess probably
19 January 3rd is a Sunday.

20 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know.

21 Ms. Cheney. Did the documents get boxed back up and sent back down?

22 Ms. Hutchinson. No.

23 Ms. Cheney. What happened to the documents?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. I guess --

25 Mr. Passantino. Do you want to talk?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. Could we have just one second?

2 [Recess.]

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2 [4:22 p.m.]

3 Ms. Cheney. So what happened to the documents at the end of this.

4 Ms. Hutchinson. In the final days, this is after January 6th, January 18th I
5 remember -- I am thinking specifically about two of the main things that we are looking
6 at -- Mr. Meadows requested for the National Security Council staff to create I don't know
7 how many duplicates of these documents for review. So they had 10 to 15 NSC staffers
8 making copies. And it was -- and they were both fairly large items. And they had
9 gotten to us on the 19th. A good portion of January 19th was spent kind of raking
10 through it one last time. I don't know where all of the items went. And some had
11 been taken personally -- not personal -- like, personally by individuals involved. If have
12 you further questions, I'd be happy to --

13 Ms. Cheney. Taken by whom?

14 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Meadows took a few -- a few copies of each of the things I
15 am thinking about.

16 Ms. Cheney. Can you explain that a little bit more?

17 Ms. Hutchinson. And he took of a couple of them home. He took a couple with
18 the intention to give them to a few people on the out -- in the private sector to review. I
19 don't know if they ever made it there. I didn't ask him if he delivered them. He
20 made -- now, I -- I am trying to be careful, but there is these copies, and then there was a
21 different version that he also had. I don't have any idea what happened to that one.
22 The copies of this one, the ones that White House counsel had approved for several
23 copies to be made. And Mr. Meadows also had copies of a previous version. I don't
24 know how he personally distinguished between the two and which ones went where and
25 which ones could have ended up in other people's hands or which ones just are

1 unaccounted for. But I know he took a version of both for himself. And I know that he
2 had versions of both that he wanted given to individuals in the private sector. And he
3 gave me a copy to give to a Member of Congress, but then I told him no. And he -- I
4 gave him back that copy. So he then had that one in his possession. I think there
5 probably was, that I am aware of, four copies of each version.

6 Ms. Cheney. So eight copies total. And which Member of Congress?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Leader McCarthy.

8 Ms. Cheney. And this was on?

9 Ms. Hutchinson. The 19th. And I -- I remember calling Mr. McCarthy saying
10 that I had this item for him from Mark, from Mr. Meadows at the time -- I said Mark,
11 but -- and he had said to me: Oh, I don't want that. Why does he want me to have
12 that?

13 I said: I don't know. I don't think you should have it either. I am just going to
14 give it to him if you are okay with that. I just want to make sure we are on the same
15 page in case he says something to you about asking if you got it. I wanted to make sure
16 my boss, if he were checking with me, that you didn't actually want it.

17 He said: No, I don't -- I don't want any of that.

18 I said: Okay.

19 And I hung up. And I just handed it to Mr. Meadows and said: I think we are
20 going to just hold off on this right now. If he needs it, he knows how to get you in the
21 next couple of weeks.

22 Ms. Cheney. And who in the private sector?

23 Ms. Hutchinson. There were a few journalists that he wanted to get give this to.
24 I don't know which ones.

25 Ms. Cheney. Do you recall names?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't off the top of my head. There is a --

2 Mr. Passantino. Don't speculate. She wants to know what you now, but don't
3 feel an obligation to guess.

4 Ms. Hutchinson. I can see her face, but I don't remember her name. I will think
5 about it and -- I will think about it, and if I remember, I will tell you.

6 Ms. Cheney. Is she in television or --

7 Ms. Hutchinson. I think she does more just Conservative writing. I hadn't
8 heard of this person, but I am also not a very --

9 Ms. Cheney. Was it Mollie Hemingway?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes. Mollie Hemingway. She has brown hair.

11 Ms. Cheney. And she wrote a book called "Rigged"?

12 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes.

13 Ms. Cheney. Do you know if he gave them to her?

14 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm not sure. Does she -- I think she has a male counterpart
15 too. Don Solomon?

16 Ms. Cheney. Yes --

17 Ms. Hutchinson. Okay, yeah, and Don Solomon.

18 Ms. Cheney. So did -- so eight copies of the documents were made --

19 Ms. Hutchinson. Approximately. I --

20 Ms. Cheney. That you are aware of. And so, as best you can, can you try to
21 recall what happened with each one of them or what you know?

22 Ms. Hutchinson. No, I -- he -- I remember he gave me the copies to give to
23 leader McCarthy. That was the one White House counsel and the NSC had approved. I
24 think -- I think the declassified too. I am not -- I am not entirely sure. I didn't really ask
25 many questions because I didn't really want to do anything with this at all. From my

1 understanding, the copy that I was given was the one that was more acceptable to have
2 in my possession I should say.

3 Ms. Cheney. Because it was a lower level classification or --

4 Ms. Hutchinson. I think so. Or if it was already declassified. I'm not -- I don't
5 think it was declassified at that point, if it even has been since. But -- I just know that
6 there were other copies of it that was -- that were more -- that were more similar to the
7 original copies that we had first received from HPSCI where there were copies of that one
8 made also. I knew that wasn't the one in my possession. The only one I know that
9 happened to it explicitly was the one that I had and I gave back to him. And I remember
10 he brought several home the night of the 19th. I even believe I put one or two of them
11 in his motorcade for him. I went down, and then I started carrying two boxes out. And
12 I think he put two in a box, and I was carrying the box because the box didn't have a lid on
13 it, and he brought them home. I know that he was with going to give them to -- he had
14 the intention to give to Mollie Hemingway and John Solomon that night, but I don't know
15 if they ever made the trip or if they ever ended up in their hands.

16 Ms. Cheney. And did you see him -- do you know what happened to the four
17 that were not --

18 Ms. Hutchinson. I -- I think he took all of them, unless he gave one to somebody
19 internally. I didn't count how many he took out. Also, this is just a rough estimate too.
20 There could have been 10; there could have been seven, but unless he gave a copy to
21 anybody internally. The last I had seen of one in somebody else's hands was my own,
22 and that was also given back to him.

23 Ms. Cheney. And he never told you if -- what he did with them?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. Next day was the 20th, and I only saw him very briefly that day.
25 I think he spent 15 minutes. I was in office wrapping things up and the new chief,

1 Mr. Klain, came in with his staff. Because we were doing like an interim [inaudible] and
2 they were supposed to be there for that. But he was upstairs with White House
3 counsel. They were working on last minute, like, tie up loose ends things. So I only
4 saw Mr. Meadows once that day. And I didn't ask him about binders at all.

5 Ms. Cheney. So how were the copies made?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. He was working with a woman named Sue Bai, B-a-i, that
7 worked in the National Security Council. I don't know how -- what their protocol is for
8 that, but --

9 Ms. Cheney. So when did you -- just sort of walk us through. He was working
10 with her --

11 Ms. Hutchinson. To make the copies.

12 Ms. Cheney. Yeah. And then did the copies all show up back in your office?

13 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah, that night.

14 Ms. Cheney. In binders?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. Uh-huh.

16 The Reporter. Yes or no, please.

17 Ms. Hutchinson. Oh, sorry. Yes. Correct, in binders.

18 Ms. Cheney. And then were the binders marked?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't remember. They were in boxes, but bankers boxes.

20 Ms. Cheney. Okay. And were they divided so you knew sort which ones --

21 Ms. Hutchinson. They came with one dolly. I believe there was four boxes,
22 maybe five. They were stacked really high. It was like that.

23 Ms. Cheney. It was like five full bankers boxes?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. Right, correct. But they were also -- they were big binders.

25 Ms. Cheney. And do you know if any of those materials in any way connected to

1 Mr. Flynn?

2 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know.

3 Ms. Cheney. To Mr. Lakeland (ph)?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm not sure.

5 Ms. Cheney. In terms of what you understood, that you can say, and again, and I
6 will recognize that we are being cautious here, it was related to the election?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. The bank binders? I don't believe so.

8 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

9 Ms. Hutchinson. There were a few other small items that he discussed with
10 HPSCI, less than 100 pages, that potentially have things to do with the election. But to
11 my understanding, the binders have -- didn't have anything to do with the election.
12 Now I could be wrong. I'm sure if he can -- when we discuss --

13 Ms. Cheney. Okay. Anything else that you recall about those materials or Mr.
14 Meadows talking about them?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. The HPSCI materials?

16 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh.

17 Ms. Hutchinson. Only the night that Ms. Bai brought or had everything come up
18 to her office and deliver -- having it all be delivered. I remember White House Counsel's
19 Office, both Mr. Philbin and Mr. Cipollone came down and spoke with Mr. Meadows and
20 then spoke with me too about the version that I had. And they asked if they could talk
21 to Mr. Meadows before he left because they wanted to be careful about all of this. And
22 they felt he had rushed the process a little bit. And they asked if I would lend them the
23 one that he gave me for Mr. McCarthy so they could bring it upstairs to review. So I
24 gave that one to Mr. Philbin temporarily. And then Mr. Cipollone was in Mr. Meadows'
25 office. And then Mr. Philbin brought it back down. And I remember only one edit

1 here, but it is not the end of the world. And he had only skimmed through it, but other
2 than that conversation with White House Counsel's Office that we can discuss here, I
3 don't think I have anything else to add.

4 Ms. Cheney. Did Mr. Meadows say anything to you about the President in
5 conjunction with these documents?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. He said the President wanted there -- the President wanted
7 those documents -- the President wanted these documents to be reviewed. And he -- I
8 am trying to be careful -- I might be being overly cautious now. I think. I think we
9 might talk about that in a more classified -- it is topic specific, I think if that is --

10 Ms. Passantino. Yeah, that is fine.

11 Ms. Cheney. Okay. I don't have anything else on that. I don't know if you
12 have anything else.

13 BY [REDACTED]:

14 Q When Mr. Philbin reviewed the documents and made you said one edit, did
15 he know that these documents were contemplated for release publicly?

16 A I am not sure.

17 Q Did he know whether they were contemplated for release to Mr. McCarthy?

18 A I don't think so because I remember saying I had that copy for Mr. McCarthy.

19 And Mr. Cipollone said: Why would Mr. Meadows have you -- have you be the one to
20 give this to McCarthy? Why does Mr. McCarthy need this?

21 And I said: I don't know.

22 I said: Just be careful [inaudible] why he called.

23 I said: Why don't you call Kevin?

24 And I just called Mr. McCarthy and didn't really ask or detail my conversation with
25 White House counsel. I just told him what was going on, the outcome of the

1 conversation a few minutes ago.

2 Q Was that on a secure line? Was that a classified conversation with
3 Mr. McCarthy?

4 A No, no. But I also didn't give him any details of what it was. I mean, I told
5 him that I had -- I told him I had a big binder, I think is what I said to him almost verbatim:
6 Hey, Mark gave me a big binder. They have been working on it for a while with the
7 lawyers. The Situation Room has been involved. I am not really sure what is in here.
8 He wants you to have a copy of it. I personally don't think it is something you need to
9 have, but I want to check with you before I give it to you in case he calls you and asks if
10 you read it, and then I get blamed for something that I didn't do.

11 He said: A big binder?

12 And then I don't think he -- I didn't -- I don't even think he asked me. He said:
13 No, I don't want anything to do with that. Just hold on to it. Something along those
14 lines.

15 Q Did the copies of these documents include classification markings?

16 A The original one -- the original ones did. I didn't go through the copies that
17 were made the night of the 18th or 19th. I believe copies started being made on the
18 night of the 18th because they had to stop because the machines broke, because they
19 just couldn't keep up with the -- their bandwidth was low because it was very long.

20 Q You said there is two different versions, four copies of each roughly. What
21 was different between the versions?

22 A I think that the -- how I understood it was there was the original copy that
23 we received from HPSCI of this specific item that had no redactions. It was the original
24 documents of the topic, said topic. Then there was the edited version by HPSCI without
25 White House counsel's approval of what they believed to be finite or for public release or

1 knowledge or however they were planning to utilize this information. And then the
2 ones that -- that one was taken, maybe given to somebody in the White House Counsel's
3 Office. I actually believe -- sorry to clarify; my memory is shot. I believe that Sue Bai
4 was technically employed by the White House Counsel's Office but worked on national
5 security matters, but I would have to double check on that.

6 Q Okay.

7 A Or however you all would confirm somebody's title. I just don't want to
8 mis-attribute her affiliation.

9 But then there is the HPSCI edited copy that was given to somebody in White
10 House Counsel's Office for more review, and they had further redactions or further edits
11 made for whatever actions were intended to be taken on these documents. So version
12 number 2 was less edited than version number 3, which the White House counsel
13 approved version.

14 Q And version number 1 was not edited at all, the original document?

15 A Correct. And that was the one I signed for late December. And I believe
16 we established that it was delivered 30th I think is the date.

17 Q Okay. And, just to clarify for my own understanding, these documents,
18 they were HPSCI-owned information, or were they other agency-owned information that
19 HPSCI had?

20 Mr. Passantino. If you know.

21 Mr. [REDACTED]. If you know.

22 Ms. Hutchinson. I am not sure.

23 Mr. [REDACTED]. Okay.

24 Ms. Hutchinson. HPSCI knew of this information. Its origination, I am not sure.

25 Ms. Cheney. And -- I am sorry.

1 Mr. ██████ No, go ahead.

2 Ms. Cheney. Just to be clear, so when the copy process was going on, the HPSCI
3 original was copied as well?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. The HPSCI original was not copied.

5 Ms. Cheney. So what happened to the HPSCI original?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know.

7 Ms. Cheney. Did it go home with Mr. Meadows?

8 Ms. Hutchinson. That is the most --

9 Mr. Passantino. Go ahead and answer, but don't -- if you don't know, say you
10 don't know. I mean, say whatever you want to say, but make sure you are clear
11 whether you are speaking from knowledge or you are making an estimate -- you are
12 estimating or -- you are making an estimate.

13 Ms. Hutchinson. I am almost positive it went home with Mr. Meadows. I don't
14 think that would have been something that he would have destroyed. It was not
15 returned anywhere, and it never left our office to go internally anywhere. It stayed in
16 our safe in the office safe most of the time. Unless he was looking at it or unless HPSCI
17 had it, during those couple of days that they were reviewing it, if that makes sense.

18 Ms. Cheney. Yeah. So basically it was in your office from when the HPSCI
19 documents arrived --

20 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

21 Ms. Cheney. -- until the end.

22 Ms. Hutchinson. Near the end. I don't know if it left a couple of days before
23 or --

24 Ms. Cheney. Did you see it leave?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. I didn't, but it wasn't in the safe on the last day, because I

1 double checked to make sure that we didn't have anything in there. Because we will
2 keep our -- throughout the day we would get paper copies of things from the Situation
3 Room. And if they were not responsive, then we didn't have to sign for them and bring
4 them back down. We normally just leave those in the safe and bring those down to the
5 Situation Room at the end of week, just to make paper flow easier on them. So I
6 wanted to double check that we did not leave anything in there for the new
7 administration to deal with. And the binder, the documents weren't in there.

8 Ms. Cheney. Do you remember when you last saw them in there?

9 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't.

10 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

11 Ms. Hutchinson. Somewhere between January 10th and 15th perhaps. But I
12 don't know the exact day. I remember seeing it after the 6th.

13 Ms. Cheney. And do you remember anything discussion about it after the 6th
14 or --

15 Ms. Hutchinson. Not until the 18th, 19th, and 20th.

16 Ms. Cheney. But it wasn't it -- it wasn't one of the ones that was copied?

17 Ms. Hutchinson. No. Mr. Meadows would not have had that one copied.

18 The Reporter. Again, please.

19 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm sorry. Mr. Meadows would not have had that one copied.

20 Ms. Cheney. And why do you say that?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm sorry?

22 Ms. Cheney. And why wouldn't he have that one copied?

23 Ms. Hutchinson. He didn't want that one -- he wanted to keep that one close
24 hold. He didn't want that one to be widely known about. I just know Mr. Meadows.
25 He wouldn't have had that one copied unless he did it on his own, but -- I don't think he

1 knows how to use a copy machine.

2 Ms. Cheney. Okay. That is all I have on those.

3

BY [REDACTED]

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Q Going back, when you talked about Mr. Meadows burning some documents
5 in his fireplace, you mentioned that he did so sometimes you recalled after Mr. Perry
6 would visit the White House. Just to clarify, is that Representative Scott Perry?

7

A Yes, sir.

8

Q Okay. And in your text messages with Ms. Thurston, you sent a picture of a
9 fireplace, it is exhibit 25, page 8. Is that the fireplace in Mr. Meadows' office?

10

A Yes, sir.

11

Q On the 28th, you mentioned that the fireplace is back in action, and then the
12 29th, you mention he's checking -- chucking logs on to the fireplace. Around that time
13 period, do you remember Mr. Meadows burning documents?

14

A Which page in this? I am sorry.

15

Q This is pages 8 and 9 of exhibit 25.

16

A Oh back in action. So that -- back in action, I just want to be clear for my
17 conscience. We had real garland for the fireplace over Christmas, and I didn't want him
18 to light it with the dying real garland. I didn't want there to be a fire in the West Wing.
19 So that is why I made that comment there. There were a handful of times that the West
20 Wing was empty during this period, and there were maybe three or four times that I am
21 aware of that I saw him throw a few things into the fireplace, but again, the -- I never
22 asked. They were full sheets of paper. It's not like it was a note card or just like a -- I
23 remember them being 8 by 11, 8.5-by-11 sheets of paper. But I don't know what they
24 were. There was --

25

Q Okay. Is there something you recall about documents he burned

1 specifically?

2 A Document specific, no. I -- there was one time that when Mr. Perry was
3 there, I think he threw a few things in, and I was in the room with them, not for very long
4 though. And it was mostly small talk. This was at the end of the meeting. I was
5 trying to get him, Mr. Perry, out because I think Mark -- Mr. Meadows was supposed to
6 meet with somebody else from DOJ who had been waiting for a while. So he had done
7 it with Mr. Perry there. And I remember Mr. Perry saying something like, oh,
8 [inaudible]] and Mr. Meadows was kind of like chuckling or something.

9 Ms. Cheney. And what were they talking about?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. The election fraud issues, January 6th protocol, the Vice
11 President. That is what the meeting was about. I -- I wasn't -- right now, if I really
12 break through these texts, I probably could pinpoint the exact day, but off the top of my
13 head, I don't -- I don't know.

14 Ms. Cheney. And so you don't know what he was burning?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. No.

16 Ms. Cheney. Were they talking about the Department of Justice?

17 Ms. Hutchinson. It could have come up in the meeting. Mr. Meadows
18 frequently met with the Department of Justice in the late afternoons or early evenings.
19 But I don't know if that was what they had discussed with Mr. Perry. I took it as the
20 meetings with Mr. Perry were more of them discussing strategy for January 6th, what
21 they believed the Vice President's role could be. But again, I never asked, like, some of
22 the more intricate details of their conversations or how they were going to entertain
23 things. I think things had shifted throughout this period and more people became
24 involved. And --

25 Ms. Cheney. And do you remember -- one of the messages you turned over -- I

1 think it is a Signal. It is a screen shot. I don't know the number.

2 [REDACTED] Exhibit 29.

3 Ms. Hutchinson. This is the same tab?

4 Mr. Passantino. Twenty-nine.

5 [REDACTED] Twenty-nine, yes.

6 Ms. Cheney. And Mr. Perry is sending you a Signal to help clearing some people.

7 And I think Mr. Waldron is on that clearance list.

8 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah, James P. Waldron, John Robert McGuire, the second
9 Richard Higgins. So this was December 29th. They came in on the 29th. They came
10 in this day; I remember.

11 Ms. Cheney. Did you sit in that meeting?

12 Ms. Hutchinson. I had gone in and out a couple times. But I was not in the
13 meeting from start to finish.

14 Ms. Cheney. Do you recall what they discussed?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. I hate to sound overly broad again. January 6th, the Vice
16 President's role, Phil Waldron, always bring a lot of materials and updated information
17 about we can take this approach; this website has more ballots that have been found,
18 shows more fraud. So this meeting specifically I don't remember what they brought; I
19 don't remember what their ideas were on this specific day. But I remember this
20 meeting was fairly long, I believe almost 2, 2.5 hours. I remember the times I had
21 ducked in. I ducked in at one point because Mark asked -- Mr. Meadows asked me to
22 make a photocopy of a PowerPoint for him, and I brought it back in. And then
23 Mr. McGuire and Mr. Higgins I remember were trying to make small talk with me, and I
24 was trying to exit through, a few other times. I mean, it wasn't anything overly
25 significant out of the grounds of what we have already discussed in terms of how they

1 believed the Vice President's role could be executed on that day and how they believed
2 the outcome of the election was, but --

3 BY [REDACTED]

4 Q Do you remember Mr. Meadows burning anything after this meeting on the
5 29th in his fireplace?

6 A I don't remember specifically after this meeting. If I -- I don't remember
7 anything specifically after this meeting. I don't know what time he left that day. If I
8 cross reference what Ms. Thurston texts me maybe, I would remember definitively yes or
9 no, but off the top of my head, I don't.

10 Q And Mr. Perry, meaning Scott Perry, wasn't at this meeting with Mr.
11 Waldron, McGuire, and Higgins?

12 A That is correct.

13 Q I believe Mr. Higgins, his name has been identified publicly as somebody
14 associated with an effort to get raw NSA signals data related to the election. Do you
15 remember anything about that, asking intelligence agencies to obtain raw intelligence
16 data about the election?

17 A I remember him talking about intelligence agencies, but I don't know if the
18 raw data portion of it was --

19 Q Okay.

20 A He had also -- he was the person -- I am very confident he was the first
21 person who had mentioned the tallying of satellites to me too, him and Mr. Waldron
22 together. So I don't know if that has anything to with the intelligence agencies or if that
23 is a separate theory that they had been entertaining.

24 Q Okay. I believe you talked about that last time we met.

25 A Correct.

1 Q Okay.

2 Ms. Cheney. Anything else?

3 [REDACTED] No.

4 Ms. Cheney. I think that is everything that I have on these issues. Are there
5 things you want to touch on?

6 [REDACTED] I do. A few more for you.

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q So, on January 2nd, the President, Mr. Meadows, Cleta Mitchell, Kurt Hilbert,
9 and potentially others had a call with Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, along with a
10 few people on his side, in which the President asked a number of things, one of which
11 was to, in his words, find 11,780 votes. Are you aware of the call that I am talking
12 about?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q Do you know why Mr. Meadows participated in that call or was asked to
15 participate in that call?

16 A I believe the call was his idea, if not an idea that him and the President came
17 up with together. Because I remember him coming back -- I remember him coming out
18 of his office and telling me that they were going to set it up and if I could work with Molly
19 on that, Molly Michael, the President's executive assistant. And I had no idea -- Ms.
20 Thurston normally did all that stuff for Mr. Meadows, and I had no idea how to go about
21 making a call like that. I didn't really do the administrative things like that for Mr.
22 Meadows often. So I deferred to Molly on that. She said that Mr. Meadows had also
23 mentioned something to her about assembling this call the day before. So -- and the
24 President reacted with her because she would get on it. And then she'd let me know
25 when she contacted the Georgia State officials.

1 Q What was your understanding of the purpose of that call?

2 A Mr. Trump and Mr. Meadows wanted to be sure that the Georgia officials
3 were utilizing every resource at their disposal to ensure that all the ballots that were cast
4 in Mr. Trump's favor for Georgia were counted.

5 Q Did they say anything else about or anything about their plans for the call,
6 any specific requests they were going to make to Mr. Raffensperger?

7 A Not that I was aware of. Mr. Meadows didn't say anything to me.

8 Q Did you listen to the call in real time?

9 A I was dialed in probably for the first 10 minutes because Mr. Meadows took
10 the call in his office with the door shut -- well, his door was shut for the first portion.
11 And then I hung up after about 10 minutes because I didn't think I needed to listen to any
12 more. And probably about 20 minutes into the call, maybe 15, he had popped open the
13 door, and I could hear the other half of it, kind of. I mean, I wasn't really listening. But
14 the door was open so -- and he had it on speaker phone. I just wasn't really paying
15 attention that closely.

16 Q Did you talk to him about the call after it ended?

17 A Yeah. There were a few people in our office after it ended. I -- somebody
18 from White House Counsel's Office. It might have been both Mr. Cipollone and
19 Mr. Philbin.

20 Mr. Passantino. Same advice, just careful about attorney-client.

21 Ms. Hutchinson. I know.

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q I will stop you there for a second. Did they participate in the call or listen
24 to the call?

25 A I can't remember.

1 Q That's fine. Do you know why Mr. Cipollone and Mr. Philbin came in
2 afterwards to talk about the call? Were they called in or asked to join?

3 A I know that they were asked to join. I can't remember if they were dialed
4 in upstairs, if they were in Mr. Meadows' office for the call, if they had come in halfway
5 through. I know they had been in there at the end of the call, whether that was because
6 Mr. Meadows had called, texted one of them to come down, and they had come down,
7 and that is when they -- I just -- I am sorry. I just can't remember if they were in there
8 for the entire duration.

9 Q Okay. Who else was in the room after the call?

10 A I can't remember anybody else off the top of my head.

11 Q Do you remember what Mr. Meadows said about the call that had just
12 concluded?

13 A I remember him hypothetically asking me and the lawyers if we thought it
14 was going to leak. And all of us just kind of laughed. And then Mr. Meadows had said:
15 Maybe I should -- the President took the call from the residence upstairs, and he said:
16 Maybe I should go up there and talk to him.

17 And I think he just gave Mr. Trump a call and didn't end up going upstairs to the
18 residence.

19 Q Did Mr. Meadows express any concerns about what had been on the call?

20 A No.

21 Q Or anything that the President requested?

22 A Not in my presence.

23 Q Did you ever hear the President talking about this call?

24 A Not in my presence.

25 Q Did you ever hear reports of what the President said after the call, other

1 than what you may have read or heard publicly?

2 A Yeah, I heard on my end in the first couple minutes, and it -- kind of tuned in
3 a little bit when the Mr. Meadows had him on speaker and after he'd opened up the
4 door -- would you like to repeat your question?

5 Q Sure. Are you aware of anything the President said about the call
6 afterwards?

7 A Oh. No, no.

8 Q Okay. And that was a topic that was eventually leaked -- during the call,
9 what did he -- and the topic of conversation I'd assume. But do you remember anybody
10 in the White House expressing concerns, thoughts about the President's request to find
11 11,000-plus votes in Georgia?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q Tell me about that.

14 A I think there was general concern that -- how he would phrase it; it would
15 sound like a pressure campaign or sound like he was encouraging activities that weren't
16 necessarily legal because there hadn't been a briefing done for this call, and, you know,
17 he had his own way of thinking about this because of conversations he had had with
18 outside interests. But I know that even Mr. Meadows said there was concern that he
19 would say things that could potentially be taken out of context or within contexts that
20 were potentially damaging. But I don't recall anybody taking definitive steps to try to
21 stop the call from happening either.

22 Q Were those concerns expressed before the call took place or after?

23 A The way I remember this call coming together, it was just fairly quick and
24 sort of all hands on deck; let's just make sure it happens. So there wasn't really
25 much -- to my recollection, there wasn't much conversation about protocol for the call, if

1 he should be with anybody who should back brief him, which we normally had before
2 calls of significant magnitude.

3 Q Okay. And these concerns that you expressed or that people had, after the
4 call I'm assuming, who expressed those?

5 Mr. Passantino. Do you want to talk?

6 [REDACTED] Take your time.

7 Ms. Hutchinson. I am just trying to be careful. I --

8 Mr. Passantino. Yeah. Well, that doesn't sound like legal advice if it was
9 lawyers expressing concerns, but you are saying after the --

10 Ms. Hutchinson. May we please have a moment?

11 [REDACTED] Yes. Of course. We will go off the record.

12 [Discussion off the record.]

13 BY MR. [REDACTED]

14 Q We are back. Within the bounds that your attorney has advised you,
15 whatever that is, can you please explain who expressed the concerns about the call to
16 Secretary Raffensperger?

17 A Yes, it was the White House Counsel's Office and generally speaking had
18 concerns why this call is taking place in the first place. You know, felt the process was a
19 bit shambly and not within the parameters that they would like it to be executed. And
20 then, after the call took place, they had concerns about the fallout from the call, things
21 that were said, the President's image with the call, especially if the call were to leak, and
22 asked Mr. Meadows if there was anything he would recommend doing in terms of having
23 a conversation with the President or reaching back out to Georgia State officials. And I
24 think Mr. Meadows had just kind of let it go at that point.

25 Q I believe Cleta Mitchell was on the call as well. Was she at the White House

1 for that, to your knowledge?

2 A She wasn't in Mr. Meadows' office for the call.

3 Ms. Cheney. Was she in the residence?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't think so, but --

5 Ms. Cheney. And did Mr. Meadows -- to this discussion about what the
6 President might do afterwards, do you remember the details of what was discussed that
7 he might do?

8 Ms. Hutchinson. I recall Mr. Meadows wondering if he was going put out a
9 tweet about the call, which sometimes the President would do after he had a call over his
10 entire Presidency, or if he was going to make individual calls to State legislatures, call
11 back other people saying that he had just -- he was just kind of wondering I think
12 generally if the President was going to drop it and let it go and see where things went in
13 Georgia or if he was going to take further action by bringing more people into the loop or
14 pressing the issue further on more curated calls tailored towards specific individuals.

15 Ms. Cheney. Were there other calls like this one?

16 Ms. Hutchinson. Not to my knowledge. Mr. Meadows had personally
17 communicated with Georgia State officials throughout the end of December and early
18 January, but I don't -- to my knowledge, he didn't have any calls with them about finding
19 11,000 ballots. He had calls and meetings wondering and inquiring about the ballots.

20 Ms. Cheney. And were there any other States?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. November through early to mid-December Mr. Meadows had
22 focused a lot on Arizona. I wasn't involved in any of the calls or his outreach with any
23 kind of State officials, though. I couldn't name one person he spoke to by memory.
24 And Pennsylvania too. A little bit of Michigan outreach. I don't remember him
25 communicating with people in Wisconsin.

1 BY [REDACTED]

2 Q I am going to draw your attention to exhibit 25, back to the text with Ms.
3 Thurston on page 17. You produced a text, the second one down from the top, it says:
4 He just came back down in a huff and said, "I have got a real problem," and shut his door.
5 He called Debbie and also said he's significantly delayed.

6 Do you remember what that text was about, that was on December 31st?

7 A He was in the Oval Office with Mr. -- Mr. Trump had just arrived back at the
8 White House from his stay at Mar-a-Lago for Christmas and was in the Oval Office. Mr.
9 Meadows went and met him there. And we had brought in officials from the
10 Department of Justice. They were all meeting in the Oval Office that afternoon. By the
11 time Mr. Meadows had come back, I believe DOJ officials had already left or had just left.

12 Q Do you remember who the officials were?

13 A I am trying to remember it. I remember Mr. Rosen and Mr. Donoghue
14 being there that night. I remember Mr. Rosen being there that night. I am cautious
15 about Mr. Donoghue.

16 Q Do you remember what the problem was that Mr. Meadows -- I assume
17 "he," by the way, in this text message is Mr. Meadows?

18 A The "he" is referencing Mr. Meadows.

19 Q Okay.

20 A I don't what the problem was.

21 Q But you think it was related to the meeting with the Department officials in
22 the Oval Office?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Do you know if it had anything do with leadership or potential leadership
25 changes the Department?

1 A I know that that topic came up during that meeting, but I am not sure if that
2 is what he was referencing as his real problem in that moment.

3 Q And you don't remember the real problem that he's referring to?

4 A No.

5 Ms. Cheney. Did- -- it says mostly everyone is in his office now, but perhaps he is
6 still up with POTUS. Did the people from the Oval Office come down to Mark's office?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes.

8 Ms. Cheney. So that would have been Mr. Rosen, Mr. --

9 Ms. Hutchinson. I am cautious about who was there that night because there
10 was another big DOJ meeting a few nights later, and I don't want to mix the participants
11 up with both of them. So I am sorry if I am not too helpful there.

12 Ms. Cheney. No, that is okay.

13 Ms. Hutchinson. But -- and the only reason I am confident about Mr. Rosen is
14 because he had access to campus without having to be cleared on to campus. And I
15 remember that being beneficial that night because the meeting came together fairly
16 quickly. But I can't remember if he brought people in his vehicle with him or who he
17 would have brought with him that night.

18 But they did -- they came back to Mr. Meadows' office afterwards. And then he
19 left a couple of hours later -- Mr. Meadows left a couple hours later.

20 Ms. Cheney. So they spent a couple of hours in Mr. Meadows' office?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

22 Ms. Cheney. And did Mr. Cipollone join them at any time, or did he stay down
23 with POTUS?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Cipollone did come back and join him. I can't remember
25 for how long. We were trying to rush Mark -- Mr. Meadows out of our office because

1 him and his wife had a trip planned to Salamander that night, and she had expected to
2 leave I believe around 2 p.m., so we were trying to move things along.

3 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

4 BY MR. [REDACTED]

5 Q Do you remember any comments that the President made about the
6 leadership at the Department of Justice around this time, so late December, early
7 January?

8 A Not in my presence.

9 Q Do you remember hearing about any comments he made?

10 A I remember Mr. Meadows talking with Mr. Perry about Department -- the
11 Department of Justice leadership and potential changes that could be made because Mr.
12 Perry was advocating for there to be changes made. And Mr. Meadows had reached
13 out to Mr. Perry as a follow up and said that he had raised it with Mr. Trump in case Mr.
14 Trump called Mr. Perry to talk about it. And I remember Mr. Meadows privately not
15 advocating for there to be leadership changes, but in a group setting or with the
16 President, he had had very public conversations within -- with staff in the West Wing
17 about how he wasn't going -- he wanted to not -- he wanted to stay fairly neutral with the
18 President on it.

19 Q Mr. Meadows wanted to stay neutral?

20 A Correct, sorry.

21 Q Okay.

22 A Yes, Mr. Meadows had privately said to me: I don't think it's a good idea,
23 especially this close to inauguration day, to January 6th.

24 But in broader conversations in the lobby of our office or even in the hallways, he
25 had said: I am just staying neutral on that with the President. He's going to do what

1 he's going do, and I'll continue to support him.

2 Now, I think as that became more probable and the conversations became more
3 real, he had taken a more definitive stance on it and began to push back a little bit, but --

4 Q Was it your understanding that Representative Perry was pushing for a
5 specific person to take over the Department?

6 A He wanted Mr. Clark -- Mr. Jeff Clark to take over the Department of Justice.

7 [REDACTED] Do you have any follow up on that?

8 Okay.

9 BY [REDACTED]

10 Q Are you familiar with the Oval log as a means of keeping records of what was
11 happening in the Oval Office?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q Who, to the best of your understanding, was responsible for keeping track
14 and completing the Oval log every day.

15 A To the best of my understanding, primarily it would have been Ms. Mollie
16 Michael's responsibility. But Mr. Austin Ferrer, F-e-r-r-e-r, also I believe split
17 responsibilities with her. I think she felt a little inundated, and Mr. Ferrer had worked at
18 the office of the staff secretary beforehand so he was familiar with the process and what
19 was expected of the Oval Office diary or log.

20 Q Did you ever learn that White House staff had stopped completing the Oval
21 log?

22 A Not to my tenure.

23 Q Did you ever hear any instructions to Mr. Ferrer or Ms. Michael to include or
24 not including certain information on the Oval log?

25 A I had heard Mr. Meadows talk about keeping some information close hold.

1 But I am not familiar with the process of keeping an Oval Office diary log so I don't know
2 what that would have meant. I say that because I am not sure if there is a public version
3 and maybe a classified version or if he had encouraged him not to include certain
4 meetings on it. But I remember him having a meeting with the Outer Oval saying:
5 Let's keep some meetings close hold. We will talk about what that means, but for now,
6 we will keep things real tight and private so things don't start to leak out.

7 Q When do you remember that happening approximately?

8 A Maybe early December.

9 Q What about -- go ahead.

10 A Perhaps end of November.

11 Q Was there any information in particular that Mr. Meadows wanted to keep
12 close hold?

13 A Not to my recollection, other than he was really concerned about leaks
14 during this period. And how I took that was let's just limit how much exposure the
15 President could have with some of the meetings and calls that are taking place right now;
16 we don't want it to start leaking out to the press, was the way that originally it had
17 been -- sounded to me.

18 Q Were there certain meetings or calls that would fit the category of close hold
19 as you understood it?

20 A I'm not sure. I am not sure how he would have classified that. This was
21 around the time too, though, that he sat down with the scheduling team in our office, and
22 we had discussed keeping the schedule close hold, and that was when they put out just
23 the President having meetings, blanket statements for the daily public scheduled.

24 Q What about January 6th, are you aware of any instructions that Mr.
25 Meadows gave to keep information on January 6th close hold?

1 A Not specifically to the 6th, no.

2 Q Are you aware of any instructions from anybody other than Mr. Meadows to
3 keep information related to January 6th close hold or off the Oval log?

4 A The log?

5 Q I am going to ask you about the White House photographer, but Ms. Cheney
6 do you have any followup on that?

7 Ms. Cheney. Was there any time in particular where Mr. Meadows said, "Keep
8 this off the log"?

9 Ms. Hutchinson. Do you mean a particular event that sparked it?

10 Ms. Cheney. Yeah.

11 Ms. Hutchinson. No. I remember both the conversation with the Outer Oval
12 and the conversation with the scheduler, Mr. Haidet, happening somewhat in tandem.
13 And that would line up with when we put out this "President was taking many calls, doing
14 many meetings" statements every day. And I remember Mr. Trump and Mr. Meadows
15 having that conversation of let's not put things out publicly anymore. So I didn't press it
16 further. I didn't work in the Outer Oval. I didn't work with the President's scheduling.
17 So I -- it is something that I didn't care what the reason was. It was just beyond my
18 purview at the time. I just didn't press it further.

19 Ms. Cheney. And so was this close hold connected to what would be released
20 publicly?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. The term "close hold" I think was just the way that he had
22 justified why they were going about it this way. I didn't take it as anything nefarious.
23 Again, I wasn't familiar with the Oval Office diary taking so -- and what that process
24 looked like at that time. So I -- don't think until like late December or early January
25 understood that it was -- had been applied to that.

1 Ms. Cheney. Applied in which way?

2 Ms. Hutchinson. Where there were certain things that had potentially been left
3 off.

4 Ms. Cheney. So even the internal distribution?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

6 Ms. Cheney. And how did you can come to that?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. -- our internal distribution of things had already narrowed -- and
8 there already weren't many people who received his schedule or call logs, but I think
9 maybe there were seven or eight people that had received -- that was probably cut down
10 from 15 to 16. So it was Mr. Meadows, myself, Ms. Thurston, Outer Oval, Mr. Ornato
11 and his deputy, Beau Harrison, Mr. Beau Harrison, and Mr. Scavino.

12 Ms. Cheney. And Mr. Scavino got both Mr. Meadows' information and the
13 President's information?

14 Ms. Hutchinson. The President's information. Ms. Thurston and I were the
15 only ones that had Mr. Meadows' information.

16 Ms. Cheney. And when you came to understand the tightening of the internal
17 distribution, you said the end of December, early January, was there something
18 that -- how did you come to understand that?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. I remember having conversations with Mr. Haidet where he
20 had just said something along the lines of: This isn't the protocol that I have used for
21 the last couple of years, but I guess it's fine to keep on learning.

22 And we had a brief conversation about how things had changed a little bit, and
23 Mr. Haidet was on the distribution list. We had a brief conversation just about how
24 things had shifted a little bit, but we're both private people, and sometimes there is more
25 expressed when there is nothing said at all, so.

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2 [5:23 p.m.]

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BY [REDACTED]

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Q Are you aware of any instructions from the President on January 6th not to

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take photos inside the White House?

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A I was not aware of that.

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Q And specifically I should refer to the White House photographers, not you or

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somebody else using their cell phones, but --

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A I never heard that directive. I don't even remember which photographers

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were on duty that day.

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Q Okay.

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A I'm trying to think if it was Ms. Craighead or Ms. Dufour.

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Q Tia Dufour?

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A Yeah, Tia Dufour. I was fairly close to both of them. I don't recall them

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saying any of that to me.

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Q Okay. Now, in the period we have been talking about, which is roughly

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been November 2020 through January 2021, I am going to expand a little bit on that, but

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are you aware of any conversations in the White House, with the President or otherwise,

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about groups like the Oath Keepers?

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A Yes, sir.

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Q When do you remember first hearing about them? And what were those

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conversations?

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A The Oath Keepers?

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Q Yes.

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A I don't remember much of the conversations. I remember the Oath

1 Keepers, QAnon, and the Proud Boys coming up a few times. I don't recall there being a
2 specific conversation that I was a part of about one of the groups in particular, more of
3 just in general what they believed to be the outcome of the election and how they had
4 their theories, which I afterwards had learned for some of the times like Dominion voting
5 machines.

6 Q I will go through them one by one.

7 Do you remember QAnon coming up before January 6th in the White House?

8 A In conversation, yes.

9 Q Do you remember the Proud Boys --

10 Ms. Cheney. With whom?

11 Mr. [REDACTED] Oh, I am sorry.

12 Ms. Hutchinson. I remember Mr. Meadows and Mr. Perry talking about all of
13 the -- all of the groups and with several other Members of Congress, mostly the ones
14 included in the December 21st meeting. I remember Mr. Brooks mentioning some of the
15 groups. Mr. Biggs, Ms. Marjorie Taylor Greene, although it was Congresswoman-elect at
16 the time. Mr. Navarro had talked about them a couple of times, had brought in packets
17 for Mr. Meadows' review, and I remember skimming through them and saying something
18 about if QAnon supports this theory, not reading too much into it myself, but just trying
19 to see what it was about. Internally that is kind of the extent that I currently remember.

20 BY [REDACTED]

21 Q So you remember all of those coming up, QAnon, Proud Boys, and Oath
22 Keepers, before January 6th in discussions with the White House?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Do you recall any conversations about any of these groups being present at
25 the President's rallies?

1 A I remember when we were traveling back from Georgia -- or we were on the
2 ground in Georgia actually, Ms. Greene, Mr. Meadows, and I -- Mr. Meadows and I were
3 having conversation on the ground in Georgia. Ms. Greene came up and began talking
4 to us about QAnon and QAnon going to the rally, and she had a lot of constituents that
5 are QAnon, and they'll all be there. And she was showing him pictures of them traveling
6 up to Washington, D.C., for the rally on the 6th.

7 And I remember they had begun talking a little bit more about QAnon. I don't
8 know in detail what it was, though, and I just had to wait at that point because I didn't
9 feel like I was supposed be in that conversation.

10 Q Did anyone in the conversation express concerns about QAnon or Proud
11 Boys or Oath Keepers?

12 A Not to my recollection.

13 Q Did the President ever express any views that you are aware of, before
14 January 6th, of QAnon, the Proud Boys, or the Oath Keepers?

15 A Not to my knowledge.

16 Ms. Cheney. Did you ever hear him talk about any of those groups?

17 Ms. Hutchinson. I heard him talk on the plane that night because Ms. Taylor
18 Greene gave him a very similar spiel: These are my constituents. Look, one of them
19 had a Q shirt on. They are on the plane.

20 And she showed him a picture of them, saying: Those are all my people.

21 That is the only time I remember him ever, in my presence, having a conversation
22 about some of the groups that you just mentioned.

23 BY ██████████:

24 Q Any discussions that you are aware of about the Oath Keepers or Proud Boys
25 potentially being violent at all, unrelated to any rallies or anything, but just violence

1 related to those groups?

2 A In pertinence to the 6th?

3 Q Just at all, yeah, just generally about that.

4 A Is there a group called the boogaloo boys, or is that part of -- I remember I
5 was talking, I believe, with Max Miller one day, and he made a comment about the
6 boogaloo boys, and Mr. Meadows was present for this. We were in like the main part of
7 our office here, and Max had said something like: It is only going to be dangerous if the
8 boogaloo boys come.

9 And Mr. Meadows says: I haven't heard of them. Are they the dangerous
10 ones, or is it a different group that are the dangerous ones?

11 And then Max was, like: I think they are all dangerous.

12 And Mark was like: Antifa is dangerous too.

13 And that was the extent of my exposure to danger.

14 Ms. Cheney. And about when would that have been?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. Early January, maybe the 3rd or 4th.

16 [REDACTED]. Before the 6th?

17 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

18 [REDACTED] Do you have followup on that?

19 Ms. Cheney. No. But could we take a break?

20 [REDACTED] Yes. Let's go off the record.

21 [Recess.]

22 [REDACTED] Let's go on the record.

23 It is 5:49, and we are resuming the translated interview of Ms. Cassidy Hutchinson.

24 BY [REDACTED]

25 Q I want to talk to you about John Ratcliffe. In an earlier deposition, you

1 mentioned you had stayed in touch with him or spoken to him at least a couple of times
2 in the post-election period. Is that right?

3 A Post-election November through January?

4 Q Correct.

5 A Yes, correct.

6 Q Okay. Were those conversations about the election?

7 A Loosely, yes. More of Mr. Ratcliffe reaching out to me to inquire about my
8 perspective of what was going on inside the West Wing, where Mark's head was at, if he
9 could be helpful, or if there was a possibility that his outreach could be helpful, or if it was
10 just kind of let me just continue to stay out of it kind of thing, so just for regular updates.

11 Q So Mr. Ratcliffe, then Director Ratcliffe, was reaching out to see if he, Mr.
12 Ratcliffe, could be helpful to the White House?

13 A Oh, sorry. I should be more clear.

14 Q No. That is okay.

15 A Correct, yes. Mr. Ratcliffe and I had a really close professional relationship,
16 so he would always -- whether he wanted to meet with Mr. Meadows briefly or if he had
17 a quick update for him, he would always reach out to me or we kept in regular contact.

18 So, during this post-election period, in my opinion -- this is something you would
19 have to ask him explicitly about the way he was handling all of this, but in my
20 conversations with him, in group conversations, he was taking a little more of a step back
21 with this, but he would still be in touch with us to make sure that: If you all need
22 anything, please reach out to me. Hey, Cass, what should I know? Are there any
23 significant updates? Do I need to intervene on anything? Just let me know if you need
24 me to help out at all.

25 Q How did he offer to help out or intervene?

1 A In my conversations with him, he offered to help alleviate pressure off of me
2 with Mr. Meadows if I felt that him -- that Mr. Ratcliffe reaching out to Mr. Meadows and
3 have a conversation about what was happening inside the West Wing and who was
4 responsible for certain items and who had exposures to certain things, if he would be at
5 all helpful to -- I am trying to be careful -- if his voice would be helpful to have in Mr.
6 Meadows' ear to either tame him down a little bit from some of the meetings that he was
7 having more frequently or the way that he was approaching some of the election-related
8 issues.

9 Q What was your understanding of Director Ratcliffe's role in looking to
10 election-related issues?

11 A My understanding was Director Ratcliffe didn't want much to do with the
12 post-election period --

13 Q Did he tell --

14 A -- through my conversations with him.

15 Q Did he tell you why?

16 A He felt -- Director Ratcliffe felt that it wasn't something that the White
17 House should be pursuing. He felt it was dangerous for the President's legacy. He had
18 expressed to me that he was concerned that it could spiral out of control and potentially
19 be dangerous, either for our democracy or the way that things were going for the 6th.
20 And he was also just concerned about the well-being of staff at the White House at the
21 time because we were thinning out a little bit too, and he knew that with less bodies
22 around, there's increased pressure on certain people. So he was just trying to do all his
23 checks and check on people.

24 Q When you say it -- or excuse me -- Director Ratcliffe thought it wasn't
25 something the White House should be pursuing, what's the it?

1 A Trying to fight the results of the election and finding the missing ballots,
2 pressuring -- filing lawsuits in certain States where there didn't seem to be significant
3 evidence and reaching out to State legislatures about that. So pretty much the way the
4 White House was handling the post-election period, he felt that there could be dangerous
5 repercussions in terms of precedents set for elections, as far as democracy, for the 6th,
6 and he was hoping that we would concede.

7 Q One of the things that came up fairly frequently in that post-election period
8 was this idea of foreign interference in the election. Do you know whether Director
9 Ratcliffe ever expressed his views on potential foreign interference in the election to the
10 White House?

11 A In my conversations with Mr. Ratcliffe, our conversations were more top-line
12 interference in general, and the way I interpreted his stance was there's interference in
13 every election, but this election isn't any different than elections in the past. After the
14 6th, him and I had a conversation about some of the theories that had been pedaled the
15 last couple of weeks. And he had said: Yeah, I heard that. I read about that.

16 Who is the one that was really pumping to push that through? And I know he
17 was involved in some conversations in the West Wing and with Mr. Meadows briefly
18 throughout December, but I also do know that he tried to keep a little bit of a distance
19 from all of that.

20 Q Are you aware that he authored -- "he" being Director Ratcliffe -- authored a
21 paper, an addendum calling into question, to some degree, the intelligence community's
22 findings that there was no foreign interference with the election? I believe that was
23 released around January the 7th.

24 A Could you repeat the memo subject?

25 Q Yeah. It was either a paper or an addendum to the intelligence community

1 report, and he called into question or raised concerns about the intelligence community's
2 report.

3 A We never had a conversation about that.

4 Q Okay.

5 A And I don't remember hearing about that at the time.

6 Q All right. Are you aware of any efforts from the White House or people
7 within the White House to get Director Ratcliffe to take a position on foreign interference
8 in the election?

9 A At the time, no.

10 Q Are you aware of anybody from the Trump campaign or what was left of the
11 Trump campaign, Mr. Giuliani, any of his associates getting Director Ratcliffe to take a
12 position on the election?

13 A No, I am not aware of that.

14 Q Okay.

15 A My conversations with Director Ratcliffe were more him checking in and
16 trying to make sure that mostly I was doing okay and if I felt he could be helpful with Mr.
17 Meadows at all, if a conversation would be helpful. But I think from my interpretation,
18 staff were the ones that were actually facilitated. He didn't reach out much to Mr.
19 Meadows, the director, during that period.

20 [REDACTED] All right.

21 Ms. Cheney. Do you know if Mr. Ratcliffe had any discussions with the President
22 about his view of this issue?

23 Ms. Hutchinson. I am not sure.

24 Ms. Cheney. Did he ever tell you that he shared those views?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. I remember, on January 7th, him and I had a conversation. He

1 was at the White House, and he had said that he had talked to the President in December
2 about the election. He said something along the lines of: The President didn't want to
3 hear what I had to say.

4 But that is what I remember from my conversation, and the only reason it sticks
5 out to me is I didn't remember him talking to Mr. Trump in December. I know that he
6 had been at the White House a couple of times, but I never heard any chatter or any
7 responses from him about his conversations until after the 6th.

8 Ms. Cheney. Okay. And he didn't -- did he talk to Mr. Meadows about this at
9 all?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. He could have. He was in our office a couple of times during
11 that period, but I don't know.

12 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

13 Ms. Hutchinson. They were brief meetings. He was not there for the longer
14 meetings that Mr. Meadows had. His marquis (ph) was at the White House. He had an
15 office in the Eisenhower Building. So, if he was at the White House, he would essentially
16 just walk over and pop his head in and see if Mr. Meadows had a couple of minutes, and
17 they would duck in 5 or 10 minutes and have a quick conversation, and then he would go
18 back over to the Eisenhower Building.

19 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

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21 Q And just to be a little bit more specific on the questions I had asked you, one
22 of the things that Director Ratcliffe called out in his January 7th, I will call it an annex or
23 appendix was China, China's role in the election.

24 Do you remember anybody in the White House asking Director Ratcliffe to take a
25 position with respect to China and their role in the 2020 election?

1 A I don't.

2 Q All right. When we first met with you, you talked about being at the rally
3 and getting certain information and more or less updates about what the Secret Service
4 was encountering in the magnetometers at the rally on the Ellipse. We are not going to
5 go back over that, but we have learned that Secret Service was aware of certain issues at
6 the Capitol and the RNC over the DNC pipe bomb before the President left the Ellipse.

7 Did you know that the Secret Service was getting reports like that while the
8 President was speaking at the Ellipse?

9 A I didn't know about the pipe bomb report, but I knew about reports of
10 violence, of weapons that the Secret Service was getting that morning -- the night before
11 and that morning and throughout the afternoon, so pretty much in that 24- to 36-hour
12 window.

13 Q What about specific --

14 A I would probably say 24 hours.

15 Q Sorry about that.

16 A No, that is okay. I was just going to say from 6 p.m. the 5th to 6 p.m. on
17 the 6th.

18 Q What about specifically issues related to what was happening at the Capitol?
19 So, while you and the President were still at the Ellipse, did you know whether Secret
20 Service was getting information or reports through their channels about issues happening
21 at the Capitol?

22 A I had two or three phone conversations with Mr. Ornato when we were at
23 the Ellipse, and then I had four men on Mr. Meadows' detail with me in between those
24 individuals and then a few other of the bodies on the ground, just Secret Service doing
25 advance -- they were getting notifications through their radios, and Mr. Ornato in one

1 phone conversation had called me and said: Make sure the chief knows that they are
2 getting closer to the Capitol. They're having trouble stacking bodies. Something along
3 those lines. That is not verbatim.

4 Ms. Cheney. What does that mean?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. In like law enforcement terms or Secret Service or Capitol
6 Police. I don't know if it is universal, but because it is a bigger complex, putting all of the
7 bodies on one side, so they were trying to get -- see, I guess Capitol Police wanted to have
8 more people on the front of the Capitol that everybody was coming up to, and they were
9 hearing that they were short bodies and having trouble with the bandwidth and numbers
10 of Capitol Police officers available.

11 And Mr. Ornato raised that with me to let Mr. Meadows know because Mr.
12 Ornato was personally concerned that it was going to be a little -- it was going to be
13 violent and potentially before we even got back to the White House.

14 Ms. Cheney. So Mr. Ornato called you while you were still at the rally?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct. I think we had two or three conversations.

16 Ms. Cheney. And one of the issues was the issue of the law enforcement
17 stacking bodies?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. Right. And that morning Mr. Ornato had, which I believe we
19 talked about in the first deposition, I think in February but with the magnetometers, I
20 think that is what they are called.

21 Ms. Cheney. Yeah, magnetometers, mags.

22 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes, mags, and the weapons which came up frequently -- not
23 frequently but the night before and the morning of, mostly the morning of too because it
24 involved flag poles and attachments that Secret Service was finding. So just general
25 conversation that I was having with Service that morning at the rally. You know, I was

1 just getting word of mouth through them and what they were hearing in their earpieces.

2 Ms. Cheney. Are you aware or did you hear at the time that there had been an
3 instruction to people to basically, you know, saw off pipes and in some cases to sharpen
4 the tops of the pipes and turn them into weapons and attach flags to them?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. No.

6 Ms. Cheney. Did you hear any of the Secret Service talking about the flag poles
7 as weapons?

8 Ms. Hutchinson. I heard Secret Service talking about flag poles as weapons but
9 not about sawed off pipes.

10 Ms. Cheney. And spears, using them as spears?

11 Ms. Hutchinson. There were several reports that I recall Mr. Ornato and I talking
12 about with flag poles that I don't know if they had actual spears attached to the end of
13 them or if they were objects that resembled spears, and Mr. Ornato raising that as
14 a -- they are flag poles in general, but the Secret Service are classifying them as weapons
15 if you are bringing them with a Presidential protectee just because of the length. They
16 are not allowed to bring in an object of that length, but he had said these are weapons
17 with actual weapons on them?

18 Ms. Cheney. Yeah. And when did you have that conversation?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. That morning, the morning of the 6th?

20 Ms. Cheney. And you said the night, basically 24 to 36 hours --

21 Ms. Hutchinson. I am thinking the time period, so meaning 24 hours as the 6th.

22 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

23 Ms. Hutchinson. And then 12 hours before.

24 Ms. Cheney. You were hearing reports?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

1 Ms. Cheney. Mostly from Mr. Ornato?

2 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

3 Ms. Cheney. Do you remember any other specific things that he said?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. General concern about crowd size, the weapons. The
5 President's concern is with allowing people to come in versus the people that were going
6 to be out on the monument side. You know, nothing that I don't think we have already
7 included in previous discussions, and I don't want to be redundant just for the sake of
8 your time here.

9 Great notetaking over there.

10 But nothing else that specifically jumps out at me right now. And Mr. Ornato -- I
11 mean, we frequently had open conversations. He was so -- it is possible that there were
12 other things that came up and we discussed after the fact as well. But I remember our
13 conversations mostly were based on the weapons and the number of bodies at the Ellipse
14 rally and going to the Capitol that day mostly because of, one, the President's desired
15 motorcade route and, two, Mr. Meadows wanting to also go up to the Capitol, which
16 normally would have been feasible if the President couldn't, but we couldn't even do it
17 for Mr. Meadows that day, so --

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19 Q Going back to this idea of law enforcement having trouble stacking bodies
20 and reports about that coming in while you are still at the Ellipse, do you know if Secret
21 Service learned that rioters had overwhelmed police officers at the Capitol, run out of
22 perimeter while you were still at the Ellipse, still in this period while you were you were
23 here?

24 A I don't remember if they received reports while they were still there. I
25 remember when I got back to the White House, I heard a lot of Secret Service agents

1 talking about that. I don't remember having any conversation with anyone in Secret
2 Service about that when we were still at the rally site, though.

3 Q What do you remember the Secret Service agents that you were with at the
4 rally site talking about with respect to the Capitol and what they were hearing?

5 A The expectation that there was going to be thousands of people going up
6 that way that day. I was talking with a few people in the Counter Assault Team, CAT
7 Team, which they had one with Mr. Pence up there, and they had -- they are in the offices
8 downtown too.

9 The Secret Service guys that I was talking to down there were primarily concerned
10 and were coming to me and having these conversations because of the President's
11 desired motorcade route, and they hadn't officially been notified, to my knowledge, that
12 he was definitively not going to the Capitol.

13 So there's a lot of concern that they were going to have to try to pull some
14 last-minute logistical nightmare movement for them, and they were concerned about
15 them for their jobs and for the safety of the President. And they had come to me
16 saying, you know: We are getting reports that there's thousands of people in the
17 streets. There's more bodies than they had anticipated right now. And they are
18 hearing reports about the weapons that they were spotting from the Counter Surveillance
19 Unit that was on the ground that day. But mostly coming to me to talk about: Can you
20 please do something about the President going up there?

21 And my guy saying: You are not going to let Mark go up there. Right?

22 So anything that was pertinent to that was pretty much the conversations that I
23 had at the Ellipse rally that day.

24 Q Do you know if -- do you know Bob Engel?

25 A I do.

1 Q Do you know if he was getting these reports that you just mentioned at the
2 Ellipse?

3 A Bobby would have been. I didn't have any conversations with Bobby at the
4 rally because he was standing at the foot of the stage that was set up on the Ellipse that
5 day.

6 Q Do you know if anybody communicated to the President before he left the
7 Ellipse that there were issues happening at the Capitol, not enough bodies?

8 A Before he left the Ellipse to go back to the White House?

9 Q Right.

10 A I am not sure.

11 Q Okay.

12 A It was communicated to him by Mr. Engel that we wouldn't be able to bring
13 him up to the Capitol because of security concerns for the motorcade route, but I don't
14 know if Mr. Engel had given too much detail about the shortages of Capitol Police that
15 day, of -- I don't know how much depth he went into in the short walk that they had from
16 the stage to his limo.

17 Q Okay. Do you remember anybody raising issues about what's happening at
18 the Capitol after the President got off stage and before he got in his limo?

19 A Not to my knowledge.

20 Q So you don't know either way, whether he did know that or didn't learn
21 that?

22 A Yeah, I don't know if anybody had a conversation, if Mr. Engel or staff had a
23 conversation with him about security concerns at the Capitol. I know that there was
24 conversations about motorcade security concerns going to the Capitol, but I don't know if
25 anybody had raised with him that the Capitol was potentially or was under breach at the

1 time.

2 [REDACTED]. All right.

3 Ms. Cheney. I just have some questions post-January 6th.

4 [REDACTED]. Yep.

5 Ms. Cheney. So this won't take much longer.

6 But can you just tell us, Cassidy, first of all, just in general, how would you
7 describe, post-January 6th, the management in the West Wing, interactions with the
8 President?

9 Ms. Hutchinson. Limited interactions with the President, lazy management in
10 the West Wing. I think, at that point, if you hadn't resigned or left quietly, you know,
11 you were just there to go and just keep doing your job until the 20th. We were already
12 a thin -- we were already short staffed before the 6th. So, after the 6th, it was -- the
13 office was fairly empty. There just wasn't really much going on in that period. So I'd
14 say maybe fair management, but I guess there wasn't too much to manage.

15 Ms. Cheney. Did you see the President or interact with him at all.

16 Ms. Hutchinson. I saw him on the 19th, but I didn't see him between -- and even
17 my interaction on the 19th was extremely brief, which Meadows and I ducked into the
18 Oval Dining Room and into the Oval Office twice that day. We might have exchanged
19 five or six words. It wasn't anything significant.

20 Ms. Cheney. Why were you in there?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. The first time we would bring in -- I had a few things that
22 Members asked me to sign for him, and I asked Mr. Meadows -- usually I wouldn't ask Mr.
23 Meadows to go in with me, but I asked Mr. Meadows to go in for me because I didn't
24 want to go in and ask for it alone at the time, and then --

25 Ms. Cheney. Why not?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. I just didn't feel it was appropriate interaction to have. He
2 had limited interactions with the staff, and I had a relationship with Mr. Trump, but it
3 wasn't something that I, especially during that period, was comfortable just going in and
4 asking him for something, especially for Members of Congress at the time.

5 Ms. Cheney. Which Members of Congress?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. To be honest, I don't -- nothing that I haven't mentioned in my
7 deposition so far. Members of Congress that very infrequently asked the White House
8 for things that wanted some memento from him before he left.

9 Ms. Cheney. I appreciate that.

10 And for the record, it wasn't me.

11 Ms. Hutchinson. It was not you, and it was not Mr. Kinzinger either.

12 Ms. Cheney. Did anybody advise you not to be in contact with the President?

13 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Meadows and the staff that was still present, Mr. Meadows
14 had generally advised: If you want to talk to him, let me know beforehand. Maybe we
15 can do it together. Let's not bombard him right now.

16 And I felt that staffers were good at reading the room and would understand that
17 that just meant let's limit the outreach, not bombard him with requests and asks.

18 Ms. Cheney. Now, did you have any discussions with Mr. Cipollone about this
19 issue?

20 Ms. Hutchinson. Staff exposure to -- not to my recollection.

21 Ms. Cheney. Do you recall any issues that you had interactions with Mr.
22 Cipollone about post-January 6th?

23 Ms. Hutchinson. Issues meaning like personal problems I had with Mr.
24 Cipollone?

25 Ms. Cheney. No, no.

1 Ms. Hutchinson. Okay.

2 Ms. Cheney. I mean, you know, discussions. I know we talked about the HPSCI
3 and the xeroxing, but beyond that, discussions, contacts with Mr. Cipollone?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. Other than the documents that we have previously discussed,
5 the main issue that I was working with Mr. Cipollone, but also White House Counsel's
6 Office in general, was the Presidential pardons.

7 Ms. Cheney. And are you aware of any Members of Congress seeking pardons?

8 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes, ma'am.

9 Ms. Cheney. Can you tell us who?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. It was the December 21st meeting, those Members.

11 Ms. Cheney. Everyone that was in the December 21st meeting?

12 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't want to blanket everyone. There were advocates for --

13 Ms. Hutchinson. Very popular.

14 Ms. Cheney. I know, the chief of staff.

15 Ms. Hutchinson. There were -- I guess Mr. Gaetz and Mr. Brooks I know had
16 both advocated there be a blanket pardon for Members involved in that meeting and a
17 handful of other Members that weren't at the December 21st meeting as the preemptive
18 pardons. Mr. Gaetz was personally pushing for a pardon, and he was doing so since
19 early December. I am not sure why. Mr. Gaetz reached out to me to ask if he could
20 have a meeting with Mr. Meadows about receiving a Presidential pardon. This is before
21 I had even heard any conversation about the topic of preemptive pardons, and then --

22 Ms. Cheney. How did they define preemptive pardons?

23 Ms. Hutchinson. A pardon for a crime that he had not yet been accused of or
24 that they had not yet been --

25 Ms. Cheney. So he was asking about that in early December?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

2 Ms. Cheney. And was that connected to the sex-trafficking investigation?

3 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know for certain.

4 Ms. Cheney. How did he describe it to you?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. He was careful in his phrasing to me, but he had said that he
6 felt that, under the Biden regime -- those were his phrasing -- that there was going to be a
7 witch hunt after him, and he had been a team player for Mr. Trump since the start, and
8 only Mr. Trump could help him through that, and he could help him by giving him a
9 preemptive pardon. He never mentioned the phrase "sex trafficking" to me, but he
10 mentioned the Department of Justice under the Trump administration and under the
11 Biden administration, essentially alluded to the Department of Justice looking into his
12 activities but not saying if it was an investigation that was currently underway or if he was
13 anticipating one in the future. Regardless, though, he felt that if he could get a pardon,
14 that would protect him from any future issues he could encounter with the --

15 Ms. Cheney. Forever?

16 Ms. Hutchinson. Forever is the way I understood it.

17 Ms. Cheney. And what about activities connected to -- so you said everybody
18 that was in the 21st?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. So then he had phased away from that temporarily and then
20 began advocating for the President, the then President, to pardon a swath of Members
21 that were involved in electoral efforts, post-election efforts. And Mr. Gaetz had phrased
22 it to me: We're all team players. They're all going to come after us. Mr. Trump
23 needs to protect us right now.

24 Once he realized that was a no-go, he then resorted back to, "Well, I still want my
25 own personal pardon," which is post-January 6th. I remember him coming to the White

1 House twice and meeting with Mr. Meadows and that being the topic of both meetings.
2 I don't remember the dates, but they were in the morning. I think one of the dates was
3 December 15th -- or January 15th or 16th. I don't remember the other date. So
4 he -- Mr. Gaetz went through three little phases, but there were a bunch of Members that
5 had asked to be pardoned.

6 Ms. Cheney. Did they all contact you?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Not all of them, but several of them did.

8 Ms. Cheney. So you mentioned Mr. Gaetz, Mr. Brooks.

9 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Biggs did. Mr. Jordan talked about congressional pardons,
10 but he never asked me for one. It was more for an update on whether the White House
11 was going to pardon Members of Congress. Mr. Gohmert asked for one as well.

12 Ms. Cheney. And do you know if Mr. Jordan talked to Mr. Meadows about a
13 pardon?

14 Ms. Hutchinson. I know he talked to him about congressional pardons, but I
15 don't know if he asked Mr. Meadows for a pardon. It is my understanding that he didn't
16 ever ask for a pardon, but, you know, Mr. Meadows would have the more -- the clearest
17 answer or Mr. Jordan would have the clearest answer.

18 Ms. Cheney. Any --

19 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Perry asked for a pardon too. I'm sorry.

20 Ms. Cheney. Mr. Perry, did he talk to you directly?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes, he did.

22 Ms. Cheney. And what did he say?

23 Ms. Hutchinson. At first it was more of a sarcastic way of: Cass, do you think I
24 am going to get that pardon or have you worked on my pardon at all?

25 No. And I was, like: Not yet, sir.

1 And then he had asked, like, early January for a clear status update: Has White
2 House Counsel's Office made a decision on congressional pardons? I think it would be a
3 really good thing. It would be a great message to send.

4 I said: I can connect you with somebody in the White House Counsel's Office if
5 you would like.

6 And he said: That would be great.

7 And I talked to Mr. Meadows about it, and he said: I will deal with that with
8 them.

9 Ms. Cheney. So you didn't connect him to White House counsel?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Meadows may have. I am not sure or maybe he just
11 finished the conversation with Mr. Perry himself.

12 Ms. Cheney. Any other Members?

13 Ms. Hutchinson. Not that I recall right now. Those are the ones that I am just
14 most confident of too.

15 Ms. Cheney. Did Marjorie Taylor Greene contact you?

16 Ms. Hutchinson. No, she didn't contact me about it. I heard that she had asked
17 White House Counsel's Office for a pardon from Mr. Philbin, but I didn't frequently
18 communicate with Ms. Greene.

19 Ms. Cheney. So, on these issues, the Member pardons, you were basically sort
20 of -- they contacted you, and then you would coordinate either with Mr. Meadows or
21 with White House counsel?

22 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah. And, to a certain degree, kind of let some of their
23 requests just be water under the bridge because I knew they weren't going to happen,
24 and I didn't think it was really worth raising to White House Counsel's Office. White
25 House Counsel's Office was aware that Members of Congress wanted pardons, and I felt

1 that, if it was something that they wanted to act on, they would notify the Chief of Staff's
2 Office, and we would facilitate from there, and we would have a good idea of who had
3 already asked for them, but I wasn't -- I mean, I was also sort of inundated with Member
4 requests at this time just for various things, and it wasn't something that I was really
5 tracking that closely or was paying super close attention to, just by nature of the request.

6 Ms. Cheney. Did you hear any discussions about pardons for any people who
7 attacked the Capitol?

8 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes. Mr. Meadows had discussed that, but it wasn't anything
9 that I personally felt was really considered that deeply. You know, there were
10 conversations about it, but I think from the start it was already seen as a -- that would be
11 a very big step to take, and legally it is probably not the greatest option for the
12 administration.

13 Do you have any more questions about it?

14 Ms. Cheney. Yes. So the discussions, were they discussions between Mr.
15 Meadows and Mr. Cipollone or Mr. Philbin or --

16 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah. Mr. Meadows had conversations with Mr. Cipollone
17 and Philbin --

18 Mr. Passantino. Just avoid specifics of the advice.

19 Ms. Hutchinson. Right.

20 Mr. Meadows had raised it with them because he thought it was an idea worth
21 pursuing, and from my recollection, which I believe is pretty accurate, the idea soon was
22 no longer entertained.

23 Ms. Cheney. Do you know, did he define which people who attacked the
24 Capitol?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. I remember Mr. Meadows saying: I am hearing -- this would

1 be a general quote, but I remember Mr. Meadows saying he was hearing from people
2 that he knows suggesting that the administration take the step of pardoning people who
3 were at the rally that day, those who broke into the Capitol for various reasons. One of
4 them Mr. Meadows had a conversation that it is a Capitol Building; the Capitol does
5 public tours, so they had the right to be in there.

6 Ms. Cheney. Mr. Meadows said that?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct, Mr. Meadows said that. And that they -- those who
8 broke into the building were just walking through the procession lines. I don't know if
9 that is --

10 Ms. Cheney. At the rope expansion in Statuary Hall?

11 Ms. Hutchinson. That's correct. Mr. Meadows was personally concerned that
12 there would be a connotation of violence associated with everybody that had gone to the
13 Capitol that day, so he had thought it was an idea worth entertaining and raising to White
14 House Counsel's Office to pardon those who had been inside the Capitol, and this is also, I
15 guess, before many of the arrests happened. So this was just in the very, very early
16 stages of this too, so --

17 Ms. Cheney. So were you in a meeting where Mr. Meadows said this, or did he
18 say it to you?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. He had said it kind of frequently on the 7th and 8th. He said
20 to me a couple of times in his office. He had meetings with White House counsel's
21 Office. I know that he had a conversation with the President about it too, but I don't
22 know the point when his opinion shifted, if it ever really did shift, before the 20th. You
23 know, I think he accepted that there was legal parameters that could potentially be in
24 jeopardy if they were to do that, but I recall him still wanting to come up with an option
25 or a way to figure out issues of some of those pardons.

1 Ms. Cheney. Did he tell you how the President felt about this?

2 Ms. Hutchinson. In the days immediately following January 6th, I remember Mr.
3 Meadows saying that the President did want to consider pardoning those at the rally and
4 in the Capitol that day. But I didn't follow up about if or when the President's opinion
5 shifted on that, and I wasn't privy to any personal conversations that they had about it.

6 Ms. Cheney. Did you talk to Mr. Cipollone about it?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Not to Mr. Cipollone, no.

8 Ms. Cheney. Mr. Philbin?

9 Ms. Hutchinson. No. I had a conversation with some of the -- a few staffers up
10 in the White House Counsel's Office about the idea, and the White House Counsel's Office
11 was all on the same page of the conclusion that it was not going to be pursued for legal
12 reasons.

13 Ms. Cheney. Did Mr. Meadows seek a pardon?

14 Ms. Hutchinson. There was a period where several White House staffers and
15 administration officials wanted to pardon themselves prior to leaving, and he was one of
16 them. I don't remember him lobbying the President very hard for it, but I know that, if
17 there were going to be staff pardons, he wanted to be included in that group.

18 Ms. Cheney. And how do you know that?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. Because he had told me.

20 Ms. Cheney. Can you tell us what he said?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. Not a direct quote, but along the lines of: Well, if they are
22 going to get pardons, I want one too.

23 Ms. Cheney. And who else on the staff?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't remember. Um, I don't remember. I just remember
25 there being a smaller group of staff and some of the President's kids that they wanted to

1 discuss pardoning. I don't believe Mr. Kushner, Ms. Trump were included in that group,
2 but I believe it was mostly agency officials. I don't remember many people --

3 Ms. Cheney. What do you mean by agency individuals?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. Like DOD or DHS. I remember Mr. Meadows mentioning Mr.
5 Scavino's name.

6 Ms. Cheney. And he told you that Mr. Scavino wanted a pardon?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. That he be considered. If there were going to be staff
8 pardons, that he be considered in that group.

9 Ms. Cheney. And who from DOD?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't remember. I remember Mr. Meadows saying: We
11 need to think of our friends at DOD and DHS too.

12 Ms. Cheney. But you don't remember who it would have been?

13 Ms. Hutchinson. No.

14 Ms. Cheney. Kash Patel?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. Potentially, but I am not sure. I didn't ask names.

16 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

17 Ms. Hutchinson. This was more just small talk if I was in his office or if he was
18 meeting with lawyers, but it wasn't something that I ever really paid that close of
19 attention to or took very seriously?

20 Ms. Cheney. Family members?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. It was discussed, but, again, I think shot down fairly quickly.

22 Ms. Cheney. And were you aware if any family members were asking for
23 pardons?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. I wasn't privy to the conversations of a particular family
25 member or members asking personally for a pardon, but I heard Mr. Meadows say that

1 some of Mr. Trump's children would like to be pardoned.

2 Ms. Cheney. Did he say Don Jr.?

3 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't remember. I am trying also to draw the distinction of
4 what I knew at the time and --

5 Ms. Cheney. Yeah, I can appreciate that.

6 Ms. Hutchinson. -- what I did after.

7 Ms. Cheney. Did you ever have any discussions with any of the Trump family
8 about pardons?

9 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Kushner and I had a few conversations about pardons
10 because he had been receiving a lot of pardon requests and several Members had
11 reached out to him. So he had come to me and said, you know: Are you keeping track
12 of Member pardon requests?

13 I said: Well, it is really part of Legislative Affairs, but if they are reaching out to
14 you directly, just let me know, and I will reach out to them because you shouldn't be
15 fielding direct requests for pardons for Members of Congress.

16 But Mr. Kushner seemed actively involved in deciding who should be pardoned.

17 Ms. Cheney. Can you explain that a little bit?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. Because of his work in criminal justice reform and his outreach
19 in the community, he had staffers that had their own tracking system and were referring
20 everything up to White House Counsel's Office at the time, which was a similar process
21 that the Office of Legislative Affairs should have had. However, at this time, there also
22 was kind of a vacuum of power and responsibilities because that kind of fell onto the
23 Chief of Staff's Office's plates. So we were just kind of maneuvering as things had
24 evolved in those days. So maybe Jared -- Mr. Kushner is the only one that I personally
25 talked to pardons about really, but it was more along the lines of streamlining the

1 processes in the days leading up to January 20th.

2 Ms. Cheney. And what about Mr. Stone?

3 Ms. Hutchinson. For Mr. Stone to be pardoned?

4 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh, for his activities post --

5 Ms. Hutchinson. I thought Mr. Trump pardoned him that summer.

6 Mr. Passantino. Yeah, but she is asking for a second one.

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Okay. I'm sorry. I am not aware of Mr. Stone asking for a
8 pardon.

9 Ms. Cheney. Mr. Flynn?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. Not that I remember.

11 Ms. Cheney. Mr. Bannon?

12 Ms. Hutchinson. I recall hearing that Mr. Bannon had asked for a pardon, but I
13 don't know who that request was filtered through. I remember it coming down to our
14 office at one point, but I don't know if it was in the form of followup to a conversation
15 that White House Counsel's Office had with Mr. Bannon or if they were looking to have a
16 conversation with Mr. Meadows because of the conversation that Mr. Meadows had with
17 Mr. Bannon.

18 Ms. Cheney. Post-January 6th?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. Post-January 6th.

20 Ms. Cheney. And did they give any details or --

21 Ms. Hutchinson. No.

22 Ms. Cheney. And Alex Jones?

23 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't recall his name being associated with pardons at the
24 time.

25 Ms. Cheney. Since?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. I've heard since some of these names that were entertained
2 by -- not entertained. I've heard since some of these people had requested pardons or
3 reached out to various figures in the administration, whether it be White House counsel,
4 Mr. Kushner, some of Mr. Kushner's staffers. But, at the time, I don't remember them
5 asking for pardons, and I don't remember Mr. Meadows raising that with me either.

6 Ms. Cheney. Is there anybody else that you recall?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Not to my knowledge, you know. I mean, other than the
8 running list of pardons that we had internally and that were being acted on or discarded
9 in the days leading up to the 20th.

10 Ms. Cheney. What about Mr. Nunes?

11 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't recall Mr. Nunes' name being mentioned for a pardon.

12 Ms. Cheney. Do you recall any discussion about the 25th Amendment?

13 Ms. Hutchinson. I do.

14 Ms. Cheney. Can you tell us about that?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. I remember, on January 7th, 8th, potentially the 9th, there was
16 concern in the West Wing in conversations raised with Mr. Meadows about whether the
17 25th Amendment would be invoked or if it actually -- if it was invoked, if he would have to
18 leave office prior to January 20th, and several Members had reached out to me about the
19 25th Amendment in discussions that they were also overhearing, which I then raised with
20 Mr. Meadows, to which he had said to me: Don't worry about the 25th Amendment.
21 It is not going to happen.

22 Ms. Cheney. What were the discussions internally inside the West Wing about
23 it?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. Staffers had heard, overheard from different Cabinet
25 Secretaries that there were discussions about invoking the 25th Amendment and, if so,

1 who would actually stand for it, if there would be enough -- I am not sure of the nuances
2 with it, but if there would be enough leverage behind it to remove Mr. Trump from office.

3 And Mr. Meadows from the start of those conversations was fairly dismissive and
4 didn't seem to think there was much viability to having those conversations.

5 Ms. Cheney. Do you remember which Cabinet Members?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. Were talking about raising the 25th Amendment or -- well, I
7 remember Secretary Pompeo reaching out to Mr. Meadows and having a conversation.
8 And I remember -- I remember definitively Mr. Pompeo, but, at the time, I don't recall the
9 Cabinet Secretaries that were interested in having detailed conversations about following
10 through and invoking the 25th Amendment.

11 Ms. Cheney. Do you know what Mr. Pompeo's views were?

12 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Pompeo reached out to have the conversation with Mr.
13 Meadows in case he hadn't heard the discussions amongst Cabinet Secretaries. And,
14 from what I understand, it was more of a: This is what I am hearing. I want you to be
15 aware of it, but I also think it is worth putting it on your radar because you are the chief of
16 staff. You're technically the boss of all of the Cabinet Secretaries. And, you know, if
17 conversations progress, you should be ready to take action on this. I am concerned for
18 you and your positioning with this. You know, reach out to me if you have any
19 questions or like I can be helpful with you at all.

20 I don't recall Mr. Pompeo having -- I don't recall Mr. Pompeo reaching out saying
21 that he would stand for it or against it. It was more of a: I am here if you need me.
22 This is what I am hearing, but let's stay in touch with this because, you know, this is the
23 early stages of it, he personally saw the opportunity for something to happen had there
24 been enough of the Cabinet Secretaries behind it.

25 Ms. Cheney. Did you hear the phone call?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. No. He sent -- I remember he had -- his assistant reach out to
2 Ms. Thurston to have a call with Mr. Meadows, and Mr. Meadows was busy, so he -- Mr.
3 Pompeo called my secure line, and that was the gist of my conversation with him.

4 Ms. Cheney. Oh, you talked to him directly?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct. And then I know that him and Mr. Pompeo talked
6 directly and had a lengthier conversation.

7 Ms. Cheney. And did he say anything about Mr. Mnuchin?

8 Ms. Hutchinson. Not in my conversation with him, not that I remember Mr.
9 Meadows raising with me after their conversation.

10 Ms. Cheney. And do you recall about what day this would have been that he
11 called?

12 Ms. Hutchinson. Perhaps the 7th or 8th.

13 Ms. Cheney. And was he still overseas? Do you remember?

14 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't remember. He didn't reach out -- he called -- so, in our
15 office, we had a secure phone line that rang both me and Ms. Thurston's desks, and I had
16 just answered the phone. He knew that he could get either of us on it, so he didn't call
17 our office with the intention of reaching me or her. He wanted to connect with us
18 personally to relay the message that his assistant had tried to relay when she tried to
19 connect with Mr. Meadows.

20 Ms. Cheney. Okay. And so he was saying he was alerting you to the fact that
21 there were Cabinet Members having this discussion?

22 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

23 Ms. Cheney. Did he name any Cabinet Members?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. No. And I had loosely heard about it just from Members of
25 Congress, so I kind of knew he talked about when he what he was talking about when he

1 reached out to me, but I didn't really press him much. I wasn't -- I didn't feel it was
2 appropriate for me to have a lengthy conversation with him about the nuances of the
3 25th Amendment at the time because it was -- he wasn't trying to talk to me about it.
4 He just wanted to get Mr. Meadows' attention.

5 Ms. Cheney. Do you remember anything else from that phone call?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. It was fairly brief.

7 Ms. Cheney. Did you hear directly from any other Cabinet Members?

8 Ms. Hutchinson. I didn't.

9 Ms. Cheney. Do you know of any others who may have talked to Mr. Meadows
10 about this?

11 Ms. Hutchinson. Well, is Directive Ratcliffe technically a Cabinet Member? We
12 had talked about the 25th Amendment personally on the 7th -- on the 7th or the 8th, but
13 not that he would stand for or against it. It was more like a conversation that I had with
14 Mr. Pompeo.

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2 [6:45 p.m.]

3 Ms. Cheney. And what did Mr. Ratcliffe say?4 Ms. Hutchinson. That he had heard Cabinet Secretaries talking about invoking
5 the 25th Amendment. And in my conversation with him, he was a little bit more
6 definitive with his stance, which was, I don't think it's going to be something that's
7 actually going to happen, but it's worth keeping on our radars in the next couple days.8 Ms. Cheney. And did he indicate to you whether he would support it or not?9 Ms. Hutchinson. He didn't, and I didn't ask him.10 Ms. Cheney. Anybody else?11 Ms. Hutchinson. Not to my recollection.12 Ms. Cheney. Any other officials who maybe weren't Cabinet members?13 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. O'Brien had talked about it a little bit on the 7th, but,
14 again, more of a conversation that he was overhearing. The 25th Amendment, he was
15 asking various officials in the West Wing if they thought that it was something that would
16 actually happen and if there should be -- I remember him asking if there should be a
17 meeting with Mr. Trump about it.18 And Mr. Meadows said, no, no, let's not try to schedule that meeting with
19 Mr. Trump and let's not raise the topic of the 25th Amendment with Mr. Trump.20 Ms. Cheney. What did Mr. O'Brien want to say to Mr. Trump?21 Ms. Hutchinson. He wanted to, from my understanding, he wanted to sit down
22 with Mr. Trump and brief him on what would happen if the 25th Amendment were
23 invoked, what the timeline of that could look like, and more of, like, the nuance pieces
24 with it. And it just wasn't a conversation that Mr. Meadows wanted to have.25 Ms. Cheney. Did Mr. Meadows say why?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. No. It was more of a, no, no, I don't think it's -- we should
2 raise that with Mr. Trump right now. I think it's a bad time. Keep an eye on it, Robert,
3 is what he had said.

4 Ms. Cheney. And did Mr. O'Brien report back at all?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. Not to my knowledge. Mr. O'Brien would come in and out of
6 our office a lot. So it's possible that they had a whole conversation that I wasn't aware
7 of, but I wasn't physically present for any follow-up conversation.

8 Ms. Cheney. And what about Vice President Pence?

9 Ms. Hutchinson. Could you elaborate on that?

10 Ms. Cheney. Any discussions with Vice President Pence?

11 Ms. Hutchinson. About the 25th?

12 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh.

13 Ms. Hutchinson. Not to my knowledge.

14 But the first time I saw Mr. Pence and his staff after the 6th was -- I don't have the
15 date in front of me but it was the date that he met with the President in the Oval dining
16 room. And he was in the West Wing very briefly that day.

17 So I don't believe he spoke with Mr. Meadows on the phone but he definitely
18 didn't speak with Mr. Meadows in person about the 25th Amendment. And to my
19 knowledge, none of his staff did either.

20 Ms. Cheney. Anybody else on the National Security Council staff?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. Not that I recall.

22 Ms. Cheney. And what about discussions with Secretary Milley -- Secretary
23 Miller -- during this period?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. I wasn't privy to any conversations with Secretary Miller about
25 the 25th Amendment.

1 Ms. Cheney. Any conversations at all, not just about the 25th Amendment, but
2 with the Secretary of Defense post the January 6th period?

3 Ms. Hutchinson. Not that I recall. Not that I recall.

4 Ms. Cheney. And what about General Milley?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. Not that I recall.

6 Ms. Cheney. Did they talk to Mr. Meadows regularly or --

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Somewhat regularly. Mr. Meadows had a longstanding policy
8 of having a morning call with Secretary Pompeo and General Milley, which I believe
9 tapered off mid-December, mid- to late December. There's morning briefing calls that
10 they had scheduled.

11 General Milley was frequently a presence in the West Wing prior to the election,
12 too. But I don't recall him talking afterwards about reaching out to Mr. Meadows
13 directly afterwards. And if they had, it would have been very infrequent interactions.
14 It wasn't anything to the depth that they once were.

15 Ms. Cheney. That was sort of -- that tapered off, you said, mid-December or so?

16 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

17 Ms. Cheney. Was there a reason why it tapered off?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm not sure. At the time I understood schedules were getting
19 a little bit busier with foreign travel and holiday travel and they would connect on a
20 secure line. So it was a little bit more difficult to access that.

21 In the following weeks, I learned afterwards from Mr. Meadows that he just didn't
22 want to continue hosting the calls for a reason I never asked for. But his relationship
23 with General Milley was very strained to start with.

24 So I think, once they had tapered off, it was just mutually known that it wasn't
25 really a professional relationship. But they were going to go out of their way to do

1 regular updates unless there was something that either of them needed to be briefed on
2 for national security reasons.

3 Ms. Cheney. Did they have a falling out?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. Not a falling out that I think would mark the end of a
5 professional relationship. Again, the relationship at times was very strained.

6 And I think, especially after the 6th, unless there was a dire need for there to be a
7 national security call convened, it was just neither of them are going to reach out to have
8 small talk about what was going on in the world.

9 Ms. Cheney. And did you hear at any time about efforts by members of the
10 Cabinet to convene a Cabinet meeting?

11 Ms. Hutchinson. I had heard rumors about it, but I didn't know if there was any
12 truth it to and I didn't really press much further.

13 Ms. Cheney. So nobody reached out to you, none of the Cabinet members?

14 Ms. Hutchinson. No.

15 Ms. Cheney. And tell us about the rumors that you heard.

16 Ms. Hutchinson. I mean, it's pretty straightforward that there was -- that
17 Cabinet members were considering convening a meeting to discuss who would be on
18 board with the 25th Amendment should there be a reason or a conclusion drawn to
19 invoke it or pursue the 25th Amendment. I don't remember many details emerging
20 from that conversation at the time. Now I've since read a few things about it. But --

21 Ms. Cheney. Do you know if Mr. Meadows had any discussions about that?

22 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't.

23 Ms. Cheney. How frequently was Mr. Meadows speaking to Mr. -- to President
24 Trump during this period?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. Fairly frequently. He didn't really -- I don't recall their

1 personal relationship taking a massive hit during the post-January 6th period.

2 Mr. Meadows approached their relationship delicately, I think, and he was careful
3 not to upset him in any way. But he would still frequently be with the President in the
4 Oval. They would have lunch together. He didn't really avoid the President in any way.
5 He mostly went out of his way to avoid other people that shouldn't be meeting with the
6 President meeting with the President.

7 Ms. Cheney. Who was that?

8 Ms. Hutchinson. I mean, people just wanted to do their -- say their last rites with
9 the President before they left office. And he was being a gatekeeper to keep people out
10 and respect the President's wishes, which was to not have hordes of people in and out of
11 the Oval all day and just keep it with the closer circle of advisers that he knew and
12 trusted.

13 Ms. Cheney. Are you aware of any efforts post-January 6th by people like Mr.
14 Raiklin or others?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. Who? I'm sorry?

16 Ms. Cheney. Ivan Raiklin or Phil Waldron, efforts post the 6th to continue
17 making these claims?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Waldron texted me afterwards, after the 6th. I think it
19 was a text that I turned over. I don't know if that was the text or if he had called me.
20 But Mr. Waldron did say -- I think it was a text -- that there still was evidence out there
21 saying that Mr. Trump had won the election. And I don't know if he raised it with
22 anybody else in the West Wing or --

23 Ms. Cheney. Did you respond to him?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. No.

25 Ms. Cheney. Are you aware of any other documents that Mr. Meadows may

1 have been copying at the time?

2 Ms. Hutchinson. Specific documents, no. And copying, no.

3 Ms. Cheney. Removing?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Meadows removed documents from the White House in
5 the post-January 6th period up until leaving the White House. Some, I believe, were
6 what he had saw as mementos, things that the President had signed for him, things that I
7 believe are okay to take out of the West Wing. Others, not so sure.

8 But, again, those documents, I had very, very limited visibility on what he was
9 taking or what he had potentially taken care of in his own way.

10 Ms. Cheney. What does that mean?

11 Ms. Hutchinson. In the fireplace.

12 Ms. Cheney. Did you see -- do you need to take a minute?

13 Mr. Passantino. Do you want to take a break?

14 Yeah, let's take a break. It's 7 o'clock.

15 Ms. Cheney. I know.

16 [Recess.]

17 Ms. Cheney. Do you want to go back on the record?

18 So, Cassidy, at the end of the administration Mr. Meadows, he was burning
19 documents in the fireplace?

20 Ms. Hutchinson. Can you define how you perceive end? Is that November to
21 January, or is that post-January 6th?

22 Ms. Cheney. Both.

23 Ms. Hutchinson. Okay. November to January, yes.

24 And to my recollection, I personally remember it being a little bit more frequent
25 pre-January 6th. I remember seeing maybe two or three times post-January 6th. But,

1 again, I don't think I'm aware of every time he did it. It was just if I ducked in and seen it
2 happen or by being in there and talking to him about other things. So it was just by
3 proximity of association at the time.

4 Ms. Cheney. And in the last, that last week or so, as you-all were leaving, would
5 you say it was just sort of maintained the same pace?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. I believe that we stopped lighting the fireplace around January
7 16th, 15th or 16th. And if I had the -- it was when he started moving all of his items out
8 of the -- his office, there's a photo on Twitter. I would know the date if I saw it.

9 But Mrs. Meadows was coming to the White House. And she didn't -- the smell
10 of the fireplace and the smoke would give her a headache. So we stopped lighting it
11 when she was coming to the White House to help him move his belongings out.

12 Ms. Cheney. And do you know where he was taking his belongings?

13 Ms. Hutchinson. Back to his condo in Old Town Alexandria.

14 Ms. Cheney. So when that fire -- when you stopped lighting the fire, did you see
15 him destroy documents in any other ways?

16 Ms. Hutchinson. No. He took documents home but there was -- other than
17 burn bags, which is the authorized document discarding.

18 Ms. Cheney. I think [REDACTED] just had a couple more questions.

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Q Just very quickly, this idea of the President potentially pardoning the attackers, the people who entered the Capitol, do you know where Mr. Meadows learned of this idea? Did he come up with that on his own?

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A I don't know where he learned of it. I remember him telling me that him and Mrs. Meadows had a conversation about it and I remember him saying that Mrs. Meadows thought it was a good idea. And that's when he had talked about how the media was overblowing it and most of the individuals who had entered the Capitol were doing so in a peaceful way.

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Q Do you remember whether the President thought it was a good idea?

A I don't recall if he -- I don't recall his opinion on it. I wasn't personally involved in the conversations, and I didn't at the time ask Mr. Meadows what the President thought of it.

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Q What about the pardoning the President himself? Did you ever hear any discussions about that idea?

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A I heard Mr. Meadows mention that, but in passerby conversation with me, If we're going to do all these pardons, the President wants a pardon, I want a pardon, just like in that same breath of the conversation where we're talking about pardon broadly.

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And I believe I sat down with him about pardons, because I was getting inundated from Member requests, not necessarily asking for the personal pardons but with their constituents, they wanted a pardon or whoever it might have been. We had hundreds of pardon requests, if not thousands. And the White House Counsel's office was also inundated.

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And that's when Mr. Meadows had mentioned some staffers are asking for a

1 preemptive pardon. Some campaign people are asking for a preemptive pardon.
2 Heck, if all these people are asking for a pardon, I want a pardon. Even the President
3 might get a pardon.

4 And I just I think tried to reroute the conversation back to why I was interested in
5 having him in the first place which was, okay, which ones do we want to actually consider
6 here? How do you want to streamline this process so we're not drowning the White
7 House Counsel's Office with pardon requests the last 10 days?

8 Q Did he say why the President would consider pardoning himself?

9 A Nothing specific to the President, but it was the same conversation of at this
10 point it was when Democrats take the White House, there's going to be a witch hunt and
11 people are going to be after all of us and this is a potential way to ensure protection for
12 the next 4 years from unjust investigations.

13 Q Related to January 6th, though, at least in part?

14 A That's the first time I had heard the idea of personal pardons being raised, so
15 as a response to January 6th.

16 Q You also mentioned in response to Ms. Cheney's questions that you had
17 heard about the 25th Amendment or discussions about the 25th Amendment from
18 Members of the Congress. Which Members did you hear raise this idea of the 25th
19 Amendment to the White House?

20 A I believe Mr. Markwayne Mullin reached out to me, Leader McCarthy,
21 Mr. Mike Johnson. I'm trying to run through my head specifics. I had a lot of
22 communication with Members --

23 Q How about the Senate side?

24 A -- during this time.

25 Mr. Roy Blunt reached out to me about it. Senator Roy Blunt, I'm sorry. I

1 believe that was it for the Senate side about the 25th Amendment. If I remember
2 anybody else, I'll make sure to mention it, but --

3 Ms. Cheney. Can you tell us what they said, Markwayne Mullin? Do you
4 remember?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. Nothing overly specific. Just, again, hate to sound blanket and
6 broad. But we're hearing talk about the 25th Amendment. Want to make sure the
7 White House knows. Does the President know? What are you guys going to do if it
8 happens? I don't think it's actually going happen, but what's the mood like in there?

9 You know, in some ways I took that outreach as Members trying to be helpful.
10 And in other ways it was more of a conversation starter that leads into a conversation
11 about, what's the mood like there right now? So the intentions of it, not entirely sure,
12 but --

13 Ms. Cheney. Mr. Johnson?

14 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Mike Johnson reached out to me about the 25th
15 Amendment. But he was also quickly afterwards, How are you doing? How are you
16 holding up? What's your plans for after? So --

17 Ms. Cheney. And Mr. McCarthy?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah, we talked about it a couple of days, I don't know the
19 date, but a few days after January 6th, because we talked on January 6th. And I don't
20 believe we talked again for the first time until the 8th or the 9th. And I believe that
21 conversation he mentioned the 25th Amendment.

22 We didn't have a conversation specific to the 25th Amendment. We touched
23 base almost every single day. So to go 24, 48 hours, it was normal for us to have a
24 conversation. It came up, but as did a variety of other topics. So it wasn't just specific
25 to it.

1 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

2 [REDACTED] What did he say about the 25th Amendment, though, in that
3 conversation?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. Has Mark heard about the 25th Amendment? Does he think
5 it's going to happen? What's he doing right now? Is he giving the President good
6 advice? Is he talking to the President about the 25th Amendment?

7 So it was more conversational. And I took it as him being interested in what the
8 status was of the conversations in the West Wing, if there were conversations even being
9 had.

10 [REDACTED] What about Senator Blunt?

11 Ms. Hutchinson. Senator Blunt reached out originally. Just said, How are you
12 holding up? Is everything okay? Asking about myself. And he had said, Have you
13 guys heard anything about the 25th Amendment?

14 And I said, We heard rumors, sir.

15 He said, All right. Just making sure.

16 So nothing that was -- I personally didn't have any in-depth conversations with
17 Members about the process or protocol behind invoking the 25th or -- no. If they may
18 have reached out to other people in the White House who did, I think they were limited
19 in their outreach to me. And I also tried keep the conversations very short.

20 [REDACTED] Okay. That's all I had.

21 Ms. Cheney. Good. All right.

22 Well, thank you very much.

23 And do we want to go off the record?

24 [REDACTED] Yeah.

25 [Discussion off the record.]

1 Ms. Cheney. Sorry. I have another question. Reminds me. I'm sorry.

2 Sorry. I'm sorry, Cassidy.

3 Ms. Hutchinson. That's okay.

4 Ms. Cheney. I'm sorry.

5 Ms. Hutchinson. That's okay.

6 Ms. Cheney. It reminded me of another question I wanted to ask you. So I
7 apologize for that.

8 Ms. Hutchinson. That's okay.

9 Ms. Cheney. And it reminded me because of the issue of the stress and the
10 pressure. And so can you just talk a little bit? We have heard from others that they've
11 been under tremendous pressure. So I just wonder, in terms of outreach to you from
12 anybody in The Trump Organization, any specifics about that? Has anybody reached out
13 to you?

14 Ms. Hutchinson. Honestly, no, not specific to this period. But, in general,
15 especially ever since I was subpoenaed -- I already try to stay very private. Sometimes it
16 can be a detrimental flaw of mine to isolate myself from other people. But, no, I'm
17 already a very private person and careful about conversations that I have with other
18 people, especially about anything and everything in this realm.

19 Ms. Cheney. Yeah.

20 Ms. Hutchinson. A few times I had former colleagues just reach out, like,
21 conversationally of, how are you doing? What's the status of your subpoena? Have
22 you gone for your deposition yet? And most of those questions come with the work.
23 And the only ones that haven't are, like, I think my closest, closest either former mentors
24 or friends.

25 And I just said, I'm hanging in there. Hopefully all this gets wrap up fairly soon

1 and the country can move on and this can see its sunset.

2 Ms. Cheney. Okay. Well, thank you. So you haven't had anybody reach out
3 to you about your testimony?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. No.

5 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

6 Ms. Hutchinson. Not that I responded to. I mean, again, there were gossip
7 pieces of people just being curious, but nobody --

8 Ms. Cheney. But no exchanges. And no one has tried to influence what you're
9 saying.

10 Ms. Hutchinson. No, no.

11 Ms. Cheney. Okay. That's actually all.

12 [Whereupon, at 7:17 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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INTERVIEW OF: CASSIDY HUTCHINSON

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2 [REDACTED] All right. Good afternoon. It's June 20th, and this is a
3 transcribed interview of Ms. Cassidy Hutchinson, conducted by the House Select
4 Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol pursuant to
5 House Resolution 503.

6 Ms. Hutchinson, I know we've met before, but if you don't mind introducing
7 yourself for today.

8 Ms. Hutchinson. Cassidy Jacqueline Hutchinson, H-u-t-c-h-i-n-s-o-n.

9 [REDACTED] Thank you very much.

10 And, Counsel, if you could introduce yourself today?

11 Mr. Hunt. Thank you, yes. Jody Hunt, J-o-d-y, H-u-n-t. Officially and formally
12 Joseph but known as "Jody," so --

13 [REDACTED] Thank you, Mr. Hunt.

14 And my name is [REDACTED] I'm a senior investigative counsel for the select
15 committee. And with me today is Representative Liz Cheney, who's vice chair for the
16 select committee.

17 We have met a number of times before -- in February, March, and May -- and the
18 ground rules today are going to be the same as they were then.

19 But, just to briefly go over them, I'll remind you that there's an official reporter
20 transcribing the record of the interview. So please do wait until each question is
21 complete before you start your answer, and we'll let you answer before we start our
22 question.

23 The stenographer can't take down nonverbal responses, so please use audible and
24 verbal responses rather than things like shaking your head.

25 And we do ask that you could provide complete answers based on your best

1 recollection. And if there's anything that's not clear, feel free to ask us for clarification.

2 And, finally, I do want to remind you that it's unlawful to deliberately provide false
3 information to Congress.

4 Do you have any questions about that?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. No.

6 [REDACTED] All right. Very good.

7 EXAMINATION

8 [REDACTED]

9 Q We do have some additional questions for you today, and it will be a
10 combination of me and Ms. Cheney asking those questions. But I wanted to start about
11 the President and his desire to go to the Capitol on January the 6th.

12 In one of our prior sessions, we did ask you about his desire to go to the Capitol on
13 the 6th, as well as his conversation with Bobby Engel from the Secret Service as they
14 walked to the limo after his Ellipse speech.

15 Did you talk to anybody about what happened in the Presidential limo with the
16 President as they returned to the White House from the Ellipse?

17 A As I returned to the White House and walked into the West Wing, I went into
18 Mr. Ornato's office, who was the deputy chief of staff, and I had a conversation with him
19 and Bobby Engel, who was the special agent in charge of Mr. Trump's Secret Service
20 detail.

21 Q And about how long after you returned to the White House did that
22 conversation happen?

23 A We returned to the White House, and about 2 to 3 minutes later I walked
24 into the West Wing and immediately walked into Mr. Ornato's office. So, best estimate,
25 5 minutes after everybody had arrived back at the White House.

1 Q Okay. And other than Mr. Ornato and Mr. Engel, was anybody else in that
2 office?

3 A There's a possibility that Beau Harrison was in Mr. Ornato's office when that
4 conversation happened. I don't recall specifically if he was there when the conversation
5 started, but him and Mr. Ornato shared an office space.

6 Q All right.

7 So, when you went into that office, what was the conversation like with
8 Mr. Ornato and Mr. Engel?

9 A So, when I walked up into the West Wing -- and I'm walking towards the
10 chief of staff's office, and I see Tony standing kind of outside of the chief of staff suite
11 looking around, and he waved me down.

12 I went into his office, and he shut the door. We turned the corner, and I saw
13 Mr. Engel -- I saw Bobby sitting on the chair, and he was looking down, kind of looking a
14 little lost and kind of discombobulated.

15 Tony said something to the effect of, "Did you hear what F'ing happened?" And I
16 said, "No. I just got back from the rally." And I looked at Bobby, and I said, "What's
17 going on? What happened?"

18 And Tony again said something to the effect of "This day is F'ing crazy" and looked
19 at Bobby, I think expecting him to elaborate. And when Bobby hadn't said anything else,
20 Tony had retold the story, I guess, as Bobby had relayed it to him, of what happened in
21 the Beast, which was something along the lines of: When the President got into the
22 Beast after the rally, he was under the impression that the OTR movement to the Capitol
23 was still possible -- the off-the-record movement to the Capitol was still possible.

24 And when Bobby told him, no, that we were going back to the White House, the
25 President kept pushing to go to the Capitol, saying, "I'm the F'ing President. You're

1 going to listen to what I'm telling you to do. We're going to the Capitol." And Bobby
2 kept reiterating, "It's not safe, sir. We're bringing you back to the White House. That's
3 final."

4 When the car started moving, I'm under the impression, from the story as Tony
5 had retold it, it just made Mr. Trump irate, and he lunged forward into what I believe is
6 the -- would be called the cab of the Presidential limo and went to grab at the steering
7 wheel. And Bobby had said, "Sir, I'm going to need you to take your hand off. We're
8 going back to the White House. That's final."

9 Mr. Trump again was extremely angry at that response and used his free hand, to
10 my understanding, to then lunge at Bobby Engel.

11 Obviously he went back to the West Wing after that, so didn't make the
12 movement to the Capitol. I don't know any conversations after that happened between
13 Bobby and Mr. Trump in the car, but I know that Mr. Trump was still not happy, upon
14 arriving back at the West Wing, that the movement didn't happen.

15 Q Okay. And what you just told us, Mr. Ornato said that, correct?

16 A That's correct.

17 Q Did he say that in front of Bobby Engel?

18 A He did.

19 Q Did Bobby Engel ever correct Mr. Ornato, say that any of that did not
20 happen?

21 A Not to my recollection. He might have chimed in at a point and made a
22 comment about it, but I don't remember him ever counteracting what Tony had told me.

23 Q Okay. So Bobby Engel didn't say anything to cast doubt on anything that --

24 A No.

25 Q -- Mr. Ornato said.

1 A No. Not to my recollection, no.

2 Q Okay. Did Mr. Engel or Mr. Ornato ever, after that, come to you and say
3 that what Mr. Ornato had told you was not true?

4 A He did not.

5 Ms. Cheney. Did they explain, Cassidy, given how the Beast -- the layout of the
6 Beast, the distance that it would be, you know, for the President to have to get to lunge
7 at the steering wheel? Did they just --

8 Ms. Hutchinson. He didn't --

9 Ms. Cheney. -- explain any specifics?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. I know that Mr. Trump would typically sit towards the front of
11 the limo, because he would have conversations with the special agent in charge. He
12 would do that with Tony when Tony had the same position that Bobby was in. So, from
13 my -- I've never been in the Beast, but from what I understand, it's a relatively short
14 distance at least to have the conversation.

15 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh.

16 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know the actual distance, if he would've been able to
17 grab the wheel or if he was just trying to lunge at it, but --

18 [Phone vibrating.]

19 Mr. Hunt. I don't think that's me. It is me. I'm sorry.

20 [REDACTED] It's quite all right.

21 Mr. Hunt. Sorry. I had put the ringer off. I'll put it down there. Maybe it
22 won't --

23 [REDACTED]

24 Q Was it your understanding that -- well, let me ask it this way: Do you know
25 who was driving?

1 A I don't. Somebody -- this is vague, but somebody in the Transportation
2 Services Division of the Secret Service, but I don't know the identity of the driver that day.

3 Q You mentioned OTR, and I think you also explained that's an off-the-record
4 movement. You produced text messages to the committee that references the
5 President wanting to do an OTR to the Capitol. That's the same OTR you mentioned in
6 the prior session we had?

7 A That's correct.

8 Q All right.

9 And you said, when the President got back to the White House he was not happy.
10 What makes you say that?

11 A So, prior to leaving the rally site, when he got off the stage and everybody
12 was making the movement back to the motorcade, I overheard Mr. Meadows say to him
13 then, as I had prior to Mr. Trump taking the stage that morning, that he was still working
14 on getting an off-the-record movement to the Capitol. So, when Mr. Trump took the
15 stage, he was under the impression via Mr. Meadows that it was still possible.

16 So, when he got off the stage, I had relayed to Mr. Meadows that I had another
17 conversation with Tony; the movement was still not possible. Mr. Meadows said,
18 "Okay."

19 And then, as they proceeded to go to the motorcade, Mr. Meadows had
20 reiterated, "We're going to work on it, sir. Talk to Bobby. Bobby has more
21 information." Mark got into his vehicle. To my understanding, Trump got into the
22 Beast.

23 And after we had all arrived back at the White House later in the day, it had been
24 relayed to me via Mark that the President wasn't happy that Bobby didn't pull it off for
25 him and that Mark didn't work hard enough to get the movement on the books.

1 Ms. Cheney. And how did you -- so you were in Mr. Ornato's office with this
2 conversation. How did you leave things when you left the office?

3 Ms. Hutchinson. I asked him if he had yet notified Mark of this, and he said, no,
4 he -- Mark's door was shut -- he didn't know if he should interrupt, and he didn't know if
5 he was in with anybody. I was like, "I think this is something that he should know."
6 And he said, "All right. Well, let me know if he has a minute."

7 So then I left and gone back to my office. Mark's door was still shut.

8 I know at some point that afternoon Tony had relayed it to him. To my
9 understanding, he told me that he was going to relay it to him, and they did have a
10 private conversation. I was not present for the private conversation, and I never
11 confirmed with Tony afterwards whether he actually told Mark that. But he looked at
12 me afterwards and said something along the lines of, "All good."

13 So, to me, that was an indication that he had informed Mr. Meadows of what
14 happened in the Beast. But I didn't circle back to reconfirm that with him.

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16 Q Do you know why Mr. Ornato told you?

17 A Mr. Ornato would frequently relay messages to me that he wanted to get to
18 Mark. I don't know if that was the intention at that point or if it was more he was
19 shocked.

20 He was somebody that we both -- we both had confided in each other and talked
21 about many different things throughout my tenure working in the White House, and we
22 had a relationship established in trust. So I'm not sure if he told me to relay it to Mark
23 or if it was more just him expressing how unbelievable and unprecedented that event
24 was.

25 Q Did you ever talk to Mr. Engel later that day?

1 A Not about that. I think Bobby and I had a conversation later in the day.
2 When I was in the Eisenhower Building, I believe I saw him. But we never personally
3 spoke about that incident again.

4 Q Did this issue about the President wanting to go to the Capitol come back up
5 again that day?

6 A Not to my recollection. I believe, once we were back at the White House,
7 from everything I understood at the time, he knew it wasn't going to be possible. He
8 was just angry it wasn't going to be possible.

9 Q Did Mr. Meadows say anything else to you that afternoon about the
10 President wanting to go to the Capitol?

11 A Not that afternoon.

12 Q Okay.

13 A Other than, you know, that he was angry that the movement didn't happen
14 and he felt that Mr. Trump was angry at him. But nothing about potentially re-raising it
15 later in the day.

16 Q And Mr. Trump being angry at him because he felt that Mr. Meadows hadn't
17 done enough to make it happen?

18 A Yes, and that he had misled him.

19 Q "He," Mr. Meadows --

20 A Sorry.

21 Q -- misled the President?

22 A Yes. Correct. I apologize for not being clear. Mr. Trump felt that
23 Mr. Meadows had also misled him in Mr. Meadows relaying that an off-the-record
24 movement would potentially and likely be possible.

25 Q Okay.

1 [REDACTED] Do you have anything else on that?

2 Ms. Cheney. Anything else on that, Cassidy, you want to share with us?

3 Ms. Hutchinson. No.

4 [REDACTED]

5 Q One of the things that we raised with you as well in the prior session is the
6 President's reaction to the crowd and crowd placement at the Ellipse on January the 6th.

7 Did the President make any statements about the nature of the crowd that had
8 gathered outside the magnetometers, outside of kind of the formal rally space, on the
9 6th?

10 A He did.

11 Q Tell us about that.

12 A When we were in the off-stage announce area tent behind the stage, he was
13 very concerned about the shot, meaning the photograph that we would get, because the
14 rally space wasn't full.

15 One of the reasons, which I have previously stated, was because he wanted it to
16 be full and for people to not feel excluded because they had come far to watch him at the
17 rally, and he felt the mags were at fault for not letting everybody in.

18 But another leading reason and likely the primary reason is because he wanted it
19 full, and he was angry that we weren't letting people through the mags with
20 weapons -- what the Secret Service deems as weapons and are -- are weapons.

21 He, at the White House, had conversations, that Mr. Ornato had relayed to me, in
22 the Oval Office that he wanted the mags taken away to get everybody in.

23 But when we were in the off-stage announce tent, I was part of a conversation -- I
24 was in the vicinity of a conversation where I overheard the President say something to
25 the effect of, "You know, I don't F'ing care that they have weapons. They're not here to

1 hurt me. Take the F'ing mags away. Let my people in. They can march to the Capitol
2 from here. Let the people in. Take the F'ing mags away."

3 And the advance team on the ground had again relayed to him, as Tony had
4 earlier that morning, that we can't; it's Secret Service protocol. And he said something
5 to the effect of, you know, "F the Secret Service. I'm the President. Take the F'ing
6 mags away. They're not here to hurt me."

7 Q I want to go, I guess, back in time and unpack some of what you just said.

8 You said the first time that the President mentioned wanting the mags to be taken
9 away was in the White House, in the Oval Office. How did you know that? Were you
10 in the Oval with them?

11 A I was not. Mr. Ornato, I believe, either at one point had stepped into the
12 Oval Office and had the conversation with him or he had the conversation with him on
13 the phone that morning.

14 But, when I arrived at the White House that day, Mr. Ornato and I had several
15 conversations, some of them with Mark, some of them privately. But he had relayed to
16 me that the President was fired up about the mag situation.

17 And the mags -- magnometers (sic) -- I can never pronounce that word -- they had
18 been an issue for us throughout the entire campaign, so it wasn't necessarily something
19 that was a surprise. He was always flustered and angry at mags because we would
20 always have to have overflow sections and he always blamed the mags for that, but it was
21 just because of the capacity of our arenas.

22 In this particular instance, it wasn't the capacity of our space; it was the mags and
23 the people that didn't want to come through. And that's what Tony had been trying to
24 relay to him that morning: You know, "It's not the issue that we encountered on the
25 campaign. We have enough space, sir. They don't want to come in right now. They

1 have weapons that they don't want confiscated by the Secret Service. And they're fine
2 on The Mall. They can see you on The Mall. And they want to march straight to the
3 Capitol from The Mall."

4 And the President had continued throughout the morning to express his
5 frustrations about the mags to Mr. Ornato.

6 Before I left the White House, I had tried to convince Mr. Ornato to come down to
7 the rally site with us in case the issue got raised again, and he said that he couldn't. He
8 was going to stay back at the White House in case anything happened. But the advance
9 team on the ground -- he had relayed to the advance team what he had relayed to the
10 President, so everybody was on the same message with that.

11 I don't know if the message necessarily resonated with Trump, what Tony had said
12 to him, and he thought that he could convince somebody on the ground once we got
13 down there to change their minds and to try to bypass Tony's guidance, or if it was just an
14 issue he wouldn't let go. You know, it could've gone either way. I'm not sure what the
15 intentions were behind him continuing to press the issue as we got down to the tent.

16 Q Do you know where Mr. Ornato was getting information about people
17 having weapons at the Ellipse?

18 A It's my understanding that he was in contact with -- and, no, I'm not using
19 the proper terminology, because I didn't work advance operations, but -- the advance
20 leads for the Secret Service and the advance leads for the White House. You know, I
21 know that they also are in communication with other law enforcement agencies and
22 other Secret Service personnel on the ground.

23 So I don't know the specific individuals, but it was his job to kind of facilitate all
24 that conversation and make sure it was streamlined at the deputy-chief-of-staff level.

25 Q I think the last time we talked you mentioned that some of the weapons that

1 people had at the rally included flagpoles, oversized sticks or flagpoles, bear spray. Is
2 there anything else that you recall hearing about that the people who had gathered on
3 the Ellipse had?

4 A I recall Tony and I having a conversation with Mark, probably around
5 10:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., where I remember Tony mentioning knives, guns in the form of
6 pistols and rifles, bear spray, body armor, spears, and flagpoles.

7 Spears were one item, flagpoles were one item, but then Tony had relayed to me
8 something to the effect of, "And these F'ing people are fastening spears onto the ends of
9 flagpoles."

10 Q And did Mr. Ornato or is it your understanding that Mr. Ornato told the
11 President that people with weapons who didn't want to go through the mags were also
12 there to march to the Capitol that afternoon?

13 A Could you repeat your question?

14 Q Yes. Absolutely.

15 Is it your understanding that Mr. Ornato or somebody else told the President that
16 the people who did not want to come through the mags, potentially because they had
17 weapons, also wanted to march to the Capitol on January 6th?

18 A It's my understanding -- I don't know if he explicitly said, "They have
19 weapons, and they want to use these weapons to march to the Capitol." But it's my
20 understanding that it was just more of a consensus that it was widely known that the
21 people were going to march to the Capitol, and that's how Tony had relayed it to the
22 President, if that makes sense --

23 Q Okay.

24 A -- that, you know, the people both in the rally and outside on the National
25 Mall or -- yeah, by the Washington Monument on The Mall were going to march to the

1 Capitol.

2 But I don't -- I just -- I'm trying to be careful because I don't want to attribute the
3 weapons necessarily. Just that people had weapons and there were also people out
4 there that were going to march to the Capitol.

5 Q Sure.

6 Ms. Cheney. And I think, just to go back to what you described a minute ago,
7 Cassidy, that, in the backstage discussion --

8 Ms. Hutchinson. Uh-huh.

9 Ms. Cheney. So, in the backstage discussion, do you remember who was in that
10 discussion?

11 Ms. Hutchinson. I remember the President's back was standing to -- his back
12 would've been to the stage if the tent hadn't been there, and Mr. Meadows was standing
13 to the President's right. I believe Ivanka Trump was standing next to Mr. Meadows.
14 Scavino was off to the back side, somewhat in the conversation but not really adding or
15 contributing anything to it. And I believe Eric Herschmann and Don Jr. were also in that
16 circle.

17 I was standing next to Mr. Meadows' security detail, probably 2 to 3 feet behind
18 Mr. Meadows.

19 Ms. Cheney. And, just to be clear: So he was told again in that
20 conversation -- or was he told again in that conversation that people couldn't come
21 through the mags because they had weapons?

22 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

23 Ms. Cheney. And his response was to say they can march to the Capitol from the
24 Ellipse?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. Something to the effect of, "Take the F'ing mags away.

1 They're not here to hurt me. Let them in. Let my people in. They can march to the
2 Capitol after the rally is over. They can march from -- they can march from the Ellipse.
3 Take the F'ing mags away. Then they can march to the Capitol."

4 Ms. Cheney. Thank you.

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6 Q Was he told, no, that couldn't happen, the mags had to say?

7 A He was. At one point -- and it was one of the advance leads on the ground.
8 Max Miller and Bobby Peede were the advance leads on the ground that day. I believe
9 it was Max Miller that had continued to reiterate to him that, "We can't take them away,
10 sir. It's Secret Service protocol."

11 You know, he kept pressing it, and I think eventually he let it go. You know, he
12 took the stage, and the mags stayed, but --

13 Q Do you remember the President's reaction when Mr. Miller or someone else
14 told him that the mags needed to stay?

15 A He was angry still. I don't recall him dropping the issue. To be honest, I
16 was kind of tuning in and out of the conversation too. I don't remember how quickly
17 they switched gears and what topic was next, so if it kind of just naturally led into
18 something else or if he just said, "Okay," and brushed it off.

19 But the last that I had heard about it was, he still was sort of pressing for it, and
20 then he just kept going on something else a few minutes later.

21 Q We have a photo that we obtained from the Archives that shows the
22 President in the off-stage announce area looking at a TV of what was happening at the
23 rally.

24 Do you remember that?

25 A [Nonverbal response.]

1 Q Yes?

2 A Sorry. Yes.

3 Q Okay.

4 A I recall him watching a TV --

5 Q Okay.

6 A -- and watching what was happening outside.

7 Q Was he commenting on the crowd or the crowd size when he was watching
8 the TV, do you recall?

9 A Not that I personally heard.

10 Q So this would've been a separate conversation, not when he was watching
11 the TV?

12 A Correct.

13 I remember seeing him looking at the TV. At this point, I was standing more
14 towards the back of the tent, and I believe I was standing with Julia Radford, who was
15 Ivanka's chief of staff at the time.

16 And in between this, too, Mark was kind of walking around. He had sent me out
17 to look for Rudy Giuliani at one point.

18 So, like, I recall standing in the back of the tent to try to see if, you know, things
19 were a little calmer in there and if it was an appropriate time for me to approach
20 Mr. Meadows, but I wasn't around to hear any of his remarks.

21 Q Okay.

22 Ms. Cheney. Can you go back for just a minute, Cassidy, to this discussion
23 around 10:00 or 10:15 with Tony and Mark? What was Mark's reaction, Mr. Meadows'
24 reaction, to this list of weapons that people had in the crowd?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm trying to find my --

1 Ms. Cheney. Take your time.

2 Ms. Hutchinson. -- section on this.

3 There was a point in one of my depositions where we had a discussion about this,
4 and I was asked a question along the lines of, "Did Mr. Meadows express concern?" And
5 the issue I took with the question was that Mr. Meadows didn't necessarily express
6 concern, but he, rather, seemed sort of disconnected and aloof at it.

7 When Tony and I went in to talk to Mark that morning, Mark was sitting on his
8 couch and on his phone, which was something typical. And, you know, if you're popping
9 in between meetings, he was just catching up on stuff.

10 And I remember Tony just got right into it and was like, "Sir, I just want to let you
11 know" and informed him, like, "This is how many people we have outside the mags right
12 now, these are the weapons that we're known to have" -- it's possible he listed more
13 weapons off that I just don't recall -- and gave him a brief but inconcise explanation, but
14 also fairly thorough.

15 And I remember distinctly Mark not looking up from his phone. I remember
16 Tony finishing his explanation and it taking a few seconds for Mark to say something, to
17 the point where I almost said, "Mark, did you hear him?"

18 And then Mark chimed in and was like, "All right. Anything else?", still looking
19 down at his phone. And Tony looked at me, and I looked at Tony, and Tony said, "No,
20 sir. Do you have any questions?"

21 It's like, what are you hearing?

22 And I looked at Tony. And I was like, "Sir, he just told you about what was
23 happening down at the rally," and he's like, "Yeah, yeah, I know."

24 And then he looked up and said, "Have you talked to the President?" And Tony
25 said, "Yes, sir, he is aware too." And he said, "All right. Good."

1 And then he changed the subject to something else that was completely
2 unrelated. I think it had to do with a potential Texas trip that we were going to take in a
3 few days that wasn't planned yet, and he asked Tony if his team had been working on it.
4 And Tony said, "We're still tracking it, sir." And then Mark said, "All right. Very good."

5 And then we just kind of took that as our cue to leave.

6 Ms. Cheney. So he asked Tony if Tony had informed the President.

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes.

8 Ms. Cheney. And Tony said, yes, he had.

9 Ms. Hutchinson. And he said, "All right," and then changed the subject.

10 But he -- I know Mark well -- knew Mark well. There wasn't a point in that
11 conversation that I had perceived him to understand or interpret anything as a concern.
12 It was more as a "thank you for letting me know and doing your job" type of reaction, not
13 a "we should be doing something; what would you" -- not looking for advice or guidance
14 on how we should approach the situation.

15 Ms. Cheney. Did he seem surprised?

16 Ms. Hutchinson. I wouldn't say he seemed surprised.

17 Ms. Cheney. Anything else in that conversation with Tony? Did he talk to you
18 afterwards as you left Mr. Meadows' office?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. No. I believe at that point we had both walked out, and we
20 might've said, you know, just a few words to each other, like, "All right," like, "Keep in
21 touch," sort of ending that conversation on our end, and then he went back to his office.

22 We talked one more time before I went out to West Exec to wait for the
23 motorcade, but it was just me reconfirming with Tony that he wasn't going to come
24 down. Because I had Meadows' vehicles manifested in the motorcade, so I told Tony
25 that he could ride down in Meadows' limos with me if he wanted to, and he had just

1 reconfirmed he was going to stay up at the White House.

2 But -- and, to the best of my recollection, those are the conversations I had with
3 Tony prior to leaving for the Ellipse.

4 Ms. Cheney. And did he give you any reason why he wasn't going to the Ellipse?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. He had relayed to me something along the lines of, "I'm going
6 back to the Secret Service in a few weeks. I don't need to be seen down there. I'll get
7 myself into some trouble."

8 I don't know if he had conversations with the Director or whoever would be his
9 new supervisor when he returned to the Service after January 20th, but, from the end of
10 December throughout the month of January, Tony tried to take a step back and not be
11 involved in the optics with Trump as much as he had been in the previous months.

12

13 Q What did you understand him to mean, when he said he might -- it could get
14 himself into trouble -- or he could get himself into trouble by going down there?

15 A Tony was always hypersensitive to the fact that a lot of people in the Secret
16 Service have seen his detail from the Secret Service to an employee of the White House
17 as something that was highly controversial, as it'd never been done before. And people,
18 for a long time, in the Secret Service had attributed him to being a Trump guy and a
19 Trump loyalist.

20 So I remember, during this period after we had lost, you know, Tony was aware
21 that he would have to go back, and I think that he didn't want to create further
22 controversy by being a leading voice or being perceived by the Secret Service as a leading
23 voice or somebody that was making decisions as we were trying to -- as individuals in the
24 White House were trying to fight the results of the election.

25 Q Could we go back to the tent really quickly?

1 Was there anybody else in the tent? I think you mentioned Mr. Herschmann was
2 there, Mr. Scavino was there. Did anybody have any reaction to the discussion about
3 weapons being found or the President wanting magnetometers taken away?

4 A Not that I can recall. It's very poss- -- I wasn't in every conversation. The
5 only reason I overheard him talking about the magnometers (sic) when I did -- the mags
6 when I did is because I had just gotten back from looking for Rudy, because Mark asked
7 me to go try to find Rudy. So I had walked back in through the entrance that I knew that
8 Mark was standing close to, and I kind of just got caught in the crossfires of that
9 conversation.

10 The only other commentary that I had really heard was from the advance side of
11 the operations, though, where they had said, Sir, like, we can't, and this is why.

12 It's possible that the conversation had been a couple minutes -- had been
13 happening for a couple minutes before I had arrived. But, in my presence, that was the
14 extent of the pushback that I listened to.

15 Q Okay.

16 Ms. Cheney. And did you -- so Mark asked to you go find Rudy. Did you find
17 Rudy?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. I didn't. I found a campaign staffer on the ground who I
19 loosely knew was in charge of VIP operations, just because they were standing towards
20 the front and that's typically where the VIP guests would be placed. So I remember
21 saying to them -- and I don't remember who it was, but I said, "If you see Rudy Giuliani,
22 can you send him back to the tent?" And they said, "Okay."

23 And it was after Trump took the stage, is when Rudy came back to the tent.

24 Ms. Cheney. And do you know why Mr. Meadows wanted you to find Rudy?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't. I didn't ask him. I, you know -- my best guess -- I

1 know you don't want me to guess, but, knowing what I know, knowing what I knew at the
2 time, Mr. Meadows and Trump wanted to have a conversation with him. I'm not sure
3 about what, but -- you know.

4

5 Q Probably election-related, I assume?

6 A I don't think they were talking about post-election plans. Post-January 6th,
7 I guess I should say.

8 Q Do you remember anything that Mr. Giuliani said when he went to the tent?

9 A The first thing I remember him saying to me was something to the effect
10 of -- he had a stack of papers with him. He said, "More evidence. We're going to pull
11 this off. More evidence, Cassidy. Look. I told you. I told you this whole time." I
12 said, "Sir, you keep pushing it."

13 He walked away, and he said, "Where's Mark?" I think at that point Mark was
14 still towards the front of the tent, and I said, "Up there."

15 They had a brief conversation. It could've been a few minutes after Rudy had got
16 to him in the tent, in case Mr. Meadows was wrapped up in a different one at the time.
17 So they talked for a little bit.

18 And then Mark went to the control vehicle, took a number of calls. Rudy hung
19 back, still, in the tent for the rest of -- for the remainder of the rally, which was pretty
20 much the whole thing. I remember he got back to the tent maybe 5 minutes after the
21 President took the stage.

22 Q At that point, Mr. Giuliani had spoken at the rally. And one of the things
23 that he said -- don't quote me, but it was something to the effect of, "We're going to have
24 trial by combat."

25 Do you remember any discussions in the backstage area about the comments that

1 Mr. Giuliani made at the rally on the Ellipse?

2 A I don't remember the comments specific to Mr. Giuliani. But I remember,
3 at one point, not hearing Mr. Trump say this -- somebody had relayed to me that he had
4 just said this; I believe it was Eric Herschmann -- that Mr. Trump had continued to press
5 the idea that he wanted to include lines in the speech, "We're going to fight like hell,"
6 "fight for Trump" -- more of the combative language that I understood Rudy to have used
7 that morning.

8 I didn't understand it, though, to be connected and inspired by Rudy's speech that
9 morning, though.

10 Q Did Mr. Herschmann say that he had been advocating one position or
11 another -- include that language, don't include that language -- to Mr. Trump?

12 A Eric had been very vocal to me about how we would be F'ing idiots if we
13 were to include language like that and it's not something that we should do. And he
14 was fighting to keep it out of the President's speech that morning.

15 Q Did he say why?

16 A He didn't. I also just kind of -- I didn't ask, and I sort of just inferred that it
17 was a bad idea because it was a dangerous idea.

18 Q Okay.

19 [REDACTED] Anything further on that?

20 [REDACTED]

21 Q One of the things we discussed last time was the President's reaction to the
22 rioters chanting, "Hang Mike Pence."

23 I'm hoping you can walk us through again as you were in the chief of staff's office
24 and Mr. Meadows came back to talk to you about that.

25 So what do you remember Mr. Meadows coming back and saying? And who was

1 with him?

2 A If you all don't mind, I think it's best to put this a little bit in a timeline, just
3 for clarity purposes, and if you have --

4 Ms. Cheney. Go ahead.

5 Ms. Hutchinson. -- further questions, it's totally fine to answer them that way.

6 [REDACTED] That's perfect.

7 Ms. Hutchinson. So I remember Mark being alone in his office for quite some
8 time. And, you know, I know we've spoken about Ben Williamson going in at one point,
9 and I don't personally remember Ben going in. I don't doubt that he had gone in. But I
10 remember him being alone in his office for most of the afternoon.

11 Around 2 o'clock to 2:05 -- I believe is where I had pinpointed it -- around 2 o'clock
12 to 2:05, you know, we were watching the TV, and I could see that the rioters were getting
13 closer and closer to the Capitol. Mark still hadn't popped out of his office or said
14 anything about it.

15 So that's when I went into his office. I saw that he was sitting on his couch on his
16 cell phone, same as the morning, where he was just kind of scrolling and typing.

17 I had said, "Hey, are you watching the TV, Chief?" Because his TV was small, and
18 I -- you can see it, but I didn't know if he was really paying attention. I said, "Are you
19 watching the TV, Chief?"

20 And he's like, "Yeah?"

21 I said, "The rioters are getting really close. Have you talked to the President?"

22 And he said, "No. He wants to be alone right now," still looking at his phone.

23 So I started to get frustrated, because, you know, I sort of felt like I was watching
24 a -- this is not a great comparison, but -- a bad car accident that was about to happen,
25 where you can't stop it but you want to be able to do something.

1 And I just remember -- I remember thinking in that moment, Mark needs to snap
2 out of this, and I don't know how to snap him out of this, but he needs to care.

3 And I just remember, I blurted out, I said, "Mark, do you know where Jim's at right
4 now?"

5 And he looked up at me at that point and said, "Jim?"

6 And I said, "Mark, he was on the floor a little while ago giving a floor speech. Did
7 you listen?"

8 He said, "Yeah. It was real good. Did you like it?"

9 And I said, "Yeah. Do you know where he's at right now?"

10 He said, "Well, no, I haven't heard from him."

11 And I said, "You might want to check in with him, Mark," and I remember pointing
12 at the TV, and I said, "The rioters are getting close. They might get in."

13 And he looked at me and said something to the effect of, "All right, I'll give him a
14 call."

15 And I said, "Okay," and I walked out. And I just was like, I can't do anything else
16 right now. I did what I could.

17 A couple minutes later -- from what I now understand from your timeline, the
18 rioters broke into the Capitol 2:11, 2:12. No more than a minute, minute and a half
19 later, I see Pat Cipollone barreling down the hallway towards our office.

20 And he rushed right in, looked at me, said, "Is Mark in his office?" And I said,
21 "Yes."

22 And on a normal day he would've said, "Can I pop in," or, "Is he talking to anyone,"
23 or, "Is it an appropriate time for me to go chat with him," and myself or Eliza would go let
24 him in or tell him no.

25 But after I had said yes, he just looked at me and started shaking his head and

1 went over, opened Mark's office door, stood there with the door propped open, and said
2 something to the -- Mark was still sitting on his phone. I remember, like, glancing in.
3 He was still sitting on his phone.

4 And I remember Pat saying to him something to the effect of, "The rioters have
5 gotten to the Capitol, Mark. We need to go down and see the President now."

6 And Mark looked up at him and said, "He doesn't want to do anything, Pat."

7 And Pat said something to the effect of -- and very clearly said this to
8 Mark -- something to the effect of, "Mark, something needs to be done, or people are
9 going to die and the blood's gonna be on your F'ing hands. This is getting out of control.
10 I'm going down there."

11 And, at that point, Mark stood up from his couch, both of his phones in his hand.
12 He had glasses on still. He walked out with Pat. He put both of his phones on my desk
13 and said, "Let me know if Jim calls." And they walked out and went down to the dining
14 room.

15 A couple minutes later, so likely around between 2:15 and 2:25 -- I know the
16 tweet went out at 2:24. I don't remember if I was there when the tweet went out or if it
17 happened right afterwards, but Jim had called. I answered the phone, said, "One
18 second."

19 He knew it was -- I guess he knew it was -- I didn't introduce myself, but I -- I don't
20 remember if he called my cell phone or if he had called one of Mark's. But I answered
21 the phone and said, "One sec. Mark's down the hall. I'm gonna go hand the phone to
22 him." And he said, "Okay."

23 So I went down. I asked a valet if Mark was in the dining room. The valet said,
24 "Yes." I opened the door to the dining room, briefly stepped in to get Mark's attention,
25 showed him the phone, like, flipped the phone his way so he could see it said

1 "Jim Jordan."

2 He had stepped to where I was standing there holding the door open, took the
3 phone, talking to Jim with the door still propped open. So I took a few steps back. So I
4 probably was 2 feet from Mark. He was standing in the doorway going to the Oval
5 Office dining room.

6 They had a brief conversation, and, in the crossfires, you know, I had heard briefly,
7 like, what they were talking about. But, in the background, I had heard conversations in
8 the Oval dining room at that point talking about the "Hang Mike Pence" chants.

9 I'm not sure if this was at 2:23 or 2:25 or at 2:24, right as the tweet went out, but
10 it was somewhere in that timeframe. And I remember hearing conversations about it,
11 but I don't remember hearing personally the President taking a side on it.

12 It wasn't until Mark hung up the phone, handed it back to me, I went back to my
13 desk. A couple minutes later, him and Pat came back, possibly Eric Herschmann too.
14 I'm pretty sure Eric Herschmann was there, but I'm -- I'm confident it was Pat that was
15 there.

16 I remember Pat saying something to the effect of, "Mark, we need to do
17 something more. They're literally calling for the Vice President to be F'ing hung."

18 And Mark had responded something to the effect of, "You heard him, Pat. He
19 thinks Mike deserves it. He doesn't think they're doing anything wrong."

20 To which Pat said something, "This is F'ing crazy. We need to be doing
21 something more," briefly stepped into Mark's office.

22 And when Mark had said something -- when Mark had said something to the
23 effect of, "He doesn't think they're doing anything wrong," knowing what I had heard
24 briefly in the dining room, coupled with Pat discussing the "Hang Mike Pence" chants in
25 the lobby of our office and then Mark's response, I understood "they're" to be the rioters

1 in the Capitol that were chanting for the Vice President to be hung.

2 Ms. Cheney. And did you hear -- so Pat's response to that sequence you just
3 walked through was to say, "We have to do something." Did they then go into Mark's
4 office, or --

5 Ms. Hutchinson. Briefly. And I had trouble trying to pinpoint how long they
6 were in there. They -- my memory is sharp, and I wish it was a camera -- a recorder.
7 But I don't know if they were in there when the 2:38 tweet went out. They --

8 Ms. Cheney. Meaning in the dining room, or in --

9 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

10 Ms. Cheney. -- Mark's office?

11 Ms. Hutchinson. Because, from what I understand, the Vice President was
12 moved to the secure location around 2:25, 2:26. Right before Mark and Pat had come
13 back, Tony had popped his head in the office and let me know that Pence was just moved
14 to a secure location. And then Tony was gone right when they got back.

15 So it was right around that timeframe is when they had returned to our office, in
16 my best estimate. I'm not sure if Tony told me the moment that Pence was secure or if
17 he told me 2 minutes afterwards. So just for that timeframe. But they only were in
18 Mark's office for a few moments, and then they went back down to the dining room.

19 Ms. Cheney. And did they shut the door when they went into --

20 Ms. Hutchinson. They did.

21 Ms. Cheney. -- Mark's office?

22 Ms. Hutchinson. And Mark's door would automatically shut, too, unless you
23 propped it open. So he -- they just went in and let it swing shut.

24 Ms. Cheney. And who -- you said Eric Herschmann might have been with them
25 then?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. I think I remember Eric walking in, but going right into Mark's
2 office. Because when Mark had left his office, he didn't prop the door open, so he
3 walked out and the door swung shut. I'm almost certain that I remember Eric walking in
4 and just going directly to Mark's office, so the door would've shut by itself.

5 But he went in and out of the office so often that afternoon that I -- I'm confident
6 he was there, but I -- just for the purposes of the record and you all's investigation
7 process, I don't want to say definitively whether he was.

8 Ms. Cheney. And Ivanka? I think you mentioned that she came in at a --

9 Ms. Hutchinson. Ivanka was in and out that afternoon too. Again, I don't recall
10 her being there in this timeframe, though.

11 Mr. Hunt. Can you -- excuse me. Can we specify? In and out of where?

12 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm sorry. In and out of the chief of staff's office.

13 So there's a -- I'm trying to draw the distinction. There's the chief of staff's office
14 suite, which is the main, like, bullpen area when you first walk in. And then there's
15 Mark's office, which would be -- well, now Mr. Klain's office -- right off to the side of the
16 main office suite there.

17 Mr. Hunt. I just want to make sure we're talking about that, as opposed to the
18 dining room. Because we've talked about both --

19 Ms. Hutchinson. Got it. Yeah.

20 Mr. Hunt. -- so I just wanted to --

21 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

22 Ms. Hutchinson. Ivanka was back and forth between the dining room and our
23 office several times throughout that afternoon. I don't think that she was there for the
24 portion about -- for the portion of the conversation where Mark and Pat had discussed
25 the chants and the President not wanting to react to the chants.

1 Ms. Cheney. In terms of the time, Cassidy, do you recall, are there other markers
2 in terms of when you saw Mr. Meadows go back and forth throughout the course of the
3 afternoon?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. So the first time that I recall him going down to the dining room
5 was with Pat after the rioters had broken into the Capitol.

6 He had returned to our office, again, around 2:25, probably closer to 2:30, spent a
7 few moments in our office, then -- and then everybody retreated back to the dining room.

8 There is a point around 2:40, just by watching what was unfolding and kind of
9 understanding where things could be headed that afternoon, that I went over to the
10 Eisenhower Building to meet with our detail. Around 2:40, I believe, is my best estimate
11 of when I walked over to the Eisenhower Building.

12 On a typical day, if I was going to go over there and brief them or talk to them
13 about plans for the day, I would spend 25 to 30 minutes with them.

14 I understood -- at the moment, I didn't know it was 2:44 -- but, afterwards, I
15 understood that Ashli Babbitt had been shot off the House part (ph), I believe 2:44, close
16 to 2:44.

17 According to my texts, Tony had texted me at 2:49 p.m. saying that the White
18 House was in condition yellow, which -- I immediately went back to the West Wing at that
19 point with somebody on Mark's detail, because they have to stay with him at that point.
20 So, around 2:52, I had returned to the West Wing.

21 When I had arrived back in the West Wing, Mark had walked into our office almost
22 immediately after, because -- and I don't remember which guy on the detail it was that
23 was going to stay with him for that shift, but -- or that portion of the shift, but they were
24 walking down to the dining room, and then they caught him in the hallway and came into
25 the office with him. So probably around between 2:52 and 2:55.

1 And Mark spent a little bit of time in the office then -- my best estimate would be
2 7 to 10 minutes -- and then went back down to the dining room.

3 Ms. Cheney. And when you -- when you -- well, let me stay on the timeline.
4 So, 7 to 10 minutes in the office, and then he went to the dining room.

5 Ms. Hutchinson. Right. And, sorry, I should've said it --

6 Ms. Cheney. It's okay.

7 Ms. Hutchinson. -- a little bit more clear. Then Trump's tweet went out at
8 3:13.

9 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh.

10 Ms. Hutchinson. To the best of my recollection, Mark was in the dining room
11 with him when that tweet went out. Because I remember him coming back a couple
12 minutes after that tweet went out and having a conversation in the office.

13 And I believe he stayed in the office for a little bit -- and, again, maybe 5,
14 10 minutes -- and then went back to the dining room.

15 But every time Mark -- so there was about a roughly 15-minute period where I
16 wasn't in the office, so I don't know if he came and went then. But throughout the
17 afternoon, as he was back and forth, there would be points, too, where he was still in the
18 dining room and others that were in the dining room with him, such as Ivanka Trump or
19 Eric Herschmann, would leave the Oval dining room and come back and just use Mark's
20 personal office in the chief of staff's office suite just for a couple minutes. I don't know
21 if it was for a breather or to have a conversation away from the dining room.

22 So Mark wasn't always with the people that were coming back and forth in the
23 office.

24 Ms. Cheney. Could I go back for just a second to the Jim Jordan phone call?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. Uh-huh.

1 Ms. Cheney. So, when you went in and you handed the phone to Mr. Meadows,
2 do you know anything about what Jim Jordan said to him?

3 Ms. Hutchinson. No. I took -- I understood that call to be more of a followup to
4 me urging Mark to reach out to him, out of my concern that Mark wasn't concerned --

5 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh.

6 Ms. Hutchinson. -- for what was going on. And Jim is the one person that
7 I -- and I knew Mark well. If there's anybody that Mark really truly cares about, it's
8 Jim Jordan. So I, in that moment, knew -- you know, felt kind of bad doing it at the time,
9 but -- to invoke his name to try to get Mark to snap out of it and show him that, you
10 know, this is something that he should be concerned about.

11 I don't remember hearing anything in that conversation that raised an eyebrow.
12 To the best of my recollection, it was, "I just wanted to check, buddy, are you doing okay?
13 Everything okay up there? All right. Well, keep me posted. Shoot me a text or give
14 Cass a call if you need anything. All right. Bye."

15 So, you know, I didn't hear anything that related to what was going on in the West
16 Wing. It was maybe a 30- to 45-second phone call, maybe a minute, but it was very
17 quick.

18 Ms. Cheney. And when you went and gave Mr. Meadows the phone, you
19 mentioned that you'd heard discussions about the chants. Anything else that you --

20 Ms. Hutchinson. No. No.

21 Ms. Cheney. -- heard that --

22 Ms. Hutchinson. Other than, again, I -- you could hear the TV; I could hear
23 Mark's conversation. And just, like, as a personal rule at the time, I tried to tune out a
24 lot of the conversation I would hear, just because of the proximity that I had, and I didn't
25 ever want people to feel I was eavesdropping or trying to insert myself into the

1 conversation or into a moment.

2 But I remember hearing the "Hang Mike Pence," and I -- I don't remember if I had
3 seen a tweet about the chants or if somebody had told me about the chants, but I was
4 aware of the chants prior to going down there.

5 So, once I had heard "Hang Mike Pence," in the dining room, that's what piqued
6 my interest, and I remember trying to listen a little closer. But, at that point, Mark was
7 wrapping up his call. I didn't want to be glancing over his shoulder, because it's a
8 narrow entryway to the dining room, so it would've been obvious if I was trying to listen a
9 little closer. And then he just handed me the phone back and closed the door.

10 But I just remember hearing that being said a couple times before the door getting
11 shut. I didn't really hear much more.

12 Ms. Cheney. So was it said, like, the television, it was broadcast, or people --

13 Ms. Hutchinson. No. It was people -- it was people in the room.

14 Ms. Cheney. And do you know who else was in the room at that point?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't. I couldn't see past Mark's shoulders.

16 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

17 Ms. Hutchinson. I understood Pat Cipollone to be in the room because he had
18 gone down there with Mark, and, you know, I've since learned who else was in there.
19 But, in that moment, I didn't see -- I didn't physically see anybody with my own eyes that
20 was in there.

21 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

22

23 Q Have you since learned that Mr. Scavino was in there?

24 A In that exact moment?

25 Q If you know.

1 A No. I mean, that exact moment, I'm not sure.

2 When Dan would go in there, too, there -- sometimes he would stand to -- there's
3 a hallway that connects the Oval Office to the Oval dining room, and sometimes he would
4 stand in the doorway right there. So you wouldn't have -- you couldn't see him from
5 where I was standing.

6 And I don't remember Mark or Pat coming back and saying, Dan overheard this, or
7 Dan -- you know, he participated in the conversation.

8 Q Okay.

9 A It's likely that he was. When the President was in the dining room, more
10 often than not Dan was with him. But I just -- I can't confirm whether he was in that
11 exact moment that I was standing there.

12 Q You mentioned being able to hear the TV. Do you remember whether it
13 was live coverage of what was happening at the Capitol, as opposed to a replay of the
14 President's speech, or something else altogether?

15 A I don't. I just remember hearing the muffles of the TV. And that was just
16 contributing to the drowning out of different noise and conversations that I couldn't fully
17 hear. It was obstructing my hearing from full accuracy.

18 Q Could you hear the President at all, even if just, kind of, tone of voice?

19 A I remember hearing him say "hang." And that might sound sort of
20 ridiculous, but he has a very distinct voice. And I remember him -- I remember hearing
21 him say "hang" one or two times. But I don't remember -- again, I don't remember
22 really, like -- because that was what had, like, piqued my interest.

23 And then I had heard somebody else in the room -- I know that there was other
24 men in the room, because Mark was on the phone, and the other people I heard wasn't
25 Trump. I couldn't distinguish if it was Pat Cipollone or if it was potentially Scavino,

1 Eric Herschmann. But I remember hearing, like, the "Hang Mike Pence," again, one or
2 two other times when I was standing there.

3 Q You mentioned that when Mr. Meadows, Mr. Cipollone, and possibly
4 Mr. Herschmann came back to the chief of staff suite, that Pat Cipollone said that they
5 needed to do something, do something more.

6 Do you remember ever learning what it was, or did Mr. Cipollone say what they
7 needed to be doing?

8 A In that moment, no. I don't recall Pat saying -- you know, when he said,
9 "We need to do something more," I don't recall him saying, you know, we need to put out
10 a different statement, we need to put out a tweet, he needs to film a video, he needs to
11 go live on TV.

12 Those were all ideas that I know later were entertained, but, in that moment, I
13 only recall him saying something to the effect of: We need to be doing something more,
14 that this wasn't enough; they're literally calling for the Vice President to be hung.

15 And that's when Mark, again, had said something to the effect of -- and he
16 sounded quite exasperated -- I know my tone won't transfer to you lovely employees
17 down there. But he had said something to the effect of, you know, "You heard him, Pat.
18 He doesn't want to do anything more. He doesn't think they're doing anything wrong."

19 So it was more of the how he was saying it. And, you know, just, with what Pat
20 had said before, I don't know if it was necessarily Mark disagreeing, but --

21 Ms. Cheney. You described for us, sort of, three different camps inside the
22 White House. And, as I recall, you described sort of a group of people who said, "Well,
23 let's blame antifa," and then another group of people who said, basically, "Let's not do
24 anything," sort of the neutral position, and then a third group who were saying, "We have
25 to tell them to stop. We have to tell them to go home."

1 And, you know, as you described, sort of, Pat and Mark's interactions here, can
2 you give us any more information about, sort of, who might have been in those three
3 groups or where you would say -- I think you said to us before that the President
4 ultimately ended up neutral.

5 But, you know, would you say Mr. Cipollone -- could you put him in one of those
6 groups?

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2 [2:05 p.m.]

3 Ms. Hutchinson. I -- again, I'm hesitant to -- people might categorize themselves
4 differently than how I would. But from what I had heard and understood at the time,
5 you know, I think there might be some discrepancy where some people would please
6 Mark.

7 I personally, knowing Mark, knowing what I overheard in conversations that I had
8 had with him that afternoon and overheard him have without White House counsel, I
9 believe that he would -- he took the more neutral stance.

10 You know, there were points that he wanted to take the blame about more
11 privately, but I think he knew that that wasn't -- in the back of his mind, I think that he
12 knew that that wasn't a really viable option; it was more of his personal opinion.

13 White House Counsel's Office wanted there to be a strong statement out to
14 condemn the rioters. I'm confident in that. I'm confident that Ivanka Trump wanted
15 there to be a strong statement to condemn the rioters. I don't know the private
16 conversations she had with Mr. Trump, but I remember when she came to the office one
17 time with White House Counsel's Office -- when she came through the chief of staff's
18 office with White House Counsel's Office, she was talking about the speech later that day
19 and trying to get her dad on board with saying something that was more direct than he
20 had wanted to at the time and throughout the afternoon.

21 Again, and I personally would say that Mr. Trump ended up taking the more
22 neutral route. I don't know if that helps answer your question.

23 Ms. Cheney. Yeah, it does. And we can -- we can come back to that as well.

24

25 Q Just to clarify something, you just mentioned that Ivanka Trump wanted the

1 President to be more direct. What do you mean by that? Direct in what?

2 A From what I understood, and, again, this is just from hearing, it was -- I know
3 I've said this and I don't want to sound like a broken record. But it was a chaotic
4 afternoon. There were a lot of people back and forth. And I'm -- my memory isn't
5 entirely perfect on, you know, how conversations progressed through the afternoon.

6 But I remember her saying at various points, you know, she wants him -- she
7 wanted her dad to send them home. She wanted her dad to tell them to go home
8 peacefully, and she wanted to include language that he necessarily wasn't on board with
9 at the time.

10 Again, I'm not sure what was happening in the dining room. I wasn't in the
11 dining room participating in these discussions. So this is me just picking up on what
12 people were saying as they were back and forth.

13 You know, it's possible that she was privately advocating for something different.
14 But in -- when she was in my presence, she had sided more with White House counsel,
15 which was, you know, like, let's try to get him to call this off completely. This has gotten
16 out of control.

17 Q And White House counsel being Pat Cipollone?

18 A Correct.

19 Q Do you remember any other conversations that people had when they came
20 back from the Oval dining room or Oval Office and went into the chief of staff's suite?

21 A I'm sorry to ask you this. Could you be a little more specific, if possible?

22 Q Sure. Yeah. I think you mentioned -- I don't want to mischaracterize what
23 you said, but I think you mentioned that some people were using the chief of staff's suite
24 as a place to come and rest or just take a break.

25 A Yeah.

1 Q And as they did that, do you remember anybody talking about what was
2 going on in the Oval Office or what the President's reaction to what was happening?

3 A Right now, nothing more than what I've already said. I'm sorry, I'm trying
4 to remember. I'm going to make a note of that.

5 Q Okay.

6 A And I'll come back to it in case anything sparks my memory.

7 A lot of it was about the statement that he was putting out and whether or not a
8 video was going to be filmed, what the video would say. I know that there was
9 conversations about just what was happening. I remember at one point Eric
10 Herschmann was leaning up against my desk, watching the TV, just being like this is
11 un-fuck -- un-F'ing believable. But -- pardon me.

12 Q No, that's quite all right. If that's what he said, that's okay.

13 A But outside of just general commentary and discussions about statements
14 and the President reacting on social media, I don't recall anything in this moment. But
15 I've made a note in case I remember something else.

16 Q Okay. Thank you for doing that.

17 I think, just to follow up on Ms. Cheney's questioning about there being, you
18 know, three camps that you described, one being call it off announce it right now camp,
19 the other more neutral, and then the final camp of those who wanted to blame it on
20 groups that were not Trump supporters.

21 Who do you remember being in that last camp, the people who wanted to blame
22 it on groups that weren't Trump supporters?

23 A I remember there was one point -- and this would've been a little bit later in
24 the afternoon, after the 3:13 tweet went out, the 3:13 tweet, which was the, I'm asking
25 for everybody at the U.S. Capitol to remain peaceful. No violence. Remember we are

1 a party of law and order. Respect the law and our great men and women in blue.

2 Thank you.

3 Shortly after that tweet went out, I remember Mark coming back to the office and
4 standing in the main office area, and he was alone this time, and he was watching the TV
5 and had said to the room, it wasn't necessarily directed at one person, although he had
6 turned around and looked at me and sort of passing looked at Eliza first who was behind
7 me, said, did you see the President's tweet?

8 And Eliza was, like, Yes, I don't think he should have said that.

9 Mark was like, What didn't you like about it?

10 And she said something to the effect of, I think it needs to be said that this is
11 antifa, and he needs to say that this isn't -- these aren't our people, because these aren't
12 our people.

13 And herein Mark said, I agree but other people don't agree with me.

14 And they kept the conversation going for a few minutes. And I remember
15 looking behind me, catty-corner, diagonal from me was Michael Haidet, who was the
16 President's scheduler at the time. And I remember looking at Michael and kind of giving
17 him a look like, is this a real conversation right now?

18 And I tried to bite my tongue, and then at one point I just -- interjecting, I was like,
19 Do you guys actually think this is antifa?

20 And Eliza was like, These aren't our people.

21 And I looked at Mark and I looked at her, and I remember saying something to the
22 effect of, I can't believe you guys are already blaming this on antifa. That's F'ing
23 ridiculous. I don't know why you guys think that's helpful. Look at what's happening in
24 there right now. It doesn't matter who this is. What matters is that it's happening.

25 And she had kind of came back and said, Well, we shouldn't blame our people.

1 Like, our people are peaceful. Our people are this.

2 And Mark was, like, Yes, you know, our people aren't violent. Our people would
3 never do something like this.

4 And there's sort of a heated argument in that moment to which I then removed
5 myself from.

6 Ms. Cheney. A heated argument between you and Eliza and Mr. Meadows?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes. And then at one point Michael Haidet had also chimed in
8 and said, Look, until we know it's antifa, we probably shouldn't say it's antifa.

9 And, you know, I think at that point he was trying to simmer things a little bit.
10 Neither Michael nor I like conflict, but I was also just in a place where I just didn't -- it was
11 unbelievable that that conversation was happening in this moment and I couldn't stop
12 myself from saying anything about it.

13 So at that point, I mean, I had just removed myself from the conversation
14 because, obviously, at that point the President hadn't put anything out that was antifa.
15 And I didn't want to be present for any conversation that would further complicate things
16 in case there was a conversation about trying to convince him to put something out about
17 antifa.

18 I learned the next morning that, you know, Jason Miller -- Mark had told me that
19 Jason Miller had sent him things overnight about calling antifa. And Mark had told me
20 that he had heard from Members of Congress that night and that morning that it was
21 definitely antifa and they have proof of it. He asked me what I had thought about it.

22 I just remember shaking his head and saying, I don't want to have this
23 conversation with you, Mark.

24 And he said, Well, do you think the President should say something about antifa?

25 It could have been rhetorical. He might have been looking for my advice, but I

1 gave him my opinion and I said no.

2 Ms. Cheney. That was the morning of the 7th.

3 Ms. Hutchinson. That was the morning of the 7th, yeah.

4

5 Q That morning, after Mr. Meadows relayed the Members of Congress had
6 suggested that, did he say which ones he spoke to?

7 A No, he didn't. He didn't tell me, and I didn't ask which ones he spoke,
8 which ones had discussed antifa. I mean, I had an idea. But he didn't say Congressman
9 X, Y, and Z. He said I'm hearing from Members.

10 Q Did anything that Mr. Meadows say to you suggest that he wanted to have
11 the President issue any kind of statement about antifa or blaming it on somebody else
12 other than his supporters?

13 A In my conversations with Mark that day -- on the 7th or the 6th?

14 Q Correct. The 7th?

15 A On the 7th. In my conversations with Mark that day, I don't recall him
16 saying what he thought the President should do. I understood my conversations with
17 him to be were his personal opinions were and how he would potentially handle the
18 situation if he was -- not if he was the President but if he was in charge of being the
19 person to respond to that.

20 But at no point did I ask him, you know, is this what you're going to advise the
21 President? Is this how you would advise the President? It was more like, this is what
22 I'm hearing. What are your thoughts on this?

23 I think that -- again, from knowing Mark, I think that he in the back of his mind
24 knew, if he were to raise that with the President, there would be enough pushback to
25 where he would be overruled. And he didn't -- he was very reluctant to ever put him in

1 a situation -- put himself in a situation with the President where people would overrule
2 him, because he wanted the President to perceive him as, you know, the guy kind of in
3 charge of everything and that had the final word. And he didn't want the President to
4 understand that he could be -- his decisions could be swayed by staff.

5 Ms. Cheney. So Mark was concerned he would be overruled by another member
6 of his staff, not by the President?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. That's -- throughout his tenure, he sort of adopted that. I
8 hope I'm being clear. He -- even though he might have one personal opinion, and if he
9 did and was -- felt very strongly about it, he would personally and privately advise the
10 President on it, absent other input.

11 But in a situation like this and in ones that, you know, he had -- they happened
12 frequently where he'd just have discussions about what route to take on policy issues or
13 reacting to events like January 6th. I think that he knew, if he were to walk into that
14 Oval Office with the President and White House counsel, if Mark were to say, I think we
15 should put out a statement about antifa, or however he would've phrased it, I think that
16 he was cognizant enough at that time to know that enough voices would talk him
17 out -- talk the President out of it. And Mark didn't want to look weak.

18 Does that help clarify?

19 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh.

20 [REDACTED] Anything further on this?

21 Ms. Cheney. I don't think so.

22 On Mr. Cipollone, are there other moments throughout the day that you recall
23 interactions with Pat?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. I remember that morning --

25 Mr. Hunt. Which morning?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm sorry.

2 Ms. Cheney. I should have said of the 6th.

3 Ms. Hutchinson. No. Thank you, Jody.

4 I remember the morning of the 6th, I don't recall if it was Pat Cipollone or Pat
5 Philbin. But it was -- I ran into one of them when I was downstairs, about to walk on to
6 West Exec to wait for the motorcade. And it was a conversation about the Capitol
7 movement, and they had said something to me along the lines of make sure it doesn't
8 happen.

9 And I had said, you know, I had the conversation with Tony. We know it's not
10 going to happen. I said something like it's -- that would be a nightmare. That would be
11 a disaster if we did it.

12 And then I think it was Pat Cipollone, because he could be a little sarcastic
13 sometimes, and Pat said, We're going to get charged with every crime imaginable if we
14 were to go up to the Capitol. We can't -- we can't do something like that.

15 And I just kind of laughed it off and, I'll make sure to the best of my abilities.

16 Ms. Cheney. Did he indicate any more, like, which crimes?

17 Ms. Hutchinson. In the days before January 6th, perhaps January 3rd, January
18 3rd or January 4th, Pat and I had a conversation because Tony and I -- Tony and I were
19 having conversations that we knew were not going to progress into anything, but having
20 con -- we were having conversations about potentially a potential scheduled movement
21 to the Capitol where it would have been on the President's schedule. We knew that
22 wasn't going to be possible.

23 We had a conversa- -- I had a conversation with Pat. I don't know if he had one
24 privately with Tony as well. But I remember having a private conversation with Pat late
25 in the afternoon of the 3rd or 4th that Pat was concerned it would look like we were

1 obstructing justice or obstructing the electoral college count -- and I apologize for
2 probably not being be very thorough with my legal terms here -- but that it would look
3 like we were obstructing what's happening on Capitol Hill. And he was also worried that
4 it would look like we were inciting a riot or encouraging a riot to erupt on the Capitol, at
5 the Capitol.

6 Ms. Cheney. And can you give us any more details about that? When he -- his
7 concern about inciting a riot, did he go into any more details on either one of those
8 points?

9 Ms. Hutchinson. Not really. I tried to keep my conversations with Pat fairly
10 brief, and they normally just happened after he left a meeting with Mark and sometimes
11 we would just chat at my desk or I'd walk upstairs with him.

12 The conversation I'm thinking of, he knew that I had been talking to Tony about a
13 potentially scheduled movement. And I know that Pat was also aware at the time that
14 we weren't going to be able to do it. But it was -- I understood it more as Pat
15 approaching me, saying, If Mark raises this with you, it's a no. This is why I think it's a
16 no. Feel free to reiterate this to him. I think Mark knows this. But I just want to
17 make sure that, you know, things don't progress more about me having insight on it.

18 And I -- so he kept it fairly brief and I didn't, you know, I didn't push or press for
19 more details. I understood what he was getting at and didn't really think there was
20 much more clarity that I needed on my own end.

21 Ms. Cheney. And when you say, Cassidy, that you guys were planning for a
22 scheduled movement or you were -- maybe just explain that to us a little bit. This
23 wasn't an OTR at that point, but --

24 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't remember the specific date, and I've tried to fine-tune
25 my dates more. This is one that I can't -- I can't pin down exactly.

1 But as the rally planning had reached -- progressed and reached the later stages
2 and the President goes on, the President wanted to go up to the Capitol. So perhaps
3 December 30th, December 31st, Mark had raised with me, talk to Tony. See if we can
4 get on the schedule to go to the Capitol. We do for the State of the Unions. Talk to
5 him and see what we normally do.

6 So I had -- Tony wasn't back at the White House yet. He was still off on
7 Christmas break. So I remember calling Tony, talking to him briefly about this. And I
8 had said to him, I don't think this is a good idea. At this point, I didn't -- wasn't aware of
9 how large the rally was going to be and I wasn't aware of all the details that had already
10 been planned, you know. I just -- I wasn't -- I didn't know at the time. It was later
11 stages of planning where permits had already been granted but not to where it had been
12 elevated to my level as much as it was in the coming days.

13 But Tony had just commented back and said, you know, we can't do that. This
14 will be nearly impossible. The State of the Union is entirely different than bringing him
15 to the Capitol Building after a rally.

16 I said, I know. I know we probably can't do it, but I'm just telling you what Mark
17 wanted me to relay to you.

18 And he said, All right. I'll handle it with chief.

19 A couple of days later, Mark had asked me if I had talked to Tony.

20 I said yeah. Why don't we get a call or something? He'll be back in a few days.
21 I don't think we're going to be able to do it.

22 And Mark had asked why. And I just sort of explained to him and, you know, just
23 said no.

24 All right. Well, let's keep trying.

25 So then when -- I don't know when him and Tony had the conversation that we

1 can't do a scheduled movement where it would have been on the schedule and planned
2 for the day.

3 I don't believe Tony ever told Mark that it was possible as an off-the-record
4 movement. Mark knew what off-the-record movements were, which is you
5 can -- they're a little bit more sporadic. You can plan them with -- Secret Service would
6 like at least an hour heads-up but they can make it happen sooner than that.

7 And Mark was aware of the protocol behind scheduling an off-the-record
8 movement and how quickly you could get something together. So that was something
9 more that he had took on his own. And Tony and I knew privately that that also wasn't
10 going to be possible.

11 Ms. Cheney. When you were talking about a scheduled movement, did anyone
12 say what the President wanted to do when he got here?

13 Ms. Hutchinson. No. Not that I can specifically remember. I remember -- I
14 remember hearing a few different ideas discussed with -- between Mark and Scott Perry,
15 Mark and Rudy Giuliani. I don't know which conversations were elevated to the
16 President. I don't know what he personally wanted to do when he went up to the
17 Capitol that day.

18 You know, I know that there were discussions about him having another speech
19 outside of the Capitol before going in. I know that there was a conversation about him
20 going into the House Chamber at one point.

21 And I remember the day of the 5th, when Mark had raised with me, if we couldn't
22 go to the Capitol as an off-the-record -- if the President couldn't go to the Capitol as an
23 off-the-record movement, and if it'd be possible if he could, was there a place to meet
24 with the Vice President. I don't know if the President wanted to meet with the Vice
25 President or if Mark wanted to meet with the Vice President.

1 So I just -- I remember hearing different ideas thrown around, but I don't know
2 which ones were actively being pursued.

3 Ms. Cheney. And so do you remember, in terms of Mark's conversations with
4 Representative Perry, any specifics there about --

5 Ms. Hutchinson. From what I remember in their conversations and what Scott
6 had -- what Mr. Perry had told me afterwards is that he thought it'd be a good idea if the
7 President made brief remarks at the Capitol. When he had a meeting with Mark, he -- I
8 believe it was December 29th. They discussed that there were rally permits for outside
9 the Capitol. I remember Mr. Perry saying that he thought it'd be a great idea if the
10 President left the Ellipse, drove up to the Capitol, made remarks there before going into
11 the Capitol.

12 Again, I don't know the intentions. I just know that he thought it'd look great for
13 the President if he used both sites.

14 

15 Q What about the conversation with Mr. Giuliani? Do you remember what
16 that conversation was like between Mr. Meadows and Mr. Giuliani about going to the
17 Capitol?

18 A Nothing with -- I'll make a note of that, but nothing really specific.

19 I remember Rudy, after they had a -- Rudy was meeting with Mark the night of
20 January 2nd. And I remember, once Rudy left, he came up behind my desk and Mark's
21 door was shut. He walked out with his group. He was, like, Are you going walk us out?
22 I want to chat with you.

23 I can walk out with you guys.

24 I got my coat. Walked out with them.

25 And he was asking, Are you excited about the 6th? It's going be a great day.

1 I'm excited. I'm going to be there. Are you going be there? We're going to go to the
2 Capitol, Cass.

3 I'm curious. I said, What are we going to go to the Capitol for, Rudy?

4 He said, The boss is going to go. It's going to be great. He's going to look
5 powerful. He's going to be -- he's going to be with all the Congressmen and all the
6 Senators. He's like, it's a good idea. Talk to the chief about it. Talk to the chief about
7 it.

8 So then I went back into the office, after they had left, and made sure that they all
9 made it into their vehicles, they pulled off safely.

10 I went into Mark's office, and he was still on his phone. He left shortly after they
11 left. I said to Mark, Rudy said these things to me. What's going on here? Anything I
12 should know about?

13 This was -- he was, like, looking at his phone. He was like, Oh, it's all about the
14 rally on Wednesday. Isn't that what he was talking to you about?

15 I said, Yeah. Yeah, sounds like we're going to the Capitol.

16 He said, Yeah. Are you talking with Tony?

17 I'm having a conversation, sir.

18 He said -- still looking at his phone. I remember he was scrolling. He was like,
19 Yeah. You know, things might get real, real bad on the 6th.

20 And I remember saying to him, What do you mean?

21 He was like, I don't know. There's just going to be a lot of people here, and
22 there's a lot of different ideas right now. I'm not really sure of everything that's going
23 on. Let's just make sure we keep tabs on it.

24 And at that point I decided it was time to remove myself from the conversation
25 and I left his personal office and just went back to my desk.

1 Q Did he explain at all what he meant by things can get really bad?

2 A No. And I did not ask further questions.

3 Q Did Rudy Giuliani say why the boss is going to go, need to look powerful?

4 A He didn't. And I didn't ask Rudy why he thought the President should go or
5 why the President wanted to go. I just kind of left it. You know, anything I had to say
6 was probably not going to flatter their personal opinions about the matter.

7 Q The conversation --

8 [REDACTED] I'm sorry. Go ahead.

9 Ms. Cheney. No, no, go ahead.

10 [REDACTED]

11 Q The conversation you had with Pat on or about January the 3rd, was that Pat
12 Cipollone or Pat Philbin?

13 A Cip, Pat Cipollone.

14 Q It sounds like Mr. Cipollone at that point was already aware of the
15 President's desire to go to the Capitol on the 6th, as the context for this conversation. Is
16 that fair?

17 A That's where I want to be careful. He knew that there were conversations
18 about bringing the President to the Capitol. I'm not certain if he knew that the
19 President wanted to go to the Capitol.

20 Q I see.

21 A Does that distinct -- I just --

22 Q Hadn't heard it directly from the President --

23 A Correct.

24 Q -- but knew of the conversation.

25 A Pat had never relayed to me, I know the President wants to go the Capitol.

1 It was my conversations were more he had talked to Mark about a movement to
2 the Capitol. So I just -- I want to just -- I know it's --

3 Q Yeah, that's fair.

4 A But I --

5 Q No, no. That's completely fair.

6 Are you aware of any desire to keep the President's movement to the Capitol off
7 the record as opposed to just it's not possible to do a scheduled movement but wanted to
8 keep it secret?

9 A Yeah. So that's what that OTR movement would have been. I mean, it
10 wouldn't have always stayed a secret, obviously.

11 Q Yeah.

12 A Typically, with off-the-record movements, they're not publicized until the
13 movement actually happens. So about -- we'd had them in the past. I hope -- if this
14 doesn't answer your question --

15 Q Uh-huh.

16 A -- please let me know. But with off-the-record movement in the past,
17 normally the White House press corps gets a 15, 20-minute heads-up to load into vans.
18 They don't know where they're going, and they'll proceed to the location. But the White
19 House and Secret Service has plans.

20 So but the off-the-record movement that day, it's my understanding that it would
21 have happened directly from -- it -- Mr. Meadows wanted the movement to happen
22 directly from the Ellipse. Instead of going back to the White House, off-loading
23 everybody, and then having us notify the press corps that they had to load back into the
24 van, it just would have been one swift movement from the Ellipse to the Capitol. So
25 nobody would have been notified officially until we had arrived at the Capitol.

1 Q Got it.

2 A And they hadn't gone back to the White House, if that helps --

3 Q It does help.

4 A -- clarify.

5 Ms. Cheney. When you say nobody would have been notified officially, I mean,
6 the press would have just been with you --

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct. And most staff too --

8 Ms. Cheney. I got it.

9 Ms. Hutchinson. -- unless staff were around in the vicinity of the conversation or
10 had heard from the vans that there was going to be an off-the-record movement. But in
11 other trips that we had done where we had made off-the-record stops at various local
12 businesses in, like, places we were campaigning, there would be several people in the
13 motorcade that were traveling with us that thought we were going directly back to the
14 airport but we actually stopped at a local grocery store.

15 So not everybody -- just because you're in the motorcade doesn't mean that
16 you're aware of --

17 Ms. Cheney. You're aware.

18 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah, if that's -- and I'm not trying to be too detailed with you
19 guys. I'm just --

20 

21 Q No, that's very helpful.

22 Are you aware of any desire to -- let me start over and give you some context.

23 During the speech on the Ellipse, the President said that he would meet with the
24 people who were there in going to the Capitol with them.

25 Were you aware that the President intended to ask for that or call for that ahead

1 of time?

2 A I was aware that the President wanted that line or a line similar to that
3 embedded in his speech. I don't know who talked him off of it or how much he fought
4 against putting it in the speech. I knew he wanted to say it when he took the stage. I
5 was under the impression that it was not included in the version of the speech that was
6 going to be on the teleprompters. I don't know if it was added halfway through the
7 speech or if he just said it.

8 But, you know, from being down there and understanding what was happening
9 that morning, he -- whether it was going to be embedded in the speech as a specific
10 quote or not, there was a highlight of it that he was going to say it anyway.

11 Q Are you aware of any desire to keep the President's -- let me start over. I'm
12 sorry.

13 Do you know whether the President wanted to keep that request of his, to send
14 people to the Capitol, go with him to the Capitol, that part of it a secret before he actually
15 said to do it during the speech at the Ellipse?

16 That may not have been a great question.

17 A I just want to make sure I'm understanding, that he -- that he wanted to
18 keep it a secret that he also was going to go to the Capitol?

19 Q No, that he was going call for the rally attendees to go to the Capitol.

20 A No. It's -- to the best of my understanding and recollection, he had been
21 advocating for a couple of days for people to march to the Capitol.

22 Q Okay.

23 A I believe he put out a few tweets about it too. I don't -- I only have the
24 tweets from the 6th in front of me, but --

25 Q Okay. That's perfectly fine.

1 Ms. Cheney. But somebody had taken -- taken the line out of the speech?

2 Ms. Hutchinson. It's my understanding. I wasn't part of the speechwriting
3 process. But I remember having a conversation with Eric Herschmann in the tent of, you
4 know, he's all fired up because we don't have everything in there that he wants. And I
5 remember getting -- at that morning I remember getting emails probably from 5 a.m. on
6 with speech edits and different versions of the speech that were being passed around,
7 and some were more widely approved than others.

8 [REDACTED] Who was approving for, other than Mr. Herschmann, making
9 suggestions not to include certain information in the speech?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. Eric was the only person that I had conversations with about
11 the contents of the speech. Again, I wasn't involved in the speech or any process. But
12 I remember getting several emails from Eric that morning that were blasted out just to
13 everybody else that was on the listserv for the speech distribution.

14 Eric kept sending, Somebody fact-check this. This isn't right. Don't put that
15 theory in here. That's not a constitutional way of approaching.

16 So he had a lot of commentary that morning, and at the White House him and I
17 had a few conversations that morning. And specifically to the rhetoric of, you know,
18 march to the Capitol, fight like hell, White House Counsel's Office, Eric Herschmann didn't
19 want that in the speech.

20 You can't control the President, what he does when he's up there. But, you
21 know, there was definitely a strong effort to try to limit the chance of that actually
22 happening.

23 [REDACTED] Okay.

24 Ms. Cheney. Do you remember anything else, Cassidy, that he -- that Eric didn't
25 want in the speech?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. Not specifics. He didn't want violent rhetoric in the speech.
2 He didn't want the Eastman theories tied into the speech. He didn't want, you know,
3 some of the stolen claim, stolen election ballot details in the speech, like the Italian
4 satellites theory, the Dominion voting machines. He didn't want specifics, and
5 that's -- those were the items that he had responded to emails with somebody needs to
6 fact-check this and more things along those lines. I don't remember anything else
7 specific to other than what was controversial the weeks leading up to January 6th and
8 especially the days before January 6th.

9 Ms. Cheney. Just to go back for one second, in terms of Pat Cipollone's legal
10 concerns about what would happen if the President went to the Capitol, do you know if
11 he conveyed those to Bobby Engel?

12 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm very sorry. I was making a note to see if I remember
13 anything else about Eric's opinions on the speech. Could you repeat your question,
14 please?

15 Ms. Cheney. So Pat Cipollone's concerns about the legality of going to the
16 Capitol, do you know if he would have conveyed his concerns to Bobby Engel?

17 Ms. Hutchinson. From a -- the way that the information flowed in the West
18 Wing, I don't think that Pat would have approach Bobby Engel about it. He would have
19 approached Tony Ornato about it.

20 I don't know whether he had a conversation with Bobby or Tony, but it wouldn't
21 have been a natural conversation for Pat to raise with Bobby just because he didn't
22 frequently interact with Bobby. Bobby wouldn't go to senior staff meetings. Bobby
23 wouldn't be in meetings with White House staff. He was in operations meetings, White
24 House operation meetings with, you know, White House events, White House operations,
25 and Secret Service, if that makes sense.

1 Ms. Cheney. Okay. Yeah, it does.

2 Mr. Hunt. If we're getting close to moving to another subject here, could we
3 take a short break?

4 [REDACTED] Yes. I have one more followup here.

5 Mr. Hunt. Yeah, go ahead.

6 [REDACTED] But that's fine.

7 [REDACTED]

8 Q Did you ever learn, whether around the time of that January 3rd
9 conversation or after, that Pat Cipollone had conveyed his legal concerns about a
10 movement to the Capitol to the President?

11 A I'm not sure if he -- I'm not sure if he personally relayed his legal concerns to
12 the President around that time. I know that it had come up because I remember Mark
13 and Pat coming back one night and talking about a conversation they had with the
14 President. But I don't know at what stage the President was at, whether he thought it
15 could still be scheduled or if he thought it could be off the record.

16 So, I mean, I just don't know the details. I wasn't physically present for a
17 conversation Pat had with them.

18 Q When Mark and Pat came back together on this night that you just recalled,
19 when was that, and what did they say?

20 A My best estimate would be the 3rd. I'm going to think about that one, and
21 I'm just trying to think. The 2nd, the President was up in the residence. And he was
22 down in the Oval Office the night of the 3rd. And the night of the 4th we were in
23 Georgia. So I think it was the 3rd.

24 And, again, I don't recall many specifics other than, you know, Mark saying to me
25 later let's see about maybe doing this off the record, and then hearing Pat later on

1 privately tell me, like, you know, this -- if we go up there, this is -- there's going to be legal
2 implications, something to that effect.

3 Q Reiterating what he had already told you, Pat Cipollone?

4 A Right. Right. We didn't -- I just want it to be clear to you. We didn't
5 have extensive and frequent conversations about this. The conversations we did, me
6 and Pat personally had about this were brief, maybe two to three. You know, I was
7 talking primarily with Ornato, and even my conversations with Ornato were fairly limited
8 in scope just because we both were on the same page of we can't do this.

9 So I'm sure that Pat had a more full-throated conversations with Mark, potentially
10 with Tony, potentially with the President, but not that I was present for. It was more,
11 you know, me working with Tony, knowing it wasn't going to happen, and Pat making
12 comments to me about his personal concerns with it.

13 I'm sorry. Point taken. Still something's going to happen. Appreciate it,
14 though.

15 [REDACTED] Any followup there?

16 Ms. Cheney. You want to -- no. We have some additional questions. But do
17 you all want to take --

18 Mr. Hunt. Sure. If we can take a quick break?

19 Ms. Cheney. Yeah. Let me just see -- if you want to go in the room.

20 Mr. Hunt. Yeah, I want to go to the restroom. That's one thing I want to do,
21 but we can go off the record.

22 [Recess.]

23 [REDACTED] Okay. All right. Let's go back on the record.

24 It's June 20th, and this is -- we're resuming the interview of Ms. Cassidy
25 Hutchinson.

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2 Q In December of 2020, Attorney General Barr said the DOJ had found no
3 widespread evidence of election fraud sufficient to change the outcome.

4 I believe we briefly hit upon this at one point. But are you aware of the
5 President's reaction to Attorney General Barr's statement?

6 A The day that the attorney general's statement went out was December 1st,
7 and the attorney general was already at the White House meeting with I believe White
8 House Counsel's Office.

9 When the President heard -- or I shouldn't say heard. When the President saw
10 on TV, as he was sitting in the dining room eating lunch, that the attorney general had put
11 this statement out, he was not happy with what the attorney general said and that he
12 hadn't received a heads-up about the interview beforehand.

13 Q How did you learn about this?

14 A I initially learned about his reaction because Mark got called down to the
15 dining room, and then he was down there for a couple of minutes. I went down to
16 check on him. [REDACTED], who was the valet that day, I believe. There's a slight
17 chance it could have been [REDACTED]. I believe it was [REDACTED] that day. I went
18 down, and [REDACTED] gave me a look of shock kind of.

19 He said, Did you see what the attorney general said?

20 And I said, Yes. Is the chief in the dining room?

21 You don't want to go into the dining room right now.

22 I said, Okay. I wasn't going to. I just wanted to see if he was in there.

23 He said the President's really, really angry at him.

24 And I said okay. I could hear the President yelling from where I was standing.

25 He said, I just brought him lunch and he took the plate and threw it at the wall.

1 I was like, Is that when Mark was in there?

2 He goes, No, that's probably why the chief was called down there.

3 And I remember just thinking, Oh, okay. And I just went back to my desk after
4 that. And I know the attorney general was -- came down at one point and they had a
5 conversation and --

6 Mr. Hunt. Can you clarify, when the attorney general came down, what are you
7 referring to?

8 Ms. Hutchinson. Came down -- I'm sorry. When the attorney general was
9 meeting with Pat Cipollone and Pat Philbin, I believe, in the White House Counsel's Office,
10 which was one floor above the Oval Office and the dining room and the chief of staff's
11 office.

12 So he came downstairs to the floor that all of the Oval Office and Oval Office
13 dining room were on and had a conversation with the President. I wasn't present for
14 any of the conversations. And, you know, I had learned through the day, it's been
15 widely reported since, how the conversations unraveled and, you know, how Mr. Barr
16 stood firm in what he had said.

17 The President still was very angry throughout the day, though, and the following
18 couple of days.

19 [REDACTED]

20 Q When you went down towards the Oval, you said you could hear the
21 President yelling. Could you hear anything that he was saying?

22 A No. I -- because I was talking to [REDACTED]. I just -- I probably could've if I
23 stood there and listened. I just -- I was talking to [REDACTED] just kind of also wanted to
24 get out of the crossfire of what was going on.

25 Q Did Mr. Meadows tell you what his conversations were that afternoon with

1 the President related to the attorney general?

2 A Nothing overly specific, just that the President wasn't happy, and that I
3 learned later on what's now been reported about potentially firing Barr. You know, just
4 I'm trying not to cloud my response with what was reported afterwards, because my
5 conversations with Mark and White House counsel that they were fairly brief.

6 Q Did you talk to anybody else in the White House about the attorney general
7 and his statement, the President's reaction to it?

8 A I mean, just general conversations with White House Counsel's Office, and
9 not just Pat Cipollone; Pat Philbin. I remember at one point Liz Horning, who worked in
10 White House Counsel's Office, I talked to Liz about it. Mostly it was just speculating
11 what was going to happen with Barr and how it was going to play out. We both really
12 liked the attorney general, so we didn't want anything to happen. We were hoping he
13 was going to stay till the end, but --

14 Mr. Hunt. Can I inject here? I think it might be helpful to clarify a little bit of
15 the timeframe, because I -- when you mentioned that -- where I sort of got off track there
16 was when you mentioned that Barr came down and you said the White House Counsel's
17 Office. Are we talking about the same time? Could you just sort of put this in a sort of
18 a timeframe so we understand what you're saying?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. So I don't know when the attorney general got to the White
20 House that day. But when the President had reacted to -- and I'm not sure if the
21 President knew the attorney general was meeting with the White House Counsel's Office.
22 But when the President had that reaction, it was because he was watching TV in the
23 dining room as he was eating lunch. Had called Mark down.

24 It's my understanding that Mark informed him that the attorney general was
25 actually at the White House during that time, and that's when the attorney general had

1 come downstairs. I believe the President wasn't ready to see him yet. So Barr was
2 going to hold in the Roosevelt Room briefly and then decided to hold again up in the
3 White House Counsel's Office before the President was ready to see him.

4 I'm not sure what was the whole delay with the President seeing him. I'm not
5 sure if it was because they were cleaning the dining room up a little bit or if they were -- if
6 staff were trying to have a conversation with the President about not reacting super
7 irrationally in that moment, hoping that the attorney general would stay till the end. I
8 just -- I'm not sure of that.

9 Mr. Hunt. Yeah. I just -- sorry to inject here. I just wanted -- that's helpful. I
10 was trying to get an understanding of going from the incident you described and his
11 reaction to when the attorney general was there meeting with him. Was it a different
12 day? Was it the same day? Was it the same time? I just thought that would be
13 helpful. So that's all I wanted.

14 [REDACTED] Yeah, no. Thank you for that.

15 [REDACTED]

16 Q Did you ever learn what the President told Attorney General Barr when they
17 did meet that day?

18 A Not at the time. Afterwards, I heard and read.

19 Q Did you learn about it from public reporting or did you learn from some
20 source within the White House?

21 A Mark had talked about it a little bit. I don't remember having a
22 conversation with Mark or overhearing a conversation with Mark. That was Mark's
23 sense of them -- he's not going to get fired right now. But I didn't really put much more
24 thought into it, to be honest with you.

25 Q Do you know if Mr. Meadows was encouraging the President to keep

1 Attorney General Barr on rather than firing him, around that time?

2 A I'm not sure what he privately was counseling the President on. I know
3 with White House Counsel's Office, he was encouraging the President to keep the
4 attorney general in his position until the end. But there were points throughout this
5 whole period.

6 Just to back up a little bit, throughout Mr. Meadows' tenure, he, in my opinion
7 and from what I observed, was -- would work closely with the White House Counsel's
8 Office and other senior advisors that the President would often listen to. And, you
9 know, although he wasn't always on the same page as them, he didn't necessarily work
10 against them or privately push for something different than the message that they were
11 relaying and in just general meetings.

12 During this period, from what I -- what I was able to gather from my conversations
13 with Mark and hearing what he would say to the President versus what he would say to
14 White House counsel and to other senior aides often weren't all on the same page. So
15 he might privately tell the President one thing or tell the White House counsel a different
16 thing and the attorney general something entirely different.

17 So he was working to the interests of others, ultimately to the President, which it's
18 not my responsibility to make the determination whether that was the right or wrong
19 thing for him to do. But, you know, I know that he had worked with White House
20 Counsel's Office during this period to encourage Barr to stay. I know that he was having
21 conversations with other people about potentially replacing him with Jeff Clark. So, you
22 know, I don't know what he wanted as chief of staff --

23 Q Okay.

24 A -- his official capacity.

25 Q Sure. So you only saw one aspect of it, and Mr. Meadows could have been

1 advising others differently. Is that fair?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay.

4 A If I'm understanding.

5 Ms. Cheney. Well, I think she said actually that you saw him -- you saw multiple
6 aspects of it.

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Right. Like, I -- I hadn't heard what he had privately said to
8 the President. So I'm not sure what those conversations were. I heard him having
9 conversations with Scott Perry, for instance, of potentially looking at Jeff Clark to fulfill
10 that role. I had heard him having conversations with the White House Counsel's Office
11 about wanting how it would be beneficial for Barr to stay until the end.

12 So that's why I'm just -- I'm not sure how he advised the President because I know
13 that he was telling people different points of guidance.

14 ██████████ Okay. And thank you for clarifying that. I'm sorry. I misstated
15 it.

16 Ms. Hutchinson. That's okay.

17 ██████████ You mentioned having heard Mr. Meadows talking to Scott Perry
18 about replacing the attorney general, pushing Jeff Clark. Can you tell us about those
19 conversations, what you remember him saying?

20 Ms. Hutchinson. My insight was fairly limited to that. I remember Scott
21 reaching out to me at one point and asked if I had heard if Meadows gave Jeff Clark any
22 more thought or something along those lines.

23 And I didn't know who Jeff Clark was and I raised it with Mark. And he said, I
24 need to call Scott back about that. Do you know who Jeff Clark is?

25 And I said to him along the lines of, No. Is he going to replace Barr?

1 This is the first or second week of December.

2 He said, Well, let me just give Scott a call back about that. He thinks it's a good
3 idea. I should just hear him out.

4 You know, I don't know how far those conversations progressed. I don't know
5 how much Mark entertained them with Scott, but I know that he was having
6 conversations with him about that as a possibility.

7 [REDACTED] Okay.

8 Ms. Cheney. I think you mentioned before the topic of pardon, and one
9 additional person that we wanted to ask about is Mr. Giuliani and any information you
10 had about whether or not he requested a pardon or how that worked.

11 Ms. Hutchinson. I remember Rudy asking for a pardon. To be honest, I don't
12 know who that was filtered through. I don't know how serious it was ever entertained.
13 I just remember Mark raising it. I remember overhearing conversations with, especially
14 Mark and White House Counsel's Office, and I remember hearing Mark at one point
15 talking to the White House Counsel's Office. He said something to the effect of, The
16 boss keeps following up on this. What's the status? Are we going to do it?

17 I wasn't involved in that necessarily, though.

18 [REDACTED] Do you know if that was after January the 6th?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. It was. When I heard about it, it was after January 6th. I'm
20 not sure if it was discussed prior to January 6th as well, but --

21 [REDACTED] I do want to show you something. This is something that you've
22 recently provided to us. We'll mark it exhibit 44. It's a document on it appears to be
23 White House letterhead, and several handwritten paragraphs.

24 Tell us what that is.

25 Ms. Hutchinson. This was a document that I found last week. Sorry.

1 So I remember Mark handing this to me the evening of December 1st. And he
2 had come back from the Oval Office. He handed it to me and said, Could you bring this
3 up to White House Counsel's Office? See if they'll clear it. The President wants to put
4 this out.

5 And I remember reading it. I remember he had made a misspell right here.
6 And I remember this is December 1st because I remember it was the Barr day and I
7 remember crossing off whatever it was that he had misspelled right here.

8 And I remember reading this document and looking at him and saying, You want
9 me to go give this to White House Counsel's Office? And I said, They're not going to
10 want this to go out.

11 He said, Well, the President wants it out. Can you go up there and see if they'll
12 clear it?

13 So I just said okay. I went up to the White House Counsel's Office. Went to
14 give it to Liz Horning for her to give to Pat. Pat had walked out of his office. I handed it
15 to Pat and said, Mark wants you to see this and to let Scavino know it's okay to push out.

16 Pat looked at it. He said something to the effect of, God, no.

17 I came down to the office. Talked to Mark. One of them put it on my desk and
18 it -- as far as I know, it just kind of was done after that. I don't know that they raised it
19 again with the President or if they just never pushed it further, but --

20 Ms. Cheney. And so this was on December 1st?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. Uh-huh.

22 Ms. Cheney. And is this Mark's handwriting?

23 Ms. Hutchinson. It is.

24 ██████████ I'm sorry if you said this. But did Mr. Meadows say that the
25 President had dictated this to him or is this just something that he had worked up and the

1 President wanted to send out?

2 Ms. Hutchinson. To the best of my recollection, he had come back from the Oval
3 Office and had said something to the effect of, Can you bring this up to White House
4 Counsel's Office? The President wants to push this out.

5 So I don't know if the President dictated it to him verbatim or if they had worked
6 on it together in the Oval. I know it was, one, he came back from the Oval, but, two, it's
7 not on the chief of staff's letterhead, which it would have been if he had drafted it in his
8 office. So --

9 Ms. Cheney. And did Mr. Cipollone elaborate?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. No. I just -- it was an exasperated response and more of a I
11 understood he was going to go down and talk to Mark about it.

12 Ms. Cheney. And do you think he did?

13 Ms. Hutchinson. He went into Mark's office and they had a conversation. I
14 don't remember which one -- they both left the office at the same time and walked down
15 to the Oval. I don't remember who put it on my desk, but one of them sat it on my desk
16 and I just filed it after that.

17 [REDACTED] Did this happen after the President found out about Attorney
18 General Barr's statement --

19 Ms. Hutchinson. It did.

20 [REDACTED] -- related to the election?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. It did. That happened in the midafternoon. This is evening
22 time.

23 Ms. Cheney. So did you understand this to be a response that the President
24 wanted to put out to the attorney general's press statement?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes.

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2 [3:10 p.m.]

3 Ms. Cheney. Did you understand this to be a response that the President
4 wanted to put out to the Attorney General's press statement?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes. Yes. As a reaction --

6 Ms. Cheney. A reaction?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. -- to the Attorney General's statement, unless I'm
8 misinterpreting your -- he wasn't directing it at the --

9 Ms. Cheney. Right.

10 Ms. Hutchinson. -- Attorney General, but --

11 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh.

12

13 Q Is there anything else about this note or this draft message that you can
14 recall?

15 A Not -- not right now.

16 Q Was Mr. Meadows disappointed when he found out that this wouldn't be
17 going out?

18 A I'm afraid (ph) you'd have to ask Mr. Meadows about that. I don't know if
19 he was disappointed that it wasn't going to go out. He was disappointed in Mr. Barr's
20 actions earlier that day.

21 Q Was it something that Mr. Meadows said that makes you think that?

22 A He had expressed to me that he was frustrated that he didn't have a
23 heads-up from the Attorney General and that he had created problems for him that
24 afternoon.

25 Q Problems with the President?

1 A From what I understood.

2 [REDACTED] Anything further there?

3 Ms. Cheney. Nothing further on this.

4 [REDACTED] Okay.

5 [REDACTED]

6 Q I believe we've briefly discussed the Willard Hotel and some of the
7 President's outside advisors who were there in the days leading up to January 6th.

8 Are you aware of any meetings that the President had with his advisors at the
9 Willard?

10 A No. But there was -- the President, on January 5th, wanted to have a
11 meeting at the White House with advisors that were at the Willard Hotel as well as
12 several Members of Congress in the Oval Office on January 5th.

13 Q Okay. Let me stop you there. Who were the people from the Willard that
14 the President wanted to meet with at the White House on the 5th, if you recall?

15 A It would've been the group that Rudy was with -- Mr. Giuliani.

16 Q And which Members of Congress did the President want to have in that
17 meeting with them?

18 A I don't recall all of them. I remember Paul Gosar's name, Andy Biggs,
19 Scott Perry, Marjorie Taylor Greene. Those are who I recall right now.

20 Q Do you know why the President wanted to meet with Mr. Giuliani and his
21 team as well as those Members of Congress?

22 A I don't know. I never asked.

23 Q Did that meeting ever happen?

24 A It did not. It's my understanding that the meeting, or a meeting of similar
25 nature, happened on the Hill that day, at the Capitol that day. And the meeting that

1 happened at the Capitol would have been the same or a very similar meeting to what
2 would've taken place in the Oval Office on the 5th.

3 Ms. Cheney. Did the President participate in some way in the meeting at the
4 Capitol?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm not sure. He may have dialed in, but I'm not sure.

6 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

7

8 Q Who hosted that meeting, if you know, at the Capitol?

9 A I don't know.

10 Q Do you know who was involved?

11 A I believe it was Mr. Waldron and Mr. Kerik that led it. I don't know if Rudy
12 went.

13 I remember Mark talking to me at one point on the 4th about going to the Capitol.
14 And he said that Rudy invited him -- or he said something to the effect of, Rudy invited
15 him to a meeting at the Capitol. And I'd asked if it was the meeting that Mark wanted to
16 have at the White House, and he was like, "Similar, yeah."

17 He was like, "Do you think we should go?" I said, "I don't know. What's this
18 meeting about?" And he just sort of dropped it. I don't recall him really answering the
19 question. And I didn't re-raise it with him afterwards.

20 So he had mentioned it to me with Rudy's name involved. I'm just not sure if
21 Rudy physically went to the meeting at the Capitol.

22 Q But your understanding is that Mr. Waldron and Mr. Kerik --

23 A That's my understanding.

24 Q Did you see any of the materials or know the message that Mr. Waldron or
25 Mr. Kerik was going to convey in that meeting at the Capitol?

1 A I understood it to be about January 6th and delaying the certification for the
2 electoral college results.

3 I recall there being a PowerPoint that I had received. I don't remember who sent
4 it to me. But the PowerPoint was intended to be presented at either the White House
5 or when it was at the Capitol.

6 I wasn't at the Capitol meeting, so I'm not sure whether it was presented or not,
7 but I remember the PowerPoint surfacing for that meeting.

8 Q Okay.

9 Ms. Cheney. And do you know -- how do you know that the President wanted to
10 meet with these people at the White House?

11 Ms. Hutchinson. Because on January 2nd or 3rd -- I believe it was
12 January 2nd -- the President's scheduler was out for the day. I know it was a Saturday,
13 so Michael didn't have to come in anyway, but he worked weekends frequently. But he
14 sent me a list of questions that -- scheduling questions for the President that he wanted
15 me to run by the chief, which normally he would do, but since he was out, he asked me to
16 do it on his behalf.

17 And I remember seeing "January 5th, Oval meeting with Members of Congress
18 plus Rudy & Co" or something along those lines. Because I remember talking to Mark
19 about that, and he said, "I'll talk to the President about that."

20 And then next I heard from Michael was that they weren't doing it in the Oval
21 Office and they were looking for a different location.

22 Ms. Cheney. Do you know why they made that decision?

23 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't.

24 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

25 ██████████ If you'll bear with me, I'm going to pull up a certain PowerPoint. I

1 want to see if you recognize it.

2 Ms. Cheney. While [REDACTED] is doing that, can I ask you, Cassidy, are you aware
3 of -- I'm just going to sort of run through a list of names -- conversations that
4 Mr. Meadows had with Steve Bannon?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. [Nonverbal response.]

6 Ms. Cheney. And can you tell us about those?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm sorry. Were you going to run through the conversations,
8 or just ask if I -- sorry. Do I know conversations?

9 Ms. Cheney. No. I was just going to ask just specifically -- sorry -- for details
10 about --

11 Ms. Hutchinson. Oh.

12 Ms. Cheney. -- those conversations.

13 Ms. Hutchinson. No. And --

14 Mr. Hunt. Can we specify a timeframe that you're thinking about?

15 Ms. Cheney. Yes. I'm talking about sort of December,
16 January -- December 2020, January 2021.

17 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know specifics with his conversations with Mr. Bannon
18 and -- well, I'll leave it there.

19 I know that he had talked to him. Let me rephrase. I know that the President
20 had asked Mark to speak with Steve Bannon, and I am aware that Mark told the President
21 he would speak to Steve Bannon.

22 I never asked Mark whether he spoke to Steve Bannon, and he never told me
23 whether he did or not. But normally I interpret that as no followup or, "You don't need
24 to remind me. I did it on my own."

25 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

1 And Roger Stone. I think you mentioned to us that Mr. Navarro had been urging
2 Mark to speak with Mr. Stone?

3 Ms. Hutchinson. So I want to -- that was a point of clarification too. Let me
4 find the page.

5 So, regarding the conversations on January 5th, I want to clarify from the third
6 transcript, because I think I had lost my train of thought in certain points. It has to do
7 with events at the Willard Hotel, and the individuals there had kind of meshed together
8 and confused me a little bit, so, upon reflection of my transcript, there's just a few things I
9 wanted to point out.

10 It's my understanding that, on the 5th, Mr. Trump asked Mark to speak with
11 Roger Stone and with Mike Flynn. I understood that they were at the Willard Hotel,
12 because I thought and knew that they were speaking outside at the rally. So
13 Mr. Meadows had raised that the President had requested him to have these
14 conversations, and I -- that's one incident and circumstance of the conversation.

15 And then the second item was Mark's intended travel to the Willard Hotel the
16 night of the 5th. That was not to meet with Roger Stone and/or Mike Flynn. That was
17 to meet with Rudy Giuliani and Rudy Giuliani's associates that had a hotel room at the
18 Willard Hotel, which was also a request of the President, but also something that Mark
19 had raised as a possibility with Rudy a few nights prior, that he would try to stop by that
20 night.

21 So, just -- I wanted to make sure that that's clear, because I just didn't want the --
22 Ms. Cheney. No, that's helpful.

23 Ms. Hutchinson. And then, with the Peter Navarro angle with this, Peter had, at
24 a few points, come into our office with material regarding proving election fraud in the
25 2020 election. It's my understanding that he never was a participant in the meetings

1 that Mr. Meadows would have in his office with either Scott Perry or Bernie Kerik,
2 Rudy Giuliani, a lot of people that were in and out of our office at that time, nor did Peter
3 have a formal meeting with the President on these matters.

4 Peter would frequently bring items to our office that I felt Mark didn't need to
5 expand further on, so I normally would take the items from Peter and just, "Thank you."

6 The items throughout December/early January in particular, he would come
7 and he would give his little speeches about why it was important and why we should be
8 paying attention to it and why he needs to meet with the chief and President about it.

9 And at one point I had sarcastically said, "Oh, is this from your QAnon friends,
10 Peter?" Because Peter would talk to me frequently about his QAnon friends.

11 He said, "Have you looked into it yet, Cass? I think they point out a lot of good
12 ideas. You really need to read this. Make sure the chief sees it."

13 And I sort of just left it at that.

14 Ms. Cheney. So he was -- was he being sarcastic when he said his "QAnon
15 friends" or --

16 Ms. Hutchinson. I did not take it as sarcasm. Throughout my tenure working
17 for the chief of staff, he would frequently bring in memos and PowerPoints on various
18 policy proposals that -- he would then also expand on, you know, "Q is saying this."

19 I don't know that much about QAnon, so I -- Peter is probably the area of
20 expertise on that one, but -- so, when he had brought in the election fraud stuff, it was
21 more me sort of sarcastically raising it with him, but also trying to get an idea of, this
22 definitely isn't something that I think is relevant to raise with Mark right now.

23 Ms. Cheney. And did Mr. Navarro mention Mr. Stone?

24 Ms. Hutchinson. Not that I can recall.

25 Ms. Cheney. Do you know if Mark talked to Roger Stone during this same time

1 period?

2 Ms. Hutchinson. The only time I'm aware that Mark connected with
3 Roger Stone -- and I didn't personally hear him connect with him, but it was relayed that
4 they had connected, and there was no further action needed -- was the night of
5 January 5th after the President asked him to reach out to Roger Stone.

6 Ms. Cheney. And then, just on that, the issues with the Willard, I think you
7 mentioned before Mark wanting to go to the Willard that night, and you discouraged him.
8 But he had a phone call in the car on the way home? Can you tell us about that?

9 Ms. Hutchinson. I wasn't present for the phone call, but I understood, you know,
10 after he -- after he understood that he wasn't going to make the movement to the Willard
11 that night, that's when I had learned that the President had asked him to reach out to
12 Mike Flynn and Roger Stone.

13 And then Mark had also relayed to me, "I'm just going to call into the Willard.
14 We don't have to go."

15 And then I checked in with his security detail. Normally he would -- like, right
16 when he would get in the car to go home, he would start making the calls, so, that way,
17 he wouldn't lose his train of thought. And his detail told me that he made several calls
18 in the car driving home that night.

19 Those are the only three calls that I was aware of at the time that he had to make.
20 And I never had followup from either the President or Molly Michael or Eliza asking if they
21 had connected. And Mark had never texted me or called me and asked for, like, any
22 information, like, "I wasn't able to get through to the Willard. Can you get me
23 somebody else?"

24 So I just understood that as he had completed all necessary calls and didn't need
25 further action from a staff perspective.

1 [REDACTED] All right. I do have a PowerPoint. I'll mark it as 45. And, for
2 the record, this is Bates number MM001093.

3 I'll show you my computer there. It says --

4 Ms. Hutchinson. Can I --

5 [REDACTED] -- "op change for 6 Jan," if I remember right. Tell me if you
6 recognize that.

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Do you mind if I scroll a little --

8 Mr. Hunt. No, you're good.

9 Ms. Hutchinson. I recognize this. I don't recognize it all -- I didn't remember
10 every single slide, but I recognize the formatting and some of the slides, but I just --

11 [REDACTED]

12 Q Was this the PowerPoint that you remember Mr. Waldron or Mr. Kerik
13 having in relation to the briefing on the Hill?

14 A Yes. I don't know if this is the exact one. I don't remember every single
15 slide and the contents of every single slide of the one, but something to this effect.

16 Q Okay.

17 A I remember some of these headlines, or, I guess, headers, and some of the
18 graphics. This looks very similar to the one that I had received.

19 Q Okay. Thank you.

20 Did you ever hear anything about what happened in that meeting afterwards?

21 A I didn't.

22 Q Do you know -- you were speaking with Ms. Cheney just a moment ago
23 about Mr. Navarro and QAnon. Do you know if Mr. Navarro ever raised anything related
24 to QAnon with the President?

25 A It's my understanding that he never had any personal meetings with the

1 President during this period.

2 Q Do you know why?

3 A I'm not sure.

4 Q What about with others? Do you know if Mr. Navarro talked about QAnon
5 and their ideas with others in the White House?

6 A White House staff?

7 Q Yeah.

8 A I'm not sure.

9 Q What about Mr. Giuliani or Mr. Giuliani's team? Do you know if
10 Mr. Navarro was in touch with them?

11 A Peter had told me at one point that he was in touch with somebody on
12 Rudy's team. I don't remember who.

13 Q Okay. Do you know if --

14 A There sort of was a revolving door of personalities with all of this, and I'm
15 not trying to be obtuse with you, but it could be sort of confusing and hard to keep track
16 of all of them. But I remember him saying that he had been in touch with Rudy's team,
17 or Team Rudy, about it.

18 I know that Peter had also had other meetings too. But I don't know when they
19 happened, you know, how seriously they were taken, or --

20 Q When you say "other meetings," with Mr. Giuliani or his team?

21 A I recall one instance where he had met with -- and I don't know how formal
22 the meeting was, but -- with Mike Flynn as well.

23 Q Okay.

24 Ms. Cheney. I'm sorry. Who met with Mike Flynn?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. Sorry. I recall one instance where Mr. Navarro met with Mike

1 Flynn.

2 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

3

4 Q Do you know what that was about?

5 A Election fraud. Ideas for January 6th or how we could -- how the President
6 could potentially use the power of the Presidency to prove that the election was stolen.

7 Q Do you remember anything more specifically than just --

8 A Seizing Dominion voting machines. I know that was a topic raised.

9 Q That meeting with Mr. Navarro and General Flynn, was it just the two of
10 them, or were there others involved as well?

11 A I'm not sure. At the time, I wasn't sure.

12 Q Okay.

13 Ms. Cheney. How'd you come to learn of the meeting?

14 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm thinking about the meeting that happened on
15 December 18th that later was brought to the Oval Office.

16

17 Q Do you remember Mr. Navarro having a role in that meeting, or is this
18 something else?

19 A It's my understanding Mr. Navarro never entered the Oval Office that
20 evening for the meeting.

21 Q Okay.

22 A It's my understanding he met with the group earlier in the day.

23 Q I see. So Mr. Navarro met with General Flynn and possibly others before
24 General Flynn and the others went into the Oval and had the meeting with the President?

25 A Correct.

1 And, to be clear, I didn't personally have that conversation with Mr. Navarro.
2 There was one point in the early evening after I had learned that General Flynn,
3 Sidney Powell, Pat Byrne, that group was already in the Oval Office, I had contacted Tony
4 Ornato to figure out who WAVEd them onto campus. And Tony came back and let me
5 know that it was -- I don't know his name, but it was Peter Navarro's executive assistant.

6 And Tony had called the executive assistant, and he had relayed to Tony that Peter
7 had also met with this group earlier in the day; they'd already been on campus.

8 Q I see. Does Garrett Ziegler -- does that name --

9 A Yes. That's his --

10 Q -- sound familiar?

11 A That was Peter's -- yeah -- executive assistant.

12 Q Are you aware of any other meetings that Peter Navarro had related to
13 election fraud --

14 A I'm not.

15 Q -- or the election? Okay.

16 Ms. Cheney. Cassidy, just in terms of this meeting in the Oval on the 18th, how
17 did you become aware that it was actually happening?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. Would you mind if we took a break here really quick?

19 Ms. Cheney. Sure.

20 [REDACTED] Of course. Yeah.

21 Ms. Cheney. You guys can -- let's go off the record.

22 [Recess.]

23 [REDACTED] Let's go back on the record. We're resuming the interview of
24 Ms. Cassidy Hutchinson.

25 So, last time we met, you mentioned that there were a number of possibly

1 classified documents that Mr. Meadows and the HPSCI staff reviewed in late December,
2 early January, and you mentioned that some of them were potentially related to
3 elections.

4 A few questions on those.

5 Ms. Cheney. And we don't want you to reveal any -- oh, sorry. Were you going
6 to just say that?

7 [REDACTED] Yep.

8 Ms. Cheney. Sorry.

9 [REDACTED] Nope.

10 Same warning. We don't want you to reveal anything that's classified.

11 Mr. Hunt. Yeah, I don't want you to do that either.

12 [REDACTED] All the lawyers.

13 Mr. Hunt. I don't think you know anything, but okay.

14 [REDACTED]

15 Q Were any of the election-related information that could've been classified
16 related to elections in the United States that you're aware of?

17 A Not that I'm aware of.

18 Q Okay. As it related to other countries?

19 A I know of one other country specifically that it was related to. But, yes,
20 generally speaking, there were a number of countries that he requested foreign election
21 data to be pulled from.

22 Q And when you say "he" requested --

23 A Oh. Mr. Meadows.

24 Q What is the country that you recall that Mr. Meadows asked for foreign
25 information about elections?

1 A Venezuela.

2 Q Did he say why he wanted information about Venezuela?

3 A He did not specify it to me.

4 Q Did you ever later learn why Mr. Meadows was interested in foreign election
5 information related to Venezuela?

6 A I heard Mr. Meadows have a conversation with Mr. Giuliani several days
7 before we received the information about how he was -- something to the effect -- Mark
8 said something to the effect of, "I'm working on getting you that data, Rudy. You'll have
9 it real soon."

10 And then he had asked me to check on the status of all the information that he
11 had requested. And I just left it at that.

12 Q Okay.

13 Those conversations where Mr. Meadows was talking to Mr. Giuliani and then
14 asking you, how far apart in time did they happen?

15 A I'm sorry. Could you repeat the --

16 Q Yeah. How long after did Mr. Meadows ask you to check on the documents
17 that were requested, after the call with Mr. Giuliani?

18 A He had asked me to check on the status of the information on
19 December 28th.

20 Q Okay.

21 A And I believe he had had the conversation on the phone with Rudy that
22 morning -- that morning or early afternoon.

23 Q So there were a number of allegations that had been circulated in the
24 post-election period about voting machines and voting machine software being linked to
25 foreign countries and dictators.

1 Do you recall that ever coming up as a reason that Mr. Meadows wanted to obtain
2 any classified information?

3 A I never asked him why he wanted to obtain the classified information. And
4 I'm not sure the Venezuela information in the binder that I saw -- which I opened it up,
5 saw it said Venezuela, and then knew there were a number of other countries in that
6 binder. I only saw Venezuela. I didn't read any of the data that was in there. And I'm
7 not sure if he ever actually gave it to Mr. Giuliani.

8 Q Okay.

9 A But I recall Venezuela coming up in conversations as a country they were
10 looking at in regard to the stolen election claims.

11 Q Do you remember anything else about those conversations related to
12 Venezuela, in these conversations about stolen election claims?

13 A I remember Hugo Chavez's name coming up a few times, but I wasn't really
14 paying attention to the nuanced details of why.

15 Q Do you know who Mr. Meadows was talking to when Hugo Chavez's name
16 came up?

17 A Mr. Giuliani.

18 Q Was that that same conversation that you just mentioned, the morning of --

19 A It could've happened in two different conversations. I'm not sure.

20 Q Do you remember hearing about Mr. Chavez or any other foreign countries
21 and election information during meetings in the White House, so Mr. Meadows meeting
22 with Mr. Giuliani in person as opposed to phone calls?

23 A Not off the top of my head.

24 Q Okay.

25 Ms. Cheney. Were these documents part of the documents that the HPSCI staff

1 had requested, or was this separate?

2 Ms. Hutchinson. It's my understanding that these documents arrived with the
3 documents Mr. Meadows requested from HPSCI.

4 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

5 [REDACTED] Again, without getting into any classified substance of any of those
6 documents, are you aware of any other foreign countries or election-fraud-related claims
7 that came up in these classified documents?

8 Ms. Hutchinson. Not that came up in these classified documents.

9 [REDACTED] Okay.

10 Ms. Cheney. I think that's it on the classified documents.

11 [REDACTED] Okay.

12 Is there anything else that we didn't cover last time, again, understanding we're
13 not in a classified setting --

14 Ms. Cheney. I have another -- oh, okay, no. I have a question on something
15 else, but go ahead if you're still --

16 [REDACTED] Okay.

17 Understanding we're not in a classified setting, is there anything else about the
18 classified documents that came over from HPSCI that you think we should know?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. Can we have one second?

20 Mr. Hunt. Yeah. I think maybe what you're getting at is -- and we can stay on
21 the record here.

22 [REDACTED] Yeah.

23 Mr. Hunt. There are a few things that she wants to clarify from her prior
24 interviews --

25 [REDACTED] Uh-huh.

1 Mr. Hunt. -- and that is one place where she'll be doing some clarification. So
2 we could do it then if you want, or --

3 [REDACTED] Perfect. Why don't we do that all at the end?

4 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

5 [REDACTED] Does that make sense?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah.

7 Mr. Hunt. Yeah. That would be fine with us.

8 [REDACTED] Okay.

9 Mr. Hunt. Is that good?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah. That way, it's --

11 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

12 [REDACTED] That's great.

13 Ms. Cheney. You mentioned previously -- and I think [REDACTED] can maybe pull up the
14 exact place -- a meeting that happened in the White House where I think you mentioned
15 you'd heard the words "Oath Keepers" or "Proud Boys" had come up. And there were, I
16 think you said, Members of Congress there.

17 I just wanted to see if you had any more details about that or any more
18 recollection about how those words came up or who was in the meeting.

19 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm not trying to be a pest. Is there any way you would be
20 able to pull up and maybe we could reference --

21 [REDACTED] Of course.

22 Ms. Cheney. Of course.

23 Ms. Hutchinson. -- where it was?

24 Ms. Cheney. Yeah.

25 [REDACTED] Yep. So, in your prior transcript, we asked you about Oath

1 Keepers. Can you recall --

2 Ms. Hutchinson. May?

3 Mr. Hunt. Do you know which transcript?

4 [REDACTED] Yes. It's page 87.

5 Mr. Hunt. Of the third?

6 [REDACTED] Of the third transcript. That's right.

7 Mr. Hunt. Uh-huh.

8 Oh, he's got it for you.

9 [REDACTED] I have a big copy --

10 Ms. Hutchinson. Oh.

11 [REDACTED] -- here, if you'd like.

12 Ms. Hutchinson. That's lovely. Yes.

13 [REDACTED] So it's towards the bottom, line 19 on page 87.

14 Ms. Hutchinson. Can I flip?

15 Mr. Hunt. Uh-huh.

16 [REDACTED] And take as much time as you need.

17 Ms. Hutchinson. Thank you.

18 [REDACTED] Sure.

19 Ms. Hutchinson. Can you ask your question again, please?

20 Ms. Cheney. So, in terms of these discussions about the Oath Keepers and the
21 Proud Boys, do you have any more information or any more details about the discussions
22 in the White House? You mentioned in particular there was a meeting with a number of
23 Members of Congress where these topics were mentioned.

24 Ms. Hutchinson. In the December 21st meeting I was referencing in the transcript,
25 I recall QAnon being raised. Again, I don't know many of the differences between all of

1 these groups and what they support or advocate for. I remember Marjorie Taylor Greene
2 bringing QAnon up several times, though, in the presence of the President, privately with
3 Mark.

4 And, you know, I remember Mark having a few conversations, too, about -- more
5 specific to QAnon stuff and more about the ideas that they had with the election and, you
6 know, not as much pertaining to planning of the January 6th rally.

7 I recall hearing the word "Oath Keeper" and hearing the word "Proud Boys" closer
8 to the planning of the January 6th rally, when Mr. Giuliani would be around. But I have
9 nothing more to elaborate on in terms of the context of those conversations and how they
10 were perceived to be involved in activities on the 6th.

11 I just remember hearing Rudy talk about it, if Mark had the door open, you know,
12 and Mark just kind of conversing with him, but nothing that I was listening to that would
13 add much substance to what -- than has already been said.

14 Ms. Cheney. In terms of just the discussions with Mr. Giuliani and Mark around
15 the 6th or about what would happen on the 6th, do you have any other recollections, not
16 necessarily connected to the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers?

17 Ms. Hutchinson. Could you repeat the first part of your question, please?

18 Ms. Cheney. Any more specific recollections about discussions between Mark
19 Meadows and Rudy Giuliani around planning for the 6th?

20 Ms. Hutchinson. They had several conversations about planning for the 6th. The
21 one that -- the conversation that immediately jumps to mind and that was the most
22 substantive that I heard was the meeting that happened January 2nd, where they had a call
23 at the House Freedom Caucus that evening. And, again, this is a point that I believe it's
24 good to elaborate on.

25 But I had received a memo for that meeting that I recall having prior -- it was prior

1 to the call. Let me flip to the thing here.

2 And this touched on what I was saying earlier. However, the call that night with
3 the House Freedom Caucus, it's my understanding that they hit three main points, the first
4 being rally plans, more informative in nature. And this is the part that the President had
5 participated in. You know, what time it was going to potentially start, what Members
6 were hearing from on Twitter or from constituents or whoever they spoke to.

7 The second topic that I know was raised on that call were the potential speakers for
8 the January 6th rally, both at the Ellipse to headline the President and at various rally sites
9 that had been granted permits in Washington, D.C.

10 And the third point that I'm aware of that was raised on that call was objecting to
11 the electoral college count that day on Capitol Hill.

12 So this -- again, this call was between the President -- or the President dialed into it,
13 but Mark, Rudy, a few of Rudy's colleagues/associates had been part of the call, and then a
14 number of House Freedom Caucus members.

15 I understood the goal of this call to be how they could go about delaying the
16 certification of the electoral college results on the Hill on January 6th. I wasn't dialed in
17 to the call for the whole time. I dialed in for the first 2 or 3 minutes.

18 And I had a conversation with Rudy afterwards where he started talking about the
19 march to the Capitol. And that's when I raised to Mark, like, "What's going on with all of
20 this?" And he said something along the lines of, "Things could get real, real bad."

21 Ms. Cheney. And you think this was -- Mr. Meadows said that to you around
22 January 2nd?

23 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes. And that's the --

24 Ms. Cheney. Day of the call?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct. And that's the most fulsome conversation that I'm

1 aware of that he had with Mr. Giuliani about the 6th. I know they talked in the days
2 afterwards too.

3 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh.

4 Ms. Hutchinson. To my recollection, I don't know what they spoke about and --

5 Ms. Cheney. Meaning the days after January 2nd or the days after January 6th?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. Sorry. The 2nd.

7 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

8 Ms. Hutchinson. But I wasn't privy to those conversations.

9 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

10 Ms. Hutchinson. But same topics.

11 Ms. Cheney. So, on the call, did you hear Members saying that their objective was
12 to delay the certification of the results?

13 Ms. Hutchinson. I did.

14 Ms. Cheney. Do you know which Members?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't.

16 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

17 Ms. Hutchinson. I understood it to be more of a consensus with the Members
18 dialed in to the call that that was just the ultimate goal.

19 Ms. Cheney. And do you know who was sort of the Member overseeing the call?
20 Was there one -- was it Mr. Jordan? Was there --

21 Ms. Hutchinson. I believe it was Mr. Jordan and Mr. Brian Babin of Texas.

22 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

23 Ms. Hutchinson. And this was the meeting, too, that was going to be held in
24 person at the Conservative Partnership Institute, and then they switched it to a phone call.

25 Ms. Cheney. And do you know why they did that?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. I think there just weren't enough Members in town and it would
2 be easier to have it as a call.

3 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

4

5 Q Do you remember the idea of marching to the Capitol coming up on this call?

6 A It did.

7 Q Okay. Can you tell -- I know we explored that a little bit in the first time,
8 but can you now put it into the timeline that you just laid out for what was happening?

9 A So I wasn't dialed into the entire call, and I didn't get a very thorough call
10 readout. But, from what I understood in my conversations with Rudy and his associates
11 afterwards and a brief conversation with Mark and then just sort of inferring based on it
12 all, a portion of the call was dedicated to talking about the Ellipse rally and the permit
13 that had been granted for the rally at the Capitol Building that day. So, on one hand, it
14 was a little logistical of which speaker should be put at the Ellipse versus the ones that
15 will be at the Capitol that day.

16 And I remember Mr. Meadows hypothetically saying to the group on the phone,
17 "Do you all think it would be good to put some tweets out soon?" Because the
18 President had started talking, too, about the social media outreach with this and what
19 phrasing to use and how to go about encouraging people to march to the Capitol.

20 And I don't know details further than that and how they had planned for the
21 movement to start or, you know, timing for everything. But I do know that that was a
22 somewhat exhausted topic on that call.

23 Q Okay.

24 Ms. Cheney. Did anybody ever, on this call or in other instances that you may
25 have heard, talk about whether they had a permit to march?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't -- I only recall hearing about rally permits -- rally site
2 permits.

3 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

4 [REDACTED]
5 Q Did you ever find out who got those rally site permits? Did you ever hear
6 the name Ali Alexander come up, for example?

7 A I heard his name come up, but I wasn't -- I wasn't tracking the issue of
8 permits, so I just wasn't sure who had oversight on that. I talked to Tony about the
9 Ellipse rally permit that we worked on, I believe, with the National Park Service, but
10 everything else was out of my purview.

11 Q Was there something specific about that permit that you had discussed with
12 Mr. Ornato?

13 A We had discussed that permit specifically because -- and excuse me if my
14 numbers aren't correct, but we had it originally granted for a smaller crowd size than
15 what the President wanted. So he had followed up a few times to let me know, "We're
16 working on getting it extended," "We've gotten it extended." So I think it was 8,000 to
17 30,000 people who were permitted, and something similar to that perhaps, but --

18 Q And when you say "he" followed up, you're talking about Mr. Ornato?

19 A Mr. Ornato.

20 Q Okay.

21 A I apologize.

22 [REDACTED] Anything else there?

23 Ms. Cheney. I don't think so.

24 [REDACTED] Okay.

25 Just bear with us just a moment.

1 Ms. Hutchinson. One point that I forgot to mention, I'm sorry. On
2 December 29th, when Scott Perry brought his group to meet with Mark in his
3 office -- Bernie Kerik, Phil Waldron, Richard Higgins -- he made an offhand comment to
4 me afterwards about how I should try to convince Mark to speak at the rally site at the
5 Capitol that afternoon.

6

7 Q Did he say why?

8 A No.

9 Q Okay. Did you talk to Mr. Meadows about that?

10 A I asked if Mr. Perry raised it with him, and Mr. Meadows just said something
11 to me, you know, to the effect of, "There's a lot of moving parts right now. People have
12 a lot of ideas." So --

13 Q I don't believe Mr. Meadows ended up speaking anywhere on January 6th.
14 Is that your understanding as well?

15 A That's my understanding as well.

16 Q Do you know if that was a specific decision that he made? He did not want
17 to speak anywhere on the 6th?

18 A I'm not sure.

19 Q Okay.

20 [Note passed.]

21 Ms. Cheney. Sure.

22 [REDACTED] Okay.

23 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know how I feel about this.

24 [REDACTED] Sure.

25 Ms. Cheney. It says, "Do you want to ask more about the meeting on

1 December 18th?"

2 Ms. Hutchinson. Secrets are fun.

3 [REDACTED] I know. I know.

4 [REDACTED]

5 Q Right before we broke for that quick break, we were talking about the
6 meeting on December 18th, and I think Ms. Cheney had asked something to the effect of,
7 how were you learning about what was going on in the meeting on the 18th?

8 So why don't we go back to that, and let us know or tell us how you were getting
9 information. And were you at any point a participant in the meeting that happened on
10 December 18th with Mr. Trump and his outside advisors?

11 A I know that I had something in here.

12 Do you remember if we had that in our --

13 Mr. Hunt. I don't remember.

14 Ms. Hutchinson. My apologies.

15 Do you know if we did this in the first transcript?

16 [REDACTED] We did talk about it. I believe it was in the second one.

17 Ms. Hutchinson. The second? I'm sorry.

18 Oh, I found it.

19 Mr. Hunt. You did find it?

20 Ms. Hutchinson. Uh-huh. It should be point 5 on the transcript --

21 Mr. Hunt. Okay. Uh-huh. All right. Got it. Yep.

22 Ms. Hutchinson. To preface this, in reflection of my transcripts, I want to
23 reiterate to make sure it was clear that I was not in the Oval Office for this meeting. I
24 had stepped into the Oval secretary's office once or twice that evening. I spent the
25 majority of my night at my desk in the West Wing, which is about 50 feet from the Oval

1 Office.

2 I learned about that meeting from, one, being in close proximity to it and, two,
3 once the White House advisors had learned of the meeting and, in tandem, learned that
4 Mr. Meadows was not present at the White House any longer, they were coming back
5 and forth to me to relay information to Mr. Meadows, because there were points that he
6 hadn't dialed in or he had hung up on.

7 So I want to make it clear just for the record that I wasn't in the Oval Office for
8 that meeting.

9

10 Q Okay. So you were getting information from people as they were coming
11 out?

12 A Correct. Correct.

13 Q All right. Who were the people giving you the information?

14 A I believe it was Eric Herschmann, Pat Cipollone, Pat Philbin, and Derek Lyons
15 were the individuals present on the White House team.

16 Q It sounds like they were asking you to get information to Mr. Meadows, at
17 least in part?

18 A Correct.

19 Q Do you know why they wanted to get information to him?

20 A So this was a point of clarification. We can go through it now too.

21 Mr. Hunt. Go ahead. Yeah.

22 [REDACTED] Yeah.

23 Ms. Hutchinson. Earlier that day, which I learned about later -- so let me -- I'm
24 trying to think of how to go in chronological order the best here.

25 Once I had learned of this meeting and learned how, you know, chaotic it had

1 gotten, I couldn't get a hold of Mr. Meadows. I had heard from the participants in the
2 meeting that they couldn't get a hold of Mr. Meadows. So I called Mr. Ornato. I had
3 been texting with Mr. Ornato a little bit, and then I had called Mr. Ornato to see if he
4 would be able to come back to the White House.

5 Mr. Ornato's initial reaction on the phone when we had a phone conversation
6 was, "Oh my F, do you know if they're talking about the Insurrection Act or martial law?"
7 And I said, "I don't know. All I know, Tony, is it's really bad down there. I can't get a
8 hold of Mark. Can you come back?" And he had said, "Keep trying to get a hold of the
9 chief."

10 So that transpired.

11 Mark got dialed into the meeting a few times as the Oval Office portion of the
12 meeting had continued. People were back and forth between the Oval Office and my
13 office and talking about it, needing a break.

14 There was one point -- and I'm not 100 percent certain who it was; I believe it was
15 Derek Lyons -- had come to my office and held up a piece of paper and said something to
16 the effect of, "Does the chief really need an F'ing reason to come back? Here it is. The
17 Insurrection Act. Get the chief back here," and went back to the Oval Office.

18 I had understood from Eric Herschmann coming to the chief of staff's office that
19 night, prior to Mr. Meadows' arrival back at the White House, that martial law was also
20 raised several times and using martial law to seize the Dominion voting machines.

21 I'm not sure any further context behind the Insurrection Act conversations, how
22 much they were actually pursued. It's my understanding that the President potentially
23 could have signed something in relation to the Insurrection Act that evening, but I never
24 saw ink on paper myself. This is just from what I had overheard my colleagues speaking
25 about that evening.

1 Ms. Cheney. That -- I'm sorry, Cassidy. That the President potentially did sign
2 something? Is that what you mean?

3 Ms. Hutchinson. Related to the Insurrection Act.

4 Ms. Cheney. And do you know who said that to you?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. Again, my gut instinct is Derek Lyons, but I'm not 100 percent
6 certain. And, again, my memory is good, but -- there was only a certain -- there were
7 only, if I remember correctly, four people, four White House representatives in the Oval
8 Office portion of the meeting. So I believe it was Derek. I'm not 100 percent sure on
9 that, though.

10 Ms. Cheney. Do you think it was --

11 Ms. Hutchinson. I never saw the President's signature on anything. But just
12 gathering from what I believe Derek had said earlier, from other conversations relating to
13 martial law and the Insurrection Act, and then talking to Tony about how the Insurrection
14 Act had been raised earlier in the day in the Oval Office, too, when Tony was in there for a
15 period of time, I was just trying to piece some things together, more so to convince Mark
16 that he needed to come back to the White House.

17 Eventually he was convinced and did come back to the White House -- not for the
18 Oval Office portion, though. He came back for the portion when they moved up to the
19 outer Oval later that evening.

20 Ms. Cheney. So, when Mr. Lyons was waving the paper in your office, do you
21 know what that paper was?

22 Ms. Hutchinson. Again, just from the conversation that I -- brief conversation I
23 had with him when he was standing in the doorway, he said something to the effect of,
24 "Does the chief really need more of a reason to come back? Here it is. The
25 Insurrection Act. Get him the F back here," something along those lines, that this is the

1 F'ing Insurrection Act, get him back here.

2 Ms. Cheney. And do you know if that was the document the President had
3 signed?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm not sure if that document was the one that he had signed.
5 I never saw his signature on anything myself, so I'm not sure whether something was
6 signed at all. I just recall hearing conversations about him potentially signing the
7 Insurrection Act and how derailed things had gotten that night.

8 They didn't want to have to continue the meeting past the Oval Office portion,
9 that there was a reason that Mark and -- we'd called Rudy to be on the team White House
10 on that one, and the reason we called them back is because the issues were not settled in
11 the Oval Office, and they continued it in the residence that night.

12 Again, just to reiterate from the beginning, too, though, I wasn't there for any
13 portion of a substantive conversation where I could confirm details of this. I had gone
14 over to the residence three times that night, once all the way upstairs to where they were
15 meeting but not into the -- not into the yellow oval. I was going to pass a piece of paper
16 in there, because Mark wanted me to let him know when it was midnight, and then I
17 heard that they were still going for a little bit, so I decided not to enter the residence.

18 Ms. Cheney. And once the meeting moved up to the residence, were people still
19 coming to see you? Or, once Mark showed up, that was --

20 Ms. Hutchinson. So, after the Oval Office portion of the meeting concluded, the
21 President went over to the residence to have dinner. The other meeting
22 participants -- we call them the "group of crazies" -- held in the Cabinet room. White
23 House advisors held in Pat Cipollone's office upstairs.

24 Once Mark had arrived back to the White House, him and I waited for a moment,
25 a few moments, until Rudy got there. I walked Rudy and Mark over to the residence so

1 they could briefly meet with the President. And then I went back to get the White
2 House advisors -- Pat Cipollone, Pat Philbin, Derek Lyons, Eric Herschmann. I'm not sure
3 who brought over the other group.

4 Ms. Cheney. But somebody separately brought the other group from the
5 Cabinet room --

6 Ms. Hutchinson. Right.

7 Ms. Cheney. -- upstairs?

8 Ms. Hutchinson. And, then, to the best of my recollection, I was the last staffer
9 there that night, because, once the meeting had concluded, I got a notification on my
10 Secret Service radio, and I had the key to the Rose Garden, so I had to go over, unlock the
11 Rose Garden to let everybody out that was there through the West Wing. And that was
12 probably around 12:15, 12:20 that night.

13 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

14 Okay. Anything else about that meeting that you recall?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. No.

16 Ms. Cheney. So when you first realized it was going on was because -- was
17 it -- do you think it was Derek Lyons -- was that somebody had come to see you because
18 they couldn't get a hold of Mark?

19 Ms. Hutchinson. The first time I realized that those individuals were in the Oval
20 Office was when Molly Michael came to my office. Mark had already left at this point,
21 but Molly Michael had come -- and, when Mark would leave prior to the President going
22 upstairs for the evening, I would normally stay down in case the President needed
23 something.

24 So I was sitting at my desk just catching up on things. Molly had come down and
25 asked if I had a wine opener, and I said, no, but I would look for one. I found one, and

1 then I brought it down to the Oval secretary's office.

2 When you're in there, you can kind of glance in and see, and I saw that -- I
3 recognized Flynn. And I remember thinking, like, "That's kind of weird." And then
4 she's like, "The wine opener's for Scavino," so I gave Scavino the wine opener. And then
5 I went back to my desk.

6 Less than 5 minutes later, I saw White House Counsel -- I saw Pat Philbin,
7 Pat Cipollone, Eric Herschmann, and Derek Lyons barrel down the hallway, past my office,
8 and down towards the Oval Office.

9 So that was the first point that I had recognized, "Okay, there's nobody in there
10 from the White House. Mark's gone. What's going on right now?" And that's when I
11 had reached out to Tony.

12 Mr. Hunt. Is it because they had heard there was wine?

13 Ms. Hutchinson. Well, funny enough, this was Derek's last day. He was
14 offboarding. So I had thought that maybe they were having a celebration for Derek to
15 celebrate his service at the White House.

16 Ms. Cheney. Yeah. Congratulations.

17 Ms. Hutchinson. But it was not a celebration --

18 Ms. Cheney. No.

19 Ms. Hutchinson. -- for Derek. I don't think Derek would call it a celebration.

20 Ms. Cheney. So, when you say that they were "barreling," Cassidy, were they
21 running?

22 Ms. Hutchinson. A brisk jog I think is appropriate. It was a very, very hurried
23 movement, and it was clear that it was urgent, they were moving with urgency.

24 Ms. Cheney. And what time of day, approximately, was this?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. Eight o'clock at night? No. I could look at my texts with

1 Tony.

2 Ms. Cheney. We can look those up. Okay.

3 Ms. Hutchinson. I think I sent you the timestamped ones.

4 [REDACTED] It was before dinner, though? The President went up for dinner?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. He ate dinner late, though.

6 [REDACTED] Okay.

7 Ms. Cheney. And when you called Mr. Ornato and, you said, the first thing he
8 said was, you know, "Are they talking about the Insurrection Act and martial law," were
9 you surprised that that was the subject that he raised? Or --

10 Ms. Hutchinson. I said something to the effect of, "Are you F'ing serious?
11 What do you mean, it was raised in the Oval Office earlier today?"

12 He was like, "I don't know what they were talking about. The boss called me in
13 to talk about Mar-a-Lago logistics. He might want to bump it back a day, to stay at the
14 White House a day longer. And I overheard him talking about it with people in there."

15 I never asked Tony who was in the Oval Office that he had raised it with.

16 Ms. Cheney. So Tony said that he heard Trump talking to somebody else about
17 it?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

19 Ms. Cheney. Okay. And did he say if he was talking about it on the phone or to
20 people who were in the Oval Office?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. He had said he heard the boss talking about it in the Oval Office
22 earlier that day.

23 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

24 [REDACTED]

25 Q In this hours-long meeting that went up until around midnight, did anybody

1 say what the President was doing while the different factions were kind of fighting it out?

2 A At points I had heard he was taking sides, and then at other points I had
3 heard he was just sitting back and listening.

4 Q Do you know which sides he was taking?

5 A I recall, when the meeting first began, he believed -- from what was relayed
6 to me, the President was -- I don't want to say -- could you ask your question again?

7 Q Yeah.

8 A Sorry.

9 Q So I guess I'll ask it like this: Are you aware of which side the President was
10 taking initially? And did that ever change between the two factions?

11 So, on the one hand, you had General Flynn, Sidney Powell. On the other hand,
12 you had the White House advisors -- Pat Cipollone, Derek Lyons, and others.

13 A I was aware that he had taken the side of Flynn and Powell and their guests
14 from the start. I understand his opinion was swayed several times throughout the
15 evening.

16 I remember the conversation I had with Mr. Meadows when he was on his way
17 back to the White House. He had said something to me along the lines of, "I thought
18 they'd be able to handle it without me there, but if I'm going to lose my job over this, I
19 have to come back," which I later understood to be, you know, Sidney Powell being
20 appointed special counsel, then potentially letting Mark go in his role and capacity as
21 chief of staff.

22 But this was prior to the Oval Office -- the yellow Oval portion. So I'm not sure
23 where the President stood, you know, consistently throughout the night.

24 Ms. Cheney. Do you know if anybody else talked to Mark Meadows to urge him
25 to come back?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. I know he was dialed in a few times to the Oval Office portion
2 of the meeting. The White House advisors had urged him over the phone to come back.
3 Which was later followed by several of the White House advisors, back and forth to my
4 office, asking if I could place a call to convince him to come back.

5 Ms. Cheney. And do you know where he was?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. He was at home. I had to send his Secret Service detail into
7 his condo to wake him up.

8 Ms. Cheney. Okay. And his concern was that he was going to lose his job?

9 Ms. Hutchinson. That's correct.

10 Ms. Cheney. So just walk us through. You sent the detail in to wake him up.
11 Then did he call you right after? Just sort of walk us through what happened.

12 Ms. Hutchinson. I sent his detail in to wake him up, and while I was on the
13 phone with them, I had told them, I was like, "Just relay this message," because I wasn't
14 sure if -- you know, sometimes when I had done that in the past, they had just said, "Sir,
15 wake up, Cassidy is trying to get a hold of you," and then I wouldn't hear from him.

16 So I said -- I think it was -- I don't remember who was working that night. So I
17 said, "Stay on the phone. I want to hear you tell him that he needs to come back to the
18 White House. Cassidy said it's urgent. Cassidy said it could be a matter of national
19 security." And I heard them tell him that, and he said, "I'll give her a call."

20 He called me when he was on his way to the White House and said, "Are they
21 upstairs yet?" And I said, "No. Are you coming back?" He said, "We just got in the
22 cars. I can't" -- something to the effect of, "I'm not going to lose my job over this."

23 Ms. Cheney. And do you know about how long it was from when they woke him
24 up until he called you?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. No more than 20 minutes.

1 Ms. Cheney. And how did he know that they were discussing appointing her as a
2 special counsel? Had somebody else talked to him?

3 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm not sure how other people were communicating with him.

4 Again, I understand that he had been dialed in to the meeting several times. I
5 understood that he hung up several times. And I had called him privately in those
6 moments. Because Ms. Michael would call my desk line and say, "We lost the chief," so
7 I would call Mark and say, "Did you lose connection?" He'd say, "I can't hear anything.
8 The yelling's too loud. I don't need to be dialed in to this."

9 At one point, I think he just stopped answering calls to be dialed in, and I wasn't
10 able to get a hold of him anymore.

11 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

12 And then the meeting moved up to the residence. And I believe one of the text
13 messages that you produced to us is a picture that you took of, was it Mr. Giuliani and
14 Mr. Meadows?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. [Nonverbal response.]

16 Ms. Cheney. And so tell us: Once Mr. Meadows had escorted Mr. Giuliani out,
17 did you talk to Mr. Meadows again?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Meadows briefly went up to the White House Counsel's
19 office, 3 to 5 minutes. They went in with the door shut.

20 Liz Horning was still there. She was up at her desk, working on, I believe, pardon
21 items at that point. And we just exchanged a look.

22 And then Mark walked back out. I walked downstairs with him, and he said
23 something to the effect of, "Let's not come in until maybe 10:00 or 11:00 tomorrow
24 morning," because we were going to be in by 8:00 the next morning. And I thanked
25 him, and he left. We didn't talk any more that night about the meeting.

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2 [4:20 p.m.]

3 Ms. Cheney. Did you talk to anybody else that night about the meeting?4 Ms. Hutchinson. I went back up to the White House Counsel's office after that
5 meeting, and they then had a brief conversation with them, more just to check in and
6 make sure everything was okay and they were fine. And I didn't press the issue much
7 further. I think everybody was exhausted, and I was ready to go home too.8 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

9 Anything else about the meeting?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. No.11 Ms. Cheney. Did you want to walk through --12 

13 Q I do have one question, actually, about the meeting.

14 A Sure.

15 Q Did anyone tell you that the President ever tried to end the meeting?

16 A The only thing that I had heard about the President wanting to end the
17 meeting, I understood it to be him requesting to recess the meeting so he could eat
18 dinner.19 Q Presumably, if the President wanted to end the meeting, telling people to
20 leave, he had the authority to do that.

21 A Right.

22 Q Do you remember that ever coming up?

23 A I don't personally remember that coming up. He ended meetings
24 frequently on his watch, though, so I don't think that he would've -- this one would've
25 been different.

1 Q Okay.

2 Ms. Cheney. And do you have any sense, Cassidy, of how long the group had
3 been in the Oval Office when you saw the lawyers running down the hallway?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't.

5 I don't know if you have timestamps of Mr. Meadows leaving campus --

6 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh.

7 Ms. Hutchinson. -- but I understood that right after he left campus that day is
8 when the group went in.

9 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

10 Ms. Hutchinson. Sans White House advisors.

11 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

12 Ms. Hutchinson. But I forget what time he left campus that day.

13 Ms. Cheney. We can look. Okay.

14 [REDACTED] Okay. I only have one last section here.

15 So we did want to talk to you a little bit, to the extent that you're willing to --

16 Ms. Cheney. Wait. This is not substan- -- are we gonna --

17 [REDACTED] Nope. Yeah, we're transitioning.

18 Ms. Cheney. Okay. Can we, just before we do that -- sorry -- there were a
19 couple of other issues about Mr. Cipollone's advice, and one had to do with fake electors.

20 And I just wonder if you have any additional information about that or if you
21 wanted to -- if that's a place to go back and give us any more details about what you
22 heard Mr. Cipollone advise.

23 Ms. Hutchinson. Nothing to my recollection right now. I just, again, remember
24 the issue being raised. He was aware that Members of Congress had been raising the
25 issue. More of a passerby comment he had made to me of, "Let's not promote this.

1 There is absolutely no legal reason that we should pursue this." And I just left it there.

2 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

3 And what about John Eastman? Any advice from Mr. Cipollone, Herschmann,
4 Philbin in connection with Eastman?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes.

6 Mr. Hunt. Can we go off the record just a minute?

7 Ms. Cheney. Sure. The camera's still on, just so you know.

8 [Discussion off the record.]

9 Ms. Cheney. So, Mr. Cipollone.

10 Mr. Hunt. Back on the record?

11 [REDACTED] Yep. Let's go back on the record of the transcribed interview of
12 Ms. Cassidy Hutchinson.

13 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

14 Do you still remember the question, or do you want to -- can you --

15 Ms. Hutchinson. Could you just repeat the question, please?

16 Ms. Cheney. Mr. Cipollone, any discussions you had with him about his views of
17 Mr. Eastman's, Eastman's proposals and plans?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. The conversations that I had with Mr. Cipollone about Eastman's
19 proposals and plans -- so I had heard of the concepts that Mr. Eastman had discussed. I
20 had not heard Mr. Eastman's name tied to those concepts until early January. So,
21 throughout December, just for the point of clarity, I wasn't aware that, you know, those
22 were John Eastman's ideas and concepts and theories that he had been constructing.

23 I don't have much to add on the Pat Cipollone side pre- my knowledge of it being
24 John Eastman or post- my connection of John Eastman to those theories. You know, I,
25 generally speaking, knew that Pat was not on board with this idea, but I didn't have any

1 personal conversations with him about it. He never raised it with me to talk to the chief
2 about.

3 Ms. Cheney. Anything else on that?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. Not specific to Eastman and Pat. I have something later on to
5 clarify, but I think we can --

6 Mr. Hunt. She thinks when this comes up --

7 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes.

8 Mr. Hunt. -- in the course of clarifying some of her testimony, this could arise,
9 and so --

10 Ms. Cheney. Okay. Okay.

11 [REDACTED] Great.

12 Ms. Cheney. How do you want to proceed? Do you want to go to clarification
13 now?

14 Mr. Hunt. Are we -- yep. Yes, we can do if that y'all would like to do that at this
15 point, if you'd like to proceed to that.

16 And in the course, of course, her clarifying her testimony, of course, if you have
17 additional questions, of course --

18 Ms. Cheney. Great.

19 Mr. Hunt. -- follow up. And there may be some things that are somewhat
20 redundant over things that you've covered here because we didn't know what you
21 wanted to cover.

22 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

23 Mr. Hunt. So there could be some.

24 So I just wanted to go and state on the record in this regard that she
25 does -- Ms. Hutchinson does have some things that she would like to clarify from her prior

1 testimony, to elaborate on in a way that she thinks will be helpful to the committee and
2 give some context to that and, in some respects, to correct.

3 As you might imagine, questions on these issues have been stressful for her, in
4 some ways, trying to recall and, in some respects, relive what happened a year and a half
5 ago. And she's done her best to try to do that and to give the committee what it's
6 asking for.

7 And, in reviewing the transcripts -- and she appreciates the opportunity that
8 you've given her to do that and also her new counsel to do that -- she was able to sort of
9 step back and see where she was asked things that, you know, may not have been clear,
10 for example, in terms of a timeline. Or perhaps her testimony might have been seen as
11 confusing, and she didn't want it to be. She wants to be clear about it.

12 At other points, there may have been some events and things that she did not
13 recall at the time or identify before that she would now elaborate on, in looking at the
14 questions that you asked her.

15 And so I think that probably the best way to proceed is just to walk through where
16 she has noted things that she would like to correct or clarify or elaborate on. And then
17 if you want to ask questions, of course, then you can do that. That seems to make the
18 most sense.

19 So maybe --

20 Ms. Cheney. Great.

21 Mr. Hunt. -- if it's okay with you, we just start at Transcript 1 and walk through.

22 Ms. Cheney. Great.

23 Mr. Hunt. So the first place that she has some clarifications is, generally, the
24 discussion in Transcript 1 at pages 28 to 37, where there was discussion of when she
25 learned that there would be a march to the Capitol. That was discussed there in

1 Transcript 1, but it was also, of course -- you asked questions about it today.

2 So I think, just for the sake of clarity, why don't you sort of go through in your
3 mind the timeline?

4 Ms. Hutchinson thinks a lot chronologically --

5 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh.

6 Mr. Hunt. -- and it helps put things -- helps her remember things.

7 So I think that might be helpful to you. So why don't you clarify that?

8 Ms. Hutchinson. Great.

9 So, in terms of the timeline for the question, "When do you first remember the
10 idea that people would be marching up to the Capitol on January 6th came up?", the first
11 time I heard of a potential event on January 6th was on December 19, 2020.

12 I had asked Mark that afternoon about the tweet that went out off of the
13 President's account at 1:43 a.m., paraphrasing: "Big protest in D.C. on January 6th. Be
14 there, will be wild!" I recall approaching Mr. Meadows about this tweet, asking him
15 what it could potentially be about.

16 I recall Mr. Meadows responding something to the effect of, "I don't know. It
17 looks like we're going to pull this off." At the time, I understood "this" referencing
18 Trump staying in office.

19 The first time I remember hearing of a potential rally being planned was
20 December 27, 2020. I remember receiving emails and I believe a call from Tony Ornato
21 or potentially Bobby Peede -- because Bobby Peede was down in Mar-a-Lago with the
22 President -- about planning a rally and if the chief and I were back at the White House yet.
23 We originally were supposed to be back at the White House on December 27th but had
24 pushed our arrival back until December 28th.

25 The first time I heard the concept of marching to the Capitol mentioned was on

1 December 29, 2020. And that's the first time I also heard that there were permits for
2 rally sites at the Capitol Building.

3 I learned about this post- the Scott Perry meeting Mr. Meadows had with him in
4 his office that afternoon. As I previously stated, Scott had mentioned me trying to
5 convince Mark to speak at the rally site -- at the Capitol rally site. I asked Mark what
6 Mr. Perry had been referring to, and he mentioned that to me. And he was somewhat
7 aloof in his response and just said, "You know, there's a lot of moving parts right now.
8 Let's just keep an ear on it. Keep your eyes on it."

9 The first time that I recall a more fulsome discussion on our end about this topic
10 was January 2nd, which was the House Freedom Caucus call with the President, Rudy
11 Giuliani, Mark, and several of Rudy Giuliani's colleagues. The three main topics that I
12 recall being mentioned on this phone call were general plans for the rally sites, both at
13 the Ellipse and at the Capitol; who would speak at the rally sites; and the plans to object
14 to the electoral college -- or the certification of the electoral college results.

15 I understood the goal of the call to discuss the delayed certification of the
16 electoral college results. I'm not sure why or how they planned to go about delaying the
17 electoral college results.

18 And this was the same evening that, you know, I had talked to Mark about what
19 Rudy had said to me on the way out. And he had said something to the effect of,
20 "Things might get real, real bad on January 6th."

21 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

22 And, in the same section, there's actually a word that I think was incorrect, either
23 stated incorrectly at the time or recorded incorrectly, at page 35, line 23, that says -- the
24 line said: "... and potentially having media circuits encourage people to go up to the
25 Capitol."

1 What did you --

2 Ms. Hutchinson. I believe it should have said "media surrogates."

3 Ms. Cheney. Oh, surrogates.

4 Mr. Hunt. Surrogates.

5 Ms. Hutchinson. S-u-r-r-o-g --

6 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

7 Ms. Hutchinson. -- a-t-e-s.

8 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

9 Then later -- and I think we already talked about page 37, where you mentioned
10 on January 2nd Mark's comment.

11 Ms. Hutchinson. Uh-huh.

12 Mr. Hunt. So that's clarified now.

13 Ms. Hutchinson. Can I elaborate a little bit on that?

14 Mr. Miller. Okay. Go ahead if you'd like to elaborate on that point.

15 ██████████ Which line, if you don't mind?

16 Mr. Hunt. This would be page 37, lines 11 to 22. And I think she just
17 mentioned something that Mark Meadows had said.

18 The question had been -- there's discussion in this section about Mr. Meadows'
19 concerns about violence and what he thought at the time or knew at the time, and she
20 had just mentioned something he said.

21 But, if you want to elaborate on that, go ahead.

22 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah. And he did go over it earlier, so I don't want to be too
23 redundant.

24 But, you know, the word I had taken issue with in the original question was
25 "concern." And I gave the explanation of, throughout this process, it was the lack

1 thereof concern that was the most surprising to me with all of this.

2 Mr. Hunt. Can you just clarify, the lack of concern? What do you mean?

3 Ms. Hutchinson. The lack of -- the lack of --

4 Mr. Hunt. Whose?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. Mark Meadows' lack of concern about things potentially getting
6 violent on January 6th.

7 But, you know, also, as we go through the timeline of events and how they
8 unfolded throughout this whole process, you know, I -- I was very close to Mark in
9 proximity. I spent a lot of time with him every single day throughout his tenure as chief
10 of staff and during this period.

11 I think it's important to make note of: During this period, he -- I perceived his
12 goal with all of this, to keep Trump in office.

13 You know, he had very seriously and deeply considered the allegations of voter
14 fraud, but when he began acknowledging that maybe there wasn't enough voter fraud to
15 overturn the election, you know, I witnessed him start to explore potential constitutional
16 loopholes more extensively, which I then connected with John Eastman's theories.

17 Mark said something to the effect, towards the end of -- towards the end of
18 December, Mark had said something to me to the effect of, "I'll be the best chief of staff if
19 I can keep him in office. That's what he wants, and that's what I want."

20 Mark was willing to pursue all of this to the last possible minute if that meant
21 getting a key deliverable for the President and remaining in good standing with him.

22 So, wrapping that back to the "concern" portion of the question, I just wanted to
23 make it clear that his concerns, the way I had perceived them, were primarily a Biden
24 inauguration and not a second-term Trump Presidency.

25 ██████████ Can I ask some followup on that?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. Uh-huh.

2

3 Q So, at the time in the days leading up to the 6th, there were lots of public
4 reports about how things might go bad on the 6th, even the potential for violence. If
5 I'm hearing you correctly, what stands out to you is that Mr. Meadows did not share
6 those concerns or at least did not act on those concerns?

7 A "Did not act on those concerns" would be accurate.

8 Q Okay. But other people raised them to him? Like, in this exchange, you
9 mentioned that Mr. Ornato pulled him aside.

10 A That's correct.

11 Q Did you ever learn anything else about what Mr. Ornato told Mr. Meadows,
12 other than what was already -- you testified to in the earlier transcribed interview?

13 A I didn't.

14 Q Okay.

15 Another thing that you mentioned related to evidence of fraud. Did
16 Mr. Meadows acknowledge to you that he had not seen sufficient evidence of fraud in
17 the election in order to actually change the results?

18 A At times Mr. Meadows had acknowledged that perhaps we didn't have
19 enough time to uncover all the voter fraud and we didn't have the resources. He had
20 never acknowledged to me that there maybe wasn't enough fraud to overturn the
21 election, in a personal capacity.

22 Q But he needed more time to look for it.

23 A Correct. He had acknowledged that other people had drawn that
24 conclusion. But, from the opinions that he had expressed to me, it was more along the
25 lines of, "We just need more time, and then we'll find it."

1 Q Hadn't found it yet.

2 A Correct.

3 And that's around when he started looking and having more fulsome
4 conversations about the John Eastman theory of the Vice President rejecting the electoral
5 college votes.

6 Mr. Hunt. Okay?

7 [REDACTED] Okay.

8 Mr. Hunt. All right. Thank you.

9 Yes, on page 40, lines 8 through 24, there's discussion on the topics covered
10 during the January 2nd call with the Freedom Caucus.

11 I think you've already talked about that today. So I think that's clarified and
12 covered by what you testified to earlier today.

13 At page 43, lines 9 through 11, you were asked, "Was there discussion about it
14 needing to happen" -- "it" being the rally -- "before the joint session started at 1:00 p.m.
15 on January the 6th?"

16 You said, "Not to my recollection right now."

17 But you wanted to clarify that.

18 Ms. Hutchinson. After reviewing my transcripts and thinking further into this
19 moment, I do recall conversations about having the rally prior to Congress convening on
20 January 6th to certify the results of the election.

21 [REDACTED] Do you remember why?

22 Ms. Hutchinson. At the time, I understood that to be -- I understood the reason
23 to be the President's desired movement to the Capitol as Congress convened that day.

24 Ms. Cheney. That the President wanted to be at the Capitol in time for the joint
25 session to convene?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. That's correct. Or around.

2 Ms. Cheney. And do you know who said that to you or who those conversations
3 were with?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. When I had the conversations with Mark about the potential
5 movement, I wasn't involved in planning the timing of the rally, but he had mentioned to
6 me that Congress was gonna come in at 1:00, we want to try to get to the Capitol by then.

7 [REDACTED] Is there anything else on that, the timing, getting potentially the
8 President to the Capitol around 1 o'clock that afternoon, that stands out for you?

9 Ms. Hutchinson. Not right now.

10 [REDACTED] Okay.

11 Mr. Hunt. Okay. On page 46 --

12 Ms. Cheney. Anything else on that one?

13 Mr. Hunt. Huh-uh.

14 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

15 Mr. Hunt. But this next one, I think, relates generally to it.

16 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

17 Mr. Hunt. But it's at page 46, lines 10 through 15. Ms. Hutchinson was asked
18 whether a delay or idea of preventing the joint session from going forward on January the
19 6th was a topic that came up in meetings with Rudy Giuliani and Mr. Meadows. She
20 responded, not that she was present for.

21 But, upon thinking more, she thinks she can elaborate a little bit on this question.

22 Ms. Hutchinson. Upon further reflection, I do recall that it was a topic of
23 conversation between Mark and Rudy Giuliani -- Mark Meadows and Rudy Giuliani.

24 I'm not sure why and what their intentions were behind it. I had heard various
25 theories floated through this period, one of them being a potential 10-day delay in

1 invoking martial law to -- again, I'm not fully knowledgeable of the Eastman theory, but
2 the Vice President rejecting and sending it back to the States and doing a recount of
3 everything, of the election results.

4 So I'm not sure why and if there was one core reason they wanted to delay and
5 prevent it from going forward that day, but I know that there were several theories
6 discussed throughout this period.

7 Ms. Cheney. Did you hear them talk about a time period? You mentioned 10
8 days. They were trying delay for 10 days? Or just a delay in general?

9 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah, I'm not sure where the 10 days comes in really. I just
10 remember hearing a 10-day delay, essentially buying themselves an extra 10 days past
11 January 6th if the electoral college were to be delayed or obstructed that day.

12 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

13 Ms. Hutchinson. The certification.

14 

15 Q How many times do you remember this being a topic of conversation
16 between Mr. Meadows and Giuliani, approximately?

17 A Two specifically. One was January 2nd. I believe the next time they
18 talked about it was January 4th or the morning of January 5th.

19 Q Where were they for that, the 4th or 5th?

20 A I believe that one was a phone call.

21 Q And how do you know about that?

22 A Mark had talked to me afterwards.

23 I had gotten into work a little late on the 5th, because we arrived back from
24 Georgia late the night before. And I recall him telling me that he had talked to Rudy and
25 just loosely explained what they had talked about. And, you know, I took no action on it

1 or didn't press it any further.

2 He mentioned it to me for a reason relating to, like, a Member of Congress, in case
3 they reached out to me about something. I don't remember which Member. But
4 that's the reason that he had mentioned it to me in the first place.

5 Q So, around that time, the 4th and 5th, the President was meeting with the
6 Vice President, along with John Eastman and others, to talk about the Vice President's
7 role in the joint session.

8 Do you remember any of these conversations coming up and related to those
9 meetings between the President and Vice President?

10 A I wasn't present for any of the meetings between the President and Vice
11 President. So I don't have anything to add there.

12 Q Do you remember Mr. Meadows raising that the President would be
13 meeting with the Vice President or had met with the Vice President to talk about this?

14 A I remember Mr. Meadows raising that the President and Vice President were
15 meeting on these issues and with John Eastman.

16 I remember Mr. Meadows fairly quickly following up with me, saying that he was
17 going to try to stay away from those meetings -- which, because I knew Mark well, I
18 understood that as, he wanted to distance himself from those conversations because he
19 knew that the President was likely to get news from the Vice President that was not going
20 to please the President, and Mark wouldn't want to take a side during that conversation.
21 He would rather have a conversation with the President afterwards to reassure him that
22 he was still working on it, that he would still work with the Vice President's staff and
23 they'll find a way to make it work.

24 He opted to distance himself from those meetings so he didn't have to take a side
25 when there was a controversial conversation underway.

1 Q Okay.

2 Mr. Hunt. All right.

3 Then, on page 52, Ms. Hutchinson was asked whether anyone, in addition to
4 Mr. Ornato, had raised concerns to Mr. Meadows about potential violence on
5 January 6th. And she -- it said, not that she could recall specifically right then.

6 But, upon reading her transcript, she had something to clarify.

7 Ms. Hutchinson. I remember the morning of January 4th, after Mr. Meadows
8 and Tony Ornato had a conversation, perhaps a few hours later, I received a call from
9 Robert O'Brien, the National Security Advisor. He had asked if he could speak with
10 Mr. Meadows about potential violence, words of violence, that he was hearing that were
11 potentially going to happen on the Hill on January 6th.

12 I had asked if he had connected with Tony Ornato, because Tony Ornato had a
13 conversation with him -- with Mark about that topic. Robert had said, "I'll talk to Tony."
14 And then, you know, I don't know if Robert ever connected with Mark about this issue.
15 But he had reached out to intend to have a conversation with Mark.

16 [REDACTED] Did he specify what he was seeing or hearing?

17 Ms. Hutchinson. He just said he wanted to make sure that the chief had been
18 read in on the reports of potential for violence on January 6th. I didn't request further
19 detail from him.

20 [REDACTED] Did he mention the type of reports, even if not the contents or
21 substance of them?

22 Ms. Hutchinson. Not to me he didn't.

23 [REDACTED] Okay.

24 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

25 At page 54, lines 23 to 24, there's a name correction.

1 Go ahead, Cassidy.

2 Ms. Hutchinson. It just reads "Liz Fortny." Her last name is Horning,
3 H-o-r-n-i-n-g.

4 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

5 At page 60, line 25, through 61, line 1, Ms. Hutchinson was asked, "Was Meadows
6 in the meeting?" This is a reference to a January 6th meeting in the Oval Office. And
7 she responded, "I'm not sure. I was not in the West Wing at the time."

8 But she would like to clarify that answer.

9 Ms. Hutchinson. I went back and referenced my texts with Ms. Eliza Thurston,
10 and at 11:11 a.m. on January 6th, Eliza had texted me that Mark was in the Oval Office.

11 And he remained in the Oval Office until they left and moved to West Exec to
12 depart for the Ellipse, so around 11:39 a.m.

13 ████████████████████

14 Q Did you ever find out what happened in that meeting?

15 A I had heard afterwards that the Vice President and him had a conversation.
16 It infuriated Trump. And what I had heard was primarily about, you know, how he
17 wanted to make edits to his speech and kept pressing the issue of going to the Capitol.

18 I'm not sure if all of that transpired in the Oval Office or if that's a combination of
19 what I also witnessed and heard down at the tent and it was just a continuation, but
20 that's what I had heard at the Oval Office meeting.

21 Q And who'd you hear that from?

22 A I had talked to Tony Ornato on the phone when I had gotten down there,
23 and he had mentioned the Vice President's call. And then down at the tent, too, I talked
24 to Eric Herschmann about the President's call with the Vice President.

25 Ms. Cheney. And what did Mr. Herschmann say to you about it?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. I believe something to the effect of, "This couldn't get F'ing
2 worse if we wanted it to."

3 Ms. Cheney. And did you ask him what he meant?

4 Ms. Hutchinson. I just understood it. Eric and I were on similar wavelengths at
5 this point of, this is not going in a good direction.

6 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

7 [REDACTED] Did he give you details about the call itself between the President
8 and --

9 Ms. Hutchinson. Not directly.

10 [REDACTED] -- Vice President?

11 Mr. Hunt. Okay. At --

12 [REDACTED] Can I just ask one followup?

13 Mr. Hunt. Sure. Go ahead.

14 [REDACTED]

15 Q You said 11:39 is the time when they left from West Exec?

16 A Yeah, I mean, that's just from my records of, like, texting Eliza. So it might
17 not be exact to you all's timeline. I just filled that in there as my --

18 Q Okay. That's helpful. I was gonna ask you where you got that --

19 A Yeah.

20 Q Okay.

21 A She had texted me I believe at 11:39 and said, "They're on their way down to
22 you."

23 Q Got it. Great.

24 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

25 At, generally, pages 60 to 70 -- and this was, I think, largely already covered, but

1 just to make sure -- Ms. Hutchinson was asked, "Did you ever learn from speaking with
2 Mr. Meadows or anyone else in the White House that the President had placed a call to
3 the Vice President the morning of January 6th?"

4 She responded, "Yes. Mr. Meadows had spoken about it. Nothing specific
5 about it."

6 And I think she's already talked some about this.

7 Is there anything else you'd like to clarify on that that you haven't already?

8 Ms. Hutchinson. No, I think we've covered it.

9 The only thing -- after the call, there was a -- what we were referring to as the
10 violent rhetoric -- the "march to the Capitol," "I'll march with you," "fight for
11 Trump" -- the violent rhetoric is what several advisors had been working to keep out of
12 his speech that day. And, after the call, there was an increased emphasis from the
13 President of wanting that in his speech.

14 I believe we touched on that earlier, but just in case we hadn't, I just wanted to
15 make sure that was clear.

16

17 Q Just to break that down a little bit, so, after the call that the President had
18 with the Vice President, there was an increased desire to include certain language in the
19 President's speech at the Ellipse?

20 A Correct.

21 Q And that is what you described as the -- what kind of rhetoric?

22 A The "march to the Capitol," "fight for Trump," "I'll be marching with you,"
23 where we were -- speechwriters and certain advisors were trying to keep that out of the
24 speech.

25 But there was also -- this was an ongoing conversation with the President for

1 several days. That morning and especially after the call, though, he wanted that rhetoric
2 back in the speech with more of an emphasis than the previous drafts had had with it.

3 Q And forgive me if we've covered this, but who are you learning that from?

4 A Partially Tony Ornato, although me and Tony's conversations were primarily
5 about the mag situation and how he didn't -- the President didn't think that people's
6 weapons were there to hurt him.

7 And, again, White House Counsel. I had a brief conversation with Pat Cipollone
8 on the ground floor of the West Wing prior to me going out to the motorcade.

9 And then Eric Herschmann in the offstage announce tent at the actual rally site.

10 Q Got it. Thank you.

11 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

12 So, helpfully I think, today you guys had asked a lot of questions that relate to the
13 issues that she wanted to clarify. So these next few are ones that I think you already
14 covered today based on the questions that you asked of her.

15 But, generally, from pages 79 to 90, there's discussion about the setting on the
16 Ellipse and the weapons and, sort of, who knew what at the time and the President's
17 reaction and others.

18 So you've talked about that today. In looking that over, is there anything else,
19 other than what you've testified to today, to clarify this section about his knowledge and
20 the magnetometers or anything related to that?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. No, not that I'm seeing.

22 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

23 I think you guys asked questions today that helped clarify her testimony from
24 before on those questions.

25 There was a question at page 85, where Ms. Hutchinson was asked, "What was

1 his" -- meaning Mr. Meadows' -- "reaction," in talking about the dangerous items or items
2 to be deemed dangerous by the Secret Service.

3 And you said you didn't recall. Do you have anything to add to that? Or was
4 that covered today too?

5 Ms. Hutchinson. I believe it was covered, but, just for the record, we can go over
6 it one more time.

7 This is in the same context as the "concern." I don't recall him having much of a
8 reaction. It's the lack of reaction that I remember. He was somewhat disengaged and
9 removed from the conversation regarding dangerous weapons.

10 And this goes off of the conversation that we had with Tony Ornato that morning
11 of, you know, "All right, keep me posted," and not looking up from his phone or really
12 expressing anything that was indicative of him being concerned or wanting to take action
13 on the items that he at this point definitely knew were in D.C., in the vicinity of the White
14 House and Congress and tens of thousands of rioters in D.C. that day.

15 [REDACTED] Do you know if he shared the President's view that the people who
16 showed up in D.C. that day were not there to attack the President or be violent towards
17 the President?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Meadows had conveyed to me that he did not believe that
19 they were going to be violent towards us, "us" being -- Mr. Meadows had conveyed to me
20 that he did not believe that the protestors were there to be violent towards other Trump
21 supporters and Trump allies. He didn't believe that they were there to be violent at the
22 rally site.

23 Again, any source of violence that was going to break out I recall Mr. Meadows in
24 the days leading up to January 6th preemptively blaming on antifa clashing with the
25 rioters -- the Trump supporters that had come to D.C. for a protest.

1 [REDACTED] Okay.

2 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

3 Then, at pages 103 to 110 of her first transcript, she was generally asked questions
4 about the President's reaction getting back in the Beast. And that's been covered today
5 too. So her testimony today, which she wanted to clarify, was covered by the things you
6 asked her today about that.

7 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

8 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

9 Then, on page 123, there is a name correction. Ms. Hutchinson said on page
10 123, line 17, Johnny McEntee, but, on reflection, it's somebody else.

11 Ms. Hutchinson. Upon reflection, Nick Luna had traveled with us to Georgia that
12 evening. It was not Johnny McEntee.

13 [REDACTED] All right.

14 Ms. Cheney. Can I just go back for one second, just because it was happening
15 around the same time, with respect to the Beast, or a little bit before that. But you
16 mentioned that Mr. Meadows was taking calls in the control car.

17 Was there any additional detail you have about who he was talking to or --

18 Ms. Hutchinson. I had asked him at one point who he was speaking with or if
19 there was anybody he needed to connect with, and he had said, no, that he had it all
20 covered. I didn't pry any more.

21 He typically only took calls in the control vehicle if they were very private and he
22 didn't want anybody else to hear them.

23 Ms. Cheney. Is there anything else in the control vehicle who can hear what he's
24 saying?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. The military aide is typically in the control vehicle.

1 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh.

2 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm not sure if the military aide was in the control vehicle at
3 that moment.

4 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

5 Ms. Hutchinson. There were a few times on the campaign trail that he would
6 ask -- and that was for a national security call, though. When we are on the campaign
7 trail, if he were to ask the military aide to leave, it wasn't a personal call.

8 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh.

9 Ms. Hutchinson. It would've been, like, a national security -- he had to get on the
10 secure line.

11 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

12 Ms. Hutchinson. He was using his personal cell phone this day --

13 Ms. Cheney. I see.

14 Ms. Hutchinson. -- to make calls from the control vehicle.

15 Ms. Cheney. Okay. And you don't know if he asked the mil aide to --

16 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know.

17 Ms. Cheney. Okay. Okay.

18 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

19 At pages 137 to 144 -- and this subject also comes up elsewhere in her transcript,
20 but it was covered today in response to your questions, because there's been a lot of
21 discussion in the transcripts and then again today about what happened in the particular
22 time period from I think it was around 2:12 -- whatever happened in the afternoon of
23 January 6th, generally in the 2:12 to 2:38 time range.

24 Ms. Cheney. Uh-huh.

25 Mr. Hunt. So you asked her questions about that today, or at least this whole

1 time period was covered, and that would clarify the things that she said about that
2 previously.

3 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

4 Mr. Hunt. Then, I don't think this was covered today, but I could be wrong. On
5 her first transcript at page 147, line 19, Ms. Hutchinson was asked, "Did you learn that the
6 President was reluctant to send out a message to address the situation at the Capitol on
7 January the 6th?"

8 And you wanted to clarify that response.

9 Ms. Hutchinson. Upon further reflection, I understood from my conversations
10 with Mark Meadows and overhearing conversations between Mark and White House
11 Counsel that Trump did not want to send out a message on January 7th.

12 Ms. Cheney. Sixth?

13 Ms. Hutchinson. Sixth? Is it 6th or the 7th?

14 Mr. Hunt. This is the 6th, I believe, isn't it?

15 Ms. Hutchinson. Oh, sorry. I have the 7th written in my --

16 Mr. Hunt. Oh, is it the 7th? I may be wrong. It's the 7th. Did I say the 6th?

17 Ms. Cheney. So you learned on the 7th --

18 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes.

19 Ms. Cheney. -- that he didn't want to send messages out on the 6th.

20 Ms. Hutchinson. The video on the 7th.

21 Mr. Hunt. Oh, this is about a video.

22 Ms. Cheney. Okay. So there's a video on the 7th.

23 Ms. Hutchinson. Correct.

24 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

25 Ms. Hutchinson. I learned from a conversation with Mark and overhearing

1 between him and White House Counsel and Eric Herschmann, as well, that Trump didn't
2 necessarily think he needed to do anything more on the 7th than what he had already
3 done on the 6th.

4 When he was convinced to put out a video on the 7th, I understand that he had a
5 lot of opinions about what the context of that announcement were to entail. I had
6 original drafts of the speech where, you know, there were several lines that didn't make it
7 in there, about prosecuting the rioters or calling them violent. He didn't want that in
8 there. He wanted to put in there that he wanted to potentially pardon them.

9 Again, this is just with the increased emphasis of his mindset at the time, which
10 was, he didn't think that they did anything wrong. The people who did something
11 wrong that day -- or the person who did something wrong that day was Mike Pence, by
12 not standing with him.

13 He had continued to call the rioters the patriots, the peaceful protestors. He
14 wanted to continue -- he wanted to blame antifa for any of the violence that day. He
15 didn't believe that his supporters were responsible for any of the violence.

16 All this was factored in as the decision was made to put out a video. And,
17 obviously, the final remarks reflect some of this, but not in totality.

18

19 Q Who convinced him to do the video on the 7th?

20 A I'm not sure who convinced him or if it was a group of people that convinced
21 him.

22 Q Who was in the group that you're aware of?

23 A That I'm aware of, Mark, Ivanka, Jared Kushner, Eric Herschmann, Pat
24 Cipollone, Pat Philbin. Those are the people that I'm aware of.

25 Q Do you know why that group of people thought it was necessary for him to

1 release a statement?

2 A I believe Kayleigh McEnany as well.

3 From what I understood at the time and from what the reports were coming in,
4 there was a large concern of the 25th Amendment potentially being invoked, and there
5 were concerns about what would happen in the Senate if it was, if the 25th was invoked.

6 So the primary reason that I had heard, other than, you know, "We did not do
7 enough on the 6th, we need to get a stronger message out there and condemn this,
8 otherwise this will be our legacy," the secondary reason to that was, "Think about what
9 might happen in the final 15 days of your Presidency if we don't do this. There's already
10 talk about invoking the 25th Amendment. You need this as cover."

11 Q Did that group of people who thought it was necessary to put this out
12 understand that it was Trump supporters who did this? Is that why they were
13 concerned that it would be the President's legacy? Or is there some other reason?

14 A I don't want to attribute everybody in that conversation to being full
15 supporters of it being the President's supporters. I know Mark had thoughts about
16 whether they were the President's supporters or whether it was antifa or paid protesters
17 to clash with MAGA supporters.

18 Q And that goes back to the conversation with Eliza Thurston we --

19 A Correct.

20 Q -- talked about earlier.

21 A And conversations that Mark also had on the phone that morning. He had
22 talked to several Members of Congress that morning about that they were hearing it's
23 antifa; we don't think it's MAGA at all.

24 I know his wife, Debbie, had called him at one point and said, "We have evidence
25 that it wasn't MAGA. Make sure the President knows. All of our people were

1 peaceful."

2 I believe the vast majority of people in that conversation, though, knew that it was
3 likely -- the violence was likely propagated by the President's supporters.

4 Q Did that inform at all the President's decision to tone down his remarks
5 related to Department of Justice and prosecuting, if you know?

6 A I believe that caused him to take the more neutral route and not blame
7 antifa. But he was also instructed to not say that he was going to pardon everybody for,
8 like, the legal ramifications of doing so before he was to leave office.

9 And the goal of the speech was to calm everything down and not create more
10 chaos and conflict -- again, going back to the 25th Amendment, and, you know, that
11 would be seen as a highly controversial move.

12 Ms. Cheney. How did you hear about his desire to put the pardon language in?

13 Ms. Hutchinson. I had drafted the speech. That had come across my desk
14 several times that morning, and I had seen one version where the pardon language was
15 included in it, and then the next version had it taken out.

16 Ms. Cheney. And do you recall, was it a blanket pardon? Do you recall what
17 the pardon language was?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't recall what the pardon language was.

19 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

20

21 Q You said he was instructed not to include it. Who was instructing him not
22 to include language about the pardon in that January 7th speech?

23 A I understood, from White House Counsel's office coming into our office that
24 morning, that they didn't think it was a good idea to include that in the speech.

25 Q That being Pat Cipollone?

1 A That's correct. And Eric Herschmann, from what I understood.

2 Q Okay.

3 Mr. Hunt. Then, the last three clarifications that Ms. Hutchinson wanted to
4 make on Transcript 1 I think have all been covered already by those discussions and
5 today.

6 At pages 191 to 192, she was asked, "Based on your interactions with
7 Mr. Meadows, did he agree with John Eastman and his theories that the Vice President
8 would play what we're calling here 'the strategic role' on January 6th?"

9 Anything to add to that that you haven't already talked about?

10 Ms. Hutchinson. No.

11 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

12 Ms. Hutchinson. Nothing more to add.

13 Mr. Hunt. Then, we just talked about the video. It came up again on page 196.
14 And she didn't recall in response to whether the President wanted to do the video.
15 She's just answered about what she --

16 Ms. Cheney. I just want to make sure we're clear on which video.

17 Mr. Hunt. Yeah.

18 Ms. Cheney. Because there's the video on -- so this -- the video on the night of
19 the 6th is -- I'm sorry. Is this page 196?

20 Mr. Hunt. Yes, at 4 to 5 on 196. I think -- I have it as January 7th.

21 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah.

22 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

23 Ms. Hutchinson. The one that I believe was referred to as the March for National
24 Healing.

25 Ms. Cheney. Okay. So that's -- it's all on the 7th.

1 And there was no clarification -- and I apologize -- just in terms of the video on the
2 6th? We didn't ask you about that.

3 Mr. Hunt. Is there anything about the 6th video?

4 Ms. Cheney. The one that he put out at 4:17.

5 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm sure we've discussed it. And just to elaborate, if I hadn't
6 already at that point, I recall him being reluctant to film the video on the 6th. I was not
7 involved in any of the logistics or the planning for that video. I just remember seeing
8 the video go out and feeling a little shocked after it went out.

9 But, you know, other than, you know, him continuing to express reluctance on
10 filming that that afternoon, I don't have anything further to add. I wasn't part of those
11 conversations.

12 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

13 [REDACTED] "Him" being the President?

14 Ms. Hutchinson. The President. I'm sorry.

15 Mr. Hunt. And then the last clarification on Transcript 1 was just related to a
16 question about antifa. This is at page 198, lines 10 to 18.

17 And I think you've already covered this, as well, when you were previously asked,
18 "Were you aware of any discussions about the need to include references to antifa when
19 discussing the events of January 6th on the Capitol?"

20 And you've already now clarified. You previously said you weren't privy to the
21 conversations, but now you've elaborated on that. Is there anything else you want to
22 add?

23 Ms. Hutchinson. Other than what I've already said, and if I haven't already said it
24 this way, you know, I am aware that the President at points wanted to blame antifa and
25 believed it was antifa. And in my conversations with Mr. Meadows, I understand that

1 he also felt antifa was to blame.

2 [REDACTED] Your understanding about the President and wanting to blame
3 antifa, did that come up after the 6th?

4 Because I'll just represent to you, in the video on the 6th, he says, "We love you,
5 we hear you, but it's time to go home."

6 So was that an evolution of his beliefs in wanting to place blame, or did that come
7 up on the 6th as well?

8 Ms. Hutchinson. I wasn't in the Oval dining room with him throughout that
9 afternoon. From what I recall, Mr. Meadows said that he was going to raise it with the
10 President, "it" being the possibility it was antifa. I'm not sure if those conversations
11 actually transpired on -- you know, as events were unfolding at the Capitol on the 6th.

12 [REDACTED] Okay.

13 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

14 Ms. Hutchinson. Would we be able to take a really brief break?

15 [REDACTED] Sure. Let's go off the record.

16 [Recess.]

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2 [5:22 p.m.]

3 [REDACTED] All right.

4 Mr. Hunt. Back on the record? Thank you.5 All right. Transcript 2, page 10, line 14 -- or lines 12 to 13, I should say, you
6 wanted to add a few names.7 Ms. Hutchinson was asked about which speakers had raised concerns. And she
8 thought that she needed to elaborate, and she had thought about additional names.9 Ms. Hutchinson. Upon reflection, after reading the second transcript, I recall the
10 names Alex Jones, Ali Alexander, and Roger Stone being raised as potential speakers that
11 had created conflicting opinions in the West Wing in the days leading up to January 6th.

12 [REDACTED]

13 Q You said Alex Jones, Ali Alexander, and who's the other?

14 A Roger Stone.

15 Q Can you share what those concerns were, first with respect to Mr. Jones?

16 A All three of them -- I hate to blanket them together for you, but -- or bundle
17 them together for you, but it might just be the easiest.18 I just remember there being conversations about who should speak at the rally.
19 You know, I had my opinions on it, more so with Members of Congress, because that's
20 was raised to me. But I remember an instance where Eric Herschmann had come to talk
21 to me about these particular individuals, to ask if the chief had conversations about them
22 yet.23 That was the first time that I had heard these names being mentioned in
24 conjunction with the rally. And Eric had said, "Just go talk to the chief. He's been
25 talking about these people for days with the boss. We need to figure this out."

1 At the time, I was only tracking Mo Brooks and trying to not make him a speaker
2 on January 6th to headline the President.

3 So the next time I had seen Mark, I had said, "Hey, Eric stopped by. He wanted
4 to talk to about you three of the speakers." I recall giving Mark their names, and he
5 said, "All right, I'll go take care of it," and walked out. And that's the last that I heard of
6 it.

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2 [5:23 p.m.]

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4 Q Do you know what the President's views on Mr. Jones, Mr. Alexander, and
5 Mr. Stone were related to their appearance or speeches on the Ellipse?

6 A It's my understanding that the President wanted them to speak at his rally
7 site at the Ellipse on January 6th. I don't know how or when the conversations evolved
8 to moving them to a separate location. I wasn't privy to those conversations at the
9 time.

10 Q Other than Herschmann, who else was talking about these
11 figures -- Mr. Jones, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Stone?

12 A The only person at the time who had raised it as a concern to me was
13 Eric Herschmann.

14 Q Do you know how he learned about them as potential speakers?

15 A I'm not sure.

16 Q And when was the first time you remember this coming up?

17 A The conversation between me and Eric happened on January 5th, around
18 the same time that I had been working on the Mo Brooks speaker situation.

19 Q What do you mean by that, working on the Mo Brooks situation?

20 A Mark had come back from the Oval Office at one point and asked if I could
21 reach out to Mo Brooks about speaking at the rally on the 6th. I had said something to
22 the effect of, That's a horrible idea.

23 And he said, The President wants it. Can you just reach out to him, walked out of
24 the room.

25 I had contacted Brian Jack. Brian Jack had heard something similar. And to my

1 understanding, Brian Jack had coordinated logistics from that point on.

2 Q Did --

3 A Brian Jack was the director of the Office of Political Affairs.

4 Q Did you end up reaching out to Mr. Brooks or his staff?

5 A Not to my recollection.

6 Q Why did you think it was a horrible idea?

7 A I believe that Mr. Brooks was, like a lot of these other people at this time,
8 promoting dangerous ideas about election fraud and stopping the steal. I believed that
9 he was not an appropriate person to headline the President ahead of this rally, and I
10 didn't believe that he had anything positive to add to the rally. And I didn't want a part
11 in coordinating it if they were going to move forward with Mr. Brooks as a speaker.

12 Q And you expressed that it was a horrible idea. Did you express your
13 specific concerns to Mr. Meadows or others?

14 A In the days prior to the 5th, I had. Not necessarily specific just to
15 Mr. Brooks. Contextwise, it might be helpful too. I -- Mark knew how I felt about a lot
16 of these people, so sometimes when I would just tell him, like, this is a horrible idea,
17 meaning Mr. Brooks speaking, he knew my opinions on it, because I had -- was very vocal
18 in my discontent with the idea. But, you know, that's what I had on that, unless you had
19 further questions.

20 Q Okay.

21 Mr. Hunt. All right. On page 21, lines 1 through 13, the discussion is on
22 Ms. Pierson's knowledge that people would march to the Capitol after the rally.

23 And Ms. Hutchinson was asked: In other words, 4 days before the event, she
24 knew the President was going to tell people to march to the Capitol. Is that consistent
25 with what you understood the President planned to do?

1 And you wanted to clarify that.

2 Ms. Hutchinson. Upon reflection, I want to clarify for the record that, while I did
3 not -- I did not recall and still do not recall Katrina Pierson having these concerns and
4 raising them with Mark and the President, I recall the concept of marching to the Capitol
5 being raised on January 2nd because of the House Freedom Caucus call that happened
6 that evening.

7 So I just wanted it to be clear that I was aware of the concept of marching to the
8 Capitol. I just wasn't aware that Katrina Pierson was involved in those efforts.

9 Mr. Hunt. All right. And then I think we talked just now a little bit about this,
10 but on page 23, lines 1 to 5, this is discussion on the President's knowledge of the
11 conversations about Ellipse rally speakers. You wanted to clarify that.

12 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know that I have too much more to add to that other
13 than what was already -- has already been clarified, other than, in the days leading up to
14 the 6th, the President was fine and -- with the idea of the more extreme speakers and
15 supportive of the idea with them headlining him at the rally that day.

16 He was fond of the more militaristic rhetoric of, you know, fight like hell, march at
17 the Capitol, fight for Trump. He believed, from my understand -- from my
18 understanding, he believed that that rhetoric was good for his cause during that
19 timeframe. You know, he had said different iterations of, you know, I want this rhetoric.
20 I want these people to say these things.

21 Ms. Cheney. And did you have a sense of why he thought it was good for his
22 cause?

23 Ms. Hutchinson. He believed that the people coming to Washington, D.C., on
24 January 6th were doing so in their right to protest an illegitimate election, and he
25 believed they had the right to fight for the cause because he didn't believe that the

1 election should be stolen from him.

2 Mr. Hunt. Okay. And then the last clarification for Transcript 2 is at pages 133
3 to 143. I think this has largely been covered by questioning you had earlier today.

4 Ms. Hutchinson. I think we --

5 Mr. Hunt. But just to see if there's anything there.

6 The questioning here was about the December 18th meeting that stretched into
7 the morning of the 19th, and Ms. Hutchinson was asked: Is it your understanding that
8 those were being considered or proposed in order to change the outcome of election and
9 have Mr. Trump start a second term on January 20th?

10 Is there anything that's not covered that you learned about what those proposals
11 were in the meeting?

12 Ms. Hutchinson. Not that I haven't already covered.

13 Mr. Hunt. Okay. All right. Transcript 3.

14 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

15 [REDACTED] Good thing we went over it, then, right?

16 Mr. Hunt. I did.

17 [REDACTED] December 18th.

18 Mr. Hunt. Exactly.

19 So on Transcript 3, page 5, line 2, it says, I did have a conversation, and it should
20 be?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. I did not have a conversation.

22 Mr. Hunt. Did not. The word "not" is missing, but is important.

23 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

24 [REDACTED] Seems like an important one.

25 Mr. Hunt. Yeah. And, also, I think we've talked about this many times, but just

1 to give her an opportunity to make sure there's no inconsistency and people understand.

2 At page 6, when we're talking about the meeting that took place on January 6th in
3 the dining room, and at one point, she said she had stepped in. At another point, she
4 said she wasn't in the meeting. She wanted and wished to clarify what she meant by
5 those two things.

6 Ms. Hutchinson. There was a brief moment where I had put my foot in the door
7 to briefly step forward to show Mark the phone, and then I stepped backwards. So I
8 want to make sure the record is accurate in the reflection that I was not in the meeting as
9 a participant or a witness to any of this. I had briefly crossed into the Oval Office dining
10 room that afternoon for the purposes of handing Mark the phone when Jim Jordan was
11 on the line.

12 [REDACTED] Understood.

13 Mr. Hunt. All right. Thank you. She felt it important to make that clear, so --

14 [REDACTED] Of course. Appreciate that.

15 Mr. Hunt. Okay. Thank you.

16 And then the next one has been -- is at pages 11 to 14, but this has already been
17 covered and -- again today. This is in reference to what she had heard about the
18 hanging of the Vice President, and you asked a number of questions today.

19 Ms. Cheney. Yeah.

20 Mr. Hunt. And she wanted to clarify, but that's been clarified based on your
21 questions today.

22 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

23 [REDACTED] Great.

24 Mr. Hunt. Okay? The next one is at page 16, where she mentioned a name,
25 and the name is incorrect. She had mentioned -- she said in her transcript O'Brien, but

1 she meant somebody else.

2 Ms. Hutchinson. I intended to say Keith Kellogg, who is the Pres -- or Vice
3 President's National Security Advisor.

4 Mr. Hunt. It's at page 16, line 1, is where I had it.

5 [REDACTED] I see. Okay.

6 Ms. Hutchinson. Line 1 and 24, I think, right?

7 Mr. Hunt. Is it another place? Oh, yes. Two places. Page 16, line 1, I had it,
8 and page 16, line 24. I could be off on my lines, but at page 16 where she said O'Brien
9 twice, she meant --

10 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah. I don't --

11 Mr. Hunt. -- Mr. Kellogg.

12 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't remember seeing O'Brien that day at all. I remember
13 seeing him on the 7th. Ironically, he awarded Mark the National Security Medal of
14 Honor on January 7th.

15 Ms. Cheney. Did you have any discussions with him about that?

16 Ms. Hutchinson. The inappropriate timing of it? I saw him come in with it, and
17 I -- he just went right into Mark's office, and I have a photo of him, but --

18 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

19 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm sorry.

20 Mr. Hunt. All right. At page 20, there's a government acronym I guess we need
21 to correct. It says, at page 20, line 1, PBD.

22 Ms. Hutchinson. It should be PPD, PDB, the Presidential Daily Brief.

23 Mr. Hunt. Well, actually, that's not even correct. That's PBD as in --

24 Ms. Cheney. It should be PDB.

25 Mr. Hunt. It should be actually PPD, which is something different.

1 Ms. Hutchinson. Right.

2 Mr. Hunt. Not the Presidential Daily Briefing.

3 Ms. Hutchinson. I was referring to PPD, the Presidential Protective Division.

4 Ms. Cheney. Oh. Okay.

5 Mr. Hunt. She caught that. You know how many government acronyms. I
6 didn't catch that one.

7 Ms. Cheney. That's good. Okay.

8 Mr. Hunt. All right.

9 Ms. Hutchinson. There's not many more, I promise.

10 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

11 Mr. Hunt. Yeah. Not many, but these are just little nits that are important.

12 Page 22, line 14, the transcript reads: So I put him through, in reference to a call.

13 Ms. Hutchinson. It would have been Ms. Thurston that put him through --

14 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

15 Mr. Hunt. She put him through.

16 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

17 Mr. Hunt. The next is at page 23, line 20, all the way to 24-16, and this is
18 discussion of Mr. Meadows attempting to contact Mr. Flynn, Mr. Giuliani, and Mr. Stone,
19 and at the Willard Hotel. You've already talked about that today.

20 Ms. Hutchinson. I have.

21 Mr. Hunt. Is there anything else in this section that's not clarified from your
22 discussion today?

23 Ms. Hutchinson. No. Just to reemphasize that the Stone and Flynn
24 conversations were separate incidents than Mark's desired travel to the Willard Hotel to
25 meet with Giuliani, Boris Epshteyn, Steve Bannon, whoever else was in Giuliani's war

1 room. It was isolated incidents. I just felt the explanation there is just kind of --

2 Mr. Hunt. Okay. All right. Anything else, [REDACTED] on that?

3 [REDACTED]

4 Q Did you say Mr. Meadows went to the Willard Hotel?

5 A He wanted to go to the Willard Hotel the night of January 5th --

6 Q Okay.

7 A -- to meet with Rudy Giuliani, his associates. At the same time, the
8 President had asked him to call Roger Stone and to call Mike Flynn, who I knew were also
9 at or around the Willard Hotel, because I understood that they were speaking or
10 supposed to be speaking at the rally there that night.

11 So I just wanted to make sure the record was clear and reflected that the
12 President's desire for Mr. Meadows to call Flynn and Stone were isolated from
13 Mr. Meadows' desire to travel and attendance to Giuliani's meeting in his war room at
14 the Willard Hotel the night of the 5th.

15 Q Got it. Okay. Had you heard it referred to as a war room in the White
16 House?

17 A I had heard Mark refer to it as the war room somewhat sarcastically,
18 because that's what Rudy had been referring to it as, I think.

19 Q Okay.

20 A I heard him -- I don't know which day, but something about Rudy has a war
21 room, something to the effect of Rudy has a war room.

22 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

23 Ms. Hutchinson. Didn't know what that meant.

24 [REDACTED] Okay.

25 Mr. Hunt. At page 35, line 17, she had referenced somebody named [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]. And she's already testified today that -- that what she
2 wanted to clarify there, which is that she thinks [REDACTED], but it could have been --

3 Ms. Hutchinson. It could have been [REDACTED].

4 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

5 Ms. Hutchinson. [REDACTED] was with us that morning at the rally site.

6 Normally they would switch, so one would take the morning shift and one would take the
7 afternoon shift and go up to the residence for the -- whatever shift the other one didn't
8 have.

9 I'm almost certain it was [REDACTED] working the butler's pantry the afternoon of the
10 6th, but just for continuity purposes, there's a slight possibility it also could have been
11 [REDACTED]. He was with us that day as well.

12 [REDACTED] Okay.

13 Mr. Hunt. Okay. Then, on page 44, line 23, this is the most interesting
14 clarification in my mind. You can't imagine the amount of time Ms. Hutchinson and I
15 spent talking about the distinction between a red manila envelope and a red manila
16 folder, but go ahead, Ms. Hutchinson.

17 [REDACTED] It matters.

18 Ms. Hutchinson. On page 43, line -- it does. -- line 23, reads red manila
19 envelope. It should read red manila folder.

20 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

21 Ms. Hutchinson. An envelope --

22 Ms. Cheney. It's what we called a redwell, right?

23 Mr. Hunt. Yeah. That's what I said, but, no, this is, like, different.

24 Ms. Hutchinson. An envelope is the one that seals shut. The folder is the one
25 that folds and doesn't have a seal.

1 Ms. Cheney. Right.

2 Ms. Hutchinson. So I wanted to make sure the distinction was clear because we
3 were talking about documents.

4 Mr. Hunt. All right.

5 Ms. Hutchinson. Next clarification.

6 Mr. Hunt. Page 48, line 24, there's a name correction. It says "Liza."

7 Ms. Hutchinson. It should read "Eliza."

8 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

9 Mr. Hunt. Now, this next one is one that relates to the HPSCI discussion that has
10 come up several times. And in reading the transcript -- this is at page 48, and it also
11 relates to elsewhere in the transcripts talking about this. Ms. Hutchinson thought it
12 would be very helpful to just step back and put this in sort of a chronological order.

13 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

14 Mr. Hunt. It helped her think about it this way. So she wants to clarify, even
15 though I think all of the information is there already, it's just sort of making sure that
16 everybody understands sort of the chronology of how it took place. But, also, I think
17 we've established it doesn't really relate to the January 6th. This is talking about the
18 HPSCI binder --

19 Ms. Cheney. Yes.

20 Mr. Hunt. -- related to [REDACTED]. So go ahead.

21 Ms. Hutchinson. So I would like to clarify the HPSCI timeline.

22 Mid-December, Mark sat down with Devin Nunes, who at the time was the
23 ranking member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and had
24 requested a series of documents from Mr. Nunes. Those documents included a large
25 binder on [REDACTED], which much of my previous testimony concerned.

1 The other topics had less documents. The topics included Russia, which is the
2 subject I need to see human capital.

3 The second subject or the second topic was Russia. I'm not sure of the subject.

4 The third topic was information regarding Hunter Biden. And the -- I'm sorry.

5 The fifth topic, so Russia was -- Russia, two, three; Hunter Biden, four. Number five
6 would have been the foreign election data specific to Venezuela, potentially other
7 countries as well, although I'm only -- I only saw Venezuela in the beginning of that
8 binder.

9 I want to emphasize for the record that I know the topics, but I do not know the
10 contents of any of these materials. As I have earlier, I think it might be helpful to put all
11 of this into the context of a timeline.

12 On Saturday, December 19, 2020, Devin Nunes brought [REDACTED], who at
13 the time I believe was the staff director for the minority of the House Permanent Select
14 Committee on Intelligence, or HPSCI.

15 They came to Meadows' office to meet with him to discuss getting documents
16 from HPSCI and having HPSCI staff come into the White House to review those
17 documents. This was the final meeting that Mr. Nunes attended on this matter.

18 On Wednesday, December 30th, the White House received the HPSCI documents.

19 On Saturday, January 2nd, 2021, [REDACTED] came to the White House
20 independently and met with Mr. Meadows for a few hours to review the documents in
21 his office.

22 On Sunday, January 3rd, 2021, [REDACTED] brought [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED] who I understood to be then current HPSCI
24 staffers, to the White House to meet with Mr. Meadows at 1 p.m.

25 The group met with Mr. Meadows for about 30 minutes in his office, and then

1 they reviewed the documents independently. When they finished, they briefly met with
2 Mr. Meadows before he had to head to the Oval Office for a DOJ meeting related to Jeff
3 Clark.

4 In the final --

5 Mr. Hunt. That's on January 3rd, correct?

6 Ms. Hutchinson. That's on January 3rd.

7 In the final week of the administration, Mr. Meadows took the binder that related
8 to [REDACTED] where HPSCI had made recommended redactions for material that
9 needed to remain classified. Then he gave that binder to Sue Bai, at the time an NSC
10 attorney. Copies of the binder were made, and some were given to the White House
11 Counsel's Office. One copy of the binder was to be given to Leader McCarthy and one
12 copy was to be given to Leader McConnell. Neither McCarthy nor McConnell received a
13 copy of this binder.

14 Then Mr. Meadows wanted a copy of the binder to be given to John Solomon and
15 to Mollie Hemingway. It is my understanding that both Mollie and John received their
16 copies of the binder late in the day of January 19th.

17 Late in the evening of January 19th, around 10:30 or 11 o'clock p.m., Pat Philbin
18 came down to my office and asked me for the binders, referring to the two binders that
19 were to be given to Leader McCarthy and Leader McConnell. I then gave those binders
20 to him.

21 The next morning, I understood -- the next morning, January 20th, I understood
22 that the White House Counsel's Office was working on additional edits or redactions to
23 the information in the binder. It is my understanding that when they finished their
24 additional edits and redactions, they gave a copy to Mr. Meadows.

25 Somewhere between 11 o'clock and 11:30 a.m., I was outside talking to

1 Mr. Meadows' security detail, and Mr. Meadows came outside with the binder under his
2 arm. He gave me his White House cell phone and asked me to turn it in. He then
3 turned to his Secret Service detail and asked, How quickly can you get me to the
4 Department of Justice? I will not be the chief of staff that does not get this done.

5 I understood "this" means declassify the contents of the binder under his arm.

6 I remember receiving United States Secret Service email notifications that he
7 stopped at the Department of Justice for about 5 minutes before leaving DOJ and driving
8 to his residence in Old Town.

9 Mr. Hunt. That just sort of puts all of that in the timeline from when it began
10 until it culminated in the binders going -- or the binder going to DOJ on the -- at --

11 Ms. Hutchinson. So --

12 Mr. Hunt. -- on the 20th of January 2021.

13 Ms. Cheney. Okay. Thank you.

14 So the binders that went to the two reporters did not -- had not been -- they'd
15 been redacted to some extent by HPSCI, but they had not been reviewed by White House
16 counsel?

17 Mr. Hunt. To the extent you know, you're aware of.

18 Ms. Hutchinson. [Nonverbal response.]

19 Ms. Cheney. Okay. And do you know what Mr. Meadows -- when
20 Mr. Meadows said, I will not be the chief of staff who fails to get this done, his plan was
21 to get the entire thing declassified? What's -- do we know?

22 Mr. Hunt. Can we -- can we just have one moment on this?

23 Ms. Cheney. Sure. Of course.

24 Mr. Hunt. Since we're talking about classified information here, can we just go
25 off the record?

- 1 Ms. Cheney. Yeah.
- 2 Mr. Hunt. I'll just take a minute.
- 3 [Recess.]

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2 [6:00 p.m.]

3 [REDACTED] We can go back on the record.

4 Mr. Hunt. Back on the record.5 And Ms. Hutchinson is clarifying a timeline of events that transpired with respect
6 to a binder among the HPSCI documents that had been brought over.

7 And so if you want to just start back --

8 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah.9 Mr. Hunt. -- to help clarify, take the point that you think is most beneficial to help
10 clarify this.11 Ms. Hutchinson. Okay. So I'm going to backtrack a little bit just to the final
12 week of the administration.13 In the last week of the administration, Meadows took the binder that related to
14 [REDACTED] where HPSCI heavily recommended redactions for material that
15 needed to remain classified.16 Then he gave the binder to Sue Bai, an NSC attorney. Copies of the binder were
17 made and some were given to the White House Counsel's Office. One copy of the
18 binder was to be given to Leader McCarthy and one copy was to be given to Leader
19 McConnell. Neither McCarthy nor McConnell received a copy of the binder.20 Then Mr. Meadows wanted a copy of the binder to be given to John Solomon and
21 to Mollie Hemingway. It is my understanding that both Mollie and John received their
22 copies of the binder late in the day of January 19th.23 Late in the evening of January 19th, around 10:30 or 11 o'clock p.m., Pat Philbin
24 came down to the office and asked me for the binders, referring to the two binders that
25 were to be given to Leader McCarthy and to Leader McConnell. I then gave them to

1 him.

2 He then asked me if Mark had already given the copies of the binder to Mollie
3 Hemingway and John Solomon, which I responded yes, and he remarked, We need to get
4 those binders back.

5 The next morning, I understood that we got the copies of Mollie and John's
6 binders back, and I understood the White House Counsel's Office was working on
7 additional edits or redactions to the information in the binders. It is my understanding
8 that when they finished their additional edits and redactions, they gave a copy to Mr.
9 Meadows.

10 Somewhere between 11 o'clock and 11:30 a.m. on January 20th, I was talking to
11 Mr. Meadows' security detail outside on West Executive Avenue. Mr. Meadows came
12 out with a binder under his arm. He gave me his White House phone and asked me to
13 turn it in. He then asked his detail, How quickly can we get to DOJ? I will not be the
14 chief of staff to not get this done.

15 I understood "this" to mean to deliver the binder -- right -- to deliver the binder.

16 Mr. Hunt. Deliver the binder to where?

17 Ms. Hutchinson. To the Department of Justice, the [REDACTED] binder to
18 the Department of Justice.

19 I remember receiving U.S. Secret Service email notifications that he stopped at
20 DOJ for about 5 minutes before leaving DOJ and driving to his residence in Old Town.

21 Mr. Hunt. Okay.

22 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

23 [REDACTED] I have one question for you. I know you testified last time about
24 Leader McCarthy not wanting the binder. What about Senator McConnell, do you know
25 why he didn't receive a copy?

1 Ms. Hutchinson. I never reached out to his staff. Once I had the conversation
2 with McCarthy about him not wanting a copy of the binder, I decided it wasn't worth
3 raising to Leader McConnell.

4 Ms. Cheney. And did you reach out to Mollie Hemingway --

5 Ms. Hutchinson. No.

6 Ms. Cheney. -- or John Solomon or did somebody else?

7 Ms. Hutchinson. I did not.

8 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

9 Ms. Hutchinson. I've never spoken to them.

10 Mr. Hunt. Okay. The next clarification is on page 73 of the third transcript
11 from lines 10 to 13. Ms. Hutchinson was asked whether Scott Perry was at a meeting on
12 December 29th, and she wants to clarify her answer.

13 Ms. Hutchinson. It had said, "He wasn't at that meeting," where the transcript
14 should read, "He was at that meeting" with Mr. Waldron, McGuire, and Higgins on the
15 date December 29th.

16 Mr. Hunt. Yes.

17 Ms. Hutchinson. Pretty sure it was the 29th.

18 ██████████ Okay. So you understood that question was he -- was
19 Mr. -- excuse me.

20 Scott Perry was at the meeting, just to clarify?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. He was. He was a participant in person at that meeting.

22 ██████████ Got it. Perfect. Thank you.

23 Mr. Hunt. Okay. Also on page 73 of Transcript 3, line 21, there's just a typo of
24 some kind or just a misunderstanding. It says, "tallying satellite."

25 Ms. Hutchinson. I believe the transcript should read "Italian satellite."

1 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

2 Mr. Hunt. Then on page 74, line 21, also just a typo. It says, "Reacted with
3 her." Should be --

4 Ms. Hutchinson. "Raised with her."

5 [REDACTED] What page was that again?

6 Mr. Hunt. Page 74.

7 [REDACTED] Okay.

8 Mr. Hunt. I think it's either line 21 or line 24.

9 [REDACTED] Oh, 24.

10 Mr. Hunt. I'm sorry. 24.

11 [REDACTED] Okay.

12 Mr. Hunt. Should be "raised" instead of "reacted."

13 Page 81, line 5, there's another small clarification. The transcript states, "He is
14 still with POTUS," just to clarify who the "he" is.

15 Ms. Hutchinson. The "he" in that sentence is Pat Cipollone.

16 Mr. Hunt. Then on page 83, line 22, the transcript says "tenure."

17 Ms. Hutchinson. The transcript should read "knowledge."

18 Mr. Hunt. Page 88, line 12, there's a name -- this was discussion about listing
19 Members of Congress at a meeting on December 21st at the White House, and she had a
20 name that she recalled that was not -- she didn't recall at the time of her interview.

21 Ms. Hutchinson. Congressman Paul Gosar was also a part of that conversation.

22 Ms. Cheney. Can I ask you just on Members, Cassidy, you mentioned today that
23 the call on January 2nd, that Mr. Babin helped to sort of oversee it. Was he in any of
24 these other meetings that you recall?

25 Ms. Hutchinson. I recall him at the December 21st meeting. I don't recall him

1 coming to the White House after that.

2 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

3 Mr. Hunt. All right. Page 95, line 14, the word "marquis," and it's just an
4 incorrect word.

5 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't know what that -- I'm trying to see where it's at.

6 Mr. Hunt. We looked at it several times. It says --

7 Ms. Hutchinson. It says, "His marquis was at the White House." I have no idea
8 what that's referring to.

9 [REDACTED] Okay.

10 Ms. Hutchinson. We thought perhaps maybe motorcade.

11 Ms. Cheney. Yeah.

12 Ms. Hutchinson. Ratcliffe's motorcade was at the White House, but --

13 Mr. Hunt. I think that's possible. I can't think of what else it might be.

14 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm not sure "marquis." It's not a huge issue. I just --

15 Ms. Cheney. Who is this?

16 [REDACTED] Was this Ratcliffe, Director Ratcliffe?

17 Ms. Hutchinson. Uh-huh.

18 [REDACTED] Okay.

19 Mr. Hunt. Then on page 102, line 9, she refers to "the lazy management." It's
20 actually another word.

21 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm going to butcher the pronunciation, "laissez-faire."

22 Mr. Hunt. Laissez-faire management.

23 Ms. Cheney. Not that far off.

24 Ms. Hutchinson. A little less diplomatic.

25 Mr. Hunt. Then on page 106, lines 8 to 25, there was discussion about

1 preemptive pardons that some Members might have sought, and she wanted to add a
2 name that she recalled.

3 Ms. Hutchinson. I would like to add Congressman Paul Gosar to the list that has
4 already been described in the third transcript.

5 Mr. Hunt. Then on page 114, line 6, also about pardons, I think you testified
6 earlier today to this one in response to a question, but you wanted to also add another
7 name here.

8 Ms. Hutchinson. Mr. Rudy Giuliani also sought a pardon.

9 Mr. Hunt. And we're close to the end.

10 Ms. Hutchinson. Two more.

11 Mr. Hunt. Page 120, line 23, the word -- the transcript states "vert," v-e-r-t.

12 That should be --

13 Ms. Hutchinson. I believe the transcript should read "very," v-e-r-y.

14 Mr. Hunt. Okay. And then the last one is on page 125, line 25 through
15 page 126, line 4. This paragraph is meant to all be in a particular voice, Mr. Meadows'
16 voice. So she wanted to clarify because there's a statement in there that if you don't
17 know and it's taken out of context, it could be seen as referring to her rather than to Mr.
18 Meadows.

19 So why don't you clarify that.

20 Ms. Cheney. Which page is this on?

21 Mr. Hunt. It's on page 125, line 25 to 126, line 4.

22 Ms. Cheney. I see. Okay.

23 Mr. Hunt. So why don't you clarify that.

24 Ms. Cheney. Oh, I see.

25 Ms. Hutchinson. Talking about seeking a preemptive pardon. "Some campaign

1 people are asking for a preemptive pardon. Heck, if all of these people are asking for a
2 pardon, I want a pardon. Even the President might get a pardon."

3 I want to make it clear that Cassidy J. Hutchinson did not seek a pardon. So the
4 quotation marks are to clarify that that was Mr. Meadows speaking to me.

5 Ms. Cheney. Got it.

6 Ms. Hutchinson. I don't want somebody to eventually read this transcript and
7 think I sought a pardon. I did not.

8 Ms. Cheney. Okay.

9 Mr. Hunt. So, again, she's very appreciative that she had that opportunity.

10 Ms. Cheney. Thank you.

11 Mr. Hunt. And it does help. And when she was able to sort of put things in a
12 chronological timeframe for herself, she could recall some things. And hopefully that
13 was helpful, certainly helpful to her mind to be able to clarify.

14 Ms. Cheney. We appreciate that. Thank you very much.

15 Are there a couple of other questions on the record before we go off the record?

16 [REDACTED] Just very quickly.

17 I did want to cover one area, which is -- and I understand this might be kind of a
18 sensitive topic, but your prior attorney, I understand there was a possible arrangement
19 with something called the Save America PAC.

20 Are you familiar with the Save America PAC?

21 Ms. Hutchinson. [Nonverbal response.]

22 [REDACTED] Okay.

23 Mr. Hunt. You have to answer audibly.

24 Ms. Hutchinson. Yes. Are we on the record?

25 Mr. Hunt. We're on the record, yes.

1 Ms. Cheney. We are now, but if you want to --

2 Mr. Hunt. We're okay on this part, I think.

3 [REDACTED] And if you need any time --

4 Ms. Hutchinson. Thank you.

5 [REDACTED] Of course.

6 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm sorry.

7 [REDACTED] If you need any time where you'd like to talk to Mr. Hunt about any
8 of these questions, that's perfectly fine.

9 Ms. Hutchinson. I'm fine.

10 [REDACTED]

11 Q Do you have any insight as to how the Save America PAC was involved in
12 paying any fees or if they were at all?

13 A I don't -- I don't specifically. Now, I can give context if you are --

14 Q Sure.

15 A -- wanting to hear it.

16 So my understanding with all of this, at the start of it when I had been connected
17 with Stefan, I had asked him, one, for a contract because I wanted something tangible
18 and I wanted to sign something that would solidify the attorney-client relationship, to
19 which he responded, "For other people, we're not doing that right now. If at the end
20 you're still interested in doing something, I can maybe get something in writing to you,"
21 which felt a little counterproductive to me at the time, though I was grateful to be
22 receiving legal help and assistance.

23 And I then followed that up with, "Okay. Can you let me know at least who's
24 paying for this? I would like to thank them for their help," and just kind of trying to
25 learn a little bit more myself.

1 I was personally apprehensive about this relationship from the start, not to
2 Stefan's fault, but because I had concerns of other people footing my legal bills and the
3 potential implications that that may or may not have throughout this process. So I was
4 being cautious. And when he had responded that he -- again, they weren't going to
5 share that information and, you know, at the end of the investigation, if I still had
6 questions or wanted to know, he would let me know. I still had questions, but I didn't
7 really feel the need to press it further at that point.

8 The first few depositions transpired. And then we were in the process for the
9 third interview, and he had called me, and this was the first point that he had sort of
10 slipped and -- you know, the whole time I sort of assumed that it was Trump World or
11 somebody in Trump World footing the legal bills, but I didn't have any specifications or
12 reason to believe, other than just my gut instinct with it.

13 When we were in the process of coming in for a third interview, he had called me
14 and said something to the effect of, "Well, you know, if you want to do this and if we're
15 going to have to do this, we're going to have to have a subpoena. Trump World is not
16 going to pay your legal bills if you don't have a subpoena to go on further into the
17 interview."

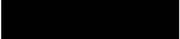
18 So that was my first, like, where it had kind of -- I had known, but that was the
19 proof, and it clicked with the funding was coming from Trump World. And it was the
20 first instance where I felt officially justified in my -- I don't want to say fear -- my
21 apprehension with the arrangement, because I didn't want the financing of an individual
22 or a group to determine how I was going to handle this with the committee.

23 The subpoena for the third interview came, it went. And then when the
24 conversation started happening for the SCIF portion -- the potential first SCIF portion of
25 the interview and a live hearing, we had continued conversations to an extent where he

1 had, again, iterated to me that he wasn't sure whether Trump World would continue
2 paying for the legal services I was being provided with if we were to go the route of the
3 SCIF or a live hearing, which I had then interpreted in my conversations with him to mean
4 a potential for a contempt charge would be the preferred option.

5 Q Is that something that you had raised, the idea of a contempt charge?

6 Mr. Hunt. I want to be careful a little bit here --

7  Yeah.

8 Mr. Hunt. -- of going into your communications with him about it. But as long
9 as we're talking about the financing piece of that --

10 Ms. Hutchinson. Yeah, yeah. My --

11 Mr. Hunt. -- and your understanding of who was financing and any concerns that
12 gave you, I'm okay with you talking about it.

13 Ms. Hutchinson. Right. So without going to the legal advice or legal counsel
14 part of it, of those discussions, I felt myself more in a position of I didn't want Trump
15 World financing or money to determine or dictate how I was going to handle this moving
16 forward. And I didn't want to be out of control of something that, you know, I wasn't
17 going to agree with just because I felt like I was boxed into this agreement, financial
18 agreement.

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20 Q Are you aware of any expectations that Save America PAC or others had with
21 respect to coordinating any of your prior counsel's conduct with the committee that you
22 feel comfortable sharing? And, again, I don't want to get anything beyond what it is that
23 you and Mr. Hunt have discussed is okay.

24 A I will say what I have to say and if you have further questions or want further
25 clarifications, that's fine. But there's an increased emphasis in Trump World -- and I

1 hate to use the term -- you know, about loyalty and they're loyal to you as long as they
2 feel you are to them.

3 So with all of that in consideration, you know, throughout my entire arrangement
4 with Stefan, 80 percent of me -- 75 to 80 percent of me the whole time just had this bad
5 gut instinct with it. And I remember thinking like, I felt like I had sold myself, and I felt
6 boxed in and that I was under a microscope with them again where I had worked for the
7 last year at that point to sort of distance myself, to no one's fault necessarily, but to take
8 a step back and just recalibrate myself after the end of the administration. Sorry.

9 Yeah, I remember saying to my mom at one point -- she asked in the beginning,
10 like, if I was happy -- because she knew that I had struggled to find counsel. And she
11 was like, "Are you happy with your counsel?" And I remember looking at her and
12 laughing. And she said, "Why are you laughing?" And I said to her, "No, Mom. I'm
13 F'd," like, and I just hit this point of like -- I had no reason to believe it, other than I know
14 how Trump World operates with the emphasis on loyalty and everybody being in each
15 other's business all the time.

16 But then there's the other 20, 25 percent of me that, you know, I felt I was being
17 too cynical, and I wanted to believe that people had good intentions and maybe they
18 actually wanted to help me, although I kind of in the back of my mind didn't think that
19 was the case. I didn't want to rule it out and let myself get to the mental place of being
20 ungrateful for the help that I was getting.

21 Again, it was just as we had progressed through all of the depositions and feeling
22 like I was under the microscope and with people reaching out about potential jobs and
23 people saying that I was taken care of and that I was back under the wing of Trump World
24 made me uncomfortable. But my tipping point with it was the potential limitations and
25 guidance on how the money could be spent.

1 Q Are you aware of any other witnesses who have appeared before the
2 committee who've been instructed or suggested that they take a certain approach
3 because of funding that they're receiving from Save America PAC or what you're calling
4 Trump World?

5 A No, I'm not. To be honest, I haven't talked to my -- to my awareness.
6 There's one person I've talked to a little bit on and off throughout this, my friend Liz
7 Horning. I'm not sure if she's been subpoenaed. She never told me she's been
8 subpoenaed, so I don't know if she had retained counsel through Save America PAC.

9 Other than Liz, though, Ben Williamson I talked a few times in the beginning, but
10 we haven't talked since then. I'm not aware of anybody else that's even receiving funds
11 from Save America PAC or anybody in Trump's orbit.

12 So a lot of the people that I'm under the impression have testified are still
13 somewhat in the orbit still, though, where I think -- I don't know everybody, but I think
14 my situation is a little more unique where I'm not currently involved in Republican
15 politics, if we can call it that, or in a wing of, you know, Trump's PACs or any organizations
16 that he's currently chairing.

17 Q Do you know who Susie Wiles is?

18 A I do.

19 Q Has she reached out to you at all as part of this process?

20 A Susie Wiles emailed me once in the beginning with Stefan because Pam
21 Bondi had a conversation with her. Susie Wiles had emailed me and said that they were
22 working on it, working on getting me counsel. But I haven't talked to Susie since then.
23 Pam Bondi had reached out a few times saying that she had talked to Susie and they had
24 ideas about jobs for me. I never followed up on the conversations, though.

25 Q And did they just know to reach out to you because the subpoena had been

1 made public?

2 A So --

3 Q And if there's conversations that you don't want to get into, that's fine.

4 Mr. Hunt. Yeah. Can we go off the record for just a minute?

5 [REDACTED] Yeah, that's fine. That's fine.

6 [Recess.]

7 [REDACTED] All right. So let's go back on the record.

8 And we are resuming the transcribed interview of Ms. Cassidy Hutchinson.

9 [REDACTED]

10 Q So just a final question or two.

11 You, Ms. Hutchinson, obviously worked very closely with Mr. Meadows while you
12 were at the White House. And has he or anyone close to him reached out to you about
13 your appearance before the select committee?

14 A Mr. Meadows and I have not spoken since January 20th, 2021. However,
15 the night before my second deposition, it's my understanding that Mr. Meadows
16 understood that to be my first deposition as my previous counsel had relayed to him and
17 his attorneys. So the night before my second deposition, his current staffer, who also
18 worked at the White House with him, Ben Williamson, gave me a call and said something
19 to the effect of, "Mark let me know that you have your deposition tomorrow. He wants
20 me to let you know that he's thinking about you. He knows you're a team player, you're
21 loyal, and you're going to do the right thing when you go in for your deposition."

22 Q Did he say anything else about your appearance, either in that call or since
23 then?

24 A We have not had a follow-up conversation since then.

25 Q Have you had any outreach from other former colleagues or people close to

1 former colleagues about your appearance before the select committee?

2 A I have had -- I've been contacted by Pam Bondi and -- Pam Bondi, Justin
3 Clark, and Alex Cannon.

4 Q And did they say anything about how you should interact with the select
5 committee, either through testimony or document production, anything at all?

6 A What they have said to me is -- what they had said to me is, as long as I
7 continue to be a team player, they know that I'm on the team, I'm doing the right thing,
8 I'm protecting who I need to protect, you know, I'll continue to stay in good graces in
9 Trump World. And they have reminded me a couple of times that Trump does read
10 transcripts and just to keep that in mind as I proceeded through my depositions and
11 interviews with the committee.

12 Q "Trump" meaning the former President reads transcripts that are available
13 or --

14 A That's correct.

15 Q -- or could become available?

16 A That's correct. I'm sorry for not clarifying.

17 Ms. Cheney. Did they use the words "protect, who you need to protect"?

18 Ms. Hutchinson. Along those lines of protect our people. You know, you'll
19 protect people, your good people.

20 Ms. Cheney. Yeah. Okay.

21 [REDACTED] I think that's all I have for today.

22 Ms. Cheney. That's all I have.

23 [REDACTED]. Thank you again for being here.

24 And I think at this point we can go off the record.

25 [Whereupon, at 7:13 p.m., the interview was adjourned.]

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