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JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL,  
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INTERVIEW OF: WILLIAM BEAU HARRISON

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Present: Representative Aguilar.

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17 STEFAN PASSANTINO

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2 Mr. ██████ This is a continued transcribed interview of  
3 Mr. William Harrison conducted by the House Select Committee to  
4 Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol  
5 pursuant to House Resolution 503.

6 Mr. Harrison, I know you've introduced yourself before the  
7 first time, but I'll ask you to do it again, and please spell  
8 your last name for the record.

9 Mr. Harrison. Yeah. Beau Harrison, H-a-r-r-i-s-o-n.  
10 William Harrison full name, legal name. Beau name -- or Beau  
11 is obviously a nickname.

12 Mr. ██████ Thank you, Mr. Harrison.

13 In the room today on our side are me, ██████. I'm a  
14 senior investigative counsel for the committee. And it's  
15 possible that another senior investigative counsel may join as  
16 well in the room, and if she does, I will let you know when she  
17 joins. Next to me is ██████, a professional staff member  
18 for the committee as well.

19 As of right now, we're the only staff for the committee.  
20 There are no members on either, and I'll let you know if any  
21 members or other staff join. And you should be able to see that  
22 as well on the Webex platform that we're on.

23 We met with you earlier on April 7th, but we do have some  
24 additional questions and appreciate you being here for them.  
25 The same ground rules are going to apply. I'll briefly go over

1     them again just to refresh you, one of which is you're allowed  
2     to have an attorney present. I see Mr. Passantino is here.

3             And I'll just ask you to introduce yourself for the record  
4     and spell your last name.

5             Mr. Passantino. Yes. Stefan Passantino, P, as in Paul,  
6     a-s-s, as in Sam, a-n-t-i-n-o.

7             Mr. [REDACTED]. Thank you very much.

8             There is an official reporter transcribing the record of  
9     the interview. Please wait until each question's complete  
10    before you begin your response, and we'll try to wait until your  
11    response is complete before we ask our next question.

12            And just as a reminder, the stenographer, the reporter can't  
13    take down nonverbal answers. So if you shake your head or say  
14    uh-huh or something like that, we may ask you to clarify your  
15    answer for that purpose.

16            And then finally, I do just want to remind you that it's  
17    unlawful to deliberately provide false information to Congress.

18            Do you understand all those ground rules and have any  
19    questions about them?

20            Mr. Harrison. Yes, I understand. No questions.

21            Mr. [REDACTED]. Very good.

22            BY MR. [REDACTED]

23            Q I want to take you back to January 5th, 2021, and talk  
24    to you about the expectations of crowd size at the Ellipse event  
25    scheduled for the next day, January 6th. And in our prior

1 meeting, you mentioned getting and passing information about the  
2 number of people who were expected to attend the rally on the  
3 6th.

4 So my first question is, why was that something that you  
5 were tracking and conveying to Chief of Staff Meadows and  
6 potentially others in the White House as well?

7 A I can't remember specifically what we talked about, but  
8 I do know that for every event that they -- that the President  
9 would do, you know, any President would do, they tracked  
10 attendance and potential crowd size just so they can have, you  
11 know, an idea of what they're -- what they're walking into, for  
12 a range of different reasons.

13 Q So was this something that was important to the  
14 President himself?

15 A I think it was important to the President. I think it  
16 would be important to the folks that were, you know, on the  
17 logistical side putting on -- you know, putting on the event.  
18 I think there was -- there was interest from the National Park  
19 Service, obviously, you know, because they had all these folks  
20 that were -- that were gathering on the Mall. So  
21 there's -- there was a lot of people that -- that, you know, were  
22 interested in that -- in that figure.

23 Q Okay. And I think last time you did mention that this  
24 is something that you were communicating up or ultimately  
25 communicating to Chief of Staff Meadows.

1           Was there any particular interest that he had about the  
2 crowd size?

3           A    I think there was.  I think mainly for just general  
4 awareness.  And I think that it was -- it was probably, you know,  
5 in conjunction with the, you know, broadcast activity that was  
6 across all different channels being monitored, just, you know,  
7 by the influx of people that were going to be in -- in D.C. and  
8 on the Mall that afternoon.

9           Q    Just to clarify what you just mentioned, you mentioned  
10 broadcast activity.  Are you talking about information that was  
11 being broadcast before the event or the event being broadcast?  
12 What'd you mean?

13          A    No, information that -- or -- or, you know, attendance  
14 that was being tracked, you know, by social media, through open  
15 source media, you know, of planned events and things like that  
16 occurring on -- you know, on the Mall in the -- in the, you know,  
17 D.C. area.

18          Q    Okay.  And we may come back to some of that as well that  
19 you just mentioned as we go through this, but I do want to show  
20 you an exhibit.  This is exhibit No. 10, and I'll ask to bring  
21 that up.  This is an email that we have received.

22                Can you see at least the first part of the email that we've  
23 put up on the screen there as exhibit 10?

24          A    Yeah.

25          Q    Okay.  All right.  So this is the entire email.  I'll

1 represent that to you. There's nothing beyond the two that  
2 you're seeing here. And that original one is from Bobby Peede  
3 to Tony Ornato, you, and then copying William Russell and Max  
4 Miller, dated January 5th at 12:33 p.m.

5 Is that big enough for you to be able to read?

6 A Yeah. Yes.

7 Q So in that bottom email, and take as much time as you'd  
8 like to read it, but in that bottom one from Mr. Peede, it talks  
9 about the permit for the Ellipse event and the fact that 12  
10 magnetometers, in his opinion, wouldn't be enough.

11 Do you remember conversations about the quantity of  
12 magnetometers that would be appropriate for the event on the  
13 Ellipse with Mr. Peede or others in the days before January 6th?

14 A Yeah. Not specifically, but this -- this is a  
15 conversation that happens and has happened and, you know,  
16 happened pretty much with every event that was being done.

17 You know, they have -- they monitor, "they" being Secret  
18 Service and the advance folks, you know, monitor RSVP numbers  
19 and want to make sure that they have the appropriate number of  
20 mags so that, you know, they have a flow rate that is an  
21 approximate of, you know, how -- you can get X amount of people  
22 through, you know, one walk-through mag or, you know, one hand  
23 mag per hour.

24 And they just -- you know, that's a calculation that goes  
25 into any event so that people are not standing in line, you know,

1 forever.

2 Q Okay. And at one point it does say here -- excuse me,  
3 Mr. Peede says here that: I realize there's a long-term mag  
4 formula being used.

5 I'm pulling that out from the middle of the email, but is  
6 that what you're referring to when you say that there's some  
7 calculation that goes into how many might be needed?

8 A Right. And I should know the number off the top of my  
9 head. I don't. But I know that it's -- you know, they  
10 can -- they have an -- again, this is not what it is, but  
11 they -- you know, they can say, just for easy math, that, you  
12 know, they can get 100 people through one mag in an hour.

13 You know, and there's different -- there's -- obviously,  
14 there's different things that slow that -- either accelerate  
15 that or slow it down.

16 You know, an outdoor event such as this one, which I think,  
17 you know, is also mentioned kind of later in that -- you know,  
18 later in that -- in the email is, you know, when you have  
19 people -- think of it when you're going through the airport. If  
20 you've got people that have, you know, a bunch of coats or, you  
21 know, outer layers, you know, they have to take those off. They  
22 have to put them back on. It slows -- it slows everything down.  
23 So that's, you know, one of the things that plays into it too.

24 Q Part of this email also talks about permit. If you look  
25 at the first part of Mr. Peede's email, it says: We're down to



1 12 mags for tomorrow. Permit was approved last night for 30,000  
2 from the 20,000 number yesterday.

3 What did you understand this reference to permit to be?

4 A The permit -- the permit that is referenced is the  
5 permit for an event on the Mall through the National Park Service.  
6 You know, that's something that's pretty standard that you have  
7 to do, you know, for an event of this size, for really any event,  
8 any event taking place on the Mall or any of the NPS kind of  
9 managed properties.

10 And so -- and so I think that just the -- I guess the permit  
11 was upped once they can get -- they can get a feel of, you know,  
12 RSVP numbers and things like that so they could then, you know,  
13 relay that to the folks at the National Park Service, you know,  
14 the folks -- all of the kind of supporting entities, whether it  
15 be, you know, Capitol Police or the D.C. Metro Police and the  
16 Secret Service and other folks, just, you know, so everybody's  
17 kind of working off the same page.

18 Q Did you have any role in getting this permit or amending  
19 the permit based on expectations of crowd size or any other  
20 reason?

21 A No. That would -- again, I don't know this for a fact,  
22 but I would -- I would imagine that that would probably come  
23 through the -- either through the Office of Presidential Advance  
24 through, you know, folks at the Department of the Interior, and  
25 then it would kind of work its way through, you know, down

1 through -- down through the NPS.

2 Q Do you know if anybody on this email -- so this was sent  
3 to Mr. Ornato, Mr. Miller, Max Miller to be clear, and Will  
4 Russell. Do you know if any of those folks had any role in  
5 getting or amending the permit for the event on the 6th?

6 A I don't know -- I don't know for sure. I don't know who  
7 was the one that was kind of running point on it, you know, but  
8 Bobby Peede and Max were kind of the kind of co-heads of the  
9 Advance Office at that time. So that was -- you know, again,  
10 don't want to speculate, but that would probably be something  
11 that was in their -- in their area of responsibility.

12 Q Okay. So you then sent this along. The email here is  
13 shown at 9:36 p.m., but I'll represent to you that that is very  
14 likely 5 hours after. This is in Greenwich Mean Time or UTC,  
15 and so this would actually be around 4:36 p.m.

16 A Yes.

17 Q Why did you think it was necessary to send this on to  
18 Mr. Engel and Mr. -- excuse me, Mr. Engel and [REDACTED]?

19 A So, as you guys know, Bobby Engel, Bob Engel was the  
20 head -- was the head of the President's detail at the time. So  
21 that was more of a kind of situational update. And [REDACTED]  
22 was the head of the access control kind of -- he was the DSAIC,  
23 you know, the deputy special agent in charge, in charge of the  
24 White House Complex.

25 And it was, you know, simply and purely a situational update

1 that they -- you know, I'm not sure what -- if they sent it to  
2 the teams that were involved, but, you know, we had a  
3 fairly -- and as, you know, you guys have seen in the other, you  
4 know, examples that we talked about last time, that I'm sure that  
5 we'll probably talk about here in a few minutes too, you know,  
6 we had a pretty open -- open and candid, you know, channel of  
7 communication and, you know, updates, updates like this were  
8 passed fairly routinely and -- and, you know, that -- and that  
9 was just a regular occurrence.

10 Q Okay. And that actually leads into my next question,  
11 which was, is this the type of information you would pass along  
12 routinely or is this something -- or was there something special  
13 about this information in the day leading up to the 6th that made  
14 you want to forward this along to Mr. Engel and [REDACTED]?

15 A No. This is -- this is -- I mean, I bet if you guys  
16 searched through -- I mean, I don't know if you'd want to, but  
17 this is a -- this is a regular -- regular email.

18 Q Did discussions about crowd size or expectations for  
19 crowd size coming to Washington for the event on the 6th -- it  
20 was all over social media. The President was, you know,  
21 encouraging people to come to the Ellipse. Did that at all  
22 affect, you know, the reason for you sending this information  
23 along, outside just the normal routine need to pass information  
24 like this?

25 A No. And, you know, those -- the -- no. And the

1 emails -- there's other emails that were mainly generated from  
2 the Secret Service that I think that were -- were talked about  
3 last time where they were sending us, you know, hey, this is kind  
4 of what we're seeing from social media, you know.

5 And that was passed -- that was passed to White House staff,  
6 you know, as an awareness point that then we would then -- you  
7 know, we would then relay. You know, that was passed to Metro  
8 Police. That was passed to Capitol Police, you know, so that  
9 everybody was on -- was on the same page of, you know, what to  
10 expect.

11 Mr. [REDACTED] I just note for the record that [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED], another senior investigative counsel for the  
13 committee, has joined me in the room and sits to my left.

14 Ms. [REDACTED]. Hi. Good morning.

15 BY MR. [REDACTED]

16 Q You know, one line in Mr. Peede's email, going back to  
17 the bottom email, if we could pull up exhibit No. 10 again, he  
18 says: I realize there's a long-term mag formula being  
19 used -- which is something we just talked about with you, Mr.  
20 Harrison. But he goes on and says: But people are coming  
21 dressed for a march and standing outside for hours both at our  
22 site and the Capitol in the cold. Mags will be slow.

23 So do you remember any discussions about people going to  
24 the Capitol on January 6th? This is the 5th, obviously, so  
25 before the day of the 6th.

1           A    I don't -- nothing specific. I know that there was -- I  
2    have a vague memory of, you know, in some of the updates and some  
3    of the stuff that was pulled from social media, you know, there  
4    was some discussion online about people going from -- you know,  
5    going to the Capitol, being near the Capitol, you know, and moving  
6    to the Capitol, you know, after -- after, you know, President  
7    Trump gave his remarks there on the Ellipse. But -- but, you  
8    know, that was -- that's the extent of it.

9           Q    You mentioned -- just to clarify on that, you mentioned  
10   seeing some of that on social media, for example.

11           Do you remember this being a topic of conversation, whether  
12   formally in meetings or informally among colleagues at the White  
13   House, before the 6th?

14           A    I don't remember.

15           Q    It seems like this idea at least had some appreciable  
16   effect on logistical planning or Mr. Peede, I assume, wouldn't  
17   have put it in here. Do you -- oh, go ahead.

18           A    I'm sorry. Well, to me -- to me reading that, you know,  
19   the reason that that is even included in there is to highlight  
20   the fact that, you know, people have -- people are coming from  
21   all over and -- and are prepared to be out, outdoors, you know,  
22   for an extended period. You know, they'll have backpacks.  
23   They'll have, you know, heavy clothes, you know, water bottles  
24   and things like that, you know.

25           And the intention and, you know, the reason for him saying

1 that was, again, probably pushing for, one, more mags or just  
2 to make sure that everybody was on the same page, that, you know,  
3 people might be waiting a little while, you know, as they're going  
4 through the mags.

5 Q And that makes perfect sense in the context of this email  
6 as well. I guess zooming out a little bit more broadly,  
7 obviously, one of the things that the committee is looking at  
8 is kind of the expectations of people going to the Capitol and  
9 the purpose for them going to the Capitol.

10 And so I guess I'm zooming out a little bit and curious about  
11 any conversations you had and how they might have affected you  
12 and your job functions about people going to the Capitol that  
13 day.

14 A Yeah. I mean, there, you know, wasn't -- it wasn't too  
15 much additional discussion other than the fact that, you know,  
16 there was going to be a lot of people, a lot of people outdoors  
17 on the Mall. And, you know, that was -- that was that.

18 Q I believe we talked to you last time about I don't know  
19 if standing meeting is the right way to say it, but you were having  
20 meetings with Mr. Ornato Monday, Wednesday, Friday, kind of the  
21 operations team.

22 Do you know if this issue or recall this issue about people  
23 wanting to go to the Capitol came up in any of those meetings?

24 A I don't recall specifically. You know, if it -- if the  
25 attendees of a -- attendees of a -- you know, of an event went

1 to the Capitol, you know, or if they went home, you know, it didn't  
2 really -- unless it -- it didn't really have much impact on the  
3 President, so -- or on -- you know, on President Trump at the  
4 time. And so it -- I mean, if it was brought up, it wasn't in  
5 any serious detail.

6 Q I do want to go back to one thing again on the social  
7 media. You said that this stuff was -- some of this information  
8 about what might happen at the Ellipse, the number of people who  
9 are coming was coming up on social media.

10 Do you remember which social media sites you were seeing  
11 information like this?

12 A You know, I was not -- I was not tracking it on social  
13 media. I was -- I was receiving the information kind of in  
14 tranches where, you know, they would say, hey, here's -- there's  
15 a list of -- again, don't know this for a fact. Here's a list  
16 of 20 -- you know, 20 events that either are on Facebook or on  
17 Twitter or on, you know, whatever platform people plan these,  
18 you know, online events or advertise these events. You know,  
19 and it says, hey, there's 50 people interested or there's 100  
20 people that have RSVP'd that they are going to go to this. You  
21 know, we would receive that.

22 Again, I -- and I believe that one of the -- maybe a couple  
23 of the emails we talked about last time and actually you guys  
24 had last time. And it's, you know, event one, event two, event  
25 three, you know, and it has details on who's the organizer, who's

1 the -- you know, here's the estimated size, here's the  
2 description, here's -- you know, going on from there.

3 Q Do you remember any information being obtained from the  
4 social media site Parler?

5 A No. No, not specifically.

6 Q Have you heard -- do you know what I'm talking about when  
7 I refer to Parler?

8 A I know Parler. I have never -- never used Parler, don't  
9 have a Parler account. To be honest with you, I don't even know  
10 if Parler still is even around.

11 But, yeah, I mean, I know -- I know of it just because that's  
12 a -- you know, there are a handful of those social media accounts.

13 Q Okay. And do you remember anybody in the White House  
14 or Secret Service or otherwise obtaining information about  
15 events expected January 6th from the websites Gab or  
16 TheDonald.win, any of those?

17 A I don't remember specifically where they were -- where  
18 they were pulling, you know, any of these -- you know, the details  
19 of the events from. You know, I -- my memory of those types of  
20 updates was just -- like I said, was in kind of the tranches of,  
21 you know, where it's a comprehensive list of, you know, events  
22 that have been advertised or planned or, you know, anything like  
23 that. I don't remember exactly the origin of, you know, what  
24 service or what platform was hosting kind of the planning side  
25 of that thing.



1           Q    Are you familiar with the site TheDonald.win?  Have you  
2   ever heard of that before?

3           A    I don't think so.

4           Q    So moving on just slightly, at least as of January 3rd,  
5   which I believe was a Sunday, it looks like the Secret Service  
6   decided to stand up the Emergency Operations Center on the White  
7   House Campus.

8           Do you know why standing up the EOC was necessary for the  
9   rally on the 6th?

10          A    I don't remember -- I don't remember that happening,  
11   but, I mean, I think it was probably just due to the numbers  
12   of -- you know, the number of, you know, people involved, the  
13   road closures, and things like that that were expected around  
14   the city.

15          I know that, you know, road closures were something that  
16   we got, you know, very -- we were very used to, you know,  
17   from -- by the time -- you know, by -- I think we had a couple  
18   events on the -- on the Mall on the 4th of July.  They had, you  
19   know, the convention.  They had -- you know, I think there were  
20   a handful of others that had, you know, impacts to, you know,  
21   traffic flow and folks coming in and out of work.

22          And, you know, I know that -- I know that, just from  
23   experience, you know, while we were dealing with those events,  
24   we decided that and found that it was kind of helpful to have,  
25   you know, kind of an operations center stood up just for ease

1 of information flow, for -- you know, for people to answer  
2 questions, you know, to serve as kind of a hotline for, you know,  
3 those specific type events.

4 So to answer your question, you know, my thought would be  
5 just to simply kind of be a kind of the forward-facing, you know,  
6 Secret Service liaison to any of those questions that were coming  
7 up, whether it be, you know, road closures, traffic, you know,  
8 traffic updates, you know, things like that.

9 Q More generally and in part to educate me, was the  
10 Emergency Operations Center at the White House Campus, was that  
11 something that was running 24/7, or is that something that had  
12 to be stood up on an event or day-by-day basis, if necessary,  
13 if you know?

14 A I mean -- I mean, there was -- there was a White  
15 House -- so there's a White House Operations Center, you know,  
16 that is -- that is running 24/7 around the clock. And it  
17 actually -- and it has -- and I believe this is what you're  
18 referring to, that has representatives from -- it's not just  
19 Secret Service. It's, you know, folks from your staff side.  
20 It's folks from Secret Service. It's folks from, you know,  
21 career staff on kind of the M&A, you know, OA -- you know, the  
22 OA side. And so -- and that, again, is, you know, something  
23 that's been around and -- and operating, you know, not specific  
24 to this one event.

25 Q Okay. The reason I'm asking you is, candidly, I'm not

1 looking at an email that you specifically are on, but it went  
2 from the Secret Service to White House -- or WHC Operations  
3 Group. It went to a WhiteHouseOperationsCenter@eop.gov.

4 A Yeah. So the -- so the -- the -- what was the first  
5 one?

6 Q One was WHC/Operations Group.

7 A Does that have a -- is there a domain on there? I mean,  
8 I don't --

9 Q Yeah. That's a Secret Service domain.

10 A Yeah. So that would be -- that would be -- WHC would  
11 be White House Campus. The White House Operations Center is  
12 the -- or what we called the WHOC, you know, was -- again, it  
13 was the kind of committee -- or not committee, just a group  
14 formed, you know, that had kind of the necessary and kind of  
15 related members, at least one from, you know, from room one or  
16 the, you know, M&A Office, one from Secret Service, one  
17 from -- you know, just kind of the related arms.

18 You know, that if any question were to come up, you know,  
19 generally on the weekends, they would make sure that somebody  
20 was there that they could -- you know, they could put people  
21 through WAVES, you know, on a -- on a last minute notice if they  
22 needed. It was kind of like a, you know, a last minute kind  
23 of -- kind of catchall.

24 Q Do you remember if you were included in that Listserv,  
25 the WhiteHouseOperationsCenter@eop.gov, getting those emails?

1           A    I don't know. I can't -- I don't know for a fact.

2           Q    Okay. And Listserv, may be the wrong term, but  
3 distribution list, whatever it is.

4           A    Distribution, yes. Yeah.

5           Q    Okay. And you don't recall if you were on that or don't?

6           A    I -- I don't -- I don't remember. I think I probably  
7 was, but, again, I don't know for sure.

8           Q    Okay. And that's helpful background for me, because  
9 I'm looking at this email and it just -- this is dated January  
10 the 3rd, and it says: The White House Complex will activate the  
11 Emergency Operations Center beginning Wednesday, January 6,  
12 2021, in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

13           And it goes on to say that: The purpose of the EOC is to  
14 support the Joint Operations Center, the JOC, and the Unified  
15 Command Leadership Team during the Ellipse event, by managing  
16 administrative and operational coordination issues.

17           It talks about parking, and then says: The mission  
18 statement will be to supplement the JOC by resolving  
19 administrative and operational issues,  
20 nonemergency/nontactical, directly related to the Ellipse  
21 event, including monitor, track, and report demonstration events  
22 in the National Capitol Region, NCR, to the JOC and the Unified  
23 Command Leadership Team.

24           Does what I just read to you at all trigger any memories  
25 or any recollection as to why the White House Complex in this

1 email, quote, activated the Emergency Operations Center for the  
2 6th?

3 A No. I'm sorry. No. I mean, nothing specific, you  
4 know, specifically triggered. That was obviously much more  
5 elegantly put than I was try -- I was trying to explain that.

6 You know, that was the goal and the mission and, you know,  
7 that's a pretty good comprehensive write-up of exactly, you know,  
8 what was accomplished, you know, by the -- by the operations  
9 center at the time.

10 Q And based on the description I just read to you, is the  
11 EOC, then, something different than what's running kind of 24/7,  
12 is something that has to be specifically activated, as this  
13 references?

14 A I don't remember, you know, any -- so I remember in the  
15 operations center the kind of operations group, you know, running  
16 pretty much, you know, day to day. You know, I'm not totally  
17 sure what -- what other, you know, additions or kind of like,  
18 you know, if it was beefed up at all, you know, based on the fact  
19 that there was this, you know, event planned, that there was,  
20 you know, all sorts of road closures, there was, you know, traffic  
21 issues.

22 And, again, you know, one of the big things with -- with,  
23 you know, any of those events is just the -- you know, the kind  
24 of -- it's a pain in the butt getting people to and from and in  
25 and out.

1           And there's -- you know, there was a number of people that,  
2           you know, even though they've received the email of, hey, there's  
3           a road closure and this is how you can, you know, get around it  
4           or, you know, there's -- somebody inevitably is making -- you  
5           know, didn't read the email and is making a -- you know, and make  
6           a phone call and say, hey, I'm -- you know, I'm stuck at this  
7           checkpoint and I can't get past it.

8           And, you know, there's the -- somebody within the  
9           operations center would be there to kind of talk them through  
10          and walk them through, you know, what they needed to do.

11          Q    Got it. Sounds like something I would do.

12          Mr. [REDACTED] Do you have any questions or followup on that?

13          BY MS. [REDACTED]

14          Q    I just had kind of a bigger question about the different  
15          operation centers and the situation room and kind of the bigger  
16          picture about Secret Service and the White House staff.

17          So let me just start with, did you guys have radios that  
18          you would use to communicate with each other as staffers?

19          A    We did. We had radios, you know -- so staff  
20          wouldn't -- staff wouldn't use radios to communicate with -- you  
21          know, with one another on campus. You know, there was -- there  
22          were a handful of radios that were given out to, you know, kind  
23          of like the advance team members, you know, so that they  
24          could -- that they could communicate while at an event site.

25          But, you know, no radios were used, you know, on campus by

1 staff or, you know, to communicate. We had -- we had -- I had  
2 a radio, and there was kind of a select few that had, you know,  
3 a radio for just awareness purposes. You know, and depending  
4 on roles and responsibilities, there was a -- there were, you  
5 know, different channels that -- different channels that, you  
6 know, that you had access to -- or not that you had access to,  
7 but, you know, that your radio was coded to. But -- but --

8 Q So -- and this is, again, a super basic question, but  
9 when you say you had access to a radio, is it like a -- what -- for  
10 you as a staffer, not an agent, what does that radio look like?  
11 Is it like a walkie-talkie, is it something in your ear, or how  
12 do you -- how do you access it?

13 A I had a radio on -- a physical radio, like a, you know,  
14 walkie-talkie, like, sitting on my desk.

15 Q So you could speak into that radio?

16 A If I -- yeah. I mean, it was not -- I didn't and it  
17 would not be appropriate for me to do that, but if --

18 Q Again, I know these questions are not -- they're  
19 super -- they're simple, and I'm not -- it's not meant to be  
20 hiding the ball in any way. I'm really just trying to  
21 understand.

22 A Yeah, no.

23 Q If you have a radio, who do you hear over that radio?  
24 Do you hear Secret Service agents or do you hear other White House  
25 staffers?

1           A    You would hear -- again, I guess it would depend on the  
2 channel that you're on. The channel that -- that I would listen  
3 to was -- was one of the Secret Service channels. So you would  
4 hear Secret Service people.

5           Q    And are you familiar with like Tango Charlie Oscar, the  
6 channel names, or do you -- or you can just flip to a certain  
7 channel?

8           A    I had -- I had one, again, and I -- I can't -- again,  
9 it's been a year-plus now, so I don't exactly remember what it  
10 was called, but there's -- you know, there were a handful of  
11 different channels that were used for different reasons.

12           And -- and the channel -- the channel that I would listen  
13 to was mainly just to -- to like, you know, you would pick up  
14 when the President was coming down from, you know -- coming down  
15 from the residence or when he arrived back at the White House  
16 or -- you know, and once -- and if he was -- if he -- or, you  
17 know, for other examples, when, you know, there was a fence  
18 jumper, the -- the White House Complex, you know, went to a  
19 different elevation status. You know, that -- that sort of kind  
20 of awareness.

21           Q    And that comes -- does it come over -- or do you have  
22 access to more than one channel as a White House staffer, to  
23 listen to, or are you always on the same channel? And I --

24           A    I -- I did, but I would listen to just the one. And,  
25 again, based off of responsibilities and, you know, kind of I



1 guess you're not going to give a -- yes. So, yes, to answer your  
2 question.

3 You could -- there are more channels that I had access to.  
4 I would listen to the one that was just basically for awareness,  
5 you know, of updates, you know, of the Secret Service protectees  
6 coming and going from the White House and, you know, kind of White  
7 House complex and campus updates.

8 Ms. [REDACTED] I'd like to welcome Mr. Aguilar this  
9 morning who's joined us.

10 BY MS. [REDACTED]

11 Q So apart from the advance team folks who you said had  
12 radios, who else, apart from yourself, generally had access to  
13 or would use the radio, separate from the Service, of course?

14 A So using -- I guess I'll back up. Using the radio, you  
15 know, the staff didn't -- I mean, it was very -- it was like a  
16 one-way. You know, it was list -- it was -- I guess the best  
17 way to say it, it's listen only.

18 Q Okay.

19 A You know, if you were, you know, on there running your  
20 mouth or, you know, even saying anything, you know, you would  
21 probably get it taken away from you, you know, because that just  
22 wasn't what it was for.

23 You know, so I had a radio. There was a radio in the chief  
24 of staff's outer office that was there. You know, that was a  
25 common thing that was there from -- you know, from first chief

1 of staff, from Reince, you know, through all the different -- all  
2 the different chiefs of staff.

3 And then there was a radio in -- there was a radio in the  
4 Outer Oval, you know, the kind of anteroom before the Oval Office,  
5 you know, where the -- where the President's assistants would,  
6 you know, be able to hear, hey, he's in the elevator coming down  
7 from -- you know, from the residence or, you know, he's walking  
8 over or he's, you know, about to be in the office.

9 Q Would you ever hear anyone other than agents on the  
10 radio? And I appreciate what you're saying, you guys are using  
11 it as a listening device, but was there ever a use by White House  
12 staffers of the radio?

13 A On campus?

14 Q Correct.

15 A No.

16 Q And then when we talk off campus, is it beyond just the  
17 advance team folks who would have been assigned a radio?

18 A No. You know, and the use off campus would strictly be,  
19 you know, kind of -- they are distributed and cataloged and, you  
20 know, logged at an event site -- at an event site, you know, for  
21 the use of kind of internal communication, logistical  
22 communication, you know, at the event site.

23 For example, you know, somebody would -- you know,  
24 there's -- let's -- a common, common practice, there's a -- you  
25 know, a press staffer, you know, that has been assigned to the

1 press pool at an event. When -- when, you know, the advance lead  
2 or the lead of the event is ready for the press pool to be brought  
3 into the buffer so that they can kind of do the -- kind of the  
4 close-up buffer shot that -- you know, that is very common, and,  
5 you know, they would say over the radio that, you know, the press  
6 can come up. Okay, it's time for the press to go back to the  
7 thing, to the press riser or to the press pool. You know,  
8 that's -- that's common practice.

9 Q Got it.

10 A You know, happens at every -- happens at every event.

11 Q And do you know whether the military aides had their own  
12 radio channel?

13 A The mil -- so they would be -- I mean, the White House  
14 Military Office folks would be on a -- on a specific channel.  
15 You know, and you had to have your radio coded to that -- to that  
16 channel.

17 Q Did you have access to listen to that channel?

18 A I did, but I did not. I mean, so to answer your  
19 question, I did have access to listen to that channel, but I  
20 generally did not listen to that. And on the day -- on January  
21 5th and 6th, I did not, just because I --

22 Q So just to wrap up this point, I appreciate you kind of  
23 going through the different types. It sounds like there's the  
24 Secret Service channels are then -- would you say there's  
25 separate White House Military Office channels, from what

1 you're --

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay.

4 Ms. [REDACTED] All right, [REDACTED] I'm sure you'll hear from  
5 me again, but, [REDACTED] go ahead.

6 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

7 Q On that point, just to follow up, on the 5th or 6th, were  
8 you getting any information, over whatever radio channels you  
9 were listening to, from local law enforcement, MPD or other  
10 agencies that aren't associated with the Secret Service, about  
11 things that were happening in the District?

12 A Over a radio?

13 Q Right.

14 A No.

15 Q Okay. So I want to take you to the 6th specifically.  
16 And I know we already talked a bit about that last time we spoke  
17 with you, Mr. Harrison. We do have some follow-up questions.

18 And just to kind of set the scene again, when we did it  
19 earlier, we broke the day into the morning before the event on  
20 the Ellipse, the period while the President was at the Ellipse,  
21 and then after the President returned. And so we'll generally  
22 follow that same structure.

23 So starting with the morning, do you remember hearing  
24 anything about people having dangerous items or weapons at the  
25 Ellipse?

1 A No.

2 Q How about any dangerous items seized from people going  
3 through magnetometers?

4 A Nothing specifically, but just as -- I mean, you could  
5 look at -- you could look at the TSA's Instagram page and see  
6 what they pulled through, you know, people forgetting that they  
7 have a pocketknife in a backpack or, you know, they have, you  
8 know, mace on a key chain.

9 You know, anything like that is -- happens pretty much every  
10 day, and it happens at -- you know, at every event that takes  
11 place where you have people going through security. You know,  
12 somebody is going to forget that they have something in their  
13 backpack that they, you know, probably shouldn't have.

14 Q And so just to be clear, the morning of the 6th, do you  
15 remember hearing anything about events or occurrences like the  
16 ones you just explained or others for people --

17 A No.

18 Q -- going through the magnetometers at the Ellipse?

19 A No.

20 Q Do you remember hearing anything about somebody with  
21 nunchucks, for example? I think that was a specific example I'll  
22 use.

23 A No.

24 Q Did you discuss any dangerous items that were found at  
25 the Ellipse with Mr. Ornato or Mr. Engel or anybody else in the

1 White House that morning?

2 A Not that I remember.

3 Q Do you know if Mr. Ornato ever raised any issues about  
4 people with dangerous items at the Ellipse that morning?

5 A No.

6 Q And when you say no, just to be clear, you don't recall  
7 him doing something like that?

8 A I don't remember -- yeah, I don't remember, you know,  
9 that conversation ever coming up.

10 Q So we do have -- yeah, go ahead.

11 A And this is all -- this is all, again,  
12 before -- before -- I guess, you know, before the President left  
13 for the event, correct? That's the window that we're talking  
14 about?

15 Q That's right. That's right. And we'll zoom out  
16 shortly, but yes, that's correct for right now.

17 We do have several emails, I'll represent to you, that are  
18 from the Secret Service. One of them is in the morning of the  
19 6th at 7:58 a.m., that said: Good morning. At this time, there  
20 are approximately 10,000-plus in line waiting to go through the  
21 main magnetometers for the POTUS Ellipse site at UD Post 215 on  
22 Constitution Ave. Some members of the crowd are wearing  
23 ballistic helmets, body armor, carrying radio equipment in  
24 military grade backpacks.

25 Now, that's a little bit different than the dangerous items

1 list that we went through, but do you remember hearing reports  
2 about that on the morning of the 6th?

3 A I don't know if I was on that email or not, but I don't  
4 remember -- I mean, I don't -- I don't remember anything maybe  
5 even more than that, more than that email.

6 Q Okay. And I don't believe you were on this email.

7 A Yeah.

8 Q But I think, just generally, setting the scene, asking  
9 if you remember, as you sit here today, anything like that that  
10 was being reported the morning of the 6th?

11 A No. And -- and, you know, if -- if I had any update on  
12 it, it probably was through just open source media. Just, you  
13 know, you have folks that were in the press that were probably  
14 standing, you know, outside, outside the mags kind of reporting  
15 on what -- what they saw.

16 Q The email I just referenced to you is from the Secret  
17 Service itself. There was another one at 9:30 that mentions  
18 members of the crowd having body armor, carrying radio equipment,  
19 possibly OC spray and/or plastic riot shields.

20 Does any of that, the OC spray or plastic riot shields,  
21 trigger any memory of things that you heard about in the morning  
22 of the 6th?

23 A No.

24 Ms. [REDACTED] So, Mr. Harrison, I was wondering if you  
25 could just, on the night of January 5th, when you go home and

1 you're thinking about the next day, was there any discussion or  
2 anticipation of how the day might unfold?

3 Mr. Passantino. I'm sorry, you mind making that a little  
4 more specific? Are you talking about like discussion with who  
5 maybe? Maybe --

6 Ms. [REDACTED] Mr. Orna- -- sure.

7 BY MS. [REDACTED]

8 Q On January 5th, before the 6th, was there any discussion  
9 of what one could expect for January 6th, with Mr. Ornato or  
10 any of your colleagues within the White House? In other words,  
11 what was your expectation of how the day's events would be?

12 A You know, I don't know -- I don't remember my specific,  
13 you know, expectation. I obviously knew that there was going  
14 to be a lot of people on the Mall. You know, the President was  
15 going to the Mall.

16 And, again, we -- you know, there was kind of a growing crowd  
17 size that had, you know -- so I guess it was just kind of curious  
18 as to how many people would actually be there. But -- but, you  
19 know, I don't have any other memory of feelings of -- you know,  
20 on the night of January 5th.

21 Q So other than the crowd size, was there any other concern  
22 about the day, the type -- you had mentioned earlier that there  
23 was emails about the crowd -- I'm sorry, the groups that may be  
24 attending. Was that ever discussed?

25 A I mean, I'm sure it was. You know, like [REDACTED] said, you



1 know, we had our meetings where those types of updates were  
2 discussed and, you know, brought to attention, you know, brought  
3 to the attention of the folks that were kind of -- and, you know,  
4 needed to know that.

5 But -- yes, but I don't know -- you know, there wasn't any  
6 other kind of, you know, feelings that I remember, any memories  
7 that I have, you know, kind of specific to, hey, you know, this  
8 may happen or this may not happen.

9 Q Mr. Ornato described January 6th, his expectation it  
10 would be a pretty typical day. Would you agree with that?

11 A I -- you know, my expectation -- you know, I got  
12 there -- I got -- I remember getting to work maybe a little early  
13 just because I was anticipating that there were going to  
14 be -- like I mentioned before, there was going to be probably  
15 some questions that I was getting from a few of our regular people  
16 that didn't read their emails about how to -- how to get into  
17 the office that day.

18 And -- and, you know, I -- there was kind of a clear-cut  
19 plan for the President to go down to an event site, give a speech,  
20 and then come back. And, you know, at least from my perspective,  
21 that was -- that was, you know, kind of what I was anticipating.

22 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

23 Q Do you remember in the days before, since we're on this,  
24 do you remember Mr. Ornato ever raising, you know, the potential  
25 that things could kind of go bad when you have an event like this,

1 a lot of people coming to Washington, any concerns that he had?

2 A I don't remember -- I think that the main concern was  
3 just the num -- just numbers, you know. And then -- and then,  
4 you know, some of the groups -- the groups that were -- that were,  
5 you know, going to -- had registered that they were going to be  
6 present.

7 But, you know, through open source -- open source info, you  
8 could -- you could figure out that, you know, just by -- by volume  
9 of numbers, you know, that -- that -- that could -- you know,  
10 issues could arise I guess just by, you know, how many people  
11 were there.

12 But, you know, I don't remember any -- I don't remember  
13 any -- at least with me, I don't remember any specific talk of,  
14 you know, hey, this could potentially get violent or anything  
15 like that. You know, that -- I don't have any memory of that.

16 Q Okay. And I think, you know, some context there I think  
17 could be helpful, because in December, mid-December, there's a  
18 Trump rally at Freedom Plaza where I believe somebody got stabbed  
19 and there were a few arrests that came out of that.

20 So did that at all inform the expectations for the 6th, that  
21 you remember?

22 A I don't remember.

23 Q Okay. You mentioned that there were some discussions  
24 about the groups present or the groups who had said publicly they  
25 were going to be coming. Tell us about that --

1           A    I mean --

2           Q    -- what you recall.

3           A    Yeah.  Sorry, I didn't mean to speak over you.

4                But, again, the kind of lists of emails or the lists of  
5 updates that we would be getting, you know, that were tracking  
6 some of these kind of planned -- planned demonstrations, you  
7 know, they had the host of each of the -- you know, if they were  
8 applying for a permit.  If they were -- if they were, you know,  
9 going for an unpermitted event, you know, that was -- that's  
10 another thing.

11               But, you know, a lot of -- a lot of the groups that were  
12 going for a permitted, you know, kind of advertised  
13 demonstration, you know, there were a lot of -- a lot of kind  
14 of conflicting, I guess, ideals and beliefs.

15               And, you know, there just -- as we -- as, you know -- as  
16 was, you know, seen in the summer of 2020, there was, you know,  
17 just -- you know, tensions and emotions were running high, and  
18 I think everybody was very aware as to -- as to, you know, kind  
19 of what could bubble up and what could happen there.

20           Q    And those emails, I think we've seen a number of them  
21 from the Secret Service that lists the various groups and people  
22 who had registered to come or indicated some intention to come  
23 to the D.C. area on the 6th.  A lot of them had to do with the  
24 certification of the next President and the Joint Session of  
25 Congress.

1           Do you remember those things being linked in the  
2           conversations that you guys were having about numbers and  
3           planning for the 6th?

4           A    That, I don't remember.

5           Q    Okay. Do you remember if Mr. Meadows was ever present  
6           or participated in discussions about the 6th and the numbers and  
7           the types of groups that were coming?

8           A    No. I mean, I don't know -- I don't know, you know, kind  
9           of the -- I don't know the conversations that were happening,  
10          but, you know, I -- I would expect that, you know, the same -- the  
11          same updates that I was receiving, that Tony was receiving, that,  
12          you know, was kind of being broadcast by -- or not broadcast but  
13          being -- you know, those updates that were coming from Secret  
14          Service that were getting pushed to, again, not just White House  
15          staff. Obviously, you know, that we were a part of it.

16          You know, these same updates were getting pushed to the  
17          Metro Police, they were getting pushed to the Capitol Police,  
18          again, so that everybody was on the same page as to -- as to,  
19          you know, hey, this is the number of people that we're expecting  
20          just in this kind of congested area.

21          All that said, those, you know, updates were then passed,  
22          either verbally or, you know, however they were passed, to Mark  
23          Meadows, just for awareness, you know, because the President  
24          would probably -- the President would probably ask him, hey, how  
25          many people are -- you know, as he did and as he would ask really

1 anybody or, you know, anybody around. It didn't matter kind of  
2 what their position was. But, you know, he would -- he would  
3 ask, hey, you know, how are we looking crowd size for -- what  
4 was January 6th, a Tuesday? Monday?

5 Q Wednesday. Sorry.

6 A Wednesday. Yeah, whatever it was, it was -- he would  
7 say, you know, how are we looking for, you know, crowd size for  
8 Wednesday's event? How are we looking Wednesday morning? And  
9 Mark would -- you know, Mark would want to be able to give him  
10 a, you know, an accurate estimate or ballpark estimate.

11 Q If we could pull up exhibit No. 11. This is an email  
12 from January 6th. I think it's actually two of them.

13 All right. Can you see at least the top part of exhibit  
14 No. 11 there on the screen?

15 A Yeah.

16 Q So if we go down to the bottom of page 1, this is an email  
17 from somebody named [REDACTED] to Bobby Engel, [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED], and a few others, that ultimately makes its way to you.  
19 But the subject is re: Main Mags Update.

20 And then the one I'm looking at says: 30,000 processed,  
21 400 in queuing area.

22 Mr. Engel then forwards that along to Max Miller, Bobby  
23 Peede, Mr. Ornato and you. And then at the top there on page  
24 1, Mr. Ornato says: Thank you, great job.

25 So this appears to be tracking numbers going through the

1 magnetometers at the Ellipse on January 6th. Is that your  
2 understanding as well?

3 A That's right.

4 Q Why was that important as it was happening on the 6th?

5 A That's a -- I mean, that, again, is an email that is  
6 fairly routine. You know, that's an email that's still -- you  
7 know, that I'm sure still happens very regularly even, you know,  
8 right now.

9 You know, that's -- that's just for -- again, for  
10 awareness, as Bobby Engel says. You know, that's, again, a very,  
11 very routine update.

12 Q You didn't go to the event on the Ellipse, right?

13 A No.

14 Q And Mr. Ornato didn't either, correct?

15 A No.

16 Q So, I guess, just help me understand. It sounds like  
17 it's routine, but I'm trying to understand why. Why is it  
18 important for you and Mr. Ornato, sitting in the White House,  
19 to understand how many people have gone through the mags and are  
20 still waiting to go through?

21 A I mean, I think that that is generally a question that  
22 would be, you know, kind of asked, again, with -- and just for  
23 kind of just awareness, you know, as we talked about as we saw  
24 in the, you know, emails from the days before, you know, as the  
25 permit was -- was getting bumped up pretty routinely, you know,

1 I know that there was probably even some curiosity as to like,  
2 you know, how many people were actually going to be there. You  
3 know, and I think that this probably was to, you know, serve to  
4 answer that question.

5 You know, and they would also -- they would also -- you  
6 know, if there was -- if there was -- like, if you scroll down  
7 in the email, I don't remember how many -- in the first update  
8 that they sent, you know, if there's 1,200, you know, 1,200 people  
9 in the queuing area, you know, they would say, you know, the  
10 President could wait 15 minutes or 20 minutes or whatever to go  
11 down there, to allow those people to get into the event. And  
12 then, you know, you have -- you have 1,200 more people in your  
13 event.

14 Q So you anticipated my next question, which was, do you  
15 remember the number of people inside the magnetometer area or  
16 the people who had been processed affecting the timing of the  
17 President's speech or when he was going to go down there at all?

18 A I mean, I -- I don't remember any specific, you know,  
19 specific example of, hey -- of getting notice that there's 1,200  
20 people in the queue, we need to wait till all those people are  
21 in there, but that is just common practice. Like, that  
22 is -- that is, at least from -- from kind of the staff side of  
23 things, that's just very, very normal and would be a regular  
24 occurrence at any event that a President -- or, you know -- I  
25 guess, you know, if you go to a concert and there's still a couple

1 thousand people outside and, you know, they're not going to want  
2 to -- nobody's going to want to start the concert until those  
3 people are in, you know, if they can -- if they can -- if they  
4 can wait, you know, if you can afford to wait.

5 Q Do you remember that having come up before,  
6 that -- using an example like that, you know, the President  
7 waiting for people to make their way in before starting his speech  
8 or going out?

9 A No specific example, but, I mean, I'm sure that -- I'm  
10 sure that that happened before.

11 Q Do you remember any discussions in the White House,  
12 either the day before or that morning, while the President was  
13 at the Ellipse, about ensuring that people were inside the  
14 official event zone for the Ellipse, so within the area that would  
15 be covered by magnetometers, for example, as opposed to people  
16 who are standing out by the Washington Monument?

17 A Not -- I mean, not specifically, no. I mean -- no.

18 Q What about generally? Only because you said  
19 specifically. Is there some memory that you have about that  
20 issue coming up?

21 A No. I just -- I just remember -- I mean, I know that  
22 there were -- there -- you know, it was freezing cold, and there  
23 were people that didn't want to have to go through the mags so  
24 that they didn't have to take their -- you know, their coats off.  
25 And they didn't want to wait in line, and they -- you know, they



1 had a backpack that was -- either, you know, had a -- had a water  
2 bottle in it or had, you know, a selfie stick or whatever,  
3 whatever it may be. You know, if somebody had an umbrella, they  
4 were going to have to give it up, you know.

5 And if somebody was -- was -- you know, had plans to be on  
6 the Mall that day, they -- they were like, look, I can -- I can  
7 sit up on this hill and, you know, have a picnic blanket and,  
8 you know, sit comfortably and get the exact same view that I would  
9 have, you know, if I had waited in line for 3 hours and, you know,  
10 was blocked by -- was blocked by a bunch of people in there.

11 Q Do you remember hearing that people were making those  
12 decisions because they had some item like the one you just  
13 mentioned, you know, on the 6th as it was happening?

14 A I don't remember -- I don't remember, you know, any  
15 specific example of that happening. I just have -- you know,  
16 I'm aware probably more than anybody of what you can and can't  
17 take into a -- you know, into a Secret Service type event.  
18 And -- and, you know, just -- I know that, like, you know, that  
19 it's -- if you go down the list, it's -- of prohibited items,  
20 like some of the stuff is fairly routine that you would have in  
21 your backpack if you had traveled, you know, from a -- from a  
22 distance and, you know, you didn't know what was -- what you could  
23 and couldn't have.

24 Q So were you aware or did you become aware at any point  
25 on the 6th that people were choosing not to go through the

1 magnetometers because they had anything on that prohibited item  
2 list?

3 A Again, not specifically. I didn't -- you know, I don't  
4 have any -- any specific knowledge of, you know, being told or  
5 seeing or even hearing that, hey, you know, this person  
6 from -- this, you know, person A has a selfie stick or has an  
7 umbrella and doesn't want to -- you know, doesn't want to give  
8 it up or doesn't want to have to go through the mags so they're  
9 going to sit on the thing.

10 But you could watch -- you know, you could look at the TV  
11 and you would see all those people sitting up on the benches up  
12 around the Washington Monument, sitting on the hillside there  
13 on the north slope. And, you know, you could kind of figure out  
14 that, you know, those people didn't want to move, and they, you  
15 know, didn't really -- they didn't have to, because they could  
16 get the exact same experience, you know, from where they were.

17 Q But so -- and just to wrap this line of questioning up.  
18 You don't remember anything or do you remember anything about  
19 people choosing not to go through the magnetometers for any  
20 reason, not based on anything specifically?

21 A No. I mean, that was probably something that I inferred  
22 of just like, you know, people didn't want to have to, you know,  
23 bother with waiting in line, so they -- so they're -- they  
24 decided that they could sit on the hillside and get the exact  
25 same -- you know, the exact same experience.

1           Q    Do you remember talking to Tony Ornato at all about this,  
2    about people choosing not to go through magnetometers?

3           A    I don't have a -- no specific memory, you know, of that  
4    discussion.  But, you know, he and I probably could infer the  
5    exact same thing of, again, you know, if you could -- if you could  
6    not wait in line and get a better view, you know, of the event  
7    that was going to happen, you know, people probably would -- you  
8    know, or if you had a group or if you had, you know, whatever  
9    it may be, you know, that was just a -- you know, probably a  
10   decision that people wanted to make.

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2 [12:05 p.m.]

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BY MR. [REDACTED]

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Q Do you know if other people were telling him, either based on what you learned that day, January 6th, or since then that people are choosing not to go through the magnetometers? And in that question, the "him" is Mr. Ornato?

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A That other people were telling Tony that they there were examples? Again, I don't -- I don't have any memory or I don't have any memory of, you know, what people did or didn't tell him, him being Tony but, again, you know, nothing that we heard together. And, again, we were together the entire morning. You know, nothing was brought up of, hey, there's a -- person A has, you know, something that they shouldn't have and that is the reason that they are not going through mags, because they want to keep that. You know, that was never -- never brought, you know, to our attention.

18

Q Okay. And I want to be clear here, because I'm not necessarily asking for did you hear that person A had X item. It's just more generally. Are you hearing that people are choosing not to go through the mags?

22

A I mean, I don't know that that was ever told, you know, explicitly told to us. But, again, it was probably more of an inference than anything of, you know, you could look at -- you could look at people that were sitting on the north slope there

1 of the Washington Monument. And you could see that they clearly  
2 had no intention, you know, to go through the mags and go through  
3 the actual secure event zone.

4 And just, you know, you could probably -- maybe they had  
5 a different reason for doing that but the reason that we thought  
6 of was they just didn't want to bother with it.

7 Q Do you remember hearing that the President was upset  
8 that people were outside the magnetometer area or the official  
9 event zone?

10 A I don't remember specifically hearing that. Again, I,  
11 you know, I've heard secondhand reports of, you know, the, you  
12 know, the idea of crowd -- like, look, crowd size was important  
13 to the President, you know, still is important to President  
14 Trump. And that was something that was always important to him.

15 And I think that the look of the -- the look of the event,  
16 you know, was important as well, you know. And if -- if there  
17 was, you know, all these people outside an event, you know, I  
18 think that he was -- he was aware that it may be reported that,  
19 you know, they couldn't get into the event, that the event was  
20 poorly run because eventually it would come back and be a negative  
21 story on him.

22 You know, I don't think he had any idea as to why, you know,  
23 the -- you know, a random family wanted to sit on the slope as  
24 opposed to wait in line for 4 hours, you know. But and that's  
25 not something that, you know, a President would probably, you

1 know, be thinking about at that time, you know.

2 So -- so that was probably the, you know, that was probably  
3 the concern. Again, I'd say probably because I don't have  
4 firsthand knowledge of that. That was just, again, kind of  
5 secondhand, you know, secondhand, you know, what I was -- what  
6 I had been told.

7 Q Who -- where did you get that secondhand? Who told you  
8 that?

9 A I don't have a specific, you know, memory of who exactly  
10 told me that but that was probably a, you know, a -- you know,  
11 it was probably discussed by a couple of different people.

12 Q I'll ask some specific names. Did you hear that the  
13 President was upset with Max Miller when he was at the event on  
14 The Ellipse based on where the crowd was or crowd size, how things  
15 were kind of panning out?

16 A I mean, not specifically. But the folks that he  
17 probably would look to, you know, when it comes to crowd size  
18 and things like that would be Max and Bobby, Bobby Peede, and  
19 Bobby being Bobby Peede, you know, because they were the ones  
20 that were, you know, in charge of his -- the events operation.  
21 They handled rallies. They handled everything and, you know,  
22 had been -- that was -- that was -- they were kind of, you know,  
23 one of their -- one of their charges was building these events  
24 and crowd raising.

25 And, you know, in his mind he equated, you know, rally

1 number -- crowd size and things like that to the folks that were  
2 putting on the event and the folks that were putting on -- you  
3 know, from the official side of things. Obviously, there was  
4 a bunch of people that were kind of, you know, the outside but,  
5 you know, that were not necessarily involved with the President's  
6 movements.

7 But the folks that were involved with the President's  
8 movements, with the coordination, with kind of the interoffice  
9 and kind of relating and supporting the offices with, you know,  
10 of the Office of the President, you know, Max and Bobby were the  
11 two -- two kind of people in charge.

12 Q It's early afternoon, so the period after the President  
13 returns. Where were you when the President returned to the White  
14 House around -- this would have been around 1:20 in the  
15 afternoon.

16 A Well, the President, when he arrived back to the White  
17 House, I was at my desk and, you know, the office that Tony and  
18 I shared.

19 Q Where was Mr. Ornato when the President returned?

20 A In our office.

21 Q Tell me about the setup of that office. Is it a big  
22 office? Small office? Where's your desk in relation to his?

23 A It's a pretty small office. I had, like, a kind of  
24 little like elbow- shaped, you know, elbow- shaped desk that was  
25 kind of either attached into -- the corner was kind of the

1 entryway there. There was a kind of a temporary wall that had  
2 been -- had been put up that separated Tony's workspace and my  
3 much, much smaller workspace.

4 But there was a, you know, it wasn't a -- there was a  
5 semi-vaulted ceiling. The temporary wall didn't go all the way  
6 to the ceiling. There was a gap kind of even over the -- over  
7 the entryway there, you know, where -- where, you know, we could  
8 shut -- we could shut our door and Tony and I could still  
9 communicate back and forth even over, you know, the little  
10 temporary wall that we had in between us.

11 With the door shut, you know, it was pretty easy to -- you  
12 know, I could speak at a regula, you know, regular volume. Tony  
13 could speak at a regular volume. And, you know, we could  
14 communicate just fine.

15 Q Did you ever gone anywhere else for any periods of time  
16 in the afternoon of the White House, or did you stay in your office  
17 the whole time?

18 A I was in the office for the whole day. I'm sure that  
19 I probably went and filled up my water bottle or went to the  
20 bathroom, you know, at some point, you know. But I didn't have  
21 any -- you know, I didn't have any meetings in other people's  
22 offices, you know, planned meetings in other people's offices.  
23 I didn't have, you know, anything off-campus. You know, I don't  
24 remember leaving -- I didn't leave for lunch.

25 You know, I was -- I was there kind of at my -- at my



1 workstation for the overwhelming majority of the day.

2 Q Do you remember Tony ever going for any extended period  
3 of time to go sit with other people, sit in other offices, meet  
4 with the President?

5 A No, no specific memory. I mean, again, what we talked  
6 about last time was, you know, we were kind of involved  
7 with -- with feeding updates. And I guess I was, probably, like,  
8 so when you asked were you out, I would kind of be passing updates  
9 or, you know, forwarding updates, sharing updates, you know. If  
10 the people -- I would pop in to Meadows' offices. Tony would  
11 pop into Meadow's office. It was right across the hall. And  
12 so, you know, that would be, you know, somewhere that we  
13 would -- that we would go.

14 And I have a memory of, you know, going across the hall and  
15 providing an update, Tony providing an update, you know, Tony  
16 catching Mark in the hall, me catching Mark in the hall as he's  
17 kind of walking back and forth, walking from wherever he was  
18 going. So I guess that, yeah.

19 Q Do you remember specifically what the updates you gave  
20 to Mark were when you caught him in the hall, for example, or  
21 went across to the Chief of Staff's suite?

22 A I mean, I don't remember specifically, you know, what  
23 they were. But probably what was discussed when we spoke last  
24 with, you know, some of the updates that were being continued  
25 to or that were continuing to come through from, you know, Secret

1 Service as situational updates, you know, as the situation on  
2 Capitol Hill developed.

3 Q When the President came back, do you remember Bobby  
4 Engel ever coming to your office or the office you shared with  
5 Mr. Ornato?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Tell us about that. What was he there for? What  
8 happened? What did you guys talk about?

9 A So as Bobby Engel normally would do, so, you know, the  
10 limo would drop off, depending on where the President was, if  
11 they were arriving on the south grounds, you know, if the  
12 President was going up to the residence, it would stop at the  
13 portico there, you know, kind of the center of the residence.  
14 If he was going the -- the President was going back to his office,  
15 they would pull forward. And, you know, he could walk.

16 There's a little pathway from, you know, you've probably  
17 seen that. There was a, you know, a pathway from the drop point  
18 to the corner of the, you know, the door of the in between the  
19 Oval Office and the Rose Garden that he would use.

20 Tony -- or Bobby would be in the car with him and would,  
21 obviously, he wouldn't go back into the Oval Office. But he  
22 would continue through the West Wing back through his office in  
23 the EEOB. You know, one of the common things that he would do  
24 would be he would, you know, pop in our office and just kind of  
25 give us an update of how the trip went or what -- really anything.

1           And so when they got back that afternoon, again, I don't  
2 remember the time, when they got back, I remember Bobby popped  
3 into our office. It was the three of us -- Tony, Bobby, myself.  
4 And he gave an update of, you know, kind of the events there at  
5 the Capitol.

6           I have a memory of Bobby saying that, before the President  
7 went onstage there at the offstage announce area, you know, the  
8 whole question of should he go up to the Capitol, should he go  
9 up to the Capitol. That was kind of getting tossed around. A  
10 lot of it was -- was getting directed back to Bob Engel as kind  
11 of the deciding, you know, with the events in real time, you know.  
12 Anything like that would go -- would run through Bobby.

13           I remember Bobby, you know, saying, hey, you know, we can't  
14 do that. You know, we have no plan for that. There are no plans  
15 to do -- to do that. You know, we couldn't -- we couldn't secure  
16 that in this amount, short amount of time, on and on like, you  
17 know, as we talked about last time.

18           You know, further than, that he said the President went on  
19 stage, gave his remarks. And this is Bobby told Tony and myself  
20 that, you know, he was like -- it was almost like he had to ask.  
21 And then when he was told that, hey, you can't go to the Capitol,  
22 he was like, you know, kind of, again, shrugged it off and was  
23 like, all right, at least I asked. And that was it.

24           Q    So this is all information that you learned from Bobby.

25           A    That's -- this is -- you know, what was told to us is

1 that that had all happened and occurred not at the White House  
2 but in the tent that had been set up on The Ellipse.

3 Q So Bobby comes back after the event, goes  
4 to -- Mr. Ornato's your office -- and says all of this. Did  
5 anything prompt that, or he just decided to start speaking about  
6 it?

7 A I mean, I'm sure that -- I'm sure that we probably asked  
8 him, you know, how'd it go. And, again, that's -- that was  
9 fairly common, you know, for him to pop in or for him to check  
10 in, you know, after an event because, again, we were on the  
11 walking path, you know, back from where he was going back to his  
12 office.

13 Q So you said the President, according to Bobby, shrugged  
14 it off when he got back into the vehicle that afternoon and went  
15 to the White House.

16 There's been a lot of public reporting and testimony that  
17 the President was upset or even, I think, irate is a word that  
18 was used. Do you remember anything that Bobby said about the  
19 President being upset about this decision not to go to the  
20 Capitol?

21 A No.

22 Q Nothing at all.

23 A No. The first -- the first I had ever even heard of, you  
24 know, the, you know, the story that was told was during the  
25 testimony where it came up on TV.

1           Q    And there's been a few witnesses, you know, including  
2           somebody who's in the motorcade, as well, who said that there  
3           was a pause at The Ellipse while the President was upset or irate  
4           that he couldn't go to the Capitol that day.  So you didn't hear  
5           anything like that, like this other witness testified about, as  
6           well, who was in the motorcade.

7           A    No.  And I would even say that, you know, even if you're  
8           in the motorcade, you, I mean, you're not going to -- the  
9           motorcade can and will stop for a number of different reasons.

10          I mean, you could -- you could, you know, as has happened,  
11          you know, many times before, you know, the President's always  
12          the first one in his car.  And it leaves everybody scrambling  
13          to get into the motorcade.  You know, the press pool, you know,  
14          is obviously the last one and to get into the car just because  
15          they generally have the furthest to run from where they are.

16          And so there's -- there's been a number of different  
17          occasions where it would -- it would be relayed up either  
18          through, you know, through Secret Service or through the, you  
19          know, whoever is kind of, you know, leading the -- leading the  
20          motorcade there.

21          Hey, you know, once the President gets into the car, we need  
22          to slow -- we need to slow roll and allow everybody to load up  
23          or we need to have him pause for a second because, you know, he's  
24          got a bunch of family members or whomever it maybe may be.  He's  
25          got a bunch of guests that need to work their way back to whatever

1 car they're riding in.

2 As has been reported and as you can look and as I remember,  
3 you know, there was a lot of family members that had accompanied  
4 him to the Mall or to The Ellipse that morning. You know, each  
5 one of those family members had their own Secret Service limo,  
6 as they were all protectees.

7 So, you know, the, again, I don't know why -- I don't know  
8 who -- I have no clue who said that the motorcade paused. But  
9 I would argue that you have probably don't know the reason or  
10 the pause, you know, the reason for the pause.

11 But I just, you know, my experience and things like that  
12 know that there are a number of different, you know, reasons that  
13 could all -- all be easily, easily explained and, you know,  
14 routinely, routinely occur, you know, for -- for a pause like  
15 that.

16 Q And in the context based on experience is helpful. You  
17 were not in the motorcade that day, though, right?

18 A No. I was in -- no I was at my office, in any office.

19 Q Do you know any of the family members who, for example,  
20 were in the motorcade or where they were in the motorcade that  
21 day?

22 A I think Eric, Ivanka. I think Tiffany was there.  
23 There were others or significant others at the time. You know,  
24 they would be in the -- they would be in the motorcade, you know,  
25 back behind.

1           Obviously, again, I don't know what we can and can't get  
2 into. But they would be behind, you know, where the President's  
3 limo was, probably a handful of cars, maybe four or five cars  
4 behind.

5           And you know, what every one of those cars takes, for people  
6 that are walking through grass and mud, you know, in high heels  
7 and things like that, you know, it could take a little bit of  
8 time for them to get situated.

9           Q    So they wouldn't be in the car with the President, for  
10 example.

11          A    No.

12          Q    Do you know which family members actually came back with  
13 the President in the motorcade to the White House that afternoon?

14          A    I don't know -- I mean, I would imagine -- not off the  
15 top of my head. I don't know for sure. I mean, I can imagine  
16 that, you know, if they went there with him, they probably would  
17 come back just for the ease of kind of the simplicity of the  
18 movement. But I don't know for sure.

19          Q    I assume there'd be a record of that somewhere.

20          A    Yes, there probably would be.

21          Q    Okay. Do you know where we would find that if there was  
22 such a record? Like is that a Secret Service record? Is that  
23 a White House record?

24          A    I mean, there would be a -- there would be a published,  
25 you know, kind of trip document, you know, for that day.

1 Having -- having, again, from experience just as my first -- my  
2 first role within the White House was being the person that  
3 created those trip books. And I more than anyone know, you know,  
4 how they flex and how they change in real time.

5 You know, so what is, you know, let's say, like, a motorcade  
6 manifest, you know, that has been produced and printed the night  
7 before, you know, may not reflect exactly who was then in the  
8 vehicles at the time or, you know, when it came time for the  
9 motorcade to actually leave. But that would be, you know, a  
10 pretty good estimate.

11 Q Bear with me just a moment.

12 I know we talked about this a little bit before, but I just  
13 want to be clear on it. Do you remember this issue about the  
14 President wanting to go to the Capitol coming up anytime before  
15 the 6th, so, you know, Jan 1st through the 5th, for example?

16 A I mean, as we talked about last time, I mean, I remember  
17 the question of it coming up. And I'll be -- you know, as I said  
18 before, I don't remember any specific plans. And I remember,  
19 you know, even saying that it wasn't possible for the President  
20 to go. And that was -- that still remains consistent and  
21 remains, you know, kind of the, you know, my memory of that topic.

22 Q How many times do you remember this coming up before the  
23 6th?

24 A I -- I -- I mean, any -- if I give you any number, it's  
25 going to be speculation. I don't -- I don't have a specific



1 memory of that, a specific number in mind.

2 Q Okay. And maybe not specific number but you think it  
3 was more than five?

4 A That's a number. I mean, I mean, probably not. I mean,  
5 I remember, you know, anytime that -- anytime that that  
6 conversation would -- that topic would come up, you know, it  
7 was -- every -- it was making sure that everybody was on the same  
8 page of this is the reasons that it can't happen or, you know,  
9 that it can't happen and, you know, the reasons why.

10 Q And who are the people saying it can't happen and giving  
11 those reasons why?

12 A Well, Secret Service for one and, you know, like in the  
13 same -- same reasons that we talked about last time of, you know,  
14 they can't necessarily secure the area, you know, with -- if  
15 there are that many people around or, you know, he can't -- he  
16 certainly can't -- you know, you can't have the President's  
17 motorcade, you know, leading -- leading thousands of people, you  
18 know, at that type of pace. Or, you know, there's a number of  
19 different -- there's a number of different reasons.

20 Q Okay. And I know we talked about that before. So we  
21 don't need to get back into it completely.

22 But are you aware of the President, after he returned to  
23 the White House, expressing a desire to go the Capitol, so even  
24 though, even after the motorcade and he gets back, telling  
25 anybody that he still wants to go to the Capitol?

1 A No.

2 Q Understood.

3 BY MS. [REDACTED]

4 Q Can we just go back to when the President arrives bang  
5 to the Oval on the 6th? So from the times of that we know from  
6 the timeline, it's about 1:to in the afternoon. So can you just  
7 walk us through it a little bit more detail?

8 You're in your office with Mr. Ornato. Are you President  
9 when Bobby Engel comes into the office for the first time?

10 A Yes -- the yes. The story and, again, the kind of  
11 recollection that I had there that I just described, you know,  
12 was when Bob Engel came, he had returned -- you know, that was  
13 upon him returning at that time. Right?

14 Q Did it appear that he and Mr. Ornato had spoken before  
15 or when -- go ahead.

16 A Sorry. I realize I needed to make a verbal -- no. That  
17 was the first -- that was the first, you know, they had spoken  
18 since they returned.

19 Q How do you know that?

20 A Because -- well, I mean, I know that, because Tony was  
21 with me for the entire, you know, the entire duration of when  
22 the President was off-campus. And until the President returned  
23 to campus, he was, you know, we were -- the two of us were  
24 together. You know, the President comes into his -- into his  
25 office and then Bobby continues down to our office where we're,

1 the fourth office, you know, third office door down.

2 And then, you know, the interaction that I just described  
3 is what followed.

4 Q So before we talk through that interaction again, during  
5 the time you were with Mr. Ornato, while the event at The Ellipse  
6 was going on, was he receiving any updates about what was  
7 happening at The Ellipse? Or were you receiving any updates?

8 A We were probably -- again, I don't know for a fact. You  
9 know, we were receiving probably the same information, you know,  
10 by email. And, you know, as -- as -- I saw in the previous  
11 testimony from other folks, there was, you know, text messages  
12 of, hey, the President is thinking about, you know, he wants to  
13 go to the Capitol, to Tony, Tony then directing that kind of back  
14 to its proper channel of saying, hey, you know, if that's the  
15 case, if that's the case, then, you know, you need to talk to  
16 Bobby Engel.

17 And he -- he'll tell him -- he'll tell them no but it needs  
18 to come from Bob.

19 Q Right. But apart from seeing it in public reporting,  
20 do you remember independently any discussion with Mr. Ornato  
21 about the President's intent to go to the Capitol on January 6th,  
22 again, before the arrival back to the Oval?

23 A No. Nothing -- you know, that was not -- that -- you  
24 know, the, I guess, updates that were -- that he received, that  
25 Tony received, you know, by text message, whatever it may be,

1 that was not copied on or included on. That was not our job.  
2 So it was not discussed. You know, again, the first that I even  
3 heard of that was -- was, you know, during the period, you know,  
4 the public testimony.

5 Q And getting back to when Mr. Ornato comes to the office,  
6 did he appear to be distraught in anyway?

7 A No.

8 Q And what -- just talk us through that conversation in  
9 the sense of who asked who what. I know [REDACTED] just did. I just  
10 wanted to ask because you went from what happened in the vehicle  
11 to kind of what happened days before. So if you could just go  
12 through it again.

13 A Yeah. So -- so my memory, Tony and I are in the office  
14 together, our office. The President had returned.

15 Bob Engel on his way back from where the motorcade dropped  
16 got the President in, you know, walked him back to his office  
17 and then was walking back to his office in the EEOB. You know,  
18 stopped in our office. And that was where we kind of just got  
19 a, you know, a basic debrief of how'd it go, you know, what was  
20 the -- you know, what occurred.

21 And that was where it, you know, I can highlight the question  
22 of, you know, I don't now if it was myself that asked or if Tony  
23 asked or if Bobby just, you know, offered the information  
24 himself, you know. But at some point the question of -- of, you  
25 know, what did the President say when he got back in the car.

1 Again, I don't know who asked the question or again if it was  
2 just volunteered. But I do remember hearing that the President  
3 asked, like, where are we going? And --

4 Q Well, let me -- let me pause you there. Did you -- did  
5 you remember hearing or did you learn that during the speech the  
6 President announced he wanted to go to the Capitol?

7 A Well, I don't know -- during the speech I think is  
8 different. Again, I don't have -- obviously have watched -- I  
9 don't have the speech in front of me and I'm not watching the  
10 speech. But I remember, again, as has been reported, something  
11 along the lines of and we're going to walk to the Capitol.

12 Q Right. Did you learn that in real time or before  
13 Mr. Engel came?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay. So then I just want to understand the context of  
16 the conversation because it would be strange to ask Mr. Engel  
17 what did the President say when he got into the vehicle, right?

18 A No. I don't think it -- I actually don't think it was.  
19 You know, he -- we would get into -- that, again, is a common  
20 question because there's -- you know, was he pleased with the  
21 crowd size was a very common question --

22 Q Uh-huh.

23 A -- you know, they would ask. Or hey, you know, what did  
24 he have to say? That was -- that was a, you know, a pretty  
25 general question.

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BY MS. [REDACTED]

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Q I see. That's fair.

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A Yeah. So, I mean, that -- and that could have been -- that could have been, you know, again, how it was phrased. And then Bobby could have, you know -- again, and I don't know any of this specifically but that's just what would have happened.

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And that was when it was, you know, it was brought to our attention that the President asked where am I going. You know, am I going -- am I going back to the White House.

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And Bob said, yeah, you know, we're going back to the White House.

And at that point I have a specific memory of Bobby telling both Tony and myself, as we were in the room, no one else was in the room, that the President almost kind of shrugged it off. And it was basically like, you know, he had to -- he had to ask. You know, and as he was told no, it was, you know, kind of a -- he just kind of moved on.

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And I will say -- and this is, again, just kind of expanding on that. You know, as with a lot of -- as -- you know, this is probably not unique to one, the President, but probably, you know, a lot of the people that in that position in general. They -- they will make soft commitments and are, you know, it falls to the staff level and the security level to tell, you know,

1 to tell people why certain things can't hand.

2 And that was a -- and that was at least in my opinion, you  
3 know, that was a -- that was very similar to what had happened  
4 there. I mean, I think -- you could talk to -- you could talk  
5 to any of the Secret Service people and they would say, yeah,  
6 we're used to kind of, you know, playing the bad guy and saying,  
7 you know, the President couldn't go to, you know, X because, you  
8 know, oh, it's a Secret Service issue. They couldn't. You  
9 know, they told me no.

10 That was a -- that's a -- but he was like but I asked so,  
11 you know.

12 Q No, I hear what you're saying. I think you're saying  
13 it was more of a confirmation like, oh, I can't go. Right?

14 A Right.

15 Q You used the phrase that he shrugged his shoulders. Is  
16 that how you described it, or is that how Mr. Engel described  
17 it?

18 A That, again, I don't know if that's how it was  
19 specifically described. But that's my memory of, you know, my  
20 kind of interpretation of him -- him, you know, I guess the  
21 reaction.

22 Mr. Passantino. Just so that I'm remembering the past  
23 testimony, I want to make sure we have it accurate. Was it  
24 shrugged his shoulders or shrugged it off? Because I think this  
25 is different.

1           Mr. Harrison. Yes.

2           Mr. Passantino. I want to make sure we're clear in the  
3 context of the question here. Maybe I --

4           Mr. Harrison. Yeah, and I actually -- and when it was first  
5 described just a minute ago, it was kind of shrugged it off was  
6 I think the phrase. And I guess, you know, we can go back and  
7 have the reporter pull it but --

8           BY MS. [REDACTED]

9           Q    Yeah, don't use my phrase. Use whatever phrase you used  
10 before. Sorry.

11          A    And, again, that could be just my, you know, my  
12 terminology, you know.

13          Q    Uh-huh. So I think [REDACTED] had asked you about there was  
14 public reporting about a heated argument that occurred in  
15 the -- and I'll take it in two parts. First the heated argument,  
16 did you hear anything to that effect?

17          A    No.

18          Q    And how about what, as you said, you described, you saw  
19 Ms. Hutchinson's testimony on TV. Is that -- I want to make sure  
20 I heard you correctly. Was that the first time you heard that  
21 testimony in terms of what occurred in the vehicle, as she said,  
22 relayed by Mr. Engel?

23          A    Yes. Her -- the story that was -- the story that was  
24 told during her public testimony was the first I had heard of,  
25 you know, anything like that being described.



1           Q   Was there any kind of discussion, putting aside the  
2   testimony, but the days following, did you learn of anything that  
3   occurred that was more than just a back and forth of, as you're  
4   describing, of can I go and I guess Mr. Engel saying no? Was  
5   there anything in that range of more of a request, anger, heated  
6   argument, altercation, anything?

7           A   No.

8           Q   Did you see --

9           A   I would -- I'm sorry.

10          Q   That's okay.

11          A   I would also add that, if something like had been  
12   described had occurred, I 100 percent would have known about it  
13   and would have heard that.

14          Q   And why do you say that?

15          A   Because that is something that would have, you  
16   know -- that's -- that's the report that Bobby would share when  
17   he got -- when he got back. You know, that would fall into the,  
18   hey, how'd it go and he'd be like, oh, you know, like, you know,  
19   this -- this -- let me tell you. But --

20          Q   If it was shared only with Mr. Ornato, would Mr. Ornato  
21   have shared that with you?

22          A   If it was shared with Tony, yes, Tony would have shared  
23   it with me.

24          Q   And did you -- did you see Ms. Hutchinson that day on  
25   the 6th?

1           A    I'm sure I did.

2           Q    Did she ever come to the office?

3           A    Yeah, her office was --

4           Q    Your office.

5           A    Yeah, her office was -- her office was right across the  
6 hall from ours. You know, I will say that I don't have any memory  
7 of Bob Engel and Cassidy being in the -- in my office at the same  
8 time.

9           And, you know, there's -- I'm sure that, you know, as  
10 Cassidy liked to do, you know, she would pop in. She would pop  
11 in, you know, our office from time to time and liked to, you know,  
12 talk about what she had heard and what she had, and, you know,  
13 was -- and I don't want to -- I don't want to -- but was  
14 impressionable.

15          And, you know, it was a common -- it was a common occurrence  
16 for her to come in and, you know, try and confirm things and,  
17 you know, talk about what she had been, you know, around and,  
18 you know, to broadcast that information.

19          But I will say the situation and the occurrence when Bob  
20 Engel came back from the motorcade, upon President Trump's  
21 arrival, the three of us -- Tony, Bobby, myself -- were in our  
22 office. And I have a specific memory of Bob leaving our office  
23 and going back to his office, and I don't remember him coming  
24 back for the rest of the afternoon.

25          Q    Do you remember how long the conversation was?

1           A    I mean, probably a handful, maybe 10 minutes, 5 minutes.

2                    BY MR. ██████████

3           Q    Do you remember if Tony or you ever talked to Bobby again  
4 that afternoon?

5           A    I don't remember in person. I talked to him over email,  
6 as you guys have a couple of those emails. I don't remember if  
7 I talked to him on the phone, although that wouldn't be out of  
8 the norm.

9                    But I, you know, I think that at that point -- I think that  
10 at that point, you know, the -- the, you know, his -- his kind  
11 of role had changed, as the President wasn't off the campus  
12 anymore.

13           Q    Do you remember him talking to him at all throughout the  
14 rest of the day that afternoon?

15           A    You know, I don't know for a fact. You know, they, as  
16 we all did, talked pretty, you know, pretty frequently.

17           Q    No specific memory you have, though, of Mr. Ornato  
18 talking to Bobby Engel again that afternoon.

19           A    Again, not in person. And I don't have any memory of  
20 Tony and Bobby being together in person for the rest of the  
21 afternoon, you know. But -- but I wouldn't rule out that they  
22 either talked on the phone, by email, or, you know, by -- for  
23 the rest of the afternoon in a not a face-to-face way.

24           Q    Okay. But you don't know what they talked about or if  
25 they talked at all for sure.

1           A    Yeah, I don't -- I don't know that for sure.

2           Q    Okay.  Are you aware of the motorcade staying behind for  
3 some period of time after the President returned to the White  
4 House possibly in order to go up to the Capitol, if that was going  
5 to be possible?

6           A    I'm sorry.  Can you repeat that.

7           Q    Yeah, that was kind after confusing question.

8           Do you remember the motorcade staying behind for any period  
9 of time after the President returned on the 6th for any potential  
10 movements?

11          A    No.  No.  You saying that right just now is first I've  
12 heard of that.

13          Q    Okay.

14          A    I mean, I also know that, you know, that there were  
15 vehicles around for emergency purposes, you know, should that  
16 be needed.  But, you know, keeping -- keeping them, you know,  
17 keeping the engines running so that, you know, can he jump in  
18 there at a moment's notice was not -- that did not occur.

19          Q    Did -- why do you say it didn't occur?  Were you out  
20 there?  Do you know if the cars were still there or had left?

21          A    Well, I mean, I don't know that -- I don't know that they  
22 were not sitting there in the driveway.  But, I mean, I know that  
23 there were no plans and no direction to keep them -- to keep them  
24 around for that specific -- you know, for that specific scenario.

25          Q    How do you know there were no plans to keep them around

1 at all? I'm not thinking about any specific standard but just  
2 to keep them around for any potential movement.

3 A Because that would be something that would -- would come  
4 through, you know, through our -- like, that would be -- that  
5 would be something that Tony and I would have a hand in.

6 Q What would your hand in that be?

7 A I mean, from the coordination side would be making sure  
8 that, you know, the appropriate vehicles are in place at a certain  
9 time, you know, that there -- that the necessary -- the necessary  
10 people that, you know, have to go with the President wherever  
11 he goes, you know, are aware that they, that, you know, the  
12 President could be leaving.

13 You know, and that kind of, you know, can't happen at the  
14 snap of a fingers. That takes a little bit -- a little bit of,  
15 you know, logistical legwork.

16 Q Would you typically get updates, you know, the President  
17 has arrived back in the motorcade cars, kind of had cleared off  
18 campus?

19 A I don't know if any formal notice was, you know, if any  
20 formal notice was passed, you know. But I guess it's not  
21 customary for -- you know, there's a handful of vehicles that  
22 remain, you know, close by either on campus or, you know, just  
23 off campus. There's a number of -- you know, there's a number  
24 of vehicles that support the motorcade, you know, that have to  
25 leave.

1           You know, D.C. Metro Police, there's, you know, there's  
2 motorcycles. There's ambulances. There's, you know, a bunch  
3 of kind of the supporting, you know, the supporting agencies and  
4 kind of external partners that, you know, are involved. And  
5 those -- and those, you know, would not normally, would not  
6 normally stick around.

7           Q    Do you remember when those supporting vehicles like the  
8 ones you just mentioned left on the 6th?

9           A    I don't remember specifically. They would, you know,  
10 generally, it would be 15, 20 minutes after all the equipment  
11 was, you know, equipment is sorted out, you know, whether it  
12 be -- whether it be, you know, protective equipment,  
13 communications equipment, you know, any bags or, you know,  
14 anything like that. I don't know what was, you know, I don't  
15 know what was around that morning or that afternoon, you know.  
16 But there -- but, you know, they wouldn't linger.

17          Q    Okay. But you don't remember specifically on the 6th  
18 when those cars left.

19          A    No.

20          Mr. [REDACTED] Anything further on that?

21          Ms. [REDACTED] No.

22          Mr. [REDACTED] I do want to pull up exhibit 13, if we could.

23          Mr. Passantino. Okay. Well, that's actually one --

24                BY MS. [REDACTED]:

25          Q    Mr. Harrington, did you speak to Mr. Trump at all on

1 January 6th?

2 A No.

3 Q I'm sorry if this was asked before.

4 A No.

5 Q Did -- do you know if Mr. Ornato had any conversations  
6 directly with Mr. Trump?

7 A I don't think he did.

8 Q In the morning time, were you aware of any meetings that  
9 Mr. Ornato had with Mr. Meadows?

10 A I don't know if any -- you know, I don't know of any  
11 meetings. I just -- I know what was probably passed was, hey,  
12 there's, you know, like we talked about before, there's, you  
13 know, there's 30,000 people through the mags or, you know,  
14 there's 1,200 people waiting outside the mags or there's 250,  
15 whatever it may be.

16 Q But nothing -- I know █████ asked you this -- nothing  
17 specifically about what was being seized at the magnetometers?

18 A No.

19 Q But were you -- would you have been present for that  
20 conversation or are you just saying from memory?

21 A From -- I mean, from memory, you know. But, again, I  
22 don't remember any discussion of -- I don't remember there ever  
23 being any discussion of, hey, they've pulled, you know, these  
24 items from the mags or this is, you know, what they've -- what  
25 people have been found with. Or, you know, that was never a

1 conversation -- that was never a conversation before they left.

2 Ms. [REDACTED] Okay.

3 BY MR. [REDACTED]

4 Q Just to follow onto that, do you remember anything in  
5 that morning about any arrests happening an or near The Ellipse?

6 A I don't remember -- no.

7 Q And I may have said discussions. But any information  
8 you received about any potential arrests that morning?

9 A No. I don't -- I don't remember any -- any discussion  
10 or that even really coming up.

11 Q How about any reports of people with firearms? Do you  
12 remember receiving any information about people reportedly with  
13 firearms that morning?

14 A I believe that there was a -- an update after everybody  
15 had returned that there was supposedly a person in the tree with  
16 a weapon. And I don't remember -- I don't remember how that  
17 was -- how that update was disseminated. And I don't know if  
18 that was in a Secret Service email, you know. If that  
19 was -- again, I don't remember exactly how that was passed. But  
20 I remember hearing that after the President had returned back  
21 to the White House.

22 Q Do you remember any information in the morning?

23 A No.

24 Q Okay.

25 A Yeah, nothing like that. I don't remember anything



1 like that, you know, prior to -- prior to, you know, the President  
2 departing.

3 Q All right. If we can go to exhibit 13, bringing this  
4 up, this is a note or a note card. I'll represent to you that  
5 we received this from the National Archives as part of this  
6 committee's investigation. And it's on it looks like White  
7 House stock, and it says:

8 1 X civilian gunshot wound to chest at door of House Chamber.

9 Do you recognize this note?

10 A I do.

11 Q What is it?

12 A That is a note. That is my -- that's -- obviously, I  
13 can probably jump ahead. That is my handwriting.

14 I remember writing that after receiving a report or an  
15 update from Secret Service by email. And I think that was, you  
16 know, in reference to obviously the gunshot that had happened  
17 in the House Chamber.

18 Looking at it again, I realize I spelled "chamber" wrong.  
19 But there was probably just in the, you know, the heat of the  
20 moment.

21 But, you know, that would be, again, very -- very, you know,  
22 as was -- as we did with all the other email updates. And, [REDACTED],  
23 I think I remember the last time we spoke, there was an email  
24 that you guys had pulled that either talked about I think it was,  
25 you know, there was an officer down or there was a report of an

1 officer down. And I think there was, you know, somebody had  
2 drone -- somebody had drawn a bracket and, like, an asterisk  
3 around that, you know.

4 Again, that was, as I said last time, you know, that was  
5 probably -- that was me drawing that on a printed email, you know,  
6 and then providing that update either to Tony to then give to  
7 Mark or myself giving to Mark.

8 But, again, I don't remember exactly, you know, how it was  
9 passed or who passed it. But that was -- that was the, you know,  
10 the intention of, you know, any of those updates.

11 Q Good memory of our last meeting. There was the document  
12 that had a bracket and the little asterisk next to it.

13 So just on this card, though, just to be, to clear for me,  
14 why did you write this? And who did you write it for?

15 A So yeah, so I -- so it was written -- the goal of it being  
16 written was, again, a situational update, you know, for  
17 awareness. This is what is happening at the Capitol or this is,  
18 you know, this is being -- this is what is being reported has  
19 happened at the Capitol.

20 And, you know, there was other -- there's other things being  
21 reported. You know, this is -- there was what I deemed to be,  
22 you know, a rather material update, you know, an important  
23 update.

24 And, again, I can't remember, you know, how it was passed,  
25 who it was passed to, you know. But the intended recipient for

1 this specific note was, you know, obviously, the origin of it  
2 was myself, after reading, you know, the email update. I wrote  
3 it on the card.

4 It was either -- you know, one of two things happened with  
5 it. I either gave it to Tony who then gave it to Mark or I gave  
6 it to Mark myself, you know, while he was -- while he was walking,  
7 you know, in the hall or, you know, if he had stopped in our office  
8 or if I had stopped in their office when he was back there, you  
9 know, at the time.

10 I don't remember exactly, you know, what had happened with  
11 it once -- one second. I've got a dog barking.

12 Q That's fine. Take your time.

13 A And -- and, yeah, so that was -- so that was the, you  
14 know, that was the -- that was the, I guess, kind of what had  
15 happened with it.

16 Q Okay. It sounds like the intended recipient was Mark  
17 Meadows, is that right, ultimately?

18 A That's right.

19 Q And are you confident that ultimately Mark Meadows  
20 received this either from you or from Mr. Ornato?

21 A I believe so. I, again, I don't remember but I  
22 would -- I think that's where it ended and it wound up.

23 Q And in our last time we spoke to you, we asked you the  
24 question: Do you know where Mark Meadows went after learning  
25 from Mr. Ornato that somebody had been shot in the Capitol? Was

1 he headed in the direction of the Oval Office, for example?

2 You said: I think so.

3 Was it your understanding that Mr. Meadows would have taken  
4 this note card into the Oval Office or the dining room?

5 A I mean, I don't know -- I don't know where -- I don't  
6 know if he -- you know, he may have read it and left it in his  
7 office and then taken, you know, that information and provided  
8 a verbal update. You know, I don't think that -- I don't think  
9 that he's -- again, I could be wrong. He could have, you know,  
10 passed the physical note card to the President, too.

11 You know, I don't think that that would -- I don't think  
12 that that would be how he would go about it. But, you know, I'm  
13 not sure -- I'm not sure what actually happened with the  
14 information after he had learned about the gunshot wound.

15 Q Did you ever learn that Mr. Meadows told the President  
16 that somebody had been shot in the Capitol while either by handing  
17 him this note card or just conveying the information on it?

18 A I don't know for sure if that happened. Again, I  
19 can -- I would imagine that it did but I don't know for sure.

20 Q Did -- moving -- and you can take this down. Thank you.

21 Did you interact with the Situation Room or NSC staff at  
22 all on the 6th?

23 A I don't think so.

24 Q Would you interact with them just generally, maybe not  
25 necessarily on the 6th, as a way of getting kind of important

1 information or critical national security information to senior  
2 staff in the White House?

3 A Yeah.

4 Q Is there a reason that you don't have a memory of this  
5 happening, maybe not -- and let me rephrase that.

6 Is there reason that you weren't interacting with Situation  
7 Room or NSC staff on the 6th to get important information about  
8 what was happening at the Capitol?

9 A I guess I could -- I could back up and say. So the, I  
10 guess, the means of them distributing information would be kind  
11 of by email updates.

12 And a lot of their stuff, a lot of the -- a lot of the  
13 information that they would provide to a handful of kind of, I  
14 guess, you know, folks that needed or that, you know, for -- that  
15 needed to know for awareness, you know, and then that would then  
16 kind of do whatever they would, you know, their job needed them  
17 to do, there was a, like you said, there's a Listserv. There's  
18 a distribution list that was kind of -- I think that the headline  
19 of it was, like, you know, White House WHSR Awareness or WHSR  
20 Alerts or I can't remember exactly what it was.

21 But, you know, they would -- and it was nothing -- it could  
22 be anything. I mean, it could be -- it could be, you know, I  
23 don't -- again, I can't think of anything off the top of my head.  
24 But it would be anything from, like, you know, flash, major news  
25 that had been reported. And, again, it was all tracked by open

1 source, you know, reporting.

2 So they would, you know, they would flag articles. They  
3 would flat tweets. They would flag, you know, other pieces of  
4 information like that and then would send it out, send it out  
5 by email, you know, to a range of different -- a range of  
6 different groups. I mean, you had folks from Secret Service on  
7 there. You had folks from White House staff. I'm sure you had  
8 folks from the White House Military Office.

9 And so, you know, I guess your first question of did I have  
10 any contact or did I have any interaction with the Situation Room  
11 staff or NSC staff, you know, on January 6th, I guess by those  
12 emails, because I'm sure that they were sending emails of, you  
13 know, what was going on, I did, you know, I guess that would count  
14 as interaction.

15 But, like, you know, person-to-person, you know, am I  
16 picking up the phone and calling the Situation Room and  
17 they're -- are they relaying, feeding me updates? No.

18 You know, are there -- are we having face-to-face  
19 conversations? Am I going down to the Situation Room? Are they  
20 coming up to our office and giving up updates? No.

21 And, yeah so, that's -- so I guess, backing up, you know,  
22 they were providing, you know, similar updates, based, you know,  
23 that was mainly based off of kind of what was being reported.

24 Q Okay. Bear with me just a moment.

25 [Discussion off the record.]

1           Mr. [REDACTED] All right. I think we're wrapping up. Do you  
2 want to take a 5-minute break?

3           And then I think we should be able to finish by 1:30 if that  
4 works for you guys.

5           Mr. Passantino. Okay. You think you have another half an  
6 hour?

7           Mr. [REDACTED] Probably not that much but just to be  
8 conservative.

9           Mr. Passantino. All right. Well, Beau, what would you  
10 like?

11           If it's -- I mean, if it's -- if it's going to be less, if  
12 it's going to be 15, 20 minutes, I'm okay to push through rather  
13 than take a break. I'm happy to take a break if you-all need  
14 to. Of course, timing, because we thought this entire  
15 interviewer was going to be half an hour, so we're already at  
16 2 hours. So if you think it's going to be longer, then we'll  
17 take break.

18           But, Beau, I'll defer to you.

19           Mr. Harrison. I mean, I'd kind of answer that, you know,  
20 if it's going to be 15 minutes, you know, I don't see the need for  
21 taking a break but --

22           Mr. [REDACTED] Why don't we just take 2 minutes just to make  
23 it more efficient as we move through where I can talk with my  
24 colleague really quickly?

25           Mr. Passantino. Okay. Very good.

- 1 Mr. [REDACTED] We'll just come back in 2 minutes.
- 2 Thanks very much.
- 3 We'll go off the record.
- 4 [Recess.]



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2 [1:01 p.m.]

3 Mr. [REDACTED] Let's go back on the record. It's 1:01 p.m.  
4 Eastern. We're resuming the transcribed interview of  
5 Mr. William Harrison.

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BY MR. [REDACTED]

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Q So just a few wrap-up questions. We obviously spoke to  
8 you in April. Have you discussed your testimony that you gave  
9 to us with anybody since your appearance here in April?

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A No.

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Q Have you talked about the events of January 6th with  
12 anybody before today and after your appearance here in April?

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A I mean, I'm sure I have with, you know, random, you know,  
14 family, friends, and whoever realizes that I'm in -- you know,  
15 of that orbit, you know, has -- everybody's got a question and  
16 everybody is -- so I'm -- I'm sure that I have talked about it.

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Q What about with Tony Ornato, have you talked to him about  
18 January 6th or anything that happened on January 6th before your  
19 testimony today?

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A The only -- the only, you know, time that we -- again,  
21 Tony and I are personal friends and have talked about -- you know,  
22 I'm -- I'm kind of a big brother to his son and to, you  
23 know -- he -- we're personal friends.

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The only thing that we've talked about on this matter is,  
25 during Cassidy's testimony, he just -- he basically said, can

1 you -- you know, can you believe this? And -- and that was that.  
2 You know, nothing further -- nothing further, you know,  
3 was -- was discussed on the matter of -- aside from the fact of  
4 like, you know, where is this coming from?

5 Q How did he say that to you? Did he call you? Did he  
6 send you a text message?

7 A I believe it was a phone call. And -- and I think it  
8 was more of, you know, he was like, did I -- you know, did I miss  
9 something or am I -- am I -- you know, clearly this did not  
10 happen, but how -- how is this being -- you know, where is this  
11 story even coming from or, you know, where could this even, you  
12 know, be coming from.

13 Q In that conversation, did he -- he told you it didn't  
14 happen? What portion of the testimony did he say didn't happen  
15 in that phone call with you?

16 A I -- well, I mean, as it was described when -- you know,  
17 the whole -- the whole story of -- the whole story of Bob Engel  
18 returning to our office, you know, and going into the -- going  
19 into the -- you know, the story about the President being irate  
20 and, you know, the President grabbing Bob Engel's neck and  
21 grabbing for the steering wheel, you know, that was the part he  
22 was like, you know -- like, did that happen? Did the -- you  
23 know, did that -- did -- was that even discussed? Was  
24 that -- did that ever come up? And at that point I said --

25 Q In that --

1           A    I'm sorry, go ahead.

2           Q    Go ahead. I'm sorry. I cut you off right before you  
3 were about to say what you said in response.

4           A    And I'm saying, no, you know, the first -- the first I  
5 had even -- I have ever even heard of this was, you know, just  
6 this afternoon, this afternoon when it was being described, you  
7 know, that way on TV.

8           Q    In that conversation, did Mr. Ornato kind of relay his  
9 recollection of the events to you?

10          A    That, I don't remember. But, I mean, I don't think he  
11 went, you know, play by play of what happened. I think it was  
12 mainly just kind of just, you know, kind of shock as to, you know,  
13 getting associated with and being the kind of the source of that  
14 type of information.

15          Q    And you think this is a phone call as opposed to text  
16 messages?

17          A    Yes.

18          Q    How many times have you talked to him about that or any  
19 other part of kind of the testimony that has come up before the  
20 select committee since your interview?

21          A    That was -- that's the only -- that's the -- and I don't  
22 even say that that would be about, you know, our -- my testimony  
23 or, you know, any testimony that he's given. But  
24 that's -- that's the only time that that -- you know, that that  
25 specific point -- or not the specific point but that, you know,

1 this whole thing has come up in conversation.

2 Q Does he know you're testifying here today?

3 A No.

4 Q How about Bobby Engel, same questions, have you talked  
5 to him about anything related to the select committee since your  
6 last interview?

7 A No.

8 Q Did you talk to him about Ms. Hutchinson's testimony or  
9 any other witness' testimony who has come before the select  
10 committee?

11 A No. I've talked to -- I've talked to Bobby by email I  
12 think -- I think maybe three times since January of 2021. And  
13 that's all, you know, in relation to the President going to -- to  
14 Tampa where he works -- or for, you know, President Trump  
15 traveling to Tampa, you know, over the last year, year and a half,  
16 where Bobby, you know, obviously is working now.

17 Q Gotcha. And the last time we met with you, I think, you  
18 know, we asked you several questions about either people going  
19 to the Capitol or the President going to the Capitol. You didn't  
20 mention this incident where the President asked about going to  
21 the Capitol on the day of, either in the tent or in the motorcade.  
22 How come?

23 A I'm sorry, say it again?

24 Q How come you didn't mention this incident where the  
25 President asked about going to the Capitol in the tent on January

1 6th or in the motorcade after his speech on the Ellipse when we  
2 asked you about, you know, the President's potential desire to  
3 go to the Capitol when we met with you the first time?

4 A I think -- I think probably because it didn't involve  
5 me, like, firsthand. I wasn't there in the tent so, you know,  
6 any -- any -- I mean, that's not my -- that's not my testimony,  
7 right? I mean, it's -- you know, that would be secondhand  
8 information.

9 Q Okay. Are you aware of any other times -- secondhand  
10 information is okay, and I think we mentioned that hearsay was  
11 okay as well -- like, just any other things you're aware of about  
12 the President's desire to go to the Capitol that you  
13 didn't -- haven't shared either now or before?

14 A No.

15 Ms. [REDACTED] I guess my question is, when you testified  
16 before and you were asked were you aware if the President wanted  
17 to go to the Capitol that day, I'm just -- I'm just wondering  
18 if that -- why that wouldn't have triggered the specific memory  
19 you have today of Mr. Engel telling you and Mr. Ornato that he  
20 indeed requested to go to the Capitol when he was in the vehicle.

21 Mr. Harrison. He didn't. He -- that -- you know, he  
22 didn't -- he didn't request while he was in the vehicle to go  
23 to the Capitol. The -- you know, the story that I was told was  
24 when he got into the Capitol -- when he got into the vehicle,  
25 he asked where he was going.

1 Ms. [REDACTED] Got it.

2 Mr. Passantino. If I can ask, do you have a specific  
3 question in the transcript that you feel like he's answered  
4 inaccurately? Because he answered the questions. I want to  
5 know if there's a specific reference where you're concerned that  
6 he might not have given full accurate testimony.

7 Ms. [REDACTED] No, you're right, Mr. Passantino. It's  
8 more of a general question about the President's intent. But  
9 I don't believe there was a specific question as granular as we've  
10 gotten today.

11 Mr. Passantino. Thank you. That's my recollection as  
12 well.

13 BY MR. [REDACTED]

14 Q Have you talked to anybody other than Mr. Engel or  
15 Mr. Ornato about your testimony here today, meaning the former  
16 President, anybody else who worked in the White House, campaign,  
17 or otherwise?

18 A No. Well, I mean, my wife, but -- no.

19 Q You don't need to get into your conversations with your  
20 wife. That's quite all right.

21 Does the former President know you're testifying here  
22 today?

23 A No.

24 Q Has anybody asked you to, you know, provide a report of  
25 you're going to talk to the select committee, we'd like to know

1 what you talk about with them?

2 A No.

3 Q Have you discussed anything related to the January 6th  
4 committee with the former President?

5 A No.

6 Q Has anyone told you to not provide certain information,  
7 even if it's the answer to a question that the select committee  
8 poses?

9 A No.

10 Q And then just a final set of questions.

11 Are you receiving any assistance from anyone or entity to  
12 help cover your legal costs related to the select committee only,  
13 nothing else?

14 A Yes. I'm not personally -- I'm not personally paying  
15 for legal representation.

16 Q Do you know who is, who's covering those costs?

17 A Not specifically, which may be something I probably  
18 should know, but that I don't know.

19 Q Do you know what the Save America PAC is?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Do you know if they have any role in helping to cover  
22 your legal costs or find somebody who would cover your legal  
23 costs?

24 A They -- I don't know if they are covering them. They  
25 are associated with -- with whoever -- whoever it may be that

1 is.

2 Q Do you have a contact there who -- who you talk to about  
3 issues related to this?

4 A The only -- the only time it's ever come up -- or the  
5 only contact, you know, related to this would be when I got the  
6 initial phone call, whenever, you know, whenever, a couple months  
7 ago, whenever it was. And I contacted Justin Clark.

8 Q Have you talked to anybody at Save America PAC since then  
9 about your appearances before the committee or needing to ensure  
10 that your expenses are still covered?

11 A No.

12 Q Was there any arrangement that you had with them so that  
13 they would cover your fees?

14 A No.

15 Q Like -- and by that I mean, did you agree to do anything  
16 in particular or kind of report back to them about your  
17 interactions with the select committee?

18 A No. There was nothing requested. You know, it  
19 wasn't -- there was nothing contingent upon, you know, certain  
20 things to be said. There was -- there was, you know, nothing  
21 like that.

22 Q And did they have any role in advising you, anybody  
23 associated with Save America PAC or Mr. Clark, advising you about  
24 what documents to produce to the select committee or which  
25 documents not to produce?



1           A    No.  The only conversation that I had about, you know,  
2   the request for documents --

3           Mr. Passantino.  I advise you don't discuss any  
4   conversations that you and I have had.

5           Mr. Harrison.  Okay.

6           Mr. [REDACTED].  That's correct.  Yeah, nothing with legal  
7   counsel for the purpose of receiving legal advice.  Outside of  
8   that, though.

9           Mr. Harrison.  Yeah, nothing outside that.

10          Mr. [REDACTED].  Okay.

11          Anything further?

12          Ms. [REDACTED].  Just one question.  Do you remember any  
13   conversation with Mr. Ornato on the 6th about -- about Leader  
14   McCarthy learning that the President wanted to come to the  
15   Capitol?

16          Mr. Harrison.  No.

17          Ms. [REDACTED].  Okay.  I don't have anything further.

18          Mr. [REDACTED].  Is there anything else that you'd like to add  
19   to what we've discussed here today or expand on as far as the  
20   information you provided?

21          Mr. Harrison.  Nothing else.

22          Mr. [REDACTED].  Okay.  Well, I appreciate your time.  I know  
23   this is the second time we've asked you to appear.  Very much  
24   appreciate that.

25          And if there is something further that you think is

1 important or relevant and would be responsive to the questions  
2 we've asked today or before that you'd like to get to us, please  
3 reach out to Mr. Passantino and then he can, of course, reach  
4 out to me.

5 But, other than that, I think we'll go off the record.

6 Ms. [REDACTED] Thank you.

7 [Whereupon, at 1:14 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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