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RECORDED INTERVIEW BETWEEN
SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] FBI 1
SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] FBI 2
WALTINE NAUTA
and [REDACTED] ATTY

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SA [REDACTED]: The date is May 26, 2022. The time is 3:43 in the afternoon. This is Special Agent [REDACTED] in preparation of an interview. With me will be Special Agent [REDACTED]. Interviewee is Waltine a/k/a Walt Nauta. Walt Nauta will be represented by personal counsel, [REDACTED].

(00:00:25 to 00:05:25 - faint background conversation and noise.)

SA [REDACTED]: Hey, you ready for us?

SA [REDACTED]: Hey.

SA [REDACTED]: All right. This is the guy you need to be scared of. (Indiscernible 00:05:31).

SA [REDACTED]: Scared?

MR. [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible 00:05:31).

SA [REDACTED]: Hey, I'm [REDACTED]. Nice to meet you

MR. NAUTA: Nice to meet you.

SA [REDACTED]: Same.

MR. [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible 00:05:34) earlier today. Seems like everybody's taking an early day.

SA [REDACTED]: Right.

SA [REDACTED]: Feel free to have a seat.

SA [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible 00:05:41). This --

1 (00:05:45)

2 SA [REDACTED] : -- door doesn't want to close.

3 SA [REDACTED] : There we go. How are you?

4 MR. NAUTA: Good.

5 SA [REDACTED] : How are you? Long time no see.

6 MR. [REDACTED] : Yeah, I'm, I'm the same.

7 SA [REDACTED] : Yeah. Are you wearing the same suit?

8 MR. [REDACTED] : Huh?

9 SA [REDACTED] : Are you?

10 MR. [REDACTED] : Nah, I switch them up for every
11 interview.

12 SA [REDACTED] : Okay. All right. Fair enough.

13 MR. NAUTA: Oh, man.

14 MR. [REDACTED] : No, this is the same suit. (Laughter).

15 SA [REDACTED] : I wonder if you're kind of like
16 what's-his-face from -- was it How I Met Your Mother? You
17 know, always got a suit. Was it --

18 SA [REDACTED] : Barney?

19 SA [REDACTED] : Barney, there you go.

20 MR. [REDACTED] : They say all he has is suits, so --

21 SA [REDACTED] : Yeah. His pajamas are suits, so like
22 everything.

23 SA [REDACTED] : All right.

24 SA [REDACTED] : Have you seen his business card?

25 MR. NAUTA: Mm-mm.

1 (00:06:17)

2 SA [REDACTED] FBI 1 : You got to show him your business
3 card.

4 MR. [REDACTED] ATTY : I didn't bring any. Everybody knows me
5 here.

6 SA [REDACTED] FBI 1 : Okay, all right.

7 SA [REDACTED] FBI 2 : All right. You're the boss,
8 right?

9 MR. [REDACTED] ATTY : Yep.

10 SA [REDACTED] FBI 1 : He's got a business card that's so
11 thick, like, I'm surprised he didn't set off the metal
12 detectors. Like, it's -- he showed it to me the first time,
13 like they let you bring this in here.

14 SA [REDACTED] FBI 2 : Just so you know that we're real
15 FBI, not, not posing. Otherwise that was a very elaborate --

16 MR. [REDACTED] ATTY : Yeah. It would've been interesting
17 getting in here if you weren't.

18 SA [REDACTED] FBI 2 : Right, well, you never know. You
19 never know these days. We are who we say we are.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah.

21 SA [REDACTED] FBI 2 : But like I said, if you, if you --
22 we're gonna go into some -- in some admin about this being
23 completely voluntary and all that. But seriously this, this
24 is as relaxed as we can make it. You can take a break.
25 Anytime you want to confer with counsel or have a side --

1 (00:07:03)

2 SA [REDACTED]: -- bar, we can step out. If you,
3 you know, would like to step out and use the restroom, get
4 more water, whatever, just ask us.

5 MR. NAUTA: Okay.

6 SA [REDACTED]: Not a problem.

7 SA [REDACTED]: Yeah. So I'll, I'll go over, like you
8 said, the admin, voluntariness. You know, you can leave at
9 any time. You don't have to answer a particular question
10 even. You know, if you want to stay and just not answer a
11 certain one that you're uncomfortable with, that's all fine.
12 It's fair game. Everything we're going to talk about is
13 related to a sensitive investigation, so the way -- at least
14 just kind of like our promise to you, our intention going
15 forward is to never tell anyone else that we speak with,
16 like in -- across from the table, that we spoke to you, to
17 include things that you say. We're not, we're not going to
18 attribute it to you. And the only thing we ask is what we
19 talk about here, aside from speaking to counsel, you do the
20 same thing, kind of just keep it amongst ourselves. The
21 biggest reason is these type of matters that we work, the
22 people involved reputations are usually at stake, and so,
23 one, it, it affects our ability to do, like, a thorough and
24 accurate and truthful investigation, but at the same time,
25 we also don't want peoples reputations to be tarnished on --

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2 SA **FBI 1**: -- on speculation and unfounded things
3 because they get leaked out before they're -- before we
4 actually get a chance to actually just get all the facts.
5 You know what I mean?

6 MR. NAUTA: Gotcha.

7 SA **FBI 1**: So, again, I can't make you do that,
8 but it's just an ask for, like, professional courtesy kind
9 of thing. Do you have any questions about that?

10 MR. NAUTA: No.

11 SA **FBI 1**: All right. And the last thing is --
12 that we have to tell you as a part of our, of our spiel is
13 that because this is an a -- because this is a true FBI
14 investigation, everything you has -- you tell us has to be
15 truthful, no lying or anything like that, otherwise that'll
16 become a false statement, and if you were going to Google
17 it, it is 18 U.S.C. 1001. So, like, no lying to the FBI, no
18 false official statements, things like that. Any questions?

19 MR. NAUTA: No.

20 SA **FBI 1**: Okay. If you're not sure about
21 something, 'cause if we're going back a ways, you can just
22 say, hey, I'm not sure. I'm not going -- it -- we're not
23 strict like that.

24 MR. NAUTA: Okay.

25 SA **FBI 1**: Like, if you tell me you're not --

1 (00:09:07)

2 SA [REDACTED]: -- sure about something and that's
3 fine. You can, you can say, I'm not sure, but I think it's
4 this. That's, that's fine and I won't hold you to that.

5 MR. NAUTA: Yeah, okay.

6 SA [REDACTED]: But sometimes even what you think you
7 remember kind of gives us a little bit of color, and so if
8 you're comfortable with doing that, we're, we're welcome to,
9 to hear it as well.

10 MR. NAUTA: Okay.

11 SA [REDACTED]: Any questions? No? All right.

12 So a little background about you. So, so what do
13 you do right now?

14 MR. NAUTA: Right now, I am titled as his Personal
15 Aid, Personal Assistant.

16 SA [REDACTED]: And we're talking about President Trp?

17 MR. NAUTA: Correct.

18 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MR. NAUTA: And as far as what I do, on a daily
20 basis?

21 SA [REDACTED]: Mm-hm.

22 MR. NAUTA: Kind of -- you know, I'm with him
23 maybe from 7 to 3, 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

24 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 (00:09:52)

1 MR. NAUTA: Depending on the schedule.

2 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. And, and when you say what you
3 do?

4 MR. NAUTA: I mean, just kind of being there and
5 making sure he -- if he needs something --

6 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

7 MR. NAUTA: -- then I'm there. You know?

8 SA [REDACTED]: I gotcha.

9 MR. NAUTA: You know?

10 SA [REDACTED]: It's kind of like odd and end things,
11 right --

12 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

13 SA [REDACTED]: -- that you can't really write down.

14 MR. NAUTA: It's hard to pinpoint, yeah.

15 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. You're kind of like the go-to
16 guy for -- just to make life easier for him.

17 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

18 SA [REDACTED]: Okay, that's fair. What were you
19 doing before the -- during the previous administration, his
20 administration?

21 MR. NAUTA: His administration. What was I doing?

22 SA [REDACTED]: Yeah. Mm-hm. Like, what was your job
23 then?

24 MR. NAUTA: I was his valet for the time that I
25 was there.

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2 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. To my understanding, valets are
3 military.

4 MR. NAUTA: Correct.

5 SA [REDACTED]: And then so -- and you were in the
6 Navy, correct?

7 MR. NAUTA: Correct.

8 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

9 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

10 SA [REDACTED]: I did a quick little just Google
11 search. Most of the time, I get nothing, but sometimes -- I
12 saw that you got selected for Senior.

13 MR. NAUTA: Yeah. Yep.

14 SA [REDACTED]: And so -- yeah, so, one,
15 congratulations, right?

16 MR. NAUTA: Thank you.

17 SA [REDACTED]: 'Cause like, yeah I know Chief is
18 pretty tough to get by itself, so getting senior, you would
19 still -- that's pretty good. But you're out of the Navy now,
20 right?

21 MR. NAUTA: Yeah. Were you (indiscernible

22 00:10:54) Navy?

23 SA [REDACTED]: Yeah.

24 MR. NAUTA: Were you?

25 SA [REDACTED]: Mm-hm, yeah. I was, I was in what --

1 (00:11:00)

2 SA [REDACTED]: -- they used to call Crypto. I think
3 now they call them Informational Warfare, but--

4 MR. NAUTA: Yeah. Not many people know how the
5 prestige of, of a Chief is. That's why I asked.

6 SA [REDACTED]: Yeah.

7 SA [REDACTED]: Yeah.

8 SA [REDACTED]: Yeah.

9 MR. NAUTA: Yeah

10 SA [REDACTED]: So -- but so that, that's--

11 SA [REDACTED]: You're not allowed to geek out on
12 me right now. (Laughter).

13 SA [REDACTED]: Otherwise you're going to start
14 going all Navy talk and --

15 MR. NAUTA: Not me. I'm not -- yeah, it's --
16 yeah, it's just -- I don't hear it that often when people
17 know the transition from Chief to Senior Chief.

18 SA [REDACTED]: Yeah.

19 MR. NAUTA: So it's, it's ironic like as I'm doing
20 this. I don't hear that often.

21 SA [REDACTED]: Yeah. So that kind of lights the
22 question. So you get selected for Senior. Did you -- were
23 you -- just kind of wanted to do some new thing in your
24 life, get out the Navy? Or, like, why didn't you stay in
25 longer in the Navy? You -- since you made Senior.

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2 SA **FBI 1** : 'Cause it looked, it looked recent.

3 MR. NAUTA: Yeah, it was, shoot, September, the
4 last prior to out.

5 SA **FBI 1** : Mm-hm.

6 MR. NAUTA: Actually 19 -- 21st. 21, I mean, and
7 then essentially I was already going to re-enlist for three
8 more years, for the higher tenure.

9 SA **FBI 1** : Mm-hm.

10 MR. NAUTA: And then I got a call from them
11 saying, hey, do you want to come -- we're offering you a
12 job, do you want to come do the same thing you're doing.

13 SA **FBI 1** : Okay.

14 MR. NAUTA: And I was like, let me see. I'm right
15 there. I already got 20 years. I was like, okay. So I was
16 just like change of scenery, change it up.

17 SA **FBI 1** : An offer you couldn't refuse.

18 MR. NAUTA: Yeah. It's not often a former
19 President calls you and say, hey, you want to come work for
20 me?

21 SA **FBI 1** : Did he call you personally?

22 MR. NAUTA: No.

23 SA **FBI 1** : Oh, okay, but still it's the same
24 thing.

25 MR. NAUTA: It's the same thing.

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2 SA [REDACTED]: It's the same thing. Let's pretend I
3 didn't ask that. It's the same thing.

4 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

5 SA [REDACTED]: Yeah. He basically called you. But
6 it -- what I -- but you were a culinary specialist, and from
7 my understanding, a lot of like the culinary specialists'
8 ratings are, are kind of working as valets at the White
9 House.

10 MR. NAUTA: Mm-hm.

11 SA [REDACTED]: I'll be honest with -- I don't know if
12 it's just because I'm a product of my generation, but I was
13 thinking maybe a Navy chef working for directly for the
14 President, like is he really a Chef, because I kept thinking
15 Under Siege.

16 MR. NAUTA: I am.

17 SA [REDACTED]: Yeah.

18 MR. NAUTA: I was. I -- that's the story I like
19 to tell people.

20 SA [REDACTED]: You're a, you're a SEAL, aren't you?
21 It's okay.

22 MR. NAUTA: Yeah. It's -- one of, one of the
23 biggest things as a valet as the Navy takes care of, you
24 know, its executive residence that we take care of and the
25 First Family.

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2 SA [REDACTED]: Mm-hm.

3 MR. NAUTA: So we provide food security. The main
4 thing is food security.

5 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 MR. NAUTA: So -- and then you have a branch of
7 that team which is dubbed the valets --

8 SA [REDACTED]: Mm-hm

9 MR. NAUTA: -- which we do a little bit of -- we
10 do that and take care of First Family's personal needs.

11 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 MR. NAUTA: So that's --

13 SA [REDACTED]: I mean, the things you have to see,
14 like, and whatnot, because, I mean, honestly, I've met a few
15 people in the rating, like on the ship and whatnot, but can
16 you imagine like working from a ship environment --

17 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

18 SA [REDACTED]: -- and all of a sudden you're in the
19 White House. Like, holy --

20 MR. NAUTA: Yeah. It's -- it was -- it's still --
21 I'm still trying to wrap my head around it, even 'til this
22 moment. It is like, wow. Now how do I transition from a
23 guy who used to scramble eggs to now I'm working for a
24 former President?

25 SA [REDACTED]: On a resort, and from my gathering --

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2 SA **FBI 1**: -- just from, from, from stuff, you're
3 gonna be going to New Jersey too, and then that's --
4 (indiscernible 00:13:46) thank you for accommodating us and
5 -- but, but, I mean, the travel and everything. 'Cause you,
6 you probably go with the President everywhere, right?

7 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

8 SA **FBI 1**: So every -- even if he's going to,
9 like, a campaign rally or something like that, like, you're
10 just his guy?

11 MR. NAUTA: Everywhere. Yeah.

12 SA **FBI 1**: Wow.

13 MR. NAUTA: Everywhere he goes, I go about 95
14 percent of the time.

15 SA **FBI 1**: Okay.

16 MR. NAUTA: Except for days like this.

17 SA **FBI 1**: What? He's not here?

18 MR. NAUTA: No, I mean, I'm not with him right
19 now.

20 SA **FBI 1**: Oh, no, no. Oh, okay. I just thought
21 you meant like he left you. I'm like, oh, sorry.

22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: He's waiting for us in the
23 lobby. He's (indiscernible 00:14:15).

24 SA **FBI 1**: Okay. We'll be quick. Don't want to
25 leave the man waiting. So do you get to fly with him --

1 (00:14:21)

2 SA **FBI 1** : -- then like on his --

3 MR. NAUTA: Everywhere he goes, I go.

4 SA **FBI 1** : So that must suck when you have to
5 take, like, normal flights. You know, like -- or do you
6 even do that anymore?

7 MR. NAUTA: No.

8 SA **FBI 1** : No. (Laughs).

9 MR. NAUTA: It's been a while.

10 SA **FBI 1** : You mortals, no.

11 MR. NAUTA: Yeah, it's been a while. We're
12 spoiled a little bit, so --

13 SA **FBI 1** : Oh my goodness. Okay. I'm sorry, I,
14 I did geek out a little bit, sorry.

15 SA **FBI 2** : Yeah. I had to reign him in,
16 'cause it was going to start --

17 SA **FBI 1** : All right.

18 SA **FBI 2** : When he started quoting Under
19 Siege, we were done.

20 SA **FBI 1** : Yeah, okay. So a little bit of the
21 boring stuff. The reason -- what kind of prompted our
22 interest and everything, I don't know if you saw in the
23 news, but in January 17th, 2022, President Trump and his
24 representatives had -- were in negotiations with
25 representatives of the National Archives, and it was --

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2 SA **FBI 1**: -- agreed upon on having a certain
3 number of boxes returned to the U.S. Government for
4 Presidential records and things such. So a contract driver,
5 a truck driver arrived a Mar-a-Lago on the 17th, received
6 said boxes, and brought them to NARA. You remember hearing
7 about that in the news?

8 MR. NAUTA: I do.

9 SA **FBI 1**: Okay. And then we have an interest in
10 it based on some of the things that -- some anomalies that
11 they found, and have you heard about those in the news?

12 MR. NAUTA: No.

13 SA **FBI 1**: They, they found that some of the
14 documents had classified information.

15 MR. NAUTA: Okay.

16 SA **FBI 1**: Again, like, it's -- so we -- some,
17 some documents, whatever, like, we, we don't really know
18 what, what it means. We are kind of attacking this from
19 like a perspective, like, all right, if there were
20 classified documents -- and he's probably tired of hearing
21 me saying this. But if they're were classified documents,
22 you know, were they at least kept in a somewhat controlled
23 environment, could they have been exposed to a foreign
24 intelligence service or something like that, can we, can we
25 answer these type of questions the best that we can?

1 (00:15:58)

2 SA [REDACTED]: And whatever we can't answer, like --
3 well, if we can't answer, we can't answer, but we give this
4 information to the intelligence community and then the
5 people who own these different pieces of intelligence, they
6 make the decision. Like it's not worth the risk, we've got
7 to shut it down because we don't want, we don't want these
8 people's lives to be on the line, we don't want, like,
9 people to, to know that our ships have these capabilities --

10 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

11 SA [REDACTED]: -- and work around them and all that
12 kind of stuff. Like we just -- we got to change it up and
13 -- or something like that.

14 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

15 SA [REDACTED]: But it would be a lot easier if we can
16 tell them for sure X, Y and Z so they know exactly what
17 needs to be shut down and what doesn't, right? So that's
18 kind of the reason why we're looking into this. So that
19 day, on January 15th, do you -- or, I'm sorry, January 17th.
20 Do you -- were you involved at all with these boxes?

21 MR. NAUTA: I was.

22 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Tell me about that day.

23 MR. NAUTA: So we moved the boxes, myself and
24 [REDACTED] from, from Pine Hall.

25 SA [REDACTED]: I've heard that name before, [REDACTED].

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2 SA **FBI 1** : That's **W1** **[REDACTED]** ?

3 MR. NAUTA: **[REDACTED]** **W1** **[REDACTED]** .

4 SA **FBI 1** : Okay.

5 MR. NAUTA: Yeah. I just recall **W1** saying, hey,
6 we got to move some boxes. To be fair, at -- even as close
7 as (indiscernible 00:17:01) as I am with him, I, I should be
8 reading the news much more, but it's just I've learned too
9 much to try to keep up with what's what. So when you ask me
10 (indiscernible 00:17:09) --

11 SA **FBI 1** : Yeah that's fine.

12 MR. NAUTA: -- I kind of tune it out a little bit.
13 But I'm aware. **W1** asked me to move some boxes. We moved
14 the boxes. We transported to a car, and then we moved -- we
15 met the individual outside in a parking lot.

16 SA **FBI 1** : Okay.

17 MR. NAUTA: With a truck, and we loaded it onto
18 his truck.

19 SA **FBI 1** : Mm-hm.

20 MR. NAUTA: **W1** signed the papers, and that was
21 it.

22 SA **FBI 1** : Okay. All right. So about how many
23 boxes?

24 MR. NAUTA: I don't really recall --

25 SA **FBI 1** : Okay.

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2 MR. NAUTA: -- how many. It's in the range of,
3 like, 15 to 17, I believe.

4 SA **FBI 1**: Okay. And that's fine, 'cause if you
5 said something like, no, we, we delivered 30, and the
6 Archives only got 15, I'd be like, okay, now we got -- need
7 to talk to that truck driver, you know? Did you make a stop
8 somewhere? No, I get it. And the fact that you don't
9 check the news -- I mean, we were even talking about it
10 today, like, we're law enforcement, but even, like, with
11 what happened a couple days ago, at some point you have to
12 turn it off, just mentally --

13 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

14 SA **FBI 1**: -- there's only so much you can --

15 MR. NAUTA: No, that's kind of how I survive,
16 especially being a retired service member. Like, I was --

17 SA **FBI 1**: Yeah.

18 MR. NAUTA: -- had to always stay, you know, in
19 the middle, so that's why I don't, I don't tune into that as
20 much as I should.

21 SA **FBI 1**: That's fair.

22 MR. NAUTA: One thing I did -- I do want -- it's
23 -- that truck was huge. Like, it was a -- like, it was --
24 it couldn't come on property.

25 SA **FBI 1**: Like, an 18 or 21, whatever kind of --

1 (00:18:24)

2 SA [REDACTED] : -- deal?

3 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

4 SA [REDACTED] : Okay.

5 MR. NAUTA: So I was like this is a lot, this a
6 lot of truck for this many boxes.

7 SA [REDACTED] : For like 17, 15 boxes?

8 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

9 SA [REDACTED] : Yeah.

10 SA [REDACTED] : Is it -- so where did it go? Do
11 you know?

12 MR. NAUTA: I don't know.

13 SA [REDACTED] : Where was the pick up? Do you
14 remember?

15 MR. NAUTA: Right outside Mar-a-Lago.

16 SA [REDACTED] : Right outside.

17 MR. NAUTA: There is a -- there was a -- there's a
18 bigger parking lot that he met us at -- or that we met him
19 out there.

20 SA [REDACTED] : Okay. So you said you had to pick up
21 the boxes. Where did you pick them up from?

22 MR. NAUTA: Pine Hall.

23 SA [REDACTED] : I actually don't know what that is,
24 Pine Hall.

25 MR. NAUTA: It's a room right outside the --

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2 MR. NAUTA: -- suite, his suite, their suite.

3 SA **FBI 1**: Oh, okay. The President's suite?

4 MR. NAUTA: Correct.

5 SA **FBI 1**: So his living -- like, his home area?

6 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

7 SA **FBI 1**: There's a room outside of it and that
8 and that's called --

9 MR. NAUTA: Pine Hall.

10 SA **FBI 1**: Pine Hall. Pine Hall. Okay. That's
11 where you picked them up?

12 MR. NAUTA: Mm-hm.

13 SA **FBI 1**: They were all just stacked right
14 there.

15 MR. NAUTA: Mm-hm.

16 SA **FBI 1**: Okay. And, and you load them up into
17 a car and just brought them over to the driver?

18 MR. NAUTA: Yes.

19 SA **FBI 1**: Right. Did you look inside any of
20 those boxes?

21 MR. NAUTA: No.

22 SA **FBI 1**: All right. Did **W1** look inside any
23 of those boxes?

24 MR. NAUTA: Not to my knowledge.

25 SA **FBI 1**: Okay.

1 (00:19:20)

2 MR. NAUTA: I didn't see W1 open any box while we
3 were together.

4 SA FBI 1: Okay. And these boxes, they were in
5 the suite the whole time?

6 MR. NAUTA: I don't know.

7 SA FBI 1: Okay. Let's see. Now, this a living
8 area, so does, does the President just keep all his boxes in
9 his living area? Like, fifteen -- even though it's not a
10 lot for this huge truck, it would be a lot for a house, I
11 would imagine.

12 MR. NAUTA: I'm not sure. I don't know, you know
13 where he kept these boxes. I just know that they were in
14 Pine Hall when W1 asked me to come --

15 SA FBI 1: Okay.

16 MR. NAUTA: -- come there and, you know, move the
17 boxes.

18 SA FBI 1: All right. Can you describe these
19 boxes?

20 MR. NAUTA: They were white, white -- a mixture of
21 white and brown.

22 SA FBI 1: Okay.

23 MR. NAUTA: Maybe Xerox boxes.

24 SA FBI 1: Okay.

25 MR. NAUTA: And I think some banker boxes, if I --

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2 MR. NAUTA: -- remember right.

3 SA **FBI 1**: Gotcha. Okay. Did, did the President
4 ever tell you what these boxes were for?

5 MR. NAUTA: No.

6 SA **FBI 1**: Okay.

7 SA **FBI 2**: Did **W1** ever tell you what they
8 were for?

9 MR. NAUTA: No. Just most of the times, it was
10 just we got to move the boxes.

11 SA **FBI 1**: That's fair.

12 MR. NAUTA: It's a little easier to (indiscernible
13 00:20:30) in that regard 'cause I kind of just do as I'm
14 told.

15 SA **FBI 1**: Mm-hm.

16 MR. NAUTA: So I don't ask questions. I just kind
17 of do it.

18 SA **FBI 1**: Okay.

19 SA **FBI 2**: Did anybody else in the staff help
20 with the boxes?

21 MR. NAUTA: That day?

22 SA **FBI 2**: Mm-hm.

23 MR. NAUTA: No, just **W1** and I.

24 SA **FBI 2**: Okay.

25 SA **FBI 1**: How about any other day? Moving --

1 (00:20:47)

2 SA [REDACTED]: -- boxes and such?

3 MR. NAUTA: I don't know.

4 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Does any -- are you aware of
5 any boxes being brought to his home -- his suite?

6 MR. NAUTA: No.

7 SA [REDACTED]: No? Not, like -- 'cause I -- from my
8 understanding, from talking to lots of people, one of the
9 things about the President is he likes to work with paper,
10 and things will get brought to him --

11 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

12 SA [REDACTED]: -- to kind of be able to work, and
13 it's just, it's just how the genius kind of flows, right?

14 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

15 SA [REDACTED]: Through his paper. But so you don't
16 know of anyone who, like, provides paper documents or such
17 to him?

18 MR. NAUTA: I mean, there's a multitude of us that
19 -- you know, the staffers that provide documents and paper
20 to him if that's what you're asking.

21 SA [REDACTED]: Yeah, yeah. I meant just documents in
22 general.

23 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

24 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Talk to me a little about that.
25 So what does that look like?

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2 MR. NAUTA: I mean, it's, it's more so -- it's
3 either a newspaper or an article that somebody's found
4 online.

5 SA [REDACTED]: Mm-hm.

6 MR. NAUTA: They'll print it out and give it to
7 him in that regard. That's pretty it -- the gist of it.

8 SA [REDACTED]: Do they just -- they knock on the
9 door?

10 MR. NAUTA: I don't know what they do.

11 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 MR. NAUTA: I, I do know we just deliver them.
13 Most of the time, from what I've seen, they just kind of
14 either give it to him or deliver it for him -- deliver it in
15 Pine Hall.

16 SA [REDACTED]: In Pine Hall.

17 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

18 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. And let me go back. Is Pine
19 Hall just kind of -- like, it -- describe that. Is that just
20 a room outside of his front door?

21 MR. NAUTA: It's probably half the size of this.

22 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

23 MR. NAUTA: And it's got two chairs and a coffee
24 table.

25 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

1 (00:22:10)

2 MR. NAUTA: And it's more of a sitting area.
3 There's a door to the left. When you're standing in the
4 room, there's a door to the left, a door in front of you,
5 two chairs and a coffee table.

6 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

7 MR. NAUTA: It's like a really small library.
8 That door to the left, as I like to tell everybody, it's a
9 door of unknown. Like, I've never gone down that door. I
10 don't know where it leads to.

11 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 MR. NAUTA: And then there's that door that you go
13 through, that he comes out of -- they come out of, it's to
14 another small room, and then that room from there, there's
15 two doors that go into their suites.

16 SA [REDACTED]: I see, okay.

17 MR. NAUTA: So it's -- Pine Hall is no bigger than
18 half the size of this room.

19 SA [REDACTED]: Just want to make sure, I, I got it
20 right. Or actually, I don't want to -- do you mind kind of
21 just doing a quick square drawing just so I understand?
22 'Cause you said, you said there's two doors when you're in
23 Pine Hall, and just so I understand it, but one you know
24 goes to the suite, one you don't know where it goes, but I'm
25 assuming there's a third door 'cause you have to enter --

1 (00:23:01)

2 SA [REDACTED]: -- Pine Hall somehow.

3 MR. NAUTA: Well, yeah. That's -- you know, as
4 you were saying that, that's what I was just thinking. I
5 was like (indiscernible 00:23:04).

6 SA [REDACTED]: Oh, okay. So if, if I drew it, would
7 you -- or did you want to just --

8 MR. NAUTA: No, you can draw it. I'll point it
9 out to you.

10 SA [REDACTED]: That's fair

11 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

12 SA [REDACTED]: What, you're afraid we're going to
13 judge you on your art?

14 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

15 SA [REDACTED]: (Laughter) Okay. So I'm going to just
16 draw, like, what I assume to be Pine Hall. You said a door
17 in front of you leads to another small room, then it has --

18 MR. NAUTA: That's it. This is the where, this
19 where you enter.

20 SA [REDACTED]: So this is where you enter, okay.

21 MR. NAUTA: And there's a door here.

22 SA [REDACTED]: And then door here, which is a bit of
23 an unknown.

24 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

25 SA [REDACTED]: And then here you've got the suite --

1 (00:23:37)

2 SA [REDACTED] : -- which you know, big mansion

3 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

4 SA [REDACTED] : So -- okay.

5 MR. NAUTA: Well -- yeah. Pretty much, yeah,
6 that's it.

7 SA [REDACTED] : Okay.

8 SA [REDACTED] : Is this, is this a standalone,
9 like a -- is it, like, a standalone, like a villa, or is it
10 part of the --

11 MR. NAUTA: I think it's an extension. It's
12 really weird. It's -- because it's Pine Hall, then it's a
13 small room, and then two suites.

14 SA [REDACTED] : Yeah.

15 MR. NAUTA: So when you say standalone, do you --

16 SA [REDACTED] : Like, does that -- where's the
17 front door? Does it lead to, like, a hallway in the club or
18 does it lead to like, you know --

19 MR. NAUTA: No, it's right outside. Right
20 outside.

21 SA [REDACTED] : -- to, to grass, into the yard?

22 MR. NAUTA: Right onto the steps into property.

23 SA [REDACTED] : Property, okay.

24 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

25 SA [REDACTED] : Since you're with him a lot, you --

1 (00:24:10)

2 SA [REDACTED]: -- know, when he's working in his
3 office, which my understanding is he -- it's not in the
4 suite, he's got an office space in Mar-a-Lago, as well,
5 separate.

6 MR. NAUTA: Mm-hm.

7 SA [REDACTED]: But where, where are you during the
8 day typically?

9 MR. NAUTA: Probably at the golf course, yeah.
10 Probably at the golf course or moving around, picking up,
11 you know, some personal items for him.

12 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

13 MR. NAUTA: Or just on property.

14 SA [REDACTED]: So he just knows to reach out to you
15 if --

16 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

17 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Like, just calls your cell or
18 something like that and say, hey, can you come by, I need
19 help with this.

20 MR. NAUTA: Very rarely, if I'm not next to him,
21 he'll call, or he'll probably just have [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] reach
22 out and say, hey, he wants you now. Come back.

23 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

24 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

25 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Have you been inside his --

1 (00:24:50)

2 SA [REDACTED]: -- office space?

3 MR. NAUTA: You mean his office space? Yeah.

4 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Have you seen boxes stored
5 there?

6 MR. NAUTA: I've seen boxes stored there.

7 SA [REDACTED]: Of, of -- how about any boxes that
8 resembled what it is that, that you brought to --

9 MR. NAUTA: No.

10 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. How about U.S. working
11 documents, whether they were in a box or outside?

12 MR. NAUTA: No.

13 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Have you seen anything with
14 classification markings?

15 MR. NAUTA: No.

16 SA [REDACTED]: Nothing like that, okay. Is there any
17 other place that the President could have kept boxes? Is --

18 MR. NAUTA: Not, not to my knowledge.

19 SA [REDACTED]: Not to your knowledge.

20 MR. NAUTA: No.

21 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. All right. Let's see. Are
22 there storage rooms -- or who maintains -- who's in control
23 of the property there? 'Cause my understanding that
24 there's, there's your staff, then there's Mar-a-Lago staff
25 and it's different?

1 (00:25:48)

2 MR. NAUTA: That's the big question. We don't
3 know who runs the storage units there.

4 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

5 MR. NAUTA: That's the inside of the property.
6 There's multiple people. There's, there's [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED].

8 SA [REDACTED]: Mm-hm.

9 MR. NAUTA: [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] --

10 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

11 MR. NAUTA: -- from my understanding, and it's
12 between the three of them.

13 SA [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] --

14 MR. NAUTA: [REDACTED].

15 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MR. NAUTA: And [REDACTED].

17 SA [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]. Okay.

18 MR. NAUTA: Yeah. Those guys are -- would
19 probably have a better answer of what storage units are on
20 property.

21 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. And since you mentioned storage
22 units, so there are storage units on, on property?

23 MR. NAUTA: Yeah. I mean, there's (indiscernible
24 00:26:28) rooms, you know.

25 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. But as far as you know, no --

1 (00:26:32)

2 SA [REDACTED]: -- rooms have held or did hold, like,
3 boxes similar to what you brought, brought onto the truck.

4 MR. NAUTA: As far as I know, no.

5 SA [REDACTED]: All right. So, so to the best of your
6 knowledge, you're saying that those boxes that you brought
7 onto the truck, first time you ever laid eyes on them was
8 just the day of when [REDACTED] needed you to --

9 MR. NAUTA: Correct.

10 SA [REDACTED]: -- to take them. Okay. All right.
11 And you have -- let's see. I might go on. Let me, let me
12 just double check my notes here.

13 Since you're -- we've heard there's a downtown
14 office. What is -- the downtown, like here in West Palm, or
15 is it -- when they say downtown, do they mean something like
16 Miami?

17 MR. NAUTA: No. They mean down here in West Palm.

18 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Do you know the address? I
19 just -- I have no idea how to find this place.

20 MR. NAUTA: I -- the only thing I know about there
21 is -- I've been there twice I think.

22 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

23 MR. NAUTA: --and North Flagler. I couldn't tell
24 you the exact address. If I drove there I probably could
25 find it.

1 (00:27:32)

2 SA [REDACTED] : Okay. All right.

3 MR. [REDACTED] : Field-trip?

4 SA [REDACTED] : Hey, I, I was gonna ask for a tour of
5 of Mar-a-Lago because I've never been.

6 MR. NAUTA: Last time I was there, it's
7 overwhelming.

8 SA [REDACTED] : Yeah?

9 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

10 SA [REDACTED] : I mean, some -- I mean, we've had
11 people here, they have -- they've done the tours and stuff
12 like that, and they, they say, like, it's just a massive
13 place, and I've only heard -- seen, like, the pictures, and
14 the outside. I don't think it does it justice right?

15 MR. NAUTA: I avoid that place at all costs.

16 SA [REDACTED] : Mar-a-Lago?

17 MR. NAUTA: No, that downtown office.

18 SA [REDACTED] : Oh, no, I haven't even talked about --
19 I'm talking about like Mar-a-Lago itself, like a tour.

20 MR. NAUTA: Oh.

21 SA [REDACTED] : But I imagine that's a lot more fun
22 than the office. Why, why do you avoid the office though?

23 MR. NAUTA: It's just out of pocket, meaning it's
24 a drive.

25 SA [REDACTED] : Oh, okay.

1 (00:28:12)

2 MR. NAUTA: It's -- I mean, there's no reason for
3 me to be there.

4 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. So if we wanted to know if --
5 since you said there's a little bit of this unknown of who
6 controls what storage areas and stuff like that. If we
7 wanted to find out, hey, are there -- like, were these boxes
8 stored somewhere, like who would be the person to, to ask
9 about?

10 MR. NAUTA: I wouldn't know.

11 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Do you think -- like, [REDACTED]?
12 Do you think [REDACTED] would know?

13 MR. NAUTA: Maybe. I'm not sure.

14 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

16 SA [REDACTED]: Did [REDACTED] say anything about where the
17 boxes came from?

18 MR. NAUTA: No.

19 SA [REDACTED]: All right. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and --

20 SA [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]. [REDACTED].

21 SA [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]. Do you ever talk to them
22 about --

23 MR. NAUTA: Very minimal. [REDACTED] probably only
24 because we're there for dinners when he's having dinner.

25 SA [REDACTED]: Mm-hm.

1 (00:29:10)

2 MR. NAUTA: And we're just making conversation.

3 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Is there a decent working
4 relationship with the Mar-a-Lago staff?

5 MR. NAUTA: I think I'm the only one with them,
6 because I interact with them probably more so than the rest
7 of them only simply because of the proximity.

8 SA [REDACTED]: Mm-hm.

9 MR. NAUTA: But I would say it's okay.

10 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

11 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

12 SA [REDACTED]: But W3's -- what is W3 title?
13 Do you know what -- or W3 role there?

14 MR. NAUTA: I wish I could tell you. W3 has a
15 front -- [REDACTED].

16 SA [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] W3 [REDACTED]?

17 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

18 SA [REDACTED]: What about W4?

19 MR. NAUTA: From what I was understanding, W4's a
20 [REDACTED].

21 SA [REDACTED]: W4 [REDACTED]. And W5?

22 MR. NAUTA: Same, W5 [REDACTED]. I couldn't
23 tell you who was operational and --

24 SA [REDACTED]: Okay, okay.

25 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

1 (00:29:51)

2 SA [REDACTED]: No, that's helpful. Thank you.

3 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

4 SA [REDACTED]: And you're, and you're -- for at least
5 [REDACTED], you're, you're thinking [REDACTED], you're not
6 saying [REDACTED] absolutely is a [REDACTED]?

7 MR. NAUTA: Correct.

8 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

9 MR. NAUTA: Yeah. I, I don't know for sure his
10 exact title.

11 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

13 SA [REDACTED]: I've got to be honest, when we, when
14 we were kind of, like, figuring out all the different people
15 we want talk to, like even in the White House itself, the
16 titles confuse me, right? Where --

17 MR. NAUTA: Very.

18 SA [REDACTED]: -- you have special assistant, deputy
19 assistant, assistant, and I would have thought the special
20 assistant was probably more special than an assistant, and
21 yet that was the complete opposite, right. Everything was
22 confusing to me.

23 MR. NAUTA: From what I gathered, it's just a
24 matter of how they get paid --

25 SA [REDACTED]: Yeah.

1 MR. NAUTA: -- on the pay scale. So if you're a
2 deputy assistant, special assistant, or executive assistant,
3 or senior advisor, that's all how you -- depending on how
4 you get paid.

5 SA **FBI 1**: Yeah. It's a learning curve for me.
6 I think at some point I'd just be like, yeah, I forget the
7 titles, too, I just want to know what your name is. So --
8 okay. Let's see. Excuse me. In your time that you've been
9 with the President after the administration, have you ever
10 noticed him have U.S. documents with him?

11 MR. NAUTA: No.

12 SA **FBI 1**: Okay. Even when he's on travel, does
13 he bring documents, any kind of boxes with him when he
14 travels?

15 MR. NAUTA: When we travel, we -- I do carry a box
16 or two with him.

17 SA **FBI 1**: Mm-hm.

18 MR. NAUTA: And, you know, 100 percent of the time
19 it's, it's majority the same newspapers that I give him that
20 day.

21 SA **FBI 1**: Okay.

22 MR. NAUTA: Or, or the print-out articles for that
23 day.

24 SA **FBI 1**: Were there ever been U.S. documents --

25 MR. NAUTA: I don't know.

1 (00:31:31)

2 SA [REDACTED] : -- in any of those? Okay.

3 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

4 SA [REDACTED] : When you said you don't know, but
5 you're sure there were newspapers, so just explain so I
6 don't make assumptions. You know it's newspapers, but
7 you're not sure if its documents?

8 MR. NAUTA: Well it's a -- it would be the
9 newspapers that we put in a box --

10 SA [REDACTED] : Yeah.

11 MR. NAUTA: -- and then I'd take that box.

12 SA [REDACTED] : Okay.

13 MR. NAUTA: That's, that's how I know -- that's
14 how I would be carrying these boxes.

15 SA [REDACTED] : Okay.

16 SA [REDACTED] : And who puts these boxes together?

17 MR. NAUTA: It's either -- you know, it's either
18 [REDACTED] or somebody from the front office

19 SA [REDACTED] : Okay.

20 MR. NAUTA: And then he always just had the box
21 for me in Pine Hall and I would take it --

22 SA [REDACTED] : Mm-hm.

23 MR. NAUTA: -- (indiscernible 00:32:04) take the
24 box.

25 SA [REDACTED] : Have you ever had an occasion --

1 (00:32:07)

2 SA [REDACTED]: -- to go through it --

3 MR. NAUTA: No.

4 SA [REDACTED]: -- to grab something for him?

5 MR. NAUTA: No.

6 SA [REDACTED]: Or find something? Has he ever
7 asked you to find, like, an article and you would go through
8 it?

9 MR. NAUTA: Nope. No.

10 SA [REDACTED]: He does -- handles that himself?

11 MR. NAUTA: Yeah, yes.

12 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

13 SA [REDACTED]: While you're at the White House, were
14 -- have you ever been inside the residence, the White House
15 residence?

16 MR. NAUTA: Yes

17 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Were there stacks of boxes in
18 the residence?

19 MR. NAUTA: Yes.

20 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. What kind of stuff was in --
21 were in these boxes?

22 MR. NAUTA: I don't know.

23 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Were you -- did you help at all
24 with the moving of these boxes at the end of the
25 administration?

1 (00:32:39)

2 MR. NAUTA: I helped moving -- I did help moving
3 boxes, but not those boxes.

4 SA **FBI 1**: Okay. Who moved those boxes?

5 MR. NAUTA: I think it was a, it was a gambit of,
6 like, White House staffers. I don't know who they were.

7 SA **FBI 1**: Okay

8 MR. NAUTA: I do know they were hired from White
9 House Staff --

10 SA **FBI 1**: Mm-hm.

11 MR. NAUTA: -- and -- or, you know, **W6**, **█**
12 **W6** was the guy who was in charge, and he hired, I
13 guess, another company, moving company --

14 SA **FBI 1**: Mm-hm.

15 MR. NAUTA: -- and they were helping him moving
16 the boxes.

17 SA **FBI 1**: Okay. And, and these boxes -- 'cause
18 you seemed like you kind of knew what I was talking about.
19 Were these working docent boxes?

20 MR. NAUTA: I don't know. It's, it's a mixture of
21 boxes that were in there.

22 SA **FBI 1**: Okay.

23 MR. NAUTA: Majority of the boxes that I helped
24 packed up -- or all the boxes that I helped packed up were
25 just personal items.

1 (00:33:22)

2 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Were you aware of any boxes of,
3 of government documents in the residence?

4 MR. NAUTA: No.

5 SA [REDACTED]: Never?

6 MR. NAUTA: No.

7 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 SA [REDACTED]: When did you leave the White
9 House?

10 MR. NAUTA: Officially?

11 SA [REDACTED]: Mm-hm.

12 MR. NAUTA: I think May.

13 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

14 MR. NAUTA: Sometime around May.

15 SA [REDACTED]: So did you -- you didn't come in
16 January down here (indiscernible 00:33:41)?

17 MR. NAUTA: I did come here in January. So I've
18 -- so when he left the office, there was two of us, two Navy
19 valets --

20 SA [REDACTED]: Mm-hm.

21 MR. NAUTA: -- and he came down for two weeks.
22 After two weeks, I came down and I was -- I relieved him, I
23 think, sometime in February -- in January, February, and
24 then I left first week or so of March.

25 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Who was the other valet?

1 (00:34:03)

2 MR. NAUTA: W7 .

3 SA FBI 2 : So were you on the, the -- sort of
4 the last plane out with him?

5 MR. NAUTA: I -- we did -- so there was three
6 valets --

7 SA FBI 2 : Okay.

8 MR. NAUTA: -- and photographers, W2 , so I was
9 one of the few people that were -- yeah, we came down here,
10 but also flew back.

11 SA FBI 2 : Okay. And who was -- so who was
12 the third one on the plane?

13 MR. NAUTA: W8 (ph.).

14 SA FBI 2 : W8 . Okay. So our
15 understanding is that that the President likes -- this is
16 sort of his MO is to travel with these boxes since he liked
17 everything in paper and there's just a lot so the, the -- on
18 the very last plane out, he put those boxes with him, like,
19 on, like on any trip, basically, these boxes follow him, and
20 the -- our understanding is it was the valets that carried
21 the boxes.

22 MR. NAUTA: It was a mixture of us and his body
23 guy at the time.

24 SA FBI 2 : And body guy, okay.

25 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

1 (00:34:56)

2 SA **FBI 2**: And that, that would've -- who was
3 the body guy at the time?

4 MR. NAUTA: At the time, **W9**.

5 SA **FBI 2**: Okay. Is it body guy or body man?

6 MR. NAUTA: It's the same thing.

7 SA **FBI 2**: Okay. (Indiscernible 00:35:05) we
8 just hear both.

9 SA **FBI 1**: I don't even know if there was an
10 official, like, name.

11 MR. **ATTY**: I don't think that's the official. I
12 think there is an official title on it --

13 SA **FBI 2**: Right.

14 MR. **ATTY**: -- but that's like their colloquial
15 title.

16 SA **FBI 1**: Okay.

17 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

18 SA **FBI 2**: Okay. And -- but that's -- you've
19 never -- have you ever served that role, the body guy or
20 body man?

21 MR. NAUTA: Now I am.

22 SA **FBI 2**: Now you are?

23 MR. NAUTA: Essentially.

24 SA **FBI 2**: So you serve that, okay.

25 MR. NAUTA: I assume, yeah. I never use that --

1 (00:35:22)

2 MR. NAUTA: -- title --

3 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

4 MR. NAUTA: -- but, yeah.

5 SA [REDACTED]: But, but others might use that for
6 you?

7 MR. NAUTA: Probably, yeah. They just know me as
8 Walt.

9 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. So, so it was you, [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]?

11 MR. NAUTA: Mm-hm.

12 SA [REDACTED]: Where -- do you know where either
13 one of those individuals are now?

14 MR. NAUTA: I don't know where [REDACTED] is.

15 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MR. NAUTA: I believe [REDACTED] is still at
17 the White House.

18 SA [REDACTED]: Still at the White House, okay.
19 But not, not employed for the Trump Organization now as far
20 as you know?

21 MR. NAUTA: Yeah, as far as I know.

22 SA [REDACTED]: Okay, okay.

23 SA [REDACTED]: So I just want to summarize everything
24 just to make sure I'm, I'm hearing it. So you were aware of
25 some boxes in the residence. You don't know necessarily --

1 (00:36:08)

2 SA [REDACTED]: -- if they contained working
3 documents, government documents. But you didn't pack those
4 up. It would have been maybe, like, another group of
5 people, staffers or such, that could have packed it. You're
6 not saying who.

7 MR. NAUTA: I don't know who it was, yeah.

8 SA [REDACTED]: You don't know who.

9 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

10 SA [REDACTED]: And from the end of inauguration,
11 while your kind of coming back here and then going back to
12 the White House and eventually you move full time with the
13 staff down in Florida, one day [REDACTED] needs you to help [REDACTED]
14 move some boxes that you saw 15 to 17 appear at Pine Hall.

15 MR. NAUTA: Mm-hm.

16 SA [REDACTED]: And you helped move those boxes into a
17 car, to the truck driver's truck, and he puts them on his
18 truck and drives off. In knowing that we're trying to track
19 the life of these boxes and where they could have been kept
20 and stored and all that kind of stuff --

21 MR. NAUTA: Mm-hm.

22 SA [REDACTED]: -- do you have any information that
23 could -- that would -- that could help us understand, like,
24 where they were kept, how they were kept, were they secured,
25 were they locked? Something that makes the intelligence --

1 (00:37:16)

2 SA [REDACTED]: -- community feel better about these
3 things, you know?

4 MR. NAUTA: I wish, I wish I could tell you. I
5 don't know. I don't -- I honestly just don't know.

6 SA [REDACTED]: But the way I summarized it is
7 completely accurate --

8 MR. NAUTA: Yeah

9 SA [REDACTED]: -- to your recollection? Okay.

10 SA [REDACTED]: Can you hypothesize where they
11 could be?

12 MR. NAUTA: No. I don't want assume anything.

13 SA [REDACTED]: Knowing -- well, just knowing --
14 so what, so what you know about Mar-a-Lago, because it
15 sounds like you have pretty much access to the entire place,
16 just (indiscernible 00:37:41) your job--

17 MR. NAUTA: I wish I did, no. I don't.

18 SA [REDACTED]: No, there's places you don't have
19 access to?

20 MR. NAUTA: Yeah. That would be more of the three
21 names that I mentioned. That's their property.

22 SA [REDACTED]: Okay, okay.

23 MR. NAUTA: It's, it's -- there's 45 office and
24 then there's Mar-a-Lago.

25 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

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2 SA [REDACTED] : Okay.

3 MR. NAUTA: So we don't have full access to the
4 property.

5 SA [REDACTED] : You don't have -- so what does 45
6 have access to, the 45 staff? There's the office space?

7 MR. NAUTA: That's about all I know as far as,
8 well, access.

9 SA [REDACTED] : And then the Pine Hill?

10 MR. NAUTA: Correct.

11 SA [REDACTED] : Okay. But that's a real small --
12 pretty small footprint --

13 MR. NAUTA: In terms of access.

14 SA [REDACTED] : Right. So these boxes had to be
15 somewhere.

16 MR. NAUTA: Right.

17 SA [REDACTED] : We were talking about a year, so
18 can, can you guess where they could have been or where they
19 could have come from?

20 MR. NAUTA: I don't want to guess. I just, I just
21 -- my answer is I don't know.

22 SA [REDACTED] : You don't know, okay.

23 SA [REDACTED] : Well, if, if you're comfortable with
24 it I'm okay with a guess knowing that it is simply a guess,
25 but, I mean, if you're saying -- if you wanted to say --

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2 SA **FBI 1**: -- like, I guess it could have been in
3 the, in the suite. I'm not, I'm not going to take away
4 saying, like, from you that you're saying it was in the
5 suite, but maybe that you're saying that physically based on
6 the things I was able to observe, the suite it could have
7 been in, and I wouldn't -- you know, not have been able to
8 observe it. Like, you know what I mean? Like, does that,
9 does that work for you guys? I'm just--

10 MR. **ATTY**: Maybe, maybe this will be helpful. If
11 -- I'm -- if you had some boxes that you needed to store
12 somewhere, are there any other areas that we haven't talked
13 about yet, where, where those would go?

14 MR. NAUTA: Honestly, he has a lot -- I mean, I've
15 never been through -- as a former President -- not only as a
16 former President, but as a billionaire, I'm still trying to
17 wrap my head around, like, how much property he has.

18 SA **FBI 1**: Mm-hm.

19 MR. NAUTA: You know, and how everything works so
20 from all the properties here in South Florida, I -- you
21 know, I'm better off just saying I don't know, you know.

22 SA **FBI 1**: Okay.

23 SA **FBI 2**: 'Cause there's a lot potentially.

24 MR. NAUTA: There's a lot. Yeah. There's a lot
25 of properties that I didn't even know he still owns, you --

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2 MR. NAUTA: -- know.

3 SA **FBI 1**: But even within Mar-a-Lago, you know,
4 like he was saying, we -- is there a place where boxes could
5 be stored? Did you --

6 MR. NAUTA: There's many storage units that I
7 haven't -- you know, I assume that I haven't even -- that
8 could be places that aren't even storage units that I -- you
9 know? There's a lot of doors on Mar-a-Lago.

10 SA **FBI 1**: Okay. All right.

11 SA **FBI 2**: Okay. Well, that makes us feel
12 comfortable. Well, let me backtrack a little bit. So your
13 involvement with these records were -- was just helping
14 **W1** on that -- the day loading to the driver?

15 MR. NAUTA: Correct.

16 SA **FBI 2**: Did you help **W1** at any other
17 point in time with the boxes?

18 MR. NAUTA: No, not with those boxes. Not to --
19 the only boxes -- any other boxes I helped **W1** out with
20 moving was personal items.

21 SA **FBI 2**: Okay. And, I mean, you're talk
22 about moving -- when you guys moved out of the White House
23 to Mar-a-Lago, moving those personal items?

24 MR. NAUTA: Correct.

25 SA **FBI 2**: Okay. So there was about a --

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2 SA [REDACTED]: -- year period where NARA was
3 working with the various members of the 45 office and Trump
4 representatives to negotiate some missing items. Were you,
5 were you aware of any of that?

6 MR. NAUTA: No.

7 SA [REDACTED]: Where you involved in any of those
8 conversations? Did you happen to witness or overhear any of
9 them?

10 MR. NAUTA: No.

11 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. There was -- our
12 understanding is there was some back and forth, and just
13 trying to locate some things, because our understanding is
14 -- well, all moves are messy. I can only imagine the White
15 House move.

16 MR. NAUTA: Yeah, that was a bad--

17 SA [REDACTED]: Even just--

18 MR. NAUTA: -- timeframe for us.

19 SA [REDACTED]: Very chaotic.

20 MR. NAUTA: That was -- yeah.

21 SA [REDACTED]: And, you know, things, things get
22 mixed up and I know there was some attempts to sort of just
23 kind of figure out where things were.

24 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

25 SA [REDACTED]: You -- did you witness or, or --

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2 SA [REDACTED]: -- see [REDACTED] or anybody involved
3 in trying to locate items?

4 MR. NAUTA: No, not to my recollection.

5 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 MR. NAUTA: All I remember is just it was just --
7 it's -- it was literally chaos.

8 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

9 MR. NAUTA: And there was -- that's -- if that
10 moving day is what you're asking about, it's just, I, I
11 couldn't remember who was who because it was just me and my
12 counterpart packing all the personal items there and
13 everyone else was just shoving everything in a box.

14 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. NAUTA: You know.

16 SA [REDACTED]: Well, what about afterwards, like
17 after the move? So because that happened there were some
18 items that, that should have gone to NARA that didn't, so I
19 know NARA was trying to recover them and they were -- so
20 they were calling and sending emails saying, hey, we need,
21 you know, this item, this thing, and I know they were
22 interacting with staff. So I didn't know if given that it's
23 a small -- I mean, you're -- it's really a small
24 footprint --

25 MR. NAUTA: Yes.

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2 SA [REDACTED] : -- there at Mar-a-Lago.

3 MR. NAUTA: Yes.

4 SA [REDACTED] : I didn't know if you helped locate
5 any of those items or saw maybe [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or anybody --

6 MR. NAUTA: No.

7 SA [REDACTED] : -- sort of try to find things?

8 MR. NAUTA: Not that I -- no.

9 SA [REDACTED] : Not that -- okay.

10 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

11 SA [REDACTED] : And what -- so, so you only saw
12 the 15 boxes, 15, 17 boxes --

13 MR. NAUTA: Mm-hm.

14 SA [REDACTED] : -- the day of the move? Even --
15 they just showed up that day?

16 MR. NAUTA: They were in Pine Hall. [REDACTED] just
17 asked me, hey, can we move some boxes?

18 SA [REDACTED] : Okay.

19 MR. NAUTA: And I was like, okay.

20 SA [REDACTED] : So you didn't know -- had no idea
21 how they got there before?

22 MR. NAUTA: No.

23 SA [REDACTED] : About how many Mar-a-Lago staff
24 employees are there if you had to guess? Like, I know it's
25 just a guess, but are we talking, like, five?

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2 MR. NAUTA: No, it's probably 15, 20.

3 SA **FBI 1**: Fifteen?

4 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

5 SA **FBI 1**: And they just are all around the
6 property?

7 MR. NAUTA: Yeah. I don't even know who's, like,
8 an actual Mar-a-Lago employee, so -- but I just see there's
9 constant faces, you know.

10 SA **FBI 1**: Mm-hm.

11 MR. NAUTA: So I, I -- you know, my guess is 15,
12 20 actual employees for Mar-a-Lago.

13 SA **FBI 1**: Right.

14 MR. NAUTA: And then the -- everything is
15 subcontracted, I guess -- I'm assuming, 'cause these are a
16 certain -- everything is contracted out, I guess, you know.

17 SA **FBI 1**: So on the property, aside from guests,
18 you said there's subcontracted people that are also on the
19 property?

20 MR. NAUTA: That is my guess, yes.

21 SA **FBI 1**: Okay. And how about -- how many of
22 them do you think on average?

23 MR. NAUTA: I don't know.

24 SA **FBI 1**: Like, like more than--

25 MR. NAUTA: Well, it depends. If you've got --

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2 MR. NAUTA: -- somebody who's taking care of, you
3 know, landscaping --

4 SA **FBI 1**: Oh, okay.

5 MR. NAUTA: -- or you got somebody who's taking
6 care of painting --

7 SA **FBI 1**: Electrical work.

8 MR. NAUTA: Electrical work, yeah. It all
9 depends.

10 SA **FBI 1**: Yeah, okay. Okay, so the reason why I
11 wanted to summarize everything just to make sure I wasn't
12 mishearing anything 'cause we, we -- you know, we were
13 trying to talk to you for a while before I even reached out
14 to you. Honestly, I -- no one could give me your last name,
15 so it took me a long time to find you, but --

16 MR. NAUTA: No one gave you my last name?

17 SA **FBI 1**: Well, they all knew you as Walt, you
18 know? And, and, and then when they tried to say it, I guess
19 they were trying to Nauta but they, they didn't know you
20 enough to say it right so what they were giving us was,
21 like, a gargle.

22 MR. NAUTA: Thanks for saying it right. Yeah.

23 SA **FBI 1**: Is that the right -- okay. Well, the
24 reason, the reason why -- so we've had to talk to a lot of
25 people, but -- and your name comes up and, and here's the --

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2 SA **FBI 1**: -- thing so now we have, so we -- we
3 seem to have a discrepancy here. You know, you're
4 corroborating everything we said about being, being -- you
5 know, helping out in the day, bringing the boxes to a truck
6 driver, you know, 'cause, you know, there's -- imagine,
7 like, there's a lot of people we had talked to who were just
8 -- who, who were able to see that day. There's video
9 cameras everywhere. There's -- whatever. But, I mean, so
10 all that jives, but when it comes to -- when it comes to a
11 storage unit or a storage room on Mar-a-Lago and your
12 presence within it, I'm getting conflicting stories now.

13 MR. NAUTA: Okay.

14 SA **FBI 1**: And so I just want to make sure just
15 for the record, I mean -- if, if you're telling me
16 absolutely, like, I was -- I never saw a room with these
17 boxes stored in it or any other boxes like them stored in
18 it, correct me if I'm speaking -- but, but if that's, if
19 that's what you want to say, you know, I'll write it down,
20 but that'll be the official record.

21 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

22 SA **FBI 1**: Right? And I just want to make sure.
23 Like, I'm not, I'm not mistaking, right? 'Cause, 'cause the
24 information we got, it was pretty certain. Like you said,
25 there's, like -- there's over a dozen people that's just --

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2 SA **FBI 1**: -- that you see walking around the
3 property here, and we've talked to a lot of people. And you
4 were seen in it, in this, in this storage room, so I just
5 want to make sure that I am --

6 MR. NAUTA: I mean, there is multiple storage
7 rooms there, you know, that people go in and out, that I've
8 gone in and out. So if you're asking if I gone into a
9 certain storage room, there's, there's multiple storage
10 rooms that I've gone into.

11 SA **FBI 1**: But carrying a box that goes to Pine
12 Hall?

13 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

14 SA **FBI 1**: That looks just like the ones that we
15 described.

16 MR. NAUTA: All -- a lot of his personal items
17 carry the same -- it's all in the same box.

18 SA **FBI 1**: Okay. But now you've looked inside
19 these boxes?

20 MR. NAUTA: His personal items.

21 SA **FBI 1**: Mm-hm.

22 MR. NAUTA: That's it.

23 SA **FBI 2**: So when you say personal items,
24 what, what are personal items? Maybe we're --

25 MR. NAUTA: Hairspray, shampoo --

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2 SA [REDACTED]: Okay, that kind of stuff.

3 MR. NAUTA: That kind of stuff.

4 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

5 SA [REDACTED]: And so this stuff is stored in the
6 storage rooms?

7 MR. NAUTA: Yes. He is quite the hoarder with
8 these particular items. Deodorant --

9 SA [REDACTED]: Mm-hm.

10 MR. NAUTA: You know, multiple hairspray cans.
11 That's -- yeah.

12 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Who else has been with you in
13 these storage rooms?

14 MR. NAUTA: That -- just [REDACTED].

15 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MR. NAUTA: Just [REDACTED].

17 SA [REDACTED]: All right. Does [REDACTED] ever say or tell
18 you about anything else that's in the storage rooms?

19 MR. NAUTA: No.

20 SA [REDACTED]: Would [REDACTED] have a reason to be in the
21 storage rooms?

22 MR. NAUTA: Not that I know of.

23 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. And I don't know if I'm
24 assuming -- why, why, why was, why was [REDACTED] in the storage
25 room?

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2 MR. NAUTA: W1 is probably is the only one
3 person I know who goes into multiple storage rooms as well.

4 SA FBI 1 : Okay, but do you know why?

5 MR. NAUTA: No.

6 SA FBI 1 : Okay. Do you ever -- have you ever
7 asked why?

8 MR. NAUTA: No.

9 SA FBI 1 : All right.

10 SA FBI 2 : So when you say multiple storage
11 rooms, what, what are we talking about number-wise?

12 MR. NAUTA: I don't know number-wise. I couldn't
13 give you --

14 SA FBI 2 : No?

15 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

16 SA FBI 2 : Like, one or two? Five?

17 MR. NAUTA: (Indiscernible 00:47:19), yeah. You
18 know, a couple storage rooms, and it's -- even the storage
19 unit, you know, in the office, so it all varies.

20 SA FBI 2 : Okay. But all these storage rooms
21 can't, can't all be personal items. I mean, they can't all
22 be shampoo. (Indiscernible 00:47:37).

23 MR. NAUTA: No, you're right, yeah.

24 SA FBI 2 : Okay. So -- and you might not
25 know 'cause you have not seen the inside of the boxes.

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2 MR. NAUTA: Correct.

3 SA **FBI 2**: But is it feasible that one of
4 these storage rooms is where these boxes, these 15 boxes
5 could have come from?

6 MR. NAUTA: I don't want to assume, but there's --
7 you know, hypothetically speaking --

8 SA **FBI 2**: That's a reasonable place where
9 they can be.

10 MR. NAUTA: Yeah, yes.

11 SA **FBI 2**: Okay. Are there any storage units
12 outside of the Mar-a-Lago property that you're aware of?

13 MR. NAUTA: Yes.

14 SA **FBI 2**: Okay. Do you know --

15 MR. NAUTA: I think--

16 SA **FBI 2**: Go on. Do you know where they
17 are?

18 MR. NAUTA: They're -- I think it's U-Storage
19 (ph.). Not -- don't quote me on that U-Storage. I don't
20 know. Life Storage (ph.), I believe. U-Storage, Life
21 Storage.

22 SA **FBI 2**: Okay. Like, a --

23 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

24 SA **FBI 1**: Like, a commercial --

25 MR. NAUTA: A commercial one.

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2 SA [REDACTED]: Like, a commercial that you rent.

3 Okay.

4 SA [REDACTED]: Is it here in Palm Springs, Palm?

5 MR. NAUTA: Mm-hm.

6 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

7 SA [REDACTED]: Does, does the office -- the --
8 your own Flagler office, does that have a storage?

9 MR. NAUTA: I don't, I don't know if they have
10 an --

11 SA [REDACTED]: You don't know.

12 MR. NAUTA: I don't know if they have a storage
13 unit.

14 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. NAUTA: It's a huge office.

16 SA [REDACTED]: It's a huge office.

17 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

18 SA [REDACTED]: Do you know if Mar-a-Lago has a --
19 currently has a SCIF?

20 MR. NAUTA: SCIF?

21 SA [REDACTED]: SCIF space or space for -- you
22 know, for classified.

23 MR. NAUTA: I don't know.

24 SA [REDACTED]: Do you know if it had one before?

25 MR. NAUTA: I don't know. SCIF, that's meaning --

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2 MR. NAUTA: -- like, a -- you said classified
3 space?

4 SA [REDACTED]: Right, it's --

5 MR. NAUTA: I'm asking because I'm trying to
6 remember the military term.

7 SA [REDACTED]: Right. It means it's, it's a
8 sensitive --

9 SA [REDACTED]: Compartmented information --

10 SA [REDACTED]: -- Compartmented information
11 facility.

12 MR. NAUTA: Oh.

13 SA [REDACTED]: It gets thrown around. There's
14 different, different degrees, but essentially a room that's
15 been designated by security personnel.

16 MR. NAUTA: Oh, you mean, like, the security room,
17 if that's what you're asking.

18 SA [REDACTED]: Right. Well, it's a room where
19 they can -- you can have classified information discussions,
20 usually there's, like, a safe --

21 SA [REDACTED]: Got to leave your --

22 SA [REDACTED]: -- there's (indiscernible

23 00:49:22) --

24 SA [REDACTED]: -- got to leave your phones out.

25 MR. NAUTA: Not that I know of.

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2 SA **FBI 1**: There's usually a sign-in log if
3 you're not one of the people with the badge.

4 MR. NAUTA: Yeah. I, I don't know.

5 SA **FBI 2**: And sometimes they're temporary;
6 sometimes they're permanent. But I didn't know if there was
7 anything like that.

8 MR. NAUTA: Other than our little table right into
9 the office that says leave your phone. There's -- that's
10 not an actual SCIF, but -- no.

11 SA **FBI 2**: Okay.

12 MR. NAUTA: Like going into the Situation Room.

13 SA **FBI 2**: Right.

14 SA **FBI 1**: That would've been --

15 SA **FBI 2**: Right.

16 SA **FBI 1**: -- probably something like that.

17 SA **FBI 2**: Or a safe to store classified
18 documents.

19 MR. NAUTA: Got it.

20 SA **FBI 2**: Was there anything like that at
21 Mar-a-Lago? No?

22 MR. NAUTA: Not that I'm aware of.

23 SA **FBI 1**: Okay. This storage room that you said
24 that you would grab, like, the hairspray stuff as an
25 example.

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2 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

3 SA **FBI 1**: If I was at the front door of
4 Mar-a-Lago, assuming there is a front door, kind of
5 describe, like, how do you get to this storage room.

6 MR. NAUTA: You have to go -- the front door of
7 Mar-a-Lago -- you have to go through reception.

8 SA **FBI 1**: Mm-hm.

9 MR. NAUTA: Go through the living room. You have
10 to go -- make a right and go to the patio and make your way
11 -- there's two ways you can go, left or right. You go down
12 the steps and then it's underneath the whole living room,
13 personal property room.

14 SA **FBI 1**: Okay. And it's just there's a door
15 right there and that's where the storage room is?

16 MR. NAUTA: Correct.

17 SA **FBI 1**: Right there? Okay.

18 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

19 SA **FBI 2**: What else is down there? Are
20 there offices or kitchens or?

21 MR. NAUTA: Good luck. That place is -- it's --
22 that's -- there's multiple places down there. There's a
23 laundry room, there's another full office down there. And
24 then that's -- you know, there's a lot of doors down there.

25 SA **FBI 2**: Okay. This is why you're --

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2 SA [REDACTED] : -- telling us to ask the
3 Mar-a-Lago staff.

4 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

5 SA [REDACTED] : Yeah.

6 SA [REDACTED] : Okay.

7 SA [REDACTED] : But if it had President Trump's boxes
8 and personal effects and such like that, would Mar-a-Lago
9 staff be the ones moving it in these spaces?

10 MR. NAUTA: There's multiple rooms, I believe,
11 where he gets his hairspray, his shampoo. Housekeeping is
12 down there, their office is down there, so they store these
13 places, and -- there's no organization as far as where their
14 things are stored.

15 SA [REDACTED] : Okay.

16 MR. NAUTA: For personal items.

17 SA [REDACTED] : All right. And another question. You,
18 you said that you, you travel with the President when he
19 travels?

20 MR. NAUTA: Mm-hm.

21 SA [REDACTED] : Do you recall an event -- I'm just
22 going to (indiscernible 00:51:35) -- do you recall an event
23 where while on travel the President -- and this is after his
24 presidency obviously. He displayed a document that had
25 classification markings on it to the people on the plane.

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2 MR. NAUTA: I don't recall that.

3 SA **FBI 1**: You don't?

4 MR. NAUTA: I sit in the back of the plane.

5 SA **FBI 1**: Mm-hm.

6 MR. NAUTA: So they, they, they have -- whoever
7 was flying with us, I don't remember. They may have. No,
8 but I don't recall that moment in particular.

9 SA **FBI 1**: Did anyone, anyone on the plane tell
10 you about it?

11 MR. NAUTA: No.

12 SA **FBI 1**: So you didn't even hear rumors?
13 Anything like that?

14 MR. NAUTA: I didn't even know. I didn't even
15 know that that happened.

16 SA **FBI 1**: If, if you knew that that would
17 happen, what would be your thoughts about that?

18 MR. NAUTA: What do you mean?

19 SA **FBI 1**: So if the President, after he's
20 officially the U.S. President of the United States, right,
21 this is -- he still retains the title, but he's no longer
22 the active, current President.

23 MR. **ATTY**: I don't know his opinion on that is
24 relevant to your investigation.

25 SA **FBI 1**: It --

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2 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

3 SA **FBI 1**: It kind of just provides a little bit
4 of context for me to understand a little bit, like --
5 because -- like, the general culture of the area, of the
6 environment.

7 MR. NAUTA: Yeah. I don't --

8 SA **FBI 1**: 'Cause we're all talking about, like,
9 a culture of securing classified information is what the
10 intelligence community would feel a bit better -- feel
11 better about. But if it is a culture where this would not
12 considered --

13 MR. **ATTY**: So if Walt tells you that --

14 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

15 MR. **ATTY**: -- he'd be disappointed to learn that
16 that happened, it'd make the intelligence community feel
17 better?

18 SA **FBI 1**: Well, I think it would make us have a
19 reason to be a little concerned if, if Walt's reaction
20 (indiscernible 00:53:00).

21 MR. NAUTA: So you're looking to judge my
22 character on that?

23 SA **FBI 1**: No. It would be more like if you said
24 that was just kind of how things were done -- I, I think it
25 would kind of --

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2 MR. **ATTY**: I'm giving you a lot of leeway with
3 this, particularly with the accusations of potentially
4 lying.

5 SA **FBI 1**: Mm-hm.

6 MR. **ATTY**: I don't think we need to tread down
7 into his character or his opinion on this.

8 SA **FBI 1**: Okay.

9 SA **FBI 2**: Okay. We can, we can, we can back
10 off on that. Here's -- let me -- I have an easier one for
11 you. Let me ask you if you can help us out with -- about
12 valets? Do you know who -- this is a press photo. This is
13 from the January 20th when when you were moving out. If you
14 know (indiscernible 00:53:44). If you recognize those
15 individuals. You can feel free to zoom in on them.

16 MR. NAUTA: Yes, I do. That's **W10** and **W11**
17 (ph.).

18 SA **FBI 2**: **W10** and -- do you know their last
19 names?

20 MR. NAUTA: I -- **W10**.

21 SA **FBI 2**: **W10**?

22 MR. NAUTA: I don't know **W11**'s last name.

23 SA **FBI 2**: Okay. Is **W10** -- was he a valet?

24 MR. NAUTA: No. He -- I don't -- he was -- I
25 think he worked in the operations department.

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2 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. And what about [REDACTED] ?

3 MR. NAUTA: [REDACTED] was -- I, I believe his title was
4 usher.

5 SA [REDACTED]: Usher? Okay.

6 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

7 SA [REDACTED]: All right. And the ushers are not
8 military, correct? (Indiscernible 00:54:23).

9 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

10 SA [REDACTED]: Do you know are either of them
11 currently employed?

12 MR. NAUTA: I don't -- [REDACTED] worked with us.

13 SA [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] worked with you? Okay.

14 MR. NAUTA: Yeah. I don't know about [REDACTED].

15 SA [REDACTED]: You don't know about [REDACTED] ? Okay.

16 Thank you. And another question is those boxes. Are those
17 the type of boxes that you were describing for us?

18 MR. NAUTA: Yes.

19 SA [REDACTED]: These, these seem to be kind of
20 the -- what everybody refers to as his boxes.

21 MR. NAUTA: Correct.

22 SA [REDACTED]: Is that, is that correct?

23 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

24 SA [REDACTED]: So when you say banker boxes, you
25 would describe them like that?

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2 MR. NAUTA: Mm-hm.

3 SA [REDACTED]: That kind of the white and blue --

4 MR. NAUTA: Yeah, I call them banker boxes 'cause
5 it's got the name on there.

6 SA [REDACTED]: Right, right.

7 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

8 SA [REDACTED]: And then the other, you -- and you
9 said kind of brown cardboard boxes or like that?

10 MR. NAUTA: Exactly, yeah.

11 SA [REDACTED]: And that's just what sort of
12 stores his personal papers.

13 MR. NAUTA: Correct.

14 SA [REDACTED]: And then that's just a mix of
15 newspapers, printed articles, and sort of whatever papers of
16 the day. And then from our -- our understanding is he still
17 has this practice today -- to this day?

18 MR. NAUTA: Correct.

19 SA [REDACTED]: Of the papers when he travels.
20 And then even daily. What about -- and he -- you know, he
21 doesn't obviously carry them. So does that fall primarily
22 on you?

23 MR. NAUTA: Me or any other staffer that's there.

24 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

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2 SA [REDACTED] : And the staffers, would that
3 include W1 [REDACTED] or W2 [REDACTED] ?

4 MR. NAUTA: Yes.

5 SA [REDACTED] : Like those staffers as well, who
6 would carry them as well? And then who -- I think I asked
7 you, but just to confirm, who, who prepares the boxes?
8 Like, adds, adds things to them?

9 MR. NAUTA: I don't know.

10 SA [REDACTED] : You don't know. (Indiscernible
11 00:55:49).

12 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

13 SA [REDACTED] : Okay. So our understanding is
14 that the President is gonna be traveling again to
15 Bedminster.

16 MR. NAUTA: Mm-hm.

17 SA [REDACTED] : And then you'll be going with him.
18 That was, that was delayed, correct?

19 MR. NAUTA: Yes.

20 SA [REDACTED] : Okay. Do you know anything about
21 if the, the former First Family is traveling with him?

22 MR. NAUTA: Not to my recollection, nothing yet.
23 There's -- we always plan as if they're coming.

24 SA [REDACTED] : (Indiscernible 00:56:19), okay.

25 MR. NAUTA: But nothing has been solid --

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2 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

3 MR. NAUTA: -- as in, like, it's affirmative
4 they're all going.

5 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. What, what -- do you, do
6 you plan the travel? Does that get put on you?

7 MR. NAUTA: No, that falls under [REDACTED].

8 SA [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] does the traveling.

9 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

10 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Does he -- is he at
11 Mar-a-Lago or is he --

12 MR. NAUTA: I don't know if he's at Mar-a-Lago.

13 SA [REDACTED]: Not sure, okay.

14 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

15 SA [REDACTED]: So he does -- he, he knows the
16 travel. That would make sense (indiscernible 00:56:47)
17 operations. Okay. Thank you. That's helpful. What about
18 -- do you know what staff -- what additional staff is going
19 to go to Bedminster?

20 MR. NAUTA: Yeah, I wish I could tell you. I
21 don't even know whose going other than potentially myself.

22 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Is that just because it
23 hasn't been hammered out or --

24 MR. NAUTA: No. I think -- that's exactly that.
25 It hasn't been solidified who's going, who's -- what's --

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2 MR. NAUTA: -- going, how we're moving. Yeah.

3 Nothing's been solidified.

4 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Is, is that -- any reason
5 for that, or is that just kind of how normally
6 (indiscernible 00:57:20) goes.

7 MR. NAUTA: Both. There's no reason for it and we
8 don't know.

9 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

10 MR. NAUTA: We kind of wait.

11 SA [REDACTED]: Okay, okay.

12 SA [REDACTED]: How is Bedminster?

13 MR. NAUTA: It's, it's a box, meaning we stay on
14 property and we work on property. We golf and work where we
15 live.

16 SA [REDACTED]: So it's like being deployed?

17 MR. NAUTA: That's spot on. That's what I tell
18 everybody, I'm getting ready to go on a deployment.

19 SA [REDACTED]: But better rack space.

20 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

21 SA [REDACTED]: Much better.

22 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

23 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

24 MR. NAUTA: At least for me though. Everyone else
25 has their own opinion, how they, you know, look at --

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2 MR. NAUTA: -- Bedminster.

3 SA **FBI 1**: I think it's easier when you've gone
4 through, like, a more -- like, I don't know, but the right
5 (indiscernible 00:58:07) environment.

6 SA **FBI 2**: I would say the -- I'd say the bar
7 is pretty low in our --

8 SA **FBI 1**: Right. And --

9 MR. NAUTA: What do you mean?

10 SA **FBI 1**: Well, it's --

11 SA **FBI 2**: Your previous accommodations in
12 the military.

13 MR. NAUTA: Oh, yeah.

14 SA **FBI 2**: That was pretty --

15 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

16 SA **FBI 1**: You're staying at a five star
17 basically, you know, compared to ship life, so --

18 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

19 SA **FBI 2**: Yeah.

20 MR. NAUTA: I don't miss those days.

21 SA **FBI 2**: Yeah, so -- okay. Well, is there
22 anybody else that you think we should talk to that could
23 help us? Any other names (indiscernible 00:58:36) us?

24 MR. NAUTA: I mean it's -- everyone in office, you
25 know.

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2 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. And --

3 MR. NAUTA: I mean, they've got the general idea.
4 That's -- you know, that's my recommendation. Or even the,
5 the three names, you know?

6 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

7 MR. NAUTA: Those guys would probably have a
8 better idea.

9 SA [REDACTED]: Mm-hm.

10 MR. NAUTA: Or can help out.

11 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Do any of those people know
12 that you're here today?

13 MR. NAUTA: Not that I know of, yeah.

14 SA [REDACTED]: Did you -- so you didn't discuss
15 with, with W1 or W2 or --

16 MR. NAUTA: There was grumblings as far as W2
17 mentioned, you know, hey -- W2's the one that brought it
18 up, yeah, I'm going to go meet with these guys. I was like,
19 okay.

20 SA [REDACTED]: So W2 mentioned that W2's --

21 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

22 SA [REDACTED]: -- W2 was coming here?

23 MR. NAUTA: W2 mentioned it, yeah.

24 SA [REDACTED]: But you didn't tell W2 that you
25 had a interview with us?

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2 MR. NAUTA: I told W2 -- I said, okay. That's
3 it.

4 SA FBI 2 : Okay. Does anybody know that
5 you're here other than your attorney?

6 MR. NAUTA: Nope.

7 SA FBI 2 : What about the former President?
8 Does he know?

9 MR. NAUTA: No. As far as he knows, I'm out
10 jogging.

11 SA FBI 2 : So we need to get you sweaty
12 before you go back.

13 MR. NAUTA: No, I'm good.

14 SA FBI 1 : You seem like the kind of person that
15 would be sitting in the office. You do your things. You
16 just sort of input but don't react. Probably --

17 MR. NAUTA: I think that's -- goes along with the
18 -- and it's more beneficial for them to have me around as,
19 as a former service member and being institutionalized, you
20 know. That, that's not a bad -- that's probably a bad way
21 to put it, but, as you know, in the military, we're so used
22 to just doing the same thing and you don't react.

23 SA FBI 1 : Yeah.

24 MR. NAUTA: So it's beneficial, you know, to have
25 somebody who's going to be -- you know, do as he's told --

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2 MR. NAUTA: -- or, you know, pretty minimal.

3 SA **FBI 1**: And from what I gather out of the
4 media, some, some of the staff members are -- they're kind
5 of young. Compared to us, right? We're -- I mean, maybe
6 you just have more of, like, the --

7 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

8 SA **FBI 1**: Well, I mean, more --

9 SA **FBI 2**: (Indiscernible 01:00:34) way older
10 than any of you.

11 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

12 SA **FBI 1**: I'm not going to touch that. I'm
13 going to say where you almost have a mentorship type of
14 role. I don't know. Maybe I'm just assuming, but, you
15 know, if someone has a bad day, not in so many words, you
16 kind of trust-me-it-could-get-worse kind of --

17 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

18 SA **FBI 1**: -- advice.

19 MR. NAUTA: It's, it's a different world from the
20 military. That's for sure.

21 SA **FBI 1**: Mm-hm.

22 MR. NAUTA: And being so many months removed,
23 it's still a transition for me. So as I try to offer those,
24 you know, it doesn't, it doesn't work as you'd imagine.

25 SA **FBI 1**: Mm-hm.

1 (01:01:09)

2 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

3 SA **FBI 1**: Okay. All right. Well, since you
4 have an idea of what it is we're trying to find the answers
5 to, if you were, if you were in my position, like, what,
6 what would you do? Like, who would you talk to? Like, what
7 do you think would be ways that the information would, like,
8 be there that I'm just missing 'cause I don't have that
9 perspective of Mar-a-Lago, the people there, and things like
10 that?

11 MR. NAUTA: I don't know to be honest.

12 SA **FBI 1**: Okay.

13 MR. NAUTA: Like, I know -- I wish I could help
14 you, but I -- that's why I was a cook, right? I don't know.

15 SA **FBI 1**: Cook who ends up getting a call from
16 the President, we're going to say the President, to come
17 work for him. I'm not entirely convinced you are a cook.
18 I'm, I'm still -- I still have doubts that you
19 (indiscernible 01:01:56), like --

20 SA **FBI 2**: Light cover.

21 SA **FBI 1**: -- special ops or something like that.

22 MR. NAUTA: I wish I was something -- I wish I was
23 Steven Seagal, but no.

24 SA **FBI 1**: Probably not right now. I hear he's
25 got some, some stuff going on with this Russia stuff and --

1 (01:02:07)

2 MR. NAUTA: Oh, man.

3 SA **FBI 1**: Yeah, in the news, so don't read the
4 news. But all right. So listen, just because -- you know,
5 just because you don't have any the information to the
6 questions that, you know, we're asking, or for all the
7 questions that we're asking, you've been actually pretty
8 helpful for a lot of them. You, you just -- I guess we're
9 trying to convey that, like, if you hear anything about,
10 about how these documents were stored or if there are any --
11 like, is -- it doesn't even have to be classified, National
12 Defense Information, specifically. Like, any, any, any of
13 those documents that are supposed to be kept in secure -- I
14 mean, and you know this being in the military --

15 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

16 SA **FBI 1**: -- 'cause you had to get clearance.
17 Like, some people risk their lives for this intelligence,
18 some people lose their lives for this intelligence, and
19 there's a reason why we have to make sure that it's secure
20 and staying safe. So if you hear anything, you can go
21 direct to me or through, through your counsel. Anything you
22 think that could help us, you know --and, and if your
23 opinion on whether, you know, like -- fine, we'll, we'll
24 skip past that, but I think -- I would hope that, that you
25 would agree that if it was written down as law that --

1 (01:03:33)

2 SA **FBI 1**: -- that these things have to be
3 protected, or policy that these had to be protected, that
4 you would, you would be on the Government's side with this.
5 That's just hope.

6 MR. **ATTY**: There's a reason why we're here
7 voluntarily. He didn't have to come in. He's obviously
8 trying to help.

9 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

10 SA **FBI 1**: Okay.

11 SA **FBI 2**: And we appreciate it.

12 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

13 SA **FBI 2**: And we also know that we're
14 putting you in a tight spot, you know, that you're basically
15 fitting us in on your run and that you're lying to your
16 boss, and we realize that's uncomfortable and --

17 MR. NAUTA: Well, I'm not lying to him. He's
18 just, you know --

19 SA **FBI 1**: Assuming.

20 SA **FBI 2**: Well, you're on a run, you're on a
21 run, so --

22 MR. NAUTA: I mean, he assumes I'm on my run.
23 Yeah.

24 SA **FBI 2**: Okay. But that's -- but we --
25 but, you know, I'm saying it lightly, but we, we don't --

1 (01:04:13)

2 SA [REDACTED]: -- take it lightly. We understand
3 that that's -- we're putting you in a serious predicament.

4 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

5 SA [REDACTED]: I mean, you're talking to the FBI,
6 you're here with counsel. We also realize it's a very small
7 office with very few people there, and, you know, it's --
8 there's a lot at stake here. But, you know, there's a lot
9 -- not a lot we can say, but you can probably infer being
10 that we did call you last week, you know, who we talked to
11 and the orders important. We really want to get everyone's
12 sort of side of this, like their story, and we are very well
13 aware that you know -- and I don't mean this an insult, but,
14 you know, you're overall very low on the totem pole with
15 these sort of things in terms -- especially at Mar-a-Lago,
16 right?

17 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

18 SA [REDACTED]: And so we -- that's good and bad,
19 right?

20 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

21 SA [REDACTED]: The good is that there's probably
22 -- like, most of what you do, from your own words, is, you
23 know, you follow orders. You know, you're told what -- you
24 know, what to do and when to do it, and you don't ask
25 questions, and that makes you really good at your job.

1 (01:05:18)

2 SA **FBI 2**: The problem with that is that
3 sometimes people can take advantage of that. The other bad
4 is sometimes those are the people that are left to answer,
5 you know, very uncomfortable questions by the FBI, not the
6 people giving the orders.

7 So thinking about that, you know, if there's
8 anything that you want to answer differently or anything
9 else that you think we should know -- and, you know, we are
10 more than welcome to step out the room and give you some
11 time, but it --

12 MR. **ATTY**: It seems like you all are trying to get
13 at something, and I'm not sure that our side of the table is
14 picking up on it, so maybe --

15 SA **FBI 2**: Okay.

16 MR. **ATTY**: -- if you could be more pointed in what
17 you're asking 'cause I'm, I'm confused. I think Walt's
18 probably confused.

19 SA **FBI 2**: Okay. Well, let me ask you some
20 very direct questions then. I'll just ask them again. Who
21 knows you're here?

22 MR. NAUTA: Who knows I'm here? Just my counselor
23 to my understanding, yeah.

24 SA **FBI 2**: Okay. Other than your counselor,
25 were you, were you told what to say or what not to say --

1 (01:06:19)

2 SA [REDACTED] : -- to us?

3 MR. NAUTA: No.

4 SA [REDACTED] : Okay. As a staff, were you ever
5 provided direction on what to comment regarding the NARA
6 records?

7 MR. NAUTA: No.

8 SA [REDACTED] : Same question, but for any U.S.
9 government document?

10 MR. NAUTA: None.

11 SA [REDACTED] : Do you have any knowledge of if
12 any of the other staff members were provided guidance or
13 direction?

14 MR. NAUTA: No.

15 SA [REDACTED] : And to your knowledge, you don't know
16 -- well, I want to go back the, the storage room you
17 described. Did it contain banker boxes like this, like the
18 one you just saw in the photo?

19 MR. NAUTA: To my knowledge, I don't know.

20 SA [REDACTED] : Okay. Any storage room on Mar-a-Lago
21 that have -- that had banker boxes?

22 MR. NAUTA: To my knowledge, I've seen boxes, but
23 I don't know if they're banker boxes.

24 SA [REDACTED] : Okay.

25 SA [REDACTED] : What do those boxes look like?

1 (01:07:21)

2 MR. NAUTA: They're white, but, I mean, it's in a
3 -- it was in a storage by our laundry. There's -- I mean,
4 it's always just jammed in there.

5 SA **FBI 2**: Okay.

6 MR. NAUTA: So --

7 SA **FBI 1**: How many are you talking about?

8 MR. NAUTA: Good luck.

9 SA **FBI 1**: Like, more than ten?

10 MR. NAUTA: These are -- mostly, there's picture
11 frames hanging out of it from what I saw.

12 SA **FBI 1**: Okay.

13 MR. NAUTA: And that's, that's, that's -- he's --
14 he collects a lot of picture frames.

15 SA **FBI 1**: Okay. And, and I know you don't want
16 to -- you definitely don't want to, like, just say something
17 that ends up being proven wrong, but when I say like more
18 than ten, I mean, like, is it about ten or when you, when
19 you -- like, when you say, are you talking about, no, it's
20 more than ten? I can't tell you what, but it's definitely
21 more than ten. Like --

22 MR. NAUTA: Oh, it's definitely more than ten.

23 SA **FBI 1**: All right. Then more than, more than
24 20? Like, I--

25 MR. NAUTA: I mean, that's as far I'll give you.

1 (01:08:07)

2 MR. NAUTA: I, I don't -- I'm not (indiscernible
3 01:08:08) -- you keep on asking me for more numbers. That's
4 -- yeah.

5 SA **FBI 1**: Yeah. But, I mean, at some point,
6 it's like, at that point, I really don't even know, but if
7 we get to 50, I'd be like all right, then 50s a safe number.
8 Like, that's sort of, like -- I'm not trying to trick you.
9 I'm just trying to see, like, where, where does it start to
10 be less confident in where your -- you know, from confident.
11 Right, so if, if 20 is where that line just sort of is, then
12 we stop at 20, but if, if, like, 30 or 40, like, and you
13 still have confidence, then --

14 MR. NAUTA: I mean, I'm pretty short.

15 SA **FBI 1**: Uh huh.

16 MR. NAUTA: Right? I'm pretty short for a guy, so
17 what I saw it's just over on the -- what looked like a
18 storage -- a cage. It's just locked up as, you know,
19 (indiscernible 01:08:41) and that's what I saw.

20 SA **FBI 1**: Okay.

21 MR. NAUTA: So I'm already giving you a whole lot
22 by saying there's more than ten, which, you know, maybe it
23 was just a -- it could have been nine boxes and then you're
24 going say I'm -- oh, you said it was ten.

25 SA **FBI 1**: No.

1 (01:08:52)

2 SA [REDACTED] : No.

3 MR. NAUTA: No.

4 SA [REDACTED] : No, that's --

5 SA [REDACTED] : No, I think I made it clear that
6 you're -- it's a guess, right?

7 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

8 SA [REDACTED] : I'm not going to hold you to it.

9 MR. NAUTA: Right. But, yeah, too, you know, if
10 I'm answering what you're asking, then, yeah, it's -- you
11 know, that's, that is -- that's my -- that's what I'm
12 saying.

13 SA [REDACTED] : And that's the storage room by --
14 you said it was by the laundry?

15 MR. NAUTA: Yes.

16 SA [REDACTED] : Okay.

17 MR. NAUTA: And, I mean, it's where the laundry
18 area is at. Laundry, their office. It's down there.

19 SA [REDACTED] : This maze of offices --

20 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

21 SA [REDACTED] : -- and rooms --

22 MR. NAUTA: Perfect way to put it, a maze.

23 SA [REDACTED] : A maze of rooms, okay.

24 SA [REDACTED] : And who else knows about this room
25 again?

1 (01:09:24)

2 MR. NAUTA: Everyone sees the room.

3 SA [REDACTED] : Oh.

4 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

5 SA [REDACTED] : Everyone goes into it?

6 MR. NAUTA: Everyone sees that room, yeah.

7 SA [REDACTED] : Okay.

8 SA [REDACTED] : Are they -- is it -- does it have
9 a door, a closing door, or --

10 MR. NAUTA: You can see it. I mean, there's a --
11 there's -- yeah.

12 SA [REDACTED] : Okay.

13 SA [REDACTED] : Is there a lock on the door?

14 MR. NAUTA: I didn't even pay attention to
15 (indiscernible 01:09:41).

16 SA [REDACTED] : Okay.

17 SA [REDACTED] : What about the, the boxes for the
18 personal items? You said they're -- are they similar to
19 these boxes in the white and blue, the brown?

20 MR. NAUTA: I mean, they're similar in they're
21 white.

22 SA [REDACTED] : They're white, yeah.

23 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

24 SA [REDACTED] : But nothings marked?

25 MR. NAUTA: Not that I recall.

1 (01:09:57)

2 SA [REDACTED]: How, how do you, how do you know
3 which boxes have, like, the hairspray or whatever it is
4 you're -- the personal item you're looking for?

5 MR. NAUTA: We get them from the, the laundry
6 ladies and all that. So we get them in there, we put them
7 in the white boxes.

8 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

9 MR. NAUTA: You know, some of them are already
10 there and then we just take them.

11 SA [REDACTED]: But how do you know, like, which
12 box to go find them in?

13 MR. NAUTA: We -- I talk to (indiscernible
14 01:10:16). She'll already have it prestaged and the
15 housekeeper and then just take it from her.

16 SA [REDACTED]: Oh, okay.

17 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

18 SA [REDACTED]: So you don't actually go in the
19 boxes to move items out.

20 MR. NAUTA: Well, it's, it's been a while there,
21 'cause it's already in the system now.

22 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

23 MR. NAUTA: And now they'll just put it in there
24 and then I just go get it.

25 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. And in other boxes that --

1 (01:10:32)

2 SA [REDACTED]: -- you've -- you did say you
3 mentioned seeing frames, like picture frames?

4 MR. NAUTA: Mm-hm.

5 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Like, with pictures in
6 them? Like memorabilia?

7 MR. NAUTA: Yeah, just picture sticking out of the
8 box.

9 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Well, that's -- so those
10 little details are helpful, just to kind of understand. Do
11 you remember the boxes that you helped -- the boxes that
12 were give -- that were turned over to NARA, the 15 to 17?
13 Do you remember if any of those had any labels or markings
14 on them?

15 MR. NAUTA: I don't recall.

16 SA [REDACTED]: You don't recall.

17 SA [REDACTED]: I think I might have asked this and I
18 just don't remember the answer was, but since everything was
19 returned, were there any discussions about it, especially
20 since it appeared in the news?

21 MR. NAUTA: No.

22 SA [REDACTED]: Nothing?

23 MR. NAUTA: Zero.

24 SA [REDACTED]: Okay. Anything else that I, that I
25 forgot?

1 (01:11:35)

2 SA [REDACTED]: No, I think -- I think we're -- we
3 appreciate what you're doing here from. You know, if you
4 can think of anything else -- I know that, you know, by
5 talking to us that maybe, you know, you -- after you leave
6 here, you might remember something that -- some small
7 detail. No detail to small at this point. You know, we
8 welcome a follow-up. You know, you can reach out to your
9 attorney, and you have our contact number, but --

10 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

11 SA [REDACTED]: -- you (indiscernible 01:12:05) or
12 however you feel most comfortable. But, you know, we can't
13 emphasize enough that the, the point of this is that -- you
14 know, we're not trying to -- we're not the security
15 violation police. We're not trying to find out --

16 MR. NAUTA: Right.

17 SA [REDACTED]: -- who let these boxes go, who
18 didn't check the right form, who forgot to put tape on them
19 and do that stuff. Like, that's -- you know, I'm sure
20 there's somewhere somebody nerding out over that. That's
21 not us. What we're really, really trying to figure out is,
22 you know, we've got about a year where boxes that, you know,
23 contain classified information that, you know, are damaging
24 to national security are unaccounted for, and our job is to
25 protect the national security and sources and methods and --

1 (01:12:46)

2 SA [REDACTED]: -- those are terms that get thrown
3 around and used all the time lightly. But in this, in this
4 instance it's not, because, you know, like even what [REDACTED]
5 was saying, it's a matter of, you know, we now have the task
6 of, you know, going to those stakeholders and saying, you
7 know, we've got about a year where your information is
8 unaccounted for.

9 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

10 SA [REDACTED]: And, and, you know, you've served,
11 so you understand what that means. We're not talking about
12 intellectual property or that type of stuff. We're talking
13 about protecting our troops, protecting, you know, human
14 assets, that kind of stuff, and so we just need to figure,
15 you know -- okay, figure out where they've been.

16 MR. NAUTA: I agree.

17 SA [REDACTED]: And then the other question that
18 we're trying to answer is if there's more. So anything,
19 anything you can do to help us with that, either now or at a
20 later time, you know, we welcome it.

21 MR. NAUTA: Okay.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Can you give us a couple minutes?

23 SA [REDACTED]: Absolutely.

24 SA [REDACTED]: Sure.

25 SA [REDACTED]: Take as much time as you --

1 (01:13:49)

2 SA [REDACTED]: -- yeah, seriously, take as much
3 time as you need.

4 (01:14:06 to 01:15:27 - faint background
5 conversation and noise.)

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4 conversation and noise.)

5 MR. [ATTY]: -- accept my drawing of this but, Walt
6 can confirm what I'm saying. So the day the boxes are
7 picked up --

8 SA [FBI 2]: Right.

9 MR. [ATTY]: -- on the 17th, the day Walt's lugging
10 them, we've got Pine Hall here --

11 SA [FBI 1]: Mm-hm.

12 MR. [ATTY]: -- where the boxes, most of the boxes
13 were. But then there were also some -- once you cross that
14 threshold before you get to the suites, there's this, you
15 know, welcome area or whatever that's even smaller than Pine
16 Hall.

17 SA [FBI 1]: Smaller room?

18 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

19 SA [FBI 1]: Yeah.

20 MR. [ATTY]: So there were some inside that room as
21 well.

22 SA [FBI 2]: There were additional?

23 MR. [ATTY]: Right.

24 MR. NAUTA: Not additional, but it's the same
25 boxes.

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2 MR. **ATTY**: It was the same, the same set.

3 MR. NAUTA: Yeah, the same set.

4 MR. **ATTY**: It was all in the same trip same trip.

5 MR. NAUTA: It wasn't like they were

6 (indiscernible 00:00:57) --

7 MR. **ATTY**: Like, they weren't all just sitting
8 here in Pine Hall.

9 SA **FBI 2**: Oh.

10 MR. **ATTY**: Some of them were around -- essentially
11 sitting just a few feet away inside this door.

12 SA **FBI 2**: Okay.

13 MR. NAUTA: So it's -- essentially, it's just --
14 they're kind of -- I categorize it as the same room 'cause
15 it is a matter of less than two feet.

16 SA **FBI 2**: Okay.

17 MR. NAUTA: Not even two feet.

18 SA **FBI 2**: Okay.

19 SA **FBI 1**: And what you're saying is those boxes
20 were also picked up and put on the, on the truck though?

21 MR. **ATTY**: Correct. It's the same

22 SA **FBI 2**: But that's the 15 to 17?

23 MR. **ATTY**: Right. No but we just wanted to
24 clarify that, you know, to the extent that someone else
25 might think that this is a different room --

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2 SA [REDACTED] : Okay. No, I appreciate that. I
3 can see that.

4 MR. [REDACTED] : Some, some of, some of those boxes
5 were in there.

6 SA [REDACTED] : Okay.

7 SA [REDACTED] : Okay. But you have no idea how
8 those boxes --

9 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

10 SA [REDACTED] : -- got there or where they were
11 before? And you -- so you've been into the, the -- one of
12 the rooms, right? The residential area before?

13 MR. NAUTA: His room.

14 SA [REDACTED] : His room.

15 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

16 SA [REDACTED] : That's it? Not the other unknown
17 room?

18 MR. NAUTA: Not her room, or I've never went --
19 yeah.

20 MR. [REDACTED] : Not -- so this unknown room and then
21 the suites veer off here.

22 SA [REDACTED] : The suites, okay.

23 MR. [REDACTED] : Yeah.

24 MR. NAUTA: I say unknown room, and I'm, I'm
25 assuming those steps go downstairs to their living area --

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2 MR. NAUTA: -- kitchen.

3 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

4 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

5 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 MR. [REDACTED] ATTY: So, so you think this is part of the,
7 of the --

8 MR. NAUTA: The residence.

9 SA [REDACTED]: The residence.

10 MR. NAUTA: I think I don't know.

11 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 SA [REDACTED]: Okay.

13 MR. [REDACTED] ATTY: Okay.

14 SA [REDACTED]: Have you seen boxes like those in
15 the -- in his, in his room?

16 MR. NAUTA: No. He's got a lot of golf shoes,
17 luggage, newspapers, you know.

18 SA [REDACTED]: But not piled up in boxes?

19 MR. NAUTA: No, not piled in boxes.

20 SA [REDACTED]: Okay, okay. Well, that's, that's
21 -- I mean, that's an important distinction, so I appreciate
22 that.

23 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

24 MR. [REDACTED] ATTY: Oh, and another clarification that I
25 would add, no change that he hasn't told anyone that he's --

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2 MR. **ATTY**: -- here, but obviously he can't control
3 office gossip or assumptions --

4 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

5 SA **FBI 2**: Right.

6 MR. **ATTY**: -- that other people --

7 SA **FBI 2**: Right.

8 MR. **ATTY**: -- assume that he's here and then they
9 start talking.

10 SA **FBI 2**: Okay. No that's, that's fine.

11 MR. **ATTY**: So, so he can't read other's minds.

12 SA **FBI 2**: Okay.

13 SA **FBI 1**: And like I said before, like whatever
14 -- whoever you tell, like, I can't control that.

15 MR. NAUTA: Right.

16 SA **FBI 1**: Like, you know, this, this -- we're
17 not talking about classified information. Like, our, our
18 discussion is not classified. So if it happened, again, I
19 just, you know, we would just roll with it. But at least
20 from our end, like, our professional promise to you is,
21 like, I'm, I'm not going to tell the next person I sit down
22 with across the table that I talked to Walt and he said
23 this. I, I don't do that. It does not make your life easy
24 and so I, I definitely don't do that. Okay?

25 MR. NAUTA: Thank you.

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2 SA **FBI 1**: And on that matter (indiscernible
3 00:03:18) -- but, again, I appreciate you coming in here.
4 And I don't know how you feel about the whole not explicitly
5 telling the President you're talking with us, and he may
6 assume that you're doing something else, how that sits with
7 you. I mean, I, I can, I can imagine --

8 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

9 SA **FBI 1**: In, in -- and, and not just -- not
10 with anyone in particular just a lot of places. Like, there
11 a little bit of, like -- there's a little bit of trust with
12 your leader and, and you don't want to feel bad that you're
13 kind of outing them or working surreptitiously around them
14 and what have you. So, I mean, I -- again, we appreciate
15 the position that you're in and, like, you know, if you do
16 feel like there's anything that we -- we will work to being
17 delicate about it as well. Like, if there is anything that
18 comes to mind, our biggest thing is where were these boxes,
19 are there still more.

20 MR. NAUTA: Appreciate that. Thank you.

21 SA **FBI 1**: Okay. All right. Anything from you?

22 MR. NAUTA: No, sir.

23 SA **FBI 2**: No, I think, I think that was it,
24 I mean, unless you -- like I said, unless you can answer --
25 you know our two big questions.

1 (00:04:21)

2 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

3 SA [REDACTED] : Where these boxes were and if
4 there, if there are more. That's what we're after.

5 SA [REDACTED] : Yeah.

6 MR. NAUTA: Thank you, guys. Thank you.

7 SA [REDACTED] : Appreciate it.

8 MR. NAUTA: That Embassy in Madrid, you been out
9 there?

10 SA [REDACTED] : I have.

11 MR. NAUTA: I kept thinking about it. You have?

12 SA [REDACTED] : I have. Have you?

13 MR. NAUTA: Spain was probably my most preferred
14 place of anywhere on the planet.

15 SA [REDACTED] : It's a pretty, it's a pretty nice
16 place.

17 SA [REDACTED] : Where in Spain?

18 MR. NAUTA: Everywhere. I, I can't remember off
19 the top of my head. We went to Cartagena, La Coruña,
20 everywhere.

21 SA [REDACTED] : Okay. 'Cause I know we have -- is it
22 Rota?

23 MR. NAUTA: Rota.

24 SA [REDACTED] : Rota.

25 SA [REDACTED] : Well, they shut that base down I --

1 (00:04:53)

2 SA **FBI 1** : -- think.

3 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

4 SA **FBI 1** : And so that was -- at least for my
5 community.

6 SA **FBI 2** : They're going start (indiscernible
7 00:04:56) -- geeking out again on us.

8 MR. **ATTY** : That's okay.

9 SA **FBI 1** : All right, I'm sorry.

10 MR. NAUTA: Thanks guys.

11 SA **FBI 1** : You gotta go back and run.

12 MR. NAUTA: No I was done running and just --
13 that's all.

14 SA **FBI 1** : All right. And --

15 MR. NAUTA: (Indiscernible 00:05:08).

16 SA **FBI 1** : I can show you guys out, or --

17 MR. NAUTA: Yeah.

18 SA **FBI 1** : Yep. I'll need the --

19 MR. NAUTA: Thank you.

20 SA **FBI 1** : -- (indiscernible 00:05:14) so I can
21 get back in.

22 SA **FBI 2** : Oh, the key fob?

23 SA **FBI 1** : Yeah. And --

24 SA **FBI 2** : We should just (indiscernible
25 00:05:19).

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2 SA **FBI 1**: (Indiscernible 00:05:20). Unless you
3 want (indiscernible 00:05:24), but I got this. We can go
4 back this way.

5 SA **FBI 2**: All right. Thank you. It was very
6 nice meeting you.

7 MR. NAUTA: Thank you.

8 (00:05:35 to 00:09:05 - faint background noise.)

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