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PATRICK JOSEPH GRIFFIN, white, male, date of birth [REDACTED], place of birth [REDACTED], Social Security Account Number [REDACTED], home telephone number [REDACTED], home address [REDACTED], President, GRIFFIN & JOHNSON, 1300 Connecticut Avenue, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC was apprised of the official identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview. Also present for the interview was GRIFFIN's attorney, ROBERT F. BAUER with the law firm of PERKINS, COIE, LLP, Washington, DC. GRIFFIN provided the following information:

GRIFFIN began working in the White House in January of 1994 as the Assistant to the President and Director of Legislative Affairs. GRIFFIN worked in that position until February of 1996, when he left the White House to return to private industry.

GRIFFIN first met MONICA LEWINSKY in November of 1995 during the Government shutdown. LEWINSKY spent time in the office outside of LEON PANETTA's office answering telephones during the shutdown.

GRIFFIN described LEWINSKY as a little too eager and effervescent. GRIFFIN advised that LEWINSKY's attire and demeanor indicated she was not aware of where she worked. GRIFFIN advised that LEWINSKY's dresses were too short and her blouses were too tight. LEWINSKY went out of her way to get noticed.

GRIFFIN recalls one occasion during the shutdown when LEWINSKY met the President. GRIFFIN described LEWINSKY as being flirtatious. In response, the President was friendly.

GRIFFIN advised he played no role in LEWINSKY receiving a paid position in the Office of Legislative Affairs. GRIFFIN advised that TIM KEATING, GRIFFIN's Chief of Staff, was responsible for hiring LEWINSKY. GRIFFIN is not aware of how KEATING came to know LEWINSKY. GRIFFIN may have signed the form which approved LEWINSKY getting the paid position, but GRIFFIN did so at the recommendation of KEATING.

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GRIFFIN stated he had no supervisory duties over LEWINSKY. **GRIFFIN** advised that he had a one on one meeting with LEWINSKY when she worked in the Office of Legislative Affairs. **GRIFFIN** felt sorry for LEWINSKY as she was overweight and self-conscious about it. **GRIFFIN** told LEWINSKY to "chill," that she did not have to make it a point to get noticed. **GRIFFIN** recalls LEWINSKY nodding when he said this.

GRIFFIN did not hear any stories about LEWINSKY and the President having a relationship. **GRIFFIN** has some recollection as to why LEWINSKY was transferred to the Pentagon. **KEATING** advised **GRIFFIN** that **JOCELYN JOLLEY**, **LEWINSKY's** supervisor in the Correspondence Unit of the Office of Legislative Affairs, was not doing a very good job. **KEATING** told **GRIFFIN** that **LEWINSKY's** performance was not helping the overall operation of the office.

GRIFFIN recalls seeing LEWINSKY at a going away party for **STEVE GOODIN** held near **BETTY CURRIE's** office, just outside the Oval Office. **GRIFFIN** recalls seeing the President there, but does not recall seeing LEWINSKY and the President together. **GRIFFIN** thought **GEORGE STEPHANOPOLOUS** was one of approximately sixty people at that party.

GRIFFIN recalls a going away party thrown for him in the White House. The President, Vice President and LEWINSKY were there among the fifty or so people in attendance. **GRIFFIN** recalls a photograph being taken of the President with the junior staff of the Office of Legislative Affairs, including LEWINSKY.

GRIFFIN advised he remains in contact with many current and former White House employees. **GRIFFIN** advised he has limited his conversations about the LEWINSKY matter to the political impact the situation is having. **GRIFFIN** has not discussed with anyone the details of any of the stories related to LEWINSKY that have appeared in the press in the past four months. **GRIFFIN** has not asked if any of the stories are true, and no one has volunteered such information.

GRIFFIN advised that the practice in government was to transfer **people** who would probably be terminated in private industry.