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OLIVER RILEY HEMSLEY, Officer, United States Secret Service, (USSS) Uniformed Division (UD), date of birth, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], SSAN [REDACTED] was interviewed at the Office of the Independent Counsel (OIC), 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20004. Present for the interview were Associate Independent Counsels (AIC) MICHAEL TRAVERS and MARY ANNE WIRTH; Department of Justice (DOJ) attorneys, JANIS KESTENBAUM and ANNE WEISMANN. HEMSLEY was interviewed under the terms of an agreement reached between the OIC and the DOJ. After being apprised of the official and personal identities of the interviewers and the nature of the interview, HEMSLEY provided the following information:

HEMSLEY entered on duty with the USSS on December 17, 1985 and was initially assigned to various posts at the White House. In 1993, HEMSLEY was assigned to the [REDACTED] post in the basement of the West Wing. This assignment continued until August 1996, when he became the White House Branch Fitness Coordinator and Training Officer/Certification Officer. HEMSLEY said he continues to stand duty at various posts, as needed, but he is not permanently assigned to any post.

HEMSLEY advised that he does not know the first time he saw MONICA LEWINSKY but believes it was during the time she was an intern at the White House. He remembers LEWINSKY seemed to be "starstruck" and "not like most interns." She came to the West Wing more often than other interns and she wore tight fitting clothing apparently to "show off her body." HEMSLEY stated that each time LEWINSKY came to the West Wing through the [REDACTED] post, even though she was wearing a pass, he would detain her until someone came to escort her.

HEMSLEY stated that he has heard at some unrecalled time or times, rumors about the President and LEWINSKY having an affair and at some point the rumor was "common knowledge." HEMSLEY also heard the rumor that LEWINSKY and the President were caught alone in the White House Theater, by LEWINSKY's supervisor named JOLLEY or an unidentified military aide. This apparently resulted in LEWINSKY being transferred to the Pentagon.

HEMSLEY also heard from other UD personnel that White

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House Steward NELVIS had to clean up "the study" after LEWINSKY and the President had been there "doing something." HEMSLEY said that to the best of his knowledge, LEWINSKY and NELVIS did not have any kind of social or business association.

HEMSLEY heard the rumor that the President and ██████████ ██████████ had an affair during the 1996 election campaign. HEMSLEY advised that for a period of time he was acting as a personal trainer for ██████████ and one day in the gym she was clearly upset by the fact that someone had written a story about an affair between she and the President in the STAR magazine. ██████████ made the comment that she couldn't believe people would lie about things like that. She denied that any of the story was true.

HEMSLEY said he heard about the Northwest Gate incident involving LEWINSKY, ELEANOR MONDALE and the President, primarily from Officer CHINERY. HEMSLEY said his recollection is that Officer HALL said something to someone else, which greatly upset LEWINSKY. HEMSLEY thought that LEWINSKY may have overheard HALL say that LEWINSKY, who was trying to get in to see the President, would have to "take a number." HEMSLEY remembers that CHINERY said he spoke to Sergeant WILLIAMS and BETTY CURRIE about the incident and CHINERY informed HEMSLEY what he learned from his inquiry. (Protective Function Privilege and Executive Privilege invoked)

HEMSLEY said he remembers two occasions when he saw LEWINSKY somewhere other than the White House. The first occasion was when he attended a function at the Washington Hilton on Connecticut Avenue. HEMSLEY was in charge of the Magnetometer Team for this event and noticed that LEWINSKY was present. The President was also supposed to make an appearance and HEMSLEY became concerned that she might try to get too close to the President. HEMSLEY, being aware of the rumors of the relationship between the President and LEWINSKY, decided that the uniformed and plainclothes Secret Service details should be notified. HEMSLEY told the supervisors of each unit about her presence and, as HEMSLEY remembers, it was necessary to tell them the reasons for his concerns since they apparently had not heard the rumors. HEMSLEY could not recall the name of these supervisors or the date of the event but did remember that it was after LEWINSKY had left the White House.

The second occasion was at an unrecalled outside event at the Pentagon (possibly a military anniversary) where the President was to make an appearance. HEMSLEY was in charge of the Magnetometer Team for this event and noticed that LEWINSKY

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was present. HEMSLEY did not alert Secret Service Special Agents or other security officers, because he did not think LEWINSKY would be able to get close to the President and that she was not a threat to the President.

HEMSLEY stated that he observed a person possibly related to the PAULA JONES case, while working as a fill-in at the [redacted] and [redacted] post, during the last year on more than one occasion. (Protective Function Privilege invoked as to all these observations)

