

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS :
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Grand Jury Room No. 3
United States District Court
for the District of Columbia
3rd & Constitution, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Thursday, August 13, 1998

The testimony of LARRY HOUSEHOLDER was taken in the presence of a full quorum of Grand Jury 97-2, impaneled on September 19, 1997, commencing at 1:47 p.m., before:

EDWARD J. PAGE
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1 A Okay.
2 Q The person immediately in front of you and to your
3 left is the court reporter. She is taking down everything
4 that's said here today and there will be a record, a
5 transcript, made of the questions and answers, whether I ask
6 them or members of the grand jury ask them of you. Do you
7 understand that?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q I want to tell you that federal rules of criminal
10 procedure prohibit the disclosure of matters occurring before
11 the grand jury which would include your testimony or other
12 things that happened during your appearance here today.

13 That rule, however, only controls members of the
14 grand jury, myself or another attorney for the Office of
15 Independent Counsel and the court reporter. It does not tell
16 you what you can say or can't say after you make your
17 appearance here today. In other words, you can leave this
18 room and have a press conference if you so choose about what
19 happened here today.

20 There are some exceptions, however, and I want to
21 advise you of them. One of them is if the court orders that
22 this testimony be disclosed, for example, in a trial or in
23 another proceeding, then the secrecy surrounding what happens
24 today would go away by virtue of that court order. Do you
25 understand that?

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2 Whereupon,
3 LARRY HOUSEHOLDER
4 was called as a witness and, after having been first duly
5 sworn by the Foreperson of the Grand Jury, was examined and
6 testified as follows:

EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. PAGE:

9 Q Sir, would you tell us your full name, please?

10 A Larry Householder.

11 Q Is it officer or agent?

12 A Yes, sir. Officer.

13 Q Officer. Where do you work?

14 A Right now, I work at the Foreign Missions Branch up
15 on International Drive.

16 A JUROR: Would you spell your last name?

17 THE WITNESS: H-o-u-s-e-h-o-l-d-e-r.

18 BY MR. PAGE:

19 Q All right. Before we get started with your
20 questions, I want to explain some things to you. The first
21 is that this is a federal grand jury and this federal grand
22 jury is investigating certain matters involving Monica
23 Lewinsky and others and whether there was an effort to suborn
24 perjury, solicit perjury on behalf of others, obstruct
25 justice in the civil case Jones v. Clinton. All right?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q All right. So in other words, the basic rule of
3 secrecy and then some exceptions to it. Do you understand
4 that?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q You are appearing here pursuant to a subpoena,
7 correct?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q And do you understand that the oath that you were
10 administered requires you to speak the whole truth and
11 nothing but the truth during your testimony today?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q Do you understand that you can't say you forget
14 when you really don't forget?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And that you don't remember when you really do
17 remember?

18 A Right.

19 Q It also prohibits you from giving misleading
20 testimony as well as false testimony. Do you understand
21 that?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q Do you understand that you have certain rights here
24 today and one of them is your Fifth Amendment right to not
25 incriminate yourself? Do you understand that?

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1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q How that works is this. If your answer to any of

3 the questions that you are asked today, if a truthful answer

4 would tend to incriminate you, you have the right to remain

5 silent or say "I refuse to answer that." Do you understand

6 that?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q Do you understand that in making an appearance

9 before the grand jury most witnesses fall into either two

10 categories? One is a target, meaning that the grand jury has

11 substantial evidence linking that witness, that target, to

12 the commission of a crime and that in the grand jury's view

13 that is someone that they intend to indict. The second

14 category of witnesses is quite broad and that is grand jury

15 witnesses are often called subjects of the grand jury

16 investigation and all that means is that conduct is within

17 the scope of the grand jury's investigation.

18 I represent to you that you're not a target and

19 that you're not a subject in the sense that your conduct is

20 within the scope of the grand jury's literal investigation,

21 but you're more like a fact witness. For example, a bank

22 teller whose bank was robbed and who happened to see the bank

23 getting robbed. Do you understand that?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q All right. Do you understand further that you have

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1 a right and the grand jury would permit you a reasonable

2 opportunity to step outside and to consult with Matt Dates,

3 the lawyer that's present for the Secret Service, and any

4 other lawyer that you chose to have present today?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Is Matt Dates outside?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q And available?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q All right. Do you have any questions of me before

11 we get started?

12 A No, sir.

13 Q How long have you been with the Secret Service?

14 A Over 26 years.

15 Q And you said at the outset your current assignment

16 was what?

17 A I'm at Foreign Missions Branch.

18 Q You'll have to --

19 A Foreign Missions Branch.

20 Q Foreign Missions Branch?

21 A It's on International Drive.

22 Q All right. Before that, what was your assignment?

23 A I was at the White House.

24 Q And what were the approximate dates of the period

25 of time that you were assigned to the White House?

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1 A From -- I believe it was around June of '92 through

2 November of 1997.

3 Q So since approximately November of '97, you've been

4 assigned to the Foreign Missions Branch?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Is that a promotion for you?

7 A No, sir.

8 Q From June of '92 through November of '97 --

9 A I'm sorry, it was June of '82.

10 Q I'm sorry?

11 A June 1982.

12 Q June of '82. Excuse me. From June of '82 through

13 November of '97 when you were at the White House, did you

14 hold a number of assignments during that period?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q What was the last one just before your transfer in

17 November of '97?

18 A I was just an unassigned officer.

19 Q And for how long before November of '97 did you

20 hold unassigned officer?

21 A For approximately a year and a half.

22 Q So would that be approximately May of '96 or

23 thereabouts?

24 A May, June of '97.

25 Q And before that? Your next to the last assignment?

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1 A It was with the special operations section as a

2 tour officer.

3 Q And that would have been from what time,

4 approximately?

5 A It was a three-year period.

6 Q So May or June of '93, approximately?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q Through May or June of --

9 A '96.

10 Q -- '96. Do you know a person by the name of Monica

11 Lewinsky?

12 A Yes, sir. I do now.

13 Q All right. And how is it that you know her now?

14 A From the TV reports and I had seen her on occasion

15 at the White House.

16 Q All right. So you had seen her on occasion. I

17 take it from your answer that you didn't connect things in

18 your own mind until you saw the publicity surrounding the

19 Monica Lewinsky and President Clinton matter?

20 A That's correct.

21 Q I represent to you that that publicity started on

22 or about Wednesday, January 21, 1998, all right? Several

23 months ago, in this year that we're now in. When do you

24 think that you first saw Monica Lewinsky while you were

25 stationed at the White House? And I understand that this is

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1 an approximation.
 2 A I would say it would probably be the end of '96 or
 3 beginning of '97. I'm not really even sure.
 4 Q All right. Let me represent to you some other
 5 facts and that is that Monica Lewinsky worked first as an
 6 intern at the White House from early July of 1995 through
 7 approximately the middle of April of 1996, okay? When she
 8 was then transferred to the Pentagon, the Department of
 9 Defense, in Virginia, all right?
 10 A Okay.
 11 Q Using that timeframe as a gauge, can you help us
 12 with dating approximately the first time you saw her?
 13 A I'm sure it would be somewhere in the middle of
 14 that timeframe that you gave me, then. Just in passing in
 15 the hallway in the East Wing.
 16 MR. PAGE: All right. By the way, my colleague is
 17 now with me to my right, Mary Anne Wirth.
 18 MS. WIRTH: Hi.
 19 THE WITNESS: Hi.
 20 BY MR. PAGE:
 21 Q So were you working in the East Wing when you first
 22 met or saw Monica Lewinsky?
 23 A Yes, sir.
 24 Q Tell us about that. Where were you positioned?
 25 What was your job back then?

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1 A My position was the special operations section. It
 2 was what they call a tour whip which basically means you're
 3 the supervisor's right hand man. We make sure that tours are
 4 operated in a normal, timely manner. Officers are where
 5 they're supposed to be when they're supposed to be. And the
 6 only time I could remember seeing her was just in passing in
 7 the hallway. I never talked to her that I recall.
 8 Q Did she appear to you to be an employee at the
 9 time?
 10 A She had a pass that -- I know someone said that she
 11 was a new intern, her and how many hundred others.
 12 Q All right. So you never talked to her?
 13 A No, sir.
 14 Q And on how many times did you see her,
 15 approximately? Including this one we've just discussed.
 16 A Well, those two and then just one other time.
 17 Two or three, I'd say, together.
 18 Q So two or three total.
 19 A Right.
 20 Q Were they always in the East Wing?
 21 A No, sir. The one other time that I saw her it was
 22 apparently after she had left the White House. It was a
 23 Saturday or Sunday afternoon and I was working in the
 24 mansion. Another officer phoned me and I don't recall what
 25 it was. It wasn't relevant at that time. Said that there

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1 was a young lady on the way towards me, had a pass.
 2 [REDACTED]
 3 [REDACTED]
 4 [REDACTED]
 5 [REDACTED]
 6 [REDACTED]
 7 [REDACTED]
 8 Q [REDACTED]
 9 A [REDACTED]
 10 [REDACTED]
 11 [REDACTED]
 12 [REDACTED]
 13 [REDACTED]
 14 [REDACTED]
 15 [REDACTED]
 16 Q [REDACTED]
 17 [REDACTED]
 18 A [REDACTED]
 19 Q All right. And where was she entering that day?
 20 A I believe she entered through the east appointment
 21 gate.
 22 Q And you said a Saturday or a Sunday you believed,
 23 correct?
 24 A Yes, sir.
 25 Q Why do you have that belief?

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1 A Well, because -- I recall that the tours had
 2 finished and I was on another assignment and I just know it
 3 was a Saturday or Sunday and I just can't recall for sure
 4 which day it was.
 5 Q What time of year and what year, in your
 6 estimation, was this particular visit?
 7 A The only thing I knew, it was after she had been
 8 dismissed from the White House. I couldn't give you an exact
 9 date or time.
 10 Q All right. Which I've represented to you was April
 11 of '96.
 12 A I believe it was either in the spring or the
 13 summer, you know, it was nice out, from what I can recall.
 14 Q So you're saying it could have been summer of '96?
 15 A Yes, sir.
 16 Q Or it could have been spring or summer of '97,
 17 correct?
 18 A No, I don't believe it was that late. I believe it
 19 was right after -- in '96.
 20 Q All right. So you're doing a post-to-post
 21 observation of her. You're the first person to --
 22 A No, I was actually the second.
 23 Q You're the second?
 24 A Once she entered the gate, she went past another
 25 officer, who then called me.

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1 Q Okay.

2 A And then I called another officer.

3 Q Do you recall who called you or who you called?

4 A I have no idea.

5 Q No idea?

6 A No, sir.

7 Q In any event, you learned from the officer at the

8 east appointment gate that apparently this is someone who is

9 coming in for an appointment and did I hear you say that this

10 was to bring some papers?

11 A I don't recall exactly what the reasoning was. To

12 the best of my recollection, it was to pick up some papers or

13 drop some papers off or -- somewhere over in the West Wing.

14 That's the best that I can recall that.

15 Q So tell us --

16 A And it wasn't until after I actually saw her face

17 on TV that I made the connection with the name and the face.

18 Q When you saw her, do you recollect whether or not

19 she had any papers with her?

20 A No, I don't believe so.

21 Q All right. Do you recall how she was dressed or if

22 she was with anybody?

23 A No, she was alone. I couldn't tell you how she was

24 dressed.

25 Q Where did she go?

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1 A I watched her from my post in the mansion going

2 across the colonnade outside the Rose Garden to the next post

3 and that's as far as I saw her.

4 Q And in which direction was she going? Was she

5 heading from east to west?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q Was she going in the general direction of the Oval

8 Office?

9 A Well, the Oval Office is in the West Wing. I don't

10 know if that's where she ended up or she went to somebody

11 else's office.

12 Q Did you see her again that day?

13 A No, sir.

14 Q What time -- do you know if you went off shift that

15 day?

16 A Yes, sir. I did.

17 Q Do you know what hours you routinely worked on the

18 weekends during that time period?

19 A [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]

22 Q What time do you think that you saw Monica Lewinsky

23 on this day?

24 A I think it was early afternoon, 1:00, 1:30.

25 Q Before the end of your shift at 2:30 p.m.?

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1 A Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

2 Q Do you remember anything about her that day in

3 particular?

4 A No, sir.

5 Q How she was dressed, anything like that?

6 A No.

7 Q And it's your recollection she didn't appear to

8 have any file or papers with her?

9 A Not that I recall.

10 Q Is it fair to say, though, that you can't exclude

11 that? In other words, that she may have had papers?

12 A Excuse me. I wouldn't swear one way or the other

13 where she had papers or not. I couldn't even remember if she

14 was carrying a coat at that point.

15 Q All right. You didn't see her after that until the

16 publicity?

17 A Yes, sir. That's right.

18 Q So how many times total do you think you saw her?

19 A Two or three at the most.

20 Q And but for this occasion that we've been talking

21 about, the other two were in the East Wing?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

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1 A [REDACTED]

2 Q [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]

4 A [REDACTED]

5 A JUROR: [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 THE WITNESS: [REDACTED]

9 A JUROR: [REDACTED]

10 THE WITNESS: [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

14 A JUROR: [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 THE WITNESS: [REDACTED]

17 A JUROR: [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 THE WITNESS: [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]

23 A JUROR: Does that take to high level approval or

24 do you do that on your own?

25 THE WITNESS: No, normally we can do that on our

1 own.
2 A JUROR: I see. Thank you.
3 MR. PAGE: Would you please excuse him?
4 THE FOREPERSON: Mr. Householder, you are excused.
5 Thank you.
6 MR. PAGE: Thank you.
7 (The witness was excused.)
8 (Whereupon, at 2:07 p.m., the taking of testimony
9 in the presence of a full quorum of the Grand Jury was
10 concluded.)
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