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JEFFREY J. PURDIE, Captain, United States Secret Service (USSS), Uniformed Division (UD), date of birth June 19, 1960, was interviewed at the Office of the Independent Counsel (OIC), 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004. Present for the interview were Associate Independent Counsel (AIC) MICHAEL TRAVERS and AIC MARY ANNE WIRTH and Department of Justice (DOJ) attorneys DAVID ANDERSON and ANNE WEISMAN. PURDIE was interviewed under the terms of an agreement reached between the OIC and the DOJ. After being apprised of the identity of the interviewers, PURDIE provided the following:

PURDIE has been employed by the USSS since January of 1982, when he entered service in the UD. In June of 1986, having been promoted to Sergeant, PURDIE began working at the White House complex. In September of 1989, PURDIE was promoted to Lieutenant, and in January of 1997 he was promoted to Captain. PURDIE became one of eight USSS captains who are Watch Commanders at the White House. From January of 1998 until present, PURDIE has served as the Branch Administrative Captain of the White House.

PURDIE recalled an incident that occurred on a Saturday in December of 1997. PURDIE could not recall the exact date. Sometime between 11:00 a.m. and noon, PURDIE received a telephone call from Sergeant KEITH WILLIAMS. WILLIAMS asked PURDIE to respond to the Northwest gate of the White House to address a problem that had arisen. PURDIE responded and met WILLIAMS on West Executive Avenue. WILLIAMS told PURDIE that MONICA LEWINSKY had come to the Northwest gate to make an appointment with BETTY CURRIE. LEWINSKY had packages with her, but had not been cleared in through WAVES. (PURDIE knew LEWINSKY by sight and to say hello, as they both had worked in the East Wing of the White House for a period of time.) WILLIAMS advised PURDIE that the gate officers had told LEWINSKY to use the house telephone to call CURRIE and make the appointment. LEWINSKY did this, and came back in the gate house and told Officer BRYAN HALL that no one was in. LEWINSKY then left the gate house. WILLIAMS told PURDIE that WILLIAMS had received a telephone call from West Wing Lobby Officer BRENT CHINERY. CHINERY told WILLIAMS that

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CURRIE had spoken with him. CURRIE was upset that the gate officer had told LEWINSKY the location of the President in the White House, and who the President was with.

WILLIAMS told PURDIE that he had gone to speak with CURRIE, and that CURRIE was upset. CURRIE told WILLIAMS that LEWINSKY had left the White House complex, and that she had called CURRIE several times to make an appointment. CURRIE was concerned that one of the Northwest gate officers had told LEWINSKY the President's position in the White House, and who the President was with.

PURDIE went into the Northwest gate house to speak with the officers posted there. PURDIE recalls telling the officers not to worry, that they would take care of the problem. PURDIE and WILLIAMS then went to the West Wing of the White House to speak with CURRIE. When they arrived, CURRIE was with White House photographer BOB MCNEILLY. MCNEILLY left the office. CURRIE got up, closed the office door behind PURDIE and WILLIAMS, and asked them to sit down. CURRIE was clearly upset. CURRIE told them that LEWINSKY had called from a pay phone to make an appointment to get into the White House. CURRIE told them that the gate officer had told LEWINSKY that the President was with ELEANOR MONDALE in the Oval Office. PURDIE advised that someone suggested that LEWINSKY may have seen MONDALE enter the White House, had come to her own conclusion, and then told CURRIE that the gate officer had disclosed that information. PURDIE could not recall who brought up this scenario. According to PURDIE, this explanation placated CURRIE. CURRIE told PURDIE and WILLIAMS to talk to the officers and find out what happened. CURRIE also told them to keep this incident quiet. PURDIE apologized to CURRIE.

PURDIE then went to speak with the officers at the Northwest gate. PURDIE spoke with Officer HALL, Officer GARY NIEDZIEWSKI, and perhaps one other officer. PURDIE told the officers that everything was all right, and no one would be disciplined. PURDIE stated that either on this occasion, or on the first visit-with the gate officers, PURDIE asked HALL what he said to LEWINSKY. PURDIE is not sure what HALL told him.

PURDIE met with CURRIE in her office a second time, and told her that he had spoken to the officers. PURDIE told CURRIE that if they gave out any information it would not happen again. PURDIE asked CURRIE if she wanted him to do anything else. CURRIE replied no, but that she wanted to keep things quiet. PURDIE

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agreed and left the office.

PURDIE spoke with CHINERY in the West Wing lobby and asked him to keep the incident quiet.

PURDIE advised that he spoke to WILLIAMS again that day. WILLIAMS approached PURDIE and asked PURDIE if he had spoken with the President. PURDIE refused to answer any other questions regarding this, invoking the Protective Function Privilege.

PURDIE stated that on the same day he telephoned White House Operations Deputy Chief CHARLES O'MALLEY, to explain what had happened. PURDIE told O'MALLEY that CURRIE was satisfied and that there should not be a complaint. O'MALLEY thanked PURDIE for the call.

PURDIE advised that about 45 minutes later he received a telephone call from the Presidential Protection Detail (PPD) operations desk. The PPD agent asked if PURDIE had a problem with BETTY CURRIE. PURDIE replied that he did not. The PPD officer then asked PURDIE if a PPD agent had been involved, to which PURDIE responded in the negative.

A few days later PURDIE spoke with Deputy Chief O'MALLEY. PURDIE asked O'MALLEY if he should follow up the incident with a formal report. O'MALLEY said that that was not necessary, as he had not heard anything further,

PURDIE recalled, at some point, he spoke with FREMON MYLES about LEWINSKY. MYLES stated that he was pleased that LEWINSKY was gone from the White House.. PURDIE advised that he did not know why MYLES was pleased, or how he responded to MYLES' statement.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Grand Jury Room No. 2
United States District Court
for the District of Columbia
3rd & Constitution, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Friday, July 17, 1998

The testimony of JEFFREY JAMES PURDIE was taken in the presence of a full quorum of Grand Jury 97-4, impaneled on December 5, 1997, commencing at 4:27 p.m., before:

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1 conversations were?

2 A Give **specifics** or how do you want me to lead into
3 this or --

4 Q If you recollect at this time the substance of the
5 conversation that you had with **the** President, we'd like to
6 start with that.

7 A I can start with that. At the time I was in Betty
8 Currie's office. I was **engaged** in a conversation with Betty
9 Currie in reference to an incident that **occurred** at the
10 northwest gate.

11 Some time during that incident the door to the Oval
12 Office opened up. The President walked into Mrs. Currie's
13 office or -- **let** me **retract**. He kind of stood in the doorway
14 **there**. Mrs. Currie introduced me as Captain Purdie,
15 **something in reference to being in charge of the White House**
16 **at that time**.

17 The President acknowledged me and Mrs. Currie made
18 a statement something to the effect that the situation had
19 **been handled and he said, "Thank you. I hope I can count on**
20 **your discretion."**

21 Q Hesaidtbattoyou? "I hope I can count on your
22 discretion"?

23 A Something to that **effect**, but the word discretion
24 **was used**.

25 Q That was the message that the President sent to

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1 Whereupon,

2 JEFFREY JAMES PURDIE
3 **was called as a witness and, after having been first duly**
4 **sworn by tk Foreperson of the Grand Jury, was examined and**
5 **testified** as follows:

EXAMINATION

BY MR. PAGE:

Q Tell us your full name, please?

A Jeffrey James Purdie.

Q Where do you **work**?

A United **States Secret** Service uniformed division at
13 **the White House**.

Q I want to talk with you about Saturday, **December**
15 **6th**.

A **Yes, sir**.

Q All right? 1997. Do you recall that day?

A **Yes, sir**.

Q **There was an** incident outside the White House that
20 **day, correct?**

A Yes, sir.

Q As a result of that incident, you had conversations
23 with **the President. correct?**

A **Yes, sir**.

Q Would you tell **the** grand jury what those

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1 you?

2 A **Yes, sir**.

3 Q **Was he looking at you at the time?**

4 A I couldn't say 100 percent looking at me. He was
5 **either looking at me or in my direction, something**.

6 Q **Did Mrs. Currie hear that, to your knowledge?**

7 A To my understanding, I don't know how **she couldn't**
8 **have heard it**.

9 Q And how near **were** you to **the** President **when k said**
10 **that?**

11 A Ten to fifteen **feet**.

12 Q Anybody else **present** when **he** said that?

13 A No, sir.

14 Q Any **other** conversation with the President at that
15 **time?**

16 A No, sir.

17 Q Tell us how and describe for **the members of the**
18 **grand jury the President's** manner or how k was acting **at the**
19 **time**.

20 A I'm not sure if I really **understand** that. If
21 you're asking **me** if there was anything unusual, the way his
22 **mannerisms were**, I would say **no**.

23 Q Well, when k came out, **did** he open the door in a
24 **hurry** or in an angry fashion?

25 A **No, sir. It seemed like the door was opened in a**

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1 normal manner.

2 Q What about the tone of his voice?

3 A Business tone, normal speaking tone.

4 Q Did you reply back anything in response to "I hope
5 I can count on your discretion"?

6 A It was something to that effect **that he** said to me,
7 but the word discretion was used. I believe **I** said something
8 to the effect of "Yes, sir." I mean, I'm sure I said "Yes,"
9 or **something**, "Yes, sir," to that effect.

0 Q And did he **acknowledge** when you said "Yes, sir"?

1 A I don't believe there was a verbal acknowledgment.

2 Q **Was he** still looking at you?

3 A I believe so. Yes.

4 Q Any other conversation?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q **Betty Currie is there the entire time as this
7 exchange occurred?**

8 A **Yes, sir.** At the time prior to this **occurrence**,
9 **she** was sitting at her desk I was sitting on **the** opposite
0 side of her desk. And as the door opened up, I of course
1 **realized** who it was, I stood up.

2 Q How did you understand this request by **the**
3 President to exercise discretion?

4 A It was my understanding at the time **that** the
5 situation had been handled, meaning there was -- I'm sure

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1 you're aware **that there** was an incident at **the** northwest gate
2 **and that I had taken -- what I'm trying to say is the**
3 situation was taken **care** of.

4 Q But how did you understand **that request** to exercise
5 discretion, that you should say nothing, that you **should** say
6 a little, that you should say a lot or **what?**

7 A **At that time, it was my understanding that I wasn't**
8 going to say **anything**.

9 Q **That's how you took it that day, at that time.**

0 A **Yes, sir.**

1 BY MR. BITTMAN:

2 Q **That's** why you **responded *Yes*** to **the President's**
3 question? **Is that** correct?

4 A **Yes, sir.**

5 MR. BITTMAN: That's all we **have** for you **right** now
6 Captain. **The grand jury has finished their business for**
7 **today.** We will recall you next **week.** **Thank** you.

8 MR. WISENBERG: **Thank** you

9 May the witness be excused?

0 THE FOREPERSON: Yes. **Thank** you.

1 **(The witness was excused.)**

2 (Whereupon, at 4:38 pm., the taking of testimony
3 in the presence of a full quorum of the **Grand Jury** was
4 concluded.)

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IN RE:

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Grand Jury Room No. 3
United States District Court
for the District of Columbia
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Thursday, July 23, 1998

The testimony of JEFFREY JAMES PURDIE was taken in
the presence of a full quorum of Grand Jury 97-2, impaneled
on September 19, 1997, commencing at 3:00 p.m., before:

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2 Whereupon,
3 JEFFREY JAMES PURDIE
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

7 MR. WISENBERG: Madam Foreperson, we have a quorum?

8 THE FOREPERSON: Yes, we do.

9 MR. WISENBERG: Are there any unauthorized persons
10 in the grand jury room?

11 THE FOREPERSON: There are none.

12 MR. WISENBERG: Thank you.

13 BY MR. WISENBERG:

14 Q Could you state your name for the record, please?

15 A Jeffrey James Purdie.

16 Q And how do you spell Purdie?

17 A P-u-r-d-i-e.

18 Q And can you give us your title, please?

19 A I'm a captain in the United States Secret Service
20 uniformed division assigned to the White House branch.

21 Q All right. And so it would be appropriate to refer
22 to you, for us to refer to you as Captain Purdie, correct?

23 A Yes, sir. If that's what you want.

24 Q Okay. Let me just before we start say that my name
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1 is Sol Wisenberg and I'm attorney with the Office of
2 Independent Counsel. To my left is Mary Anne Wirth and she
3 is also an attorney for the Office of Independent Counsel.
4 This is the grand jury court reporter, these are the ladies
5 and gentlemen of the grand jury.

6 This grand jury is a federal grand jury that was
7 impaneled by a United States district court judge here in
8 the District of Columbia investigating, among other things,
9 whether certain persons committed federal felonies in
10 connection with a lawsuit known as Jones v. Clinton. Do
11 you understand?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q All right. Now, before we get started, I want to
14 briefly go over your rights and responsibilities as a grand
15 jury witness. First of all, you don't have a right to have
16 an attorney in the courtroom, in the grand jury room, with
17 you, but you can have that attorney outside for consultation.

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q Do you understand that?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q And do you have such an attorney?

22 A No, sir.

23 Q Okay. You're here without an attorney today?

24 A Yes. Well, I do have representation by the Secret
25 Service.

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1 Q Okay. But no personal representation.
 2 A No, sir.
 3 Q Okay. Well, if you feel a need to talk to the
 4 Secret Service attorney, just let us know. Do you
 5 understand?
 6 A Yes, sir.
 7 Q And then you have certain privileges. If I ask you
 8 a question that in order to answer it you have to talk about,
 9 for instance, a conversation you had with your wife, you
 10 wouldn't have to answer that because that's recognized by the
 11 courts, that's the marital privilege. Do you understand
 12 that?
 13 A Yes, sir.
 14 Q If I asked you for a conversation you had with your
 15 attorney, you could, if you wanted, decline to answer because
 16 that's attorney-client privilege. Do you understand that?
 17 A Yes, sir.
 18 Q If I ask you a question the truthful answer to
 19 which would tend to incriminate you, you wouldn't have to
 20 answer. Do you understand that?
 21 A That would be my Fifth Amendment, sir?
 22 Q Very good. And other than that, taking a privilege
 23 on something, do you understand that you've taken an oath and
 24 you have to truthfully answer all the questions we put to
 25 you?

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1 A Yes, sir.
 2 MR. WISENBERG: AH right. With that, I will turn
 3 you over to Ms. Wirth for questioning.
 4 BY MS. WIRTH:
 5 Q Captain Purdie, you have been employed by the
 6 Secret Service since January 1982?
 7 A Yes, ma'am.
 8 Q And you're in the uniformed division?
 9 A Yes, ma'am.
 10 Q And in June of 1986, you were promoted to sergeant?
 11 A Yes, ma'am. I believe that's correct.
 12 Q And you began working in the White House complex at
 13 that time?
 14 A As an officer, after I went through basic training,
 15 was when I first was assigned to the White House and then I
 16 rotated out to our Foreign Missions Branch. I was promoted
 17 in 1986, I believe it was 1987 when I went back to the White
 18 House, in June.
 19 Q All right. And in 1989, you were promoted to
 20 lieutenant. Is that correct?
 21 A Yes, ma'am.
 22 Q And in 1997, you were promoted to Captain. Is that
 23 correct?
 24 A No, ma'am. I believe it was 1995.
 25 Q Okay. And where do you supervise?

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1 A My current assignment is I'm the administrative
 2 captain at the White House branch.
 3 Q Okay. And how long have you held that post?
 4 A End of January, beginning of February when I
 5 officially took over this position.
 6 Q And that's 1998?
 7 A Yes, ma'am.
 8 Q In December of 1997, what was your position?
 9 A I was a watch commander at the White House.
 0 Q Okay. And what does a watch commander do? What
 1 does that mean?
 2 A A watch commander is in charge of the uniformed
 3 day-to-day operations at the White House.
 4 Q Okay. Do you recall an incident that occurred
 5 in early December 1997 at the northwest gate?
 6 A Uh --
 7 Q Involving Monica Lewinsky.
 8 A My understanding was June. I mean -- excuse me.
 9 December. It wasn't early --
 0 Q What did I say? I'm sorry.
 1 A I thought you said early. I may be mistaken.
 2 I'm nervous.
 3 Q December. That's all right. I could be, too.
 4 An incident that happened in December of 1997.
 5 A Yes, ma'am.

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1 Q At the northwest gate.
 2 A Yes, ma'am.
 3 Q You know what I'm talking about?
 4 A Yes, ma'am. I do.
 5 Q And you were on duty that day?
 6 A Yes, ma'am.
 7 Q What was your first involvement with the incident?
 8 How did you first hear about it?
 9 A I was approached by one of my operational
 10 lieutenants who came to me and said that Sergeant Keith
 11 Williams, who was assigned to the northwest gate, needed
 12 my assistance out at the gate.
 13 Q So what did you do?
 14 A I believe, being the weather, I believe I went and
 15 got my coat and I met -- or started responding towards that
 16 location. At the northwest gate currently -- or at the time,
 17 and it still is, is being housed in a trailer because of
 18 construction.
 19 Q You say the weather, was it cold or was it wet or
 20 both?
 21 A I believe it was cold. I'm not sure if it was wet.
 22 Q All right. So when you responded to the trailer,
 23 who did you see there?
 24 A Out on West Executive Avenue, I met with Sergeant
 25 Williams, who apparently saw me coming and met me somewhat

1 halfway.

2 Q Did you speak to him?

3 A Yes, ma'am.

4 Q What did he tell you?

5 A He explained about a situation that occurred at
6 the northwest gate in reference to a person trying to get
7 into the gate, trying to make an appointment with the
8 President. It subsequently led up to a phone call and a
9 conversation.

10 Apparently, one of the officers called Sergeant
11 Williams after this incident occurred. Sergeant Williams
12 then went and had a conversation with Ms. Betty Currie.

13 Q Do you know Betty Currie?

14 A Not personally. I know who she is.

15 Q Did you hear what -- did Sergeant Williams tell you
16 what Betty Currie told him?

17 A Yes, ma'am.

18 Q What did he tell you?

19 A Sergeant Williams told me basically that the person
20 trying to get into the White House didn't get in, departed
21 the northwest gate, made several phone calls from a pay phone
22 to Betty Currie's office, tried to get cleared in to get an
23 appointment with tk President or Mrs. Currie, which of
24 course led to Sergeant Williams responding to Mrs. Currie's
25 Off-lee. sergeant Williams also went on to explain that tk

1 spoken to Officer Hall at that point?

2 A Yes, he did.

3 Q And did he tell you what Officer Hall told him
4 about the incident?

5 A He briefly explained that Officer Hall had some
6 conversations with the person trying to get in and he wasn't
7 at the time -- Officer Hall wasn't sure if he gave out the
8 President's location or the President's appointments.

9 Q He wasn't sure?

10 A At that time, no.

11 Q Okay. What happened next?

12 A Myself and Sergeant Williams went to the northwest
13 gate, which again as I said is housed in a trailer. At
14 the northwest gate I had a brief conversation with Officer
15 Hall and reassured him that I didn't see this being a major
16 problem at the time and there were two other officers also
17 present. I explained to them that, you know, whatever
18 happened we would get to the bottom of it and we would handle
19 it.

20 Q And did you speak to Officer Hall about what in
21 particular happened that day?

22 A I briefly spoke to him. Officer Hall at that time
23 was not sure if he gave out any information erroneously.

24 Q Was Sergeant Williams present for that
25 conversation?

1 Resident was upset.

2 Q Did Sergeant Williams tell you how k knew that the
3 President was upset?

4 A He went on to say that he got that from
5 Mrs. Currie.

6 Q Okay. So Betty Currie told him that?

7 A Yes, ma'am.

8 Q Did Sergeant Williams tell you wktr Betty Currie
9 was upset?

10 A Yes, he did. Mrs. Currie was also upset.

11 Q Okay. Did Sergeant Williams tell you wktr k
12 himself had spoken to tk President?

13 A At that time, no.

14 Q AU right. What happened next?

15 A He also explained to me that the officers,
16 particularly one officer, Officer Brian Hall, was extremely
17 upset, worried about losing his job.

18 Q Did he tell you why?

19 A Because apparently there was an accusation king
20 made towards Officer Hall at the time that he had give out
21 the President's location and who the Resident was in with
22 an appointment at the time.

23 Q And who was that accusation coming from?.

24 A Mrs. Currie.

25 O Now, did Sergeant Williams tell you wktr k had

1 A Yes, ma'am.

2 Q All right. What happened then?

3 A Sergeant Williams and myself went to Mrs. Currie's
4 office.

5 Q Okay. And who did you see there?

6 A As we arrived into Mrs. Currie's office, Ralph, a
7 White House photographer was present, as well as Mrs. Currie
8 in her office.

9 Q And what happened to Ralph?

10 A I spoke with him momentarily, he soon departed.

11 Once he departed, Mrs. Currie closed the door and had
12 Sergeant Williams and myself take a seat.

13 Q The photographer that you spoke to, did he speak to
14 you about this incident at all?

15 A No.

16 Q He basically congratulated for the promotion?

17 A Yes, ma'am. Because I hadn't seen him in a while.

18 Q All right. After the photographer left, what
19 happened?

20 A Mrs. Currie sat us down.

21 Q Wastkdoorshut?

22 A Yes, ma'am. The door was shut.

23 Q Did she shut it? . . .

24 A Yes. She shut the door once the photographer left.

25 Sergeant Williams and myself sat down and I'm not sure who

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1 exactly initiated the conversation, but, of course, the
2 conversation was in reference to this problem.

3 Q Excuse me. Were you in Betty Currie's office at
4 that point?

5 A Yes, ma'am.

6 Q And you knew what Betty Currie's office was?
7 You're familiar with where it was?

8 A Yes, ma'am.

9 Q Okay. And were you able to see the door of the
0 Oval Office at that point?

1 A What door to the Oval Office?

2 Q Does Mrs. Currie's office, is it anywhere near a
3 door that leads to the Oval Office?

4 A Yes, ma'am.

5 Q And did you look at that door?

6 A Yes, ma'am.

7 Q Was it open or closed?

8 A The door was closed.

9 Q All right. So you're in Mrs. Currie's office with
0 Sergeant Williams. what happened?

1 A We briefly went through the synopsis of the events
2 that happened at the northwest gate. Betty Currie went on to
3 say how upset she was at what happened and she also stated
4 that the President was very upset.

5 Q Okay. Did she say why the President was upset?

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1 A Apparently, again, the accusation was made that
2 Officer Hall, and I don't believe Mrs. Currie ever had the
3 officer's name, but was upset that one of the officers, of
4 course, King Officer Hall, gave out the information about
5 the President's location and who his appointment was with.

6 Q Okay. And did Betty Currie tell you anything that
7 the President had said about this?

8 A Betty Currie went on to say the President was very
9 upset about it.

0 Q What was Betty Currie's demeanor at that point?
1 What did she seem like?

2 A Betty Currie, as far as her demeanor, obviously in
3 my opinion she was upset, but I don't think she was as upset
4 as Sergeant Williams had originally described her as being.

5 Q Okay. How had he described her as being to begin
6 with?

7 A Extremely upset.

8 Q All right. Did Betty Currie tell you how she
9 and/or the President found out about what had been said at
0 the northwest gate?

1 A Yes, ma'am.

2 Q What did she tell you?

3 A She explained that at this point, I believe she
4 used Monica Lewinsky's name for the first time, she explained
5 that Monica Lewinsky apparently tried to get in for an

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1 appointment. Of course, the officers checked through the
2 computer, I'm sure you're aware that they have a computer
3 system for checking for appointments. She wasn't cleared in
4 for an appointment.

5 The officer directed her to the house phone which
6 is outside the box. She attempted to call Betty Currie's
7 office at this time on the house phone and apparently
8 couldn't get through.

9 After a few minutes of conversation with the
10 officer -- and I'm not completely sure if the conversation
11 occurred outside the post or inside the post with Officer
12 Hall -- she departed, went to a phone booth somewhere in the
13 vicinity of the White House and tried in several different
14 attempts to get through to Betty Currie.

15 On at least one occasion, she got through to Betty
16 Currie and she was turned down on an appointment by Betty
17 Currie.

18 Q And she was what?

19 A She was turned down. Betty Currie did not make an
20 appointment for her on that day.

21 Q That's what Betty Currie told you?

22 A Yes, ma'am.

23 Q And then what happened?

24 A What led to the phone calls where I ended up going
25 up to the northwest gate.

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1 Q Did Betty Currie tell you whether Monica had
2 complained to her about what she had heard one of your
3 officers at the northwest gate say?

4 A The subject came around somehow that -- part of the
5 reason why Betty Currie was upset is that Monica Lewinsky
6 apparently found out that the President was in with another
7 appointment,

8 Q Okay. And did Betty Currie tell you how Monica
9 Lewinsky had found that out?

0 A That's where the allegation came in, that it came
1 from the officer.

2 Q Okay. Did Betty Currie tell you what Monica
3 Lewinsky said the officer had said?

4 A Not specifically, other than the fact that the
5 officer gave out the information to Ms. Lewinsky.

6 Q Did the name of the other appointment come up in
7 your conversation with Betty Currie?

8 A Yes, it did.

9 Q What was it?

10 A Eleanor Mondale.

11 Q And did Betty Currie tell you that Monica Lewinsky
12 had found out that the President was with Eleanor Mondale?

13 A Yes, ma'am.

14 Q What did you and/or Sergeant Williams say to Betty
15 Currie?

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1 A At this point, it somehow got on the subject that
2 it may not have been the officer, and who exactly brought
3 this up I'm not 100 percent sure, but given the timeframe and
4 the close proximity of the appointments between the time
5 Ms. Mondale showed up and the time Ms. Lewinsky showed up, it
6 was decided upon it's possible that Ms. Lewinsky could have
7 observed Ms. Mondale going in.

8 Q You said earlier that when you spoke to Officer
9 Hall he -- at that time, he was stating that he did
10 not recall whether he had given the President's location
11 out. At some point, did he tell you that he had given it
12 out?

13 A When I questioned him afterwards, because I went
14 back out to the northwest gate, he said it was possible, but
15 k wasn't 100 percent sure.

16 Q That was after you spoke to Betty Currie?

17 A Yes, ma'am.

18 Q All right. Well, let's go back to your
19 conversation, then, with Betty Currie. So basically you
20 and/or Sergeant Williams explained to her that this
21 information could have come from -- Monica Lewinsky could
22 have obtained the information in other ways or in another
23 way. Did you tell her what that other way was?

24 A Well, I don't know if it was me that actually told
25 her that. To be honest with you, I don't remember, but I do

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1 know that the timeframe came up in the close proximity to the
2 appointments. It was possible. Betty Currie seemed to agree
3 with that.

4 BY MR. WISENBERG:

5 Q Were you trying to protect Officer Hall?

6 A No, sir.

7 Q I'm not saying there would be anything wrong with
8 that.

9 A No, I'm just saying -- well, in a situation like
10 this, it was more of a fact finding. But on the same token,
11 I certainly wouldn't have given up Officer Hall at that
12 point.

13 Q Okay. Given him up, in other words --

14 A I wouldn't have made an accusation to a passholder,
15 saying that, "Yeah, you're right, he did wrong."

16 BY MS. WIRTH:

17 Q And you said Betty Currie seemed to be satisfied
18 with&at? Or calmed down by then or --

19 A At this point, I made the suggestion that I was
20 going to go out and talk to the officers just to make sure
21 that they didn't in fact give out any information and she did
22 seem satisfied with that.

23 Q Did the subject of anyone being fired ever come up?
24 Or disciplined?

25 A I believe Mrs. Currie said something the effect

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1 that the President was so upset he wants somebody fired over
2 this. But I kind of need to add this, that at no point in my
3 mind was I thinking, "Oh, my God, somebody will be fired over
4 this."

5 Q Because?

6 A That's not the way things are done, at least in our
7 organization.

8 Q Meaning that the President wouldn't be the one to
9 fire somebody? Or that this is out of proportion to the
10 incident or what?

11 A I think it was kind of out of proportion for the
12 incident. Especially without doing an investigation or a
13 fact finding mission.

14 Q Okay. Was there anything else about your
15 conversation with Betty Currie that you remember?
16 Was anything mentioned at that point about keeping the
17 incident quiet or not speaking about it or telling the
18 officers involved not to speak about it? Anything like
19 that?

20 A That was part of my conversation with Mrs. Currie.
21 I explained to her that I would tell the officers that --
22 you know, to kind of keep it under their hat.

23 Q Did she ask you to do that?

24 A Yes, ma'am.

25 Q What did she say?

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1 A She asked me to make sure that the officers
2 didn't give out any information on the President as far
3 as location and who his appointments were. And I explained
4 to her that's pretty much our policy.

5 Q Did she have any conversations with you about
6 whether anyone should speak about the incident that day?

7 A Not specifically, no.

8 Q Was there any discussion whatsoever any time that
9 day with anyone about whether it would be a good idea that
10 the people involved not speak about this incident, not
11 discuss it, not tell the story to others?

12 A I went out to the gate with Sergeant Williams
13 afterwards and explained to the officers not to talk about
14 this.

15 Q Why?

16 A Because a lot of the story could have been based on
17 rumors and I don't think it was fair for anybody to engage in
18 rumors.

19 Q Did you instruct the officers to do that because of
20 something that Betty Currie had said?

21 A No, ma'am.

22 Q Did Betty Currie ever state to you that the
23 incident should not be discussed or it should be kept quiet?

24 A Not in so many words, but she reiterated that we
25 shouldn't talk about the President's location.

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1 BY MR. WISENBERG:
 2 Q That's two different things, though.
 3 A Right.
 4 Q One is that we shouldn't talk about the President's
 5 location.
 6 A Right.
 7 Q One is we shouldn't talk about what happened that
 8 day, the whole "incident." Do you understand the distinction
 9 I'm making?
 10 A Right. Sure.
 11 MR. WISENBERG: And let me back up for a second --
 12 Pardon me for butting in.
 13 MS. WIRTH: That's all right.
 14 BY MR. WISENBERG:
 15 Q Were still -- chronologically, you're still up
 6 there with Sergeant Williams having your first conversation
 7 with Betty Currie, correct?
 8 A That's correct.
 9 Q Now, you testified last Friday, very limited scope,
 0 you recall that?
 1 A Right. Absolutely.
 2 Q You were only asked them about what the President
 3 said, correct?
 4 A That was on my second visit.
 5 Q That's the second visit of the day.

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1 A Yes, sir.
 2 Q All right. Just getting that --
 3 A That did not occur during this visit.
 4 MR. WISENBERG: Okay. Go ahead. Sorry.
 5 BY MS. WIRTH:
 6 Q Okay. So getting back to the question that I was
 7 asking you before --
 8 (Interruption to the proceedings.)
 9 MR. WISENBERG: Let the record reflect that Ed Pag
 0 of our office, of the Office of Independent Counsel, has
 1 entered the grand jury room.
 2 BY MS. WIRTH:
 3 Q okay. So getting back to the question I was
 4 asking, was there anything that Betty Currie said that
 5 inspired you or led you to believe it would be a good idea to
 6 tell your officers not to speak about this incident?
 7 A Not that I can remember.
 8 Q Okay. Did you see the President at that time when
 9 you went to see Betty Currie with Sergeant Williams?
 0 A No, ma'am.
 1 Q When you left, was the door to the Oval Office
 2 still shut?
 3 A To my belief, it was.
 4 Q Did you see anybody else up there besides Betty
 5 Currie?

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1 A In Betty Currie's office?
 2 Q Right.
 3 A No.
 4 Q Other than that photographer who you saw at the
 5 very beginning.
 6 A In the beginning, who departed shortly thereafter.
 7 Q All right. What did you do when you left Betty
 8 Currie's office?
 9 A Myself and Sergeant Williams went back to the
 0 northwest gate.
 1 Q When you left Betty Currie, was it understood
 2 between you and her that you would come back and report to
 3 her?
 4 A I told Betty Currie as we were departing that I was
 5 going to go out and talk to the officers and make sure they
 6 didn't give out the location of the President or any of his
 7 appointments and she at that point was satisfied and I said
 8 something to the effect that once I'm done with that I will
 9 come back. I don't know my words exactly that I said to her,
 10 but I did indicate that I would return back to her office.
 11 Q Were you telling her that you were going to make
 12 sure that they had not done that that day or that they
 13 wouldn't do it in the future?
 14 A Kind of both.
 15 Q All right. So where did you go next?

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1 A Back to the northwest gate or trailer.
 2 Q Did you ever speak to Officer Chinery that day?
 3 A I believe I did.
 4 Q Did you speak to him on your way to Betty Currie's
 5 office?
 6 A Probably just acknowledged him, myself and Sergeant
 7 Williams, on the way to Mrs. Currie's office the first time.
 8 Q Did you speak to him on the way back from Betty
 9 Currie's office at that point?
 0 A I either spoke to him that time in acknowledgement
 1 or told him, asked him -- there was a point, it was either
 2 after the first visit or -- I'm jumping a little bit ahead of
 3 myself here, after the second visit, I asked Officer Chinery
 4 if he knew what was going on, which obviously he did know
 5 what was going on because he made the phone call to Sergeant
 6 Williams and he said yeah and I said, "Well, let's just make
 7 sure that we kind of keep it under our hats."
 8 And then he did make an inquiry to me at the time
 9 if the officer was in trouble and I said, "I don't think so,
 10 something to that effect.
 11 Q Okay. Then as you left Betty Currie's office,
 12 then, you proceeded down to the trailer. Whether you spoke
 13 to Officer Chinery or not at that point --
 14 A Right. It was one of the two trips. Right.
 15 Q Okay. When you got down to the trailer, was

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1 Sergeant Williams with you?
 2 A Yes, ma'am.
 3 Q Did you discuss with Sergeant Williams on the way
 4 down what you would do when you got to the trailer?
 5 A We probably did. I don't remember specifically if
 6 we did, but more than likely we did.
 7 Q What did you do when you got to the trailer?
 8 A I just basically reassured to Officer Hall, who at
 9 that time to me appeared visibly upset, that everything was
 10 under control. As far as I was concerned, the incident was
 11 pretty much resolved.
 12 Q Did you ask him any questions about what had
 13 happened that day?
 14 A No.
 15 Q You said earlier that Officer Hall at that point
 16 did not acknowledge that k had given the President's
 17 location out and that was earlier. Did he acknowledge that
 18 at this time when you came back to the trailer?
 19 A When he came back, he said something, "I might
 20 have, but I don't remember." And he also made a suggestion
 21 that it might have been talked about among the officers and
 22 Ms. Lewinsky may have heard it. In my mind set, I wasn't
 23 sure if Ms. Lewinsky at any time had been in the trailer or
 24 outside of tk trailer.
 25 Q So you did not know at that point that she had been

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1 in the trailer?
 2 A Well, I know at one point she had been inside the
 trailer.
 Q Oh, but you didn't know if she had been in at the
 point when it was discussed?
 6 A Right. Nor did Officer Hall remember.
 7 Q Did you believe Officer Hall?
 8 A Yes.
 9 Q Did you speak to any of tk other officers besides
 10 Officer Hall?
 11 A The other officers were all present at this time.
 12 Q Did you speak to Officer Niedzwiecki?
 13 A Yes, I did.
 14 Q What did he say had happened?
 15 A Officer Niedzwiecki basically had the same story
 16 that Officer Hall had.
 17 Q Meaning what?
 18 A That it was almost uncertain on how Ms. Lewinsky
 19 had overheard directly or indirectly tk location of the
 20 President.
 21 Q All right. What --
 22 A JUROR: Excuse me.
 23 MS. WIRTH: Yes?
 24 A JUROR: Excuse me. Did you speak to the officers
 25 individually, separately, or together?

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1 THE WITNESS: They were all together.
 2 A JUROR: This is Hall and Niedzwiecki?
 3 THE WITNESS: And there was another officer.
 4 Officer Porter, present. There were three officers.
 5 Yes, sir.
 6 A JUROR: Thank you.
 7 BY MR. WISENBERG:
 8 Q Do you know whether or not Sergeant Williams might
 9 have questioned them separately before you got there?
 0 A I think it's very possible, but I don't know for
 1 sure.
 2 Q And did you discuss with them just the question of
 3 whether Ms. Lewinsky overheard the President's location or
 4 also the twin things of his location and the fact that
 5 Eleanor Mondale --
 6 A They were grouped together. I mean, it wasn't a
 7 separate subject. They were both -- it was like an inclusive
 8 discussion.
 9 Q Okay. And it was what about Eleanor Mondale, that
 0 she was in the White House for a tour or that she might have
 1 been in the Oval Office with the President?
 2 A That she was in the Oval Office for a tour, I
 3 believe is the terminology that was used.
 4 BY MS. WIRTH:
 5 Q At this point, did you tell the officers that they

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1 should not discuss this incident?
 2 A I believe I told the officers to use some
 3 discretion.
 4 Q Okay. What does that mean?
 5 A Basically that any time that they talk about the
 6 President, they need to be careful on who's around.
 7 Q But with respect to this particular incident, did
 8 you give them any instructions about whether they could or
 9 should speak about it?
 0 A I believe that was Sergeant Williams who did that.
 1 Q What did he say?
 2 A Pretty much that we need to kind of keep this quiet
 3 because we didn't want the rumors to get out on anything that
 4 did or didn't happen.
 5 Q Do you know why Sergeant Williams said that?
 6 A I just think it was just common sense that made him
 7 say that.
 8 Q Had you instructed Sergeant Williams to say that?
 9 A No.
 0 Q Did you join in on that instruction that they
 1 should keep this quiet?
 2 A It's possible. I don't believe I did, but it is
 3 possible that I did
 4 Q All right. What happened after that?
 5 A I went back and had a second meeting with

1 Mrs. Currie.

2 Q Did you go by yourself?

3 A Yes, ma'am.

4 Q Do you know whether at any time up until that point
5 Sergeant Williams had spoken to the President?

6 A At that point, no.

7 Q Do you know if later in the day he did?

8 A This is where I need to jump a little bit ahead in
9 time. Do you want me to do that now?

10 Q Just briefly.

11 A Okay. About a week ago I heard a rumor that
12 Sergeant Williams may have had a conversation with the
13 President here.

14 I approached Sergeant Williams on it. Sergeant
15 Williams made a statement to me that when he was in seeing
16 Mrs. Currie the first time that the door to the Oval Office
17 was left open a little bit and at that point I told Sergeant
18 Williams that he needed to talk to the legal people, the
19 Secret Service legal counsel.

20 Q Okay. So then --

21 A But during that day, that had not been brought up
22 to me.

23 Q Okay. But Sergeant Williams did not go so far as
24 to tell you that he had spoken to the President or he had
25 not?

1 A No, ma'am. That was not brought up.

2 Q AU right. So, anyway, getting back to the point
3 of the story where we were, you were on your way back to
4 Betty Currie's office.

5 A Right.

6 Q To talk to her. Do you know if you saw Officer
7 Chinery on the way?

8 A I'm sure I saw him.

9 Q Did you speak to him? Do you remember?

10 A Not that I remember.

11 Q Are you friendly with him?

12 A Yes, I am.

13 Q Is it possible that you spoke to him?

14 A It's very possible.

15 Q All right. When you got to Betty Currie's office,
16 what did you do?

17 A Again, Mrs. Currie stood up, she was seated at her
18 desk. I knocked on the door, I walked in. She closed the
19 door behind me.

20 She had me take a seat and I explained to her that
21 I -- or basically reassured to her that the officers had been
22 told not to talk about the President's location and who his
23 appointments were and she was satisfied with that.

24 Q Did you give her any more information on what had
25 happened that day?

1 A Did I give her any more information? No.

2 Q Okay. Did you tell her that you had spoken to the
3 officers involved?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Did you tell her what your opinion was of what had
6 happened?

7 A Well, at that point, it was somewhat agreed upon
8 before we left and it was also kind of reiterated that it is
9 possible that she overheard the officers. It is possible
10 that Ms. Lewinsky observed Ms. Mondale come into the White
11 House.

12 Q Okay. And this conversation, just you and Betty
13 Currie were present?

14 A Yes, ma'am.

15 Q All right. How was Ms. Currie's manner at that
16 point?

17 A Somewhat more calm. In fact, I would say for lack
18 of a better word normal.

19 Q Okay. And what did she say when you told her what
20 you told her?

21 A She was -- in my opinion, she was satisfied with
22 that explanation.

23 Q Did the subject of anybody being disciplined or
24 fired or anything like that come up at this meeting?

25 A No.

1 Q What happened next?

2 A Just right about that point, I heard the door from
3 the Oval Office, which I'm sure you're aware there's a door
4 right behind Mrs. Currie that leads to the Oval Office. It
5 opened up and it was the President.

6 Q Okay. And was he alone?

7 A Yes, ma'am.

8 Q And what did he do?

9 A As he stood at the doorway, both Mrs. Currie and
10 myself, we stood. Mrs. Currie introduced me to the President
11 and the President -- he used the word "discretion," what his
12 exact words were, I believe, and I have to stress I believe,
13 it was "I hope you use your discretion."

14 Q Okay. And did you respond to that?

15 A I believe I said, "Yes, sir."

16 Q Can you tell the grand jury what the President's
17 manner was when he said that?

18 A Again, you know, for lack of a better word, I
19 believe normal.

20 Q Had you ever talked to the President before?

21 A Yes, ma'am.

22 Q Did he say anything more than that?

23 A No.

24 Q After you said, "Yes, sir," what happened?

25 A THERE WAS A PAUSE AT THE TIME AND I HAVE TO GO BACK

1 to my feelings on this, I felt it was time for me to leave, I
2 told everybody, "Have a nice day," and I left. And I closed
3 the door behind me. The door was closed and I closed it
4 behind me.

5 Q Okay. And where did you go then?

6 A I went back down into our operations office, which
7 is in the basement of the Old Executive Office Building.

8 Q Okay. Did you speak to Officer Chinery on the way?
9 Do you know?

0 A Again, that's -- it was either on that time or the
1 time before, but one of the times I know I spoke with him.

2 Q And it was on that occasion that you said what?

3 Whenever you had that conversation.

4 A When I asked him if he knew what was going on,
5 obviously he did know what was going on, I said, Hey, just
6 kind of keep it under your hat.

7 Q Okay. Did you ever go back to the trailer that
8 day?

9 A No, ma'am.

0 Q Did you ever speak to Sergeant Williams again about
1 this incident?

2 A Later on in the day, he approached me and asked me
3 if I had a conversation with the President. And at that
4 time, I just kind of shook my head and I said, Hey, just
5 kind of keep that to yourself."

1 Q Did you tell him what the President had said to
2 you?

3 A No, ma'am.

4 Q Did he ask you?

5 A No.

6 Q Did he tell you that he had had a conversation with
7 the President?

8 A No, ma'am.

9 Q Did you discuss the incident with anybody else that
0 day?

1 A Yes, ma'am.

2 Q who?

3 A When I went down to our operations office, there
4 was at least one other lieutenant in that office, I believe
5 there were two. I had them leave the room, leave the office,
6 I locked the door behind them, and I called my deputy chief,
7 Charles O'Malley, at his home.

8 Q And you reported the incident to him?

9 A Yes, ma'am.

0 Q And what did he say?

1 A He pretty much agreed with the way that I handled
2 it.

3 Q Okay. Did he say anything else?

4 A In reference to?

5 Q Anything that you remember.

1 A No, ma'am.

2 Q Was any paperwork created on this incident?

3 A No, ma'am. That was one of the issues that the
4 deputy chief and I discussed on it.

5 Q And what did he say?

6 A It was my recommendation to him, of course, he
7 would have the final say, that no paperwork be generated as
8 far as memo writings and with that he asked if my feeling was
9 that this issue was over with and I said, "I believe it is
10 over with."

11 Q What was the basis for your advice that there not
12 be any paperwork?

13 A That Mrs. Currie was satisfied with the way things
14 were handled.

15 Q If you were to fill out any paperwork, what form
16 would you use or what --

17 A Probably a government memorandum, which is a
18 standard memorandum form and it would have gone to my deputy
19 chief from me.

20 Q To your knowledge, has anybody filled out any
21 paperwork at this incident?

22 A No, ma'am. To my knowledge, no paperwork has been
23 done.

24 BY MR. WISENBERG:

25 Q What would that have been, like a -- would that

1 memorandum have referenced a complaint by Ms. Currie about
2 something that occurred?

3 A Well, since I was involved in the issue, it would
4 have been a memorandum from me to my deputy chief explaining
5 what my involvement would have been in it and I probably
6 would have had the sergeant and at least Officer Hall write a
7 memo on it. And possibly Officer Chinery, because he
8 received the call from Mrs. Currie.

9 Q Would it have been the normal practice for this
10 kind of event to have written a government memorandum?

11 A If Mrs. Currie wasn't satisfied, it would have been
12 the normal practice.

13 Q Okay. Was your decision not to do a memorandum
14 influenced by the President's comments to you about
15 discretion?

16 A No, sir.

17 Q It was influenced by the fact that Ms. Currie
18 seemed satisfied?

19 A Right.

20 Q When the President walked out -- or walked in --
21 came out, you and Mrs. Currie stood up, You testified?

22 A Mm-hmm.

23 Q And did he stay in the doorway or did he come close
24 to you?

25 A He stood right in the doorway.

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1 Q Did he ask you to come close to him?

2 A No, sir.

3 Q Had he been -- you had just been discussing this

4 matter with Mrs. Currie, is that correct?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q He didn't say "What's going on" or anything like

7 that?

8 A Mrs. Currie, as she introduced me, said "This

9 is the person in charge of the uniformed forces" or

10 "the uniformed division and tk situation's been handled by

11 him," or something to that effect.

12 Q And then the President went right into his

13 discretion comment, is that correct?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 BY MS. WIRTH:

16 Q After you spoke to your commander, did you have any

17 further conversations with anyone that day about this

18 incident?

19 A Yes, I did.

20 Q who?

21 A An agent from -- and I use the word [REDACTED], but do I

22 need to explain what [REDACTED] is?

23 Q Yes.

24 A [REDACTED] is the agents' command center, which is an

25 office in the West Wing which is directly [REDACTED]

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1 [REDACTED] It's the agents' down room.

2 Q You're talking about the president's protective

3 detail?

4 A Yes, ma'am.

5 Q Who was that person?

6 A At the time of our interview, I didn't remember his

7 name but I do remember it now. I believe it was Don Mite.

8 Q Don what?

9 A Mite.

10 Q Could you spell that?

11 A I have no idea.

12 Q Okay. Do you know him?

13 A No, ma'am.

14 Q Is this the first time you spoke to him?

15 A That I remember?

16 Q That you know of.

17 A sum. I mean, I'm sure I've spoken with him

18 before, but that's the first time I remember speaking with

19 him.

20 Q He called you?

21 A Yes, ma'am.

22 Q What did he say?

23 A At the time, I remember this pretty good, at the

24 time he said there was a lieutenant in Mrs. Currie's office

25 and he wanted to know if there was a problem and I explained

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1 to him it wasn't a lieutenant, it was in fact me.

2 And k said, "Well, was there a problem with one of

3 my agents?" I said, "No."

4 And he said, "Do you mind if I ask you what the

5 problem was?" And I said, "Well, it was a personal problem.

6 And again, k seemed satisfied with that.

7 Q Any further discussion?

8 A Sergeant Williams approached me in the hall.

9 Q That same day?

10 A Yes, ma'am.

11 Q And what happened there?

12 A I touched upon that a little while ago. He asked

13 me if I had a conversation with the President.

14 Q Right. Okay. Any further conversations that day

15 with anyone about this incident that you recall?

16 A No, ma'am.

17 Q Okay. Have you discussed this incident with

18 Sergeant Williams since that day other than the one

19 conversation that you mentioned about a week or so ago that

20 we're going to talk about in a minute?

21 A He's asked me a little bit, you know, about what

22 had happened when all the stories started breaking, but

23 nothing as far as into details at all.

24 Q When he asked what had happened, what do you mean

25 by that?

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1 A When the stories started breaking about our

2 involvement in this issue and the issue came up, k

3 approached me about it.

4 Q And said what?

5 A Just, you know, something to the effect that,

6 "Hey, is this going to affect us? Are we going to have

7 to testify?" That type of thing.

8 Q Other than that type of conversation, anything

9 else?

10 A No.

11 Q Did he ever review any of the details of what

12 happened that day with you?

13 A No, ma'am.

14 Q At any time since that day?

15 A No, ma'am.

16 Q How did you hear that Sergeant Williams had seen

17 the President that day?

18 A. That-I don't know. That's kind of -- I mean,

19 how do I think Sergeant Williams found out about that?

20 Q No. No. You said about a week ago you had a

21 discussion with Sergeant Williams about whether k had seen

22 the President and it was based on something you had heard.

23 A Right. During the past several -- couple of weeks

24 anyways, I've been gathering information for one of the

25 subpoenas that's been issued as far as our postings are

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1 concerned and one of the sergeants -- well, I have one
 2 sergeant assigned on this detail with me, he told me that he
 3 heard that rumor.
 4 Q Who was the sergeant?
 5 A Sergeant Tom Mach.
 6 Q M-o-c-k?
 7 A M-a-c-h.
 8 MS. WIRTH: M-a-c-h
 9 MR. WISENBERG: Pardon me just a minute.
 10 (Pause.)
 11 BY MS. WIRTH:
 12 Q All right. okay. Other than this incident that
 13 you've testified about today, have you had any other
 14 encounters or knowledge of any encounters with Monica
 15 Lewinsky?
 16 A I remember when she was assigned to the East Wing
 17 of the White House.
 18 Q Did you know her?
 19 A Nothing more than exchanging, you know, hellos,
 20 that type of thing.
 21 Q Okay. Did you ever hear anything about any
 22 relationship between her and the President at the time that
 23 she was assigned to the White House or working at the White
 24 House?
 25 A I mean, of course I've heard things since, but at

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1 the time, no.
 2 MS. WIRTH: okay.
 3 BY MR. WISENBERG:
 4 Q I've got a couple of questions for you. Captain
 5 Purdie. Now, you said that you were originally called on
 6 this day by your operational lieutenant. Who was that?
 7 A Lieutenant Joe Stump or Joseph Stump.
 8 Q Okay. How do you spell that?
 9 A S-t-u-m-p.
 10 MR. WISENBERG: Let me show you real quickly what's
 11 been marked as JJP-I.
 12 (Grand Jury Exhibit No. JJP-I
 13 was marked for identification.)
 14 BY MR. WISENBERG:
 15 Q Those are your initials, JJP, correct?
 16 A That's correct.
 17 Q And this is kind of a rough scheme of the West Wing
 18 and it's a map with pre-printing and somebody's printed, also
 19 handprinted, and that's not your printing, is it?
 20 A No, it's not.
 21 Q I want to show you the Oval Office here and you'll
 22 see 8 door. Assuming the Oval Office is a clock, you'll see
 23 a door going out at 1:00.
 24 A Right.
 25 Q To an area that is marked on this map as reception

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1 area 1 and there's a little square or rectangle that says
 2 BC for Betty Currie, or I'm going to say for Betty Currie.
 3 Do you see that?
 4 A Yes, sir. I do.
 5 Q Okay. I want to just get for us so that we'll
 6 know, when you met with Betty Currie, I think you said on
 7 each occasion, did she close the door to her office?
 8 A Yes, sir. And that would be this door here.
 9 Q okay. That is the door?
 10 A Yes, sir.
 11 Q There's an arrow going through a zero or an O right
 12 near that door, right?
 13 A Right. The door adjacent to the hallway.
 14 Q Okay. I need a red pen. Would you just do me the
 15 favor of marking with a red pen approximately on this map
 16 where that door was that she closed?
 17 A Circle it?
 18 Q Yes. A dot or circle. Okay. As far as you knew,
 19 was there anybody other than Betty Currie in -- not counting
 20 the Oval Office, but just in reception area 1, including the
 21 interior office where Nancy Herrreich usually sits, was there
 22 anybody else there other than you and on one occasion you
 23 and -
 24 A The photographer.
 25 Q -- and Sergeant Williams. Well, after she got rid

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1 of the photographer.
 2 A Right. To my knowledge, there was nobody else
 3 present.
 4 Q Okay. On either of those meetings.
 5 A On either of those. The first time it would be
 6 Sergeant Williams, myself and Betty Currie.
 7 Q Okay.
 8 A And the second time it would have been Betty Currie
 9 and myself.
 10 Q And then the President came out in that second
 11 meeting.
 12 A Yes, sir.
 13 Q Okay. Thank you. The only time that you spoke to
 14 Sergeant Williams about this issue of whether or not he might
 15 have seen the President that day was the one you've talked to
 16 us about already, correct?
 17 A Yes, sir.
 18 MR. WISENBERG: Okay. That's all I had.
 19 Can we ask you to step outside for just a moment or
 20 two?
 21 THE WITNESS: sm. In the hallway?
 22 MS. WIRTH: Yes.
 23 MR. WISENBERG: Yes. Just down tk hallway there.
 24 We'll come get you in a minute or two.
 25 (Witness excused. Witness recalled.)

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<p>1 MR. WISENBERG: Let the record reflect that Captain 2 Purdie has reentered the grand jury room. 3 Madam Foreperson, are there any unauthorized 4 persons here? 5 THE FOREPERSON: No, there are none. 6 MR. WISENBERG: And what's the other question? 7 And we do have a quorum? 8 THE FOREPERSON: Yes, we do. 9 MR. WISENBERG: Thank you 0 MS. WIRTH: Captain Purdie, I'd like to remind you 1 that you are still under oath. 2 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am. 3 BY MR. WISENBERG: 4 Q There are some questions that the grand jurors 5 wanted asked and I will ask them and they might also have 6 some further questions that they'll personally ask. 7 A Okay. 8 Q When you went back at either time that day, when 9 you were talking to the officers in the trailer, did you 0 reprimand them at all, mildly or otherwise, for telling 1 anybody the President's location? 2 A No. 3 Q Did you reprimand them in any way, mildly or not, 4 about putting themselves in a situation where somebody could 5 overhear talk either among officers or on a radio about the</p>	<p>1 he's just &parted from the elevator. He's two minutes 2 away." 3 Q So somebody who is a fairly high level -- 4 A Sure. Depending on who the person is. 5 Q How about somebody who is not an official employee, 6 but who is a very important person, like a Vernon Jordan? 7 What if a Vernon Jordan -- 8 A I don't believe -- my gut feeling is that wouldn't 9 be appropriate to tell. 10 Q Okay. Now, how about the idea of letting somebody 11 even into that trailer? 12 A People come in that trailer all the time, sir. 13 Q Is there a policy against that? 14 A No, sir. 15 Q Even though it puts them in a position where they 16 might be more than likly to hear the President's location? 17 A Well, the trailer is actually a main entrance post 18 to the White House grounds. 19 Q Okay. But I take it also people shouldn't be in a 20 position where they overhear on a Secret Service radio the 21 President's location. 22 A That's correct. 23 Q Is that correct? 24 A That's correct. 25 Q Now, what I want to ask now is did you feel if the</p>
<p>Page 46</p> <p>1 President's location? 2 A No. I reminded them that they shouldn't. Now, to 3 me there's a clear-cut difference. A reprimand is done on a 4 one-on-one basis. 5 Q What was it exactly that you reminded them of? 6 A I reminded them as a group that whenever they're 7 talking about the location of the President or any 8 presidential guest, they need to be sure nobody is listening. 9 Q Okay. And how serious of a rule is that in the 3 Secret Service? 1 A You know, it's a policy. I don't know if I can 2 really come out with saying the severity of it. There's a 3 lot of contingents that are in there with that. 4 Q Would one contingent be if it's somebody who they 5 know visits the White House a whole lot and sees the 5 President a lot, somebody who's fairly important, would that 7 be a contingency where, as an example, it wouldn't be that 3 weird of a thing to say where the President is? 4 A Well, really, by policy, we're not supposed to tell 5 anybody where the President is. 1 Q Right. 2 A But I'll give an example, if the Chief of Staff 3 calls out, walks out to one of the posts or Mrs. Currie walks 4 out and says, "Is the President en route to the Oval Office?" 5 It would be appropriate for the officer to say, "Yes, ma'am,</p>	<p>Page 4.</p> <p>1 only issue was, and I'm not trying to downplay the importance 2 of it, but if the only issue was revealing the President's 3 location to somebody who had been to the White House before, 4 was not considered a threat, did you feel that the situation 5 when you came on the scene, the kind of upsetness of 6 Mrs. Currie and the President, according to what she said, 7 was kind of out of proportion to just somebody was told where 8 the President's location was? 9 A If I understand the question correctly, I really 10 didn't give it any thought to why they were upset, I just -- 11 the fact that she was upset was evident to me when I first 12 visited her. 13 Q That was your main concern. 14 A Yes, sir. 15 Q Has this ever been done before, where the location 16 gets revealed? 17 A I'm sure. Yes. 18 Q Are you aware of anyone who's ever been reprimanded 19 for it? 20 A Not that I can remember in recent history. 21 Q Okay. What was the big deal that the President of 22 the United States or the executive secretary to the President 23 of the United States and/or the President were so upset over 24 the violation of this policy? 25 A I never gave that any thought. When I first</p>

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1 visited Mrs. Currie, my main concern was that she was upset
 2 and she is a high ranking passholder.
 3 Q Why do you think she told you, and you correct me
 4 if I get it wrong, why do you think she told you that this
 5 information that Monica Lewinsky was told about the fact that
 6 Eleanor Mondale was with the President, why do you think she
 7 shared those specifics with you?
 8 A Again, I think that was the root of the problem, of
 9 why she was upset.
 10 Q The root of tk problem in what sense? Just that's
 11 what happened that day?
 12 A Mrs. Currie was upset and I believe that's why she
 13 was upset.
 14 Q Okay. Do you think she was upset because it was
 15 those two individuals, Monica Lewinsky and Eleanor Mondale?
 16 A I really couldn't give an answer to that. What I
 17 can give an answer to, she was upset.
 18 Q You had mentioned on this issue of Sergeant
 19 Williams, assuming that Sergeant Williams did talk to the
 20 President that day --
 21 A Okay.
 22 Q Would one of the reasons that he might not
 23 volunteer that to you have to do with rank, the fact that the
 24 President would k talking to bim about it before k talked
 25 to you?

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1 A I know Sergeant Williams personally. First of all,
 2 I don't know for sure if k did talk to tk President. When
 3 I approached him about it at a later date, which wasn't that
 4 long ago from today's date, he told me that the door to the
 5 Oval Office was cracked and at that point I told him that k
 6 needed to talk to the Secret Service legal counsel. And in
 7 generalities, I don't think that would have anything to do
 8 with rank, why k wouldn't -- if that in fact did happen, and
 9 I don't know in fact it did happen.
 10 A JUROR: Excuse me. Why did you advise him to
 11 talk to counsel because the door had been cracked? What
 12 prompted you?
 13 THE WITNESS: Well, I had heard a rumor that
 14 Sergeant Williams had a conversation with the President.
 15 And I approached Sergeant Williams about this rumor and when
 16 he told me that when he was in with Mrs. Currie on his first
 17 visit, which was by himself, I believe he was by himself in
 18 the office at that time, that the door to the Oval Office was
 19 cracked.
 20 Before Sergeant Williams could tell me any more
 21 about this issue, I told him pretty much that I didn't want
 22 to discuss it with him, I think he needed to seek our legal
 23 counsel.
 24 A JUROR: Oh, this is recently.
 25 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

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1 A JUROR: That's right.
 2 THE WITNESS: It was about a week ago or so.
 3 A JUROR: I understand. Thank you.
 4 BY MR. WISENBERG:
 5 Q Did Sergeant Williams ever tell you that he
 6 personally overheard the President say anything?
 7 A No, sir.
 8 Q On that day?
 9 A No, sir. When Sergeant Williams told me what I
 10 just explained about the door being cracked, k continued to
 11 go on. I can only surmise what he was going to tell me, but
 12 I don't think it would be fair to Sergeant Williams, wouldn't
 13 be fair to anybody.
 14 MR. WISENBERG: Okay. Fair enough.
 15 Any other questions?
 16 (No response.)
 17 MR. WISENBERG: If there are no more questions, may
 18 the witness be excused?
 19 THE FOREPERSON: Yes, k may.
 20 MR. WISENBERG: Thank you very much.
 21 THE FOREPERSON: You are excused.
 22 THE WITNESS: No more questions?
 23 MS. WIRTH: No.
 24 MR. WISENBERG: No.
 25 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

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1 MS. WIRTH: Thank you.
 2 THE FOREPERSON: You are excused. Thank you.
 3 (The witness was excused.)
 4 (Whereupon, at 4:04 p.m., the taking of testimony
 5 in the presence of a full quorum of the Grand Jury was
 6 concluded.)
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Tuesday, August 11, 1998

The testimony of JEFFREY JAMES PURDIE was taken in
the presence of a full quorum of Grand Jury 97-2, impaneled
on September 19, 1991, commencing at 4:18 p.m., before:

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1 Q So you've never been invited to a dinner in the
2 residence of the White House?

3 A The private residence, no, ma'am.

4 Q Okay. When you say a Secret Sea-vice Christmas
5 function, what is that?

6 A They have a party for Secret Service where they
7 also invite some White House staff and military. Last year.
8 I believe it was about 300 to 500 people, somewhere in that
9 area, people that are invited. It's a Christmas reception.

10 You come in -- it's just like any social function at the
11 White House. They give you a number and you get your picture
12 taken with the President and you get hors d'oeuvres and
13 beverages.

14 Q Okay. And that is not in the residence, that's in
15 the main part?

16 A That would be on the ground floor or the state
17 floor, which are considered the public rooms of the White
18 House.

19 Q Okay. And did you attend such a Christmas function
20 in December of 1997?

21 A Yes, I believe I did.

22 Q Okay. And had you attended one like that
23 previously?

24 A Yes, ma'am.

25 Q Okay. Do you go every year?

PROCEEDINGS

1 Whereupon,
2
3 JEFFREY JAMES PURDIE
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 MS. WIRTH:

9 Q Captain Purdie, do you remember your rights and
10 responsibilities as a witness in the grand jury as they were
11 explained to you the last time you appeared?

12 A Yes, I believe I do.

13 Q Okay. And you understand that you've taken an oath
14 to tell the truth today, correct?

15 A Yes, ma'am.

16 Q Okay. Can you tell the grand jury whether you have
17 ever been invited to a dinner in the residence?

18 A When you say "the residence" --

19 Q Of the White House.

20 A I have been invited to social functions as well
21 as other captains at the White House, meaning the Christmas
22 party. It's called the Secret Service Christmas party.
23 But as far as in the private residence, meaning the second
24 floor, no, ma'am. I have not. However, I have heard those
25 rumors as well as you have.

1 A There may have been one year I didn't go because of
2 my wife being pregnant, but every year that I've been
3 invited -- all captains in the uniform division and above are
4 invited. Excuse me. All captains at the White House are
5 invited.

6 Q All right. And other than the Secret Service
7 Christmas party, have you ever been to any other parties in
8 the White House?

9 A Not when I wasn't working. No, ma'am.

10 Q Okay. Okay. Other than the conversation that
11 you've testified about previously that you had with the
12 President on the day of the incident --

13 A Yes, ma'am.

14 Q Approximately December 6, 1997, when the President
15 said something to you to the effect of -- something about
16 discretion?

17 A The word "discretion" was used. Yes, ma'am.

18 Q Use your discretion. Other than that conversation,
19 have you had any other conversations with the President about
20 the incident at the northwest gate?

21 A No, ma'am.

22 MS. WIRTH: Okay. We're going to ask you to step
23 outside for just a moment.

24 THE WITNESS: okay.

25 MS. WIRTH: Thanks.

