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BRYANT OWEN WITHROW, JR., Lieutenant, United States Secret Service (USSS), Uniformed Division, was interviewed at the Office of the Independent Counsel (OIC), 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC, 20004. Present for the interview were Associate Independent Counsel (AIC) MARY ANNE WIRTH, AIC MICHAEL TRAVERS and Department of Justice (DOJ) attorneys GARY GRINDLER and JONATHAN SCHWARTZ. WITHROW was interviewed under the terms of an agreement between OIC and DOJ. WITHROW was apprised of the official identities of the interviewers and the nature of the interview and thereafter provided the following information:

WITHROW has been employed by the USSS since May of 1973 and has been assigned to the White House for the past three years. WITHROW has never been assigned to a post near the Oval Office. WITHROW is the Lieutenant in charge of the Special Operations Division (SOD) of the USSS. The SOD handles special events and tours of the White House.

WITHROW first met MONICA LEWINSKY in the Fall or Winter of 1995. WITHROW believes he met LEWINSKY in the East Wing while LEWINSKY was working in the Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA). WITHROW would pass the OLA at least once during his normal rounds. WITHROW was friendly with LEWINSKY, but they never spoke for more than thirty seconds. WITHROW never saw LEWINSKY outside the White House.

On one occasion, LEWINSKY asked WITHROW when the President's helicopter was arriving at the White House. WITHROW can not remember what he told LEWINSKY; he may have given her a vague answer or he may have told her when it arrived.

WITHROW believes he may have known when LEWINSKY was transferred to the Pentagon. WITHROW thinks LEWINSKY may have had a label as a Presidential "groupie." LEWINSKY wanted to know where the President was. WITHROW does not know of anyone else who was labeled a Presidential "groupie." WITHROW advised LEWINSKY would go to the Navy "mess." WITHROW presumed the reason LEWINSKY went to the Navy "mess" was because the walk from her office to the Navy "mess" could result in seeing the President.

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WITHROW advised the telephone number [REDACTED] is the USSS pager switchboard. WITHROW's personal identification number [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]. WITHROW is not familiar with a pin of [REDACTED]. WITHROW advised his wife's birthday is [REDACTED], so he will use [REDACTED] as his pin for accessing voicemail.

WITHROW advised he could have given LEWINSKY his business card, but he does not recall doing so. WITHROW was shown a photocopy of document "MSL-DC-00001170," which is a business card of BRYANT O. WITHROW, JR. of the United States Secret Service, which was found in MONICA LEWINSKY's apartment during a consensual search, conducted by the OIC on January 22, 1998. WITHROW advised the numbers written on the card [REDACTED] were in his handwriting.

WITHROW does not know any USSS employees who were friends with LEWINSKY.

WITHROW does not know the names GLEN MAES or BAYANI NELVIS. WITHROW knows the White House stewards by sight alone. WITHROW has no knowledge of a relationship between LEWINSKY and any of the stewards.

WITHROW knows JAMIE BETH SCHWARTZ. WITHROW works closely with the White House Visitors office. SCHWARTZ worked in the Social Office. WITHROW had a friendly relationship with SCHWARTZ, but did not socialize with her. WITHROW does not think he discussed LEWINSKY with SCHWARTZ.

WITHROW has been to a bar named "The Bottom Line" once in the past ten years. WITHROW believes that occasion may have been after an event at the White House. WITHROW can only recall MELINDA BATES being there from the White House. WITHROW knows NICOLE MAFFEO by sight alone. WITHROW believes MATT FRITSCH may have been at "The Bottom Line" the last time WITHROW was there.

WITHROW is positive he did not tell SCHWARTZ about a rumor that the President and MONICA LEWINSKY were caught in a compromising situation.

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SCHWARTZ left employ at the White House approximately two months ago. About two weeks ago, SCHWARTZ left a message for WITHROW but WITHROW did not return the call. SCHWARTZ has not called WITHROW any other time since she left employ at the White House.

WITHROW recalls seeing LEWINSKY at a Christmas party this past December. WITHROW believes he saw LEWINSKY outside the visitor's entrance. WITHROW believes it was a Christmas party for the military. One of the Uniformed Division personnel may have mentioned to WITHROW that LEWINSKY was at the gate. SCHWARTZ may have been working that party, but WITHROW has no recollection of her being there. WITHROW does not recall saying anything to SCHWARTZ about LEWINSKY.

WITHROW advised he had a "feeling" the White House wanted to keep LEWINSKY away from the President, because of her reputation as a "groupie." WITHROW has not heard of the term "clutch," in describing Presidential "groupies."

The only USSS employee WITHROW spoke to about LEWINSKY was GARY BYRNE. WITHROW can not recall the topic of the conversation in anymore detail, other than it was about LEWINSKY. WITHROW and BYRNE worked together at one time. WITHROW has no knowledge of LEWINSKY giving gifts to USSS personnel. WITHROW has no knowledge of lipstick-stained tissue being found in the Oval Office.

