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FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE:

GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS

Grand Jury Room No. 2  
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for the District of Columbia  
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Tuesday, July 28, 1998

The testimony of REGINALD HIGHTOWER was taken in  
the presence of a full quorum of Grand Jury 97-5, Impaneled  
on December 5, 1997 commencing at 9:09 a.m. before:

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1 Whereupon,  
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3 REGINALD HIGHTOWER  
4 was called as a witness and, having been first duly sworn by  
5 the Foreperson of the Grand Jury, was examined and testified  
6 as follows:

EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. SUSANIN:

8 Q Good morning, sir.

9 A Good morning.

10 Q Would you please state your full name and spell  
11 your last name for the record?

12 A My name is Reginald Hightower. R-e-g-i-n-a-l-d  
13 Hightower, H-i-g-h-t-o-w-e-r.

14 MR. SUSANIN: Mr. Hightower, we briefly met a  
15 moment ago, but let me reintroduce myself while we're on the  
16 record. And, incidentally, I'll ask the foreperson if there  
17 is a quorum.

18 THE FOREPERSON: There is a quorum.

19 MR. SUSANIN: And whether there are any  
20 unauthorized in the room?

21 THE FOREPERSON: No, there are no unauthorized  
22 people.

23 MR. SUSANIN: Okay. Thank you, ma'am.

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1 BY MR. SUSANIN:

2 Q Sir, again, my name is Timothy Susanin. I'm an  
3 associate independent counsel. I want to let you know who  
4 else is in the room.

5 Across from me is the court reporter. To my left  
6 is the foreperson of the grand jury. At the far end of the  
7 table are other members of the grand jury. And everyone  
8 sitting out in the chairs are also ladies and gentlemen of  
9 the grand jury.

10 A Yes.

11 Q As you know, I'm going to be asking you some  
12 questions before the grand jury this morning; and I want to  
13 take a moment or two to let you know about some rights and  
14 obligations you have before this grand jury. Do you  
15 understand, sir?

16 A Yes, I do.

17 Q Before we get started, I'm going to ask that you  
18 try to elevate your voice as loudly as possible, so the  
19 individuals in the back can hear you.

20 A Okay.

21 Q I know it's going to be tough. At times, you might  
22 feel like you're shouting at us. But we're going to ask you  
23 to do that, so everyone can hear you loudly and clearly.

24 Let me tell you, before we begin, you have the  
25 right to counsel, sir. You don't have the right to have an

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<p>1 attorney in the room here with you, but you do have the right 2 to stop at any time and step outside and consult with your 3 attorney. Do you understand that? 4 A I understand that. 5 Q And do you have an attorney here with you today? 6 A I have a Secret Service, yes. I understand. 7 Q Secret Service attorney? 8 A Yes, sir. 9 Q Do you have a personal attorney? 10 A No. No. 11 Q And who are the Secret Service attorneys you have 12 here with you today? 13 A Matt, I forget his last name, and Tom Doherty. 14 Yes. 15 Q You let us know if you want to stop and consult 16 with them. 17 A Oh, absolutely. Absolutely. 18 Q I'm also going to ask that you make sure you wait 19 until I'm finished speaking 'til you answer a question, and 20 I'm going to try to wait until you finish your answer before 21 I start up again, just so the court reporter can take us down 22 easily. 23 A Yes. 24 Q You are under oath: do you understand that, sir? 25 A Yes, I do.</p>	<p>1 A Yes, I am. 2 Q Tell the ladies and gentlemen where you work within 3 the Secret Service, Agent Hightower. 4 A I'm assigned to the Presidential Protective 5 Division and right now I'm on the counter-assault team. 6 Q The counter-assault team? 7 A Yes, I am. 8 Q I'm going to remind you again to try to keep your 9 voice up. 10 A Okay. 11 MR. SUSANIN: I know it's difficult, but as much as 12 possible. Ladies and gentlemen, let us know if you're 13 having problems hearing, okay? 14 BY MR. SUSANIN: 15 Q Is the detail that you're assigned to known as the 16 PPD? 17 A Yes, it is. 18 Q Tell the ladies and gentlemen how many years you've 19 been with the Secret Service. 20 A I've been in the Secret Service nine-and-a-half 21 years, now. 22 Q And when did you start with the PPD? 23 A I started with PPD March of 1996. 24 Q And were you with the Uniformed Division before 25 then?</p>
<p>Page 6</p> <p>1 Q You have an obligation to tell the truth before 2 this grand jury? 3 A Yes, I do. 4 Q And you understand that you can't mislead the grand 5 jury? 6 A Yes. 7 Q And that indicating to the grand jury that you 8 don't recall something when you do would count as not telling 9 the truth. Do you understand that, sir? 10 A Oh, yes, I do. 11 Q You have a Fifth Amendment right against self- 12 incrimination. In other words, if you feel that the truthful 13 answer to a question I posed to you would tend to incriminate 14 you, you have the right not to answer that question. Do you 15 understand that, sir? 16 A Yes, I do. 17 Q Lastly, I want to ask you to make sure, as you've 18 been doing, that you give a verbal response here before the 19 ladies and gentlemen. In other words, you can't nod your 20 head or shake your head. You have to give us a "Yes" or 21 "No," so the court reporter can take you down. Do you 22 understand that, sir? 23 A I understand that. 24 Q All right. Let's begin, sir. You're a special 25 agent with the Secret Service; is that correct?</p>	<p>Page 8</p> <p>1 A No, I was not. 2 Q Where did you work before you were with the PPD? 3 A Before I came to PPD, I was assigned to Chicago 4 Field Office. 5 Q What did you do there? 6 A Investigate Secret Service violations. 7 Q How many years were you in the Chicago Field 8 Office? 9 A Seven years, approximately seven years. 10 Q So you started -- 11 A Yes. 12 Q -- with the Secret Service in the Chicago Field 13 Office? 14 A Yes, I did. 15 Q And once you started with the PPD -- I believe you 16 said in March of '96; is that right? 17 A That's correct. 18 Q -- where did you work specifically? 19 A I was in the Chicago Field Office. 20 Q No, I mean as of March of '96. 21 A Oh. The Presidential Protective Division. 22 Q And that's at the White House? 23 A That's at the White House, correct. 24 Q Did you have a particular shift or assignment 25 within PPD, starting in March of '96?</p>

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1 A I was assigned to a shift, and a shift does the  
2 protection around the President.  
3 Q Now, did you have an occasion -- let me back up.  
4 You've been with the PPD continuously since March of '96 'til  
5 today; is that right?  
6 A That's correct.  
7 Q And I believe you said you also are with the  
8 counter-surveillance team currently?  
9 A Counter-assault team right now.  
10 Q Counter-assault team?  
11 A Yes.  
12 Q And when were you assigned to that?  
13 A I went to counter-assault March of '97.  
14 Q And would you have been assigned to counter-assault  
15 once you finished that training?  
16 A Yes. Well, I started counter-assault March of '97.  
17 Q I see.  
18 A And I've been on counter-assault since then.  
19 Q Is that something that -- is that a duty that's a  
20 collateral duty to your other duties within the PPD?  
21 A If I could explain --  
22 Q Please do.  
23 A -- when I came to Presidential Protective  
24 Division, it has several little units inside of it, as well.  
25 When I first got to Presidential Protective Division, I was

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1 on a shift, and the shift is work around the President.  
2 After a year or so, they transfer agents to a  
3 satellite detail, if you will, and that's where I'm at right  
4 now. I'm on a satellite detail.  
5 Q And your satellite detail is counter-assault?  
6 A Counter-assault team.  
7 Q And you've been there since March of '97?  
8 A Since March, correct, March of '97.  
9 Q Give the ladies and gentlemen, if you would, sir,  
10 just a thumbnail sketch of what you do now with the counter-  
11 assault team.  
12 A Counter-assault, for lack of a better word, is a  
13 SWAT team, if you will. That's it.  
14 Q In the year that you worked a shift -- that is,  
15 from March of '96 to March of '97 -- did you become familiar  
16 with a Secret Service post near the Oval Office known as [REDACTED]?  
17 A Yes. I did. Yes.  
18 Q Describe for us where that post is.  
19 A Well, it's been a while since I pushed posts around  
20 the White House. [REDACTED] if that's the correct post, we're  
21 talking about the Oval door. Is that what you're referring  
22 to? I don't know whether -- I can't recall whether it's [REDACTED]  
23 or [REDACTED].  
24 Q Okay. You made reference to Oval door, the Oval  
25 door. Tell the ladies and gentlemen about that post.

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1 A Can I check with counsel for a second?  
2 Q Well, let me withdraw that question, then.  
3 A Okay.  
4 Q Do you feel that's going to get into a security  
5 area?  
6 A Yes, sir. I do.  
7 Q Let me ask a different way, then. During your  
8 shift work, would you stand outside a door that leads to the  
9 Oval Office?  
10 A Yes, I would.  
11 Q And your recollection is this is known as either [REDACTED]  
12 or [REDACTED]?  
13 A Yes, it is. It's one of the two. I don't know the  
14 number off the top of my head.  
15 Q Okay. Let me ask you if -- and is this known as  
16 the main door to the Oval Office?  
17 A I'm trying to answer that. I mean, there are a  
18 number of doors, I guess. Can I talk to someone about that  
19 one?  
20 Q If you feel you need to, you can. But let me see  
21 if I can get this a different way.  
22 A Okay.  
23 Q Is there a door that leads into the Oval Office  
24 that has a little table to the right of the door with a  
25 telephone on it?

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1 A Yes, there is.  
2 Q And is this the door that you were talking about a  
3 minute ago --  
4 A Yes.  
5 Q -- when you said that you would sometimes stand  
6 posts outside the Oval door?  
7 A Yes, sir.  
8 Q All right. If you're standing looking at that door  
9 with the telephone table next to it, there are doors to the  
10 right down the hallway that lead into the Oval Office dining  
11 room and pantry; is that correct?  
12 A If you're standing outside the Oval, at my post  
13 that we're talking about, correct?  
14 Q If you're standing outside, looking at that  
15 door --  
16 A Okay.  
17 Q -- where the telephone table is.  
18 A Are there doors to the right?  
19 Q That's my question.  
20 A Yes, there are doors to the right.  
21 Q And those doors go into the Oval dining room and  
22 pantry area; is that correct?  
23 A I recall maybe one that goes in there. I mean,  
24 that's what I recall.  
25 Q And when you say "goes in there," it goes into the

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1 dining room, pantry area?

2 A Goes into the pantry area, which eventually leads

3 into the Oval and study, if you will.

4 Q And then, as you're looking at the Oval door, with

5 the telephone next to it, to the left, down the hall, is

6 where the President's secretary sits, is that correct, Mrs.

7 Currie?

8 A That's correct.

9 Q And there's also an entrance into the Oval Office

10 through the secretary area?

11 A Yes, it is.

12 Q Now, how many times would you say, in the year that

13 you did shift work by that door, that you ever heard that

14 telephone ring?

15 A The telephone that's by the post?

16 Q That's right.

17 A Oh, Lord. I can't recall. It rings. You know, it

18 rings.

19 Q Did you ever ring when you were on duty there?

20 A Oh, absolutely.

21 Q And when you were standing duty by that door, would

22 you normally be alone?

23 A Standing post there, sir?

24 Q That's right.

25 A [REDACTED]

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1 [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]

5 Q [REDACTED]?

6 A [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 Q And then does Uniform stay in the hallway while

9 you're outside that door?

10 A We're within earshot of, or eyeshot of each other,

11 correct.

12 Q How many feet away would you say you are for

13 Uniformed Division when you come on duty at that door?

14 A Go with 15 yards. That's just an estimate.

15 Approximately 15 yards, or less.

16 Q Agent Hightower, let me ask you if you know an

17 individual by the name of Monica Lewinsky.

18 A No, I do not.

19 Q Have you come to know her through press reports,

20 since January of this year?

21 A Yes. Yes.

22 Q Did you ever see her in the West Wing?

23 A I vaguely recall seeing her in the West Wing.

24 Q What do you recall?

25 A As a new agent on a detail, you try to remember

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1 faces, and I vaguely remember her face. I mean, maybe press

2 reports and pictures jarred the memory. You know, I might

3 remember her.

4 Q Do you know an individual by the name -- an

5 individual from the Uniformed Division -- by the name of John

6 Muskett?

7 A I would know Muskett by face, if I saw him. The

8 name, it doesn't -- I can't put the name with the face.

9 MR. SUSANIN: Excuse me for one second.

10 (Interruption to the proceedings.)

11 MR. SUSANIN: Let me state for the record that I've

12 been joined by one of my colleagues from the Independent

13 Counsel's Office. Ed Page.

14 BY MR. SUSANIN:

15 Q Now, Agent Hightower, do you recall working Easter

16 Sunday of 1996?

17 A No, I can't recall whether I worked that day or

18 not.

19 Q Did you routinely work holidays as part of your

20 shift duty, from March of '96 to March of '97?

21 A Yes, we do. Yes, I do. Yes, I did.

22 Q How frequently would you work a major holiday?

23 A You know, I -- the frequency, I don't know. I

24 mean, the shift alignment is done by the boss, and I -- I

25 don't know how frequently I may have worked a holiday that

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1 year.

2 Q In a given work week, what was your normal

3 schedule? Did you normally work weekdays, weekends?

4 A It depends. It's not a regular Saturday, Sunday,

5 weekends off job, or mornings off or days off.

6 [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 Q [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

14 A [REDACTED]

15 Q [REDACTED]

16 A [REDACTED]

17 Q [REDACTED]

18 A [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]

21 Q Okay. I want to get an understanding for the grand

22 jurors as to how weekends factored into the schedule.

23 A It's there, it's no rhyme or reason to it. Maybe

24 they put new guys on weekend. I don't know.

25 But it depends. You can work Wednesday through

1 -- through Monday, and maybe you might not have a day off  
 2 during that week, if the schedule is tight. It's no better  
 3 way, I guess, I could describe that.  
 4 Q In that year that you did shift work, can you  
 5 -- can you estimate for the grand jurors, let's say in a  
 6 given month, how many weekends you would work?  
 7 A It's hard to do, but if I throw something out,  
 8 maybe a couple weekends a month. I mean, it's hard.  
 9 Q Do you remember, during the time you did shift  
 10 work, an incident where you and an officer from the Uniformed  
 11 Division were outside this door that we've been speaking  
 12 about with the telephone cable, where Monica Lewinsky came on  
 13 a Sunday to see the President?  
 14 A No, I do not.  
 15 Q Could it have happened and you just forgot it,  
 16 Special Agent Hightower?  
 17 A That's possible, yes.  
 18 BY MR. PAGE:  
 19 Q So, in view of that answer, Officer, you can't  
 20 exclude that that event that's been just described to you in  
 21 fact happened?  
 22 A Oh, I can't exclude whether she visited or anybody  
 23 else visited, for that fact.  
 24 BY MR. SUSANIN:  
 25 Q Do you ever recall seeing Monica Lewinsky in the

1 the Oval Office to let the President know there was a phone  
 2 call for him?  
 3 A No, I do not.  
 4 Q Can you tell the ladies and gentlemen of the grand  
 5 jury how frequently in that year that you did shift work,  
 6 from March of '96 to March of '97, you would be in a position  
 7 to go in and let the President know that there was a phone  
 8 call for him?  
 9 A You wouldn't be, more or less. His direct line  
 10 would probably ring.  
 11 Q So, given your answer, if, in fact you did go in to  
 12 find the President for a phone call, is that the type of  
 13 thing that would be unusual and stick out in your memory?  
 14 A In my memory? No. There's just so many things  
 15 that happen, really, you could forget about something. Now,  
 16 did that happen to me? Uh-huh. I don't think so. No.  
 17 Q Do you ever remember knocking on that door that  
 18 we've been talking about to get a message in to the President  
 19 on a weekend?  
 20 A No, No, I do not.  
 21 Q Do you remember ever stepping into the Oval Office  
 22 to look for the President, to get him a message?  
 23 A No, I do not.  
 24 Q How many times, in the year that you did shift work  
 25 at that doorway, would you have gone in, would you have

1 West Wing on a weekend?  
 2 A I have -- like I say, I vaguely recall her. And  
 3 whether it was on a weekend or not, I don't know.  
 4 Q Well, can you give the grand jurors a sense of what  
 5 the traffic through that area was like on a weekend, as  
 6 opposed to a weekday?  
 7 A Sure. Traffic on the West Wing is minimum on a  
 8 weekend.  
 9 Q And how about a holiday?  
 10 A It's probably about the same, or maybe less. It's  
 11 not a lot of traffic in the West Wing on the weekends.  
 12 During the business days, there's a lot of traffic, there's a  
 13 lot of people.  
 14 Q Do you ever remember an incident shortly after you  
 15 started shift work -- and you had never done PPD work before  
 16 March of '96; is that correct?  
 17 A That's correct.  
 18 Q Do you remember an incident, when you were still  
 19 fairly new to shift work, in the West Wing, where the  
 20 operator called to that table, the phone on the table that  
 21 we've been talking about, saying she had a call for the  
 22 President, but he wasn't picking up inside the Oval?  
 23 A No, I do not.  
 24 Q Do you remember an incident shortly after you  
 25 started shift work in the West Wing where you had to go into

1 initiated going in to have communications with the President?  
 2 A Never. We would never -- I would never do that.  
 3 Q Why is that?  
 4 A Initiating communications with him wasn't part of  
 5 what I would -- I'm doing there, if you will, as I understood  
 6 it.  
 7 Q If someone had come to you at that post with a  
 8 message, or with information to get to the President, how  
 9 would you have handled that? Was there a procedure?  
 10 A The staff people who would come there with a  
 11 message for him, or whomever, knows to go around into the  
 12 secretary's office or, if he's expecting them, they would go  
 13 right in.  
 14 Q And how about if they had a message for the  
 15 President and it was on a weekend, so the secretary wasn't  
 16 there?  
 17 A They would walk right in through the secretary's  
 18 office.  
 19 Q Is that locked or unlocked on the weekends?  
 20 A I believe it's locked.  
 21 Q So how would they get in?  
 22 A We would have to let them in, I believe.  
 23 Q And how would that take place?  
 24 A Key. We had a key.  
 25 Q I mean, what kind of verification would you do?

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<p>1 A Well, you would see the people by sight, and they 2 have a pass, a hard pass. Do I need to explain that? Okay. 3 Q Now, you've testified that you believe the post 4 that we're talking about is either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] -- 5 A Yes, sir. 6 Q -- is that correct? Do you know of a post at the 7 White House complex designated [REDACTED]? 8 A [REDACTED]? No, I do not. I don't recall that. 9 Q And how about a post designated [REDACTED]? 10 A Yes, I know [REDACTED], but I know it's a gatepost. 11 Q Which gate is that? 12 A If I saw the diagram, I could tell you. I can't 13 recall off the top of my head. I mean, I know the post, 14 but -- 15 Q Okay. Let me show you a diagram that's been marked 16 as Grand Jury Exhibit, we're going to call it your initials, 17 which is RH. Do you have a middle initial? 18 A No middle initial. 19 MR. SUSANIN: All right. We'll call this RH-1. 20 (Grand Jury Exhibit No. RH-1 21 was marked for identification.) 22 BY MR. SUSANIN: 23 Q Do you recognize what that is a chart of, Agent 24 Hightower? 25 A Yes. It's the White House grounds.</p>	<p>1 Q Are there two southwest gates? 2 A There are some -- there are -- yes, correct. 3 Q How about [REDACTED]? 4 A I know where [REDACTED] is. [REDACTED] is this one right 5 here, because that's the place we take our tours. 6 Q How about [REDACTED]? 7 A I don't know where [REDACTED] is at, no. 8 Q [REDACTED]? 9 A No. 10 Q [REDACTED]? 11 A No. 12 Q [REDACTED]? 13 A Oh, no. 14 Q Do you know where [REDACTED] is? 15 A [REDACTED]? Yeah. Again, that's another one of the 16 gates here. It's either up here -- if you want me to mark 17 something on here, I will. I believe it's this one right 18 here. 19 Q Can you mark where you believe it is? 20 A I think -- yes. I will mark where I believe [REDACTED] 21 is. 22 Q How about [REDACTED]? 23 A I'm running out of gates, now. [REDACTED] would be this 24 one right here, I would believe. 25 Q [REDACTED]?</p>
<p>1 Q Okay. Are you able to point out on there where 2 Gage [REDACTED] is? 3 A Yes, sir. Sir, it's -- again, I mean, the post is 4 not on here, but it's one of these gates around here. But 5 this is [REDACTED]. This might be [REDACTED] right here, sir, east 6 appointment gate 7 Q I'm going to ask you to put [REDACTED] on there, with the 8 pen. How about [REDACTED]? Do you know where that gate is? 9 A [REDACTED] might be this one. 10 Q How about [REDACTED]? 11 A I don't know which one is -- [REDACTED] might be the 12 visitor's center, I guess. I don't know. I'll put it there. 13 Q Now, are you guessing? 14 A Well, I mean, I'm trying to recall. The diagrams I 15 looked at got the post on there. And I mean, there's so many 16 gates. I know where the entrances are to the White House, 17 but if you would ask me, "Reg, is that [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]," well, 18 yeah, I think that's [REDACTED], correct. 19 Q Do you know where [REDACTED] is? 20 A [REDACTED]. Yeah, I know [REDACTED] off the top of my 21 head, but I couldn't mark it on the diagram. 22 Q Can you tell me where it is? 23 A I would believe [REDACTED] is -- I know it's a south 24 gate. It's maybe the south -- that's [REDACTED] -- southwest 25 gate, one of the southwest gates, I believe.</p>	<p>1 A [REDACTED]. I don't know where [REDACTED] is at, sir. 2 Q How about [REDACTED]? 3 A I'll put this one [REDACTED]. 4 Q Is that where you believe [REDACTED] is? 5 A That's where I believe it is, yeah. 6 Q How about [REDACTED]? 7 A I would look at the diagram. I'm trying to recall 8 these gates. No, [REDACTED], I don't know. No. 9 Q [REDACTED]? 10 A No. No. 11 Q [REDACTED]? 12 A No. 13 Q [REDACTED]? 14 A No. Okay. Keep going. 15 Q [REDACTED], do you know where that is? 16 A [REDACTED]? No. Do you want me to tell you ones I do 17 know? 18 Q Why don't you? 19 A All right. 20 Q Are there any on there that you know? Let me ask 21 you one more before you do that. 22 A Okay. 23 Q [REDACTED]? 24 A [REDACTED] That's -- I know that's in the Old 25 Executive Office Building somewhere. That's the only thing I</p>

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<p>1 can tell you.</p> <p>2 I know it's -- most of them, ■■■. As, have</p> <p>3 kind of got a designation, you can kind of recall where</p> <p>4 they're at. But again, I haven't looked at a map in a while.</p> <p>5 Q Let me ask you to mark the Old Executive Building</p> <p>6 on that chart with ■■■, then. You believe it's somewhere in</p> <p>7 the Old Executive?</p> <p>8 A Yes, sir, I believe it is. Yeah. I know it's in</p> <p>9 the Old Executive. It's a ■. It's a ■■■.</p> <p>10 Q Can you mark ■■■ on Old Executive there?</p> <p>11 A No. I tell you what. I probably -- the one that</p> <p>12 I'm most familiar with, with the number, would probably be ■-</p> <p>13 something, where you go into the credit union, at the main</p> <p>14 entrance where most people go into the credit union. It's</p> <p>15 off of Pennsylvania -- 17th Street.</p> <p>16 Q And that's a ■ gate?</p> <p>17 A It's a ■ gate, correct.</p> <p>18 Q Let me back up and ask you about something you just</p> <p>19 said, that the different letters have different designations.</p> <p>20 Are all ■-gates in the Old Executive Building?</p> <p>21 A Can I just hold on that one? I haven't said it</p> <p>22 right. Yeah. Mostly, I would assume ■ are in the Old</p> <p>23 Executive Office Building. Correct.</p> <p>24 Q And how about ■ and ■?</p> <p>25 A ■ and ■■■ are probably the south grounds and ■■■</p>	<p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q -- to people that are staffers, in one category,</p> <p>3 and people that actually are White House employees, maybe</p> <p>4 beyond administration --</p> <p>5 A Yes, sir.</p> <p>6 Q -- on the other. As you said, groundskeepers,</p> <p>7 butlers, that kind of a thing.</p> <p>8 A Yes, sir.</p> <p>9 Q Do staffers use different gates from those</p> <p>10 employees?</p> <p>11 A That's a possibility. Yes, sir.</p> <p>12 Q Do you know?</p> <p>13 A Do I know that they probably go through other</p> <p>14 gates? Yes, sir.</p> <p>15 Q And explain your answer.</p> <p>16 A Again, through either of those checkpoints there.</p> <p>17 They can go through the east gate, the north gate, the south</p> <p>18 gate, or -- the visitor's center -- east, north, or south.</p> <p>19 Q And who are you talking about now --</p> <p>20 A The staff.</p> <p>21 Q -- the staffers or the employees?</p> <p>22 A Staffers, too, sir.</p> <p>23 Q All right.</p> <p>24 A With the passes. You have to have a pass.</p> <p>25 Q Okay. So staffers have a certain type of a pass?</p>
<p>1 are closer around the mansion, if you will.</p> <p>2 Q And how about ■?</p> <p>3 A As would be your north ground gates.</p> <p>4 Q Are there different gates designated for different</p> <p>5 groups of people that have access to the White House? In</p> <p>6 other words, do White House employees use certain gates?</p> <p>7 A I would say yes to that, for the most part.</p> <p>8 Q Which gates do White House employees use?</p> <p>9 A Well, let me put it to you this way. To get in the</p> <p>10 complex, there are a number of gates that you can go through.</p> <p>11 Groundkeepers, Park Service people that take care</p> <p>12 of the grounds, the butlers, the social secretaries and stuff</p> <p>13 like that, they can enter any of these gates around the</p> <p>14 complex.</p> <p>15 Now, is the question what gate do visitors go</p> <p>16 through that's on official business, or what gate would a</p> <p>17 staff person go through?</p> <p>18 Visitors would go through the appointment gates.</p> <p>19 The appointment gates that I know of for sure again, is</p> <p>20 -- well, this is written on there. The appointment gate over</p> <p>21 here, the east appointment gate, and the southwest</p> <p>22 appointment gate, and the northwest appointment gate, those</p> <p>23 are the three that some visitors would go through.</p> <p>24 Q It sounds like you're breaking up people that work</p> <p>25 at the White House --</p>	<p>1 A Yes, sir.</p> <p>2 Q And do certain gates require that type of pass?</p> <p>3 A Yes, sir, certain -- entry into certain parts of</p> <p>4 the compound does require a certain pass.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. Tell us about that.</p> <p>6 A Passes are color-coded, and -- can I talk with</p> <p>7 these guys about this? Just about these, sir.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. Well, let me defer that question for a few</p> <p>9 moments, then.</p> <p>10 A Okay. Sure. Sure.</p> <p>11 MR. SUSANIN: Let me speak with my colleague for a</p> <p>12 moment.</p> <p>13 (Counsel conferred.)</p> <p>14 BY MR. SUSANIN:</p> <p>15 Q, All right. Let me go back to an incident we were</p> <p>16 talking about before, Special Agent Hightower.</p> <p>17 Let me ask you, if Ms. Lewinsky came to visit the</p> <p>18 President on a holiday weekend, when you were working the</p> <p>19 shift there, and had been let in, is that the type of thing</p> <p>20 you could have forgotten?</p> <p>21 A I could have forgotten it's a holiday weekend,</p> <p>22 correct. Oh, yes.</p> <p>23 Q Well, if she had come to see the President and was</p> <p>24 let in, is that the type of thing that could have happened</p> <p>25 and you just don't remember?</p>

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1 A Oh, absolutely.

2 Q Okay. So is it your testimony in front of the

3 grand jury -- well, let me ask it this way. You're not

4 saying to the grand jury that that type of situation could

5 not have happened?

6 A Right. I'm not saying that she could have come

7 there on a weekend and -- and I've forgotten, yes. She could

8 have come there, and I just did not realize it was her, and

9 it was a weekend.

10 Q Now, how about you going into the Oval Office to

11 pass a message or to otherwise look for the President? Is

12 that the type of thing that could have happened and you've

13 just forgotten?

14 A Yeah. Yeah. That's true. I mean -- no, I -- no,

15 I wouldn't have done that. I was too new and too jittery.

16 Q And explain what you mean to the grand jury.

17 A I -- in the instance you're talking about, I just

18 would have remembered probably doing that.

19 Q Okay. Given that you were new in the spring of

20 '96, if there was a message or information that had to get

21 through to the President during a weekend or a quiet time on

22 the West Wing --

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q -- is it likely you would have asked someone else

25 to go in with you to look for the President or to go in and

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1 look for the President on your behalf?

2 A Oh, absolutely. That could have happened, yes.

3 Q And that's something that could have happened?

4 A Oh, absolutely. Absolutely.

5 Q What types of people would you have reached out to

6 to do that?

7 A If the phone had rang, and someone had said, "I'm

8 looking for so-and-so-and-so" -- the President in this case

9 -- the Uniform guy, we look to those guys for guidance. They

10 help us out, the new guys on the shift.

11 Q Why is that?

12 A I mean, you're standing there, you don't know all

13 the faces, you try to recognize the faces and remember the

14 faces, and you don't know all the procedures. So yes, it's

15 very possible that a Uniform guy could help you out. They

16 help you out. They've been around a while.

17 Q They've been around a while and they know the

18 shift?

19 A Well, they know that you're new, for sure, and they

20 know all the players, the people that are walking around the

21 West Wing.

22 Q Do you recall in those weeks when you were new to

23 the Oval Office ever asking Uniformed Division officers to

24 help you with anything that came up on the job?

25 A I don't recall, but it could have happened. I'm

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1 sure it happened.

2 Q Now, you stated earlier that you had some vague

3 recollections of Monica Lewinsky that was jarred by the press

4 releases of earlier this year --

5 A Yes.

6 Q -- and reports in the media; is that right?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q Now, as you're talking here about March of '96

9 through March of '97, when you're doing shift work, is your

10 memory jarred any further about seeing Monica Lewinsky in the

11 West Wing?

12 A Nothing other than seeing her walk past me on post

13 and maybe even remembering her name, Monica.

14 Q And how would it be that you would know her name?

15 A I would ask, maybe, the Uniform guy, because

16 sometimes, again, you know, being new, you don't know all the

17 faces and names and you don't want to stare at the passes,

18 "Who is that?" And maybe someone would say "That's so-and-

19 so." And so that's, you know, whoever -- whoever the person

20 was.

21 Q And you testified earlier, when we were talking

22 about staffers who might want to get in with a message to see

23 the President on the weekend, that you would frequently know

24 them by faces, especially if you were going to let them in.

25 Was that part of your duty, as you saw it, as part

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1 of the PPD, to recognize those people that were in and around

2 the West Wing when you were doing shift work?

3 A Is it part of my duties to recognize people that

4 are in the West Wing? Is that the question, sir?

5 Q Would you try to --

6 A Oh, yes, sir.

7 Q -- learn the faces?

8 A Oh, absolutely, yes, sir.

9 Q And why is that?

10 A Well, it's a security issue, for one. And just

11 because they're in the West Wing, you know, hopefully no one

12 didn't wander in there that wasn't supposed to be.

13 And you just try to recognize the faces. You want

14 to recognize the chief of staff. You want to recognize the

15 press secretary. You want to recognize these people, because

16 you don't want to be stopping them, asking them for their

17 pass.

18 Q And you mentioned a moment ago that you might have

19 asked someone "Who is that" with regard to Ms. Lewinsky. Who

20 are you asking about when you are trying to find out the

21 identity of faces that you're seeing when you're new in the

22 West Wing?

23 A A Uniform officer, especially those that been

24 around. And they have been around.

25 Q Do you remember asking a Uniform officer Ms.



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1 Lewinsky's name?  
 2 A No. I probably did, but I can't remember it.  
 3 Q But you remember that you knew her as Monica?  
 4 A I just remember the name Monica, sir. Yes, sir.  
 5 Q And you remember that as something you knew before  
 6 the press reports came out earlier this year?  
 7 A The press report probably jarred the memory, my  
 8 memory, but again, I mean, maybe I remember the name, Monica,  
 9 from, being on the West Wing, sir.  
 10 Q You mentioned when we were reviewing Grand Jury  
 11 Exhibit RH-1 that this is a little different from the chart  
 12 that you normally look at.  
 13 A Yes, sir.  
 14 Q Okay. And what chart is that?  
 15 A Well, the gates. I mean, it's the same grounds,  
 16 but the gates are numbered and labeled. I mean, I could  
 17 point to [REDACTED] and you could, too, because it's on there.  
 18 Q Okay. So the chart you're talking about --  
 19 A Yes.  
 20 Q -- would actually have [REDACTED] printed on the chart?  
 21 A Yes. Yes.  
 22 Q And what chart is that you're talking about?  
 23 A Well, that's anywhere in our offices, or wherever,  
 24 you know, where we're at.  
 25 Q So it's throughout the different postings or gates?

1 A Secret Service, sir. I guess.  
 2 Q And what officer, who within the Secret Service?  
 3 Is that something that would be in [REDACTED] or in the command  
 4 center?  
 5 A Oh, yeah. Yes, sir. You could find this in [REDACTED]  
 6 with the numbers and letters, for sure, sir.  
 7 MR. SUSANIN: Agent Hightower, I'm going to ask you  
 8 to bear with us by stepping outside the door --  
 9 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.  
 10 MR. SUSANIN: -- for a few minutes.  
 11 THE WITNESS: Okay.  
 12 MR. SUSANIN: You can just wait outside the door.  
 13 We'll be with you in a moment or two.  
 14 (Witness excused. Witness recalled.)  
 15 MR. SUSANIN: Have a seat, Special Agent Hightower.  
 16 THE FOREPERSON: Agent Hightower, do you understand  
 17 you are still under oath?  
 18 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.  
 19 THE FOREPERSON: Okay.  
 20 BY MR. SUSANIN:  
 21 Q First, Special Agent Hightower, let me ask you, I  
 22 believe you mentioned earlier in your testimony that there  
 23 were some gate numbers or designations that I didn't ask  
 24 about, that you might know of. In other words, I think you  
 25 said, "Do you want me to mark the ones I do know?"

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1 A Not necessarily. But I mean, in your packet when  
 2 you come to the detail, you have a gate post like this,  
 3 compound post map, if you would.  
 4 Q So it's something that goes out to most Secret  
 5 Service employees working at the White House?  
 6 A Yes. Yes, sir. But the gates, like [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]  
 7 or this one over here, the east appointment gate, I think the  
 8 public know, staff people would know, maybe, the numbers,  
 9 too. I don't know. I really don't.  
 10 Q Okay. But it's fair to say this is not some super  
 11 secret chart that you're talking about, this is something --  
 12 A Oh, no, you got it. No, this is --  
 13 Q If you could, just let me finish the question.  
 14 A Yes, sir.  
 15 Q The chart that you're talking about, that has the  
 16 [REDACTED] designation on it, that's a chart that's passed out to  
 17 all of you when you begin employment with the Secret Service  
 18 at the White House?  
 19 A Yes, sir. I believe it is.  
 20 Q Okay.  
 21 A I mean, for the agents, sir.  
 22 Q And where would we get a copy of that if we wanted  
 23 to see a copy of that?  
 24 A With the numbers on there, sir?  
 25 Q The chart you're talking about.

1 Did you get to finish that process, or are there  
 2 any others you could mark on that exhibit for us? Can you  
 3 just state for the record --  
 4 A Yes. Yes. I'm marking [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. I  
 5 think this [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] is one of the two. Ours is [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
 6 in there, inside the building itself, inside the West Wing,  
 7 the Oval door, and the secretary's office door. [REDACTED] is  
 8 one that we pushed posts on.  
 9 Q Where is [REDACTED]?  
 10 A [REDACTED] is right here, sir, on the grounds.  
 11 Q Can you state for the record, what you're talking  
 12 about? It's outside what?  
 13 A [REDACTED] is outside. It's an outside post, not  
 14 too far from the putting green, you know, golf green.  
 15 Q How about [REDACTED]?  
 16 A [REDACTED] is the diplomatic entrance, the south  
 17 grounds. If you looked at a picture of the south grounds,  
 18 that door that's right there, you go right into it, just  
 19 straight through.  
 20 Q And are there any others that you can think of?  
 21 A [REDACTED] is this one.  
 22 Q [REDACTED]?  
 23 A [REDACTED], [REDACTED] is by the press room, the Oval  
 24 colonnade, if you will. That's a lot of them, sir.  
 25 Q Any others?

1 A [REDACTED]. And that's it, sir. That's pretty much it.  
 2 Q And where is [REDACTED]?  
 3 A [REDACTED] is inside the mansion, inside the house itself.  
 4 Q Okay. And where inside the house is it?  
 5 A The ground level, right by the diplomatic entrance.  
 6 Q Now, when you moved in March of '97 to the counter-  
 7 assault --  
 8 A Yes, sir.  
 9 Q -- is it counter-assault team or counter-assault  
 10 unit?  
 11 A Counter-assault team, sir.  
 12 Q Counter-assault team. Did you actually stay at the  
 13 White House? In other words you still work at the White  
 14 House?  
 15 A Oh, yes, sir. I'm still on the Presidential  
 16 Protective Division, yes, sir.  
 17 Q Okay. So you don't work elsewhere since March of  
 18 '97, you still work at the White House?  
 19 A I'm still a part of Presidential Protective  
 20 Division. And work at the White House, sir? I mean, I don't  
 21 do the post around the White House. No, sir. Is that what  
 22 the question is?  
 23 Q Right. Where do you go to work each day, as part  
 24 of the counter-assault unit?  
 25 A Our offices is in the New Executive Office

1 Q And when you do advance work, is that to advance a  
 2 place that the President is visiting?  
 3 A Yes, sir.  
 4 Q Okay. So you haven't worked, for instance, say,  
 5 the Oval Office door, since you've moved to counter-assault?  
 6 A Oh, no. Oh, no. I haven't worked there since  
 7 this.  
 8 Q If you're working counter-assault, and there was an  
 9 incident at one of the gates, and given some of your  
 10 testimony about being a little shaky on some of the gates,  
 11 how would you get to a gate, if there were an incident there  
 12 while you were on duty with counter-assault?  
 13 A This one I have to talk to the guys about.  
 14 Q Okay. Do you want to talk to them now?  
 15 A Yeah, about that stuff. Excuse me.  
 16 (Witness excused. Witness recalled.)  
 17 MR. SUSANIN: Special Agent Hightower, have you had  
 18 an opportunity to consult with your counsel?  
 19 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.  
 20 THE FOREPERSON: And, Agent Hightower, you  
 21 understand you are still under oath?  
 22 THE WITNESS: I understand.  
 23 MR. SUSANIN: Thank you, Madam Foreperson.  
 24 BY MR. SUSANIN:  
 25 Q Let me ask the question again for the record. And

1 Building. We cover motorcade movements and the President's  
 2 movements, basically.  
 3 Q Okay.  
 4 A Yes, sir.  
 5 Q So you're still where the President is, as part of  
 6 the counter-assault unit?  
 7 A Yes, sir. But -- but I'm not in a suit.  
 8 Q Okay. If he's in the White House, where are you?  
 9 A I'm in the New Executive Office Building.  
 10 Q Okay. And if he's traveling, are you traveling  
 11 with him?  
 12 A If my team is traveling, yes, sir.  
 13 Q So, as part of the counter-assault unit, you don't  
 14 work the gates?  
 15 A No, sir.  
 16 Q Okay. Have you ever done any shift work on a full-  
 17 in basis or a temporary basis since you've been with counter-  
 18 assault?  
 19 A Yes, sir.  
 20 Q Okay. How many times would you say, since March of  
 21 '97?  
 22 A Oh, sir, I can't recall. It would be a number of  
 23 times. Advances, no actual shift work, if you will, but  
 24 advance guys come from shifts. So advances, more than  
 25 anything.

1 again, this is a question from one of the grand jurors.  
 2 [REDACTED]  
 3 [REDACTED]  
 4 [REDACTED]  
 5 [REDACTED]  
 6 [REDACTED]  
 7 A [REDACTED]  
 8 [REDACTED]  
 9 [REDACTED]  
 10 [REDACTED]  
 11 [REDACTED]  
 12 [REDACTED]  
 13 [REDACTED]  
 14 [REDACTED]  
 15 [REDACTED]  
 16 Q And to follow up, it sounds like, since you've  
 17 stopped doing shift work, you've been working at the  
 18 Executive Office Building?  
 19 A Yes, sir. Yes, sir, until we get in the truck and  
 20 go over and pick up the motorcade and leave.  
 21 Q Let me ask you about your recollection of Ms.  
 22 Lewinsky in the West Wing, as it was jarred by media accounts  
 23 of earlier this year.  
 24 A Yes, sir.  
 25 Q One of the grand jurors had the question as to

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1 whether you remember Ms. Lewinsky carrying anything or  
 2 holding anything when you would see her in the West Wing?  
 3 A: No, sir. I can't remember that, no, sir.  
 4 Q Can you remember anything else about her that would  
 5 be helpful to the grand jury?  
 6 A No, sir. She's attractive, I think, and that helps  
 7 you remember who people are, I guess, sometimes.  
 8 Q Can you describe whether she was in work attire or  
 9 weekend attire?  
 10 A No, sir. No, sir.  
 11 Q You testified, in response to my question, that it  
 12 was possible that the phone outside the Oval Office door  
 13 could have rung when you were on duty there. And one of the  
 14 grand jurors wanted to know if it's possible that did not  
 15 happen.  
 16 A Oh, yes, sir. But the phone would ring. I mean,  
 17 it would have rung.  
 18 Q Yeah. I asked you whether it was possible, about  
 19 an incident where there was a phone call from someone looking  
 20 for the President and couldn't find him. I believe you  
 21 testified you don't recall that incident.  
 22 A Yes, sir.  
 23 Q And I asked you if that incident, if it was  
 24 possible that that happened; is that right?  
 25 A Yes, sir. Oh, yes.

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1 Q And you said it was possible?  
 2 A Yes, sir.  
 3 Q And the question is, from one of the grand jurors,  
 4 is it possible that that did not happen?  
 5 A Yes, sir.  
 6 Q And given what I think is fair to say, your lack of  
 7 memory about such an incident, if I were to represent to you  
 8 that, in fact, there was a time when that phone rang while  
 9 you were on duty there, from someone who was trying to get  
 10 through to the Oval Office and couldn't find the President, I  
 11 take it that your testimony is it's possible that that did  
 12 happen?  
 13 A Oh, yes, sir.  
 14 Q Let me ask you, with regard to going into the Oval  
 15 Office to look for the President to tell him about the phone  
 16 call, again, you testified that it's possible that that  
 17 happened.  
 18 And one of the grand jurors has a question, is it  
 19 possible that did not happen?  
 20 A Oh, yes, sir. And again, let's just take that  
 21 phone call for an example. If that phone had rang, and I  
 22 picked it up, or the Uniform guy there picked it up, being  
 23 the new guy on the detail, I would have let him handle it. I  
 24 know that for a fact. I would have let him handle it.  
 25 Q And when you say you know that for a fact, do you

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1 have a recollection of ever deferring to the Uniformed  
 2 Division to handle incidents like that?  
 3 A You know what? I can't recall, but I know I've  
 4 been there when it happened.  
 5 Q Tell the grand jurors what you mean when you say "I  
 6 know I've been there when it's happened."  
 7 A The phone will ring, or an alarm will go off or  
 8 something, and I let them know."  
 9 Q Let me ask you, if I were to represent to you that,  
 10 in fact, there was an incident where you went into the Oval  
 11 Office to look for the President about a phone call, do you  
 12 still maintain that it's possible that that happened?  
 13 A I don't understand the question, sir.  
 14 Q If I were to represent to you that there were an  
 15 incident where you and a Uniformed Division officer went into  
 16 the Oval Office, stepped into the doorway of the Oval Office  
 17 to look for the President because of a phone call that had  
 18 come for him, is it possible that happened?  
 19 A It's possible, sir.  
 20 MR. SUSANIN: I'm going to ask you to step outside  
 21 again, Agent Hightower.  
 22 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.  
 23 MR. SUSANIN: Thank you.  
 24 (The witness was excused at 10:11 a.m.)  
 25 (Whereupon, a luncheon recess was taken.)

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 2 Whereupon, (2:20 p.m.)  
 3 REGINALD HIGHTOWER  
 4 was recalled as a witness and, having been previously duly  
 5 sworn by the Foreperson of the Grand Jury, was examined  
 6 further and testified as follows:  
 7 THE FOREPERSON: Good afternoon, Mr. Hightower.  
 8 You understand you are still under oath?  
 9 THE WITNESS: I understand.  
 10 THE FOREPERSON: Okay.  
 11 EXAMINATION  
 12 BY MR. SUSANIN:  
 13 Q Good afternoon, Special Agent Hightower. I have a  
 14 few additional questions for you from the grand jurors.  
 15 A Yes, sir.  
 16 Q First, I want to ask you whether you felt you had  
 17 ample opportunity to consult with counsel during your  
 18 appearance here in the courthouse today?  
 19 A Yes, sir, concerning the things that I was  
 20 concerned about, yes, sir.  
 21 Q Okay. A second question from a grand juror  
 22 regarding your testimony that some of the media accounts  
 23 involving Ms. Lewinsky that appeared earlier this year, I  
 24 think to use your phrase, triggered your memory --  
 25 A Yes, sir.

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<p>1 Q -- about having seen her in the West Wing; do you 2 recall that testimony?</p> <p>3 A Yes, sir.</p> <p>4 Q And the grand juror would like a little bit of 5 clarification as to what exactly -- what memories exactly 6 were triggered by the media account as opposed to you 7 adapting some of what you saw in TV into your recollection. 8 Do you understand the question?</p> <p>9 A I understand it. It's just the face, putting a 10 face there more or less is what I remember. It's, I'm 11 saying, well, you know, I remember that, remember her, if you 12 will.</p> <p>13 Q Okay.</p> <p>14 A Yes, sir.</p> <p>15 Q Let me ask you, as a followup to that, then, how 16 bright a line can you draw between what you saw on TV and 17 what is your recollection from before this story broke?</p> <p>18 A Nothing. It's just another person, if I understand 19 the question correctly.</p> <p>20 Q Yeah. In other words, are you certain that your 21 recollection is really what you remembered from before this 22 incident broke?</p> <p>23 A Yes. Yes, sir, and here's an example. Just over 24 lunch, I remember the posts, now, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I 25 know where those are at.</p>	<p>1 something that I remember, but yes, sir.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. Let me try to ask you a bit more about that.</p> <p>3 When you say you have a vague recollection of a phone call 4 coming in --</p> <p>5 A Yes, sir.</p> <p>6 Q -- what is it that you do remember, as you sit 7 here today?</p> <p>8 A Just this, sir, that maybe a phone call came in and 9 -- I can't remember. It had -- I know it was probably on the 10 weekend, for sure. I know that's for sure. But a phone call 11 coming in, coming in and he's taking the call. And I don't 12 remember what guy it was. But he's taking it. And --</p> <p>13 Q When you say "he," is that --</p> <p>14 A The officer, sir.</p> <p>15 Q Is that someone from the Uniformed Division?</p> <p>16 A Yes, sir. Yes, sir. And maybe saying something 17 like "The operator is looking for the President" or 18 something. I -- just that's what I remember, more or less.</p> <p>19 Q And do you remember what efforts were undertaken to 20 locate the President?</p> <p>21 A I believe he might have -- he might have went into 22 the Oval or knocked on the door or something. I can't 23 remember. It might come back.</p> <p>24 Q And I know it's difficult, but let me still probe 25 what you do remember --</p>
<p>Page 46</p> <p>1 And, about the telephone ringing, I can kind of 2 almost remember that. And not me answering the phone, but 3 maybe the UD officer answering the telephone and saying 4 something about the President or "The operator, he's looking 5 for the" -- I don't know. But it just, it comes back a 6 little bit.</p> <p>7 Q Okay.</p> <p>8 A I don't remember, really, I can't say 100 percent 9 I'm sure about that, but I can almost remember that, sir.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. Let me ask you, then, just in light of that 11 statement, if you could explain in a little bit more detail 12 what it is that you remember when you say over lunch you 13 remember about a phone call coming in.</p> <p>14 A Right. I just, you know -- I can't say a blanket 15 letter, "This is what happened." On the weekend, it's not 16 that much traffic over there. And, being the new guy on the 17 detail, I didn't know a lot of procedures. And again, as I 18 explained to you earlier, the Uniform guys help out the new 19 guys.</p> <p>20 So I can vaguely recall maybe an incident like 21 that, where the phone rang and he was looking for the 22 President, the Uniform guy, that is, and I happened to be 23 there, and maybe going into the Oval or something.</p> <p>24 I don't remember going in there, but I mean, I just 25 -- I don't know whether you're triggering it or it's</p>	<p>Page 47</p> <p>1 A Yes, sir.</p> <p>2 Q -- or what's come back to you over lunch. Do you 3 recall that this was a weekend?</p> <p>4 A I'm sure it was a weekend.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. And how -- you testified earlier today that 6 you started in March of '96, doing shift work?</p> <p>7 A Yes, sir.</p> <p>8 Q Can you tell the ladies and gentlemen of the grand 9 jury, if you know, how soon after you started in March of '96 10 this took place?</p> <p>11 A It had to have been early on. I mean -- I mean, 12 that's when you're trying to learn everything. And I mean, 13 it had to have been early on, sir. By the time that I left 14 the shift, I know it wasn't then. At least I think it 15 wasn't.</p> <p>16 Q Do you recall whether the person on the line had 17 tried to get through to the Oval Office by the time they 18 called to you and the Uniformed Division officer?</p> <p>19 A At that post, called to that post? I don't know, 20 sir. I mean, I don't know.</p> <p>21 Q Are you saying that the phone call that you're 22 talking about did come to that table right next to the Oval 23 door that we were talking about?</p> <p>24 A Yes, sir. Yes, sir.</p> <p>25 Q Do you have any recollection how it played out?</p>

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1 A No, sir, I really don't. The things that I can  
2 remember, again, is maybe something like that happening. And  
3 I wouldn't tell you I'm 100 percent sure, because I want to  
4 be 100 percent sure, but I may can recall that incident. I  
5 don't know.

6 Q I'm sorry?

7 A I can probably recall that incident. I mean, I'm  
8 not saying I'm 100 percent sure on it. But that could have  
9 happened, for sure.

10 Put it this way. You asked me could it not have  
11 happened. I'll scratch it out and say it probably did  
12 happen.

13 MR. PAGE: What did you have for lunch?

14 MR. SUSANIN: Excuse me for one moment.

15 BY MR. SUSANIN:

16 Q Do you recall, Special Agent Hightower, during this  
17 incident, whether the President was in the Oval Office?

18 A Well, sir, he had to have been over in the Oval  
19 Office, because I was there. He would only be there if we're  
20 there.

21 Q Okay. So the fact that you were there means he was  
22 there?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q And do you remember, as you try to sit back and  
25 remember this incident, do you remember hearing the sound of

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1 his voice at any time, and maybe trying to locate him or --

2 A No, sir. No, sir.

3 MR. SUSANIN: Yes, please do.

4 BY MS. WIRTH:

5 Q I'm Mary Anne Wirth. Do you have any memory at all  
6 of whether the President had a guest, a visitor, at that  
7 time?

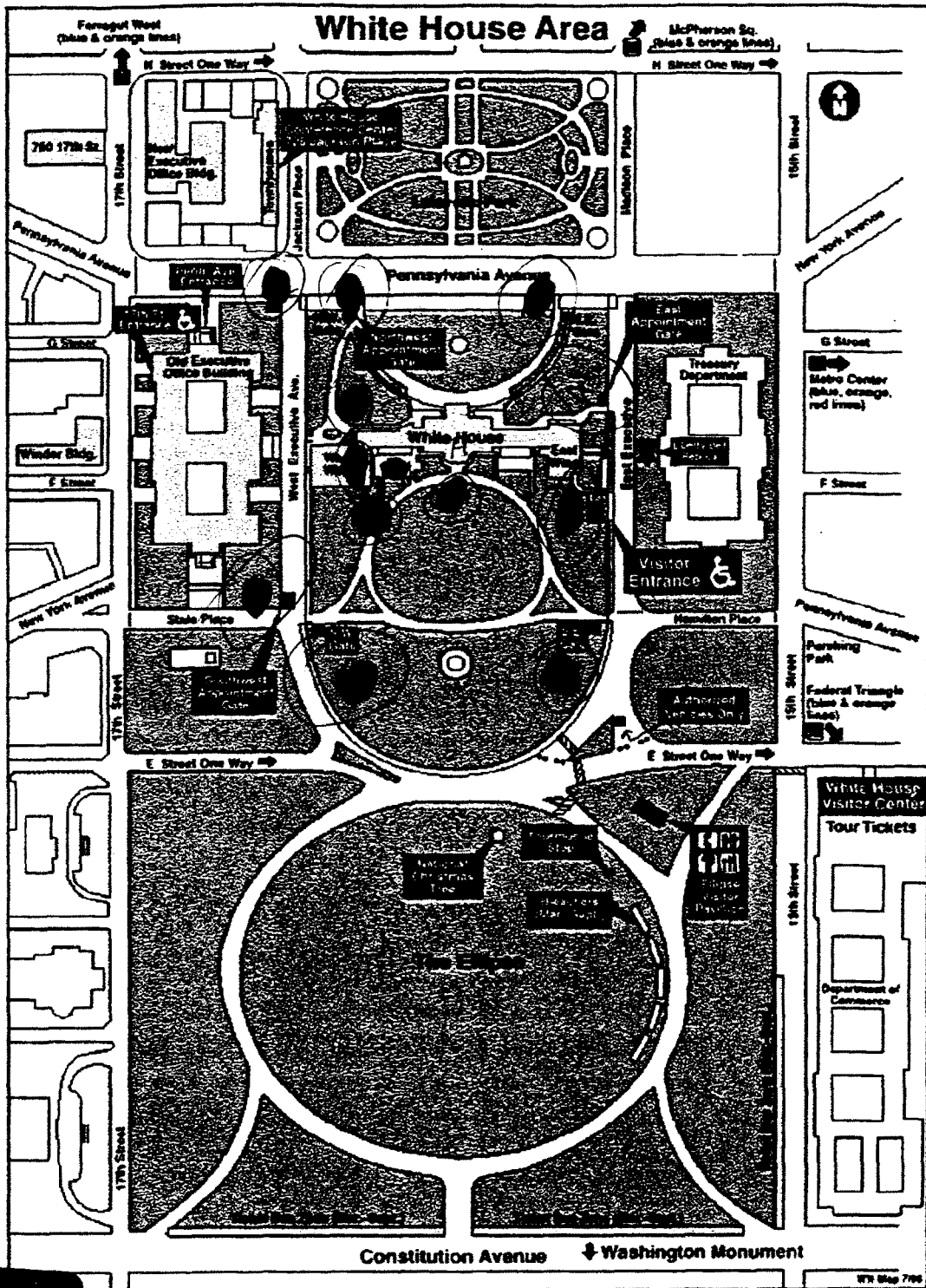
8 A No, ma'am.

9 MR. SUSANIN: Sir, if you could bear with us again  
10 and step outside, we'll be with you momentarily.

11 (The witness was excused.)

12 (Whereupon, at 2:29 p.m., the taking of the  
13 testimony in the presence of a full quorum of the Grand Jury  
14 was concluded.)

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