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

JANNEY entered on duty with the USSS on November 5, 1995. JANNEY worked initially as an unassigned officer at the White House. After approximately fourteen months, JANNEY was assigned to a permanent post of duty at the Southwest Gate of the White House. JANNEY has recently been assigned to a surveillance vehicle and part time unassigned.

JANNEY advised that on occasion he works at other posts or fills in for other officers in order to get more hours for the work week.

JANNEY recalls he was on duty at the Southwest Gate during late November or early December of 1997, on a Saturday or possibly a Sunday, during the day time when he noticed a young female trying to gain entry to the White House Complex. JANNEY noticed that Officer DOUG DRAGOTTA (Ph) was handling the entry processing and remembers hearing that she did not have an appointment with anyone and therefore she had to be cleared by someone inside the White House. JANNEY recalls that she had an "attitude" and that she used an Oregon drivers license for identification. JANNEY believes she called BETTY CURRIE, secretary to the President, and was apparently approved to enter the White House and was entered into the WAVES system. JANNEY said the young woman was clearly perturbed.

JANNEY was then responsible for x-raying of the packages being carried by the young female. JANNEY recalls while walking to the x-ray machine he mentioned that he was from Oregon

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and they exchanged pleasantries. She then became more relaxed and cordial. During the x-ray process, JANNEY asked what was contained in the packages and who was to be the recipient. The young woman indicated that the presents were for the President. JANNEY remembers that she indicated the packages contained a letter opener, a basket and possibly a pen. JANNEY could not recall any other gifts being in the packages even though there may have been others. JANNEY said he used the x-ray image and her description to satisfy himself that the items were what she had described and that they posed no threat to the President or other occupants of the White House.

JANNEY did not see her again that day and does not know if she actually visited CURRIE or how long she may have stayed in the White House.

JANNEY remembers that one of the three other officers on duty that day at the Southwest Gate asked him when he returned to the gate if he knew who that was, indicating the young female he had x-rayed packages for only minutes earlier. JANNEY was then told that she was MONICA LEWINSKY, a former White House intern who, it was rumored, was having an affair with the President. There was also some discussion about LEWINSKY showing up at the White House often and at unusual hours, usually without an appointment and usually cleared into the White House by BETTY CURRIE.

JANNEY does not recall seeing LEWINSKY again after the above incident. JANNEY, however does recall seeing LEWINSKY enter the White House on about three other occasions prior to the above entry. Those occasions were unremarkable and JANNEY does not recall LEWINSKY bringing any items into the White House on those occasions.

JANNEY recalls several comments being made among the UD personnel that were related or referred to the rumor of an affair between LEWINSKY and the President. Even though he could not remember who made the comment, he remembers hearing comments like "guess who came in this weekend." Other comments had to do with the correlation of LEWINSKY's entry into the White House and the simultaneous movement of the President to the Oval Office. These comments were fueled by the UD personnel being in a position to know when LEWINSKY clears through a gate and then knowing by routine operational radio transmissions where the President is at all times. Comments, discussions and open speculation concerning the close relationship between the President and LEWINSKY were commonplace among UD personnel during late 1997. 29D-OIC-LR-35063

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JANNEY recalls an incident occurring at the Northwest Gate, on an unrecalled date, which was related to him by other UD personnel. According to the individuals who told him about this incident, LEWINSKY came to the Northwest Gate and did not have an appointment. She was told that she would have to wait. LEWINSKY apparently called BETTY CURRIE and there was still a delay in getting in. JANNEY said he can't recall if LEWINSKY was able to get in or not but the reason she was delayed was because ELEANOR MONDALE was in the West Wing, presumably, with the President. JANNEY remembers that the President was apparently upset and called the Northwest Gate and wanted to know what happened. JANNEY could not recall specifically who told him about this incident.

JANNEY said that the talk among UD personnel about the presumed affair between CLINTON and LEWINSKY was commonplace prior to the affair becoming public in late January, 1998. Since late January there has been almost no talk about the alleged affair.&a0vOH



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	FOR THE DISTRICT OF COUNDIN		I sui	pornation of perjury or perjury, witness intimidation,
	x		2 thi	ngs like that, in the civil case Jones v. Clinton. Do you
	IN RE:		3 un	derstand?
	GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS		4	A Yes.
			5	A JUROR: Excuse me. How do you spell your last
	X		6 nas	me?
	Grand Jury Room No. 3 United States District Court		7	THE WITNESS: J-a-n-n-c-y.
	for the District of Columb: 3rd & Constitution, N.W.	·• [8	BY MR. PAGE:
Į	Washington, D.C. 20001		9	Q In making your appearance before the grand jury,
	Thursday, August 13, 1998		10 yo	u have certain rights and one of them is your
	The testimony of OLIVER MAIYAR JAMMEY was taken in	•	•	nstitutional right that you don't have to incriminate
	the presence of a full quorum of Grand Jury 97-2, impaneled			urself, otherwise known as your Fifth Amendment right.
	on September 19, 1997, commencing at 2:09 p.m., before:		•	you understand that?
	EDWARD J. PAGE Mary Anne Wirth			A Yes, I do.
	Associate Independent Counsel Office of Independent Counsel	1	15	Q Do you understand that if a truthful answer to any
	1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.M. Suite 490 North			the questions put to you today would tend to incriminate
	Washington, D.C. 20004			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
			-	u that you can refuse to answer that question? Do you derstand?
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			19	A Yes. Yes, I do. Sorry.
			20	Q Do you understand further that anything that you do
			-	y may be used against you by the grand jury or in a
				bsequent legal proceeding?
		12	23	A Yes.
		1	24	Q Do you understand that you are entitled to step
			25 ou	tside and to consult with your lawyer, who I understand is
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1	PROCEEDINGS			att Dates on behalf of the Secret Service, if at any time
2	Whereupon,		2 du	ring your appearance today you should so desire?
3	OLIVER MAZYAR JANNEY		3	A Yes.
4	was called as a witness and, after having been first duly		4	Q You understand that?
5	sworn by the Foreperson of the Grand Jury, was examined an	nd	5	A Yes, sir.
6	testified as follows:		6	Q Do you have a lawyer beyond Matt Dates?
7	EXAMINATION		7	A No.
8	BY MR. PAGE:		8	Q I want to also advise you that under federal rules
9	Q Officer, would you tell us your full name, please?		9 of	criminal procedure that what goes on here today, in other
10	A Oliver Mazyar Janney.		10 wo	rds, any matter that takes place before the grand jury, is
11	Q Would you spell your middle name for the benefit of		11 sec	ret and that only you can disclose what goes on here today
12	the court reporter?		12 to	people outside. Do you understand that?
13	A Sure. M-a-z-y-a-1.	1	13	A Yes.
14	Q Officer, my name, as I introduced you to myself		14	Q There are certain exceptions to that rule, however,
15	outside, is Ed Page. To my left is Mary Anne Wirth. We bo			d one of them is if the court orders that your testimony is
16	work with the Office of the Independent Counsel and it's our	1		tinent to another legal proceeding or other legal
	job to ask you some questions today on behalf of the grand		-	occeding. Do you understand that?
17			17 pro 18	A Yes.
18	jury. Do you understand that?	1	18 19	
19	A Yes.			Q Do you understand that the only person who is not
20	Q Before we get started with those questions, I want	1		and by that rule of secrecy is yourself?
21	• • •		21	A Yes.
22	them. First, this is a federal grand jury and this federal		22	Q In other words, after this, you make your
23	grand jury is investigating allegations about whether or not			pearance here today, you could go to the front steps of
24				s courthouse and make any public comments there or any
25	attempted to be influenced or influenced in any way through		25 oth	er place.

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A Yes.	1 Q Olosy. And you're a uniformed officer, correct?
2 Q All right. Do you have any questions of us before	2 A Yes.
3 we get started?	3 O With the Secret Service?
4 A No. Ready to go.	
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5 MR. PAGE: Thank you. 6 BY MS. WIRTH:	5 Q All right. Now, have you ever seen Monica
	6 Lewinsky?
7 Q Okay. Officer, you have been employed by the	7 A Yes.
8 Secret Service since November of 1995. Is that right?	8 Q Can you tell the grand jury when you saw her?
9 A Yes, ma'am.	9 A I can't give a specific date, but at least the
10 Q And you worked originally as an unassigned officer	10 one occasion that I can specifically remember, I believe it
11 at the White House? Is that right?	11 was after Christmas of last year. She had come in through
12 A Yes.	12 the southwest gate - she'd come in a number of times, but
13 Q And then at some point you were assigned to a	13 not really knowing who she was and not really following it or
14 permanent post and duty at the southwest gate of the White	14 whatever, just from other - you know, Secret Service
15 House. Is that right?	15 uniformed division personnel. She came in, she was processed
16 A That's right.	16 through.
17 Q Do you remember when that assignment took place?	17 I'm not sure whether or not she had her appointment
18 A Specific dates, no, but if I sort of figure it out,	18 or not because there were times where she didn't'or she did
19 I can give you a rough idea.	19 and then she was cleared in eventually. When she came in,
20 Q What year, generally?	20 she had some presents or some packages or something.
21 A Last year.	21 Q All right. I'm going to stop you right there.
22 Q '97?	22 I'm going to ask you, do you recall the interview in late
23 A Yes, '97 probably.	23 May of 1998 at the Office of the Independent Counsel with
24 Q At what time of year?	24 an FBI agent present?
25 A The spring, I think, to the winter.	25 A I guess. Yes. I mean, yes, I remember being
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1 Q Back towards the winter of '97 to the spring?	1 interviewed. Yes.
2 A Yes.	2 Q Okay. And what I'm going to put in front of you
3 Q Okay. So the early part of 1997?	3 a 302, which is an FBI report of that interview.
4 A Yes.	4 A Mm-hmm.
5 Q Okay. And how long did you remain assigned to the	5 Q And I'm just going to turn your attention to I
6 southwest gate?	6 don't think you have it, I'm sorry, the fourth paragraph a
7 A About a year and a half.	7 specifically see if it refreshes your memory in any way.
8 Q And at some point you got another assignment with	8 A Yes.
9 the surveillance unit?	9 Q The first sentence of that fourth paragraph, okay?
10 A Yes. Which I'm currently in right now.	10 It talks about late November or early December.
11 Q Okay. When did that take place?	11 A Yes.
A Just to give you so I can explain it easier, for	12 Q And today you're testifying about after Christmas.
13 the first ten months I was unassigned and then after that for	13 Do you have any memory of what this date was? And if
4 about a year and a half I was at the southwest gate and then	14 don't, you know, say so.
15 from after the year and a half I've been with the	15 A Well, I don't. The only thing I can venture to
16 surveillance unit.	16 guess is just from what I've heard at least when she came
Q I know, but it's important for us to know when you	17 Again, specific dates, I don't know. I just - I'm assumi
18 were in what particular place. When do you think that you	18 it's some time after the holiday or something like that. I
19 were assigned to the surveillance unit?	19 just know she had presents.
20 A Like six months ago, give or take.	20 Q Okay. Well, you're assuming that because of the
	21 presents. Is that -
	-
22 A Yes.	
Q At some point. And is that a part-time assignment?	23 Q Okay. Here, does this refresh your memory that at
A Yes. Otherwise, if I'm not in that, then I'm	24 some point
25 unassigned.	25 A Yes. Some time between November and December

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1 last year.	1	specifically what they were.
2 Q Okay. Okay.	2	Q Do you remember a letter opener? Does that ring a
3 A Is when she came in.	3	bell?
4 Q Okay. All right. So do you remember what day of	4	A Yes. Just from what it looked like on the X-ray.
5 the week it was? Was it a weekend day?	5	Q Okay. So that she didn't tell you that, that's
6 A Yes, I think it was a weekend.	6	what you thought you saw.
7 Q Do you remember which it was, Saturday or Sunday	y? 7	A Yes. That's what I seemed to see.
8 A No, but it was like around midday.	8	Q And when you said a basket, do you have any memory
9 Q Who were you working with that day?	9	of what it looked like, how big it was?
10 A The only person I can specifically recall is Doug	· 10	A Yes. It was a brown – a little, small brown
11 Dragotta. Officer Dragotta.	11	basket. Nothing not like an Easter basket, but just like
12 Q Okay.	12	a small basket. I guess you would put flowers or something
13 A Because he was the one that had processed her in	13	in it.
14 and when she had gotten in, after she was cleared in, I tool	k 14	Q Could it have possibly been a pumpkin?
15 the packages and went over and X-rayed them like we X-r	ray 15	A I don't know.
16 anything that comes in, regardless of who it's going to.	16	Q And it says here "possibly a pen," a writing
17 Q Did she have the packages in any kind of container	? 17	instrument?
18 A I think she had in like a shopping bag and then	18	A Yes. Because there was something in a box and it
19 they were wrapped, like presents of some sort.	19	was like in a small box. I asked her what was in there and
20 Q Okay. And do you remember how many there were	? 20	she said it was a pen. At least what I can recall. That's
21 A I think like four or five.		what I remember.
22 Q Were they large or small?	22	Q Is it possible she said pin?
23 A Small because they were all in one - like a	23	A I don't know. Pin, pen, something.
24 Bloomingdale's type bag. It wasn't Bloomingdale's, but I		Q Something like that? Okay. All right. Did you
25 just saying like -		have any conversation with her that you remember?
Page	, 10	Page 12 A Yes. I think when she was over on the other side,
1 Q A big shopping bag?		
2 A Yes. Exactly.		I remember looking at her driver's license. I think it said
3 Q Okay. And the presents themselves were smaller?		like she was from the West Coast or something like that and I
4 A Yes. Give or take. You know, hand-sized, nothing		asked her where. She said Oregon. And I said my father was
5 like gargantuan or anything like that.		from Oregon. Just small little chit-chat talk, nothing out
6 Q Okay. And you said you processed the packages?		of the ordinary. Then I gave her her stuff and said have a
7 A Yes.		good day.
8 Q What do you do?	8	Q Okay. What was her manner or demeanor like that
9 A When anyone comes in with packages or a briefcase		day? Do you remember?
10 or a purse, if we can't physically see inside of it, we take	10	A I believe it was - you know, normal. Again, I
11 it across to the other post where we have an X-ray machine		
12 put it in, X-ray it, and then if we can't tell, we think it's		wasn't cleared in, but there were times, you know, when she
13 something out of the ordinary, then we usually ask. I ask	1	wasn't cleared in, you know, she'd get a little testy or what
14 anyway, just to get an idea. I don't recall exactly what		have you just because she wasn't in the system, but we have
15 they were. I think one was like a letter opener or a candle	15	nothing to do with that.
16 or something like that. There was, like I said, four or five	16	Q Was this one of those days when she hadn't been
17 presents or something.		cleared in?
18 Q Okay. I'm going to turn your attention to the	18	A I can't specifically recall.
19 second page of this report to see if anything there refreshes		Q Okay. I'm just going to turn your attention to the
20 your memory. It says there, "During the X-ray process "		first page of this 302 again and ask you to look at this
11 No, I'm sorry. "The young woman indicated the President		
22 Right there. "Janney remembers that she indicated the		that Officer Doug Dragotta was handling the entry
23 packages contained a letter opener, a basket and possibly a	23	processing."
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24 pen." Does that	24	A Yes.

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1	appointment with anyone and therefore she had to be cleared	1	A Not that day, no.
2	by someone inside the White House."	2	Q Do you have any knowledge as to whether she
3	A Correct.	3	actually got in to see either Betty Currie or the President?
4	Q "Janney recalls that she had a 'attitude' and that	4	A I don't know.
5	she used Oregon driver's license for identification."	5	Q Do you know of any conversations that she had with
6	A Right.	6	Officer Dragotta that day?
7	Q "Janney believes she called Betty Currie, secretary	7	
	to the President, and was apparently approved to enter the		doing something else and I don't specifically recall what
	White House, requiring her to also be entered into the WAVES	1.	conversation they had.
	system."	10	
11	A Right.	1	Lewinsky, is that right?
12	Q "Janney said the young woman was clearly	12	
13	perturbed."	13	
14	A Yes. Imean	14	many were there?
15	Q Is there anything there that refreshes your memory	15	A Maybe three or four times, if even that. It might
16	of what happened?		be more, just not knowing who she was or what have you. It
17	A Yes. I mean, if that's the actual - I don't		just doesn't dawn on me or anything like that until after
18	know - again, as many times as she's come in and times that	18	this
19	she has or hasn't been cleared in, I can't specifically -	19	Q Did you always see her at the southwest gate or
20	you know, at least from that, now that that tells me - sure.	20	somewhere else?
21	Then that was the day.	21	A No, I was always - I never saw her anywhere else
22	Q Well, I'm only showing you this to see if it	22	but at the southwest gate.
23	refreshes your memory.	23	Q Do you have any memories of any of the other
24	A Yes. Absolutely.	24	occasions on which you saw her prior to this one?
25	Q Do you remember that that day, the day that you're	25	A No, not specifically.
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1	testifying about, that she didn't have clearance to come in?	1	Q Do you know whether on those prior occasions she
2	A Yes. I think she had to wait like 10, 15 minutes	2	was there to visit someone in particular?
3	or something like that.	3	A Most of the time, at least that I can recall, it
4	Q Do you remember that she was perturbed or upset	4	was usually for Betty Currie because on the screen, when you
5	about that?	5	pull up the person's name, it will say who the requester is
6	A Yes. She was a little annoyed. Not a little, but	6	and who they're going to go visit and in both instances it
7	just - however -	7	was Betty Currie.
8	Q Did she make a call to Betty Currie to get in?	8	Q Do you recall whether on those prior occasions she
9	A Yes. Because that's who she said she was going to	9	was cleared in for a visit or whether she had to make a call?
10	call. Go ahead and call them.	10	A I don't know specifically. I just know, like, you
11	Q Okay. And do you recall whether when you spoke to	111	know, on that specific occasion, but I know there have been
12	her and she told you she was from Oregon, she showed you the	12	times where she hasn't been cleared in, at least from what
13	Oregon driver's license and you told her where your father	13	I've been told. And eventually she got cleared in and she
14	was from, do you recall whether her attitude changed? Was	14	was entered.
15	she –	15	Q Do you know whether - this visit with the
16	A She was fine then because - you know, like - once	16	President that you've described today, was that the last time
17	they're finally cleared in, then it's like a big - you know,	17	that you saw Monica Lewinsky?
18	the burden's off, they're now getting in to see whoever they	18	A Ycs.
19	want to sec.	19	MS. WIRTH: Questions from anyone?
20	Q Did she tell you who the packages were for?	20	A JUROR: On the day that you've been telling us
21	A Yes. She said they were for the President.		about, after you cleared Monica in, did she go in on her own
22	Q Had you ever encountered her before when she		or did somebody come down to get her and walk her in?
	brought in packages for the President?	23	THE WITNESS: No. When she comes in, just like a
24	A No.	i	regular appointment, when they come in, we tell them - we'll
25	Q Did you ever see her again that day?	25	ask them if they know where they're going and, you know, they

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1	say they do or they don't, but having been there	-		
	knew exactly where to go.			
3		her.		
4	THE WITNESS: No. She walked up the	avenue and		
5	went into the I believe either through the upsta	airs or		
6	through the downstairs in the West Wing, on We	st Executive		
ł	Avenue.			
8	A JUROR: Thank you.			
9	MS. WIRTH: Anyone else?			
10	(No response.)			
11	MS. WIRTH: With your permission			
12	THE FOREPERSON: Mr. Janney, you a	re excused.		
13	Thank you for your testimony.			
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