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KARIN JOYCE ABRAMSON, white, female, date of birth October [REDACTED], place of birth [REDACTED], Social Security Account Number [REDACTED], home address [REDACTED], home telephone number [REDACTED], former Director of the White House Intern Program, was apprised of the official identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview. ABRAMSON was interviewed in the presence of her attorney, DAVID A. WILSON, with the law firm of HALE & DORR, LLP, 1455 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20004. ABRAMSON provided the following information:

ABRAMSON is currently a student at the University of Virginia, pursuing a masters in community and agency counseling. ABRAMSON previously worked at the White House from January 1993 until January 1997. ABRAMSON worked on the CLINTON/GORE Presidential Campaign as a volunteer. ABRAMSON eventually worked as the Director of the Intern Program, a position she held from late 1994 until January of 1996, when she became the Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff, EVELYN LIEBERMAN. ABRAMSON left the White House in January of 1997, and went to work at the Voice of America (VOA) as a Special Assistant to the Director, also LIEBERMAN. ABRAMSON left VOA in July of 1997.

ABRAMSON's duties as the Director of the White House Intern Program included selecting interns for the program, placing interns within the White House, managing the program, coordinating events for the interns to attend, and other administrative duties.

ABRAMSON advised an application for an intern would come into her office and she would review it. Other White House staff would also review the applications, looking for qualified candidates to fill slots in specific offices. Some interns would have advocates. ABRAMSON advised LEWINSKY's advocate was WALTER KAYE. ABRAMSON advised she met WALTER KAYE at the White House and KAYE had been an advocate for other interns. ABRAMSON advised that the advocate's recommendations is a factor in determining who gets selected to be a White House intern.

ABRAMSON advised she knew all the interns who were in the program while she ran it, including MONICA LEWINSKY.

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ABRAMSON does not have a specific recollection of meeting LEWINSKY, but recalls she was assigned to the Correspondence Office of the Chief of Staff's office. ABRAMSON also recalls that LEWINSKY worked for TRACY BECKETT. ABRAMSON recalls that LEWINSKY moved from the intern program to a staff assistant's position in the Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA). ABRAMSON was not asked to provide a recommendation for LEWINSKY.

ABRAMSON advised she was not privy to conversations regarding LEWINSKY's transfer to the OLA. ABRAMSON never heard that LEWINSKY was a problem employee as an intern, and never heard any complaints about LEWINSKY's work product as an intern.

ABRAMSON advised she had heard that LEWINSKY was often away from her desk at OLA, and was in the West Wing a lot. ABRAMSON never heard the term "clutch" used to describe LEWINSKY. ABRAMSON advised she did not often see LEWINSKY when LEWINSKY worked in the OLA.

ABRAMSON was not privy to information regarding LEWINSKY's move to the Pentagon. ABRAMSON does not know why LEWINSKY moved there, nor does she know who helped LEWINSKY secure a position at the Pentagon.

Soon after LEWINSKY moved to the Pentagon, LEWINSKY called ABRAMSON. ABRAMSON stated LEWINSKY sounded very upset. LEWINSKY asked ABRAMSON to keep an eye out for any positions that opened.

Sometime after LEWINSKY left employ at the White House, a date ABRAMSON can not recall, ABRAMSON saw LEWINSKY in the West Wing of the White House. ABRAMSON is not sure what floor LEWINSKY was on, nor can she recall any conversation the two may have had. ABRAMSON does not recall if LEWINSKY was alone or not. Soon thereafter, ABRAMSON told EVELYN LIEBERMAN that she saw LEWINSKY. ABRAMSON advised that KARIN COLEMAN and REBECCA CAMERON may have overheard ABRAMSON advise LIEBERMAN about seeing LEWINSKY. ABRAMSON knew LIEBERMAN would be upset by this information. No one told ABRAMSON to report LEWINSKY "sightings," ABRAMSON just had a "gut" feeling that LEWINSKY was not supposed to be in the White House. ABRAMSON advised LIEBERMAN was upset, and LIEBERMAN found out that BETTY CURRIE had cleared LEWINSKY into the White House.

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ABRAMSON advised she knew LEWINSKY left employ at the White House under a "cloud." ABRAMSON advised that the "cloud" consisted of reports that LEWINSKY spent too much time in the West Wing. ABRAMSON advised that when she was the Director of the intern program and LEWINSKY was still employed at the White House, GAYLE BRITTON (phonetic), in the White House Fellows program, called ABRAMSON and advised that LEWINSKY was "sleeping" with WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON. ABRAMSON was shocked and never heard anything else like that. ABRAMSON does not recall if she asked BRITTON who told her, but ABRAMSON recalls learning that JOCELYN JOLLY told BRITTON.

ABRAMSON also heard that during the government furlough, LEWINSKY answered telephones in a West Wing office. ABRAMSON advised she heard that LEWINSKY gave a piece of pizza to CLINTON. ABRAMSON thought that was unusual, in that most people are more reserved around the President. ABRAMSON advised that LEWINSKY told her that LEWINSKY gave CLINTON a tie for National Boss's day. ABRAMSON advised she thought it unusual that LEWINSKY gave CLINTON a tie. ABRAMSON never heard of the President giving gifts to interns.

ABRAMSON advised that after she saw LEWINSKY in the West Wing, ABRAMSON lost touch with LEWINSKY. ABRAMSON never saw LEWINSKY with CLINTON.

ABRAMSON advised she is friends with LIEBERMAN. LIEBERMAN and ABRAMSON spoke after LIEBERMAN appeared at the Federal Grand Jury investigating the LEWINSKY matter. LIEBERMAN did not mention the details of her testimony, only that the experience was over.

ABRAMSON has met VERNON JORDAN several times. ABRAMSON is not aware of JORDAN's reputation for finding White House employees jobs in the private sector.

ABRAMSON does not know BETTY CURRIE personally. ABRAMSON is friendly with NANCY HERNREICH, but has not spoken to HERNREICH about LEWINSKY.

