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2 Mr. George. Let's go on the record then.

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4 It is 2:04 p.m. on June 10, 2022, and this is a transcribed interview of a White
5 House Employee conducted by the House Select Committee to Investigate the
6 January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol pursuant to House Resolution 503.

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7 At this time, I would like you to just introduce yourself, stating your name and
8 spelling your last name for the record.

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9 White House Employee. [Position, name and spelling given.]

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10 Mr. George. Very good. Thank you.

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11 And this is going to be a staff-led interview. What that means is I'll be doing all
12 the questioning. There won't be any members or others joining us today. And my
13 name is Dan George and, like I mentioned before, I'm a senior investigative counsel for
14 the select committee.

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15 As you'll see on the right-hand side there, at least it's the right-hand side of my
16 screen, there are a couple of official reporters who have joined us as well. They will be
17 taking the official record, the transcript of what we're saying today. Because of that, it's
18 important that you answer in verbal responses, audible verbal responses. So things like
19 shaking your head, they can't take that down, and it's hard for them to take down
20 "uh-huhs" or other type of affirmations we typically use in our everyday life.

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21 So if I do stop you and ask you to repeat your answer, it may just be because of
22 that. It's very normal for people to slip into that kind of conversational tone which they
23 can't take down.

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24 I will also ask that you let me finish my questions before you start your answers,
25 and in turn, I will let you finish your answers before I start my next question just to make
sure there's no issue with the reporters taking it down.

1 We do ask that you provide complete answers based on your best recollection. I
2 know that these events took place a long time ago, over a year ago, and if you don't recall
3 something, that's perfectly fine. And feel free to please just say that.

4 If a question that I ask is not clear, please feel free to ask me to clarify. That is
5 very likely to happen at some point throughout the interview, so please just make sure
6 that you're answering a question you understand rather than trying to answer something
7 that you don't.

8 Sometimes I will ask you some questions or follow-up questions just to see if
9 something refreshes your recollection, your memory of those days. This isn't a memory
10 test, and I want you to hopefully feel comfortable knowing that. And when I ask you
11 some follow-up questions, it's not because I'm challenging you, it may just be I'm trying to
12 shake something loose in your memory given the time that's elapsed. And, again,
13 similar to that, if you need any clarification or follow-up, please just ask me, and I would
14 be happy to follow up with that.

15 This interview is not under oath, so you won't be asked to raise your right hand or
16 be sworn in. But I do want to remind you, just like we remind all of our witnesses, not
17 just you specifically, but it is unlawful to deliberately provide false information to
18 Congress.

19 So those are all the ground rules that I have.

20 Do you have any questions about any of that that we have gone over?

21 White House Employee. I do not.

22 Mr. George. Okay. Perfect.

23 And if at any point you do have any questions, please feel free to stop us. And
24 logistically, like I said before, if you need any breaks or would like to consult with anybody
25 else on the call, please let us know that, and we will give you all the time you need to do

1 that.

2 Any questions before we begin?

3 Okay. Very good. Then I'm just going to jump in.

4 EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. GEORGE:

6 Q I would first like to start by having you tell me about yourself. [REDACTED]

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Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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A [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]

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24 [REDACTED]
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1 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED] |

2 [REDACTED]

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q Okay. That's helpful. You're teaching me as we go through this. I
5 appreciate that.

6 [REDACTED]

7 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]

11 Q [REDACTED]

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13 A [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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17 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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19 [REDACTED]

20 A [REDACTED]

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22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 Q That's helpful. Thank you.

11 [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

13 A [REDACTED]

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15 Q [REDACTED]

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22 Q [REDACTED]

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24 A [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

1 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

2 A [REDACTED]

3 Q [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]

5 A [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

14 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]

17 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED] So if he was in the Oval, it would say Oval. If

19 he was in the dining, it would say dining.

20 Q I see.

21 A Or other spaces, too.

22 Q Did you have access -- specific to the Trump administration, the end of the
23 Trump administration, to Secret Service radio channels while you were there?

24 A Did I have access to it?

25 Q Yeah.

1 A I mean, no, I never had access to it, no.

2 Q Did you have to listen to any kind of service radio transmissions in order to
3 do your job?

4 A Sometimes you would hear it play over in the Oval Office or, like, in the
5 outer Oval Office. But is it something that we listened to to figure out stuff? No.

6 Q Gotcha.

7 Okay. That was a series of background questions to help me understand it. We
8 are going to move into the day of January 6th, but first -- excuse me -- first, but that helps
9 kind of lay some of the land for me.

10 January 6th -- I want to take you back to that, 2021, what time did you get to the
11 White House that day?

12 A I mean, I don't know the time. [REDACTED]

13 Q Anything unusual about that day about when you got to work that stands
14 out from other days you would typically get to work?

15 A Nothing that stood out out of the norm.

16 Q Okay. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

17 A Yeah.

18 Q [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]

20 A I can't even remember.

21 Q Okay. Very good.

22 So what I'm going to try and do is share my screen. And bear with me while I do
23 this.

24 So this is one of the times where I'm going to show you something. Take as
25 much time as you'd like, look at it, and hopefully this will help refresh recollections, just

1 as we've done through the investigation, as you could probably imagine, we obtained a
2 number of documents and things, and some of them might be helpful as we walk through
3 today.

4 So this is an email that we received from somebody named [REDACTED]

5 A [REDACTED]

6 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 A [REDACTED]

11 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

14 A [REDACTED]

15 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

16 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

20 A [REDACTED]

21 Q Got it. That's very helpful. Okay.

22 I'm going to stop screen sharing.

23 Do you remember where you went when you got to work that morning on the

24 6th?

25 A What do you mean by that?

1 Q Like where in the White House? Where's the first place you stopped at, if
2 you remember?

3 A [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED]

6 Q [REDACTED]

7 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED]

9 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

10 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED]

12 Q I want to take you back to that morning. We're going to walk through as
13 closely as we can. I know it may be very difficult, so forgive me because I'm going to ask
14 specifics; but if you don't remember, that's perfectly fine. But when you got in that
15 morning, what were you expecting for the day?

16 A What I was expecting for the day pretty much was we -- I knew there was a
17 speaking -- or, you know, what he called a rally out on the Ellipse. And to be honest, I'm
18 pretty sure there was other -- may have been other stuff on his schedule, but I don't think
19 anything else happened outside of that, was the speech.

20 Q Had you heard the President talking about the rally or the speech that he
21 intended to give on the 6th before that day?

22 A Before it?

23 Q Yeah.

24 A Like, him, just in general, talking about it?

25 Q Yeah, like his expectations for the 6th and what he wanted to have happen

1 with the rally or anything else.

2 A He just -- I mean, typically he just wants to know, like, the most amount of
3 people. He liked seeing people out there. That's -- I mean, really, that's about as much
4 as he would, like, say around me was if there was going to be a lot of people.

5 Q Do you remember him asking that, if there were going to be a lot of people
6 for the rally on the Ellipse specifically?

7 A I remember that day he asked, Is there a lot of people out there? And I --

8 Q Did you --

9 A Because, you know, I talked to Secret Service, and they were saying, yeah,
10 there's a lot of people out there.

11 Q And was that conversation where the President asked about the number of
12 people and the Service responding, was that before the President went to the rally on the
13 Ellipse?

14 A Yes.

15 Q How many times did he ask about the number of people out there that
16 morning?

17 A He'd usually just ask one time.

18 Q Okay. What was the President's mood? This is a hard question, fully
19 understand that. But to the best you could tell, as an observer of the President and
20 someone who had seen him I assume in many different circumstances, what was his
21 mood like that morning?

22 A That morning, it's still kind of hard to remember, like, exactly. Like, I
23 remember, like, after, you know, some points I know he was disappointed. Before
24 usually he's pretty pumped about speaking, but definitely wasn't after.

25 Q Okay. Was that generally or specific to the 6th, like he was pretty pumped

1 up that morning about giving a speech?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. And then you said he wasn't after the speech. Was there
4 something in particular you're referring to?

5 A Yeah, because everything -- you know, obviously everything started
6 happening after the speech.

7 Q Understood. You're referring to what was going on at the Capitol?

8 A And he was -- I know he was a little disappointed -- I mean, I could hear
9 disappointment in his voice when we did the phone call with Vice President Pence.

10 Q Okay. And that phone call, that was the morning before the rally. Is that
11 right?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q Okay. And we're going to talk about that in just a second.

14 What I'll do is I'm going to share my screen again. And forgive me for any delay
15 here.

16 All right. Can you see what I pulled up there?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. So this is a document we've obtained during the investigation. It's
19 the Daily Diary of the President. Have you ever seen one of these documents before,
20 Daily Diary?

21 A No. But it -- I mean, it's easy to read, I understand.

22 Q Okay. It looks like the President starts the morning in the residence with a
23 number of phone calls, and I say that because eventually -- I'm going to page 2 here. At
24 11:08 it says: The President went to the Oval Office. Is that about the time you
25 remember the President coming down from the residence on the morning of the 6th,

1 11:08?

2 A Yes, pretty much. It's always about that time.

3 Q Okay. I'm going to go back to page 1.

4 There are a number of phone calls here. I'm just going to ask you if you know
5 anything about some of them. So at 8:37, the President spoke with Steve Bannon.

6 Do you know anything about his phone call with Mr. Bannon that morning?

7 A Typically I don't know about the phone calls that happened inside the
8 residence.

9 Q And why is that?

10 A Because we just -- we don't really keep up with that. [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED] He usually just picks up the phone and
12 calls the switchboard and says, Connect me to Steve Bannon or, you know, Giuliani and
13 Mark Meadows. That's how he typically would just do it. He would just call the
14 switchboard.

15 Q Did you hear the President say anything about his conversations with Steve
16 Bannon that morning?

17 A No. I didn't even know he spoke to Steve Bannon still.

18 Q Did you know he spoke that morning with Rudy Giuliani?

19 A I just wouldn't be surprised. No, I didn't hear, but I wouldn't be surprised.

20 Q Okay. At 9:24, there's an entry here that the President received a call from
21 Jim Jordan, Representative from Ohio.

22 Do you know anything about the call that the President had with Jim Jordan that
23 morning?

24 A No, sir.

25 Q Okay. What about calls with Senator Josh Hawley, or any other Members

1 of Congress, for that matter, on the morning of the 6th? Do you know anything about
2 those?

3 A No. I wouldn't know -- I wouldn't really know any of these until he got to
4 the Oval.

5 Q It looks like we were just there, but it looks like he got to the Oval around
6 11:08, and there's a meeting shortly after with members of his family, including Donald
7 Trump, Jr., Eric Trump, Ivanka Trump, Lara Trump, Kimberly Guilfoyle, Stephen Miller,
8 and, I believe, General Keith Kellogg and maybe a few others joined that as well.

9 Are you familiar with the gathering in the Oval that's reflected here?

10 A Yes. That definitely helps me remember that happened.

11 Q Okay. Let me see if I can actually take you back to that moment. I'm
12 going to show you what we have as [REDACTED] And [REDACTED] here is a
13 picture that we've obtained. The metadata in the file reflects a timestamp of [REDACTED]

14 Do you remember this? Is this that same gathering that's reflected on the Daily
15 Diary that we just went over?

16 A [REDACTED]

17 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

20 A [REDACTED]

21 Q Okay. And before we get there, just because I neglected to go over this,

22 [REDACTED] of the same [REDACTED]

23 A Correct. I remember this too.

24 Q So why don't you tell me what's going on here at, according to the metadata,

25 [REDACTED]

1 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]

4 Q [REDACTED]

5 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

6 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 A Correct.

10 Q Got it.

11 [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

13 A [REDACTED]

14 Q Okay. Fair enough.

15 All right. So going back now to [REDACTED] of this, still on [REDACTED] returning to the
16 Oval Office at 11:13. Tell us what you remember about this gathering?

17 A I think they were just going over -- I'm not sure really -- probably the speech.

18 [REDACTED]

19 Q Okay.

20 A [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]

23 Q Okay. And we do have information that suggests the President was going
24 over his speech that morning with Mr. Miller and others.

25 Did you hear anything about the President and what he wanted to deliver to the

1 crowd at the Ellipse that afternoon?

2 A No. I mean, I know he was like -- they were making, like, last-minute
3 changes to his speech. I mean, typically that is what happens. And, like, I could hear a
4 little bit, like, Here, let's take this out. Do I know what he was taking out or adding in?
5 I don't know.

6 Q Let me ask you a couple of specifics just to see if it shakes anything loose.
7 Do you remember anybody, including the President, talking about inserting
8 language about going to the Capitol or asking supporters to go to the Capitol on the 6th?

9 A The only -- what I remember was the language was, Go down there
10 peacefully. And I don't know what the other -- it was like peacefully and something and
11 voice your opinion.

12 Q Okay. And do you remember that coming up in the Oval Office, or is that
13 based on your memory of this speech that the President actually delivered that
14 afternoon -- or that day?

15 A I heard it both.

16 Q Okay. Do you remember who recommended that the President say
17 "peacefully"?

18 A No. It could have been him. It could have been anybody.

19 Q Okay. You're not sure?

20 A No.

21 Q Okay. And I think I spoke over you. I apologize. You're not sure --

22 A Oh, no. Yeah, I'm just not sure who recommended that being in the
23 speech.

24 Q Okay. Let me go, while we have this up, to [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q Just like you remembered?

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A Yeah, just like I remembered.

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Q At the top -- oh, go ahead. I'm sorry.

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A I was just going to tell you that may be Nick Luna's handwriting where they

10 just typically try to keep track of, like, who came in the Oval Office at that time.

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Q Okay. And this does reflect at 11:10, which we also saw on the Daily Diary,

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it looks like Eric Trump, Don Jr., Kimberly Guilfoyle, IMT -- I think that's Ms. Trump,

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Ms. Ivanka Trump. Is that what you interpret that to be as well?

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A Yes.

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Q And also it says COS. What does that mean to you?

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A Chief of Staff.

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Q Mr. Meadows?

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A Correct.

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Q And then it also includes Eric Herschmann and General Kellogg.

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It does show at 11:17, that there was a call with Senator Kelly Loeffler. Do you

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remember anything that the President had with Senator Loeffler that morning?

22

A I do not, but I probably could guess if needed.

23

Q That's okay. Unless it's based on something you saw or heard or even

24

heard about secondhand, then I'm not going to ask you to speculate.

25

A No.

1 Q Okay. Do you know, just very quickly, because this is a call that I believe
2 did not go through the President's switchboard -- or the White House switchboard rather.

3 [REDACTED]
4 A [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED]

8 Q Okay.

9 A And they dispatch the call.

10 Q Outer Oval, is that where Molly Michael, Nick Luna, and, I believe, Austin
11 Ferrer, is that where they sat?

12 A Correct.

13 Q Okay. So one of them would typically connect the President based on a
14 request like that?

15 A Correct.

16 Q Okay. Obviously I can't ask you about every single time or every single call
17 that's ever been connected, but just generally speaking, that's how it worked. Okay.

18 It does say there at 11:20: Call with VPOTUS. Are you aware of the call that the
19 President had with the Vice President on the morning of the 6th?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q Tell me about that. What do you remember?

22 A [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED] Mike, this is a political career killer if you do this. Do what's right.

4 And at that time I was already walking out of the Oval Office. And I did hear Vice
5 President Pence, like, start talking, but I didn't hear, like, what he said.

6 Q Okay.

7 A Because at that point I just -- I knew he started talking, but it wasn't
8 registering to me.

9 Q Okay. I want to unpack a little bit of what you just said so I'm clear on it.
10 Did you say you heard the President tell Vice President Pence, This is a political
11 career killer?

12 A [No verbal response.]

13 Q Okay. Do you know what the President was referring to? Did he explain
14 that to the Vice President in that call?

15 A I mean, that's all I heard.

16 Q Okay. Did you hear the President say anything about the joint session or
17 asking Vice President Pence to do something at the joint session that morning?

18 A No, sir.

19 Q All right. And I am going to ask you a series of kind of targeted questions,
20 but just, again, in an effort to see if this refreshes any of your recollection. But we
21 understand that in that call, the President called the Vice President a series of names, and
22 I don't mean to be disrespectful to anybody, you understand, but that the President
23 called the Vice President a pussy, it's been reported.

24 Did you hear the President say that?

25 A I did not, no, sir.

1 Q Did you hear the President say anything about Vice President Pence being a
2 wimp unless he did what he was asking the Vice President to do?

3 A No, sir.

4 Q Okay. Did you hear anything that the President called the Vice President
5 that morning?

6 A No, sir. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED]

9 Q It's also been reported that the President said to the Vice President that if
10 you, meaning the Vice President, don't come through for me, I picked the wrong man
11 4 years ago, or words to that effect.

12 Did you hear anything like that?

13 A No, sir.

14 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]

16 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]

18 Q Did you ever talk to the President or anybody else who was working at the
19 White House about that call that morning?

20 A No.

21 Q Okay. There are a number of people in the room --

22 A That's not my job, yeah.

23 Q I'm sorry. I think I spoke over you. I apologize.

24 A No, no. [REDACTED]

25 Q I think earlier you mentioned that the President's mood shifted after the call

1 with the Vice President. Tell us what you saw with respect to that.

2 A I could just tell that at that point, he was frustrated, so that's just, like, how I
3 knew, like it probably wasn't a good call. He was frustrated, disappointed, you know, I
4 could tell.

5 Q Was there anything he said or did that made you think that?

6 A I have -- like what he did? I have no idea.

7 Q Okay. What about anything he said that made you think he was frustrated
8 or disappointed?

9 A I could just tell in his voice when he was talking to the Vice President that he
10 was disappointed and frustrated.

11 Q Okay. Did it seem like the Vice President wasn't going to do whatever the
12 President was asking? Did you get that impression or -- and if you don't know, that's
13 fine.

14 A I don't know what the Vice President told the President.

15 Q Okay. All right. So I'm going to start my screen share again.

16 Let's go back to those photos, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 A [REDACTED]

20 Q [REDACTED]

21 A [REDACTED]

22 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

23 A [REDACTED]

24 Q All right. What was going on in this picture? Was this after the phone call
25 with the Vice President?

1 A It could have been. It looks -- his jacket is on, so it looks like we're -- he's
2 getting ready to go to the speech.

3 Q Do you remember stopping in outer Oval with the President for him to do
4 anything?

5 A Typically that's what he likes to do. He -- if there's something on like that,
6 he goes and watches the TV real quick, [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 Q Okay. It looks like, from what I can tell, there are four different channels
11 on at the same time. Is that typical for President Trump in that January 2021 time frame
12 to have four different channels playing on the TV?

13 A Typically that channel is always -- that TV is always like that. In the back
14 dining room, it's always typically on Fox News because the TV in the back dining room is
15 DirecTV, and I believe this is just, I guess, like the typical White House ground TV, so it's
16 not DirecTV -- I don't think it's DirecTV. I don't know. But he doesn't have that option
17 to do that in the back dining room. Unless he flips it off DirecTV, then he does it, but he
18 typically doesn't do that.

19 Q Okay. It's usually on Fox News in the back dining room?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q Do you remember it being on Fox News in the back dining room that
22 afternoon on the 6th?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Do you remember it being on any other channel than Fox News that
25 afternoon?

1 A I do not, but it doesn't surprise me if he switches channels, flips through
2 channels every once in a while.

3 Q Okay. And do you know what the four channels were that were on these
4 split screens? And it's okay if you don't.

5 A I mean, I know one is Fox News, CNN, maybe MSNBC and -- I couldn't tell
6 you -- Fox Business? I have no idea.

7 Q Okay.

8 A I would just start guessing -- I'm guessing at this point. I know Fox and CNN
9 for sure, but the other two I can't remember off the top of my head.

10 Q Not a problem at all.

11 All right. Let me stop sharing.

12 After this, I understand that the President went down to the rally site. So tell us
13 about that. Did you go with the President to the rally site?

14 A [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED]

17 Q Okay. So you didn't go to the rally that morning/afternoon?

18 A No, sir.

19 Q [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED]

22 A [REDACTED]

23 Q What were you doing while the President was at the rally on the Ellipse on
24 January 6th?

25 A [REDACTED]

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And we're going to get to the afternoon when the President returns in just a moment, but did you speak to Mr. Meadows at all about the rally on the Ellipse that day?

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I do not recall.

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What about Dan Scavino? Did you ever talk to him about the rally or the joint session that day?

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I don't recall.

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When you were at the White House while the President was at the rally site, do

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you remember getting any reports about what was happening at the Capitol or in the

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Capitol area?

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I didn't know about what was happening in the Capitol area until I was watching it on the -- I was watching his speech on TV, and it cut off -- or I think it was

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close to the end of the speech, it cut off and shifted over to what was starting to happen

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down at the Capitol.

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In that moment, do you remember what you were seeing, the type of

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Yeah. I mean, it's still pretty hard. I mean, I just -- to me it all just felt like

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it was one swift thing, so I can't, like -- yeah, I think it was probably starting to get a little hectic, maybe a little pushy. I don't know. I can't remember. I don't remember if it

1 was like the beginning. To me, it still feels like all of it was just one big movement.

2 Q Let me ask you this: Using the President's return to the White House as a
3 guidepost, do you remember seeing some of that activity happening at the Capitol before
4 the President returned from his speech on the Ellipse?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Do you remember any discussions that were happening about what was
7 starting to unfold at the Capitol before the President returned?

8 A What do you mean?

9 Q Like anybody in the White House talking about what was happening at the
10 Capitol or what you're hearing over Secret Service radios, to the extent you're hearing
11 anything on that?

12 A I wasn't around Secret Service to hear, like, what they were hearing, or have
13 them tell me what they were hearing. [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]

17 Q Because of what was starting to unfold at the Capitol?

18 A Correct.

19 Q Let me share my screen here.

20 Again, this is [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

22 A [REDACTED]

23 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

24 Do you remember when the President returned from the rally on the Ellipse?

25 A Yes.

1 Q [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]

3 A [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 Q [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]

11 A [REDACTED]

12 Q [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED]

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q What was his reaction to that when he found out? Did he ask any
17 questions, like what's going on at the Capitol?

18 A He -- so, yeah. It was -- I mean, it was -- I don't know like the direct quotes.
19 I can just pretty much, like, it was, Sir, they cut it off because they're rioting down at the
20 Capitol. And he was, like, What do you mean? I said, It's, like, they're rioting down
21 there at the Capitol. And he was, like, Oh, really? And then he was like, All right, let's
22 go see.

23 [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

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Q Okay.

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A Correct.

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Q Is that where the President set up for the afternoon? And set up may not

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be the best term, but is that where he's kind of stationed himself?

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A Typically that's -- a lot of times he's in that back dining room a lot.

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Q And do you know whether, in fact, that's what he started watching, or was

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he watching the events at the Capitol?

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Q How long after -- you know, this picture is taken around 1:21 p.m. How

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long, if you can guess, did it take to get the President into the back dining room and set

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up watching TV?

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A I would guess a couple -- not even a couple minutes because pretty much he

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stood right there, and then we pretty much kind of like -- I don't know. It wasn't long.

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I can't really give you a time, but it literally wasn't long that we did that.

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Q Do you think less than 10 minutes? Is that fair?

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A Yeah, I think that's pretty fair. Probably less than that.

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Q My understanding is that around 1:07, law enforcement found pipe bombs

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at the RNC, and possibly the DNC as well.

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Do you remember hearing anything about finding pipe bombs at either of those

1 places on the afternoon of the 6th?

2 A Not until later that day did I hear it, but I didn't hear it from anything that
3 was going on. I heard that on my -- like, my own time where, you know --

4 Q [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

8 Q [REDACTED]

9 A Correct.

10 Q Do you remember the President ever leaving the Oval Dining Room between
11 the time he got in and the time he left for the Rose Garden to film an address to the
12 country?

13 A Like, what do you mean by leaving?

14 Q Leaving the Oval or the Oval Dining Room, like going somewhere else within
15 the White House?

16 A I don't recall.

17 Q Okay.

18 A But I don't think he did.

19 Q Okay. When the President was there, got back from the speech -- I asked
20 you this question before about his mood -- what was his mood like then when he
21 returned from the Ellipse?

22 A I could tell like he was trying to process -- a lot of it was, I felt like he was
23 trying to process, disappointed, and still frustrated. That was pretty much his mood for
24 the rest of the day.

25 Q Do you remember him commenting about what was going to happen during

1 the joint session?

2 A No.

3 Q Okay. And when I say joint session, I'm referring to Congress meeting to
4 count the electoral votes that day. Do you remember him talking about Congressmen
5 or Congresswomen making objections or doing something to change the outcome of the
6 election that afternoon?

7 A I do not.

8 Q All right. I'll represent to you that around 1 o'clock, Vice President Pence
9 issued a letter, and he issued a letter that said effectively, he wasn't going to take some
10 action during the joint session that afternoon to change the outcome of the election.

11 Do you remember that letter or a letter like that being discussed within the White
12 House that day?

13 A I remember talks of something like that. I didn't know there was a letter.
14 I just remember talks of Vice President Pence, like he made up his mind, I guess, that
15 morning of that he wasn't going to do anything to change the outcome of the election.

16 Q Do you remember being involved in those discussions?

17 A [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]

20 Q Sure. Yeah, that makes total sense, and I'm sure a lot of that is being able
21 to turn off your ears at certain points, so I completely appreciate that.

22 Do you remember the President being disappointed or frustrated because of that
23 decision the Vice President made specifically, that he wasn't going to take some action to
24 change the outcome of the election?

25 A I'm pretty sure that's probably why he was frustrated or disappointed.

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2 [3:01 p.m.]

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BY MR. GEORGE:

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Q Is there anything that he said that you remember about that?

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A That who said?

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Q The President. I'm sorry.

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A About that? Oh, like --

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Q Yeah. No?

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A No.

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Q Yeah, about the Vice President's decision.

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A I mean, other than that phone conversation, was that -- was just a

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political -- what was it -- political career killer, and you should do -- or you need to do the

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right thing. That was about it. Me and him, I think close to the end of the day, he just

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mentioned that Mike let him down. And that was it.

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Q When was that, do you remember?

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A That was coming close to the end of the day. So like the end of the day,

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like, he was getting ready to head up to the Oval.

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Q Up to the residence?

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A Yeah. I mean, up to the residence. I'm sorry. Timewise, I cannot

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remember.

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Q Let me set the scene for you, if I can a little bit.

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A No..

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Q Do you remember if the President mentioned that the Vice President had let

1 him down after the Rose Garden address that he recorded?

2 A To be honest, I only remember bits and pieces of the Rose Garden. Again,
3 like I said, I cut -- I tune out a lot of stuff. Some stuff I remember, but I just remember
4 him saying in the Rose Garden address that -- to go home, pretty much, you know, law
5 enforcement, you know -- leave law enforcement alone pretty much.

6 Q Okay. And just using that more as a guidepost than anything else, but that
7 comment that he made to you about the Vice President having let him down, was that
8 directly just one-on-one, him and you?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q Did he seem disappointed? Dejected? How would you characterize it?

11 A He seemed disappointed and, like, down.

12 Q And using that Rose Garden recording as a guidepost for time, do you think
13 that conversation happened after the President came back from the Rose Garden?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q In the President's speech at the Ellipse that day, he made comments
16 indicating that he was going to be with the crowd as they went to the Capitol that
17 afternoon.

18 Do you remember any discussions about the President wanting to go to the
19 Capitol on January the 6th?

20 A I do not.

21 Q And just to be clear in my question, which is not always the case, do you
22 remember the President ever expressing a desire to go to the Capitol, even if it was
23 before the 6th? So saying, I'd like to go on the 6th, whether it happened in December or
24 early January?

25 A No. I never heard that. Yeah. And there was never like -- typically, I

1 would hear something like that if we were, like, going down to the Capitol, because it's
2 like a whole -- again, it's like a whole movement where things have to happen, like
3 a -- almost like a trip book like you've seen. That's like a whole movement of things that
4 still have to be coordinated, and I didn't hear any of that being organized or him ever
5 mentioning wanting to walk or go down to the Capitol at all.

6 Q Were you aware of the Secret Service exploring options for the President to
7 go to the Capitol that day?

8 A No. Yeah, I wouldn't imagine Secret Service entertaining that.

9 Q Why do you say that?

10 A Because that's a lot of people, that's a lot of -- it's just crazy.

11 Q And just to unpack that. I think I understand, but I can't assume in this job.
12 So a lot of people, meaning there are a lot of people in D.C. and hard to navigate
13 through, or a lot of people just on the President's side to make a trip like that happen?

14 A No. There was a lot of people to try to navigate that through. I mean,
15 obvious reasons, you know, trying to -- if that was -- I mean, I don't know. I'm sure there
16 could have been routes or whatever but, yeah, that would've been -- that would've been
17 a headache for Secret Service. So I just -- [REDACTED], that would've
18 been probably a hard no for Secret Service to agreeing to do something like that.

19 Q Now, when the President's in the Oval Dining Room, do you remember being
20 [REDACTED]

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q Can you hear things that are going on in the Oval Dining Room from your
23 vantage point?

24 A I can't.

25 Q Did you say you can or cannot?

1 A Can't.

2 Q Okay. Thank you.

3 A Sure.

4 Q That's the problem with doing these over these platforms sometimes.

5 They cut in and out and it's like the moon landing when, like, there's a word omitted. So
6 I just wanted to make sure I'm being accurate here.

7 A All right, sir.

8 Q I'm going to pull up again on my screen -- this is going back to exhibit No. 2,
9 which is the daily diary of the President.

10 And it looks -- if you look in the middle of the screen to the time stamp 1:19, the
11 President returned to the south grounds of the White House and went to the Oval.

12 [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

14 A [REDACTED]

15 Q Okay. And then at 4:03, it shows the next movement as being the
16 President going to the Rose Garden.

17 I kind of asked you this earlier, but do you remember the President making any
18 movements in between 1:21 and 4:03?

19 A If it is -- and this is just me just taking a wild guess -- he only really moves in
20 between the private dining room, the bathroom, the Oval Office, and the outer Oval
21 Office. And it's all -- so it's all just like those internal movements. So if that happened,
22 that would probably be the only movements. Outside of that, I do not believe we went
23 anywhere else, other than the Rose Garden, obviously. But outside of that, I cannot
24 remember. And I don't think we did.

25 Q Okay. I understand there were a series of calls that afternoon that aren't

1 reflected on the daily diary or on the switchboard log.

2 Are you familiar with calls that the President made during the afternoon of the
3 6th, one being to Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy?

4 A I mean, I'm not surprised about that phone call. I don't remember hearing
5 him ask for Minority Leader McCarthy. But I -- again, that doesn't surprise me.

6 Q I understand, similarly, there was a call that the President made to Senator
7 Tuberville around 2:26, right when the Senate, I believe, was -- or around the time they
8 were being evacuated.

9 Do you remember any calls that the President placed to Senator Tuberville that
10 afternoon?

11 A I'm definitely not aware of that.

12 Q Okay.

13 A And that wouldn't like -- I wouldn't even know he would've made that
14 phone call.

15 Q I understand that there were a number of people who were going in and out
16 of the Oval and the Oval Dining Room. Do you remember who some of those were that
17 afternoon?

18 A I remember some of them, yes, sir.

19 Q Who do you remember?

20 A Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, Eric Herschmann, Pat Cipollone, Dan Scavino,
21 Nick Luna, Molly Michaels -- man, where did I leave off at -- Jared Kushner, Ivanka.

22 Q Okay.

23 A Robert O'Brien. Sorry.

24 Q No. That's quite all right. I was just going to say again, not a memory
25 test. And if other names come to mind, you know, feel free to let me know. But very

1 helpful.

2 Do you remember who the first person was to go see the President that afternoon
3 in the dining room?

4 A It pretty much felt like everyone just, like, was automatically just like a snap
5 of the finger there.

6 Q Do you know why?

7 A I don't remember who it was.

8 Q How much longer after the President returned from the White House did
9 people come in to start seeing him, if you can tell?

10 A It felt like it was pretty fast.

11 Q Do you remember what they were coming in to talk to him about?

12 A I don't remember, but I can just pretty much guess it had to do with what
13 was going on. Kayleigh McEnany, I think she was running in and out.

14 Q When you say you thought it might have something to do with what was
15 going on, are you referring to what was happening at the Capitol that afternoon?

16 A Correct.

17 Q We understand that Chief of Staff Meadows may have come in to see the
18 President right around 2:00, 2:05. So we're talking about 45 minutes after he returned
19 from the White House — or, excuse me, after the President returned from the rally.

20 Does that sound right in your memory? And, if not, that's okay. Again, this is
21 not a memory test.

22 A Yeah. Again, I don't know the timeline. It felt like it was pretty fast.
23 Like, it felt like everything happened — I don't know. It just felt like everything was just
24 compacted and everything was going on at one time.

25 Q Do you remember anything that that group of people, either individually or

1 collectively, were recommending that the President do or some action he should take
2 that afternoon?

3 A I briefly heard them talking about sending out a tweet. And -- did I say Dan
4 Scavino was back there?

5 Q You did.

6 A Yeah. So him and Dan Scavino, ones sending out tweets.

7 Q Tell us about that conversation, as best you can recall it, between Dan
8 Scavino and the President about sending out tweets?

9 A I just remember hearing briefly, are you going to send out a tweet, and
10 he -- I don't remember him ever saying anything. I just remember it just took a long
11 time. And -- yeah, it just -- I mean, it typically takes them a long time to send out a
12 tweet, I don't know why, but that's just a normal thing. So I don't know why it took a
13 long time to send out a tweet, but it typically does.

14 Q And in that conversation, was the person asking are you going to send out a
15 tweet, was that Mr. Scavino asking the President?

16 A I never heard that. I just remember, like, as a group, them all saying are we
17 going to say anything over Twitter. And that's just from me walking in and out.

18 Q Okay. All right. So I do want to unpack or clarify some of that.

19 You said they as a group. So the people who are in the Oval Dining Room as a
20 group asking the President are you going to say something on Twitter. Is that right?

21 A Pretty much. Yes, sir.

22 Q Do you remember anybody in particular, part of that group, who was asking
23 that question or making a suggestion along those lines?

24 A As a -- no. As individuals, I don't. No. I just remember that was like one
25 of the topics I heard.

1 Q Do you remember the President ever being reluctant to do so or -- I'll stop
2 there. Ever being reluctant to issue a tweet?

3 A To issue a tweet?

4 Q Correct.

5 A If he doesn't like a tweet, he won't send it out. Is that what you're trying to
6 ask?

7 Q That was a terrible question. I apologize.

8 Do you remember the President, on the afternoon of the 6th, being reluctant to
9 issue a tweet addressing what was happening at the Capitol?

10 A I don't remember him being reluctant. I just remember him and Dan
11 Scavino, they were just working on a tweet. And I just -- I don't know why it took so
12 long to send it out.

13 Q Okay. Did it feel like it took a long time between when they first started
14 considering it and when it ultimately went out, to the best of your memory?

15 A It felt that way.

16 Q Do you remember any discussions about, you know, blaming antifa or
17 including some other groups in any of the messaging that was coming out of the White
18 House that afternoon?

19 A I didn't -- no. I didn't learn about antifa until, like, later, and it wasn't that
20 day that I learned about it.

21 Q Bear with me just a moment.

22 I will say too, we've been going for about an hour and 15 minutes. So it's totally
23 up to you if you want to take a break for a few minutes, but just let me know if you want
24 to.

25 A I'm good still, sir.

1 Q Okay. I'm going to try to walk through a little bit -- try to reconstruct your
2 memories from that day to the extent I can.

3 But I'm showing you exhibit No. 5. This is a chief of staff card stock, said, Anyone
4 who entered the Capitol illegally -- which is crossed out -- without proper authority
5 should leave immediately.

6 Do you remember ever seeing this note, or do you know what this is?

7 A No, sir.

8 Q Do you remember people passing notes into the Oval Dining Room for the
9 President that afternoon about suggested statements or messages that he could send
10 out?

11 A I'm pretty sure there was stuff like that happening. Yes, sir.

12 Q [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

14 A [REDACTED]

15 Q [REDACTED]

16 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 Q And this may be an unfair question, so please feel free to push back on it,
19 but I'm going to test your handwriting analysis.

20 Do you recognize that handwriting? And if you don't, that's perfectly fine.

21 A I mean, I can only assume that's Mark Meadows.

22 Q Okay. But you don't know for sure?

23 A I don't know for sure. I mean, it would be my guess because it says chief of
24 staff on it.

25 Q Gotcha. Okay. All right. The handwriting examination is over.

1 I'm showing you exhibit No. 6 now. This is a tweet that the President issued at
2 2:24 p.m., so just over an hour after you returned from the rally on the Ellipse.

3 And it says, Mike Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been
4 done to protect our country and our Constitution, giving States a chance to certify a
5 corrected set of facts, not the fraudulent or inaccurate ones, which they were asked to
6 previously certify. USA demands the truth.

7 And as you can see at the bottom there, it says January 6th at 2:24 p.m.

8 Do you remember any discussions about the President making a comment like
9 this, either before this tweet went out or after?

10 A I do not. I just remember that tweet.

11 Q What do you remember about the tweet, beyond just what we're seeing
12 here? Any discussions in the White House about it?

13 A No. I don't remember, like, any discussions and -- about that with anybody
14 really.

15 Q Okay. And this, of course, comes at 2:24, like I said, over an hour after the
16 President returns. So at this point, you had already told him what was happening at the
17 Capitol, correct, with respect to the riot?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q We understand that during the events at the Capitol, there were a number
20 of chants, one of which was, "hang Mike Pence."

21 Do you remember any comments that the President or anybody around him made
22 with respect to those chants, "hang Mike Pence"?

23 A No. I remember that happening, but I don't remember any comments
24 from the President or anybody on staff.

25 Q This is one of those places where I'm going to ask you if you remember

1 something specifically, only to see if it refreshes your recollection. But we do have
2 information indicating that the President said something like, and excuse my language,
3 but, Maybe he should be fucking hung, maybe he deserves it.

4 Do you remember hearing the President expressing any sentiment like that in the
5 afternoon of the 6th?

6 A I don't, sir. No, sir.

7 Q And so it could have happened, you just don't recall it, or do you actually
8 know for a fact it didn't happen, in your memory?

9 A I don't recall. Again, I don't know if it happened or not.

10 Q Okay. And tell me, [REDACTED] the Oval Dining Room,
11 people are gathering, what's the mood? I mean, are people angry, upset, yelling?
12 What's going on to the best you can tell?

13 A It felt like a lot of, like, disbelief. It felt like a lot of, like, problem solving.
14 It felt like a lot of running around. So that's what it felt like, people still in -- I guess still
15 in shock of what was happening. And like, I guess, like problem solving. It was like,
16 what are we going to do. And, you know -- and that ties in with people just running
17 around pretty much, running from office to office and all over the place.

18 Q You earlier recalled that Jared Kushner and the President's daughter, Ivanka
19 Trump, came into the Oval Dining Room where the President was.

20 Do you know why they were going in? Did they want something in particular?

21 A I don't know why they -- I mean, I have no clue what they said to him or
22 what was out of that.

23 Q Okay. We understand that Ivanka in particular went in to encourage her
24 father, the President, to make a statement about what was happening at the Capitol.

25 Does that refresh anything in your mind about why Ms. Trump was going in and

1 out of the Oval Dining Room that afternoon?

2 A I'm definitely not surprised that she would want something like that. Yeah.

3 Q Why do you say that?

4 A That's just, I mean, just my experience being around them. That's just how
5 she was, was she wanted to fix things pretty much.

6 Q We understand that Mr. Meadows at one point left with Pat Cipollone and
7 then came back. I don't know if you recall that exact sequence of things, but do you
8 understand or know why Mr. Cipollone was there that afternoon?

9 A No. I mean, I don't know, like, why he was there. To be honest,
10 they -- oh; well.

11 Q Seems like you may have a memory there, and I want to explore that.

12 Is there something in particular that Mr. Cipollone did or said that afternoon that
13 stands out to you?

14 A It's just sometimes, I mean -- I don't know if I should say certain stuff.

15 Q Do you want a moment?

16 A Yeah.

17 Q I'm happy to give you a moment, if you like?

18 A If I can just talk [REDACTED], if that's fine?

19 Q Yeah. Of course. Take your time.

20 Mr. George. And why don't we use that so we can take it as a break, if you want,
21 a 5-minute break and then reconvene. I would recommend, just for your knowledge, if
22 you go off of video and off of -- and you mute your microphone -- I'm sorry, I lost the
23 word -- that will help to make sure that you can speak with [REDACTED] in confidence.

24 White House Employee. Okay.

25 Mr. George. All right. Then why don't we reconvene in 5 minutes. And we'll

1 go off the record.

2 [Recess.]

3 Mr. George. Let's go back on the record. It's 3:30. I'm resuming the
4 transcribed interview of Mr. [REDACTED].

5 BY MR. GEORGE:

6 Q When we left off, I think the question that I asked you was something to the
7 effect of what you understood Mr. Cipollone to be going into the Oval on that afternoon,
8 why he was going in and out?

9 A I just laugh a lot because, like, I just don't understand why Cipollone is there
10 quite a bit, because he frustrates the President quite a bit. And like -- and that always
11 happened during like lunchtime and, like, him just getting mad. And I eventually just
12 had to tell the staff don't let him back there during lunch, especially because he frustrates
13 him and he just gets upset. [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED] So I just -- he usually frustrates the
15 President. And I just don't understand why he was there.

16 Q Okay. Understood. Do you remember if there's anything in particular the
17 President was frustrated about with Mr. Cipollone on the 6th?

18 A No. It was just in general, just -- it had nothing to do with the 6th. It's
19 just in general, like, I just don't understand why he was there if he keeps frustrating the
20 President.

21 Q Understood. Okay. And do you remember Mr. Cipollone having any
22 specific suggestions or concerns on the 6th?

23 A I do not. I don't really remember him talking. I had spoke to him on the
24 6th, and that would usually just be [REDACTED]

25 Mr. George. Okay. Just give me one moment. Mr. Su is joining on the

1 platform as well.

2 Mr. Su, we see that you joined the Zoom platform as well.

3 Mr. Su. Yeah. Thank you.

4 Mr. George. Sure.

5 BY MR. GEORGE:

6 Q Are you aware of any conversations or recommendations that the President
7 needed to call the National Guard on the 6th?

8 A What I remember about the National Guard -- what I remember about the
9 National Guard was him wanting to talk to National -- or talk to General Milley and
10 Speaker Pelosi about the National Guard. Those were two of the three conversations
11 that I knew he wanted -- or telephone calls that he wanted to make, was to Speaker
12 Pelosi and General Milley about the National Guard. I remember hearing that just

13 [REDACTED]

14 Q Do you know whether the President, in fact, spoke to General Milley on the
15 afternoon of the 6th?

16 A I do not know if any of those phone calls were connected or not.

17 Q Okay. So you don't know, then, if he spoke to Speaker Pelosi either?

18 A I do not know.

19 Q Do you know whether the President spoke with the Vice President the
20 afternoon of the 6th?

21 A I remember that was a phone call he wanted to make as well was to --

22 Q Do you know -- I cut you off. I'm very sorry, [REDACTED]

23 A Oh, no, no. I'm sorry. I just remember that was one of the other phone
24 calls he wanted to make was to Vice President Pence.

25 Q What do you remember him saying about that?

1 A I mean, really, a lot of my memory was -- on that, if -- he was just checking
2 up on him, see if everything was okay. But I do not remember if he mentioned anything
3 like the National Guard with him or not. I only remember the National Guard associated
4 with General Milley and Speaker Pelosi.

5 Q Okay. Do you know whether the President, in fact, spoke to the Vice
6 President that afternoon?

7 A No. I just remember him talking about that -- call him to check up on him
8 to see if he was okay.

9 Q Okay.

10 A And that was the purpose of the phone call.

11 Q Do you know if anybody did that on the President's behalf that afternoon?

12 A I do not know.

13 Q Do you know if the President himself made any calls to law enforcement,
14 either Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, the Capitol Police, FBI, Homeland
15 Security, any of those, on the afternoon of the 6th?

16 A I do not. Again, I only remembered those three phone calls, was the ones I
17 actually heard, not being, like, him wanting to make was those three phone calls. And I
18 believe he did speak with First Lady Melania Trump.

19 Q Do you know what he said to First Lady?

20 A I think she was talking to him about a tweet as well.

21 Q Do you remember what the conversation was like, what the First Lady was
22 saying, what the President said in response?

23 A No, I don't know what she was saying. I just remember it was about the
24 topic of sending out a tweet.

25 Q Okay. So, earlier, I showed you the tweet from 2:24. I'm going to share

1 my screen again. That's exhibit No. 6. And then, the next tweet that came out, exhibit
2 No. 7 here, came out at 2:38 p.m., same afternoon on the 6th.

3 The President says, Please support our Capitol Police and law enforcement.
4 They're truly on the side of our country. And stay peaceful.

5 Do you remember any discussions about the need to send out a tweet with
6 respect to law enforcement or the Capitol Police?

7 A No.

8 Q Okay.

9 A I don't remember any topic or conversation about that going on.

10 Q And this tweet happened just 14 minutes after the Mike Pence tweet that
11 we looked at.

12 Do you remember any discussions about needing to send out a different tweet
13 following the tweet that the President issued about Mike Pence?

14 A Still, it was always that tweet that happened, I guess, later in the evening,
15 was the one about go home and, you know, stay peaceful, pretty much, that it felt like
16 that was the one they were working on for so long that took forever pretty much.

17 Q Okay. I'm going to show you a few, actually, to see if you remember -- the
18 one that jumps out at you as that one that took a long time.

19 A Okay.

20 Q I'm showing you exhibit No. 9 now. And this is tweet at 3:13. It says, I am
21 asking for everyone at the U.S. Capitol to remain peaceful, no violence. Remember we
22 are the party of law and order. Respect the law and our great men and women in blue.
23 Thank you.

24 Does that look familiar to you?

25 A Yeah. I think it was pretty much that one.

1 Q So I don't want to put words in your mouth, but if I recall correctly, you said
2 it seemed like there's a long time that people are encouraging the President to take put
3 out a tweet before the tweet that was expected actually came out.

4 You think this is the one that --

5 A I think -- I'm pretty sure that was the one. I mean, obviously, because it's,
6 what, almost 2 hours after things started going on.

7 Q Okay. I do want to show you also exhibit No. 8. This is White House card
8 stock we've obtained as part of the investigation. And it says, 1X civilian gunshot wound
9 to chest at door of House Chamber.

10 Do you remember this note [REDACTED] President or
11 anybody in the Oval Dining Room that afternoon?

12 A I remember seeing that in front of him, yeah.

13 Q Do you remember the President's reaction when he received this note?

14 A No. I mean, I just remember seeing it in front of him. I don't remember
15 how it got there or whatever. But there was no, like, reaction. I mean, I couldn't tell
16 you how long that's been sitting in front of him. But I do remember seeing that in front
17 of him.

18 Q Do you remember any discussions, overhearing anything, about the fact that
19 somebody had been shot inside the U.S. Capitol?

20 A The only thing I could just remember off it is just seeing it on the TV.

21 Q I'll represent to you that that happened. Ashli Babbitt was shot in the U.S.
22 Capitol around 2:44 p.m.

23 Was that at all, in your understanding, a motivator for the President to issue that
24 tweet that comes out next and we just looked at at 3:13? Do you remember the fact of
25 a shooting in the Capitol having any role in the President's later statement?

1 A That being a factor? I'm not sure. I just remember them, because at that
2 point, everyone was sending out tweets. And it just -- it was just, he was still probably
3 the biggest person that still hasn't sent out a tweet. I think that's what they were trying
4 to get at. I don't know if the shooting of Ashli Babbitt was the motivator to finally send
5 out the tweet. I can't put that together.

6 Q You said a number of other people were putting out tweets, but they were
7 waiting on the President to do so. Are you talking about -- I know Ivanka Trump sent
8 out a tweet that afternoon. Would that be somebody you're thinking of?

9 A No. I think just like people in general, like, that were -- had nothing to
10 do -- just public figures were sending out tweets, already condoning violence down at the
11 Capitol. Because I just remember hearing stuff like, why are we still not sending out a
12 tweet, pretty much.

13 Q Do you remember who was saying things like that in the White House?

14 A It was just the group.

15 Q And those types of comments, those questions were being asked to the
16 President or said in front of the President. Is that right?

17 A Yeah. Yes, sir.

18 Q Yes?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q I'm going to show you exhibit No. 10. This is a document we obtained.
21 It's titled "Remarks" there. And it says, I urge all of my supporters to do exactly as 99.9
22 percent of them have already been doing, express their passions and opinions peacefully.
23 My supporters have a right to have their voice heard, but make no mistake, no one
24 should be using violence or threats of violence to express themselves, especially at the
25 U.S. Capitol. Let's respect our institutions, let's all do better. I'm asking you to leave

1 the Capitol Hill region now and go home in a peaceful way.

2 Do you remember ever seeing these draft remarks in the afternoon of the 6th?

3 A It looks familiar.

4 Q Do you know what they were drafted for?

5 A A tweet.

6 Q The President never issued a tweet like this?

7 A A tweet or the video that he did in the Rose Garden.

8 Q Okay. Do you recall any discussions about these draft remarks? Do you
9 remember the President not liking them or pushing back?

10 A I wouldn't be surprised.

11 Q Is there anything -- before I say that, but you don't remember specifically?

12 A Uh-uh.

13 Q Okay. Just for the court reporter, that was a no, correct?

14 A Correct.

15 Q Okay. Very good.

16 Do you remember the President having an opinion on things he didn't want to say
17 that afternoon publicly?

18 A No, I don't. No. Typically, from how I just know him, if he just didn't like
19 how something was worded or whatever, he just wouldn't -- he wouldn't do it. And
20 that's just typically him. So if there was something he just didn't like out of that, he just
21 wouldn't -- he wouldn't sign off or approve of it. And that's just typically him. This had
22 nothing to do with -- it's just how he does things.

23 Q Did you go out to the Rose Garden with the President when he filmed the
24 remarks?

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q Do you remember him giving a speech that had been prepared for him or
2 one that he just did off the cuff?

3 A I think there was probably talking points. Again, I'm pretty sure it's usually
4 talking points or a little speech. And sometimes -- a lot of times he would sometimes
5 add onto his own little talking points or go off, like you said, off on the cuff.

6 Q Okay. Don't know for sure what happened that afternoon, though, as far
7 as his Rose Garden delivery?

8 A No. It pretty much was straightforward and quick.

9 Q I understand that Mr. Nick Luna, Mr. Eric Herschmann, and a few others
10 were out in the Rose Garden that afternoon as well. Do you remember it the same
11 way?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q Do you remember Mr. Herschmann offering any comments about the
14 remarks that the President filmed?

15 A I do not.

16 Q Do you remember anybody suggesting to the President that he needed to be
17 stronger, more forceful in the words that he was using --

18 A That sounds familiar.

19 Q Okay. What do you remember about that?

20 A I think -- that's what I remember, is, you know, sounding stronger and
21 forceful. That sounds familiar. Herschmann saying anything, I don't remember him
22 ever saying anything.

23 Q Okay. Don't remember specifically who it was, but you do remember
24 somebody telling the President he needed to be more forceful and specific in calling the
25 protesters off or rioters off?

1 A That sounds like something Nick Luna would say, but I don't -- I can't
2 remember. I just remember hearing that.

3 Q Okay. And what did you understand those general comments to mean,
4 that the President needed to be more forceful?

5 A Just like in his tone, I believe.

6 Q And addressing what issue, though? What did he need to be forceful
7 about, to your understanding?

8 A I guess just like how he was delivering the message. That's how I took it.

9 Q And was it your understanding the message was to the people at the Capitol,
10 telling them to stop?

11 A Correct. I believe that -- I could be mistaken, but I'm pretty sure that's
12 what that video was about.

13 Q Are you familiar with -- we went through a number of calls earlier on the
14 daily diary. But are you familiar with any calls that the President had that afternoon
15 with Members of Congress about the joint session and objecting or not objecting during
16 the joint session?

17 A No, I don't remember any of those. But I think I'm just not surprised if he
18 reached out to Minority Leader McCarthy at all. I wouldn't be surprised on that. Any
19 others, I probably -- you know, probably a little shocked. Maybe Jim Jordan, he
20 probably would've reached out to as well, but anyone else, I probably couldn't.

21 Q Okay. And I'll offer this just to see if it shakes anything loose. It's
22 reported that the President reached out to Leader McCarthy and said something to the
23 effect of, I guess the people there at the Capitol are more upset about the election than
24 you are.

25 Do you remember hearing anything like that from that afternoon?

1 A No.

2 Q Okay.

3 A That just made me laugh. That's funny.

4 Q No. It's quite all right.

5 Funny why? Because it's something that the President sounded like he might say.
6 or just -- tell me why in your words.

7 A I mean, it could sound like something he could say out of just anger, you
8 know, sometimes.

9 Q All right. Let me share my screen again.

10 A Their relationship started going away too.

11 Q Their relationship, meaning the President and Leader McCarthy's?

12 A Yeah.

13 Q All right. So now we're looking at exhibit 11. This is another tweet that
14 the President sent out that afternoon, 6:01 p.m. Says that, These are the things and
15 events that happen when a sacred landslide election victory is so unceremoniously and
16 viciously stripped away from great patriots who have been badly and unfairly treated for
17 so long. Go home with love and in peace. Remember this day forever.

18 Do you remember anything about this tweet, how it was crafted or who
19 recommended it?

20 A I do not remember this tweet at all.

21 Q Okay. Any discussions that you recall about the sentiments in this tweet,
22 that this is what happens, an attack on the Capitol, when the President's claims about
23 election?

24 A No. No, sir.

25 Q Okay. I'm showing you now [REDACTED] again.

1 Earlier, we talked about the President leaving the Oval and going back up to the
2 residence. This is [REDACTED]

3 Do you recognize what's happening in this photo?

4 A Heading back up to the residence.

5 Q [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]

7 A [REDACTED]

8 Q [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]

10 A [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] we did have a
14 conversation in the private dining room. And it wasn't really a conversation. It was
15 more like a statement, you know, it was just like, Mike Pence has let me down.

16 Q How long before the President left the Oval for the evening do you think that
17 happened, best guess?

18 A When was this?

19 Q This was --

20 A [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED]

23 Q Do you think the President made those comments about Mike Pence letting
24 him down [REDACTED]

25 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED]

9 Q Do you remember the President saying anything about the violence at the
10 Capitol that day?

11 A No.

12 [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]

15 A [REDACTED]

16 Q Do you remember about what time you left for the day?

17 A It could have been within an hour of that happening, inside an hour.

18 Q The President had a number of conversations after he went back to the
19 residence; phone calls with Mr. Cipollone, Mr. Scavino, Mr. Giuliani, Stephen Miller, Eric
20 Herschmann, Johnny McEntee.

21 Did you learn about any of the phone calls the President had that evening from
22 the residence?

23 A No, sir. I typically would not anyways.

24 Q We've mentioned Mr. Scavino a few times. Mr. Scavino, as I understand it,
25 had some role in the President's social media presence. Is that your understanding as

1 well?

2 A Very hands on.

3 Q Do you remember Mr. Scavino or anybody in the White House ever
4 referencing a website called thedonald or thedonald.win?

5 A No, sir. That's brand new to me.

6 Q Okay. Is there anything else about the day of January 6th that stands out
7 to you, as far as the President's remarks, what he may have said about the attack on the
8 Capitol or violence, or the joint session more generally in certifying Joe Biden as the
9 winner?

10 A Like, what do you mean by that, sir?

11 Q Yeah. So that day, the Joint Session of Congress met to count the electoral
12 votes and, ultimately, certified that Joe Biden won the election. Do you remember the
13 President saying anything that day about Joe Biden becoming the President?

14 A I do not, sir.

15 Q Okay. All right. Now, we're going to do this a little bit out of order, but
16 I'm going to draw your attention back in time a bit. I'm going to show you what we have
17 as exhibit No. 12.

18 And this is a tweet that the President issued on December the 19th. He talks
19 about the Navarro report. And then at the end there says, Big protest in D.C. on
20 January 6th, be there, will be wild.

21 Do you remember anything about this tweet in particular or calling people to
22 Washington on January the 6th back in December?

23 A I don't remember. The only thing I remember is scheduling -- them
24 scheduling -- like, he would call a rally on January 6th. But it wasn't until, like, closer we
25 got to like January 6th that I realized that those days matched up as it being the

1 certification of the electoral college that I was able to process and associate his rally and
2 that day's events together. I knew about January 6th being a rally, but I wasn't able to
3 associate it at that time until a little bit -- like a week or a few days before that. So I
4 really wasn't paying attention to the significance of the date.

5 Q Okay. Was there anything -- what made you connect the rally to the joint
6 session, the certification of the election, if you recall?

7 A I think it's just, as it became closer and it was just like hearing it in the news
8 that -- what was happening, that I was finally, you know, putting pieces together.

9 Q Anything that the President or his senior staff said that stands out as, you
10 know, we need to have an event on January 6th?

11 A No. No. Again, like, I wasn't -- I could have heard that stuff and just not,
12 you know, just -- you know, just not even really connecting the dots until it got closer that
13 I finally realized the significance of having a rally on that date.

14 Q I'll walk you through a couple of tweets.

15 First is the exhibit 13. This is from December the 27th now, so 8 days later after
16 that will be wild tweet, and the President says, See you in Washington on the 6th. Don't
17 miss it. Information to follow.

18 Then exhibit No. 14, December the 30th, saying, January 6th, see you in D.C.

19 January 1st, New Year's Day, The big protest rally in D.C. will take place at 11 a.m.
20 on the 6th. Location details to follow. "Stop the steal."

21 And then this format's a little odd, but on the -- January 2nd, a person named Kylie
22 Kremer talks about being a part of history on January the 6th at the White House Ellipse,
23 with hashtags "march for Trump," "stop the steal," and "do not certify."

24 And the President says in a re-tweet on the 4th, I will be there. Historic day.

25 Do you remember this kind of evolution of the President sending out multiple

1 tweets, comments about getting people to the rally on the 6th?

2 A I remember those first couple tweets. I don't remember this, I guess, tweet
3 with Kylie. I don't remember that.

4 Q Is there anything that you overheard or had discussions with the President
5 that gave you an understanding of his expectations for a rally on the 6th? What did he
6 want?

7 A I mean, just typical, he wants to know the crowd size. [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED] But, yeah, that's
9 typically what he wanted. Like, that was one of the questions he would either ask [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED] how big is the crowd. And that's what we would, you know -- typically, all
11 he really wanted to know is how many people can we get.

12 Q Earlier, we talked about the President asking that question on January 6th,
13 the day of, about the crowd size. Do you remember him raising issues or commenting
14 on the need to have a large crowd before January 6th, so in the days before?

15 A Uh-uh. The only thing I remember about the crowd on January 6th, I
16 believe they blocked off people standing on Constitution Avenue. So it was kind of like
17 the Ellipse, and then Constitution Avenue, and then people on like the Mall area, that he
18 wanted people just to be able to stand on Constitution Avenue. And, I guess, like -- I
19 mean, I don't know, like, the reasons why or who told him or what it was, but I think
20 that's what they were trying to figure out.

21 So I think he just wanted -- that was the only thing I can remember just him talking
22 about a crowd size or the crowd in general, but not being there a day before or whatever
23 you were asking.

24 Q Okay. And I think you just answered one of the questions I was going to
25 ask you. But you were not working on the 5th at the White House. Is that right?

1 A No, sir.

2 Q Did you ever remember learning that certain parts of the crowd or people
3 did not want to enter the security zone around the Ellipse on the 6th? So they didn't
4 want to go through the magnetometers, and instead stayed on kind of the other side of
5 the fencing or rope line from the rally?

6 A No. And -- no. I never heard that.

7 Q Do you remember hearing any conversations about people with restricted
8 items trying to get into the rally on the Ellipse that day, reports from Secret Service or
9 otherwise?

10 A I wouldn't hear any of that 'stuff, sir.

11 Q Okay. In the days leading up to the 6th, do you recall any conversations or
12 anybody having concerns about potential violence in Washington on the 6th?

13 A No, sir.

14 Q We understand that the President spoke with Steve Bannon a number of
15 times in the weeks and days leading up to the 6th.

16 Do you know about anything the President discussed with Mr. Bannon leading up
17 to the 6th?

18 A I'm just surprised he even spoke to him, to be honest. He was in when the
19 administration started and gone pretty quick. So I'm surprised he even spoke to him.
20 So I wouldn't even have a clue.

21 Q Bear with me just a moment. I need to admit one of our reporters.

22 We understand that the President met with Members of Congress in the days
23 leading up to the 6th.

24 Do you remember any meetings with Members of Congress where the President
25 and the Vice President or others discussed the Joint Session of Congress?

1 A I'm sure they happened. I couldn't tell you if they happened or not
2 because typically that would just be a normal day.

3 Q Okay. No specific memories, though, about the joint session or meetings
4 with Members?

5 A No. Because, again, like, I don't pay attention, only, like, really if like
6 something, like, I heard like my name trigger, trigger words that stand out to me. But if
7 I'm like reading the schedule or any -- you know, just reading the schedule or a pop-up
8 meeting happens, it just -- I don't pay attention to the significance or what it's about.

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2 [4:04 p.m.]

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BY MR. GEORGE:

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Q So now I want to go to January the 4th, 2 days before the 6th. Were you working on January the 4th at the White House?

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A Yes, sir.

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Q I understand that there was a meeting that the President had in the dining room with Max Miller and Bobby Peede, two of those individuals from the photo we saw, along with someone named Katrina Pierson.

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Do you remember a meeting where they were discussing what could happen on the 6th from an event planning perspective and who would be speaking at the rally?

8

A I don't know who Katrina Pierson is. I probably saw her. I just -- don't know who -- she doesn't ring a bell to me. But with Max Miller and Bobby Peede, they're just probably just talking -- I mean, I don't know what they were talking about, but I just know they helped with events and rallies and music and just stuff like that, but that's about as much as I would know.

9

Q Okay. And we understand -- and, again, I'm conveying this only to see if it helps you in your memory. But we understand that the President raised the idea of having 10,000 National Guard troops in Washington for January the 6th.

10

Do you remember any discussions about the President wanting National Guard troops in Washington for the 6th?

11

A I didn't hear about National Guard being mentioned until on Jan. 6th when things were happening.

12

Q And what do you remember about that? And I'm sorry if this is kind of going backwards to something you've already said, but just refresh me.

13

1 A Oh, just he wanted to talk to General Milley and Speaker Pelosi about
2 National Guard.

3 Q Okay. We already talked about that, all of those calls, right?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q Okay. Also on the 4th we understand that there's a meeting between the
6 President and the Vice President, and I'm going to show you my screen. This is exhibit
7 number 18.

8 Do you remember the President and the Vice President meeting together on the
9 4th?

10 A I don't remember, but, again, I'm -- it's common.

11 Q Stepping away from specific dates or events, do you remember the President
12 in the days before January the 6th asking Vice President Pence to change the outcome of
13 the election during the certification on the 6th?

14 A No, sir, I don't.

15 Q Do you remember the President suggesting that Vice President Pence has
16 the power to do something to change the outcome of the election in any days leading up
17 to the 6th?

18 A No, sir. I didn't -- I wasn't aware of that will until the day -- or, you know,
19 that day, the Jan. 6th, that the Vice President even had that power -- or not power. I

20

21 Q Fair enough. So a suggestion that the President made to the Vice
22 President. Is that fair?

23 A Yeah.

24 Q Okay. And, again, this is -- and not to belabor the point, but do you
25 remember the President ever telling Pat Cipollone or anybody else who worked for him in

1 the White House that they needed to tell the Vice President that he could do something,
2 the Vice President, to change the outcome of the election on the 6th?

3 A No, sir.

4 Q Do you know who John Eastman is? Do you remember him being around
5 at the White House?

6 A Yes, sir, I know who he is.

7 Q All right. What do you remember about John Eastman and his presence at
8 the White House in January, or late December?

9 A That he was an attorney and he had meetings with him pretty much.

10 Q Do you know what happened in those meetings, what Mr. Eastman was
11 saying that the President should or shouldn't do?

12 A No, sir.

13 Q Do you remember Dr. Eastman being in a meeting with the President and
14 the Vice President in the days leading up to the 6th?

15 A I'm sure it happened, but I can't recall that.

16 Q Do you remember anybody else coming to the White House with Dr.
17 Eastman, Rudy Giuliani, other lawyers?

18 A Like, together?

19 Q Or just to be in meetings together, not necessarily arriving together, but in
20 meetings together.

21 A Oh, sir, I wouldn't know. But, I mean, to be honest, that -- it does not
22 surprise me that that happened because usually -- I mean, I have seen -- it wasn't just Mr.
23 Eastman, or whatever, Dr. Eastman in the meetings at one point with the Vice President
24 and President Trump at one time. There has been multiple people in that room before.

25 Q Okay. And just to be clear for the record, do you remember any specific

1 occasions, not the dates or the meetings specifically, but just that Dr. Eastman met with
2 the President or Vice President along with Mr. Giuliani or anybody else?

3 A Can you clarify that again?

4 Q Absolutely. I'm glad you asked for that.

5 Do you remember Dr. Eastman being in meetings with Rudy Giuliani and the
6 President?

7 A In the Oval?

8 Q Anywhere in the White House.

9 A Again, I have seen them in the Oval before, but outside the Oval really, no.
10 And it doesn't surprise me.

11 Q And just to be clear, you saw Mr. Giuliani and Dr. Eastman together in the
12 Oval before?

13 A I've seen them, yes, sir.

14 Q Do you have any sense of when that was? Was it January, December?

15 A No, sir, I couldn't tell you.

16 Q Okay. Another person I do want to show you -- I'm going to show you a
17 picture of him -- an individual named Jeff Clark. He's a Department of Justice -- or was a
18 Department of Justice official. You can see both pages, I think, or you should be able to.

19 Do you recognize that person?

20 A It's not ringing a bell.

21 Q Okay. Okay. Let me stop sharing here.

22 [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 A [REDACTED]

1 Q [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]

3 A [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 Q Generally speaking, do you remember the President ever tearing up or
13 destroying documents that he had seen?

14 A That's typically what he would do once he's finished with a document. [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 But that was his sign of, like, he was done reading it, and he would just throw it on the
17 floor. [REDACTED] He would tear everything, tear

18 newspapers, tear pictures, [REDACTED] on Jan.

19 6th, he would, you know -- it didn't have to be that picture, but as an example, he likes to
20 look at pictures, and he would just tear it once he's done looking at it and just throw it on
21 the floor. [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

24 Q Do you remember the President doing that on January the 6th?

25 A I don't remember, sir. But, you know, it wouldn't surprise me that there

1 was a pile. [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]

3 Q Do you remember the President asking anybody to destroy any documents
4 on the 6th?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q Do you remember the President himself destroying -- other than ripping
7 them up like you just explained -- destroying any documents on the 6th?

8 A No, sir.

9 Q Okay. Do you remember the President or any of his advisors telling the
10 White House photographer that they were to not take pictures on the afternoon of the
11 6th?

12 A No, sir. I mean, he took -- the photographer took the picture on -- or took
13 that picture that time, and then she was taking pictures in the Rose Garden. But
14 typically the photographer doesn't go back into the private dining room at all.

15 Q I see. Okay. And were you aware of any instructions that the President,
16 Mark Meadows, or anybody on senior staff gave to the outer Oval employees not to keep
17 certain records for the 6th? So don't write down phone calls, don't write down
18 meetings, things like that.

19 A No, sir, I didn't hear any of that.

20 Q Okay. I think that's -- just bear with me for a moment. I think that's most
21 of what I wanted to cover with you.

22 I appreciate your time, and I hope to get you out of here on the early side.

23 A No worries.

24 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], I just want to ask you generally, is there anything that we haven't gone over that you think is important to give us a complete understanding, or a more complete understanding of the events of the 6th as we do our job here in Congress?

A Um, I'm not really sure, sir. I mean, you would have to help jog my memory a little bit. I mean, I wouldn't -- I wouldn't even know where to begin, like, because [REDACTED]

Q Okay. Very good. And I totally appreciate these circumstances are not always conducive to people thinking back and really racking their brain. But if there is a point after this is over and we conclude for the day that you think, Oh, man, I really want them to know this or, Oh, yeah, this thing sticks out based on some of the questions that I asked today, please feel free to get in touch with [REDACTED] or Ms. Cicconi or anybody else, and we'd certainly welcome that information to help us do what we're doing on our side of the House.

1 So at this point, though, unless there's anything that anybody wants to put on the
2 record or that you have, I'm certainly concluded from my side.

3 A Again, it's just me personally. I'm just, like, paranoid.

4 Q Yes.

5 A And this is like -- and my anxiety, I just really don't -- again, I don't -- like, I'm
6 real worried about my name or my title or anything to associate me with this because,
7 again, typically I just really don't want to be involved in this because I don't think, you
8 know, it was my job to be involved. But that's what -- I just really want to be able to
9 protect my name and myself from anybody trying to reach out to me pretty much.

10 Mr. George. Yeah, we completely understand, and that is a conversation that
11 we've been having with the White House for some time. So I appreciate those concerns.

12 White House Employee. Yes, sir.

13 Mr. George. Is there anybody else who wants to put anything on the record
14 before we go off?

15 Okay. Very good. Then why don't we go off the record.

16 [Whereupon, at 4:19 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

1 Certificate of Deponent/Interviewee

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4 I have read the foregoing _____ pages, which contain the correct transcript of the
5 answers made by me to the questions therein recorded.

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