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23 commencing at 10:00 a.m.

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5 For the SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE
6 THE JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL:

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9 [REDACTED] INVESTIGATIVE COUNSEL

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2 [REDACTED] Good morning. It is May 19th, 2022. And this
3 is the deposition of Mr. Dion Cini, conducted by the House Select
4 Committee to investigate the January 6th attack on the United
5 States Capitol pursuant to House Resolution 503.

6 This will be a staff led deposition. The members may choose
7 to ask questions, and at this time, I'd ask the witness to please
8 state your full name and spell your last name for the record.

9 The Witness. Sure. My name is Dion Cini, C-I-N-I.

10 [REDACTED] All right. And I introduce myself previously,
11 but my name is [REDACTED] I'm the investigative counsel with
12 the Select Committee. There is no other staff on the call right
13 now and also there are other members on the call.

14 Under House deposition rules, Neither committee members nor
15 staff may discuss the substance of the testimony -- of your
16 testimony today unless the committee approves release.

17 And then I'll also note that under House rules, you may have
18 an attorney present, but counsel for other individuals or
19 attorneys from other government agencies may not be, and
20 therefore not present today. I'll just note for the record that
21 you're not represented by counsel today, but you are aware that
22 you have that option.

23 And then also what has previously been marked as Exhibit
24 1 is the Select Committee's March 23, 2022 subpoena for Mr. Dion
25 Cini and the House deposition rules were included in that

1 subpoena as an exhibit.

2 As I mentioned just before we got on the record, there's
3 an official reporter that's going to be transcribing the
4 deposition today and everything that we said.

5 So just to make our job a little bit easier, if you can try
6 to wait until I finished my question before you start your answer.
7 It's very difficult for the reporter to transcribe two people
8 speaking at the same time.

9 And then sort of along those same lines, we can only
10 transcribe verbal responses. So just make sure that you use a
11 verbal response instead of something like a head shake. I know
12 we all do that in conversation sometimes, so I'll just remind
13 you, if I see you shake your head just to ask you to give a verbal
14 response.

15 Does that all make sense?

16 The Witness. Yes, it does.

17 [REDACTED] Okay. And then today all that I'm asking you
18 to do is provide complete answers to the best of your
19 recollection.

20 So if a question is not clear or you don't know the answer,
21 feel free to just ask for a clarification or just tell me, I don't
22 know. That'll probably happen today, and that's absolutely
23 fine.

24 You're obligated to answer all of my questions unless you
25 are going to assert a privilege recognized by the committee

1 privilege such as the Fifth Amendment privilege against
2 compulsory self-incrimination.

3 If you do choose to assert any sort of privilege like that,
4 we can either pause the deposition and seek a ruling from the
5 chairman on that privilege assertion, or we'll just note the
6 assertion and then continue on.

7 And then this is -- sorry. Lots of housekeeping rules to
8 go over before I get started. And feel free to slow me down or
9 tell me to stop it if you have any questions.

10 But I also need to provide you a warning that we provide
11 to every witness that we talked to, which is that it's unlawful
12 to deliberately provide false information to Congress. So
13 providing false information during this deposition could result
14 in criminal penalties for perjury or providing false statements.

15 Does that make sense to you?

16 The Witness. Yes, it does.

17  Okay. Now, with that being said, I do want to
18 be clear that this is a congressional investigation and not a
19 criminal investigation.

20 We are not involved in any work that the DOJ or FBI is doing.
21 We are not partners in their investigation. They're not
22 partners of ours.

23 And so I just want to make sure that you understand that
24 distinction.

25 The Witness. Yes, sir.

1 [REDACTED] And then let me know at any point if you need
2 to take a break. I normally try to remember to take about a
3 five-minute break every hour or so, and I don't expect that we'll
4 go much over two hours.

5 So we'll probably take a break in there, And then if you
6 need a break at any other time, feel free to say so.

7 And then, as I noted before we go on the Record, I'll be
8 asking most of the questions. There might be a time that another
9 staff member pops on the call or a member of the committee to
10 ask you some questions. And I'll try to make sure to alert you
11 that somebody else has joined the call if that happens.

12 And then lastly, because this is a deposition, you'll be
13 under oath. And so I'll just ask you to raise your right hand
14 to be sworn.

15 The Reporter. Do you solemnly swear and affirm under the
16 penalty of perjury that the testimony you are about to give will
17 be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

18 The Witness. I do.

19 The Reporter. Thank you.

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EXAMINATION

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BY [REDACTED]:

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Q All those ground rules are out of the way, So we can start with some simple stuff. If you could just tell me or describe your kind of educational and professional background, that would be helpful.

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A Can I start with a statement?

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Q Sure. Yeah. If you have a statement that you'd like to make, go for it.

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A Sure. It is my pleasure to be here today with the Select Committee. I have provided what I believe is the only single document and recording that I could assist with The Select Committee's investigation that I could locate, as per the vague guidelines regarding documents and communications of constitutionally protected political activity for information outside of my custody. It's very well documented with a simple Google search that I am and always have been a peaceful and lawful demonstrator.

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I have what many call a loner. And while some people believe that I may be part of fringe political organizations and not. The leaders and followers of said fringe political organizations have more of a fascination with me than I do of them.

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It's always been my belief that when you walk alone, you're

1 only responsible for yourself and not of others.

2 With that said, I respectfully invoke my rights under the
3 Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution on the grounds that
4 answering questions may incriminate me.

5 Q Mr. Cini, Just to let you know, the way that we do this
6 is when somebody chooses to invoke the Fifth Amendment, you have
7 to do that as to each question that I ask you?

8 So we're still we're still going to go through the
9 deposition. I'm still going to ask you a series of questions,
10 and then you'll need to think about the question and what your
11 response would be and decide if the response to that question
12 would potentially or could potentially be used against you in
13 a criminal prosecution. Then you can invoke that Fifth
14 Amendment right, but you should listen to the question and then
15 think about the implications of raising the Fifth Amendment
16 before you do that.

17 Does that make sense to you?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q Okay. So again, I'll just ask you if you could tell me
20 a little bit about your educational and professional background?

21 A I respectfully invoke my rights under the Fifth
22 Amendment of the U.S. Constitution on the grounds that answering
23 questions may incriminate me.

24 Q Okay. Again, I just want to ask, is it your belief that
25 telling me about your educational background could be used

1 against you in a criminal case. And that is that that is evidence
2 of Having committed a crime?

3 A No.

4 Q Okay. So, you know, I understand that there might be
5 some questions that I ask you that might raise those concerns
6 for you. But I'd encourage you if your answer is no to that
7 question that I just asked you, that you don't believe that your
8 educational background is going to be incriminating, then we
9 cover some of those basic questions. And then when I raise kind
10 of more specific questions that do concern you, then you can
11 assert your Fifth Amendment right?

12 If you continue to want to assert your Fifth Amendment right
13 to that question, that's your right to do so. But I will let
14 you know that there potentially later could be a challenge to
15 that assertion. The chairman might overrule the assertion, or
16 we might have to call you back and read conduct a deposition once
17 a ruling has been made on your assertion of that right.

18 Does that all make sense?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q Okay. So I'll just ask you one more time. Can you kind
21 of give me a run through of your educational and professional
22 background?

23 A High school education. And I guess you could say I'm
24 self-educated in technology, software and network
25 infrastructure.

1 Q Okay. And how about professionally? What do you do as
2 your primary source of income?

3 A Right now, I guess you could say, I'm out of
4 work -- semi -- out of work at the moment.

5 Q What did you do when you were employed?

6 A Sales.

7 Q Okay. And do you have any sources of income right now?

8 A Very little.

9 Q Where are those Little -- where are those sources of
10 income?

11 A Manufacturing Toys, Small toys.

12 Q Yeah. Okay. And am I right that you run or have in the
13 past run a business selling Trump-related paraphernalia like
14 flags and that sort of thing?

15 A Yeah, on very small basis.

16 Q Okay. And do you still do that?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And do you receive some sort of income from that?

19 A Sorry?

20 Q And do you receive some sort of income from that?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Do you have any prior military service?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. Can you tell me about that?

25 A United States Marine Corps Reserve.

1 Q And how long did you serve in the Marines?

2 A Sorry?

3 Q And how long did you serve in the Marines?

4 A Three years.

5 Q I'll ask you and also, [REDACTED], our court reporter, am
6 I coming through Clearly? Sometimes --

7 A It's breaking up. It's mumbling in the beginning of the
8 question almost every time.

9 The Court Reporter. Yes.

10 [REDACTED] Okay. Hold on. I'm going to switch my audio
11 quickly.

12 All right. How's that? Is that a little better?

13 The Witness. I think so.

14 The Court Reporter. Yes.

15 [REDACTED] Okay. Great.

16 BY [REDACTED]:

17 Q So one more time for me, How long did you serve in the
18 Marines?

19 A Three years.

20 Q And when was that?

21 A 1991.

22 Q Okay. Till '94, approximately?

23 A Yeah.

24 Q So you and I have talked a little bit previously, and
25 now with your statement, you said that you, I think, are not

1 associated with -- you didn't name any organizations, But is it
2 right that you are not a member of the Proud Boys?

3 A I respectfully invoke my rights under the Fifth
4 Amendment of the U.S. Constitution on the grounds that answering
5 questions may incriminate crime.

6 Q Okay. And you -- feel free, Instead of saying that
7 whole statement, you can just say the Fifth or plead the Fifth.
8 Just to make things a little bit more efficient time-wise?

9 A Okay.

10 Q Are you familiar with the Proud Boys organization?

11 A I plead the Fifth.

12 Q Could you characterize your current relationship with
13 the Proud Boys or members of the Proud Boys?

14 A I plead the Fifth.

15 Q Was your relationship with the Proud Boys or members of
16 the Proud Boys different in 2020 than it is today?

17 A I plead the Fifth.

18 Q Can you tell me when you first learned of the Proud Boys?

19 A I plead the Fifth.

20 Q Could you name some Proud Boys for me that you are
21 familiar with or that you've met?

22 A I plead the Fifth.

23 Q Are you a member of the Proud Boys?

24 A I plead the Fifth.

25 Q We're going to talk today a little bit about January 6th

1 and your attendance at some of the events of January 6th?

2 One kind of preliminary questioners want to ask you is on
3 January 6th, did you wear a pouch -- I'm sorry -- a patch on some
4 of your clothing indicating or using the name Proud Boys.

5 A I plead the Fifth.

6 Q Have you ever attended events with Proud Boys?

7 A I plead the Fifth.

8 Q I'd like to look at an exhibit quickly. This is a
9 document that you provided. I'll Pull it up on the screen so
10 that you can see it?

11 And I just want to ask you some questions about this document
12 that you provided. Can you see that screen and that --

13 A Yes.

14 Q Okay. I want to draw your attention to the bottom, two
15 the messages that you sent above -- And I can zoom in if you want
16 me to zoom in?

17 A I'm Okay. I see it.

18 Q Okay. This is Exhibit 4, a document that you produced
19 to us, and it appears to be messages exchanged with Mr. Enrique
20 Torrio. The messages, according to the document -- or sorry.
21 The messages appear to have been exchanged on Telegram; Is that
22 correct, these messages with Mr. Torrio on Telegram?

23 A I plead the Fifth.

24 Q And in these messages you are discussing with him an
25 incident that occurred at a church where some property was

1 destroyed. And you say to Mr. Torrio, quote, "I used to tell
2 everybody that show me one picture, one video of a Proud Boy
3 destroying property and I won't be in the club," end quote?

4 Is that a message that you sent?

5 A I plead the Fifth.

6 Q And I just want to ask you about the specific phrase "I
7 won't be in the club." When I read that, that implies to me that
8 you are currently in the club and that you would no longer be
9 if you saw property destroyed; Is that correct?

10 A I plead the Fifth.

11 Q Okay. I'll stop sharing this Exhibit 4. I'd like to
12 ask about some events that you organized in the past. And I
13 correct that you've organized some political events in support
14 of former President Trump?

15 A I plead the Fifth.

16 Q At these events, Have you ever invited prop boys to
17 attend?

18 A I plead the Fifth.

19 Q Have you ever given money to the Proud Boys or a member
20 of the Proud Boys in support of their activities?

21 A I plead the Fifth.

22 Q Do you know Mr. Enrique Torrio?

23 A I plead the Fifth.

24 Q I have a series of questions about Mr. Torrio and your
25 relationship with him?

1 Would it be your intention to plead the Fifth with respect
2 to any questions about Mr. Torrio?

3 A Yes.

4 Q I've got some questions about your relationship with
5 some other individuals as well. The first one being Mr. Roger
6 Stone. Do you know Mr. Roger Stone?

7 A I plead the Fifth.

8 Q Have you ever worked with Mr. Roger Stone in organizing
9 any of the events that -- events related to support for President
10 Trump?

11 A I plead the Fifth.

12 Q Okay. Again, I have a series of questions about Mr.
13 Roger Stone and your relationship with him and activities with
14 him?

15 Is it your intention of pleading the Fifth With respect to
16 all questions about Mr. Stone?

17 A Yes.

18 Q I have some questions about members of the Trump family
19 and occasions on which you may have met them or participated in
20 activities with them. The first is about a boat rally or a series
21 of boat rallies during the 2020 election season?

22 Did you hold a boat rally or a series of boat rallies during
23 that time?

24 A I plead the Fifth.

25 Q Did you have as attendees at one of your rallies Either

1 Eric Trump or Don Jr., as he's commonly referred to?

2 A I plead the Fifth.

3 Q Okay. Are there any other members of the Trump family
4 that you've had contact with other than Eric or Don Jr.?

5 A I plead the Fifth.

6 Q How about President Trump. Have you ever spoken to
7 President Trump?

8 A I plead the Fifth.

9 Q Have you ever worked with the Trump campaign -- Well,
10 I'll ask that question first. Have you ever worked with the
11 Trump campaign?

12 A I plead the Fifth.

13 Q Have you ever spoken to Mr. Trump or any members of his
14 family About the Proud Boys?

15 A I plead the Fifth.

16 Q How about any members of his campaign? Have you Spoken
17 to anybody at the Trump campaign about the Proud Boys?

18 A I plead the Fifth.

19 Q I've got a few questions about the types of
20 communication you may have used with Mr. Torrio or other members
21 of the Proud Boys?

22 I think the message that we looked at previously that was
23 exhibited before was a telegram message.

24 Have you ever used telegram to communicate with any other
25 Proud Boys?

1 A I plead the Fifth.

2 Q And how about Signal? Have you ever used Signal to
3 communicate with any Proud Boys?

4 A I plead the Fifth.

5 Q Do you have a Parler account?

6 A I plead the Fifth.

7 Q Did you ever follow Mr. Enrique Torrio on Parler?

8 A I plead the Fifth.

9 Q And then I'm going to use the term "group chat" to refer
10 generally to messages with groups either on the Signal or
11 Telegram or any similar messaging app, either encrypted or
12 unencrypted?

13 Were you ever part of many group chats with members of the
14 Proud Boys?

15 A I plead the Fifth.

16 Q And how about any group chats related to January 6th or
17 planning for January 6th or planning to attend events on January
18 6th?

19 A I plead the Fifth.

20 Q I'm going to ask you about some different events in the
21 post-election period -- election period in November 2020 and
22 early 2021?

23 So when I say that, I'm talking about November, December
24 2020 and the early part of January 2021.

25 And before I do that, I just kind of want to understand your

1 mindset going into some of these events And your purpose for
2 attending them, if you did.

3 So my first question is about the 2020 presidential election
4 and concerns over election integrity, Did you have concerns about
5 the legitimacy or integrity of the 2020 election?

6 A I plead the Fifth.

7 Q And if you did have concerns, can you tell me when you
8 first started having concerns about election integrity in 2020?

9 A I plead the Fifth.

10 Q Let's talk about Election Day, November 3rd, 2020. Can
11 you tell me what you did on Election Day?

12 A I plead the Fifth.

13 Q All right. Now, let's talk about some specific events
14 held in the post-election period, starting with November 14th,
15 2020, Did you attend a rally in Washington, D.C. on November 14th?

16 A I plead the Fifth.

17 Q Did you ever have any contact with any Proud Boys about
18 rallies in D.C. on November 14th?

19 A I plead the Fifth.

20 Q I have a series of questions about events and rallies
21 held in D.C. on November 14th. Is it your intention to plead
22 the Fifth with respect to all those questions?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And then there was another large event held in D.C. on
25 December 12th. Did you attend the rallies in D.C. on December

1 12th?

2 A I plead the Fifth.

3 Q Okay. And then same thing or December 12th, Did you
4 ever discuss those events with any Proud Boys?

5 A I plead the Fifth.

6 Q And again, I have a series of questions about the events
7 at D.C. on December 12th and Proud Boys activities on those days?

8 Would it be your intention to plead the Fifth with respect
9 to any questions about December 12th or otherwise present in D.C.
10 on December 12th.

11 A Yes. I plead the Fifth.

12 Q Let's move then to talking about the events on January
13 5th and January 6th, 2021?

14 And my first question for you is, when did you first become
15 aware that there were going to be rallies in Washington, D.C.
16 on January 6th?

17 A I plead the Fifth.

18 Q Are you aware of tweets from President Trump on December
19 19th about the events planned for January 6th?

20 A I plead the Fifth.

21 Q What was your understanding about the significance of
22 the date January 6th? What have you understood is going to be
23 happening on January 6th?

24 A I plead the Fifth.

25 Q On December 19th, the Tweet that I mentioned from the

1 President about the events on January 6th?

2 In summary, he calls people to attend the, quote, "wild
3 protests" that would be in D.C. on that day.

4 Would you have attended those -- Well, actually, first, I'm
5 going to ask, Were you present in D.C. on January 6th?

6 A I Plead the Fifth.

7 Q Would you have attended the events on January 6th, Or
8 was it the President calling people to attend events on January
9 6th that caused you to attend the events on January 6th?

10 A I plead the Fifth.

11 Q Can you just tell me In general, we can start kind of
12 What are your plans for January 5th and 6th? Why were you
13 attending? Who were you going with?

14 A I plead the Fifth.

15 Q Did you communicate with any Proud Boys about your plans
16 to attend the events in D.C. on January 6th?

17 A I plead the Fifth.

18 Q Did you ever speak to Mr. Torrio about his plans or the
19 Proud Boys plans for the events of January 6th?

20 A I plead the Fifth.

21 Q Did you ever talk to Mr. Torrio about specific events
22 that he planned to attend on January 6th?

23 A I plead the Fifth.

24 Q So Mr. Torrio described to you how he thought the events
25 of January 6th were going to unfold?

1 A I plead the Fifth.

2 Q I want to look at a document that you provided us. It's
3 another screenshot of some telegram messages with Mr. Torrio?

4 This is what's been previously marked as Exhibit 12. Are
5 you able to see that?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And these are messages. It appears they were sent on
8 February 24th. Again, these look like telegram messages with
9 Mr. Enrique Torrio, as you had previously represented in emails
10 to me?

11 And I want to draw your attention to the first two messages.
12 And I'm just going to read for the record what you stated in these
13 messages to Mr. Torrio.

14 You said, "I'm not your enemy. I just don't like your
15 leadership style. You had tons of opportunities to turn the PBs
16 around and you never taken it."

17 And then the second message sent at 10:44 a.m. on February
18 24th, 2021, says, "And then when you finally speak up, you say,
19 PBs shouldn't have gone in after you say you're going to go in.
20 Not right at all. That certainly doesn't help their case."

21 I wanted to ask you, when did Mr. Torrio tell you that he
22 was going to go in?

23 A I plead the Fifth.

24 Q When you say, "go in," Are you referring to going into
25 the Capitol?

1 A I plead the Fifth.

2 Q You know, I'll just state, my reading of this message
3 is that at some point before this message and as I read it before
4 January 6th, Mr. Torrio had told you that he was going to go into
5 the Capitol?

6 Is that an accurate reading of these messages?

7 A I plead the Fifth.

8 Q Did any other Proud Boys tell you that they were going
9 to go into the Capitol?

10 A I plead the Fifth.

11 Q Were you aware of plans by Proud Boys to enter the
12 Capitol on January 6th?

13 A Sorry. Can you repeat that?

14 Q Were you aware of any plans by any members of the Proud
15 Boys to enter the Capitol on January 6th?

16 A I plead the Fifth.

17 Q Okay. I'm going to bring down this exhibit and pull up
18 another exhibit, not a document that you provided us, but this
19 is the indictment of Mr. Enrique Torrio?

20 And there are a couple assertions made in the indictment
21 that I want to ask you about. And You can tell me if you have
22 any knowledge of what's in the indictment.

23 So I'm going to pull up Exhibit 13. Okay. And can you see
24 what's marked as exhibit 13 on your screen?

25 A Yep.

1 Q Okay.

2 A Yes.

3 Q That's fine. And again, this is the indictment of Mr.
4 Enrique Torrio, member of the Proud Boys, from February 14th,
5 2022.

6 And I want to draw your attention to page 12,
7 Exhibit -- paragraph 41 of the indictment.

8 Are you able to read paragraph 41? I can zoom in on it if
9 you need me to do that.

10 A I see it.

11 Q Okay. Paragraph 41 discusses a document that was
12 apparently shared by an unnamed individual, Mr. Torrio. It's
13 a nine-page document that was titled in "1776 Returns?"

14 In that document, according to the indictment, detailed a
15 plan to occupy crucial buildings in Washington, D.C., including
16 some House and Senate office buildings around the Capitol.

17 Have you ever heard of this document called 1776 Returns?

18 A I plead the Fifth.

19 Q I have a series of questions about further questions
20 about Mr. Torrio's planning for January 6th and some specific
21 questions about this document called 1776 Returns?

22 Would it be your intention to plead the Fifth to any
23 questions about those topics?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Okay. Let's step back a little bit to pre-January 6th

1 and any planning or preparation that you engaged in before going
2 to D.C.?

3 And I just want to ask, did you do any fundraising in
4 relation to January 6th or activities on January 6th?

5 A I plead the Fifth.

6 Q Did you help anybody else with their own fundraising for
7 January 6th?

8 A I plead the Fifth.

9 Q Did you help Proud Boys raise money for attendance at
10 D.C. on January 6th?

11 A I plead the Fifth.

12 Q Are you aware of Mr. Roger Stone conducting a fundraiser
13 for security and communications related to January 6th?

14 A I plead the Fifth.

15 Q Okay. I'd like to ask you about your own preparation
16 for January 5th or January 6th?

17 In particular, I just want to ask about any equipment that
18 you brought with you or anything that you purchased in advance
19 of January 6th.

20 And I'll focus first on things like body armor or helmets
21 or protective equipment.

22 Can you tell me what sort of protective equipment you
23 brought with you to generate January 6th?

24 A I plead the Fifth.

25 Q I'm going to pull up what has been premarked as exhibit

1 2. Are you able to see this photograph?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. This is, again, exhibit 2, a photograph from
4 Instagram that appears to be you in front of the United States
5 Capitol on January 6th. Is that accurate? Is this you in D.C.
6 in front of the Capitol on January 6th?

7 A I plead the Fifth.

8 Q And I wanted to ask you about some of the -- what appears
9 to be protective equipment that you're wearing. It appears to
10 be some sort of body armor, vest and also a helmet.

11 Can you tell me why you wear those protective equipment?

12 A I plead the Fifth.

13 Q Did you bring any sort of weapons with you on January
14 5th or January 6th?

15 A I plead the Fifth.

16 Q How about communications devices? Did you bring a
17 radio or anything like that to communicate with other people on
18 the ground On January 6th?

19 A I plead the Fifth.

20 Q So again, just in the days leading up to January 6th,
21 days and weeks leading up to that time period, I just want to
22 ask about communications you might have had with people involved
23 in the planning for January 6th?

24 Did you have any communications with rally organizers that
25 were planning events on January 5th or January 6th?

1 A I plead the Fifth.

2 Q So I have a series of questions about individuals that
3 I have been involved in -- or were involved in fighting for
4 January 5th and January 6th?

5 Would it be your intention to invoke the Fifth Amendment
6 for any questions on that topic?

7 A Yes.

8 Q I'm just going to quickly ask some specific ones?
9 Are you aware of an organization called Women for America
10 First?

11 A I Plead the Fifth.

12 Q How about an individual that works for that organization
13 named Charles Bowman. Do you know Mr. Bowman?

14 A I plead the Fifth.

15 Q How about Mr. Ali Alexander? Are You familiar with him?

16 A Sorry. I didn't hear that name.

17 Q How about Mr. Ali Alexander? Are you familiar with him?

18 A I plead the Fifth.

19 Q Did you discuss any plans for January 5th or 6th with
20 Mr. Alexander?

21 A I plead the Fifth.

22 Q How about Mr. Roger Stone? I think we've already talked
23 about -- any discussions with them about January 5th or 6th?

24 A I plead the Fifth.

25 Q How about any discussion with any elected officials

1 or -- any discussions with any elected officials about January
2 5th or January 6th?

3 A I plead the Fifth.

4 Q Any discussions with any members or employees of the
5 White House related to January 5th or January 6th?

6 A I plead the Fifth.

7 Q We've talked about Proud Boys. There are a couple other
8 organizations I want to ask if you're familiar with and if you
9 communicated with them in relation to any planning for January
10 5th or January 6th?

11 The first of those groups is the Oath Keepers. Are you
12 familiar with the Oath Keepers?

13 A I plead the Fifth.

14 Q How about any communications with them regarding the
15 events of January 5th and 6th?

16 A I plead the Fifth.

17 Q And then same question for a group called the First
18 Amendment for Tureens (ph). Are you familiar with that group?

19 A I plead the Fifth.

20 Q And Did you have any communications with them regarding
21 January 5th or January 6th?

22 A I plead the Fifth.

23 Q And then the Three Percenters. Do you know what the
24 Three Percenters -- Are you familiar with an organization called
25 Three Percenters?

1 A I plead the Fifth.

2 Q And any communications with any Three Percenters about
3 January 5th or 6th?

4 A I plead the Fifth.

5 Q How did you travel to D.C. for those January 5th and
6 January 6th events?

7 A I plead the Fifth.

8 Q What day did you travel to D.C.?

9 A I plead the Fifth.

10 Q Can you tell me where you stayed in D.C. when you were
11 present here for the January 6th events?

12 A I plead the Fifth.

13 Q Can you tell me what day you arrived in D.C. In early
14 January?

15 A I plead the Fifth.

16 Q If you were present in January -- in D.C. on January 5th,
17 did you take part in any meetings related to planning for the
18 6th?

19 A I plead the Fifth.

20 Q Can we start -- just broadly for January 6th, Can you
21 tell me what your what your plan was for that day? What kind
22 of events did you expect to attend and what did you think was
23 going to happen on that day?

24 A I plead the Fifth.

25 Q Did you have any -- did you meet any Proud Boys on

1 January 6th in Washington D.C.?

2 A I plead the Fifth.

3 Q Can you tell me why you wore a patch on your vest that
4 says, "Proud Boys"?

5 A I plead the Fifth.

6 Q I'll stop sharing this screen?

7 Did you march with any Proud Boys towards the Capitol On
8 January 6th.

9 A No.

10 Q Can you tell me where you got the patch that you wore
11 on your vest that day, the Proud Boys patch?

12 A I plead the Fifth.

13 Q Did you talk to any Proud Boys?

14 A I plead the Fifth.

15 Q Can you just describe to me -- in that photo you appear
16 to be close to the Capitol. Just describe to me when you Arrived
17 near the Capitol and where you went around the Capitol grounds?

18 A I plead the Fifth.

19 Q Did you observe any members of any police forces while
20 you were around the Capitol grounds?

21 A I plead the Fifth.

22 Q Did you see any signs restricting access to the Capitol
23 grounds?

24 A I plead the Fifth.

25 Q How about any barriers preventing physical access to the

1 grounds?

2 A I plead the Fifth.

3 Q Did you see anybody engaging violently with police on
4 January 6th around the Capitol grounds?

5 A I plead the Fifth.

6 Q Did you engage with any police in a violent manner on
7 January 6th?

8 A I plead the Fifth.

9 Q Did you enter the Capitol on January 6th?

10 A No.

11 Q So I am -- I recognize that you're pleading the Fifth.
12 There is an issue that I'll just alert you to when selectively
13 pleading the Fifth. There's concern of a waiver, and that is
14 that if they're going to choose to answer questions on a topic,
15 you will need to answer all the questions on that topic?

16 And so I understand that you're willing to answer that you
17 were not in the Capitol. Will you describe to me how close you
18 came to the Capitol?

19 A I don't recall.

20 Q I'm just going to pull up exhibit 2 again, and we can
21 use this sort of as a reference?

22 Do you recall where you were when this picture was taken
23 or any landmarks that were near you?

24 A I don't recall.

25 Q Is this you in the photo?

1 A I plead the Fifth.

2 Q Were you chatting using any messaging systems like
3 Signal or Telegram with any Proud Boys on January 6th?

4 A I plead the Fifth.

5 Q There were some specific group chats that the Proud Boys
6 had created for planning on January 5th and January 6th. I want
7 to ask you if you were part of any of those?

8 One was called Boots on the Ground. Were you a part of a
9 chat called Boots on the Ground?

10 A I plead the Fifth.

11 Q And how about a chat called MOSD or Ministry of Self
12 Defense? Have you ever heard the term Ministry of Self Defense?

13 A I plead the Fifth.

14 Q Can you just tell me what you did when you were around
15 the Capitol?

16 A I plead the Fifth.

17 Q You told me that you did not enter the Capitol. Can you
18 tell me why you didn't enter the Capitol?

19 A I plead the Fifth.

20 Q And then I take it at some point you left the Capitol
21 grounds or the area around the Capitol. Can you tell me what
22 caused you to leave?

23 A I plead the Fifth.

24 Q And then let's talk about the evening of January
25 6th -- actually, First question, are you familiar with the

1 Phoenix Park Hotel?

2 A I'm sorry, the what?

3 Q The Phoenix Park Hotel in Washington, D.C.

4 A I plead the Fifth.

5 Q Okay. What did you do on the evening of January 6th
6 after the rally was all around the Capitol?

7 A I plead the Fifth.

8 Q On January 6th -- or after January 6th, when did you
9 return -- Did you return to New York after January 6th?

10 A I plead the Fifth.

11 Q Can you tell me when you returned?

12 A I plead the Fifth.

13 Q Okay. I have a series of questions about your
14 activities after January 6th. Would it be your intention to
15 plead the Fifth to Any questions on that topic?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay. After January 6th, When was the next time that
18 you either spoke to or messaged with or had any communications
19 with Mr. Torrio?

20 A I plead the Fifth.

21 Q Okay. We're getting near the end of my questions, and
22 I appreciate you patiently listening to each of those questions
23 and asserting your Fifth Amendment right?

24 I wanted to finish with some questions about your
25 interactions with the FBI or DOJ. Have you met with the FBI or

1 DOJ related to events on January 6th?

2 A I plead the Fifth.

3 Q Okay. Again, I just want to make sure you're thinking
4 about what it means to assert the Fifth Amendment
5 right -- [inaudible]

6 A I'm sorry. I just missed after what you said there.

7 Q I was saying, I just wanted to remind you again and make
8 sure you're kind of thinking about what it means to plead the
9 Fifth and let you know that we ask all witnesses, basically, if
10 they've spoken to FBI or DOJ, and many have?

11 They've obviously spoken to a lot of people. So I'd
12 encourage you to answer this set of questions just about your
13 interactions with the FBI or DOJ. But if you still conclude that
14 you'd like to assert your Fifth Amendment right, that's fine.

15 A Okay.

16 Q But I'll just ask one more time. Have you ever met with
17 the DOJ About January 6th?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. And how many times did you meet with them?

20 A Once.

21 Q And when was that?

22 A No, I don't recall.

23 Q Was it last year Sometime in 2021?

24 A Last year, yes.

25 Q Okay. And can you just tell me generally what they

1 asked you about or what your conversation was with them?

2 A Basically, they asked me about this picture. And
3 they -- I believe why was I carrying a Trump 2024 flag. And did
4 I enter the Capitol? It's a couple of a few of the same questions
5 you asked me. It was a very short meeting.

6 Q Okay. Did you plead the Fifth when you met with the FBI
7 and the DOJ about those questions?

8 A No.

9 Q All right. Did you give them any documents or turned
10 over any hardware, like a cell phone or a computer or anything
11 like that?

12 A No.

13 Q Okay. And then after that first meeting, any other
14 contact with the FBI or DOJ?

15 A No.

16 Q Did they ask you -- I had previously asked you about some
17 group messages with the Proud Boys, one in particular related
18 to an entity or term, the Ministry of Self Defense?

19 Did they ask you about messages with the Proud Boys about
20 the Ministry of Self Defense?

21 A No, it's the first time I've ever heard that use of that
22 term.

23 Q Okay. Just give me one or two minutes to look over my
24 notes and make sure there wasn't anything else I need to ask you
25 about, But I think we're almost finished here?

1 Okay. I have no more questions for you. Is there anything
2 you want to discuss before we go off the record?

3 A Yeah. The only thing I did forget to tell you is
4 when -- I only did carry a Trump 2024 flag. I forgot to mention
5 that in my opening statement on that flagpole at the top of the
6 flagpole. On top of my flagpole, it said "Trump 2024."

7 Q This is about you --

8 A I forgot to add that to my opening statement that I was
9 only there with a Trump 2024 flag.

10 Q Okay. So your opening statement would have included
11 that you were present in D.C. on January 6th carrying a 2024 for
12 Flag?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Okay. All right. Well, then Thanks very much for your
15 time, Mr. Cini. That's all I have for you today?

16 We are going to leave this deposition open and just put it
17 into recess, since you did plead the Fifth. And the committee
18 will have to make some determinations about how we're going to
19 move forward with those privilege claims.

20 But I appreciate your time this morning. We will go off
21 the record at 10:57.

22 [Whereupon, at 10:57 a.m., the deposition was recessed,
23 subject to the call of the chair.]

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