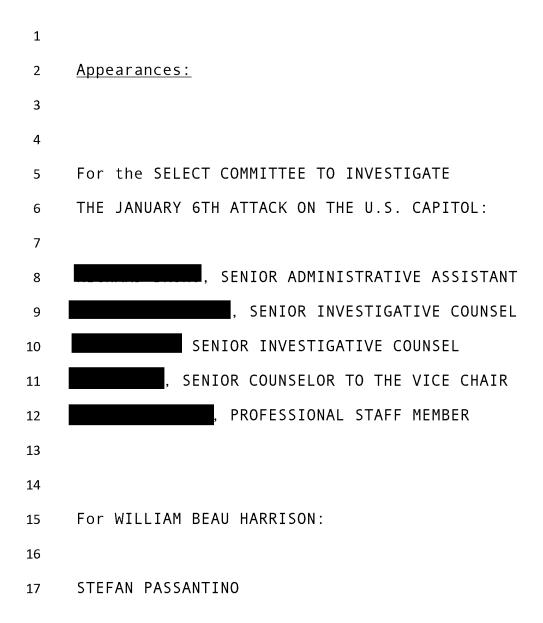
SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D.C. INTERVIEW OF: WILLIAM BEAU HARRISON Thursday, August 18, 2022 Washington, D.C. The interview in the above matter was held via Webex, commencing at 11:06 a.m. Present: Representative Aguilar.



Mr. This is a continued transcribed interview of Mr. William Harrison conducted by the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol pursuant to House Resolution 503.

6 Mr. Harrison, I know you've introduced yourself before the 7 first time, but I'll ask you to do it again, and please spell 8 your last name for the record.

9 Mr. <u>Harrison.</u> Yeah. Beau Harrison, H-a-r-r-i-s-o-n. 10 William Harrison full name, legal name. Beau name -- or Beau 11 is obviously a nickname.

Mr. Thank you, Mr. Harrison.

1

12

In the room today on our side are me, **Market**. I'm a senior investigative counsel for the committee. And it's possible that another senior investigative counsel may join as well in the room, and if she does, I will let you know when she joins. Next to me is **Market**, a professional staff member for the committee as well.

As of right now, we're the only staff for the committee. There are no members on either, and I'll let you know if any members or other staff join. And you should be able to see that as well on the Webex platform that we're on.

We met with you earlier on April 7th, but we do have some additional questions and appreciate you being here for them. The same ground rules are going to apply. I'll briefly go over them again just to refresh you, one of which is you're allowedto have an attorney present. I see Mr. Passantino is here.

And I'll just ask you to introduce yourself for the record and spell your last name.

5 Mr. <u>Passantino.</u> Yes. Stefan Passantino, P, as in Paul, 6 a-s-s, as in Sam, a-n-t-i-n-o.

Mr. Thank you very much.

7

20

21

22

8 There is an official reporter transcribing the record of 9 the interview. Please wait until each question's complete 10 before you begin your response, and we'll try to wait until your 11 response is complete before we ask our next question.

And just as a reminder, the stenographer, the reporter can't take down nonverbal answers. So if you shake your head or say uh-huh or something like that, we may ask you to clarify your answer for that purpose.

And then finally, I do just want to remind you that it's unlawful to deliberately provide false information to Congress.

18 Do you understand all those ground rules and have any 19 questions about them?

Mr. <u>Harrison.</u> Yes, I understand. No questions.

Mr.**mining** Very good.

BY MR.

Q I want to take you back to January 5th, 2021, and talk to you about the expectations of crowd size at the Ellipse event scheduled for the next day, January 6th. And in our prior meeting, you mentioned getting and passing information about the number of people who were expected to attend the rally on the 6th.

So my first question is, why was that something that you were tracking and conveying to Chief of Staff Meadows and potentially others in the White House as well?

A I can't remember specifically what we talked about, but I do know that for every event that they -- that the President would do, you know, any President would do, they tracked attendance and potential crowd size just so they can have, you know, an idea of what they're -- what they're walking into, for a range of different reasons.

Q So was this something that was important to thePresident himself?

A I think it was important to the President. I think it would be important to the folks that were, you know, on the logistical side putting on -- you know, putting on the event. I think there was -- there was interest from the National Park Service, obviously, you know, because they had all these folks that were -- that were gathering on the Mall. So

21 there's -- there was a lot of people that -- that, you know, were 22 interested in that -- in that figure.

Q Okay. And I think last time you did mention that this is something that you were communicating up or ultimately communicating to Chief of Staff Meadows.

5

Was there any particular interest that he had about the crowd size?

A I think there was. I think mainly for just general awareness. And I think that it was -- it was probably, you know, in conjunction with the, you know, broadcast activity that was across all different channels being monitored, just, you know, by the influx of people that were going to be in -- in D.C. and on the Mall that afternoon.

9 Q Just to clarify what you just mentioned, you mentioned 10 broadcast activity. Are you talking about information that was 11 being broadcast before the event or the event being broadcast? 12 What'd you mean?

A No, information that -- or -- or, you know, attendance that was being tracked, you know, by social media, through open source media, you know, of planned events and things like that occurring on -- you know, on the Mall in the -- in the, you know, D.C. area.

Q Okay. And we may come back to some of that as well that you just mentioned as we go through this, but I do want to show you an exhibit. This is exhibit No. 10, and I'll ask to bring that up. This is an email that we have received.

Can you see at least the first part of the email that we've put up on the screen there as exhibit 10?

24 A Yeah.

25 Q Okay. All right. So this is the entire email. I'll

represent that to you. There's nothing beyond the two that
you're seeing here. And that original one is from Bobby Peede
to Tony Ornato, you, and then copying William Russell and Max
Miller, dated January 5th at 12:33 p.m.

Is that big enough for you to be able to read?A Yeah. Yes.

Q So in that bottom email, and take as much time as you'd like to read it, but in that bottom one from Mr. Peede, it talks about the permit for the Ellipse event and the fact that 12 magnetometers, in his opinion, wouldn't be enough.

Do you remember conversations about the quantity of magnetometers that would be appropriate for the event on the Ellipse with Mr. Peede or others in the days before January 6th?

A Yeah. Not specifically, but this -- this is a conversation that happens and has happened and, you know, happened pretty much with every event that was being done.

You know, they have -- they monitor, "they" being Secret Service and the advance folks, you know, monitor RSVP numbers and want to make sure that they have the appropriate number of mags so that, you know, they have a flow rate that is an approximate of, you know, how -- you can get X amount of people through, you know, one walk-through mag or, you know, one hand mag per hour.

And they just -- you know, that's a calculation that goes into any event so that people are not standing in line, you know, 1 forever.

Q Okay. And at one point it does say here -- excuse me, Mr. Peede says here that: I realize there's a long-term mag formula being used.

I'm pulling that out from the middle of the email, but is that what you're referring to when you say that there's some calculation that goes into how many might be needed?

8 Α Right. And I should know the number off the top of my 9 head. I don't. But I know that it's -- you know, they can -- they have an -- again, this is not what it is, but 10 they -- you know, they can say, just for easy math, that, you 11 know, they can get 100 people through one mag in an hour. 12 You know, and there's different -- there's -- obviously, 13 there's different things that slow that -- either accelerate 14

15 that or slow it down.

You know, an outdoor event such as this one, which I think, 16 you know, is also mentioned kind of later in that -- you know, 17 18 later in that -- in the email is, you know, when you have 19 people -- think of it when you're going through the airport. If you've got people that have, you know, a bunch of coats or, you 20 know, outer layers, you know, they have to take those off. They 21 have to put them back on. It slows -- it slows everything down. 22 So that's, you know, one of the things that plays into it too. 23

Q Part of this email also talks about permit. If you look at the first part of Mr. Peede's email, it says: We're down to 12 mags for tomorrow. Permit was approved last night for 30,000
 from the 20,000 number yesterday.

What did you understand this reference to permit to be? A The permit -- the permit that is referenced is the permit for an event on the Mall through the National Park Service. You know, that's something that's pretty standard that you have to do, you know, for an event of this size, for really any event, any event taking place on the Mall or any of the NPS kind of managed properties.

And so -- and so I think that just the -- I guess the permit 10 was upped once they can get -- they can get a feel of, you know, 11 RSVP numbers and things like that so they could then, you know, 12 relay that to the folks at the National Park Service, you know, 13 the folks -- all of the kind of supporting entities, whether it 14 be, you know, Capitol Police or the D.C. Metro Police and the 15 Secret Service and other folks, just, you know, so everybody's 16 kind of working off the same page. 17

Q Did you have any role in getting this permit or amending the permit based on expectations of crowd size or any other reason?

A No. That would -- again, I don't know this for a fact, but I would -- I would imagine that that would probably come through the -- either through the Office of Presidential Advance through, you know, folks at the Department of the Interior, and then it would kind of work its way through, you know, down

9

1 through -- down through the NPS.

2	Q Do you know if anybody on this email so this was sent
3	to Mr. Ornato, Mr. Miller, Max Miller to be clear, and Will
4	Russell. Do you know if any of those folks had any role in
5	getting or amending the permit for the event on the 6th?
6	A I don't know I don't know for sure. I don't know who
7	was the one that was kind of running point on it, you know, but
8	Bobby Peede and Max were kind of the kind of co-heads of the
9	Advance Office at that time. So that was you know, again,
10	don't want to speculate, but that would probably be something
11	that was in their in their area of responsibility.
12	Q Okay. So you then sent this along. The email here is
13	shown at 9:36 p.m., but I'll represent to you that that is very
14	likely 5 hours after. This is in Greenwich Mean Time or UTC,
15	and so this would actually be around 4:36 p.m.
16	A Yes.
17	Q Why did you think it was necessary to send this on to
18	Mr. Engel and Mr excuse me, Mr. Engel and ?
19	A So, as you guys know, Bobby Engel, Bob Engel was the
20	head was the head of the President's detail at the time. So
21	that was more of a kind of situational update. And
22	was the head of the access control kind of he was the DSAIC,
23	you know, the deputy special agent in charge, in charge of the
24	White House Complex.
<u>-</u>	

And it was, you know, simply and purely a situational update

that they -- you know, I'm not sure what -- if they sent it to 1 2 the teams that were involved, but, you know, we had a fairly -- and as, you know, you guys have seen in the other, you 3 know, examples that we talked about last time, that I'm sure that 4 we'll probably talk about here in a few minutes too, you know, 5 we had a pretty open -- open and candid, you know, channel of 6 7 communication and, you know, updates, updates like this were passed fairly routinely and -- and, you know, that -- and that 8 9 was just a regular occurrence.

Q Okay. And that actually leads into my next question, which was, is this the type of information you would pass along routinely or is this something -- or was there something special about this information in the day leading up to the 6th that made you want to forward this along to Mr. Engel and

A No. This is -- this is -- I mean, I bet if you guys searched through -- I mean, I don't know if you'd want to, but this is a -- this is a regular -- regular email.

Q Did discussions about crowd size or expectations for crowd size coming to Washington for the event on the 6th -- it was all over social media. The President was, you know, encouraging people to come to the Ellipse. Did that at all affect, you know, the reason for you sending this information along, outside just the normal routine need to pass information like this?

A No. And, you know, those -- the -- no. And the

emails -- there's other emails that were mainly generated from the Secret Service that I think that were -- were talked about last time where they were sending us, you know, hey, this is kind of what we're seeing from social media, you know.

And that was passed -- that was passed to White House staff, you know, as an awareness point that then we would then -- you know, we would then relay. You know, that was passed to Metro Police. That was passed to Capitol Police, you know, so that everybody was on -- was on the same page of, you know, what to expect.

Mr. I just note for the record that
12 Mr. Another senior investigative counsel for the
13 committee, has joined me in the room and sits to my left.
14 Ms. Hi. Good morning.

BY MR.

15

0 You know, one line in Mr. Peede's email, going back to 16 the bottom email, if we could pull up exhibit No. 10 again, he 17 18 says: I realize there's a long-term mag formula being 19 used -- which is something we just talked about with you, Mr. But he goes on and says: But people are coming 20 Harrison. dressed for a march and standing outside for hours both at our 21 site and the Capitol in the cold. Mags will be slow. 22

23 So do you remember any discussions about people going to 24 the Capitol on January 6th? This is the 5th, obviously, so 25 before the day of the 6th.

I don't -- nothing specific. I know that there was -- I 1 А 2 have a vague memory of, you know, in some of the updates and some of the stuff that was pulled from social media, you know, there 3 was some discussion online about people going from -- you know, 4 going to the Capitol, being near the Capitol, you know, and moving 5 to the Capitol, you know, after -- after, you know, President 6 7 Trump gave his remarks there on the Ellipse. But -- but, you 8 know, that was -- that's the extent of it.

9 Q You mentioned -- just to clarify on that, you mentioned 10 seeing some of that on social media, for example.

Do you remember this being a topic of conversation, whether formally in meetings or informally among colleagues at the White House, before the 6th?

A I don't remember.

14

Q It seems like this idea at least had some appreciable effect on logistical planning or Mr. Peede, I assume, wouldn't have put it in here. Do you -- oh, go ahead.

A I'm sorry. Well, to me -- to me reading that, you know, the reason that that is even included in there is to highlight the fact that, you know, people have -- people are coming from all over and -- and are prepared to be out, outdoors, you know, for an extended period. You know, they'll have backpacks. They'll have, you know, heavy clothes, you know, water bottles

24 and things like that, you know.

And the intention and, you know, the reason for him saying

that was, again, probably pushing for, one, more mags or just
to make sure that everybody was on the same page, that, you know,
people might be waiting a little while, you know, as they're going
through the mags.

Q And that makes perfect sense in the context of this email as well. I guess zooming out a little bit more broadly, obviously, one of the things that the committee is looking at is kind of the expectations of people going to the Capitol and the purpose for them going to the Capitol.

And so I guess I'm zooming out a little bit and curious about any conversations you had and how they might have affected you and your job functions about people going to the Capitol that day.

A Yeah. I mean, there, you know, wasn't -- it wasn't too much additional discussion other than the fact that, you know, there was going to be a lot of people, a lot of people outdoors on the Mall. And, you know, that was -- that was that.

Q I believe we talked to you last time about I don't know if standing meeting is the right way to say it, but you were having meetings with Mr. Ornato Monday, Wednesday, Friday, kind of the operations team.

Do you know if this issue or recall this issue about people wanting to go to the Capitol came up in any of those meetings? A I don't recall specifically. You know, if it -- if the attendees of a -- attendees of a -- you know, of an event went to the Capitol, you know, or if they went home, you know, it didn't
really -- unless it -- it didn't really have much impact on the
President, so -- or on -- you know, on President Trump at the
time. And so it -- I mean, if it was brought up, it wasn't in
any serious detail.

Q I do want to go back to one thing again on the social media. You said that this stuff was -- some of this information about what might happen at the Ellipse, the number of people who are coming was coming up on social media.

10 Do you remember which social media sites you were seeing 11 information like this?

А You know, I was not -- I was not tracking it on social 12 I was -- I was receiving the information kind of in 13 media. tranches where, you know, they would say, hey, here's -- there's 14 a list of -- again, don't know this for a fact. Here's a list 15 of 20 -- you know, 20 events that either are on Facebook or on 16 Twitter or on, you know, whatever platform people plan these, 17 you know, online events or advertise these events. You know, 18 19 and it says, hey, there's 50 people interested or there's 100 20 people that have RSVP'd that they are going to go to this. You know, we would receive that. 21

Again, I -- and I believe that one of the -- maybe a couple of the emails we talked about last time and actually you guys had last time. And it's, you know, event one, event two, event three, you know, and it has details on who's the organizer, who's the -- you know, here's the estimated size, here's the
description, here's -- you know, going on from there.

Q Do you remember any information being obtained from the social media site Parler?

A No. No, not specifically.

5

Q Have you heard -- do you know what I'm talking about when
7 I refer to Parler?

8 A I know Parler. I have never -- never used Parler, don't 9 have a Parler account. To be honest with you, I don't even know 10 if Parler still is even around.

But, yeah, I mean, I know -- I know of it just because that's a -- you know, there are a handful of those social media accounts. Q Okay. And do you remember anybody in the White House or Secret Service or otherwise obtaining information about events expected January 6th from the websites Gab or TheDonald.win, any of those?

I don't remember specifically where they were -- where Α 17 they were pulling, you know, any of these -- you know, the details 18 19 of the events from. You know, I -- my memory of those types of updates was just -- like I said, was in kind of the tranches of, 20 you know, where it's a comprehensive list of, you know, events 21 that have been advertised or planned or, you know, anything like 22 I don't remember exactly the origin of, you know, what 23 that. service or what platform was hosting kind of the planning side 24 of that thing. 25

Q Are you familiar with the site TheDonald.win? Have you ever heard of that before?

3 A I don't think so.

Q So moving on just slightly, at least as of January 3rd, which I believe was a Sunday, it looks like the Secret Service decided to stand up the Emergency Operations Center on the White House Campus.

8 Do you know why standing up the EOC was necessary for the 9 rally on the 6th?

A I don't remember -- I don't remember that happening, but, I mean, I think it was probably just due to the numbers of -- you know, the number of, you know, people involved, the road closures, and things like that that were expected around the city.

I know that, you know, road closures were something that we got, you know, very -- we were very used to, you know, from -- by the time -- you know, by -- I think we had a couple events on the -- on the Mall on the 4th of July. They had, you know, the convention. They had -- you know, I think there were a handful of others that had, you know, impacts to, you know, traffic flow and folks coming in and out of work.

And, you know, I know that -- I know that, just from experience, you know, while we were dealing with those events, we decided that and found that it was kind of helpful to have, you know, kind of an operations center stood up just for ease of information flow, for -- you know, for people to answer
questions, you know, to serve as kind of a hotline for, you know,
those specific type events.

So to answer your question, you know, my thought would be just to simply kind of be a kind of the forward-facing, you know, Secret Service liaison to any of those questions that were coming up, whether it be, you know, road closures, traffic, you know, traffic updates, you know, things like that.

9 Q More generally and in part to educate me, was the 10 Emergency Operations Center at the White House Campus, was that 11 something that was running 24/7, or is that something that had 12 to be stood up on an event or day-by-day basis, if necessary, 13 if you know?

I mean -- I mean, there was -- there was a White А 14 House -- so there's a White House Operations Center, you know, 15 that is -- that is running 24/7 around the clock. And it 16 actually -- and it has -- and I believe this is what you're 17 18 referring to, that has representatives from -- it's not just 19 Secret Service. It's, you know, folks from your staff side. It's folks from Secret Service. It's folks from, you know, 20 career staff on kind of the M&A, you know, OA -- you know, the 21 OA side. And so -- and that, again, is, you know, something 22 that's been around and -- and operating, you know, not specific 23 to this one event. 24

25 Q Okay. The reason I'm asking you is, candidly, I'm not

looking at an email that you specifically are on, but it went
 from the Secret Service to White House -- or WHC Operations
 Group. It went to a WhiteHouseOperationsCenter@eop.gov.
 A Yeah. So the -- so the -- the -- what was the first

5 one?

6

9

Q One was WHC/Operations Group.

A Does that have a -- is there a domain on there? I mean,
8 I don't --

Q Yeah. That's a Secret Service domain.

So that would be -- that would be -- WHC would 10 Α Yeah. be White House Campus. The White House Operations Center is 11 the -- or what we called the WHOC, you know, was -- again, it 12 was the kind of committee -- or not committee, just a group 13 formed, you know, that had kind of the necessary and kind of 14 related members, at least one from, you know, from room one or 15 the, you know, M&A Office, one from Secret Service, one 16 from -- you know, just kind of the related arms. 17

You know, that if any question were to come up, you know, generally on the weekends, they would make sure that somebody was there that they could -- you know, they could put people through WAVEs, you know, on a -- on a last minute notice if they needed. It was kind of like a, you know, a last minute kind of -- kind of catchall.

Q Do you remember if you were included in that Listserv, the WhiteHouseOperationsCenter@eop.gov, getting those emails? A I don't know. I can't -- I don't know for a fact. Q Okay. And Listserv, may be the wrong term, but distribution list, whatever it is.

4 A Distribution, yes. Yeah.

Q Okay. And you don't recall if you were on that or don't? A I -- I don't -- I don't remember. I think I probably was, but, again, I don't know for sure.

Q Okay. And that's helpful background for me, because J'm looking at this email and it just -- this is dated January the 3rd, and it says: The White House Complex will activate the Emergency Operations Center beginning Wednesday, January 6, 2021, in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

And it goes on to say that: The purpose of the EOC is to support the Joint Operations Center, the JOC, and the Unified Command Leadership Team during the Ellipse event, by managing administrative and operational coordination issues.

17 It talks about parking, and then says: The mission 18 statement will be to supplement the JOC by resolving 19 administrative and operational issues,

20 nonemergency/nontactical, directly related to the Ellipse

event, including monitor, track, and report demonstration events
in the National Capitol Region, NCR, to the JOC and the Unified
Command Leadership Team.

Does what I just read to you at all trigger any memories or any recollection as to why the White House Complex in this email, quote, activated the Emergency Operations Center for the
 6th?

А No. I'm sorry. No. I mean, nothing specific, you 3 know, specifically triggered. That was obviously much more 4 elegantly put than I was try -- I was trying to explain that. 5 You know, that was the goal and the mission and, you know, 6 7 that's a pretty good comprehensive write-up of exactly, you know, what was accomplished, you know, by the -- by the operations 8 9 center at the time.

Q And based on the description I just read to you, is the EOC, then, something different than what's running kind of 24/7, is something that has to be specifically activated, as this references?

I don't remember, you know, any -- so I remember in the А 14 operations center the kind of operations group, you know, running 15 pretty much, you know, day to day. You know, I'm not totally 16 sure what -- what other, you know, additions or kind of like, 17 you know, if it was beefed up at all, you know, based on the fact 18 19 that there was this, you know, event planned, that there was, you know, all sorts of road closures, there was, you know, traffic 20 issues. 21

And, again, you know, one of the big things with -- with, you know, any of those events is just the -- you know, the kind of -- it's a pain in the butt getting people to and from and in and out.

21

And there's -- you know, there was a number of people that, you know, even though they've received the email of, hey, there's a road closure and this is how you can, you know, get around it or, you know, there's -- somebody inevitably is making -- you know, didn't read the email and is making a -- you know, and make a phone call and say, hey, I'm -- you know, I'm stuck at this checkpoint and I can't get past it.

8 And, you know, there's the -- somebody within the 9 operations center would be there to kind of talk them through 10 and walk them through, you know, what they needed to do.

Q Got it. Sounds like something I would do.

11

12

13

Mr. Do you have any questions or followup on that?

Q I just had kind of a bigger question about the different operation centers and the situation room and kind of the bigger picture about Secret Service and the White House staff.

17 So let me just start with, did you guys have radios that 18 you would use to communicate with each other as staffers?

A We did. We had radios, you know -- so staff wouldn't -- staff wouldn't use radios to communicate with -- you know, with one another on campus. You know, there was -- there were a handful of radios that were given out to, you know, kind of like the advance team members, you know, so that they could -- that they could communicate while at an event site. But, you know, no radios were used, you know, on campus by staff or, you know, to communicate. We had -- we had -- I had a radio, and there was kind of a select few that had, you know, a radio for just awareness purposes. You know, and depending on roles and responsibilities, there was a -- there were, you know, different channels that -- different channels that, you know, that you had access to -- or not that you had access to, but, you know, that your radio was coded to. But -- but --

Q So -- and this is, again, a super basic question, but when you say you had access to a radio, is it like a -- what -- for you as a staffer, not an agent, what does that radio look like? Is it like a walkie-talkie, is it something in your ear, or how do you -- how do you access it?

A I had a radio on -- a physical radio, like a, you know,
walkie-talkie, like, sitting on my desk.

Q So you could speak into that radio?

A If I -- yeah. I mean, it was not -- I didn't and it would not be appropriate for me to do that, but if --

Q Again, I know these questions are not -- they're super -- they're simple, and I'm not -- it's not meant to be hiding the ball in any way. I'm really just trying to understand.

A Yeah, no.

15

Q If you have a radio, who do you hear over that radio? Do you hear Secret Service agents or do you hear other White House staffers? A You would hear -- again, I guess it would depend on the channel that you're on. The channel that -- that I would listen to was -- was one of the Secret Service channels. So you would hear Secret Service people.

Q And are you familiar with like Tango Charlie Oscar, the channel names, or do you -- or you can just flip to a certain channel?

A I had -- I had one, again, and I -- I can't -- again, 9 it's been a year-plus now, so I don't exactly remember what it 10 was called, but there's -- you know, there were a handful of 11 different channels that were used for different reasons.

And -- and the channel -- the channel that I would listen 12 to was mainly just to -- to like, you know, you would pick up 13 when the President was coming down from, you know -- coming down 14 from the residence or when he arrived back at the White House 15 or -- you know, and once -- and if he was -- if he -- or, you 16 know, for other examples, when, you know, there was a fence 17 jumper, the -- the White House Complex, you know, went to a 18 different elevation status. You know, that -- that sort of kind 19 20 of awareness.

Q And that comes -- does it come over -- or do you have access to more than one channel as a White House staffer, to listen to, or are you always on the same channel? And I --A I -- I did, but I would listen to just the one. And, again, based off of responsibilities and, you know, kind of I 1 guess you're not going to give a -- yes. So, yes, to answer your 2 question.

You could -- there are more channels that I had access to. I would listen to the one that was just basically for awareness, you know, of updates, you know, of the Secret Service protectees coming and going from the White House and, you know, kind of White House complex and campus updates.

8 Ms. I'd like to welcome Mr. Aguilar this 9 morning who's joined us.

10

BY MS.

.

Q So apart from the advance team folks who you said had radios, who else, apart from yourself, generally had access to or would use the radio, separate from the Service, of course?

A So using -- I guess I'll back up. Using the radio, you know, the staff didn't -- I mean, it was very -- it was like a one-way. You know, it was list -- it was -- I guess the best Way to say it, it's listen only.

18 Q Okay.

A You know, if you were, you know, on there running your mouth or, you know, even saying anything, you know, you would probably get it taken away from you, you know, because that just wasn't what it was for.

You know, so I had a radio. There was a radio in the chief of staff's outer office that was there. You know, that was a common thing that was there from -- you know, from first chief of staff, from Reince, you know, through all the different -- all
 the different chiefs of staff.

And then there was a radio in -- there was a radio in the Outer Oval, you know, the kind of anteroom before the Oval Office, you know, where the -- where the President's assistants would, you know, be able to hear, hey, he's in the elevator coming down from -- you know, from the residence or, you know, he's walking over or he's, you know, about to be in the office.

9 Q Would you ever hear anyone other than agents on the 10 radio? And I appreciate what you're saying, you guys are using 11 it as a listening device, but was there ever a use by White House 12 staffers of the radio?

A On campus?

14 Q Correct.

15 A No.

Q And then when we talk off campus, is it beyond just the advance team folks who would have been assigned a radio?

A No. You know, and the use off campus would strictly be, you know, kind of -- they are distributed and cataloged and, you know, logged at an event site -- at an event site, you know, for the use of kind of internal communication, logistical

communication, you know, at the event site.

For example, you know, somebody would -- you know, there's -- let's -- a common, common practice, there's a -- you know, a press staffer, you know, that has been assigned to the

press pool at an event. When -- when, you know, the advance lead 1 2 or the lead of the event is ready for the press pool to be brought into the buffer so that they can kind of do the -- kind of the 3 close-up buffer shot that -- you know, that is very common, and, 4 you know, they would say over the radio that, you know, the press 5 can come up. Okay, it's time for the press to go back to the 6 thing, to the press riser or to the press pool. You know, 7 that's -- that's common practice. 8

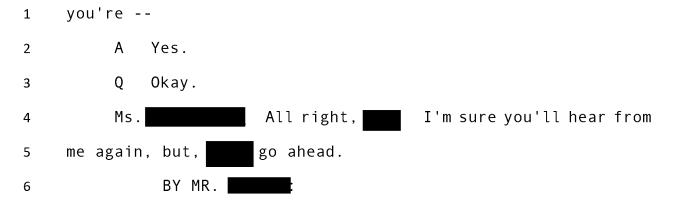
9 Q Got it.

A You know, happens at every -- happens at every event.
 Q And do you know whether the military aides had their own
 radio channel?

A The mil -- so they would be -- I mean, the White House Military Office folks would be on a -- on a specific channel. You know, and you had to have your radio coded to that -- to that channel.

Q Did you have access to listen to that channel? A I did, but I did not. I mean, so to answer your question, I did have access to listen to that channel, but I generally did not listen to that. And on the day -- on January 5th and 6th, I did not, just because I --

Q So just to wrap up this point, I appreciate you kind of going through the different types. It sounds like there's the Secret Service channels are then -- would you say there's separate White House Military Office channels, from what



Q On that point, just to follow up, on the 5th or 6th, were you getting any information, over whatever radio channels you were listening to, from local law enforcement, MPD or other agencies that aren't associated with the Secret Service, about things that were happening in the District?

- 12 A Over a radio?
- 13 Q Right.
- 14 A No.

Q Okay. So I want to take you to the 6th specifically. And I know we already talked a bit about that last time we spoke with you, Mr. Harrison. We do have some follow-up questions.

And just to kind of set the scene again, when we did it earlier, we broke the day into the morning before the event on the Ellipse, the period while the President was at the Ellipse, and then after the President returned. And so we'll generally follow that same structure.

23 So starting with the morning, do you remember hearing 24 anything about people having dangerous items or weapons at the 25 Ellipse? 1 A No.

2 Q How about any dangerous items seized from people going 3 through magnetometers?

A Nothing specifically, but just as -- I mean, you could look at -- you could look at the TSA's Instagram page and see what they pulled through, you know, people forgetting that they have a pocketknife in a backpack or, you know, they have, you know, mace on a key chain.

You know, anything like that is -- happens pretty much every
day, and it happens at -- you know, at every event that takes
place where you have people going through security. You know,
somebody is going to forget that they have something in their
backpack that they, you know, probably shouldn't have.

Q And so just to be clear, the morning of the 6th, do you remember hearing anything about events or occurrences like the ones you just explained or others for people --

17 A No.

18 Q -- going through the magnetometers at the Ellipse?
19 A No.

Q Do you remember hearing anything about somebody with nunchucks, for example? I think that was a specific example I'll use.

23 A No.

Q Did you discuss any dangerous items that were found at the Ellipse with Mr. Ornato or Mr. Engel or anybody else in the

29

1 White House that morning?

2 A Not that I remember.

Q Do you know if Mr. Ornato ever raised any issues about people with dangerous items at the Ellipse that morning?

5 A No.

10

Q And when you say no, just to be clear, you don't recallhim doing something like that?

A I don't remember -- yeah, I don't remember, you know,
9 that conversation ever coming up.

Q So we do have -- yeah, go ahead.

11 A And this is all -- this is all, again,

12 before -- before -- I guess, you know, before the President left 13 for the event, correct? That's the window that we're talking 14 about?

Q That's right. That's right. And we'll zoom out shortly, but yes, that's correct for right now.

We do have several emails, I'll represent to you, that are 17 18 from the Secret Service. One of them is in the morning of the 6th at 7:58 a.m., that said: Good morning. At this time, there 19 20 are approximately 10,000-plus in line waiting to go through the main magnetometers for the POTUS Ellipse site at UD Post 215 on 21 Constitution Ave. Some members of the crowd are wearing 22 ballistic helmets, body armor, carrying radio equipment in 23 military grade backpacks. 24

Now, that's a little bit different than the dangerous items

1 list that we went through, but do you remember hearing reports 2 about that on the morning of the 6th?

A I don't know if I was on that email or not, but I don't remember -- I mean, I don't -- I don't remember anything maybe even more than that, more than that email.

Q Okay. And I don't believe you were on this email.
A Yeah.

Q But I think, just generally, setting the scene, asking if you remember, as you sit here today, anything like that that was being reported the morning of the 6th?

A No. And -- and, you know, if -- if I had any update on it, it probably was through just open source media. Just, you know, you have folks that were in the press that were probably standing, you know, outside, outside the mags kind of reporting on what -- what they saw.

Q The email I just referenced to you is from the Secret Service itself. There was another one at 9:30 that mentions members of the crowd having body armor, carrying radio equipment, possibly OC spray and/or plastic riot shields.

Does any of that, the OC spray or plastic riot shields, trigger any memory of things that you heard about in the morning of the 6th?

23 A No.

Ms. So, Mr. Harrison, I was wondering if you could just, on the night of January 5th, when you go home and you're thinking about the next day, was there any discussion oranticipation of how the day might unfold?

Mr. <u>Passantino.</u> I'm sorry, you mind making that a little more specific? Are you talking about like discussion with who maybe? Maybe --

> Ms. Mr. Orna- -- sure. BY MS.

6

7

Q On January 5th, before the 6th, was there any discussion of what one could expect for January 6th, with Mr. Ornato or any of your colleagues within the White House? In other words, what was your expectation of how the day's events would be?

A You know, I don't know -- I don't remember my specific, you know, expectation. I obviously knew that there was going to be a lot of people on the Mall. You know, the President was going to the Mall.

And, again, we -- you know, there was kind of a growing crowd size that had, you know -- so I guess it was just kind of curious as to how many people would actually be there. But -- but, you know, I don't have any other memory of feelings of -- you know, on the night of January 5th.

Q So other than the crowd size, was there any other concern about the day, the type -- you had mentioned earlier that there was emails about the crowd -- I'm sorry, the groups that may be attending. Was that ever discussed?

A I mean, I'm sure it was. You know, like said, you

1 know, we had our meetings where those types of updates were 2 discussed and, you know, brought to attention, you know, brought 3 to the attention of the folks that were kind of -- and, you know, 4 needed to know that.

But -- yes, but I don't know -- you know, there wasn't any other kind of, you know, feelings that I remember, any memories that I have, you know, kind of specific to, hey, you know, this may happen or this may not happen.

9 Q Mr. Ornato described January 6th, his expectation it 10 would be a pretty typical day. Would you agree with that?

A I -- you know, my expectation -- you know, I got there -- I got -- I remember getting to work maybe a little early just because I was anticipating that there were going to be -- like I mentioned before, there was going to be probably some questions that I was getting from a few of our regular people that didn't read their emails about how to -- how to get into the office that day.

And -- and, you know, I -- there was kind of a clear-cut plan for the President to go down to an event site, give a speech, and then come back. And, you know, at least from my perspective, that was -- that was, you know, kind of what I was anticipating. BY MR.

Q Do you remember in the days before, since we're on this, do you remember Mr. Ornato ever raising, you know, the potential that things could kind of go bad when you have an event like this,

33

a lot of people coming to Washington, any concerns that he had?
A I don't remember -- I think that the main concern was
just the num -- just numbers, you know. And then -- and then,
you know, some of the groups -- the groups that were -- that were,
you know, going to -- had registered that they were going to be
present.

But, you know, through open source -- open source info, you could -- you could figure out that, you know, just by -- by volume of numbers, you know, that -- that -- that could -- you know, issues could arise I guess just by, you know, how many people were there.

But, you know, I don't remember any -- I don't remember any -- at least with me, I don't remember any specific talk of, you know, hey, this could potentially get violent or anything like that. You know, that -- I don't have any memory of that.

Q Okay. And I think, you know, some context there I think could be helpful, because in December, mid-December, there's a Trump rally at Freedom Plaza where I believe somebody got stabbed and there were a few arrests that came out of that.

20 So did that at all inform the expectations for the 6th, that 21 you remember?

A I don't remember.

Q Okay. You mentioned that there were some discussions about the groups present or the groups who had said publicly they were going to be coming. Tell us about that -- 1 A I mean --

3

2 Q -- what you recall.

A Yeah. Sorry, I didn't mean to speak over you.

But, again, the kind of lists of emails or the lists of updates that we would be getting, you know, that were tracking some of these kind of planned -- planned demonstrations, you know, they had the host of each of the -- you know, if they were applying for a permit. If they were -- if they were, you know, going for an unpermitted event, you know, that was -- that's another thing.

But, you know, a lot of -- a lot of the groups that were going for a permitted, you know, kind of advertised demonstration, you know, there were a lot of -- a lot of kind of conflicting, I guess, ideals and beliefs.

And, you know, there just -- as we -- as, you know -- as was, you know, seen in the summer of 2020, there was, you know, just -- you know, tensions and emotions were running high, and I think everybody was very aware as to -- as to, you know, kind of what could bubble up and what could happen there.

Q And those emails, I think we've seen a number of them from the Secret Service that lists the various groups and people who had registered to come or indicated some intention to come to the D.C. area on the 6th. A lot of them had to do with the certification of the next President and the Joint Session of Congress. Do you remember those things being linked in the conversations that you guys were having about numbers and planning for the 6th?

4 A That, I don't remember.

Q Okay. Do you remember if Mr. Meadows was ever present or participated in discussions about the 6th and the numbers and the types of groups that were coming?

8 А No. I mean, I don't know -- I don't know, you know, kind 9 of the -- I don't know the conversations that were happening, but, you know, I -- I would expect that, you know, the same -- the 10 same updates that I was receiving, that Tony was receiving, that, 11 you know, was kind of being broadcast by -- or not broadcast but 12 being -- you know, those updates that were coming from Secret 13 Service that were getting pushed to, again, not just White House 14 Obviously, you know, that we were a part of it. staff. 15

You know, these same updates were getting pushed to the Metro Police, they were getting pushed to the Capitol Police, again, so that everybody was on the same page as to -- as to, you know, hey, this is the number of people that we're expecting just in this kind of congested area.

All that said, those, you know, updates were then passed, either verbally or, you know, however they were passed, to Mark Meadows, just for awareness, you know, because the President would probably -- the President would probably ask him, hey, how many people are -- you know, as he did and as he would ask really anybody or, you know, anybody around. It didn't matter kind of
what their position was. But, you know, he would -- he would
ask, hey, you know, how are we looking crowd size for -- what
was January 6th, a Tuesday? Monday?

5 Q Wednesday. Sorry.

A Wednesday. Yeah, whatever it was, it was -- he would say, you know, how are we looking for, you know, crowd size for Wednesday's event? How are we looking Wednesday morning? And Mark would -- you know, Mark would want to be able to give him a, you know, an accurate estimate or ballpark estimate.

11 Q If we could pull up exhibit No. 11. This is an email 12 from January 6th. I think it's actually two of them.

All right. Can you see at least the top part of exhibitNo. 11 there on the screen?

15 A Yeah.

Q So if we go down to the bottom of page 1, this is an email from somebody named to Bobby Engel,

18 **But the subject is re:** Main Mags Update.

And then the one I'm looking at says: 30,000 processed, 400 in queuing area.

Mr. Engel then forwards that along to Max Miller, Bobby Peede, Mr. Ornato and you. And then at the top there on page 1, Mr. Ornato says: Thank you, great job.

25 So this appears to be tracking numbers going through the

1 magnetometers at the Ellipse on January 6th. Is that your 2 understanding as well?

3 A That's right.

Q Why was that important as it was happening on the 6th? A That's a -- I mean, that, again, is an email that is fairly routine. You know, that's an email that's still -- you know, that I'm sure still happens very regularly even, you know, right now.

9 You know, that's -- that's just for -- again, for
10 awareness, as Bobby Engel says. You know, that's, again, a very,
11 very routine update.

12 Q You didn't go to the event on the Ellipse, right?13 A No.

14 Q And Mr. Ornato didn't either, correct?

15 A No.

Q So, I guess, just help me understand. It sounds like it's routine, but I'm trying to understand why. Why is it important for you and Mr. Ornato, sitting in the White House, to understand how many people have gone through the mags and are still waiting to go through?

A I mean, I think that that is generally a question that would be, you know, kind of asked, again, with -- and just for kind of just awareness, you know, as we talked about as we saw in the, you know, emails from the days before, you know, as the permit was -- was getting bumped up pretty routinely, you know, I know that there was probably even some curiosity as to like,
you know, how many people were actually going to be there. You
know, and I think that this probably was to, you know, serve to
answer that question.

You know, and they would also -- they would also -- you 5 know, if there was -- if there was -- like, if you scroll down 6 7 in the email, I don't remember how many -- in the first update 8 that they sent, you know, if there's 1,200, you know, 1,200 people 9 in the queuing area, you know, they would say, you know, the President could wait 15 minutes or 20 minutes or whatever to go 10 down there, to allow those people to get into the event. 11 And then, you know, you have -- you have 1,200 more people in your 12 event. 13

So you anticipated my next question, which was, do you 0 14 remember the number of people inside the magnetometer area or 15 the people who had been processed affecting the timing of the 16 President's speech or when he was going to go down there at all? 17 А I mean, I -- I don't remember any specific, you know, 18 19 specific example of, hey -- of getting notice that there's 1,200 people in the queue, we need to wait till all those people are 20 in there, but that is just common practice. Like, that 21 is -- that is, at least from -- from kind of the staff side of 22 things, that's just very, very normal and would be a regular 23 occurrence at any event that a President -- or, you know -- I 24 guess, you know, if you go to a concert and there's still a couple 25

39

thousand people outside and, you know, they're not going to want to -- nobody's going to want to start the concert until those people are in, you know, if they can -- if they can -- if they can wait, you know, if you can afford to wait.

Q Do you remember that having come up before, that -- using an example like that, you know, the President waiting for people to make their way in before starting his speech or going out?

9 A No specific example, but, I mean, I'm sure that -- I'm 10 sure that that happened before.

Q Do you remember any discussions in the White House, either the day before or that morning, while the President was at the Ellipse, about ensuring that people were inside the official event zone for the Ellipse, so within the area that would be covered by magnetometers, for example, as opposed to people who are standing out by the Washington Monument?

A Not -- I mean, not specifically, no. I mean -- no. Q What about generally? Only because you said specifically. Is there some memory that you have about that issue coming up?

A No. I just -- I just remember -- I mean, I know that there were -- there -- you know, it was freezing cold, and there were people that didn't want to have to go through the mags so that they didn't have to take their -- you know, their coats off. And they didn't want to wait in line, and they -- you know, they had a backpack that was -- either, you know, had a -- had a water
bottle in it or had, you know, a selfie stick or whatever,
whatever it may be. You know, if somebody had an umbrella, they
were going to have to give it up, you know.

And if somebody was -- was -- you know, had plans to be on the Mall that day, they -- they were like, look, I can -- I can sit up on this hill and, you know, have a picnic blanket and, you know, sit comfortably and get the exact same view that I would have, you know, if I had waited in line for 3 hours and, you know, was blocked by -- was blocked by a bunch of people in there.

Q Do you remember hearing that people were making those decisions because they had some item like the one you just mentioned, you know, on the 6th as it was happening?

I don't remember -- I don't remember, you know, any А 14 specific example of that happening. I just have -- you know, 15 I'm aware probably more than anybody of what you can and can't 16 take into a -- you know, into a Secret Service type event. 17 18 And -- and, you know, just -- I know that, like, you know, that 19 it's -- if you go down the list, it's -- of prohibited items, like some of the stuff is fairly routine that you would have in 20 your backpack if you had traveled, you know, from a -- from a 21 distance and, you know, you didn't know what was -- what you could 22 and couldn't have. 23

Q So were you aware or did you become aware at any point on the 6th that people were choosing not to go through the 1 magnetometers because they had anything on that prohibited item 2 list?

A Again, not specifically. I didn't -- you know, I don't have any -- any specific knowledge of, you know, being told or seeing or even hearing that, hey, you know, this person from -- this, you know, person A has a selfie stick or has an umbrella and doesn't want to -- you know, doesn't want to give it up or doesn't want to have to go through the mags so they're going to sit on the thing.

But you could watch -- you know, you could look at the TV and you would see all those people sitting up on the benches up around the Washington Monument, sitting on the hillside there on the north slope. And, you know, you could kind of figure out that, you know, those people didn't want to move, and they, you know, didn't really -- they didn't have to, because they could get the exact same experience, you know, from where they were.

Q But so -- and just to wrap this line of questioning up. You don't remember anything or do you remember anything about people choosing not to go through the magnetometers for any reason, not based on anything specifically?

A No. I mean, that was probably something that I inferred of just like, you know, people didn't want to have to, you know, bother with waiting in line, so they -- so they're -- they decided that they could sit on the hillside and get the exact same -- you know, the exact same experience.

42

Q Do you remember talking to Tony Ornato at all about this, about people choosing not to go through magnetometers?

I don't have a -- no specific memory, you know, of that 3 А But, you know, he and I probably could infer the discussion. 4 exact same thing of, again, you know, if you could -- if you could 5 not wait in line and get a better view, you know, of the event 6 that was going to happen, you know, people probably would -- you 7 know, or if you had a group or if you had, you know, whatever 8 it may be, you know, that was just a -- you know, probably a 9 decision that people wanted to make. 10

1

2 [12:05 p.m.]

BY MR.

3

Q Do you know if other people were telling him, either based on what you learned that day, January 6th, or since then that people are choosing not to go through the magnetometers? And in that question, the "him" is Mr. Ornato?

8 А That other people were telling Tony that they there were 9 examples? Again, I don't -- I don't have any memory or I don't have any memory of, you know, what people did or didn't tell him, 10 him being Tony but, again, you know, nothing that we heard 11 together. And, again, we were together the entire morning. You 12 know, nothing was brought up of, hey, there's a -- person A has, 13 you know, something that they shouldn't have and that is the 14 reason that they are not going through mags, because they want 15 to keep that. You know, that was never -- never brought, you 16 know, to our attention. 17

Q Okay. And I want to be clear here, because I'm not necessarily asking for did you hear that person A had X item. It's just more generally. Are you hearing that people are choosing not to go through the mags?

A I mean, I don't know that that was ever told, you know, explicitly told to us. But, again, it was probably more of an inference than anything of, you know, you could look at -- you could look at people that were sitting on the north slope there of the Washington Monument. And you could see that they clearly
had no intention, you know, to go through the mags and go through
the actual secure event zone.

And just, you know, you could probably -- maybe they had a different reason for doing that but the reason that we thought of was they just didn't want to bother with it.

Q Do you remember hearing that the President was upset that people were outside the magnetometer area or the official event zone?

A I don't remember specifically hearing that. Again, I, you know, I've heard secondhand reports of, you know, the, you know, the idea of crowd -- like, look, crowd size was important to the President, you know, still is important to President Trump. Ands that was something that was always important to him.

And I think that the look of the -- the look of the event, you know, was important as well, you know. And if -- if there was, you know, all these people outside an event, you know, I think that he was -- he was aware that it may be reported that, you know, they couldn't get into the event, that the event was poorly run because eventually it would come back and be a negative story on him.

You know, I don't think he had any idea as to why, you know, the -- you know, a random family wanted to sit on the slope as opposed to wait in line for 4 hours, you know. But and that's not something that, you know, a President would probably, you 1 know, be thinking about at that time, you know.

So -- so that was probably the, you know, that was probably the concern. Again, I'd say probably because I don't have firsthand knowledge of that. That was just, again, kind of secondhand, you know, secondhand, you know, what I was -- what I had been told.

Q Who -- where did you get that secondhand? Who told you8 that?

9 A I don't have a specific, you know, memory of who exactly 10 told me that but that was probably a, you know, a -- you know, 11 it was probably discussed by a couple of different people.

Q I'll ask some specific names. Did you hear that the President was upset with Max Miller when he was at the event on The Ellipse based on where the crowd was or crowd size, how things were kind of panning out?

Α I mean, not specifically. But the folks that he 16 probably would look to, you know, when it comes to crowd size 17 18 and things like that would be Max and Bobby, Bobby Peede, and 19 Bobby being Bobby Peede, you know, because they were the ones that were, you know, in charge of his -- the events operation. 20 They handled rallies. They handled everything and, you know, 21 had been -- that was -- that was -- they were kind of, you know, 22 one of their -- one of their charges was building these events 23 and crowd raising. 24

And, you know, in his mind he equated, you know, rally

number -- crowd size and things like that to the folks that were putting on the event and the folks that were putting on -- you know, from the official side of things. Obviously, there was a bunch of people that were kind of, you know, the outside but, you know, that were not necessarily involved with the President's movements.

But the folks that were involved with the President's movements, with the coordination, with kind of the interoffice and kind of relating and supporting the offices with, you know, of the Office of the President, you know, Max and Bobby were the two -- two kind of people in charge.

Q It's early afternoon, so the period after the President returns. Where were you when the President returned to the White House around -- this would have been around 1:20 in the afternoon.

A Well, the President, when he arrived back to the White House, I was at my desk and, you know, the office that Tony and I shared.

Q Where was Mr. Ornato when the President returned?
A In our office.

Q Tell me about the setup of that office. Is it a big office? Small office? Where's your desk in relation to his? A It's a pretty small office. I had, like, a kind of little like elbow- shaped, you know, elbow- shaped desk that was kind of either attached into -- the corner was kind of the

47

entryway there. There was a kind of a temporary wall that had
been -- had been put up that separated Tony's workspace and my
much, much smaller workspace.

But there was a, you know, it wasn't a -- there was a semi-vaulted ceiling. The temporary wall didn't go all the way to the ceiling. There was a gap kind of even over the -- over the entryway there, you know, where -- where, you know, we could shut -- we could shut our door and Tony and I could still communicate back and forth even over, you know, the little temporary wall that we had in between us.

11 With the door shut, you know, it was pretty easy to -- you 12 know, I could speak at a regula, you know, regular volume. Tony 13 could speak at a regular volume. And, you know, we could 14 communicate just fine.

Q Did you ever gone anywhere else for any periods of time in the afternoon of the White House, or did you stay in your office the whole time?

18 А I was in the office for the whole day. I'm sure that 19 I probably went and filled up my water bottle or went to the bathroom, you know, at some point, you know. 20 But I didn't have any -- you know, I didn't have any meetings in other people's 21 offices, you know, planned meetings in other people's offices. 22 I didn't have, you know, anything off-campus. You know, I don't 23 remember leaving -- I didn't leave for lunch. 24

25 You know, I was -- I was there kind of at my -- at my

1 workstation for the overwhelming majority of the day.

Q Do you remember Tony ever going for any extended period of time to go sit with other people, sit in other offices, meet with the President?

А No, no specific memory. I mean, again, what we talked 5 about last time was, you know, we were kind of involved 6 7 with -- with feeding updates. And I guess I was, probably, like, 8 so when you asked were you out, I would kind of be passing updates 9 or, you know, forwarding updates, sharing updates, you know. Ιf the people -- I would pop in to Meadows' offices. 10 Tony would pop into Meadow's office. It was right across the hall. 11 And so, you know, that would be, you know, somewhere that we 12 would -- that we would go. 13

And I have a memory of, you know, going across the hall and providing an update, Tony providing an update, you know, Tony catching Mark in the hall, me catching Mark in the hall as he's kind of walking back and forth, walking from wherever he was going. So I guess that, yeah.

Q Do you remember specifically what the updates you gave to Mark were when you caught him in the hall, for example, or went across to the Chief of Staff's suite?

A I mean, I don't remember specifically, you know, what they were. But probably what was discussed when we spoke last with, you know, some of the updates that were being continued to or that were continuing to come through from, you know, Secret Service as situational updates, you know, as the situation on
 Capitol Hill developed.

Q When the President came back, do you remember Bobby Engel ever coming to your office or the office you shared with Mr. Ornato?

6 A

Yes.

Q Tell us about that. What was he there for? What happened? What did you guys talk about?

A So as Bobby Engel normally would do, so, you know, the limo would drop off, depending on where the President was, if they were arriving on the south grounds, you know, if the President was going up to the residence, it would stop at the portico there, you know, kind of the center of the residence. If he was going the -- the President was going back to his office, they would pull forward. And, you know, he could walk.

There's a little pathway from, you know, you've probably seen that. There was a, you know, a pathway from the drop point to the corner of the, you know, the door of the in between the Oval Office and the Rose Garden that he would use.

Tony -- or Bobby would be in the car with him and would, obviously, he wouldn't go back into the Oval Office. But he would continue through the West Wing back through his office in the EEOB. You know, one of the common things that he would do would be he would, you know, pop in our office and just kind of give us an update of how the trip went or what -- really anything.

50

And so when they got back that afternoon, again, I don't remember the time, when they got back, I remember Bobby popped into our office. It was the three of us -- Tony, Bobby, myself. And he gave an update of, you know, kind of the events there at the Capitol.

I have a memory of Bobby saying that, before the President went onstage there at the offstage announce area, you know, the whole question of should he go up to the Capitol, should he go up to the Capitol. That was kind of getting tossed around. A lot of it was -- was getting directed back to Bob Engel as kind of the deciding, you know, with the events in real time, you know. Anything like that would go -- would run through Bobby.

I remember Bobby, you know, saying, hey, you know, we can't do that. You know, we have no plan for that. There are no plans to do -- to do that. You know, we couldn't -- we couldn't secure that in this amount, short amount of time, on and on like, you know, as we talked about last time.

You know, further than, that he said the President went on stage, gave his remarks. And this is Bobby told Tony and myself that, you know, he was like -- it was almost like he had to ask. And then when he was told that, hey, you can't go to the Capitol, he was like, you know, kind of, again, shrugged it off and was like, all right, at least I asked. And that was it.

Q So this is all information that you learned from Bobby. A That's -- this is -- you know, what was told to us is that that had all happened and occurred not at the White Housebut in the tent that had been set up on The Ellipse.

Q So Bobby comes back after the event, goes to -- Mr. Ornato's your office -- and says all of this. Did anything prompt that, or he just decided to start speaking about it?

A I mean, I'm sure that -- I'm sure that we probably asked him, you know, how'd it go. And, again, that's -- that was fairly common, you know, for him to pop in or for him to check in, you know, after an event because, again, we were on the walking path, you know, back from where he was going back to his office.

Q So you said the President, according to Bobby, shrugged it off when he got back into the vehicle that afternoon and went to the White House.

There's been a lot of public reporting and testimony that the President was upset or even, I think, irate is a word that was used. Do you remember anything that Bobby said about the President being upset about this decision not to go to the Capitol?

21 A No.

22 Q Nothing at all.

A No. The first -- the first I had ever even heard of, you know, the, you know, the story that was told was during the testimony where it came up on TV. Q And there's been a few witnesses, you know, including somebody who's in the motorcade, as well, who said that there was a pause at The Ellipse while the President was upset or irate that he couldn't go to the Capitol that day. So you didn't hear anything like that, like this other witness testified about, as well, who was in the motorcade.

A No. And I would even say that, you know, even if you're in the motorcade, you, I mean, you're not going to -- the motorcade can and will stop for a number of different reasons.

I mean, you could -- you could, you know, as has happened, you know, many times before, you know, the President's always the first one in his car. And it leaves everybody scrambling to get into the motorcade. You know, the press pool, you know, is obviously the last one and to get into the car just because they generally have the furthest to run from where they are.

And so there's -- there's been a number of different occasions where it would -- it would be relayed up either through, you know, through Secret Service or through the, you know, whoever is kind of, you know, leading the -- leading the motorcade there.

Hey, you know, once the President gets into the car, we need to slow -- we need to slow roll and allow everybody to load up or we need to have him pause for a second because, you know, he's got a bunch of family members or whomever it maybe may be. He's got a bunch of guests that need to work their way back to whatever 1 car they're riding in.

As has been reported and as you can look and as I remember, you know, there was a lot of family members that had accompanied him to the Mall or to The Ellipse that morning. You know, each one of those family members had their own Secret Service limo, as they were all protectees.

50, you know, the, again, I don't know why -- I don't know who -- I have no clue who said that the motorcade paused. But I would argue that you have probably don't know the reason or the pause, you know, the reason for the pause.

But I just, you know, my experience and things like that know that there are a number of different, you know, reasons that could all -- all be easily, easily explained and, you know, routinely, routinely occur, you know, for -- for a pause like that.

Q And in the context based on experience is helpful. You were not in the motorcade that day, though, right?

A No. I was in -- no I was at my office, in any office. Q Do you know any of the family members who, for example, were in the motorcade or where they were in the motorcade that day?

A I think Eric, Ivanka. I think Tiffany was there. There were others or significant others at the time. You know, they would be in the -- they would be in the motorcade, you know, back behind. Obviously, again, I don't know what we can and can't get into. But they would be behind, you know, where the President's limo was, probably a handful of cars, maybe four or five cars behind.

And you know, what every one of those cars takes, for people that are walking through grass and mud, you know, in high heels and things like that, you know, it could take a little bit of time for them to get situated.

9 Q So they wouldn't be in the car with the President, for 10 example.

11 A No.

12 Q Do you know which family members actually came back with 13 the President in the motorcade to the White House that afternoon?

A I don't know -- I mean, I would imagine -- not off the top of my head. I don't know for sure. I mean, I can imagine that, you know, if they went there with him, they probably would come back just for the ease of kind of the simplicity of the movement. But I don't know for sure.

Q I assume there'd be a record of that somewhere.
A Yes, there probably would be.

Q Okay. Do you know where we would find that if there was such a record? Like is that a Secret Service record? Is that a White House record?

A I mean, there would be a -- there would be a published, you know, kind of trip document, you know, for that day. Having -- having, again, from experience just as my first -- my
first role within the White House was being the person that
created those trip books. And I more than anyone know, you know,
how they flex and how they change in real time.

You know, so what is, you know, let's say, like, a motorcade manifest, you know, that has been produced and printed the night before, you know, may not reflect exactly who was then in the vehicles at the time or, you know, when it came time for the motorcade to actually leave. But that would be, you know, a pretty good estimate.

11 0

Q Bear with me just a moment.

I know we talked about this a little bit before, but I just want to be clear on it. Do you remember this issue about the President wanting to go to the Capitol coming up anytime before the 6th, so, you know, Jan 1st through the 5th, for example?

А I mean, as we talked about last time, I mean, I remember 16 the question of it coming up. And I'll be -- you know, as I said 17 18 before, I don't remember any specific plans. And I remember, 19 you know, even saying that it wasn't possible for the President 20 to go. And that was -- that still remains consistent and remains, you know, kind of the, you know, my memory of that topic. 21 How many times do you remember this coming up before the 22 0 6th? 23

A I -- I mean, any -- if I give you any number, it's going to be speculation. I don't -- I don't have a specific 1 memory of that, a specific number in mind.

Q Okay. And maybe not specific number but you think it was more than five?

A That's a number. I mean, I mean, probably not. I mean, I remember, you know, anytime that -- anytime that that conversation would -- that topic would come up, you know, it was -- every -- it was making sure that everybody was on the same page of this is the reasons that it can't happen or, you know, that it can't happen and, you know, the reasons why.

10 Q And who are the people saying it can't happen and giving11 those reasons why?

Well, Secret Service for one and, you know, like in the 12 Α same -- same reasons that we talked about last time of, you know, 13 they can't necessarily secure the area, you know, with -- if 14 there are that many people around or, you know, he can't -- he 15 certainly can't -- you know, you can't have the President's 16 motorcade, you know, leading -- leading thousands of people, you 17 18 know, at that type of pace. Or, you know, there's a number of 19 different -- there's a number of different reasons.

Q Okay. And I know we talked about that before. So we don't need to get back into it completely.

But are you aware of the President, after he returned to the White House, expressing a desire to go the Capitol, so even though, even after the motorcade and he gets back, telling anybody that he still wants to go to the Capitol? 2 Q Understood.

3

19

Q Can we just go back to when the President arrives bang to the Oval on the 6th? So from the times of that we know from the timeline, it's about 1:to in the afternoon. So can you just walk us through it a little bit more detail?

BY MS.

8 You're in your office with Mr. Ornato. Are you President 9 when Bobby Engel comes into the office for the first time?

10 A Yes -- the yes. The story and, again, the kind of 11 recollection that I had there that I just described, you know, 12 was when Bob Engel came, he had returned -- you know, that was 13 upon him returning at that time. Right?

Q Did it appear that he and Mr. Ornato had spoken before or when -- go ahead.

A Sorry. I realize I needed to make a verbal -- no. That was the first -- that was the first, you know, they had spoken since they returned.

Q How do you know that?

A Because -- well, I mean, I know that, because Tony was with me for the entire, you know, the entire duration of when the President was off-campus. And until the President returned to campus, he was, you know, we were -- the two of us were together. You know, the President comes into his -- into his office and then Bobby continues down to our office where we're, 1 the fourth office, you know, third office door down.

And then, you know, the interaction that I just described is what followed.

Q So before we talk through that interaction again, during the time you were with Mr. Ornato, while the event at The Ellipse was going on, was he receiving any updates about what was happening at The Ellipse? Or were you receiving any updates?

8 Α We were probably -- again, I don't know for a fact. You 9 know, we were receiving probably the same information, you know, by email. And, you know, as -- as -- I saw in the previous 10 testimony from other folks, there was, you know, text messages 11 of, hey, the President is thinking about, you know, he wants to 12 go to the Capitol, to Tony, Tony then directing that kind of back 13 to its proper channel of saying, hey, you know, if that's the 14 case, if that's the case, then, you know, you need to talk to 15 Bobby Engel. 16

And he -- he'll tell him -- he'll tell them no but it needsto come from Bob.

Q Right. But apart from seeing it in public reporting, do you remember independently any discussion with Mr. Ornato about the President's intent to go to the Capitol on January 6th, again, before the arrival back to the Oval?

A No. Nothing -- you know, that was not -- that -- you know, the, I guess, updates that were -- that he received, that Tony received, you know, by text message, whatever it may be, that was not copied on or included on. That was not our job.
So it was not discussed. You know, again, the first that I even
heard of that was -- was, you know, during the period, you know,
the public testimony.

Q And getting back to when Mr. Ornato comes to the office,
did he appear to be distraught in anyway?

7 A No.

Q And what -- just talk us through that conversation in the sense of who asked who what. I know just did. I just wanted to ask because you went from what happened in the vehicle to kind of what happened days before. So if you could just go through it again.

13 A Yeah. So -- so my memory, Tony and I are in the office 14 together, our office. The President had returned.

Bob Engel on his way back from where the motorcade dropped got the President in, you know, walked him back to his office and then was walking back to his office in the EEOB. You know, stopped in our office. And that was where we kind of just got a, you know, a basic debrief of how'd it go, you know, what was the -- you know, what occurred.

And that was where it, you know, I can highlight the question of, you know, I don't now if it was myself that asked or if Tony asked or if Bobby just, you know, offered the information himself, you know. But at some point the question of -- of, you know, what did the President say when he got back in the car. Again, I don't know who asked the question or again if it was
just volunteered. But I do remember hearing that the President
asked, like, where are we going? And --

Q Well, let me -- let me pause you there. Did you -- did you remember hearing or did you learn that during the speech the President announced he wanted to go to the Capitol?

A Well, I don't know -- during the speech I think is different. Again, I don't have -- obviously have watched -- I don't have the speech in front of me and I'm not watching the speech. But I remember, again, as has been reported, something along the lines of and we're going to walk to the Capitol.

12 Q Right. Did you learn that in real time or before 13 Mr. Engel came?

14 A Yes.

So then I just want to understand the context of 15 0 Okay. the conversation because it would be strange to ask Mr. Engel 16 what did the President say when he got into the vehicle, right? 17 А No. I don't think it -- I actually don't think it was. 18 19 You know, he -- we would get into -- that, again, is a common question because there's -- you know, was he pleased with the 20 crowd size was a very common question --21

Q Uh-huh.

A -- you know, they would ask. Or hey, you know, what did he have to say? That was -- that was a, you know, a pretty general question.

61

1	
1	

2

3

BY MS.

Q I see. That's fair.

A Yeah. So, I mean, that -- and that could have
been -- that could have been, you know, again, how it was phrased.
And then Bobby could have, you know -- again, and I don't know
any of this specifically but that's just what would have
happened.

9 And that was when it was, you know, it was brought to our 10 attention that the President asked where am I going. You know, 11 am I going -- am I going back to the White House.

And Bob said, yeah, you know, we're going back to the WhiteHouse.

And at that point I have a specific memory of Bobby telling both Tony and myself, as we were in the room, no one else was in the room, that the President almost kind of shrugged it off. And it was basically like, you know, he had to -- he had to ask. You know, and as he was told no, it was, you know, kind of a -- he just kind of moved on.

And I will say -- and this is, again, just kind of expanding on that. You know, as with a lot of -- as -- you know, this is probably not unique to one, the President, but probably, you know, a lot of the people that in that position in general. They -- they will make soft commitments and are, you know, it falls to the staff level and the security level to tell, you know, 1 to tell people why certain things can't hand.

2	And that was a and that was at least in my opinion, you	
3	know, that was a that was very similar to what had happened	
4	there. I mean, I think you could talk to you could talk	
5	to any of the Secret Service people and they would say, yeah,	
6	we're used to kind of, you know, playing the bad guy and saying,	
7	you know, the President couldn't go to, you know, X because, you	
8	know, oh, it's a Secret Service issue. They couldn't. You	
9	9 know, they told me no.	
10	That was a that's a but he was like but I asked so,	
11 you know.		
12	Q No, I hear what you're saying. I think you're saying	
13	it was more of a confirmation like, oh, I can't go. Right?	
14	A Right.	
15	Q You used the phrase that he shrugged his shoulders. Is	
16	that how you described it, or is that how Mr. Engel described	

17 it?

A That, again, I don't know if that's how it was specifically described. But that's my memory of, you know, my kind of interpretation of him -- him, you know, I guess the reaction.

Mr. <u>Passantino.</u> Just so that I'm remembering the past testimony, I want to make sure we have it accurate. Was it shrugged his shoulders or shrugged it off? Because I think this is different. 1 Mr. <u>Harrison.</u> Yes.

2 Mr. <u>Passantino.</u> I want to make sure we're clear in the 3 context of the question here. Maybe I --

Mr. <u>Harrison.</u> Yeah, and I actually -- and when it was first described just a minute ago, it was kind of shrugged it off was I think the phrase. And I guess, you know, we can go back and have the reporter pull it but --

8

BY MS.

9 Q Yeah, don't use my phrase. Use whatever phrase you used 10 before. Sorry.

11 A And, again, that could be just my, you know, my 12 terminology, you know.

Q Uh-huh. So I think had asked you about there was public reporting about a heated argument that occurred in the -- and I'll take it in two parts. First the heated argument, did you hear anything to that effect?

17 A No.

Q And how about what, as you said, you described, you saw Ms. Hutchinson's testimony on TV. Is that -- I want to make sure I heard you correctly. Was that the first time you heard that testimony in terms of what occurred in the vehicle, as she said, relayed by Mr. Engel?

A Yes. Her -- the story that was -- the story that was told during her public testimony was the first I had heard of, you know, anything like that being described. Q Was there any kind of discussion, putting aside the testimony, but the days following, did you learn of anything that occurred that was more than just a back and forth of, as you're describing, of can I go and I guess Mr. Engel saying no? Was there anything in that range of more of a request, anger, heated argument, altercation, anything?

7 A No.

14

8 Q Did you see --

9 A I would -- I'm sorry.

10 Q That's okay.

A I would also add that, if something like had been described had occurred, I 100 percent would have known about it and would have heard that.

Q And why do you say that?

A Because that is something that would have, you know -- that's -- that's the report that Bobby would share when he got -- when he got back. You know, that would fall into the, hey, how'd it go and he'd be like, oh, you know, like, you know, this -- this -- let me tell you. But --

Q If it was shared only with Mr. Ornato, would Mr. Ornato have shared that with you?

A If it was shared with Tony, yes, Tony would have shared it with me.

Q And did you -- did you see Ms. Hutchinson that day on the 6th? 1 A I'm sure I did.

2 Q Did she ever come to the office?

A Yeah, her office was --

4 Q Your office.

A Yeah, her office was -- her office was right across the hall from ours. You know, I will say that I don't have any memory of Bob Engel and Cassidy being in the -- in my office at the same time.

9 And, you know, there's -- I'm sure that, you know, as 10 Cassidy liked to do, you know, she would pop in. She would pop 11 in, you know, our office from time to time and liked to, you know, 12 talk about what shh had heard and what she had, and, you know, 13 was -- and I don't want to -- I don't want to -- but was 14 impressionable.

And, you know, it was a common -- it was a common occurrence for her to come in and, you know, try and confirm things and, you know, talk about what she had been, you know, around and, you know, to broadcast that information.

But I will say the situation and the occurrence when Bob Engel came back from the motorcade, upon President Trump's arrival, the three of us -- Tony, Bobby, myself -- were in our office. And I have a specific memory of Bob leaving our office and going back to his office, and I don't remember him coming back for the rest of the afternoon.

25 Q Do you remember how long the conversation was?

A I mean, probably a handful, maybe 10 minutes, 5 minutes. BY MR.

Q Do you remember if Tony or you ever talked to Bobby againthat afternoon?

A I don't remember in person. I talked to him over email, as you guys have a couple of those emails. I don't remember if I talked to him on the phone, although that wouldn't be out of the norm.

9 But I, you know, I think that at that point -- I think that 10 at that point, you know, the -- the, you know, his -- his kind 11 of role had changed, as the President wasn't off the campus 12 anymore.

13 Q Do you remember him talking to him at all throughout the 14 rest of the day that afternoon?

A You know, I don't known for a fact. You know, they, as we all did, talked pretty, you know, pretty frequently.

17 Q No specific memory you have, though, of Mr. Ornato 18 talking to Bobby Engel again that afternoon.

A Again, not in person. And I don't have any memory of Tony and Bobby being together in person for the rest of the afternoon, you know. But -- but I wouldn't rule out that they either talked on the phone, by email, or, you know, by -- for the rest of the afternoon in a not a face-to-face way.

Q Okay. But you don't know what they talked about or if they talked at all for sure.

67

A Yeah, I don't -- I don't know that for sure. Q Okay. Are you aware of the motorcade staying behind for some period of time after the President returned to the White House possibly in order to go up to the Capitol, if that was going to be possible?

A I'm sorry. Can you repeat that.

7 Q Yeah, that was kind after confusing question.

8 Do you remember the motorcade staying behind for any period 9 of time after the President returned on the 6th for any potential 10 movements?

11 A No. No. You saying that right just now is first I've 12 heard of that.

13 Q Okay.

6

A I mean, I also know that, you know, that there were vehicles around for emergency purposes, you know, should that be needed. But, you know, keeping -- keeping them, you know, keeping the engines running so that, you know, can he jump in there at a moment's notice was not -- that did not occur.

19 Q Did -- why do you say it didn't occur? Were you out 20 there? Do you know if the cars were still there or had left?

A Well, I mean, I don't know that -- I don't know that they were not sitting there in the driveway. But, I mean, I know that there were no plans and no direction to keep them -- to keep them around for that specific -- you know, for that specific scenario. Q How do you know there were no plans to keep them around at all? I'm not thinking about any specific standard but justto keep them around for any potential movement.

A Because that would be something that would -- would come through, you know, through our -- like, that would be -- that would be something that Tony and I would have a hand in.

6

Q What would your hand in that be?

A I mean, from the coordination side would be making sure that, you know, the appropriate vehicles are in place at a certain time, you know, that there -- that the necessary -- the necessary people that, you know, have to go with the President wherever he goes, you know, are aware that they, that, you know, the President could be leaving.

You know, and that kind of, you know, can't happen at the snap of a fingers. That takes a little bit -- a little bit of, you know, logistical legwork.

Q Would you typically get updates, you know, the President has arrived back in the motorcade cars, kind of had cleared off campus?

19 Α I don't know if any formal notice was, you know, if any formal notice was passed, you know. 20 But I guess it's not customary for -- you know, there's a handful of vehicles that 21 remain, you know, close by either on campus or, you know, just 22 There's a number of -- you know, there's a number 23 off campus. of vehicles that support the motorcade, you know, that have to 24 leave. 25

You know, D.C. Metro Police, there's, you know, there's motorcycles. There's ambulances. There's, you know, a bunch of kind of the supporting, you know, the supporting agencies and kind of external partners that, you know, are involved. And those -- and those, you know, would not normally, would not normally stick around.

Q Do you remember when those supporting vehicles like theones you just mentioned left on the 6th?

9 A I don't remember specifically. They would, you know, 10 generally, it would be 15, 20 minutes after all the equipment 11 was, you know, equipment is sorted out, you know, whether it 12 be -- whether it be, you know, protective equipment, 13 communications equipment, you know, any bags or, you know,

anything like that. I don't know what was, you know, I don't
know what was around that morning or that afternoon, you know.
But there -- but, you know, they wouldn't linger.

17 Q Okay. But you don't remember specifically on the 6th 18 when those cars left.

A No.

Ms.

Mr.

Mr.

19

20

21

22

24

25

Anything further on that?

No.

I do want to pull up exhibit 13, if we could.

23 Mr. <u>Passantino.</u> Okay. Well, that's actually one --

BY MS.

Q Mr. Harrington, did you speak to Mr. Trump at all on

70

1 January 6th?

2 A No.

3 Q I'm sorry if this was asked before.

4 A No.

Q Did -- do you know if Mr. Ornato had any conversations
directly with Mr. Trump?

7 A I don't think he did.

Q In the morning time, were you aware of any meetings that Mr. Ornato had with Mr. Meadows?

A I don't know if any -- you know, I don't know of any meetings. I just -- I know what was probably passed was, hey, there's, you know, like we talked about before, there's, you know, there's 30,000 people through the mags or, you know, there's 1,200 people waiting outside the mags or there's 250, whatever it may be.

Q But nothing -- I know asked you this -- nothing specifically about what was being seized at the magnetometers? A No.

Q But were you -- would you have been present for that conversation or are you just saying from memory?

A From -- I mean, from memory, you know. But, again, I don't remember any discussion of -- I don't remember there ever being any discussion of, hey, they've pulled, you know, these items from the mags or this is, you know, what they've -- what people have been found with. Or, you know, that was never a 1 conversation -- that was never a conversation before they left.

Ms. Okay.

BY MR.

2

3

Q Just to follow onto that, do you remember anything in that morning about any arrests happening an or near The Ellipse? A I don't remember -- no.

Q And I may have said discussions. But any information
you received about any potential arrests that morning?

9 A No. I don't -- I don't remember any -- any discussion 10 or that even really coming up.

11 Q How about any reports of people with firearms? Do you 12 remember receiving any information about people reportedly with 13 firearms that morning?

A I believe that there was a -- an update after everybody had returned that there was supposedly a person in the tree with a weapon. And I don't remember -- I don't remember how that was -- how that update was disseminated. And I don't know if that was in a Secret Service email, you know. If that

19 was -- again, I don't remember exactly how that was passed. But 20 I remember hearing that after the President had returned back 21 to the White House.

22 Q Do you remember any information in the morning?

23 A No.

24 Q Okay.

25 A Yeah, nothing like that. I don't remember anything

like that, you know, prior to -- prior to, you know, the President
 departing.

Q All right. If we can go to exhibit 13, bringing this up, this is a note or a note card. I'll represent to you that we received this from the National Archives as part of this committee's investigation. And it's on it looks like White House stock, and it says:

8 1 X civilian gunshot wound to chest at door of House Chamber.
9 Do you recognize this note?

10 A I do.

11 Q What is it?

A That is a note. That is my -- that's -- obviously, I can probably jump ahead. That is my handwriting.

I remember writing that after receiving a report or an update from Secret Service by email. And I think that was, you know, in reference to obviously the gunshot that had happened in the House Chamber.

Looking at it again, I realize I spelled "chamber" wrong. But there was probably just in the, you know, the heat of the moment.

But, you know, that would be, again, very -- very, you know, as was -- as we did with all the other email updates. And, I think I remember the last time we spoke, there was an email that you guys had pulled that either talked about I think it was, you know, there was an officer down or there was a report of an officer down. And I think there was, you know, somebody had
drone -- somebody had drawn a bracket and, like, an asterisk
around that, you know.

Again, that was, as I said last time, you know, that was probably -- that was me drawing that on a printed email, you know, and then providing that update either to Tony to then give to Mark or myself giving to Mark.

8 But, again, I don't remember exactly, you know, how it was 9 passed or who passed it. But that was -- that was the, you know, 10 the intention of, you know, any of those updates.

11 Q Good memory of our last meeting. There was the document 12 that had a bracket and the little asterisk next to it.

13 So just on this card, though, just to be, to clear for me, 14 why did you write this? And who did you write it for?

A Soyeah, so I -- so it was written -- the goal of it being written was, again, a situational update, you know, for awareness. This is what is happening at the Capitol or this is, you know, this is being -- this is what is being reported has happened at the Capitol.

And, you know, there was other -- there's other things being reported. You know, this is -- there was what I deemed to be, you know, a rather material update, you know, an important update.

And, again, I can't remember, you know, how it was passed, who it was passed to, you know. But the intended recipient for

this specific note was, you know, obviously, the origin of it
was myself, after reading, you know, the email update. I wrote
it on the card.

It was either -- you know, one of two things happened with it. I either gave it to Tony who then gave it to Mark or I gave it to Mark myself, you know, while he was -- while he was walking, you know, in the hall or, you know, if he had stopped in our office or if I had stopped in their office when he was back there, you know, at the time.

I don't remember exactly, you know, what had happened with
it once -- one second. I've got a dog barking.

Q That's fine. Take your time.

A And -- and, yeah, so that was -- so that was the, you know, that was the -- that was the, I guess, kind of what had happened with it.

Q Okay. It sounds like the intended recipient was Mark Meadows, is that right, ultimately?

18 A That's right.

12

Q And are you confident that ultimately Mark Meadows
received this either from you or from Mr. Ornato?

A I believe so. I, again, I don't remember but I would -- I think that's where it ended and it wound up.

Q And in our last time we spoke to you, we asked you the question: Do you know where Mark Meadows went after learning from Mr. Ornato that somebody had been shot in the Capitol? Was he headed in the direction of the Oval Office, for example?
 You said: I think so.

Was it your understanding that Mr. Meadows would have taken
this note card into the Oval Office or the dining room?

A I mean, I don't know -- I don't know where -- I don't know if he -- you know, he may have read it and left it in his office and then taken, you know, that information and provided a verbal update. You know, I don't think that -- I don't think that he's -- again, I could be wrong. He could have, you know, passed the physical note card to the President, too.

11 You know, I don't think that that would -- I don't think 12 that that would be how he would go about it. But, you know, I'm 13 not sure -- I'm not sure what actually happened with the 14 information after he had learned about the gunshot wound.

Did you ever learn that Mr. Meadows told the President Q 15 that somebody had been shot in the Capitol while either by handing 16 him this note card or just conveying the information on it? 17 18 Α I don't know for sure if that happened. Again, I 19 can -- I would imagine that it did but I don't know for sure. Did -- moving -- and you can take this down. Thank you. 20 0 Did you interact with the Situation Room or NSC staff at 21 all on the 6th? 22

A I don't think so.

Q Would you interact with them just generally, maybe not necessarily on the 6th, as a way of getting kind of important 1 information or critical national security information to senior 2 staff in the White House?

3 A Yeah.

Q Is there a reason that you don't have a memory of this happening, maybe not -- and let me rephrase that.

Is there reason that you weren't interacting with Situation Room or NSC staff on the 6th to get important information about what was happening at the Capitol?

9 A I guess I could -- I could back up and say. So the, I 10 guess, the means of them distributing information would be kind 11 of by email updates.

And a lot of their stuff, a lot of the -- a lot of the 12 information that they would provide to a handful of kind of, I 13 guess, you know, folks that needed or that, you know, for -- that 14 needed to know for awareness, you know, and then that would then 15 kind of do whatever they would, you know, their job needed them 16 to do, there was a, like you said, there's a Listserv. There's 17 18 a distribution list that was kind of -- I think that the headline 19 of it was, like, you know, White House WHSR Awareness or WHSR Alerts or I can't remember exactly what it was. 20

But, you know, they would -- and it was nothing -- it could be anything. I mean, it could be -- it could be, you know, I don't -- again, I can't think of anything off the top of my head. But it would be anything from, like, you know, flash, major news that had been reported. And, again, it was all tracked by open

1 source, you know, reporting.

So they would, you know, they would flag articles. They would flat tweets. They would flag, you know, other pieces of information like that and then would send it out, send it out by email, you know, to a range of different -- a range of different groups. I mean, you had folks from Secret Service on there. You had folks from White House staff. I'm sure you had folks from the White House Military Office.

9 And so, you know, I guess your first question of did I have 10 any contact or did I have any interaction with the Situation Room 11 staff or NSC staff, you know, on January 6th, I guess by those 12 emails, because I'm sure that they were sending emails of, you 13 know, what was going on, I did, you know, I guess that would count 14 as interaction.

But, like, you know, person-to-person, you know, am I picking up the phone and calling the Situation Room and they're -- are they relaying, feeding me updates? No.

You know, are there -- are we having face-to-face conversations? Am I going down to the Situation Room? Are they coming up to our office and giving up updates? No.

And, yeah so, that's -- so I guess, backing up, you know, they were providing, you know, similar updates, based, you know, that was mainly based off of kind of what was being reported. Q Okay. Bear with me just a moment.

25 [Discussion off the record.]

1 Mr. All right. I think we're wrapping up. Do you 2 want to take a 5-minute break?

And then I think we should be able to finish by 1:30 if that works for you guys.

5 Mr. <u>Passantino.</u> Okay. You think you have another half an 6 hour?

7 Mr. Probably not that much but just to be 8 conservative.

9 Mr. <u>Passantino.</u> All right. Well, Beau, what would you 10 like?

If it's -- I mean, if it's -- if it's going to be less, if it's going to be 15, 20 minutes, I'm okay to push through rather than take a break. I'm happy to take a break if you-all need to. Of course, timing, because we thought this entire interviewer was going to be half an hour, so we're already at 2 hours. So if you think it's going to be longer, then we'll take break.

18 But, Beau, I'll defer to you.

Mr. <u>Harrison.</u> I mean, I'd kind of answer that, you know, if it's going be 15 minutes, you know, I don't see the need for taking a break but --

Mr. Why don't we just take 2 minutes just to make it more efficient as we move through where I can talk with my colleague really quickly?

25 Mr. <u>Passantino.</u> Okay. Very good.

- 1 Mr. We'll just come back in 2 minutes.
- 2 Thanks very much.
- 3 We'll go off the record.
- 4 [Recess.]

2 [1:01 p.m.]

Mr. Let's go back on the record. It's 1:01 p.m. Eastern. We're resuming the transcribed interview of Mr. William Harrison.

6

1

BY MR.

Q So just a few wrap-up questions. We obviously spoke to you in April. Have you discussed your testimony that you gave to us with anybody since your appearance here in April?

10 A No.

Q Have you talked about the events of January 6th with anybody before today and after your appearance here in April? A I mean, I'm sure I have with, you know, random, you know, family, friends, and whoever realizes that I'm in -- you know, of that orbit, you know, has -- everybody's got a question and everybody is -- so I'm -- I'm sure that I have talked about it.

Q What about with Tony Ornato, have you talked to him about January 6th or anything that happened on January 6th before your testimony today?

A The only -- the only, you know, time that we -- again, Tony and I are personal friends and have talked about -- you know, I'm -- I'm kind of a big brother to his son and to, you know -- he -- we're personal friends.

The only thing that we've talked about on this matter is, during Cassidy's testimony, he just -- he basically said, can you -- you know, can you believe this? And -- and that was that.
 You know, nothing further -- nothing further, you know,

3 was -- was discussed on the matter of -- aside from the fact of
4 like, you know, where is this coming from?

5 Q How did he say that to you? Did he call you? Did he 6 send you a text message?

A I believe it was a phone call. And -- and I think it was more of, you know, he was like, did I -- you know, did I miss something or am I -- am I -- you know, clearly this did not happen, but how -- how is this being -- you know, where is this story even coming from or, you know, where could this even, you know, be coming from.

Q In that conversation, did he -- he told you it didn't happen? What portion of the testimony did he say didn't happen in that phone call with you?

Α I -- well, I mean, as it was described when -- you know, 16 the whole -- the whole story of -- the whole story of Bob Engel 17 18 returning to our office, you know, and going into the -- going 19 into the -- you know, the story about the President being irate and, you know, the President grabbing Bob Engel's neck and 20 grabbing for the steering wheel, you know, that was the part he 21 was like, you know -- like, did that happen? Did the -- you 22 know, did that -- did -- was that even discussed? 23 Was that -- did that ever come up? And at that point I said --24 In that --25 Q

1 A I'm sorry, go ahead.

Q Go ahead. I'm sorry. I cut you off right before you were about to say what you said in response.

A And I'm saying, no, you know, the first -- the first I had even -- I have ever even heard of this was, you know, just this afternoon, this afternoon when it was being described, you know, that way on TV.

Q In that conversation, did Mr. Ornato kind of relay his recollection of the events to you?

A That, I don't remember. But, I mean, I don't think he went, you know, play by play of what happened. I think it was mainly just kind of just, you know, kind of shock as to, you know, getting associated with and being the kind of the source of that type of information.

15 Q And you think this is a phone call as opposed to text 16 messages?

17 A Yes.

Q How many times have you talked to him about that or any other part of kind of the testimony that has come up before the select committee since your interview?

A That was -- that's the only -- that's the -- and I don't even say that that would be about, you know, our -- my testimony or, you know, any testimony that he's given. But

24 that's -- that's the only time that that -- you know, that that 25 specific point -- or not the specific point but that, you know, 1 this whole thing has come up in conversation.

2 Q Does he know you're testifying here today?

3 A No.

Q How about Bobby Engel, same questions, have you talked to him about anything related to the select committee since your last interview?

7 A No.

Q Did you talk to him about Ms. Hutchinson's testimony or any other witness' testimony who has come before the select committee?

A No. I've talked to -- I've talked to Bobby by email I think -- I think maybe three times since January of 2021. And that's all, you know, in relation to the President going to -- to Tampa where he works -- or for, you know, President Trump traveling to Tampa, you know, over the last year, year and a half, where Bobby, you know, obviously is working now.

Q Gotcha. And the last time we met with you, I think, you know, we asked you several questions about either people going to the Capitol or the President going to the Capitol. You didn't mention this incident where the President asked about going to the Capitol on the day of, either in the tent or in the motorcade. How come?

A I'm sorry, say it again?

Q How come you didn't mention this incident where the President asked about going to the Capitol in the tent on January 6th or in the motorcade after his speech on the Ellipse when we asked you about, you know, the President's potential desire to go to the Capitol when we met with you the first time?

A I think -- I think probably because it didn't involve me, like, firsthand. I wasn't there in the tent so, you know, any -- any -- I mean, that's not my -- that's not my testimony, right? I mean, it's -- you know, that would be secondhand information.

9 Q Okay. Are you aware of any other times -- secondhand 10 information is okay, and I think we mentioned that hearsay was 11 okay as well -- like, just any other things you're aware of about 12 the President's desire to go to the Capitol that you 13 didn't -- haven't shared either now or before?

A No.

14

15 Ms. I guess my question is, when you testified 16 before and you were asked were you aware if the President wanted 17 to go to the Capitol that day, I'm just -- I'm just wondering 18 if that -- why that wouldn't have triggered the specific memory 19 you have today of Mr. Engel telling you and Mr. Ornato that he 20 indeed requested to go to the Capitol when he was in the vehicle.

Mr. <u>Harrison.</u> He didn't. He -- that -- you know, he didn't -- he didn't request while he was in the vehicle to go to the Capitol. The -- you know, the story that I was told was when he got into the Capitol -- when he got into the vehicle, he asked where he was going.

1 Ms. ___ Got it.

Mr. <u>Passantino.</u> If I can ask, do you have a specific question in the transcript that you feel like he's answered inaccurately? Because he answered the questions. I want to know if there's a specific reference where you're concerned that he might not have given full accurate testimony.

Ms. No, you're right, Mr. Passantino. It's more of a general question about the President's intent. But I don't believe there was a specific question as granular as we've gotten today.

Mr. <u>Passantino.</u> Thank you. That's my recollection aswell.

13

BY MR.

Q Have you talked to anybody other than Mr. Engel or Mr. Ornato about your testimony here today, meaning the former President, anybody else who worked in the White House, campaign, or otherwise?

A No. Well, I mean, my wife, but -- no.

Q You don't need to get into your conversations with your
wife. That's quite all right.

Does the former President know you're testifying here today?

23 A No.

Q Has anybody asked you to, you know, provide a report of you're going to talk to the select committee, we'd like to know 1 what you talk about with them?

2 A No.

Q Have you discussed anything related to the January 6th committee with the former President?

5 A No.

Q Has anyone told you to not provide certain information, even if it's the answer to a question that the select committee poses?

9 A No.

10

Q And then just a final set of questions.

Are you receiving any assistance from anyone or entity to help cover your legal costs related to the select committee only, nothing else?

A Yes. I'm not personally -- I'm not personally paying for legal representation.

16 Q Do you know who is, who's covering those costs?

A Not specifically, which may be something I probably should know, but that I don't know.

19 Q Do you know what the Save America PAC is?

20 A Yes.

Q Do you know if they have any role in helping to cover your legal costs or find somebody who would cover your legal costs?

A They -- I don't know if they are covering them. They are associated with -- with whoever -- whoever it may be that 1 is.

Q Do you have a contact there who -- who you talk to about issues related to this?

A The only -- the only time it's ever come up -- or the only contact, you know, related to this would be when I got the initial phone call, whenever, you know, whenever, a couple months ago, whenever it was. And I contacted Justin Clark.

Q Have you talked to anybody at Save America PAC since then about your appearances before the committee or needing to ensure that your expenses are still covered?

11 A No.

12 Q Was there any arrangement that you had with them so that 13 they would cover your fees?

14 A No.

Q Like -- and by that I mean, did you agree to do anything in particular or kind of report back to them about your interactions with the select committee?

A No. There was nothing requested. You know, it wasn't -- there was nothing contingent upon, you know, certain things to be said. There was -- there was, you know, nothing like that.

Q And did they have any role in advising you, anybody associated with Save America PAC or Mr. Clark, advising you about what documents to produce to the select committee or which documents not to produce?

1 The only conversation that I had about, you know, А No. 2 the request for documents --Mr. Passantino. I advise you don't discuss any 3 conversations that you and I have had. 4 Mr. Harrison. Okay. 5 That's correct. Yeah, nothing with legal Mr. 6 . 7 counsel for the purpose of receiving legal advice. Outside of 8 that, though. 9 Mr. <u>Harrison.</u> Yeah, nothing outside that. 10 Mr. Okay. Anything further? 11 Ms. Just one question. Do you remember any 12 conversation with Mr. Ornato on the 6th about -- about Leader 13 McCarthy learning that the President wanted to come to the 14 Capitol? 15 Mr. Harrison. No. 16 Okay. I don't have anything further. Ms. 17 18 Mr. Is there anything else that you'd like to add 19 to what we've discussed here today or expand on as far as the information you provided? 20 Mr. <u>Harrison</u>. Nothing else. 21 Okay. Well, I appreciate your time. I know 22 Mr. this is the second time we've asked you to appear. Very much 23 appreciate that. 24 And if there is something further that you think is 25

important or relevant and would be responsive to the questions
we've asked today or before that you'd like to get to us, please
reach out to Mr. Passantino and then he can, of course, reach
out to me.

5 But, other than that, I think we'll go off the record. 6 Ms. Thank you.

7

[Whereupon, at 1:14 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

1	Certificate of Deponent/Interviewee
2	
3	
4	I have read the foregoing pages, which contain the correct
5	transcript of the answers made by me to the questions therein
6	recorded.
7	
8	
9	
10	
11	Witness Name
12	
13	
14	
15	Date
16	