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	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT For the district of columbia		1	Q	And the court reporter is to your right. And the
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ×		2	rest of	the ladies and gentlemen in this room are grand
	IN RE:		3	jurors	. To my left are the foreperson and the deputy
	GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS		4	forepe	rson of the grand jury.
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · ×		5	Α	Good afternoon.
	Grand Jury Room No. 2 United States District Cour		6		JURORS: Good afternoon.
	for the District of Colu 3rd 4 Constitution, N.W.		7		BY MR. SUSANIN:
	Washington, D.C.	[	8	Q	As you know, sir, we are going to ask you some
	Thursday, July 23, 1998		9	questi	ons before the grand jury this afternoon, and I briefly
	The testimony of LARRY L. COCKELL was taken in	the ]	10	want t	o start by reviewing some rights and responsibilities
	presence of a full quorum of Grand Jury 97-5, impaneled o	n ]	11	that y	ou have as a witness testifying in front of the ladies
	December 5, 1997, commencing at 3:31 p.m. before:	1	12	and ge	ntlemen today. Okay?
	TIMOTHY SUSANIN Associate Independent Counsel	1	13	Α	Yes, sir.
	JACKIE M. BENNETT, JR. Deputy Associate Independent Counsel	1	14	Q	The first thing I'm going to ask you to do is make
	Office of Independent Counsel 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.	1	15	sure y	ou give us a verbal answer, so that the court reporter
	Suite 490 North Washington, D.C. 20004	1	16		ke everything down. Do you understand, sir?
		1	17	Α	Yes, I do.
		1	8	Q	You have the right to counsel. Specifically, you
		1	19	do not	have the right to have counsel in the grand jury room
		2	20	with y	ou. However, you can stop, should you need to any
		2	21	time.	You can just let me know, and you can step outside and
		2	22	consul	t with counsel. Do you understand that?
		2	23	Α	Yes, I understand.
		2	24	Q	And do you have counsel outside with you today?
		2	25	A	Yes, I do.
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I	PROCEEDINGS		1	_	Okay. And who is that?
2	Whereupon,		2	Α	John Kotelly, K-o-t-e-l-l-y.
3	LARRY L. COCKELL		3	Q	And is that an agency attorney, or is a personal
	was recalled as a witness and, having been previously		4	attorne	-
5	sworn by the Foreperson of the Grand Jury, was example.	nined	5	Α	He is private counsel.
6	further and testified as follows:		6	Q	He is your private counsel? And do you have any
7	EXAMINATION		7	attorne	eys from the Secret Service with you today?
8	BY MR. SUSANIN:		8	Α	Yes, I do.
9	Q Good afternoon, sir.		9	Q	What are their names, sir?
10	A Good afternoon.	1	0	Α	Tom Doherty and Matthew Dates.
11	Q Could you please state your full name for the	1	1	Q	Any others from the Secret Service?
12	record, spelling your last name?	1	2	Α	No.
13	A Larry L. Cockell, C-o-c-k-e-l-l.	1	3	Q	And do you have any Justice Department attorneys
4	Q And, sir, you are a special agent with the Secre	et 1	4	with y	ou today?
15	Service; is that correct?	1	5		Yes, I do.
6	A That is correct.		6	-	What is his or her name, or their names?
7	Q Special Agent Cockell, we're going to try to m	j.	7		Ann Wiseman.
	things along, given the hour of day. But, nevertheles		8		Any others?
9	still want to take a minute to introduce you to everyc	1	9		No, sir.
20			20	-	You also have an obligation today to tell the
21	My name is Timothy Susanin, and we just me	t 2	21 1		You understand you are under oath; is that correct?
!2	outside. I'm an associate independent counsel with t	he 2	22		Yes, I do.
23	Independent Counsel's Office.	2	23	Q	You have an obligation to testify truthfully, which
24	I have my colleague, Jackie Bennett, to my rig	ht. 2	.4 1	means	you can't lie to the grand jury or mislead them or, in
25	A Mr. Bennett.	2	25 8	any ot	her way, indicate to them that you don't remember

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1	something if, in fact, you do remember it. Do you understand	1	Office, where I served as a criminal investigator for several
2	that. sir?	2	years. I was transferred to the New Orleans office, and
3	A I understand.	3	reassigned to the Shreveport office of the Secret Service
4	Q You have, under the Fifth Amendment, a right	4	where I served for several years.
5	against self-incrimination. And what that means is, if a	5	In 1985, I was transferred to the Presidential
6	truthful answer on your part to a question would tend to	6	Protective Division, where I served for approximately four
	incriminate you, you have the right not to answer that	7	years. After that assignment, I was assigned to our
8	question. Do you understand that?	8	Headquarters, Special Investigations Section.
9	A I understand.	9	In 1991, I was promoted and reassigned to the San
0	Q And before we begin the questioning, I want to ask	10	Francisco Field Office, where I served as an investigative
1	you whether or not you're aware that the Office of	11	supervisor, running the fraud and counterfeit squads.
	Independent Counsel had offered you the option, instead of	12	
	appearing here before the grand jury today, to give testimony	13	Washington, for my second tour. I served as a special
	by way of deposition?		assistant to the Treasury Secretary.
5	A Yes.	15	
<i>-</i> 6	Q You are aware of that?		Presidential Protective Division as an assistant special
7	A Yes.	17	
8	Q And how were you made aware of that?	1	deputy special agent in charge.
o 9	A Through my attorney, through the Secret Service	19	
		5	• • •
	attorneys, and also Justice attorneys.	1	the special agent in charge of the Presidential Protective
1	Q Special Agent Cockell, let's begin by briefly		Division.
	asking you some background questions.	22	
3	Where are you from?	1	followup. From '89 to '91, you were at headquarters?
4	A I was born in St. Louis.	24	
5	Q Is that where you grew up?	25	
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1	A That's correct.	1	A That's at 1800 G Street, here in Washington.
2	Q Tell the grand jurors briefly where you went to	2	
3	school?	3	about the Secret Service, Special Agent Cockell.
4	A I attended elementary school in St. Louis,	4	
	Northwest High School in St. Louis, St. Louis University. I	5	the time you joined the service; is that correct?
	also attended a community college, Forest Park Community	6	
7	College in St. Louis, also.	7	Q You were not in the Uniformed Division at any time
8	Q Did you join the Secret Service right after your	8	A No, sir, I was not.
9	schooling?	9	Q When you joined the Secret Service, did you take an
)	A Not immediately after my schooling.	10	oath of any kind?
1	Q What did you do in the interim?	11	A Yes, I did.
2	A I was a police a police officer in St. Louis.	12	Q Tell the ladies and gentlemen of the grand jury
3	Q For how many years?	13	what kind of oath you took.
4	A Approximately eight-and-a-half.	14	A I took an oath to uphold the laws of the United
5	Q From there to the Secret Service?	15	States and, in the capacity of an agent, to protect the life
5	A That is correct.	16	of the President and all those persons that the Secret
7	Q I believe I read in the newspaper you've been with	17	Service is authorized to protect.
8 1	the service for 18 years?	18	Q And, sir, let me ask you, do you know is there a
9	A Seventeen years?	19	separate oath for Secret Service personnel who are in the
0	Q Yes, sir. I should know better than to believe	20	Uniformed Division, or is it the same oath?
1	everything I read, right?	21	A I am not sure, sir.
2	Tell the ladies and gentlemen of the grand jury, if	22	Q Fair enough. Did you take an oath or, as part of
	you would, briefly, what you've done throughout those 17	23	the oath you just described, did you pledge confidentiality
3	,,,		
	years with the service.	24	of any type?

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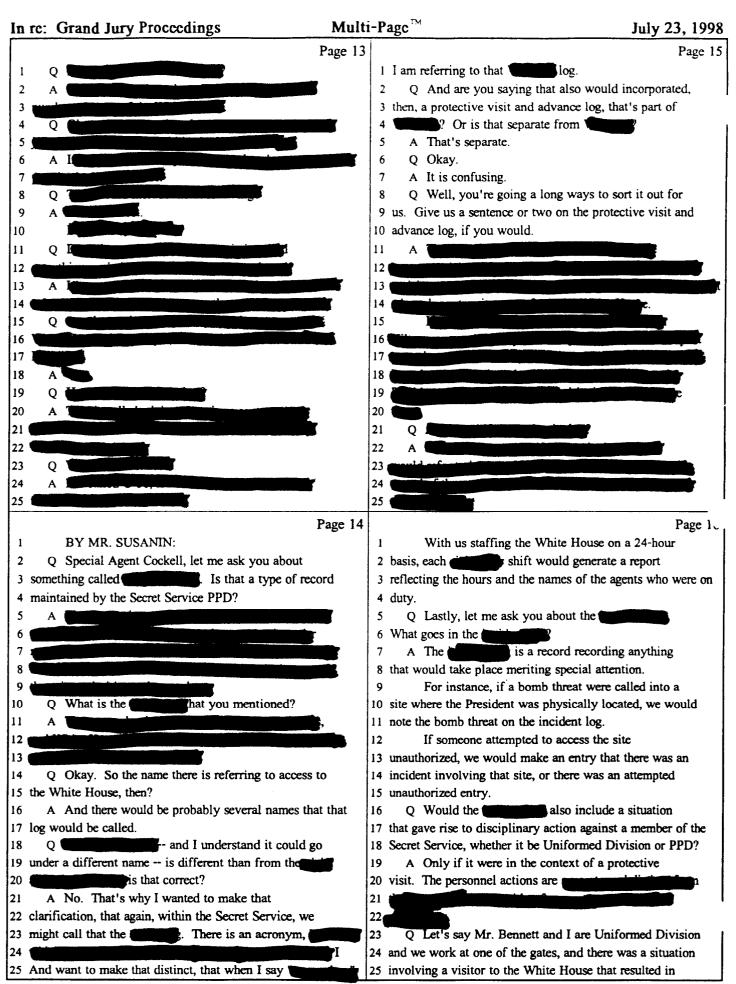
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1	Q So there's nothing in the oath you just described	1	
2	about confidentiality?	2	A There was.
3	A No, sir.	3	Q And what was that?
4	Q I want to ask you a few questions about the types	4	A That log was a log maintained by an officer
5	of documents that are maintained by the Secret Service,	5	assigned to a post in the mansion portion of the White House.
6	particularly by PPD, by agents like you, who work the	6	
7	Presidential Detail.		the mansion area and potentially access controlled areas that
8	You probably said this when you reviewed your	8	the President would would be where the President would
9	history, but you're the special agent in charge, at this	9	
10	time, of the PPD; is that correct?	10	Q
11	A That is correct.	11	
12	Q What types of documents or logs are maintained by	12	
13			
14	President?	14	
15		15	
16			new log, known as something else? Is it incorporated into a
17		17	
18		118	A The log is a document that is maintained by the
19		19	
20		20	,
21		21	
22		22	Q And is that the twist there? Is that what is new,
23	Q Sure. I'm going to ask you some followups.		is that it now goes to the usher, whereas before it was
24	A Yes, sir.	24	maintained by Secret Service?
25	Q And this might refresh your recollection as to some	+	A It was again, I want to be distinct about this.
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	that you didn't include in the list. And I understand you're	1	The log, entries on the logs were made by the Secret Service.
2	being as inclusive as you can.	2	The log, at one point in time, was a Secret Service log.
3	Before I get into that, let me just review. I	3	
4	believe you told me	4	Q And do you know roughly when that responsibility
5		5	shifted?
6		6	A No, sir, I do not.
7	A I don't know if I included an incident log.	7	Q
8	Q Okay. You may have, and I just didn't get it down.	8	
9	Let me ask you first about the movement logs for the	9	A Yes, sir.
	President, who is referred to within your service by the	10	Q Would that be one of the logs that you mentioned by
11	moniker POTUS, P-O-T-U-S, correct?	1	
12	A That's correct. Q That stands for President of the United States; is	12	
13	that right?	13	O Can you describe each of these for us the?
14	•	14	Q Can you describe each of those for us, then?
15 16	A Yes.	15	
10		10	
18	Q And is one of the logs we're probably using	18	Mundation and the second se
19	different terminology here. Would that be the classified log	19	There is a you asked about a <b>Contraction of the</b> ?
	that you mentioned?	20	Q Correct.
21	A No, that would not.	21	A Context.
22		22	
23		23	
24	A Maybe I called it the provide.	24	Q
25		25	A No, sir.
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1	possible disciplinary action against the two of us.	1	some point as to whether that matter stays with the
2	Would that constitute a protective situation and.	2	supervisor or the supervisory chain of command, or actually
3	therefore, be covered by the state of the st	3	is communicated over to, I believe you called him the
4		4	internal inspector?
5	If would you state the circumstance again?	5	A As long as the incident does not breach existing
6	I want to be sure that I understand what you're asking.	6	security procedures?
7	Q If there are Uniformed Division officers working at	7	Q I see. Can you briefly run me through the chain of
8	one of the gates to the White House, one of the gates to	8	command? If I am a Uniformed Division officer, who is
9	which a visitor to the White House would report to gain	9	immediately above me?
10	access, and there was an incident involving the Uniformed	10	A The immediate supervisor would be a sergeant.
11	Division officers and the visitor's attempt to gain access,	11	Q And then above the sergeant?
12	and the incident played out such that there could be	12	A Would be a lieutenant, a captain, who would more
13	disciplinary action against the Uniformed Division officers,	13	than likely be a watch commander. Above the captain, there
14	would that the second	14	are inspectors and there are deputy chiefs, assistant chief,
15	Does that clarify the question?	15	and the chief of the Uniformed Division.
16	A Not I'm not following exactly what you want me	16	Q Now, let me stick with this idea of possible
17	to what you want me to address here.	17	disciplinary action against me if I'm a Uniformed Division
18	Q Well, let me ask you then, if Mr. Bennett and I	18	officer. And, instead of asking you along the lines of the
19	work a gate, and we mishandled a situation involving a	19	incident log, let me ask you again to see if you can shed any
20	visitor, and visitor access, I'm curious as to whether the	20	more detail on how an incident is reported.
21	inquiry into the way we handled the situation would make it	21	If I'm involved in something that might be cause
22		22	for discipline, what is the formal policy as to how that is
23	A Not necessarily. No, sir.	23	reported and investigated?
24	Q Okay. Explain your answer, please.	24	A It depends on the nature of the infraction. There
25	A That if there is an allegation against an employee	25	are disciplinary actions that could result in an informal
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1	about the manner in which they conducted themselves regarding	1	counseling. Disciplinary action could be a written record of
	a Secret Service procedure, that could be a referral to our		the incident. It could call for full investigation by our
	Internal Inspection Division. It could be handled by a	3	inspectors, Inspection Division, personnel actions, and so
	supervisor, but not necessarily made	1	forth.
5	There may be some circumstances where an access	5	Q Is there one person in my chain of command who has
6	issue	6	sole discretion as to how it's handled? Or, as the matter
7	For instance, a person is attempting to access the	7	goes up my chain of command at each point, do my superiors
8	White House for an appointment and they have an outstanding	8	have discretion?
9		9	A It I would I would state that it depends on
10	and arrest the person at the access point. That would	10	the nature of the infraction.
11		11	Q So, is it conceivable that there could be a
12	But disciplinary action, in and of itself, may or	12	situation, if I am a Uniformed Division officer and
13		13	immediately above me is my sergeant, that it's reported to my
14	Q I see. And when you say that a situation like I	14	sergeant and the sergeant, my sergeant exercises discretion
15	just asked you about could be handled by a supervisor, I	15	and the matter ends there?
13		16	A Depending on the nature of the infraction. A
15 16	presume you mean a direct supervisor of the Uniformed	110	
		17	sergeant does not have the ability to informally resolve some
16		1	sergeant does not have the ability to informally resolve some personnel actions or some disciplinary actions. It must be
16 17	Division officers involved? A That's correct. A supervisor might come up and	17 18	•
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16 17 18 19 20	Division officers involved? A That's correct. A supervisor might come up and mediate the situation if there is a disagreement between the	17 18 19	personnel actions or some disciplinary actions. It must be referred through a process.
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16 17 18 19 20 21	Division officers involved? A That's correct. A supervisor might come up and mediate the situation if there is a disagreement between the person attempting to have access and the officers. Or there may be a circumstance where the records were incorrectly entered, the officers would not allow the	17 18 19 20 21 22	personnel actions or some disciplinary actions. It must be referred through a process. An investigation to protect the rights of the officer or agent as well as to fully investigate the
16 17 18 19 20 21 22	Division officers involved? A That's correct. A supervisor might come up and mediate the situation if there is a disagreement between the person attempting to have access and the officers. Or there may be a circumstance where the records were incorrectly entered, the officers would not allow the person to have access, and the sergeant would come in and	17 18 19 20 21 22	personnel actions or some disciplinary actions. It must be referred through a process. An investigation to protect the rights of the officer or agent as well as to fully investigate the complaint, might be merited, based on the circumstances of

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1	that's what you're saying, correct?	1	firsthand, personal knowledge, by your own observation or
2	A Depending on the nature of the infraction.	2	what you've heard from anyone - that the President, in fact,
3	Q Okay. And I guess my followup then is, are there	3	had a role in this process?
4		4	A No, sir. I do not have any personal knowledge.
5	deems it's not worth passing on?	5	
6	A Yes, sir.	6	
7	Q And that would be depending on the type of	7	briefly explain to the ladies and gentlemen, if you would.
8		8	
9	A Yes, sir.	9	
10	Q Let me shift gears a little bit and ask you whether	10	A My duties and responsibilities are to direct the
	the President, to your knowledge, has favored agents in the	11	
	detail?		protect the President, the First Lady, and their daughter, on
13	A Not to my knowledge, not favored agents.		a full-time basis.
14	Q Do you know what role, if any, the President has in	14	As the agent in charge, I make decisions regarding
15			the implementation of security plans and security measures to
6	A None.	_	provide for their safety and security.
17	Q Can you elaborate on that for us, please?	17	Q Special Agent Cockell, I'm going to shift gears
18	A The selection of personnel to the Presidential		again, and ask you if you know a woman by the name of Monica
	Protective Division is based on a number of criteria.	1	Lewinsky?
20	It's based on whether or not an agent has spent a	20	A Only by media stories and what I have overheard.
	sufficient time in a field assignment or another assignment	21	not personally.
	to develop an understanding of Secret Service operations;		Q And when you talk about "by media," I presume
	whether or not his supervisors in that assignment think he has the maturity and the judgment to exercise discretion	23	you're referring to the story that broke roughly the middle of January of this year, 1998; is that correct?
	regarding protective activities.	25	A That's correct.
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1	Page 22 That agent then is put into a pool of eligible	1	Page 2 Q So did you know her before January 15th of 1998?
-	agents that all have similar qualifications and experience.	2	A No, sìr, I did not.
	From that pool, the agents are either brought to the	3	Q Do you recall ever hearing her name before January
	attention of the division, formally or informally, by their	4	15th, of 1998?
	supervisors. A recommendation is made. We look for specific	5	A No, sir, I did not.
	training and skills that these agents might have. And then	6	Q Did you ever see her before January 15th of 1998?
7		7	A I've never seen her in person; no, sir.
8	Q And do you know, is the recommendation made to, and	8	Q At any time, did you ever have well, let me ask
9	ultimate selection made by, the division director?		a different question.
0	A The ultimate decision to request an agent is made	10	You said you've never seen Ms. Lewinsky in person;
1	by the agent in charge of the deputy special agent in charge.	11	
	However, that must be approved by an assistant director of	12	A That is correct.
	investigations, which is where the agents generally work at	13	Q You've seen her in TV on the news accounts you just
	that time, and the assistant director of protective	14	spoke about; is that accurate?
_	operations.	15	A That is correct.
6	Q And, to your knowledge, the President does not have	16	Q Have you ever had occasion to see her on closed-
7	input in any of the stages you just described; is that	17	circuit TV within the White House compound?
8	correct?	18	A No, sir, I have not.
9	A That's correct.	19	Q Do you have any knowledge that Ms. Lewinsky was
20	Q And that's both by design in other words how the	20	ever alone with the President?
21	policy is supposed to work and, in reality, how it	21	A No, sir, I do not.
22	actually works?	22	Q Did you ever hear from anyone else that Ms.
23	A That's been the policy and practice at the Secret	23	Lewinsky was ever alone with the President?
24	Service, to select agents in that manner.	24	A Yes, sir, I did.
25	Q Beyond that policy, do you have any knowledge	25	Q And how many people did you hear there from?

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1	A One direct, one well, both were indirect		1	happened when he worked with Mr. Fox, or	anything like that"
2	statements about it. But one was directly related to me from		2	A No. sir.	
3	an employee, a subordinate; and one was related to me throug	h	3	Q Where does Mr. Garbito work now?	
4	a supervisor of an employee.		4	A He is presently assigned to the Preside	ential
1 5	Q What are the names of those two individuals?		5	Protective Division.	
6	A The employee who came to my attention was Nelson		6	BY MR. BENNETT:	
7	Garbito, who brought it to my attention, was Nelson Garbito.		7	Q You mentioned a moment ago that the	re were two
8	Q Let me ask you to spell that last name, if you can.		8	people with whom you had discussed this.	
\$	A G-a-r-b-i-t-o.		9	A And one was not a direct discussion	with the
10	Q Who is Mr. Garbito?		10	employee.	
11	A He is an agent assigned to the Presidential	i	11	Q Tell us about that episode.	
12	Protective Division.		12	A I was called by and again, I can't b	e specific
13	Q How many times did you discuss Ms. Lewinsky with		13	either one or two people in supervisory car	•
14	him?	1		· · · · · · · · · · · ·	•
15	A One. And there was not a specific discussion using	1	15	They related to me that they had been	
	her name. But he related a circumstance to me.			Mr. Ferguson had made statements about see	
17	BY MR. BENNETT:				
18				information.	Univery diat
19			19	Q To whom?	
20			20	A To the special to the independent co	uncel
					ulisei,
21	A I am not exactly sure when the conversation			through an attorney.	
22	••		22	BY MR. SUSANIN:	_
23	press of the Monica Lewinsky story.	1	23	Q Now, this is someone other than Mr. F	erguson
24	Mr. Garbito came to me and told what he related			telling you this?	
25	to me was, "You are familiar with" and I'm paraphrasing.		25	A That is correct.	
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	I can't directly quote him.		1	Q And who is that?	o · · ·
2	"You are familiar with the statements made by Lou		2	A It was either the agent in charge of our	
	Fox, who was a Uniformed Division officer." He said, "I			Services Division his name is Peter Schwar	
	think I was working that day."			the supervisors of Special Services Division,	
5	Q And what did you do in response to receiving this			I think his name is M-o-r-a-v-e-k. I believe the	pat's his
6	information?	1	6	spelling.	
7	A At that time, I received his information, I didn't		7	Q And you're not sure which of these tw	o gentleman it
8	question him about it, and I made a mental note of it.		8	was?	
9	Q Okay. You didn't make written notes or anything to		9	A I am not sure whether one gentleman t	old me the
10	that effect?		10	statement was made to the other by Mr. Fergu	ison and
11	A I made no notes and, at that time, it was my	1	11	subsequently conveyed to me by Pete Schwar	tz, or whether the
12	understanding an investigation was being conducted and, if	1	12	statement was made to Brian Moravek and Pe	te Schwartz
13	questioned, I was prepared to volunteer that information.	1	13	informed me of this.	
14	Q And your recollection today is that this	1	14	So I'm not sure exactly how, but both	were involved
15	conversation with Mr. Garbito would have been approximately	y [1	15	as either receiving the statement and informing	g me of the
16	the time that Mr. Fox's - Mr. Fox made some disclosures that	:  1	16	statement made by Mr. Ferguson.	
17	were in the public media? It would have been in that time	1	17	Q And, other than these two situations yo	ou've just
18	frame?	1	18	described for us, have any other individuals s	poken to you
19	A Yes, sir. I do not know the specific date.	1	19	about Ms. Lewinsky?	
20	MR. BENNETT: Okay.	2	20	A No, sir. Not let me correct myself.	I have
21	BY MR. SUSANIN:	1	21 (	obviously, with all of the media surrounding t	his incident,
	Q And when Mr. Garbito told you about this, you	-	22	had people approach me and make statements	about the Lewinsky
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	didn't ask him any followup questions?	1		situation. But no one has presented informati	on to me that I
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1	Q And have you, yourself, ever spoken with anyone	1	Q All ri	ght. And then you succeeded him, eventually?
2	about Ms. Lewinsky?	2	A That'	s correct. Yes, sir.
3	A Again, the general conversations about what	3	Q When	e is he now? We've seen his name in the news
4	appeared in the newspaper, but never in a capacity of having	4	in the last we	xk. What is his position now?
5	information or firsthand knowledge about Monica Lewinsky.	5	A He is	the assistant director for protective
6	BY MR. BENNETT:	6	operations.	
7	Q Just so we understand, prior to Ms. Lewinsky's name	7	BY N	AR. SUSANIN:
8	becoming public in January of this year, you had never heard	8	Q That'	s here in D.C.?
9	her name before?	9	A That'	s correct.
10	A No, sir, I had not.	10	Q When	e did the deposition take place?
11	Q And everything that you've told us about her is	11	A I can	't give you the specific address, but it was
12	information that's come to you either from the media or the	12	on New York	k Avenue, in proximity of the White House. I think
13	episodes that you've just described, where people brought	13	someplace, th	he 1400 block of New York Avenue, to the best of
14	information to your attention in your capacity as special	14	my recollecti	on.
15	agent in charge of the PPD?	15	Q Was	that at a lawyer's office?
16	A That's not exactly correct.	16	A That'	s correct.
17	Q Okay.	17	Q Do yo	ou recall whose lawyer's office?
18	A I was present during the deposition that the	18	A II	do not recall specifically. I can't say I
19	President gave, I believe, on January 17th, where the name	19	know specifi	cally whose attorney whose attorney's office,
20	the first time I heard the name Monica Lewinsky.	20	offices, those	were.
21	Q Was that the first time you did hear the name?	21	BY N	IR. BENNETT:
22	A That was the first time I had ever heard the name.	22	Q Do yo	ou remember the name of the law firm?
23	Q Okay. So that would have been just a few days	23		ir, I do not.
24	before the story broke in the media?	24	Q Woul	d you know it if you heard it?
25	•	25		s not a fact that I I paid much attention
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1	BY MR. SUSANIN:		to It was a l	location that was determined outside of the
2	Q And that deposition that you just referred to was		Secret Servic	
	on Saturday, January 17th of this year, 1998; is that	3		ertainly know the name Bob Bennett?
	correct?	4	A Yes, s	
5	A That is correct.	5		lo you know the law firm, Skadden, Arps, the
6	Q And you attended the deposition with the President?	1	-	he's associated with?
7	A Yes, I did.	7		pecifically, no, sir.
8	Q How were you chosen to attend with him?	8		IR. SUSANIN:
9	A The agent in charge was out of town at the time. I	9		rere you in the deposition room the entire
10			time?	ere you in the deposition room the calle
1	There were some sensitivities that we were		A Yes. I	Was
	concerned about for instance, that information might be	12		there other Secret Service agents in there, as
3			well?	unie outer service agents in unie, as
	decided that I would sit through the deposition myself.	14	-	a them were not
5	Q And were you at the deposition the whole time?	14		r, there were not. ou describe for the ladies and gentlemen of
6	A Yes, I was.			y where you were in the deposition room, in
.7	Q Do you recall how long it went?	10	relation to the	
8	A I can only recall that I can't recall exactly	18		was a large conference table. The President
	how long the actual deposition took, but there were			nstance, this table. The President sat at
1		20		I sat in the corner of the room away from him,
	approximation into the to six nouis of this that dapsed			te end of the conference room.
0	between going and coming back from the denosition	171		we can us the contractice ituiti.
20 21	between going and coming back from the deposition. BY MR BENNETT			
20 21 22	BY MR. BENNETT:	22	Q Do yo	u recall the President being asked during the
0 1 2 3		22	Q Do yo deposition wh	

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1 being asked, if you don't recall that specific question?	1	repeating conversations.
2 A I honestly don't recall specific questions. I	2	So, although there were a number of rumors
3 heard a number of names discussed. And I can't say that I	3	regarding these situations, I think I would be the last
4 recall hearing that name specifically and that question	4	person that agents would come to and bring these rumors to,
5 asked.	5	because I specifically discouraged that, because there were
6 Q Do you recall that name coming up in the deposition		so many erroneous reports going around that it was
7 outside of that question?	7	counterproductive for us to focus on what the rumors said,
8 A I recall the name coming up in the deposition. I	8	and agents were specifically discouraged not to be purveyors
9 don't know the context.	1	of rumors.
10 Q Aside from that particular question, do you recall	10	So I think I would probably be the last person they
11 the President testifying on the issue of whether he and Ms.	11	would bring these rumors to.
12 Lewinsky had ever been alone?	12	Q The fact that you are aware that the rumors do
13 A I don't recall specific facts from the deposition,	13	float around seems to suggest that, at some point anyway,
14 and I don't want to take anything out of context and		some rumors have gotten back to you. Is that a fair
15 represent here that I do.		statement?
16 Q Now, other than the information that you testified	16	A I have heard a great deal of information, both in
17 about from Mr. Ferguson, and your conversation with Mr.		the media and in discussions with people outside the White
18 Garbito am I pronouncing that correctly?		House, and I cannot recall anyone bringing a specific rumor
19 A Garbito.	1	to my attention, other than what had appeared in the media,
20 Q Garbito?		in the newspapers and on television, and being discussed in
21 A Yes, sir.		those media.
22 Q did anyone else ever tell you that the	22	
23 President was ever alone with Ms. Lewinsky?		outside of the White House. But does that answer is the
24 A No, sir.		answer that you just gave limited to rumors involving Ms.
25 Q Did anyone ever imply or suggest to you, other than		Lewinsky?
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1 those two individuals, that the President was ever alone with		
	2	
<ul><li>2 Ms. Lewinsky?</li><li>3 A Does that include information received in the</li></ul>		being reported to you, about Ms. Lewinsky?
	4	
4 media?		other people?
5 Q Outside of the media.		
6 A No, sir.	6	
7 Q And, as you sit here today, do you know whether	7	
8 it's true or not that the President was ever alone with Ms.		some point rumors do get back to you, not from the media and not from people outside the White House?
9 Lewinsky?	10	
10 A No, sir, I do not know if that is true or not.		sir.
11 Q Special Agent Cockell, let me ask you, do you keep	12	
12 a diary of any kind?	1	are aware that there are rumors suggests that, at some point,
13 A No, sir, I do not.		
14 Q Not a personal or a professional diary?		rumors do get back to you, because you're aware of them. A But from what sources?
15 A No, sir.	15	
16 Q During the time that you've been on this most	16	
17 recent White House tour, did you ever hear of an incident	17	
18 involving the President and Ms. Lewinsky in or near the White		reports and people outside the White House, outside the
19 House family movie theater?		Secret Service.
20 A No, sir, I did not.	20	A No, sir.
21 Q Did you hear any rumors about an incident involving	21	Q Let me shift gears again, Special Agent Cockell,
22 those individuals in that location?	22	
23 A One of the policies that I have in place, that	23	
24 we've practiced, is that agents are discouraged from		asking about here today, that's been transferred.
25 repeating rumors and stories about private business,	25	A I've disclosed the two employees that I was aware

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1	had information relative to this investigation, and I don't	1	A He's the assistant director.
2	have any knowledge that anyone else, or at least it was not	2	Q The assistant director. And then he would report
3	brought to my attention that anyone else had knowledge about	3	to the deputy director, and then the director?
4	this investigation.	4	A That is correct.
5	Q And that would let me ask it a different way.	5	Q So you're two or three steps removed from the
6	Would that include anyone with information about the Paula	6	director?
7	Jones lawsuit, as well?	7	A Yes, sir.
8	A That's correct.	8	Q To what extent do you, as special agent in charge
9	Q So, to ask that a different way, you don't know of	9	of the PPD, have direct interaction with, for example,
	anyone that would have relevant information about the Paula	10	Director Merletti?
11	Jones lawsuit, who has been transferred within the service?	11	A On major policy issues impacting on the protection
12	A That's correct.	12	of the First Family, since that is our most critical mission,
13	MR. BENNETT: Can I ask a few questions?	13	I might communicate any issues or problems through the
14	BY MR. BENNETT:	14	assistant director, Brian Stafford, to Mr. Merletti, if I
15	Q Special Agent Cockell, we don't have a good	15	were to change procedures or policies.
16	understanding of, I guess, of the Secret Service management	16	But on a I do not have day-to-day contact with
17	hierarchy. We know there is certainly a director of the	1	him. He, at his discretion, takes trips with any of the
18	Secret Service	18	protective details, to monitor the activities and assure or
19	A Yes, sir.	19	have assurances that the policies in effect are being
20	Q Mr. Merletti. Could you just sort of sketch	20	appropriately applied to security problems.
21	how the organization you know, the organizational chart,	21	Q And he himself held the position that you h
22	and where your entity fits into that?	22	is that correct?
23	A Yes, sir. Again, from the director, we have one	23	A That is correct. He, at one time, was a sr
24	deputy director and then we have	24	agent in charge.
25	Q Who is that? Just fill in names, to the extent you	25	Q Do you know how recently he held that position?
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1	can.	1	A I think Mr. Merletti was the special agent in
2	A The deputy director is Bruce Bowen. We have and		charge until, it was sometime about the same time frame that
	again, I want to be specific we have a number of assistant		I when he moved on, I became the Brian Stafford became
	directors who are in charge of specific offices within the		the agent in charge and I became the deputy special agent in
5	Secret Service.	5	charge.
6	Brian Stafford is the assistant director in charge	6	And I may not be completely accurate, but it was
7	of the Office of Protective Operations.		sometime around January of 1997 that I think Mr. Merletti
8	Kevin Foley is the assistant director in charge of		left the post of special agent in charge and went to a
9	5 , ,		headquarters assignment.
	director in charge of the Office of Government Liaison and	10	Q And was thereafter made director? A He I think, on an interim basis, he was the
	Public Affairs. Steve Sergek and it's S-e-r-g-e-k is	11	
	the assistant director in charge of protective research.	12	assistant director of training.
	And Charles Devita is the assistant director in charge of	13	Q So he is only about roughly 18 months or so removed from the position you hold? You had mentioned that he goes
	training.		along on - has the discretion to go along on any
15 16	I the Presidential Protective Division is one of the divisions under the Office of Protective Operations,		Presidential trip to observe and do what he does, and that's
	which is responsible for coordinating the activities for the		a position that he himself had held as recently as a year-
	details that protect the President, the Vice President,		and-a-half or two years ago; is that correct?
	former Presidents, the Uniformed Division, and visiting	19	A That is correct.
	dignitaries.	20	Q Okay. We have asked you about a number of we're
20	Q So your immediate well, your line of authority,	21	getting late in the day here. We've asked you about rumors,
	from where you are as special agent in charge of the PPD,	22	
22			-
	would be to Mr. Stafford?	23	You've told us that you're often the last person that
23	would be to Mr. Stafford?	23 24	•
	would be to Mr. Stafford? A That's correct. Q And he's the deputy director?	24	You've told us that you're often the last person that somebody would pass on a rumor to, because you, if I understand you, you discourage that; is that correct?

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	bad practice, generally, to have a lot of gossip going on; is		a name off the top of my head, but there have been news
	that correct? Is that fair to say?		accounts and I don't even know to the extent they're
5			5 accurate that reported that, for example, an individual
6	It's been a practice and policy in the Secret Service since	1	5 from Florida, I think, had a narcotics trafficking conviction
7	······································	7	in his background, and had come to the White House for a
8		8	3 fundraiser or something like that.
9		9	ere
	the one hand, and information that could, if true let me	10	
	think of an example:		sir, I am.
12	•	12	
	there's a guy named Bebe Rebozo, who is spending too much	1	Secret Service protective function, in screening people when
14	time with the President, and somebody brought that to your	14	they come onto the White House, it would seem that that's the
15	attention, and you were concerned about appearances or	15	is kind of thing that you would want to know about, whether it
16	something like that, that could impact your ability to	16	came to you from rumor or through a criminal background
17	protect the President.	17	check, check is that
18	I guess my question is, is there a distinction that	18	correct?
19	you make between rumors or innuendo that come to your	19	A You're asking me is it a concern that someone with
20	attention that are just gossip, and information that might	20	a criminal record might access the White House? Is that I
21	come to your attention that could impact your ability to do	21	want to understand before I answer, because I want to be
22	your job?	22	clear about my response.
23	Do you understand my not too well?	23	Q Yes, that's we can predict your answer. But
24	A No, sir, I don't, and I'm sorry. I don't	24	yes, sir.
25	understand.	25	A To the extent that it threatens the safety and
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1	Q Well, let me ask it this way. Can you envision a	1	security of the President, then it is of interest to me.
2	situation where somebody might have access to the White	2	Q All right. I think we need more time for this, and
3	House, let's talk about in terms of Ms. Lewinsky. You have	3	I don't think I'm going to be able to do it in the remaining
4	said that you discouraged gossip, you discouraged rumor and	4	time. Let me ask this question, because we've talked about
5	innuendo, that sort of thing, generally.	5	rumors.
6	But, in hindsight, informed by media reports about	6	Have you ever heard of an episode in which Director
7	that, it would seem to me the kind of thing that, looking at	7	Merletti had a conversation with the President in early
8	the news coverage of the circumstance, that's the kind of	8	what day did you assume the special agent in charge
9	thing that somebody might say now, "Boy, I wish I had"	9	position?
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•	deposition in the Jones v. Clinton litigation, in which the	1	Mr. Bennett.
	President had a conversation with Director Merletti about	2	
	whether the Secret Service would provide information relating		security measures are in effect at every site the President
4	to that lawsuit?	+	visits, how many Secret Service resources we allocate to
5	•	5	effect security for the President.
6	effect.	6	I am briefed on unfolding events that impact on the
7	Q You never heard anything remotely related to that?	1	President's safety. For instance, anything that would be
8		8	deemed a potential threat to the President.
9		9	I coordinate these activities amongst three shifts
10	ask you to bear with us for a few minutes more, we'll ask you	10	that travel with us, also.
11	to step right outside the door.	11	The I have a number of sections under me. Some
12	THE WITNESS: Sure.	1	are training sections, some are specialized sections that
13	MR. SUSANIN: And we'll be with you in a minute or	13	employ techniques to ensure that we are, as much as possible,
14	two.	14	providing the environment for the President and his family.
15	(Witness excused. Witness recalled.)	15	I supervise an agent who is in charge of the First
16	MR. BENNETT: Special Agent Cockell, we have just a	16	Lady's detail. I supervise a detail of agents who are
17	few more questions. You are still under oath. I'm sorry.	17	assigned to Chelsea Clinton.
18	THE FOREPERSON: Go ahead. You said it.	18	So the responsibilities are a lot more
19	MR. BENNETT: You are still under oath, sir, and	19	comprehensive than standing next to the President and holding
20	you acknowledge that, and we still have a quorum. Is that	20	his waist or his belt, and attempting to make sure that if a
21	correct, ma'am?	21	problem occurs, I can immediately remove him from that
22	THE FOREPERSON: That is correct.	22	problem.
23	MR. BENNETT: All right. I'm sorry.	23	Q But you certainly do that, as well?
24	BY MR. BENNETT:	24	A Yes, sir, I do.
25	Q You've told us that your position presently is	25	I
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1	special agent in charge of the PPD, and we've certainly seen	1	BY MR. SUSANIN:
	media accounts of you in the last week or so in connection	2	Q Can you apportion roughly how much of your time is
	with the job you do with the President.	3	administrative oversight and how much is the last thing you
4	Now, will you tell us generally a little bit more	1	mentioned? That is, actually standing by the President.
5	about your particular duties? You told us generally	5	A I would again, I can't give you an exact
	protection of the President's life is paramount to you. Will		breakdown, but the time that I spend in close proximity to
	you tell us with more specificity what you do? And we've	1	the President is generally when he is in the public. And, of
	heard the term "body man" used. Will you tell us about that,		the times he is in the public, I would spend approximately 70
	too?		percent of my time as the primary supervisor in close
10			proximity to the President.
£	the media. That's not Secret Service terminology. My duties	11	Now, that that is from the time he leaves a
	obviously are the public appearance of my duties is	12	fixed site where we have security to attend a public event,
	dramatically different from what I do on a day-to-day basis.		then I would be with him. If he is back in the hotel and he
14	On a day-to-day basis, I have administrative	1	is in for the evening, I might not be with him. There are
15	responsibilities where I constantly attempt to make		other supervisors who would have those responsibilities .
	determinations as to the policies and procedures that we	16	But, as a portion of if I had to come up with an
1	implement on an ongoing basis to protect the President.	17	
18	I review information about new technology that may		the President, I would say probably 30 to 40 percent of my
19	facilitate the mission. I have a number of supervisors that	1	time is spent in that capacity, with the other time being
	I'm responsible to coordinate their activities. We have	1	spent and that's my on-duty time with the other time
	ongoing training within the division where we attempt to keep		being spent doing coordination and administrative activities
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	the agents sharp and have proficiencies.	22	to run the division.
23	the agents sharp and have proficiencies. The public duties I have as the primary supervisor	22 23	Q Lastly, do you have, with regard to the Lewinsky
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haven't asked it?		
A No, sir, I do not.		
MR. BENNETT: Okay. If you would	I wait outside, I	
think we are done with you today.		
THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.		
MR. BENNETT: We will be done it a	a little bit.	
THE WITNESS: Thank you.		
THE FOREPERSON: Thank you, Ag	ent Cockell.	
(The witness was excused.)		
(Whereupon, at 4:39 p.m., the taking o		
testimony in the presence of a full quorum of	the Grand Jury	
was concluded.)		
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