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Present: Representatives Aguilar, Lofgren, Murphy, and Cheney.

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THE JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL:

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2 [REDACTED] Good morning. I'm [REDACTED] I am a senior investigative  
3 counsel for the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S.  
4 Capitol and also of counsel to the vice chair of the committee, Representative Liz Cheney.

5 We have a fairly large crowd, it looks like, from the select committee staff. I  
6 can't see everybody, so I'll try and name the people that I've been able to see so far and  
7 then ask people to let me know if they are there and I just can't see them, because I can't  
8 see everybody who is in the conference room. But I think I've seen [REDACTED],

9 [REDACTED] among the staff.

10 And I believe [REDACTED] professional staff member, is there, but I can't see her.

11 Is there anybody else from the staff who is joining us? And it sounds like not.

12 Among members, I've seen the vice chair, Ms. Cheney, and Ms. Lofgren. I don't  
13 see any -- oh, it looks like Mrs. Murphy has joined us as well.

14 The members may join and leave throughout this interview depending on their  
15 schedules, so we'll try to make an effort just for the record to note if we notice a member  
16 joining, but we might not always notice it. We're not going to try and say every time  
17 they leave just because that's too hard to keep track of. So the record might not always  
18 reflect exactly when members joined and left.

19 I see Robert Trout and Ms. Hicks. Would you go ahead, first, Mr. Trout, and  
20 introduce yourself?

21 Mr. Trout. Yes, my name is Robert Trout. I'm a lawyer at the firm of Schertler  
22 Onorato Mead & Sears in Washington, D.C.

23 [REDACTED] Okay. And is there anybody else, counsel, there with you that you  
24 want to introduce?

25 Mr. Trout. Natalie Enriquez is here. She is a paralegal at our firm.

1           ██████████ Great. Thank you.

2           And, Ms. Hicks, can you introduce yourself?

3           Ms. Hicks. Hope Hicks.

4           ██████████ Great. And we have court reporters with us as well. As I'm sure  
5 you know, the court reporters will be making a verbatim transcript of the interview. In  
6 addition, we are recording this, both audio and video.

7           The court reporters, as I'm sure you understand, will need to get a verbal response  
8 to each question, so just nodding or gesturing won't be reflected in the record although it  
9 would be captured on the video. But because we need a clean record for the transcript,  
10 we'd ask that you give a verbal response to each question.

11           You are here appearing in response to a request from the select committee, but  
12 not a subpoena. So you're not under oath. But as I'm sure your very able counsel has  
13 informed you, you do have an obligation to answer our questions truthfully even though  
14 you're not under oath. If you were to knowingly give a false statement, that could be a  
15 violation of Federal law.

16           So if you have any questions about one of the questions that we ask or if you can't  
17 hear us, please just ask that we clarify.

18           If you ever need to take a break -- we'll try to take a break every few hours. But  
19 if you ever need a break or want to confer with your counsel, either you or your counsel  
20 feel free to speak up and we're happy to accommodate that.

21           Just to start off, first, do you have any questions about any of that?

22           Ms. Hicks. No, sir.

23           Mr. ██████████ Okay. And we've given your counsel copies of the exhibits, so you  
24 should be able to have them in front of you if you want, but we will also try to show them  
25 on the screen.

1 First, I'd like to show you exhibit 1. And as you can see there, that's an  
2 October 24th, 2022, letter addressed to your counsel, Mr. Trout, from Richard Sauber at  
3 the White House stating that President Biden has decided not to invoke executive  
4 privilege with regard to the matters referenced in that letter.

5 Did you and your counsel receive that letter?

6 Mr. Trout. Yes.

7 [REDACTED] Okay. And it's now part of the record.

8 EXAMINATION

9 BY [REDACTED]

10 Q Ms. Hicks, I want to start off just by asking some questions about your  
11 professional background. If you could just walk us through chronologically your  
12 professional background leading up to your last position that you had at the White House,  
13 the one you had on January 6th, 2021. You can just start with after college and tell us  
14 about each of the jobs that you've had since then.

15 A Sure. So after I graduated college, I started to work and intern at a variety  
16 of different PR and marketing firms. And then I landed at a firm called Hiltzik, which is a  
17 PR firm that specializes in crisis communications, but also has traditional aspects of the  
18 firm as well.

19 One of my clients while I was at that firm for 2 years was Ivanka Trump. And my  
20 position with her led to me accepting a job at The Trump Organization in October of 2014.

21 And after just a few months there, Mr. Trump decided he would explore running  
22 for President and then announced his candidacy in June of 2015, at which time I began  
23 working on the campaign in addition to being the director of communications for The  
24 Trump Organization.

25 My dual roles lasted until I departed New York for Washington in January of 2017

1 and worked at the White House for about 15 months.

2 Left some time after that. I took a job working at the Fox Corporation. And  
3 then in March of 2020, I returned to the White House where I served as counselor to the  
4 President.

5 Q And in that second time that you were at the White House, so starting in  
6 March 2020 when you were counselor to the President, what were your job  
7 responsibilities?

8 A A lot of it was a combination of strategic communications and managing  
9 what the President's schedule looked like each day, how he spent his time and what the  
10 messages surrounding any external-facing events or appearances, what that would look  
11 like, and coordinating all of that with the various components of the White House.

12 Q And in addition to being counselor to the President, did you have another  
13 title, like an assistant or deputy assistant to the President?

14 A I was an assistant to the President.

15 Q Okay. And as an assistant to the President, did you have what some  
16 witnesses have called walk-in privileges to the Oval Office?

17 A It's not something that was ever told to me that I have this privilege, but yes,  
18 I did have the ability to see the President as needed.

19 Q Okay. And did you report directly to the President or did you report to  
20 somebody else?

21 A At that time, Mark Meadows was serving as the chief of staff. And I would  
22 say that, while I did answer to the President, that I also worked through Chief of Staff  
23 Meadows' office and worked very closely with Jared Kushner, who was a senior adviser to  
24 the President.

25 Q Would you say that you reported to Mr. Kushner, either formally or

1 informally?

2 A Informally, yes.

3 Q And did anybody report to you?

4 A I had an assistant that reported to me. And all of the various components  
5 of the White House each had teams that supported the efforts of any public-facing events  
6 or activities the President was participating in, and I coordinated all of that. But they  
7 each had their own -- ultimately their own bosses, managers that they reported up to.  
8 So technically, no.

9 Q Okay. So before I turn to my next topic, which is going to be how you went  
10 about collecting documents that you produced to the committee, I just want to pause to  
11 see if either members or staff have any questions.

12 Okay. Hearing none, I'll continue.

13 Ms. Hicks, you produced --

14 Ms. Cheney. [REDACTED]?

15 Mr. [REDACTED] Yes?

16 Ms. Cheney. [REDACTED] I'm sorry. I just wanted to say good morning to Ms. Hicks  
17 and to say thank you very much for joining us.

18 Ms. Hicks. Good morning. It's my pleasure.

19 BY [REDACTED]

20 Q Ms. Hicks, you produced documents to the select committee, so I want to  
21 thank you very much for that.

22 Can you please describe the process by which either you or your attorneys or  
23 anybody helped you with the search for and collected any documents that have been  
24 produced?

25 A Sure. So I believe we had a sort of guide provided by you all in terms of

1 what the parameters were that you were looking for and we followed that.

2 Unfortunately, this is not my first time going through this process, so I've become  
3 quite good at this and hopefully as thorough as you all would like.

4 Q I appreciate that. And it looks like what you've produced are text  
5 messages. Are those from your personal cell phone?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Okay. And did you also, when you worked at the White House -- and just  
8 for convenience, when I refer to working at the White House, unless I otherwise state, I'm  
9 referring to your second tenure at the White House, the one from March 2020 on.  
10 During that time, did you also have an official or White House-issued cell phone?

11 A I did, yes. I don't have access to any of those communications.

12 Q I understand.

13 Do you recall whether you sent or received texts from your official cell phone as  
14 well as from your personal one?

15 A Very rarely. And I don't believe -- this might be wrong -- but I don't believe  
16 we were able to do that with people outside of the White House. I'm not totally sure  
17 about that. But for some reason I recall sort of limiting text messaging to people that  
18 were also within -- also had a government-issued phone. I may be wrong.

19 Q And when you ended your tenure -- I'm sorry, did I interrupt you there?

20 A No, no. Go ahead. Sorry.

21 Q Okay. When you ended your tenure at the White House, did you turn that  
22 official cell phone back in to someone at the government?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. And then obviously you also had emails, you had a White House  
25 email account. And we've received some of your White House emails from the National

1 Archives.

2 Did you keep any copies, whether electronically or in hard copy, of any of your  
3 emails from your time at the White House?

4 A No, not that I'm aware of.

5 Q Okay. And as far as you know, are all those emails at the National Archives,  
6 no reason to think otherwise?

7 A No reason to think otherwise.

8 Q Okay. And I assume, like anyone, you also probably had one or more  
9 personal email accounts during the time period.

10 Did you use any personal emails -- email accounts -- for any matters or  
11 communications related to January 6th or the effort to change the outcome of the 2020  
12 election?

13 A I do have one personal email account. And I did use that personal email  
14 account regarding campaign matters prior to the election to keep it separate from my  
15 work at the White House. I believe we've produced anything I have.

16 Mr. Trout. I'm not -- yes, I'm actually not aware of any emails that fall into that  
17 category.

18 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay.

19 Okay. So just to be clear, my understanding is you have not produced any emails  
20 from Ms. Hicks' personal email account. So I just want to confirm, is that because you  
21 have searched and determined there are not any such emails that would be relevant to  
22 our inquiry or that you have not searched those?

23 Ms. Hicks. We did search them, but --

24 Mr. Trout. So there were some emails from -- or I guess from Dick Morris.

25 Ms. Hicks. Yeah, that I didn't respond to and that were -- I didn't even open

1       them. But I have them and we can produce those. But those would be the only thing  
2       that I can think of.

3       ██████████ Okay. We can talk later, off the record, about those to determine  
4       whether they sound like anything that the committee would have an interest in.

5       Ms. Hicks. Yeah. I'm happy to send whatever we have.

6       ██████████ Okay. I appreciate that.

7       BY M ██████████

8       Q     And did you use any other kind of messaging applications, like Signal or  
9       anything else, during your time at the White House?

10      A     No.

11      Q     Did you ever send or receive a text message with President Trump himself?

12      A     No.

13      Q     Okay. And obviously he was well known for tweeting. But did  
14      he -- separate question on texting -- to your knowledge, did he ever send or receive texts  
15      while he was President?

16      A     No, not to my knowledge.

17      Q     Have you spoken to President Trump since he left the White House?

18      A     Yes.

19      Q     During those conversations, did you have any discussions about the events  
20      of January 6th, 2021, meaning the attack on the Capitol?

21      A     Not January 6th, no.

22      Q     Okay. Did you have any discussions regarding the 2020 Presidential  
23      election?

24      A     Yes.

25      Q     Okay. And do you recall roughly when those conversations were?

1           A    Yes.   October 2021 and March and April of 2022.

2           Q    Okay.   Let's start with the first one, October 2021.   Can you just tell us  
3   about that, whether it was in person versus phone, anybody else who was involved, and  
4   what you can recall about what was said?

5           A    Yeah, sure.   All three instances were in person.   But the October 2021  
6   discussion came up in the context of a recent rally that he had held.   And he asked for  
7   my thoughts about the rally.   And my advice was that it wasn't helpful to continue  
8   talking about the 2020 election and making it such a large portion of the speech content.

9           Q    Okay.   And what was his response, if any?

10          A    He responded that he felt that it was something that his voters cared deeply  
11   about and that it was difficult to just stop talking about it altogether for that reason, but  
12   that he appreciated the point I was making about limiting the content rather than making  
13   it the centerpiece.

14          Q    Okay.   Anything else about that conversation you can recall related to the  
15   election?

16          A    No.

17          Q    Okay.   Can you similarly tell us about the March and April conversations?

18          A    The March conversation came up -- the 2020 election came up because Dave  
19   Bossie was there for a meeting with the President about a film that he had produced and  
20   interviewed the President for.   The premise of the film, I believe, was regarding some of  
21   the donations that Mark Zuckerberg had made prior to the election and how that sort of  
22   impacted the voting in various areas around the country.

23          Q    Okay.   And who was there?   You, Mr. Bossie, President Trump.   Anybody  
24   else?

25          A    No.

1 Q And where was that?

2 A In the President's office at Mar-a-Lago.

3 Q Okay. And what do you recall the President saying?

4 A Honestly, we were -- gave -- I was there for something else and I was WAVED  
5 into this meeting. So Dave was doing a prescreening of the video for the President so  
6 there wasn't a ton of discussion. It was more comments on the film itself and like  
7 editing notes. So that was the premise of the conversation.

8 Q Okay. And did you give any advice to the President?

9 A Not that I can recall.

10 Q Okay. What about the -- tell us about the April 2022 conversation.

11 A The April 2022 conversation was with the President and Dave McCormick,  
12 who was a candidate for Senate in Pennsylvania. This was during the primary. Susie  
13 Wiles was part of the conversation as well from the President's office in Mar-a-Lago.  
14 And 2020 came up in the sense that the President was encouraging Dave to make this a  
15 focal point of his campaign and sort of establishing his belief that it was difficult for a  
16 Republican to win a primary if they weren't committed to talking about election fraud and  
17 what took place in 2020.

18 Q And what was Mr. McCormick's response?

19 A You know, Mr. McCormick repeated what he had said publicly, which is that  
20 there were some irregularities, specifically in Pennsylvania, the State where he was  
21 running for office, that were concerning and that as an issue election integrity should be  
22 addressed and discussed, not censored, so that everyone has confidence and trust, but  
23 that he wasn't able to say the election was stolen and wasn't going to say that publicly.

24 Q And how did the President respond to that?

25 A You know, he sort of just kept the meeting moving along. He made a

1 reference to the fact that one of McCormick's opponents was willing to say that. And  
2 we kept the meeting moving along intentionally.

3 Q Did the President ever say whether or not Mr. McCormick's position would  
4 affect whether the President would endorse Mr. McCormick or his opponent?

5 A It wasn't as explicit as the way you just said it, but I relayed the part of the  
6 conversation I can remember and I think you can gather what was being implied.

7 Q Okay. Is it fair to say that the purpose of the meeting was that  
8 Mr. McCormick was requesting the President's endorsement?

9 A No, that was not the purpose of the meeting. I think they've had a  
10 relationship and it was sort of getting to the point in the race where it was important for  
11 them to have a conversation.

12 And I think ideal in Mr. McCormick's mind the President wouldn't have endorsed  
13 either candidate. And I think that was his request, which was just like stay neutral and  
14 let the people of Pennsylvania decide this one.

15 He felt very confident. And I think he felt like the President had already weighed  
16 in on the race with a previous endorsement of someone who had to withdraw and it  
17 wasn't necessary for him to weigh in again and that everyone would be better off if the  
18 people of Pennsylvania decided who would be their best representative.

19 Q And so aside from the conversations that we've just talked about in  
20 October 2021, March 2022, and April 2022, do you recall having any conversations with  
21 the President about the 2020 election or the events of January 6th since he left office?

22 A No.

23 Q Okay. Have you had any discussions with President Trump about the  
24 testimony you are giving here today?

25 A No.

1 Q Aside from any conversations you've had with your attorneys or your family  
2 members, has anyone talked to you about the testimony you are giving today?

3 A No.

4 Q Is anybody other than you or family members paying your attorney's fees?

5 A No.

6 Q Aside from what's been reported in the media, do you have any knowledge  
7 regarding whether President Trump retained any documents, whether at Mar-a-Lago or  
8 elsewhere, related to the January 6th attack on the Capitol or efforts to overturn the  
9 results of the 2020 Presidential election?

10 A No.

11 Q Okay. So I should have asked you this earlier when we were going through  
12 you professional background. What have you been doing professionally since you left  
13 the White House?

14 A I'm a communications consultant. I have my own company and work with  
15 individuals, candidates, companies. Yeah.

16 Q Okay. Is President Trump or any of his political or business organizations a  
17 client?

18 A No.

19 Q So you don't have any ongoing professional relationship with President  
20 Trump?

21 A I do not, no.

22 Q Okay.

23 I will pause there to see if any staff or members have questions.

24 [REDACTED] Hey, [REDACTED] it's [REDACTED] I have a couple of things, unless any of the  
25 members have questions.

1 [REDACTED] Yes.

2 BY M [REDACTED]

3 Q If not, Ms. Hicks, I'm [REDACTED]. I'm the chief investigative counsel. So I  
4 also want to echo Ms. Cheney's and [REDACTED]'s thanks for you being here. We really  
5 appreciate it.

6 You mentioned briefly when you were talking about the people who were present  
7 with you at these meetings Susie Wiles. I was wondering if you could just talk a little bit  
8 more about her role currently within sort of The Trump Organization. Does she run the  
9 Save America PAC or what do you understand her role to be?

10 A I don't know what her title is. But I believe she's overseeing a lot of the  
11 President's political activities. I don't know exactly what that entails. But she was in  
12 the meeting I mentioned because there was a potential candidate -- a candidate for  
13 Senate in the midst of a contentious primary in the room and makes sense for her to join  
14 things like that. I think it's probably something she does regularly.

15 Q So that's kind of typical of her role, she's helping the President manage his  
16 sort of post-Presidency political activity, appearances, that sort of thing?

17 A That's my understanding. Again, I have no specifics. So I don't know what  
18 exactly her title is or parameters of the role as outlined for her. But generally what you  
19 described sounds accurate.

20 Q Okay. Did she have any role in the White House when President Trump  
21 was in office that you're aware of?

22 A No, I don't believe she ever was a government employee.

23 Q I see. All right. And do you know anything about her involvement in  
24 arranging legal fees for witnesses that the committee's interested in speaking to or in any  
25 other legal proceeding?

1 A No, I don't know anything about it.

2 Q Okay. All right. That's all I have. Thank you.

3 [REDACTED] Great. Does anybody else have any questions?

4 BY [REDACTED]

5 Q Okay. We'll keep moving here.

6 So, Ms. Hicks, you've produced documents to us. We're going to go through  
7 some of those in some detail. We'll also ask you about some things that have been  
8 publicly reported, whether in the news media or in the various books that have come out  
9 about President Trump, his Presidency.

10 Just to be clear, when we see something in a book or in the media we don't  
11 necessarily take it as a fact or as part of our record, but we will ask you about some of  
12 those things to see if you can either confirm or deny some of these reports.

13 But before I go into some of the specifics, I want to sort of step back and ask you  
14 something a little more general, which is it has been publicly reported that at some point  
15 you came to believe that President Trump should stop challenging the results of the 2020  
16 Presidential election.

17 For example, in the book called "I Alone Can Fix It," it says, "In the week of  
18 November 9th, Hicks tried to wean Trump from his claims of a rigged election."

19 Is it accurate to say that at some point you urged President Trump to stop  
20 challenging the results of the 2020 Presidential election?

21 A It's accurate to say that I believed past a certain point, once the appropriate  
22 legal challenges were pursued, that it was in everyone's best interest to focus on the  
23 accomplishments of the administration and preserve the President's legacy, rather than  
24 continue down a path which I believed was pointless.

25 Q And do you recall at what point you came to that conclusion?

1           A    You know, I came to the conclusion that I didn't believe the results would be  
2 overturned and that Joe Biden was the President on November 7th and that it was  
3 important that we hold our heads high and behave in a way that was, I think, aligned with  
4 the accomplishments that the administration had achieved and make that what people  
5 remembered.

6           But I also understood that it was reasonable to assume that there were some  
7 questions about the election process given the changes that were implemented due to  
8 COVID and that having legal challenges made is not irregular.   So giving a window of  
9 time for the President and his legal team to do that felt like the right thing to do.   And  
10 then, at the end of whatever that window was, 2 or 3 weeks, that we would all feel  
11 satisfied that we had done everything we could and we could move on accordingly.

12          Q    You've mentioned November 7th.   I believe that was the Saturday after the  
13 2020 election.   And I think it was also the day that the major media networks or media  
14 outlets, including the Associated Press, called the election in favor of Vice President  
15 Biden.

16          Was that part of why you mentioned November 7th as a significant date?

17          A    Yes, yes.   After he was declared the winner, in my mind, it was very unlikely  
18 that that would be changed.

19          Q    Okay.   Even through litigation.   Is that correct?

20          A    Yes.   Certainly unlikely, but if there were legitimate challenges to be made  
21 the President and his team had every right to do that.

22          And like I said, it's not like it's something that's never been done before.   So I  
23 was -- I understood that that was going to happen.   And even if, in my mind, it was  
24 unlikely that anything different would be -- anything would be different in terms of the  
25 outcome, I understood why it was going to happen.

















1 Q If it's helpful, I can read you a few things that you can react to and see if they  
2 jog your memory.

3 A few books have reported that you were part of a conversation with President  
4 Trump sometime in the week of November 9th, so this would have been the first week  
5 after the election and the week sort of after the Saturday when the election was called.  
6 And I'll summarize these since there's more than one account of it.

7 But more or less the reporting is that you made a case to President Trump that it  
8 was not worth continuing to pursue election challenges and that he should focus on his  
9 legacy.

10 He disagreed with that and said that you weren't aware of all of the evidence of  
11 fraud that was coming to light and that he was hearing about.

12 And then this is a reporting from Carol Leonnig's book, but she reported that you  
13 responded, "'Well, then, we need to produce the evidence,' Hicks said. 'If there's  
14 evidence, I'm open to a discussion about how to do this tactically and strategically, but  
15 we've got to step up to the plate.'"

16 Do you remember any sort of conversation with President Trump that sounds like  
17 that?

18 A Yes. I don't know when it took place. I don't know that that date is  
19 accurate. But there was a conversation where sort of what was just described  
20 happened. I can't remember what the -- how the conversation began, but that my  
21 general point of view about claims of fraud was, if they exist and we have evidence to  
22 show that they are real, then let's build a strategy around that. But I haven't seen  
23 anything to demonstrate that there's enough material for a strategy. You know, it had  
24 been a couple of one-offs so far and nothing that was going to stand up in court certainly.

25 Q And how did President Trump react when you told him that?









1 referencing in these 2-year-old text messages by looking up his article, which probably  
2 would serve as a roadmap for this conversation. I'm sorry I didn't read it --

3 Q That's okay.

4 A -- at the time, but that is the premise of these messages. And there's  
5 nothing else I'm aware of that John had in mind other than what he wrote publicly and  
6 was trying to make sure the appropriate people on the Trump campaign saw, were aware  
7 of, and could have a plan to execute on any of the ideas that he outlined in his public  
8 article.

9 Q Okay. And I think you addressed this earlier, but Professor Yoo was just  
10 offering his thoughts as a, whether a friend or supporter of President Trump, as opposed  
11 to having any engagement representing the campaign or the President. Is that correct?

12 A Yeah. You know, Professor Yoo writes think-pieces like this on a lot of  
13 topics where the courts might be in play. And I think, just as a friend, he was flagging  
14 this one in particular for me and wanting to make sure it got into the hands of the legal  
15 team on the campaign, which he was not himself previously connected with, as he had no  
16 role in the campaign.

17 Q Okay. And, to your knowledge, he was never engaged to represent the  
18 campaign. Is that correct?

19 A No. I believe the entirety of his involvement is captured here in these text  
20 messages and those few phone calls, you know, noted in these messages as well.

21 Q Okay. We can take down the exhibit.

22 I'd like to ask some questions about election night 2020, so November 3, 2020.

23 Where were you on election night?

24 A I was at the White House.

25 Q Okay. And were you in the -- well, where in the White House were you?











1 messaging, but I think it was part, sort of, the legal team that the President assembled  
2 and -- yeah, I'm not sure who was sort of running point on that.

3 Q Okay.

4 According to Leonnig and Rucker's book, "I Alone Can Fix It," Jason Miller asked  
5 you to hold back any election-related communications from the White House until the  
6 campaign got its ducks in a row, and that Alyssa Farah was booked for an appearance on  
7 FOX News the morning of November 4th but that Jason Miller asked you to stand down  
8 and you conveyed that to Ms. Farah. Is that accurate?

9 A Yeah, that sounds right. Just sort of, like I said, you know, I think we left  
10 the White House at 3:00 or 3:30 or 4:00 a.m. And I can recall Jason sort of wanting to  
11 try to reconvene the group, get everyone on the same page about what the message was  
12 at this point and, like, how we were going to provide updates as there was still counting  
13 taking place in certain States. And, yeah, I remember him reaching out to me about  
14 that.

15 Q Okay. And what was the message that he delivered?

16 A Like I said, I think he just wanted us to regroup and get on the same page  
17 before we have, like, anybody doing one-off interviews and try to at least have some  
18 consistency.

19 Q Okay.

20 So, then, multiple sources have reported that there was a call on the morning of  
21 the 4th that included at least Jared Kushner, Bill Stepien, Jason Miller. Some people  
22 were at campaign headquarters in Arlington, and some were participating by phone.

23 Did you participate in that call?

24 A I don't have a recollection of it, but it, you know, sounds like something that  
25 I would participate in. I don't want to speculate, but I don't know why I wouldn't have

1       been on the call, so --

2               Q     Okay.

3               A     And I did go to campaign headquarters later that day.     It probably wasn't  
4       until around 11:00 in the morning, but I did go there.

5               Q     And why did you go to campaign headquarters?

6               A     There were no official White House events happening, and it was sort of an  
7       all-hands-on-deck situation, in terms of, whoever could be helpful at the campaign  
8       needed to be there.

9               Q     Okay.     And what did you do when you were there?

10              A     We had a couple of different conversations that I remember, one of which  
11       was about, you know, what is the path forward and what do we need to do legally to  
12       position ourselves well.     And, you know, Matt Morgan and Justin Clark were part of that  
13       conversation.     I believe Eric Herschmann was there as well; Jared Kushner.

14              And then at some point there was a conversation about certain people being  
15       dispatched to the States, like Pennsylvania, Georgia, Arizona, Nevada, so kind of gathering  
16       teams of people that could go and be on the ground in those States.     So that took place.

17              And I think there was some confusion about who was part of the -- like, who was  
18       part of the legal team at that point.     I know Mayor Giuliani was present at the campaign  
19       headquarters that day, as was Sidney Powell.     I don't know what their plans were, but at  
20       some point they were -- Rudy, at least, was dispatched, I believe, to go to Pennsylvania.

21              I think the rest of the team felt at that point that some of their suggestions were a  
22       little bit of a distraction.     I wasn't in any of the meetings long enough with those two  
23       individuals to know what exactly was found to be distracting.     But I think the core  
24       campaign team staff felt like there were other priorities at the moment.

25              Q     Okay.     Can you remember anything about what was distracting about it?

1           A    I can't. I'm sorry. I just wasn't -- you know, it was sort of like musical  
2           conference rooms. We were in one room; we would go into another room. They  
3           would come find us in another room; we would go into a different room. We were all  
4           trying to do whatever we could to be helpful that day, and I just wasn't part of any  
5           discussions with those individuals.

6           Q    Okay. But when you refer to a bit of a distraction, was there a  
7           disagreement over strategy or tactics?

8           A    I'm not sure. I think it was just sort of a lack of a -- a lack of, you know, a  
9           legitimate plan, a legitimate strategy that was actually feasible. But, again, I don't know.  
10          I just wasn't part of the conversations with them.

11          Q    Do you remember any conversations about messaging, in terms of whether  
12          the President should continue to claim victory, which he had claimed, I guess, earlier that  
13          morning?

14          A    I don't remember any discussions about how to direct the President on  
15          messaging, but there were a lot of discussions about what the campaign team and  
16          surrogates, folks, people needed to be doing in terms of continuing to be positive and  
17          provide updates when possible about the count or anything -- any positive information  
18          that we could provide was important. And that was sort of the extent of what I was  
19          aware of at that point.

20          Q    And what was the general mood at campaign headquarters? Was there a  
21          sense that the election had gone well or poorly for the President?

22          A    Yeah, I think the mood was not somber, but, obviously, there was  
23          disappointment, but still -- you know, and I think exhaustion -- but still trying to sort of  
24          power through because it wasn't over yet.

25          Q    Okay.































1 when the election was called for Biden, I think they also felt like it was not ready to -- it  
2 was not time yet to -- for it to be over and that there was more to be done in terms of  
3 pursuing any actions that might produce a different result.

4 I don't know -- I wasn't continually in contact with them after that point, so I don't  
5 know how long they held that point of view. But initially, around November 7th, they  
6 were very much of the point of view that it wasn't time yet to concede.

7 Q Do you think it's fair to say that the people who advocated for the more  
8 aggressive approach prevailed upon the President?

9 A Yeah. I think they were saying things he wanted to hear.

10 Q Okay. What do you base that on?

11 A I mean, the public statements, the fact that they prevailed upon him. I  
12 think if you're looking at the loss and the single biggest contest that exists and someone is  
13 telling you there still might be a way to win, that's probably intriguing. So I think hearing  
14 that is probably something that would be hard to resist.

15 I just don't know -- beyond that you have to kind of show a way forward, right?  
16 It's not just the idea itself that there could be a way to win, it's the how, and I don't know  
17 what that consisted of. But --

18 Q Okay. I'm going to pause here and see if anybody else, either members or  
19 staff, have a question.

20 Ms. Cheney. [REDACTED] I have a question.

21 Ms. Hicks, you mentioned Eric Herschmann. And I wonder if you could tell us  
22 about any discussions you had with Mr. Herschmann after the election about the  
23 challenges.

24 Ms. Hicks. I think our conversations were generally about our point of view that  
25 we disagreed with the approach that was being taken. We felt it was pointless, that it







1 Q Did Mr. Kushner tell you that he did and report back to you sort of what the  
2 President's response was when he conveyed this concern about Giuliani and the path that  
3 he was advising?

4 A He did tell me that he told the President that. And I don't believe there  
5 was any remarkable exchange with the President about it. I think that the President was  
6 locked into these choices.

7 Q Okay. Anything else like that where somebody reported to you, "Hey, I  
8 talked to the President about this and he said X," or he didn't agree or he wanted to keep  
9 going?

10 A Not that I can remember. But if you want to ask again later, I'll think about  
11 it. I can't recall right now.

12 And if possible, if we could take a break in the next 15 minutes, that would be  
13 great.

14 [REDACTED] Absolutely.

15 [REDACTED] And that's all I had. I just wanted to follow up on that. Thanks,  
16 Ms. Hicks.

17 And, [REDACTED], I defer to you, but this sounds like a good time for a break.

18 [REDACTED]. Yeah. But before we do that, I will see if anybody else has any  
19 questions on what we've covered so far.

20 [REDACTED], I do. This is [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] Yes.

22 BY [REDACTED]

23 Q Ms. Hicks, one of the things you mentioned is that in the weeks after the  
24 election some of the things that Mr. Meadows did suggested to you that he was in line  
25 with the President on the President's approach to the election and challenging the





































1           A    Yes.

2           Q    Do you know anything about what happened at that meeting?

3           A    Only what I've read.

4           Q    Okay.   And what did you read?

5           A    My understanding is that the conversation was about what to do next and  
6           sort of what the odds of success were in terms of pursuing some of the legal options  
7           available and that it was conveyed to the President that if everything goes right that there  
8           was something like a 10 percent chance that the outcome would be different.

9           Q    Okay.   But you know about that only through the media, not from anybody  
10          tell you about what happened at the meeting.   Is that right?



1 that that was the general sentiment of the conversation we've been talking about for the  
 2 last 20 minutes, that, you know, there were some people that felt that this is, you know,  
 3 not the best use of time and resources because a different outcome is unlikely, but that  
 4 he has every right to, you know, look into various challenges for a short period of time via  
 5 a legitimate, legal process, and there were some people that felt like it is still totally  
 6 possible that the results are changed and to maintain that kind of attitude.

7 Q And then Mr. Stepien wrote "with some urging him to keep fighting, but only  
 8 in a limited way, within the legal process."

9 Paragraph two: "Kushner has made nuanced arguments. Pursue legal fight,  
 10 but in a limited way. Focus on transparency of the vote count."

11 What was your understanding of Mr. Kushner's argument? And what did you  
 12 understand Mr. Stepien to mean by "focus on transparency of the vote count"?

13 A I don't know. I don't want to speculate.

14 I think Jared was making nuanced arguments, you know, and, you know, it seems  
 15 like he's saying pursue legal fights but in a limited way, where you have a better chance  
 16 for success, rather than, you know, casting a wide net of mass fraud. I don't know  
 17 specifically though.

18 Q Okay.

19 And then three says, "Some advisors, including Hope Hicks, side with Kushner  
 20 during a Saturday meeting." Presumably that's the meeting we just talked about from  
 21 the 7th.

22 Is that accurate, that you sided with Jared Kushner?

23 A Yeah, we definitely had some points that we agreed on.

24 Q Okay.

25 Then, four says, "The meeting was after the President's round of 18 holes of golf."

1 Five says, "The meeting was in the White House residence."

2 So do I understand correctly, you did not attend a meeting with the President in  
3 the White House residence on the 7th?

4 A Yeah, again, I don't know where Bill -- if Bill is copying this and pasting this  
5 and this is not something Bill himself wrote, or if this is something that Bill is writing and  
6 made mistakes. But there was a meeting at campaign headquarters with staffers during  
7 which the call was made for Biden. The meeting continued after that, where we  
8 discussed next steps.

9 And then some advisors from that meeting went to the White House and spoke  
10 with the President at the White House in his residence. Jared and I were not part of the  
11 group that went to the White House.

12 So there's two meetings here that are being discussed as one within this outline of  
13 six points.

14 Q Okay.

15 Number six says, "The President has teased in private discussions that his liberal  
16 son-in-law wants to do things a certain way."

17 What did you understand that to refer to?

18 A I don't know. I don't know.

19 Q Okay.

20 Let's go to exhibit 8. This is an email, the subject, "Two paths to victory -- Newt,"  
21 dated Tuesday, November 10, 2020, from Thirdwave2.

22 Is Thirdwave2 former House Speaker Newt Gingrich?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. And it's to Jared Kushner, Ivanka Trump, you, Kayleigh McEnany,  
25 Brooke Rollins, Pat Cipollone.

1           What was Newt Gingrich's role, if any, in the effort to overturn the results of the  
2 2020 Presidential election?

3           A    I don't know.  I'm not aware he had any formal role.  I don't know.

4           Q    Do you know if he had some informal role?

5           A    I'm not aware.

6           Q    Okay.

7           The second paragraph of his email refers to a "Pelosi/Schumer raw partisan  
8 political power rule."

9           The scenario described in that paragraph of his email is that, quote, "GOP  
10 legislatures elect to not send in electors from an unreliable and rigged system before all  
11 questionable conduct has been answered, which means Biden does not receive 270  
12 electoral votes, and, consequently, the House voting by State delegations, 26, elect the  
13 President.  Trump wins."

14          Were you involved in any other communications with Newt Gingrich about the  
15 possibility of State legislatures refusing to send Biden electors to the electoral college?

16          A    No.  And I believe right now is the first time I'm actually reading this email.

17          Q    Okay.  Were you involved in any discussions with anybody about the  
18 possibility of State legislatures affecting the outcome of the 2020 Presidential election?

19          A    Not that I recall.  No.

20          Q    Okay.

21          Did you have any communications with a California law professor named John  
22 Eastman?

23          A    No.

24          Q    So, according to the Woodward and Costa book, on November 10th -- so this  
25 is 1 week to the day after the election, so it would be a Tuesday -- you visited President

1 Trump in the Oval Office and suggested that he stop contesting the results of the election.

2 Do you recall whether that's accurate?

3 A I did have a conversation with the President of that nature. I don't  
4 remember if it was -- it was sometime in November. I don't remember if it was that  
5 specific day.

6 Q Can you tell us what you do recall about the meeting?

7 A It largely reflected what I said in the meeting to the campaign team on  
8 Saturday the 7th, just that I thought that a long legal battle that would likely not produce  
9 a different outcome was harmful to his legacy, and that that's what he and we should all  
10 be focused on right now. And I didn't think that -- I didn't think that continuing to go  
11 down a path with a legal team that was -- I didn't think that they were going to be capable  
12 of performing any miracles. I didn't think that there were any paths to a different  
13 outcome. And I wasn't seeing evidence of fraud on a scale that would have impacted  
14 the outcome of the election. And I was becoming increasingly concerned that we were  
15 damaging his legacy and potentially limiting his opportunities, of which I thought there  
16 would be many, outside of the White House.

17 Q Was this meeting in the Oval Office?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Was anybody else there?

20 A No.

21 Q What did the President say in response to what you just described?

22 A I think he said something along the lines of, you know, "Nobody will care  
23 about my legacy if I lose, so that won't matter. The only thing that matters is winning."  
24 And, you know, that he had to keep fighting. It's what he was, you know, built to do and  
25 it's what his supporters expected of him. And that, in his mind, it wasn't over, it wasn't

1 decided.

2 Q And did he give any explanation of why he thought it was not over, other  
3 than what you just described about the only thing that matters is winning and he had to  
4 keep fighting?

5 A I think that he felt like there were endless examples of fraud.

6 Q Okay. And, obviously, you can't say what he thought, but did he point to  
7 examples of fraud? Did he give you examples of fraud?

8 A Like, specific examples? Like saying, well, in Wisconsin this happened with,  
9 you know, Johnny Smith, and he's signing an affidavit, and we're filing it in the court?  
10 Like, specific examples?

11 Q Yeah. I mean, did he mention -- yeah, anything -- Dominion voting  
12 machines or any of these things that he said publicly in his speeches?

13 A I don't recall any specifics in that conversation. Just numerous instances of  
14 fraud.

15 Q Okay. So he says that. Did you say anything in response?

16 A I think at this point in time I was still sort of -- in my mind, I was letting, you  
17 know, him pursue the legal strategy, you know, until that wasn't a path anymore, and  
18 then I would, you know, have more to say. But, given that he was still in the process of  
19 some of the legal challenges, I think I decided to let that play out.

20 Q Did he seem like he was angry or unhappy with you for the opinion you were  
21 expressing?

22 A I don't think it's what he wanted to hear, but, you know, not particularly  
23 angry.

24 Q So you described earlier that after November 7th your role in the effort to  
25 contest the results of the election or the campaign effort changed. Was that by your















1 November 7th to Thanksgiving about challenges to the 2020 election?

2 A I don't remember anything.

3 Q Okay.

4 Let's go to exhibit 9. And this is a text thread with "DS." Is that Dan Scavino?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay. On the first page of this text thread, on November 18th -- you can  
7 scroll down a little bit -- you wrote, "We've got to catch up today. Cabinet Room  
8 meeting."

9 Do you remember what the Cabinet Room meeting was about?

10 A Yeah. That's just where Dan and I would go to talk to each other, because  
11 neither of us had our own offices.

12 Q Oh, I see. So you were proposing that he meet you in the Cabinet Room.

13 A Yes.

14 Q Okay.

15 And do you remember, when you said "we've got to catch up" and you proposed  
16 meeting with him, whether that was anything related to the 2020 election?

17 A No. Dan and I are very close friends, so I imagine --

18 Q Okay.

19 A -- it was more personal.

20 Q Okay.

21 So, on the next page, so ending in Bates number 020, you propose a meeting with  
22 Mr. Scavino and somebody named Kate.

23 A Yep.

24 Q Who's Kate?

25 A She handled -- she reported to Dan, and she was the head of the White



1           What were you referring to there?

2           A     I think that was the day that they did that press conference.   And,  
3    unfortunately, I don't think a lot of people focused on what Rudy said, because of the  
4    optics, but I actually -- of all the people speaking that day, I thought he did an okay job,  
5    you know, saying that there were specific instances of fraud that they had identified.

6           Obviously, that didn't translate into what you need to present in court.   But I  
7    thought he did an okay job in terms of the press conference.   Unfortunately, the  
8    distraction from his appearance sort of overshadowed that.

9           Q     Okay.   This is the situation with what appeared to be hair dye?

10          A     Yes.

11          Q     Okay.

12          And what made you think that Sidney Powell and Jenna Ellis looked nuts?

13          A     I don't know.   That's just generally my view.   I don't know if something  
14    specific jumped out at me that reenforced that, but that was just generally my point of  
15    view.

16          Q     Okay.   And is that because you found their allegations not to be credible?

17          A     Yes.

18          Q     Can you recall what allegations you found not to be credible?

19          A     I just think that, you know, the whole theory they were proposing, you  
20    know, telling the President that there is a good chance the outcome will be overturned.  
21    I think that alone is a statement that no person that has a modicum of intelligence, let  
22    alone a legal education, would be sharing with the President with confidence.

23          So that is my view of those individuals.

24          Q     If we go down a couple more pages, this one the Bates number ending in  
25    023, Mr. Scavino wrote -- and it looks like this is December 11th.   He wrote, "Just got off



1 [Discussion off the record.]

2 Ms. Hicks. Yeah, that's from November 4th at 11:48 in the morning.

3 BY ██████████:

4 Q Got it. Okay.

5 So, then, I guess, still going back to my questions, I assume you still interpret the  
6 "boss" as referring to President Trump. Is that correct?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. And did the flame emoji suggest to you that the President was  
9 angry?

10 A No. You know, it could just mean, like, he's on fire, like, he's got a lot of  
11 energy, he's ready to go. I don't know. But, like I said, when he was on the phone  
12 later that day in the group call, that was how I interpreted his mood. He was, you know,  
13 fired up, kind of, is more of what I would interpret that to be. But I don't know.

14 Q Okay.

15 Let's go to exhibit 10. And it says "EH" at the top and "Eric." Is that Eric  
16 Herschmann?

17 A Yes. Yes.

18 Q Okay.

19 On the page ending in Bates number 030, it looks like there's discussion of a case  
20 in Pennsylvania related to the election. And you wrote, "Ugh. So is it over?"

21 Go up a little bit. Yeah.

22 And Mr. Herschmann responds -- or, you wrote, "Ugh. So is it over?" That's  
23 November 21st.

24 Then, the next day, Mr. Herschmann replies, "Micropenis syndrome, sad," and  
25 then --

1 A That text is not --

2 Q -- I guess a tweet from Jenna Ellis.

3 A Yeah, that's not -- those are not his words. Those are Jenna Ellis's words.

4 Q Okay. So I was not able to pull up that tweet from Jenna Ellis. What do  
5 you recall about that?

6 A I don't know, but something tells me it might've been about the judge in the  
7 case.

8 Q Okay. So you think this is Mr. Herschmann recounting what Ms. Ellis said  
9 possibly about the judge.

10 A Oh, definitely. Those are not Eric Herschmann's words.

11 Q Okay.

12 A That is a copy-and-pasted tweet from Jenna.

13 Q Okay. And then he's got, below that, it looks like it's a tweet from Nate  
14 Silver.

15 A A Nate Silver --

16 Q Yeah. And it says, "People are sometimes too quick to describe public  
17 figures as insane, but I wonder if that's literally true in the case of Sidney Powell."

18 Was that -- did you understand that to be Nate Silver's words or Mr.  
19 Herschmann's words?

20 A Definitely Nate Silver's words, but I think the --

21 Q Okay.

22 A -- sentiment was, you know, definitely shared by myself and Eric.

23 Q Okay.

24 Okay. We can take the exhibit down.

25 So, in Carol Leonnig and Phil Rucker's book, "I Alone Can Fix It," they write that,

1 after Thanksgiving, you avoided the meetings with the President that normally had filled  
2 your days.

3 Is that accurate?

4 A Yes. I was largely just out of the loop. Like I said before, I just didn't have  
5 a role to play anymore.

6 Q And is that because of your views about the 2020 election?

7 A Well, I wasn't involved in what was, you know, happening with the legal  
8 challenges, and that was primarily what time was being spent on, so --

9 Q Did you avoid the President?

10 A I guess to a certain extent. I just didn't have anything to say. It wasn't like  
11 I was working on something and would give him an update or needed his input or  
12 approval. There just wasn't, you know, the same level of interaction that was necessary.

13 And in terms of being, you know, a close member of the team, I just -- you know, I  
14 didn't want to be asked about the election, and he didn't want to hear what I had to say.  
15 So it was like a mutual sort of -- neither of us wanted to hear what the other had to say.

16 Q And do you recall whether you had any conversations with the President  
17 about the 2020 election from Thanksgiving 2020 to, you know, January 20, 2021?

18 A I believe there was one conversation I had sometime in December around  
19 the time -- or maybe it was late November. We could look up the time, but it was when  
20 the vaccines were approved by Pfizer and Moderna.

21 And I was in the Oval Office. I believe the Vice President was there. And we  
22 were just talking about -- you know, I said that if you want to talk about things like that  
23 the election was not fair and that, you know, you were at a disadvantage, you know,  
24 instead of talking about stolen votes, I would talk about the fact that these companies  
25 withheld approval until 10 days after the election instead of announcing it prior, even

1       though they knew that they would've had it ready in time.

2             Q     And --

3             A     Um --

4             Q     -- what was the President's response?    Sorry.   I didn't mean to cut you off  
5 if you had more.

6             A     No, that's okay.    I think he agreed that it was a good point to make but that  
7 it wasn't going to come at the expense of the other points he was making.

8             Q     And do you remember any other conversations with the President between  
9 Thanksgiving and the inauguration about the 2020 election?

10            A     Between Thanksgiving and January 20, 2021?

11            Q     Yeah.   Exactly.

12            A     I spoke to him the night of January 8th.    He called me about some news  
13 reports that said I had resigned after January 6th, and I told him that I hadn't but that,  
14 you know, next week -- I was leaving in the middle of next week as the natural end of my  
15 time at the White House.    And he asked me to come see him on Monday, which I did.

16                     I went to see him, and we had a conversation, just the two of us.    He asked about  
17 my thoughts about January 6th and what had happened and what he planned to do next,  
18 what I planned to do next, and just kind of reflecting on what a long road it had been  
19 since the beginning.

20                     And that was -- and then I spoke to him two other times via phone.    So that was  
21 Monday, January 11th, I believe, and I spoke to him two other times via phone between  
22 after I left -- my last day -- sorry, I'm just looking at the calendar -- was -- January 12th was  
23 my last day.    So, between January 13th and January 19th, I spoke to him twice via phone  
24 unrelated to the election or January 6th.

25            Q     Okay.

1           So I think you said it was January 8th that he called you and then asked about a  
2 news report that you had resigned. Did you talk on that call on January 8th at all about  
3 what had happened on January 6th?

4           A    Wait. Sorry. Can you repeat the question?

5           Q    Yeah. So I think you said January 8th he called you about news reports that  
6 you had resigned. On that call, did you talk about what happened on January 6th?

7           A    He just asked -- you know, said, "I read that you resigned. Could you put  
8 out a statement, something nice?" And I said that I hadn't resigned. And he said that  
9 that was better and that I should come see him on Monday. So, no, I -- just recounting  
10 the conversation, no, we didn't talk about it.

11          Q    Okay. But then that Monday, January 11th, you did talk about January 6th.  
12 Is that correct?

13          A    We did, yep.

14          Q    And what did he say?

15          A    He asked me if I thought that it was really as bad as everyone was making it  
16 out to be. And my answer was, yes, I thought it was.

17          Q    What was his tone? Did he sound dismissive of what happened when he  
18 asked you that question?

19          A    No. No.

20          Q    Okay.

21          A    I think he was genuinely curious.

22          Q    To the best of your recollection, what were his words when he asked you  
23 that question?

24          A    I just repeated them to you as I remember them verbatim, which was --

25          Q    Okay.



1 A No.

2 Q As far as you can recall, did he say anything about Members of Congress who  
3 had objected?

4 A No.

5 Q And then I think you said you talked to him two more times from  
6 January 13th to the 19th. And I'm sorry if you already answered this. Did you talk  
7 about January 6th during either of those conversations?

8 A We didn't speak about January 6th or the 2020 election in either of those  
9 conversations.

10 Q Okay.

11 All right. I'll pause here to see if anybody else has questions.

12 [REDACTED] Yeah, [REDACTED]. I think --

13 [REDACTED]. It's --

14 [REDACTED] Yeah, I don't know if -- sorry, [REDACTED] I didn't mean to jump ahead of  
15 you.

16 [REDACTED] That's quite all right, [REDACTED] Go ahead.

17 BY M [REDACTED]

18 Q Yeah. Ms. Hicks, just picking up on where [REDACTED] left off about that  
19 conversation with the President on the 11th, did he express anything about the police  
20 officers that had been killed or the people that had been injured, any sadness or regret  
21 about those deaths or injuries?

22 A Not to my recollection.

23 Q Did he mention anything like that, about the fact that police officers had  
24 died and there had been a number of deaths, the shooting that occurred, anything along  
25 those lines, the violence?





1 11/18ths of the way there. So I don't think it'll be too much longer.

2 Ms. Hicks. All right. Well, let's go through a couple more then.

3 [REDACTED]. Yep. Okay.

4 Let's look at exhibit 11. And this is a text exchange with "MM," and it says

5 "Max." Is that Max Miller?

6 Ms. Hicks. Yes.















1 A Not that I remember.

2 Q Okay. And it sounds like, in answer to some of [REDACTED] questions, you  
3 weren't privy to any intelligence in advance of January 6th, you didn't hear anything from  
4 Secret Service or other sources about intelligence or what they were seeing in the days  
5 leading up to January 6th?

6 A Nope.

7 Q Your fear was based on prior events, like the December MAGA march and  
8 those sorts of things where there had been clashes between protesters and  
9 counterprotesters?

10 A I don't know what the December MAGA march is. But just the riots that  
11 had taken place in D.C. all summer.

12 Yeah, I had to drive across the Ellipse to get to the White House from where I  
13 lived. And so whenever there was something happening like that, it was challenging to  
14 get through with road closures and people and other things. And saw a lot of excited  
15 people over the months leading up to the 2020 election. So --

16 Q But nothing with respect to people coming for January 6th? You  
17 weren't -- when you had this conversation with Herschmann, it was based on generalized  
18 fear and not anything you'd specifically seen along those lines. Is that right?

19 A I mean, I didn't know enough about what the event even was. I just wasn't  
20 tracking. I wasn't part of any discussions about it.

21 I mean, for sure when I drove to the White House on Monday, January 4th, and  
22 they were already starting to put the infrastructure up and roadblocks, blockades and  
23 things like that, it sort of made me think about the size of the event and what would be  
24 taking place. But I just -- yeah, I just didn't have a good feeling about the whole thing.

25 Q Yeah.

1 A What little I knew about it.

2 [REDACTED] Yeah. Thanks.

3 Thank you, [REDACTED]

4 BY MR [REDACTED]

5 Q Ms. Hicks, I know [REDACTED] asked you about discussions you may have had with  
6 other people in advance of January 6th and the rally on the Ellipse. I do want to raise  
7 one specifically or two actually.

8 Did you talk to Dan Scavino at all about your concerns or just the rally more  
9 generally in the days when you were there?

10 A I don't remember.

11 Q My understanding is that he helped the President with social media. Is that  
12 correct?

13 A He did, yes.

14 Q Okay. Did you talk to him at any point about the President using social  
15 media to make a statement that his supporters or anybody who was attending the rally  
16 should be peaceful?

17 A I don't remember talking to Dan about it, sorry.

18 Q Okay. What about Mark Meadows? Did you talk to him at all about the  
19 rally or expectations for the 6th?

20 A I don't remember.

21 Q Somewhat related to social media, are you aware of the website, it's called  
22 TheDonald.win? It no longer exists. But it was a forum and internet page with a lot of  
23 discussion about President Trump.

24 A The what?

25 Q TheDonald.win?

1 A Oh, no, I've never heard of that.

2 Q Okay. Do you remember Dan Scavino ever mentioning that page?

3 A No.

4 Q Okay. Around that time I know ██████████ asked you about you being  
5 privy to certain intelligence about what could happen on the 6th from the Secret Service  
6 or other law enforcement. But do you remember any discussions within the White  
7 House about what the Secret Service or other law enforcement agencies were hearing or  
8 anticipating for the 6th?

9 A No, no.

10 Q Okay. Thank you.

11 A I think you can see from my text messages with Hogan Gidley that on  
12 January 5th I was in the White House for like 3 hours on the 5th, and I was probably there  
13 for about 4 hours on the 4th. And prior to that, I hadn't been in the White House since  
14 December 16th, like home for the holidays and traveling. So I just wasn't around. I  
15 wasn't in the loop.

16 ██████████. Does anybody else have questions before I go to the next exhibit?

17

BY ██████████

18 Q All right. We'll go to exhibit 13. And this is an email that was produced to  
19 us by the National Archives. And if you go to the second page, so it would be the first  
20 email chronologically, this is an email January 5th, 7:59 p.m., staff secretary sent. It  
21 said, "Attached for your review are draft POTUS remarks for the Save America March  
22 tomorrow. Please provide any edits or comments by 8 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday."

23 And I can represent to you that this is one of several times we understand that the  
24 draft remarks were circulated by the staff secretary's office. We can't see who the  
25 distribution list was, but we can see on the next email chronologically you're copied on a

1 response.

2 So first question is, do you recall whether you received a draft of the President's  
3 remarks for the rally on the 6th?

4 A I received a draft of the President's remarks for every event that the  
5 President spoke at.

6 Q Did you review his remarks for the rally on the 6th?

7 A I did not, no.

8 Q Any particular reason why you didn't?

9 A Like I said, I wasn't involved in the event. I was very out of the loop at this  
10 point. And this distribution is essentially a formality. It goes to I think all of the  
11 assistants to the President and his office so they are always prepared. We got several  
12 remarks sent to us on any given day. I didn't open one of those either even when I was  
13 involved in the event. It's a lot to keep track of.

14 But, no, I didn't look at these remarks. I wasn't attending the event. I wasn't  
15 going to be there. I had no reason to look at it.

16 Q Okay. Then, as we follow chronologically, Eric Herschmann, on the  
17 morning of January 6th, responds to a lot of people, I won't read them all but you're one  
18 of them, "Someone needs to verify the accuracy of the statements."

19 And then if we scroll up, Pat Philbin, who was deputy White House counsel, said,  
20 "I agree" -- or says, "Agree with Eric. All facts need to be checked in this. In particular,  
21 references that mention Dominion should be doubly checked or removed." And then  
22 that was passed on to Vince Haley, Ross Worthington, and Robert Gabriel.

23 Do you know, other than that email we see where it was passed on, do you know  
24 what, if anything, was done with the concerns raised by Mr. Herschmann and Mr. Philbin?

25 A No.

1           Q    Do you know anything about what efforts, if any, were taken to fact check  
2   the statements that were in the President's prepared remarks for the January 6th rally?

3           A    No.

4           Q    Okay. Now, my understanding is that Mr. Haley, Mr. Worthington, and Mr.  
5   Gabriel reported either directly or indirectly to Stephen Miller. Is that your  
6   understanding?

7           A    Yes.

8           Q    Okay. Did they also in any way, whether formally or informally, report to  
9   you?

10          A    No.

11          Q    Okay. So where were you on January 6th?

12          A    Here in D.C. at my apartment.

13          Q    And you did not go into the White House at all that day?

14          A    No.

15          Q    And why not?

16          A    I think I said earlier I didn't have a good feeling about the event. I wasn't  
17   participating in it in any way. I didn't really know anything about it. It just seemed  
18   like it just -- I just didn't need to be there that day.

19          Q    And I know we've asked you in detail about all your conversations with the  
20   President. So I just want to confirm, you did not speak to President Trump on  
21   January 6th, 2021, correct?

22          A    Correct.

23          Q    Okay. Let's go to exhibit 14. And that is with somebody with the initials  
24   "KC" and the name "Kellyanne." Is that Kellyanne Conway?

25          A    Yes.

1 Q On January 6th at 4:09 p.m. you wrote, "This is all so awful." And then you  
2 wrote about potentially getting together at some point with Ms. Conway.

3 She replies, "Yes, it is. I called him. I assume you're not on the campus?"

4 So did you understand the, "Yes, it is. I called him," to refer to the President?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay. And did you ever have a conversation with Ms. Conway about her  
7 conversation with the President on January 6th?

8 A Not that I recall, no.

9 Q Okay. Did you ever talk to anybody about their conversations with  
10 President Trump on January 6th?

11 A Not that I remember.

12 Q Okay. In response to Ms. Conway you wrote, "He stopped listening to me a  
13 long time ago."

14 Is that basically just what you've already told us about him not following your  
15 advice about focusing on legacy instead of the election?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Let's go to exhibit 15.

18 A I assume you all also see the part of that text message that says I haven't  
19 been around for at least a month at this point?

20 Q Yeah, let's go -- let's find that so we can read it in the record. So you wrote,  
21 "No, I haven't been around for a month at this point. He stopped listening to me a long  
22 time ago. It's very sad though."

23 And I assume the "very sad," does that refer to the events of January 6th or to him  
24 not listening to you or what?

25 A No, the events of January 6th.

1 Q Okay.

2 Okay. Then we can move on to exhibit 15. This is a text exchange with  
3 somebody with the initials "JW," and it says "Justin." Who is JW -- not me -- for the  
4 record?

5 A Justin Wells.

6 Q And who is Justin Wells?

7 A He works at FOX News.

8 Q Okay. So the first two texts there we can't see the date or if it's -- if there's  
9 any context, but it says he wrote -- Mr. Wells wrote, "Good for you," two exclamation  
10 points, smiley face. And then there is what looks like a news article, "Trump Call to  
11 Georgia Official Might Violate State and Federal Law." And it looks like there's a picture  
12 of you and the President there.

13 Was the "Good for you" referring --

14 A That's not a picture of me.

15 Q Oh, is that the First Lady?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Sorry. My apologies. It is very small on my screen here. I can't see that.  
18 Okay. So that's the President and the First Lady.

19 Where it says, "Good for you," did you understand the "Good for you" as referring  
20 to something about that article about the Georgia --

21 A No. I'm happy to look up what it says about that, but I think I was saying  
22 that I was on vacation.

23 Q Okay.

24 A You know, that I was taking some time off over the Christmas holiday.

25 Q Okay. So you did not have any involvement in the President's call to

1 Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, correct?

2 A Absolutely not. And I read about it based on this article that he sent me, as  
3 I conveyed to him.

4 Q Okay. If we go down later on that page at 2:27 p.m. on January 6th. So at  
5 this point the attack is going on, the attack on the Capitol. Mr. Wells wrote, "Oh, boy.  
6 This won't end well." I assume that's referring to the attack on the Capitol.

7 You wrote, "As predicted. I'm not there. So dumb."

8 What did you mean by "as predicted"?

9 A Just that I just -- as predicted, I just didn't see this whole thing going well.  
10 There was no good that was going to come of an event like this, whether it was because  
11 of a clash with counterprotesters or anything else.

12 And I just -- it wasn't a specific prediction that people were going to storm the  
13 Capitol. Obviously, I had no idea what was going to transpire. But I just predicted that  
14 this whole thing, in terms of talking about the election in the way that we had for several  
15 weeks, months now, and events like this are -- predictably no good comes from them.

16 Q Okay. And then you wrote, "So dumb." What was so dumb?

17 A I just thought the whole thing was -- it was stupid, it was -- it was poor  
18 judgment. It was stupid to gather people before the certification of the vote and imply  
19 that there was still a path to victory. I just felt like the whole thing was -- was -- it was  
20 just not smart.

21 Q Let's go to exhibit 16. Again, a text exchange with "EH", who you have  
22 previously said is Eric Herschmann, on January 6th, 2021, at 3:17, so again, while the  
23 attack on the Capitol is going on.

24 You wrote, "So predictable and so sad. No one will remember the last 4 years."

25 I know this sounds redundant, but do you have anything to add as to why it was

1 predictable?

2 A No, I think I covered that.

3 Q Okay. And then Mr. Herschmann later wrote, "I know. Tragic."

4 You wrote, "I'm so upset. Everything we worked for wiped away."

5 Mr. Herschmann wrote, "I agree. Totally self-inflicted."

6 I know that's Mr. Herschmann's words, not yours, but what did you understand  
7 him to mean when he said "totally self-inflicted"?

8 A Like this could have all been avoided.

9 Q And how could it have been avoided?

10 A By not having a rally, by conceding the election.

11 Q Did you ever recommend to anybody that the rally not go forward?

12 A Honestly, I didn't know enough about it. I learned of it, you know. It  
13 wasn't something that was submitted through the traditional scheduling process. I just  
14 wasn't made aware of it. You saw the text message in which I was made aware of it.

15 I didn't have a document that outlined what the purpose was, who the attendees  
16 were, like something you would normally get at an event the President is attending or  
17 speaking at before a decision is made that he will participate. I just didn't know  
18 anything about it.

19 Q And do you know why that is that you didn't get the kind of material you  
20 would normally get before a Presidential event?

21 A I don't know. Maybe because people thought it was more of a campaign  
22 event is the only thing I can think of.

23 Q Let's go to exhibit 17. And this is a text exchange between you and "JR".  
24 Is that Julie Radford?

25 A Yes.

1 Q And what was Julie Radford's position?

2 A About what?

3 Q Oh, I meant her role at the White House?

4 A Oh, sorry. I was like --

5 Q No, no. That's okay. It was an ambiguous question.

6 [Laughter.]

7 A She's very pro-America. Okay.

8 So Julie -- it's been a long day. Oh, gosh. That was funny. Okay.

9 Julie was Ivanka Trump's chief of staff.

10 Q Okay. And the first page to this text exchange, there's one, let's see if we

11 can find, I think it says, "Read Laura Ingraham's tweet. She's exactly right." Then at

12 3:01 -- yeah there it is, 3:01 -- "Read Laura Ingraham's tweet. She's exactly right."

13 Do you remember what those tweets were that you were referring to?

14 A Yeah. I think she had tweeted something like the people that are

15 breaching the Capitol are breaking the law. They should be -- you know, face

16 consequences immediately. Everyone should go home. And this whole thing is

17 effectively -- it's destroying sort of the legacy of the Trump administration. Something

18 to that effect basically.

19 Q Okay. And you agreed with that.

20 A Yes.

21 Q And then you wrote at 4:14 p.m., "Brooke can kiss her America First

22 Foundation goodbye." Who is Brooke?

23 A I'm sorry. I don't mean to laugh. I know this is very serious. It's

24 sometimes difficult to read back what you wrote a long time ago.

25 Brooke is Brooke Rollins and she was at the time working on putting together a

1 foundation that would be sort of in partnership with the Trump Presidential library. It  
2 would be sort of the policy part of the library.

3 Q And when you said, "She can kiss her America First Foundation goodbye,"  
4 did that mean because of something Brooke had done or because you were saying the  
5 foundation wasn't going to exist because of what was happening on January 6th?

6 A The latter.

7 Q Okay. On the second page of this text exchange, so Bates number ending  
8 in 042, later on January 6th you wrote, "In one day he ended every future opportunity  
9 that doesn't include speaking engagements at the local Proud Boys chapter."

10 So does the "he" there refer to President Trump?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And what made you pick the Proud Boys as the example of something he  
13 would still be able to do?

14 A I don't know. You know, insert fringe radical group here. It just -- sorry.  
15 I didn't pick it for any specific reason.

16 Q At that point, this is so again on January 6th, did you have any knowledge of  
17 what the Proud Boys' role in the attack on the Capitol was?

18 A I had no idea.

19 Q So on the third page, so this ends -- Bates number ending in 043, around I  
20 think it was 7:18 p.m., while you wrote first "and leaving," so I can't tell if the next one is  
21 exactly at 7:18, but then or later you wrote, "Attacking the VP? WTF is wrong with  
22 him?"

23 So what did you mean by that?

24 A I just felt like that was -- it was just like everything else that day, it was  
25 totally unnecessary and incredibly unfortunate.

1           Q    Okay.  Let's go to exhibit 18.  And this is a text exchange between you and  
2 Brian Kilmeade.  I assume that's Brian Kilmeade of FOX News.  Is that correct?

3           A    That's correct.

4           Q    So at 3:56 p.m. on the 6th Mr. Kilmeade wrote, "How is he not on TV  
5 demanding they evacuate?  This is a disaster."

6           You wrote back, "It's awful.  Totally wiped out the last 4 years of achievements.  
7 I'm so sad.  I'm not there anymore but I can't even watch."

8           Do you know what the answer to Mr. Kilmeade's question was, why "he",  
9 presumably the President, was not on TV demanding that people evacuate?

10          A    I don't know.

11          Q    Okay.  Did you convey to anybody at the White House that the President  
12 should ask people to evacuate?

13          A    Not that I recall.

14          Q    Okay.  Did you later learn of anyone who encouraged the President to ask  
15 his supporters to evacuate the Capitol?

16          A    I only know of those instances through news reporting, so I don't know  
17 what's accurate.

18          Q    Okay.  So nobody told you that they or others had gone to the President  
19 and encouraged him to ask people to evacuate the Capitol.  Is that correct?

20          A    Correct.

21          Q    Okay.  And then Mr. Kilmeade wrote, "Turned on Pence.  Think he's happy  
22 about it.  Hurts all."  And I know this is Mr. Kilmeade's words, but when he wrote,  
23 "Think he's happy about it," what do you think that it was that the President was happy  
24 about?

25          A    I don't know.  I'm sorry.

1 Q Okay. Has anybody ever told you that the President seemed happy about  
2 the attack on the Capitol?

3 A No.

4 Q Has anybody ever talked to you about what the President was doing while  
5 the attack on the Capitol was going on?

6 A I can only reference news reports. I don't know what's accurate. I  
7 haven't spoken to anybody.

8 Q Okay. Has anybody talked to you at all about any conversations that they  
9 had with President Trump on January 6th?

10 A No.

11 Q Do you have any knowledge, whether direct or indirect, regarding whether  
12 President Trump wanted to go to the Capitol on January 6th besides from what you've  
13 seen in the media?

14 A No, nothing other than what I've seen in the media.

15 [REDACTED] Okay. I'll pause there. Does anybody else have questions?

16 [REDACTED] A few questions from me, [REDACTED], if that's okay.

17

BY [REDACTED]

18 Q First, I just wanted to go back to exhibit 17. And this, Ms. Hicks, is your text  
19 exchange with Julie Radford. I want to go to the page ending in 045.

20 And just for some context here, Ms. Radford is talking about a conversation that  
21 she had with who I assume is Judd Deere. And then you respond, "I know. Is she  
22 appalled or indifferent?"

23 Who were you referring to in that message?

24 A I don't know.

25 Q So Ms. Radford responds to the message and she says, "I was with them

1       tonight for about 2 hours. It was interesting. And Jared said something very  
2       interesting that makes me think they know."

3               Do you think perhaps that was a reference to Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner?

4               A     Most likely. I was reading the reply by Julie. Sorry, I wasn't reading that  
5       previously. Most likely, yes.

6               Q     Sure. And did you ever learn from Ms. Radford or anyone else about this  
7       conversation that she's referencing here was Mr. Kushner and Ms. Trump?

8               A     Not that I remember.

9               Q     What did you interpret her to mean when she said, "Jared said something  
10      very interesting that makes me think that they know," to the extent that you thought  
11      about it at the time?

12              A     I'm sorry.

13              Q     Okay. I know [REDACTED] asked this sort of broadly earlier, but I just wanted  
14      to zero in on a few specific names.

15              Did you ever speak with Eric Herschmann about his experience at the White  
16      House on the day of January 6th?

17              A     No.

18              Q     Did you ever speak with Dan Scavino about his experience at the White  
19      House on January 6th?

20              A     No.

21              Q     Did you ever speak with Mark Meadows about his experience in the White  
22      House on January 6th?

23              A     No.

24              [REDACTED] All right. That's all I have.

25              [REDACTED] Did you ever talk to Vice -- sorry, before we jump into the next

1 one -- did you ever talk to Vice President Pence about what happened on January 6th?

2 Ms. Hicks. No.

3 ██████████ Okay.

4 So go ahead, ██████████

5 BY ██████████

6 Q I just want to go back through some of your testimony, Ms. Hicks.

7 So it sounds like you didn't think -- and you said this multiple times -- but you  
8 didn't think anything good could come from the rally on the 6th. Is that right?

9 A That's right.

10 Q And part of that was because I guess at that point there was nothing that  
11 could be done about the election or the certification of the election and having all those  
12 people in D.C. just wouldn't be helpful. Does that fairly characterize your testimony?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Okay. And I know it sounded like you had concerns such that you went to  
15 Eric Herschmann and suggested that the President put out a tweet or some statement  
16 encouraging people on January 6th to remain peaceful. Is that right?

17 A That's right.

18 Q Okay. That, of course, it didn't happen. But then I guess the President in  
19 a tweet like that would be speaking to his supporters, correct? I mean,  
20 counterprotesters, others might not necessarily be listening to the President and his  
21 expressions of peacefulness or nonviolence.

22 A Yeah, but if a counterprotester is trying to engage in something like remain  
23 peaceful, don't engage, don't try to engage in the conflict, I think it would have had an  
24 impact if that was the situation at hand. Obviously, that's not what unfolded, but that  
25 was what I had in mind.

1 Q All right. Okay. Fair enough. And ultimately what happened though is  
2 that it was Trump supporters who led kind of the attack on the Capitol, the events of that  
3 day that we're here discussing. Is that your understanding as well?

4 A I have no reason to think otherwise.

5 Q Okay. And when the attack was going on you texted folks that this was  
6 something that you had been concerned about, you had predicted, that you had asked  
7 the President to tweet nonviolence about earlier. So I guess just help me understand --

8 A Yeah, that's not what I said. I said that my text messages where I said that  
9 this was a predictable outcome wasn't in reference to anything specific that was taking  
10 place, just that I didn't believe where everything was headed was going to end well.  
11 And that could have been as simple as his legacy not being as solidified and positive as I  
12 believed it should have been given what he accomplished or some variation on that  
13 spectrum. Obviously, this was way down at the other end. But I just felt that this was,  
14 you know, this not ending well was predictable based on what had transpired since  
15 November 7th.

16 Q So all of the things the President had done up to that point, encouraging his  
17 base that the election had been stolen, gathering on January 6th, all of that was kind of a  
18 natural consequence and came to a head on 6th. Is that right? Again, I don't want to  
19 put words in your mouth.

20 A Yeah. No, I just didn't think that what took place after the election was  
21 over was productive in any way for anyone and that if things had been done differently  
22 things might have ended differently.

23 That's my position. I don't have specifics. I certainly had no -- I could never  
24 have imagined what took place on January 6th. But I just generally didn't have a good  
25 feeling about the direction things were going after the election and certainly in the days

1 leading up to January 6th.

2 Q Fair enough. And I certainly wouldn't expect you to be clairvoyant or  
3 anybody else to be clairvoyant. But you mentioned that if things had been done  
4 differently things could end differently. What are some of the things you think could  
5 have been done differently in order to change the ultimate outcome?

6 A I mean, I think that there's a process that's typically followed when there's a  
7 new President that's elected. We had gone through that process just 4 years prior.  
8 Those kinds of things.

9 Q So not saying the election was stolen, letting the courts resolve any issues,  
10 have the electoral college vote be kind of the settle point. Are those types of things as  
11 well?

12 A Yes. I think everything you just mentioned falls under peaceful transition  
13 of power and all corresponding with traditions that have been upheld for a long time.

14 Q Thank you, Ms. Hicks.

15 [REDACTED] Does anybody else have any questions?

16

BY [REDACTED]

17 Q Okay. So I'm going to ask you a couple questions that I know are going to  
18 sound redundant, but I just want to make sure I haven't missed anything.

19 Did you have any conversations with President Trump about January 6th ever,  
20 other than what we've covered during this interview?

21 A No.

22 Q Okay. And can you recall any conversations with President Trump about  
23 the 2020 election, other than the ones we've covered during this interview?

24 A No.

25 Q Okay. Do you have any other information that you want to share with us?

1 A No.

2 [REDACTED] Okay. Before we go off the record, I just want to make sure nobody  
3 has any last questions.

4 Okay. Sounds like not.

5 So, Ms. Hicks, thank you very much for your time and your cooperation. We  
6 greatly appreciate it. We will leave the record open in case either you think of  
7 something you want to come back to us and correct or add to your testimony or in the  
8 unlikely event that we need to go back to you and ask further questions, but I don't  
9 anticipate that we will.

10 And then also, as your counsel indicated, he was going to send us some of those  
11 emails from Dick Morris, but that doesn't sound like anything that we're likely to need to  
12 ask you about on the record, but if we do we'll follow up with your counsel.

13 So unless anybody else has anything we will -- oh.

14 [REDACTED] do you have something?

15 [REDACTED] No, I was just going to say I don't have any further. Thank you.

16 [REDACTED] Okay. All right.

17 Then, with that, we will go off the record, and thank you very much for your time.

18 Ms. Hicks. Thank you.

19 Mr. Trout. Thank you.

20 [Whereupon, at 4:03 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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

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Witness Name

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