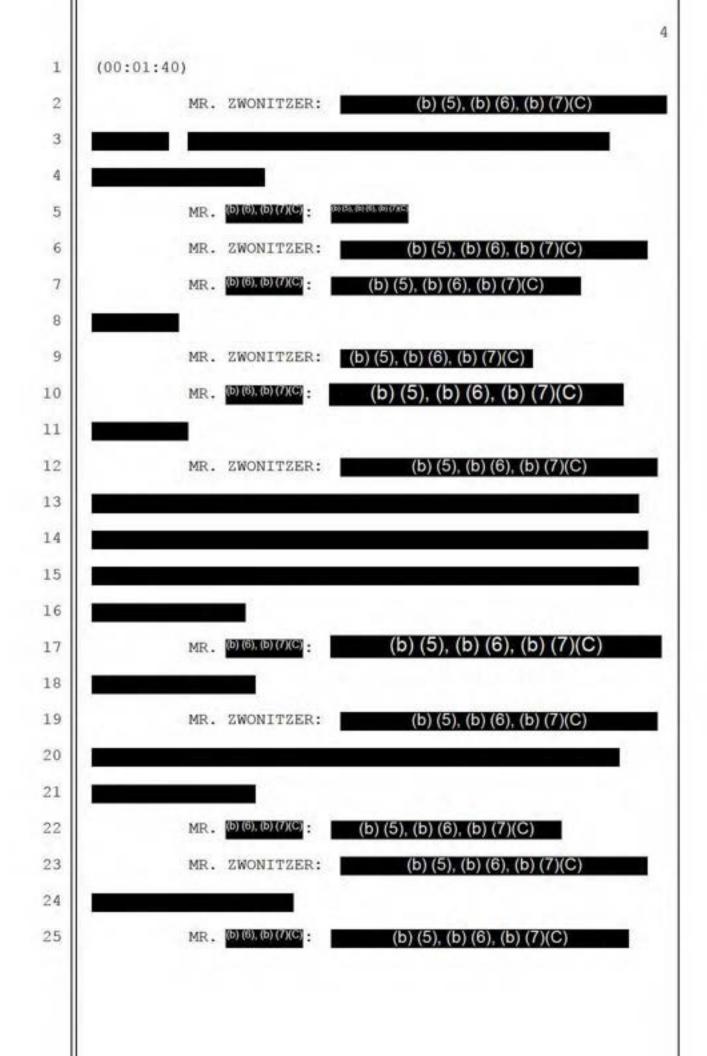
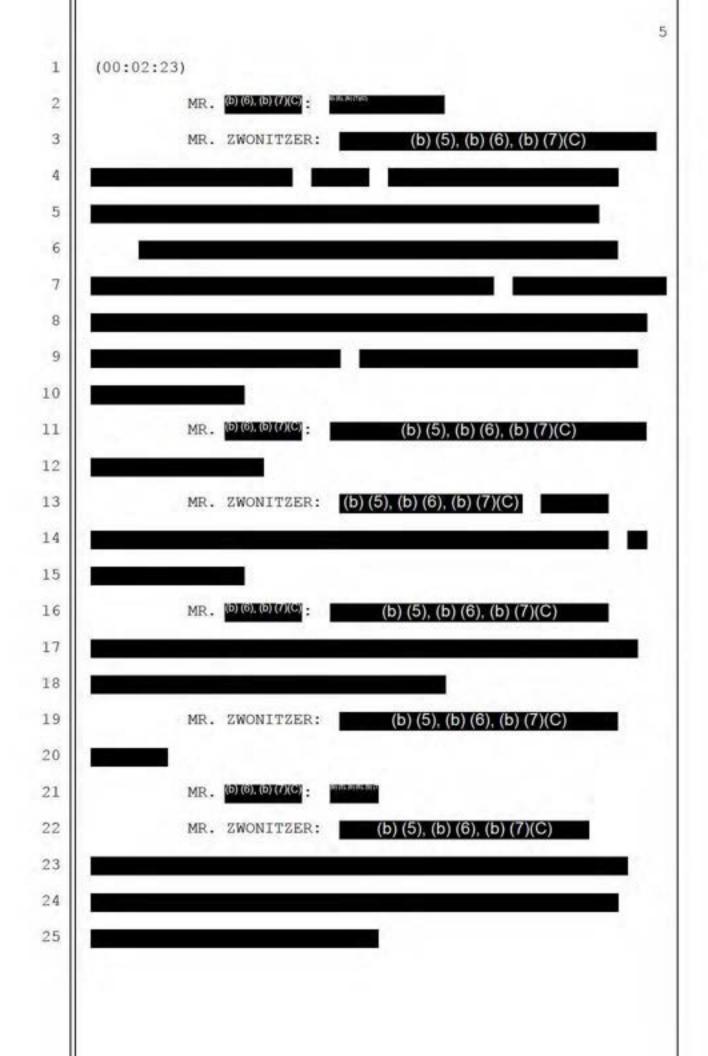
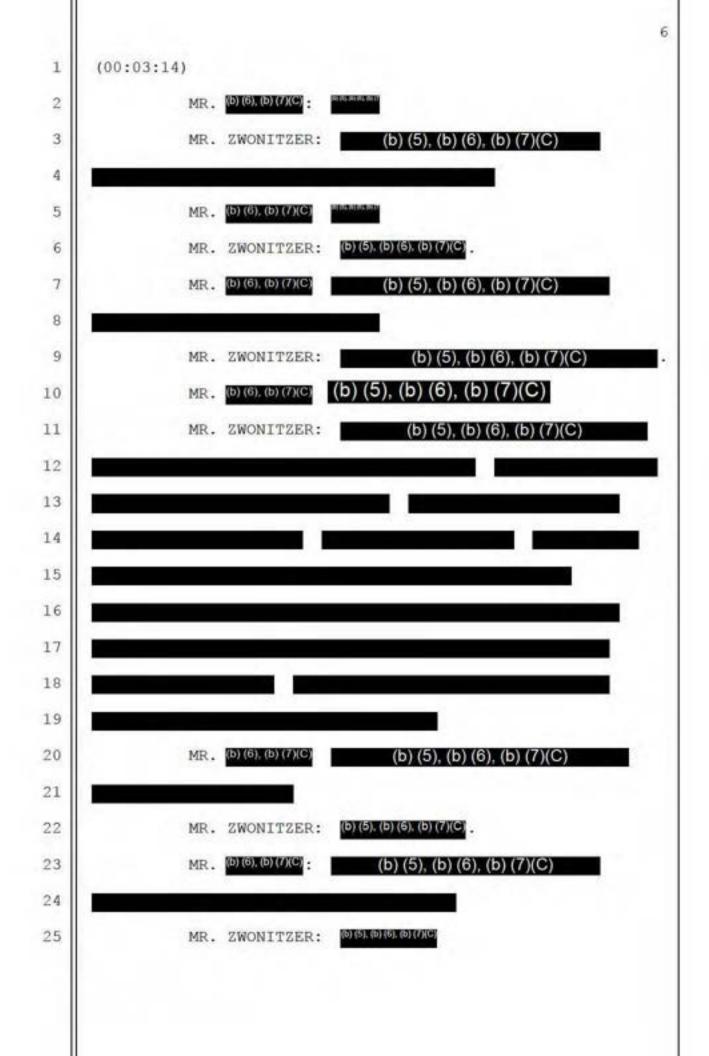


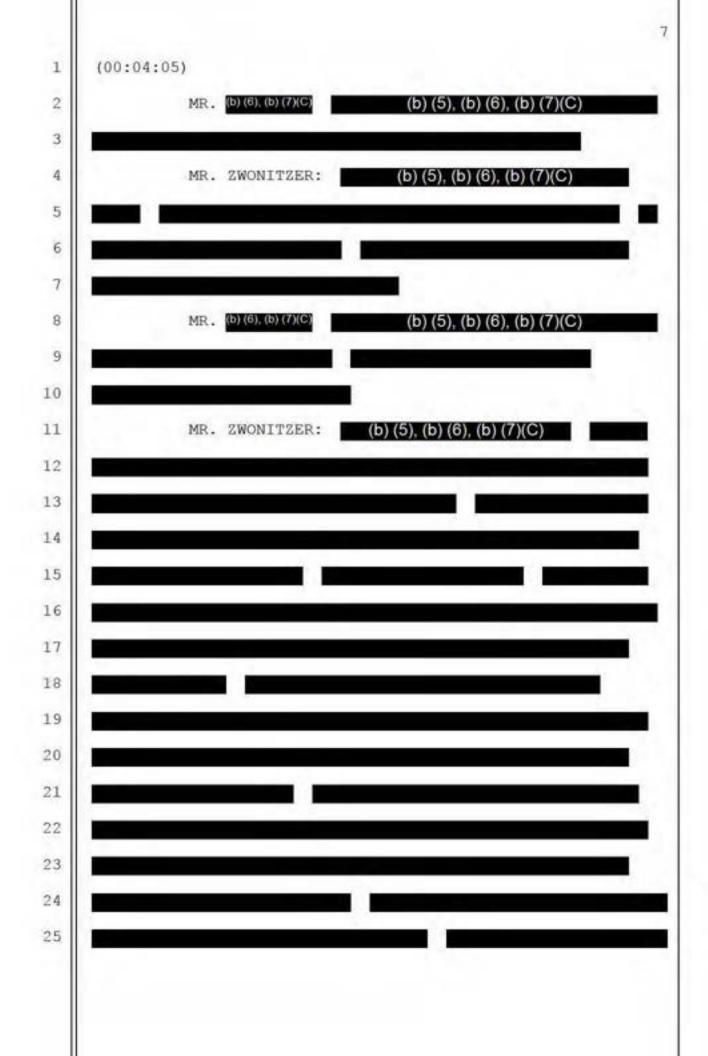
2 RECORDING 1 2 (Start of 230731 0074.) 3 SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C): The date is July 31, 2023, and the time is 9:27 a.m. and this is an interview with Mark 4 5 Zwonitzer. MR. (D)(0)(0)(C): All right. Good morning again, 6 Mr. Zwonitzer. Again, I'm (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) . I'm with the 7 Special Counsel's Office. 8 MR. (b) (6) (7)(C): And my name is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also 9 10 with the special counsel. 11 SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C): I'm (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , Special 12 Agent with the FBI. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Special Agent, FBI. 13 SA 10(0), 00(7)(CS : 14 MR. FREEMAN: Lou Freeman, attorney for Mark Zwonitzer. 15 16 MR. ZWONITZER: Mark Zwonitzer. 17 MR. GINSBURG: Lee Ginsburg, attorney for Mark Zwonitzer. 18 19 MR. (b)(6)(0)(7)(C): Great. Well thanks a lot. 20 MR. ZWONITZER: Sure. 21 MR. 10101.00101C: Really appreciate your time here. 22 And again, as I explained earlier, we're from the Special 23 Counsel's Office investigating potential mishandling of 24 classified material by former Vice President Biden. 25 Appreciate your willingness to be here this morning.

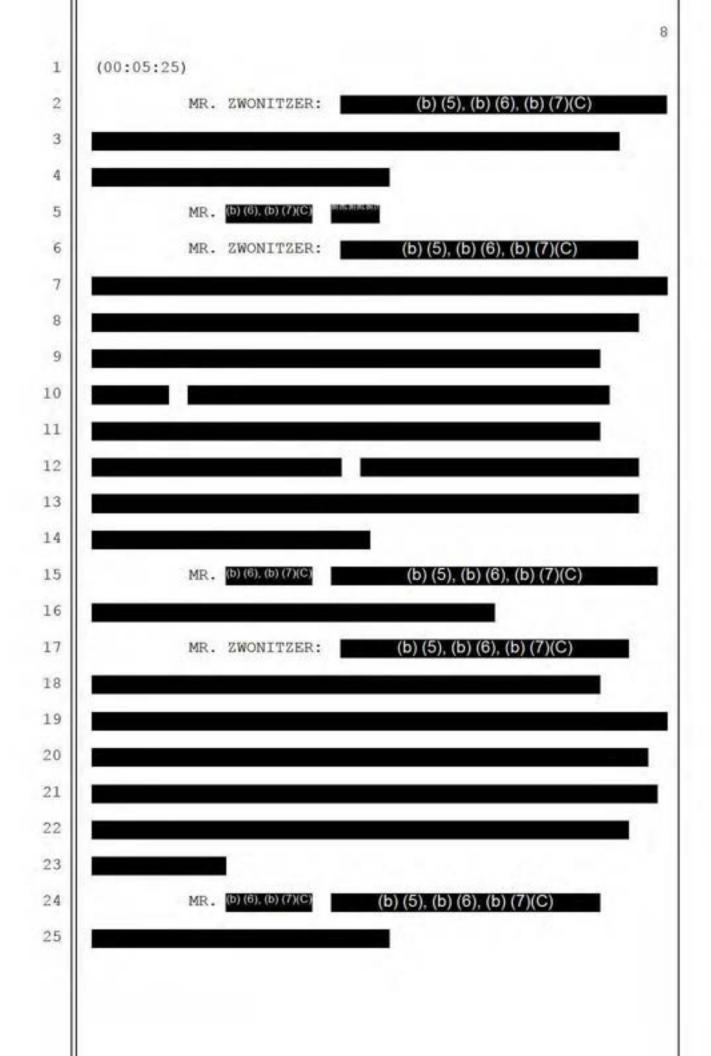
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2	MR. (D)(0)(0)(C): I'll reiterate what I said before.
3	Obviously, the big rule here is you have to tell the truth,
4	and that at any point you feel like you it's hard to do
5	that or there's a question you either don't understand or
6	you need a break before you answer it by all means just say
7	can we take a break or ask me to reframe the questions.
8	It could be that I asked a terrible question.
9	It's probably the most likely reason. But in any event it's
10	not a problem. Okay?
11	MR. ZWONITZER: Got it.
12	MR. (D)(0)(0)(7)(C): Any questions for us?
13	MR. ZWONITZER: No.
14	MR. ()(0)(0)(0)(0): All right. Then we'll get going.
15	All right. Can you tell us just a little bit about
16	yourself? Where are you from?
17	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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20	MR. <sup>(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)</sup> : (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
21	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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23	MR. <sup>(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)</sup> : (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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25	MR. ZWONITZER: (b)(5),(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

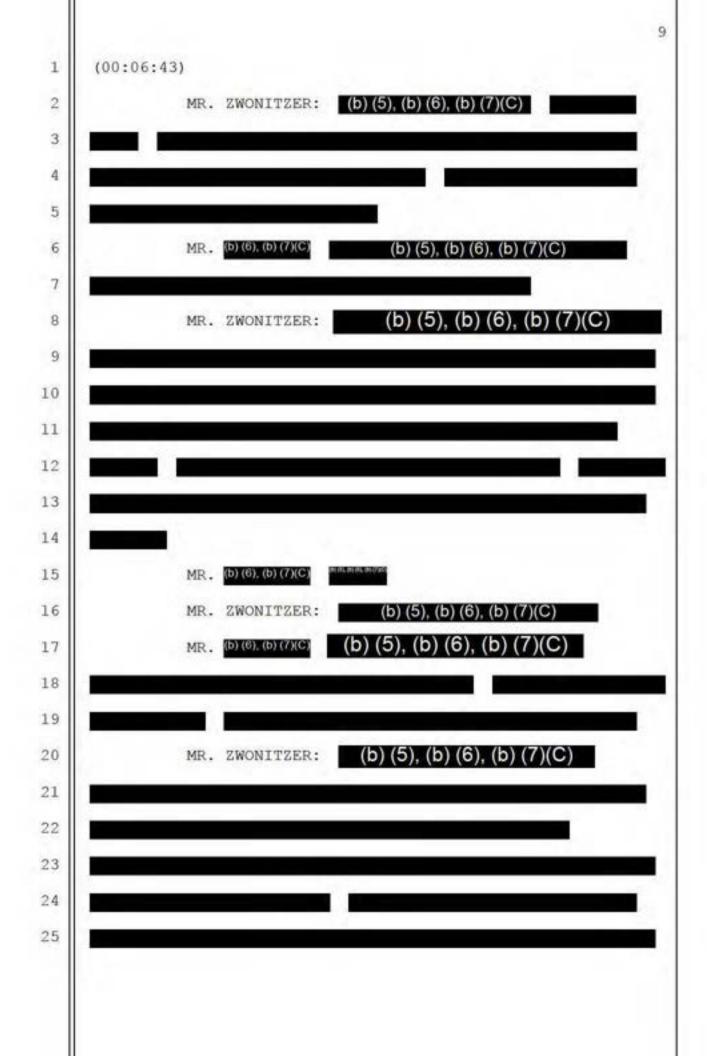


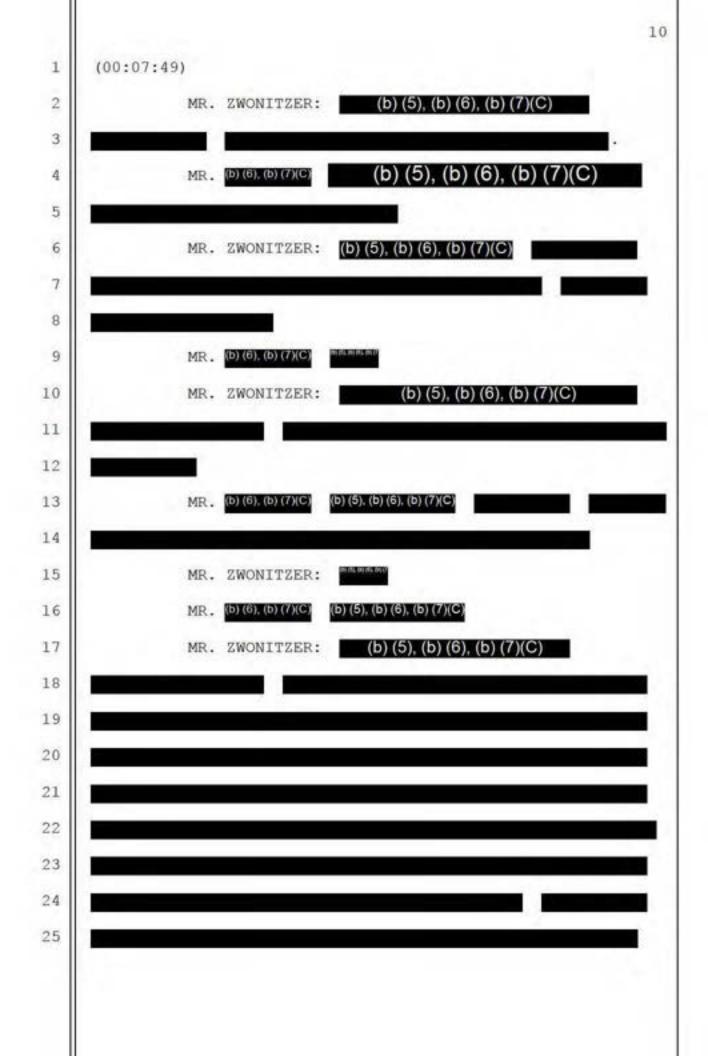


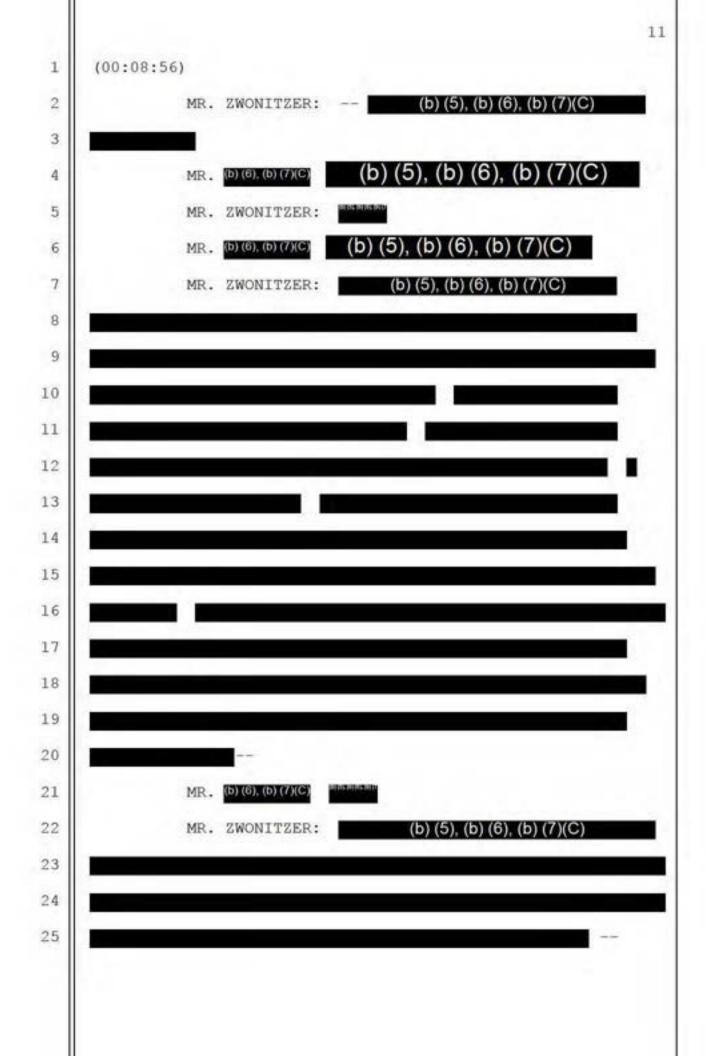


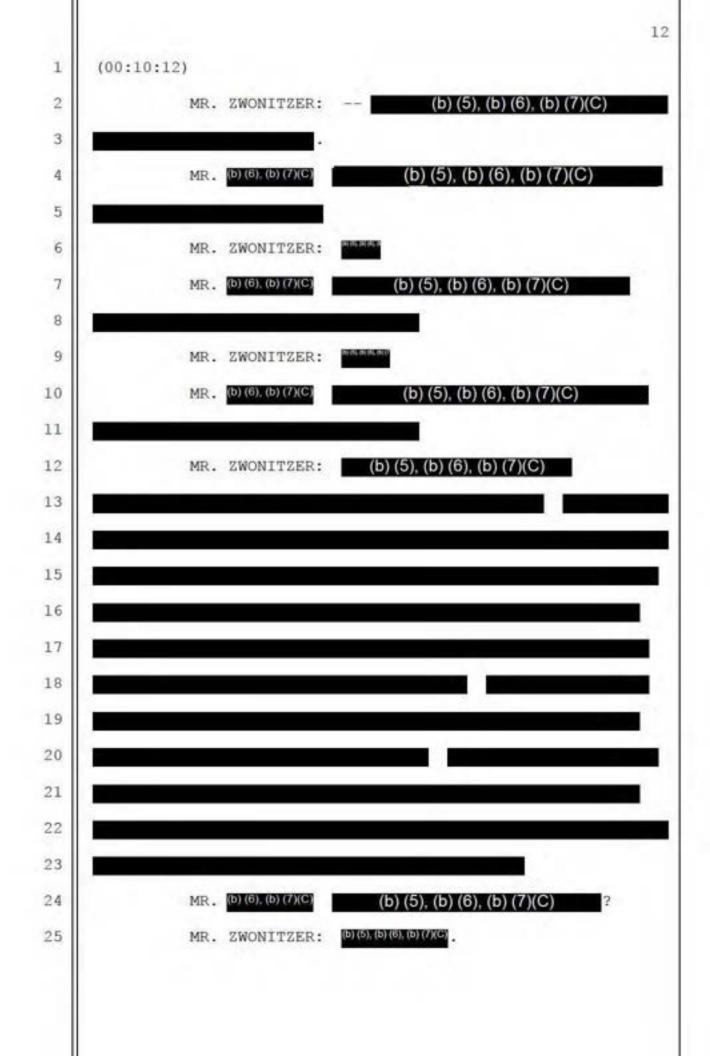


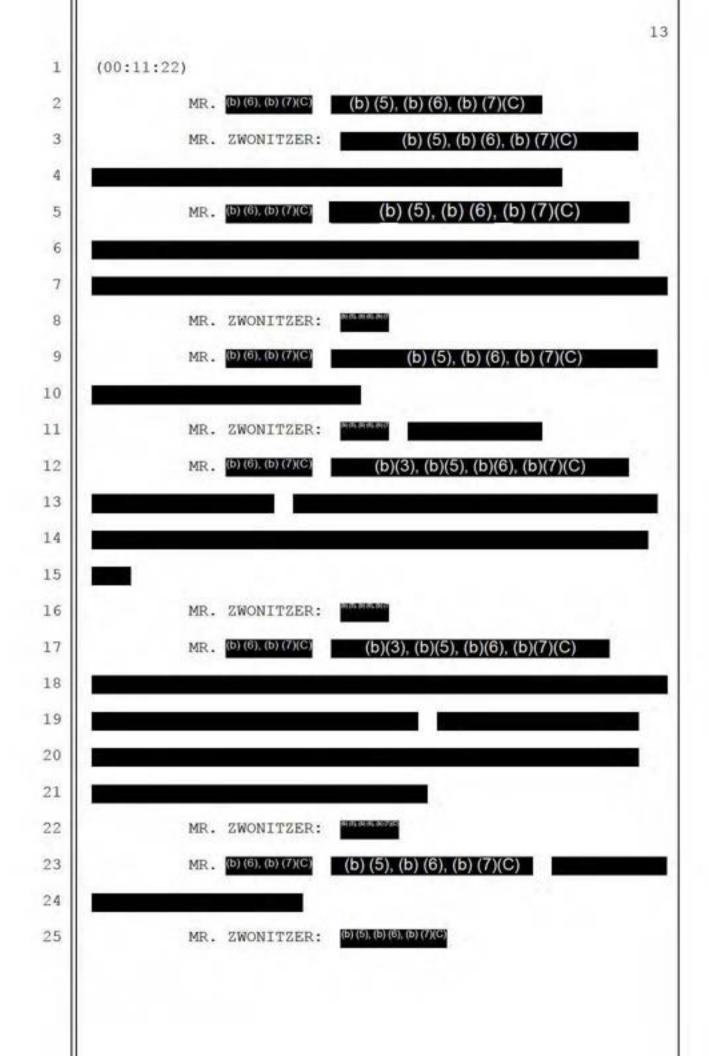












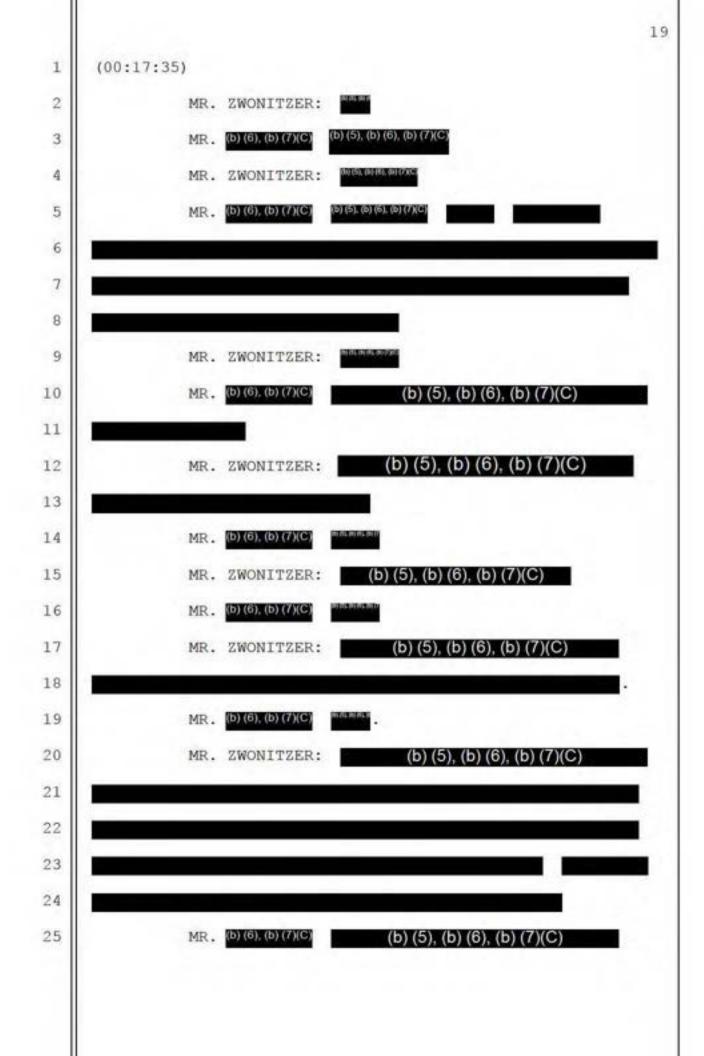
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6 7 8	of vaguely threatening emails from some right-wing
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8	anti-Biden groups that clearly had come through, like,
_ ( I )	(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) They somehow had got my name
9	and email through that. Some very personal, private
10	conversations that I had had (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
11	had been publicly put out on
12	the internet, again by someone who I don't know who it was.
13	(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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15	So I was very concerned about the
16	possibility of being hacked. I was very concerned about th
17	possibility of this audio spread all over the place. And
18	the audio, my chief concern at the time and I'll explain
19	the timing was really, was a lot of personal and
20	emotional stuff about Beau. (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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24	And so this was I simply took the
25	audio files subfolder from both the G drive and my

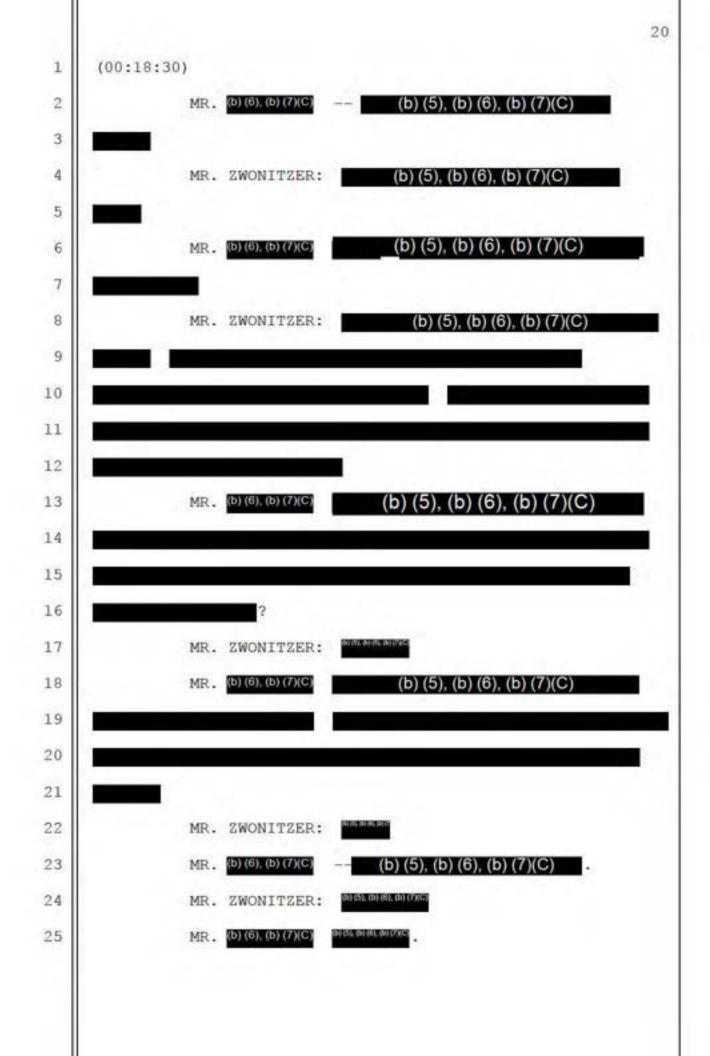
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2	MR. ZWONITZER: laptop and slid them into the
3	trash. I saved all the transcripts and getting rid of the
4	audio is something that's not it's something I do as a,
5	as a rule anyway. (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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8	And I make it
9	a point because, again, I'm not doing gotcha journalism, I'm
10	not going for a quote for the next day. These are personal
11	and private conversations and I never save that audio. I
12	generally save transcripts but I haven't over the years ever
13	saved audios.
14	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) So when did you move that
15	MR. ZWONITZER: Slide that
16	MR. (b)(6).(b)(7)(C) slide that folder over.
17	MR. ZWONITZER: So the best of my memory was it
18	was between the end of January and the end of February.
19	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
20	MR. ZWONITZER: I can't I'm not positive about
21	that. I have the memory of (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on a trip
22	in the beginning of March and I think I did it before that
23	trip.
24	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. And so that was before we
25	(b)(3), (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

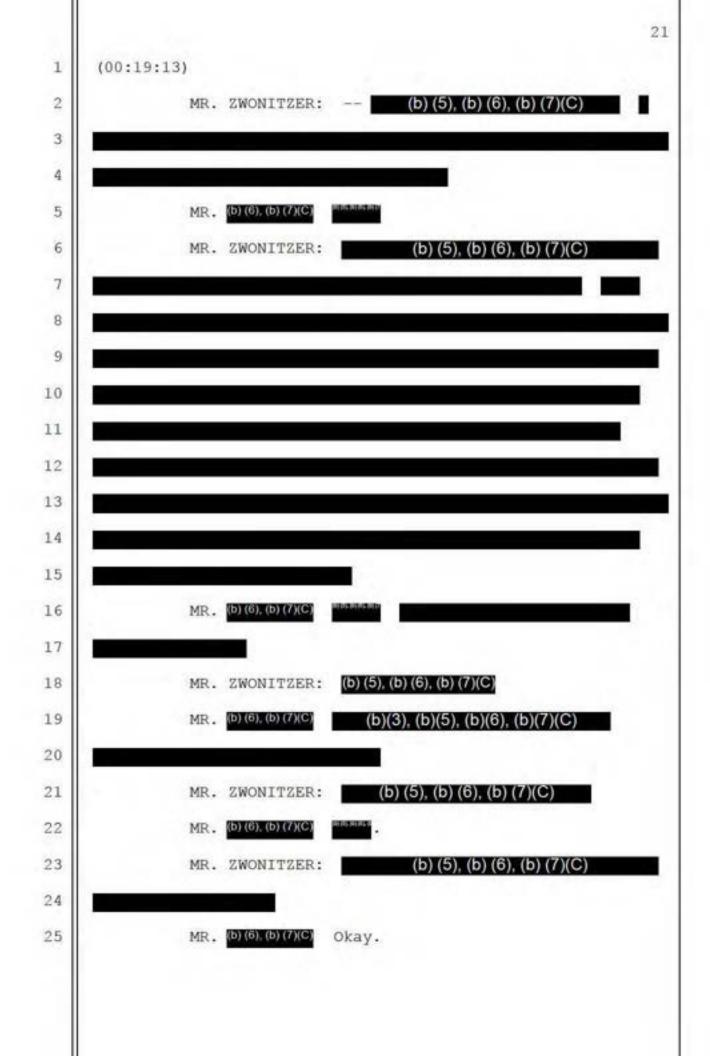
16 (00:15:20)1 2 MR. ZWONITZER: Correct. and reached out 3 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 4 to you. But after news of Biden being investigated for 5 mishandling and having a special ---MR. ZWONITZER: I was aware. 6 7 MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) Okay. So I assume and I assume 8 that that -- the fact that a special counsel had been 9 appointed and you have all these recordings was in your mind 10 when you slid these documents over into the trash, which is 11 okay. I mean it's okay, but I just want to be clear --12 MR. ZWONITZER: I mean I was, I was aware of the special counsel investigation when that happened. 13 14 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. MR. ZWONITZER: I actually didn't think it would 15 16 involve me. But yes, I was --17 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. 18 MR. ZWONITZER: -- I was aware. MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) And I'm not trying to give you a 19 20 hard time but you can --21 MR. ZWONITZER: No, no, no. 22 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) -- understand, you know, look, the outside observer is going to look at this and say Mark 23 24 Zwonitzer, President Biden's friend, ghostwriter, 25 collaborator learned of the special counsel's --

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2	MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) investigation, saw this was
3	happening and then deleted all these audio recordings. And
4	I assume and it's okay, I just need the truth on this
5	one, but there's some truth in that, that was what was going
6	on. That was part of your motivation, at least something
7	you were aware of when you did this?
8	MR. ZWONITZER: I'm not going to say how much of
9	the percentage it was of my motivation. I was aware that
10	there was an investigation.
11	MR. (b) (6). (b) (7)(C) Okay.
12	MR. ZWONITZER: Yes.
13	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Okay. I appreciate you telling us
14	that.
15	MR. ZWONITZER: Okay.
16	MR. (b)(6)(7)(C) So I'm going to ask you some more
17	questions as, again, because I just want to get this over
18	with so we can move on with the interview.
19	MR. ZWONITZER: Okay.
20	MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) Did anyone did you tell anyone
21	you did that?
22	MR. ZWONITZER: Um, no.
23	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) You didn't tell these guys I
24	assume? No. But when you were doing it?
25	MR. ZWONITZER: Oh, when I

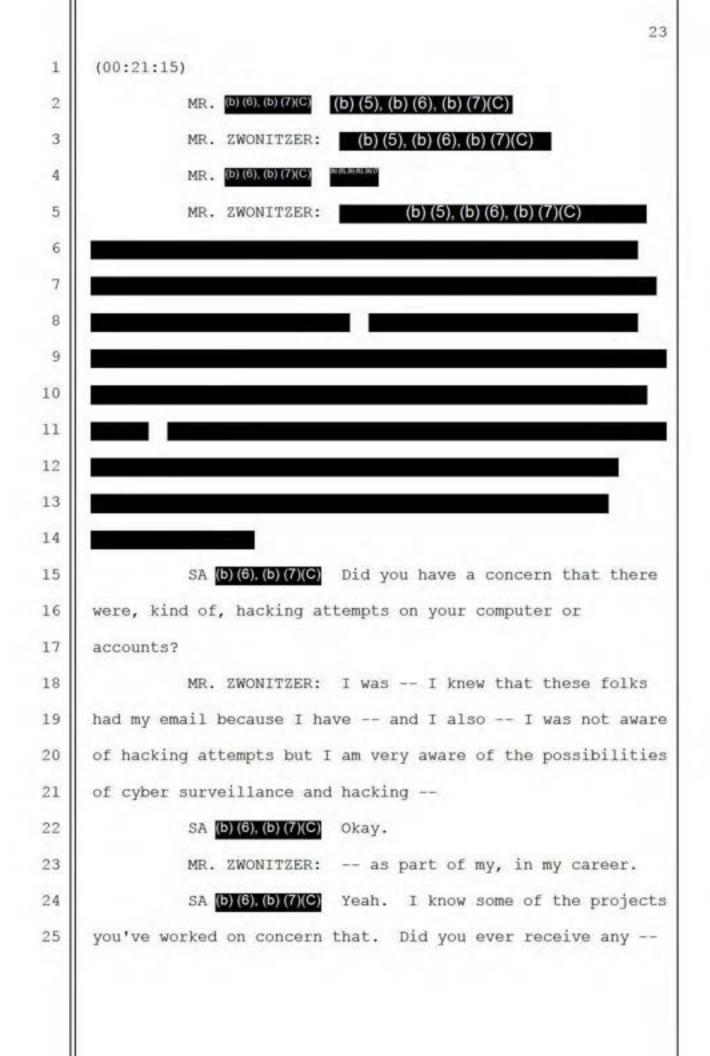
18 (00:16:54)1 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) When you --2 3 MR. ZWONITZER: Oh no, no, no. This was long 4 before. I told no one. 5 MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) Setting aside the two gentlemen sitting here, your attorneys --6 7 MR. ZWONITZER: Right. MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) -- did you tell anyone after you 8 did it, that you had done it? 9 10 MR. ZWONITZER: I didn't. 11 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) Okay. Did anyone -- I just have to 12 ask you. Did anyone reach out to you on behalf of President 13 Biden? 14 MR. ZWONITZER: No. MR. (b) (6) (7) (C) Obviously, him, family, friend, 15 16 colleague, associate? 17 MR. ZWONITZER: No. I have not talked to him about the -- certainly not him since right before the 18 19 inauguration and nobody has reached out to me about this. 20 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) Okay. 21 MR. ZWONITZER: I don't think anybody in his camp 22 is aware that I am a part of this. 23 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 24 25

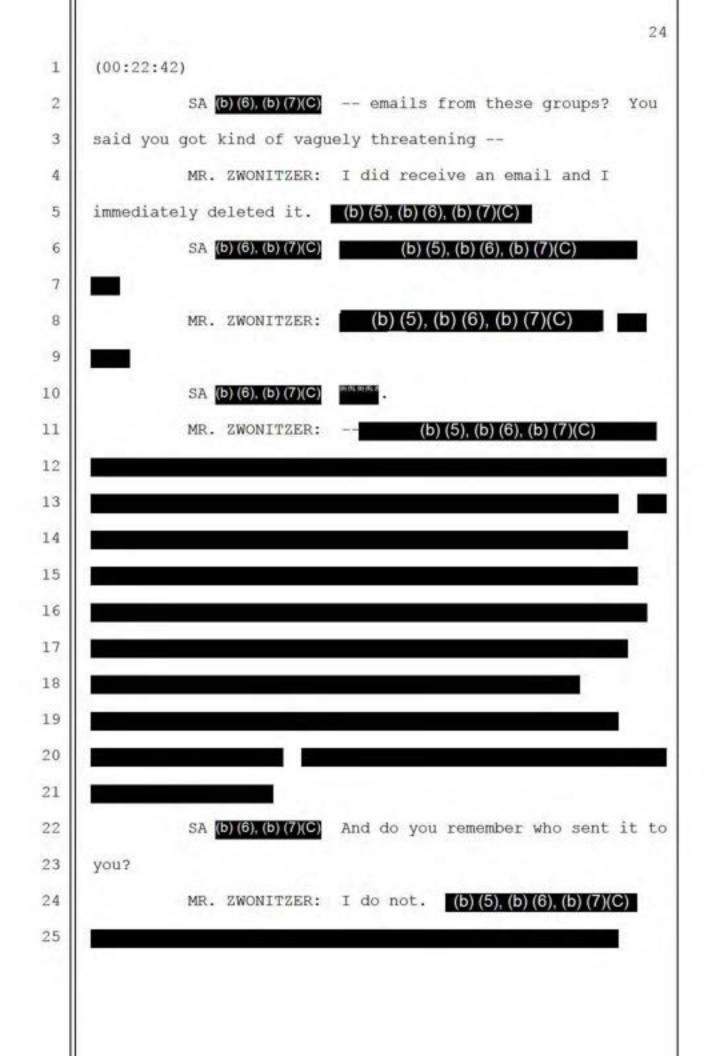


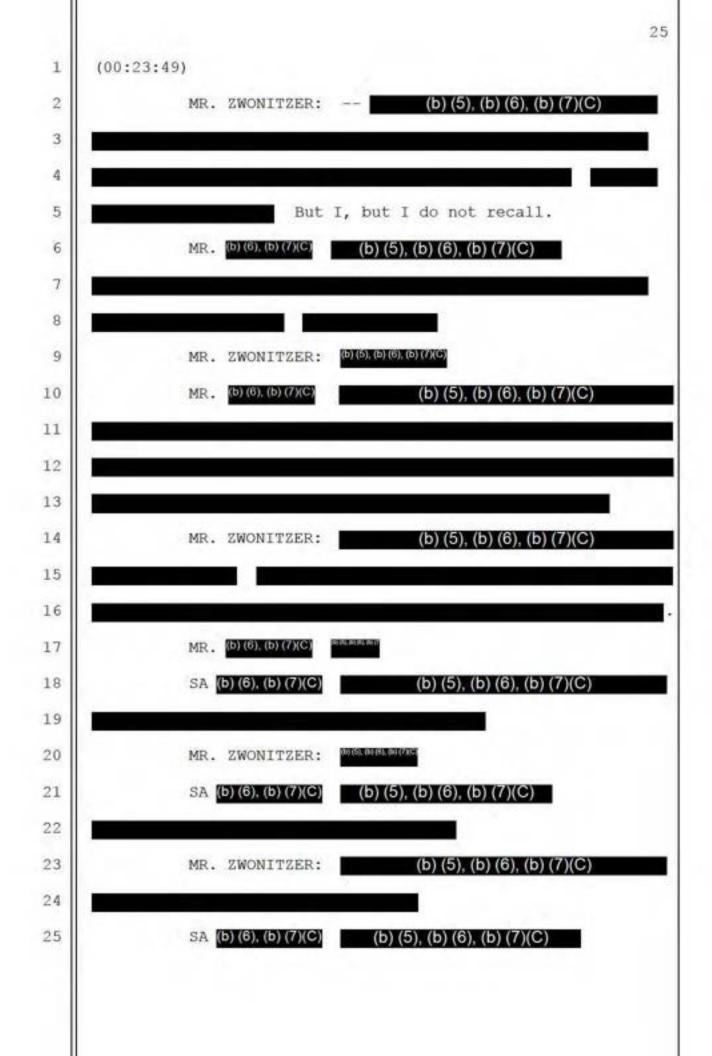


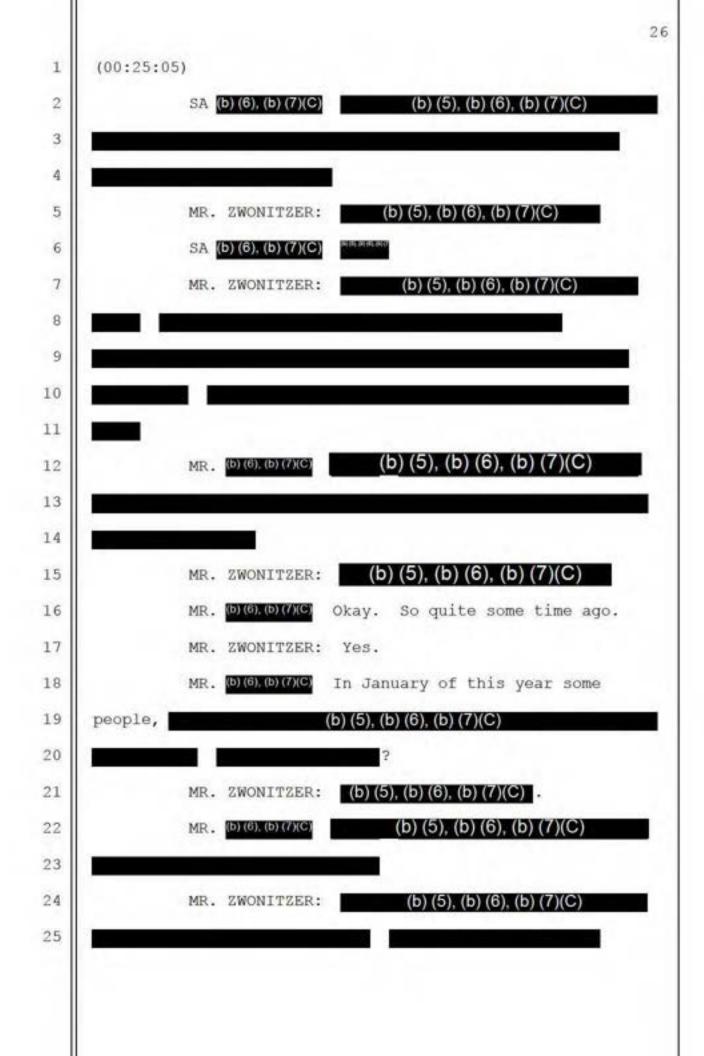


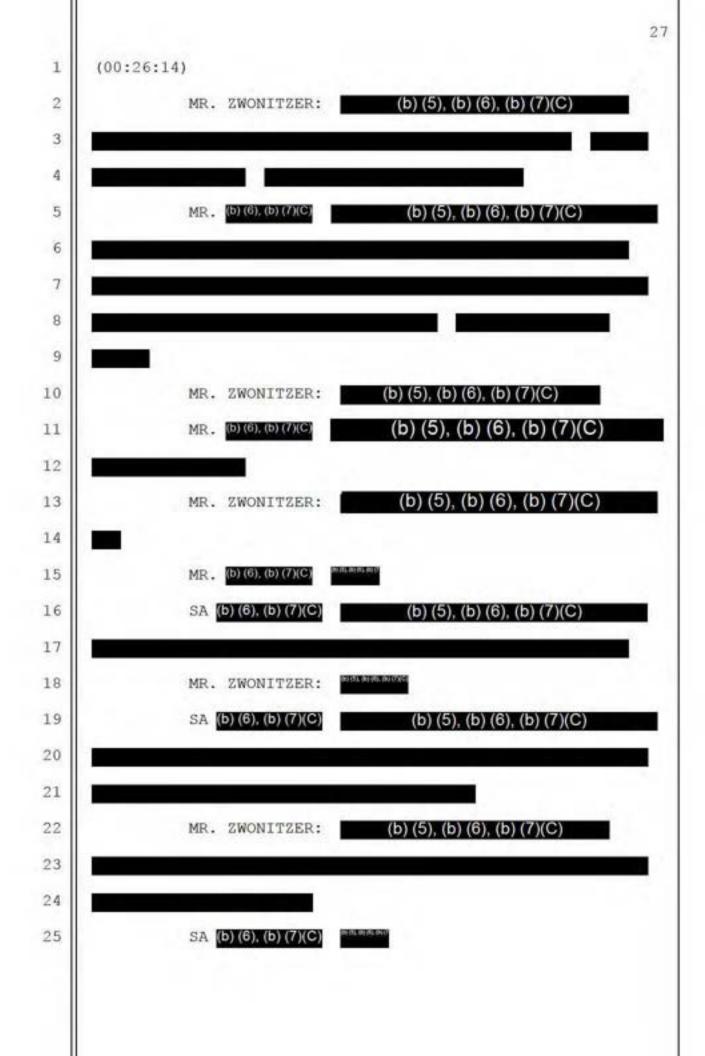
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7	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (8), (b) (7)(C).
8	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
9	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Just for when you said that
10	you it's your practice to delete the audio recordings?
11	MR. ZWONITZER: Mm-hmm.
12	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Generally, what timeframe does
13	that take place, like, when do you decide now I can delete
14	MR. ZWONITZER: It's not a like I don't have
15	set policy or anything but I know that when we moved from
16	(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , I know a lot of tapes went
17	in to a dumpster. So there was that. Like but and lik
18	I noticed that I still have some audio files from some
19	projects in 2018 and even in 2020 that I haven't yet
20	deleted. But I don't think those are anybody that was
21	really a public figure that I would worry about.
22	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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25	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

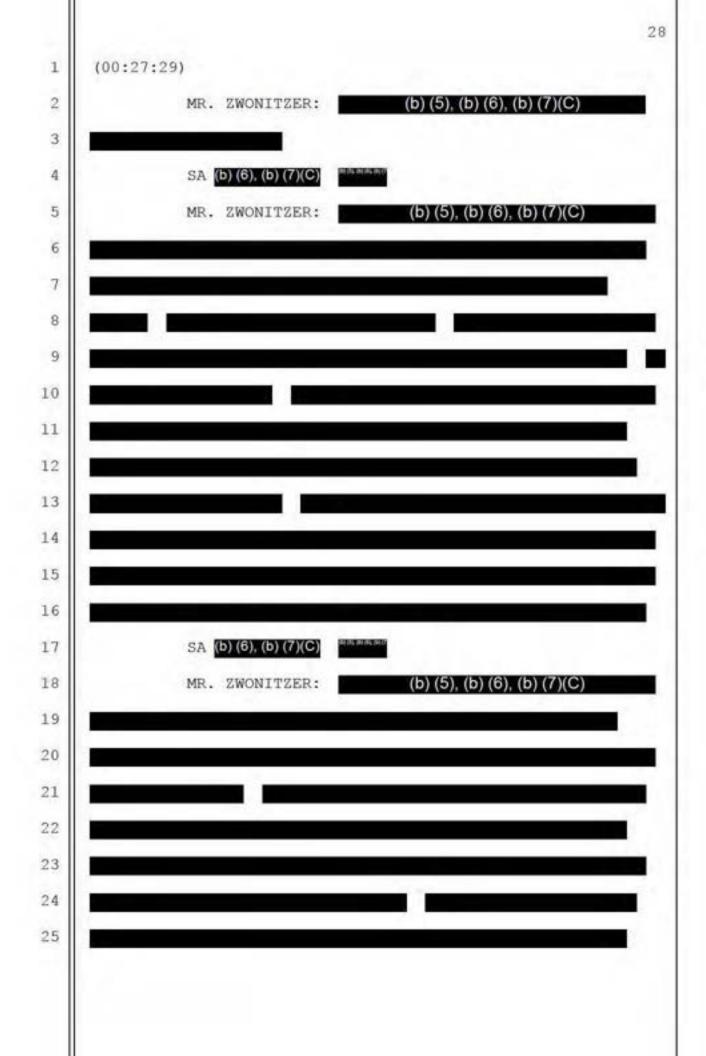


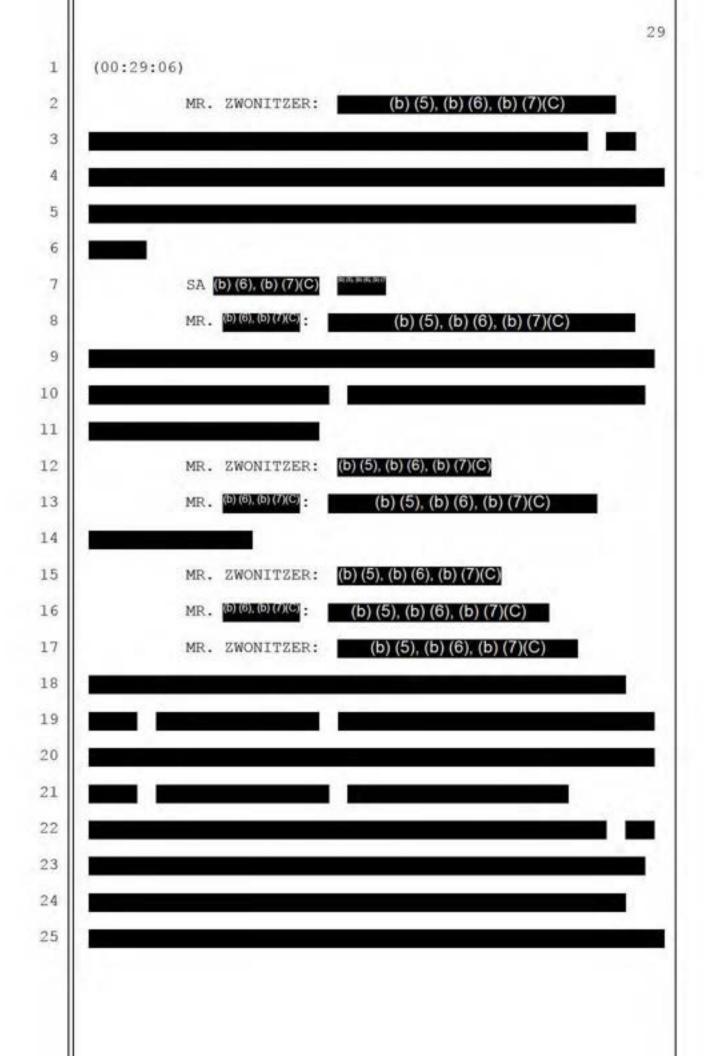


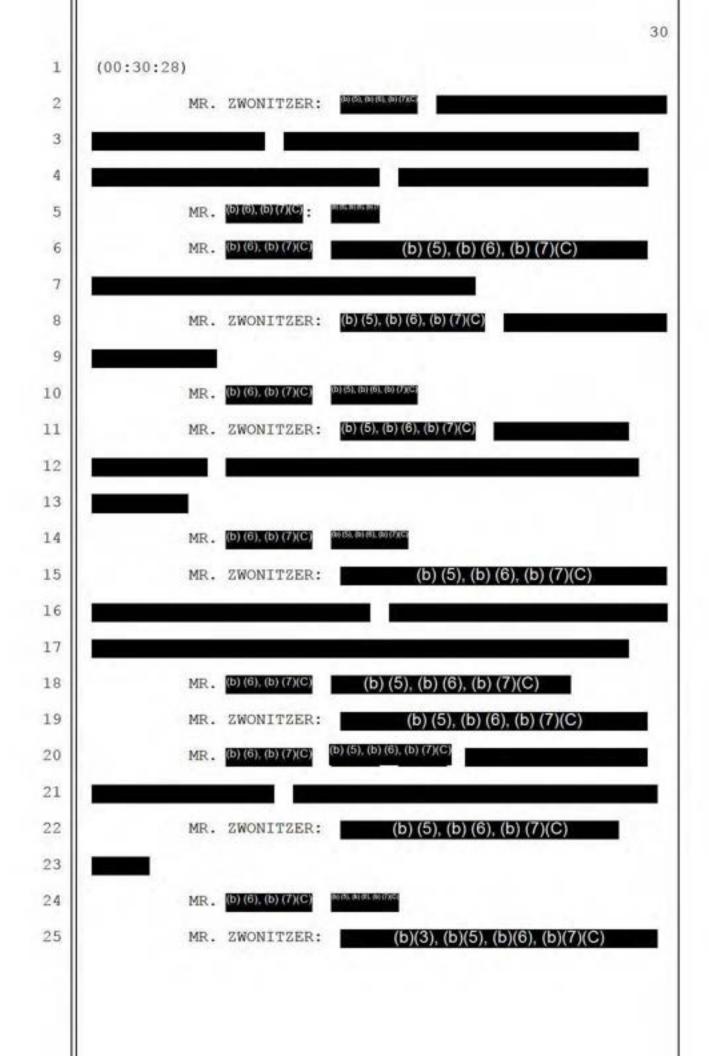


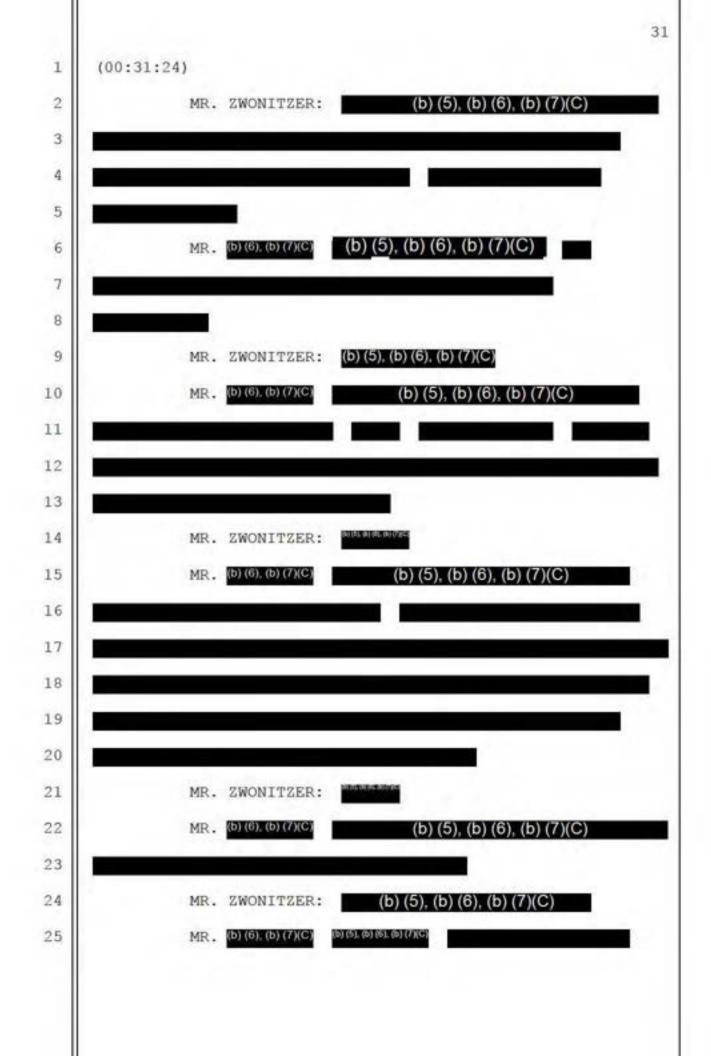


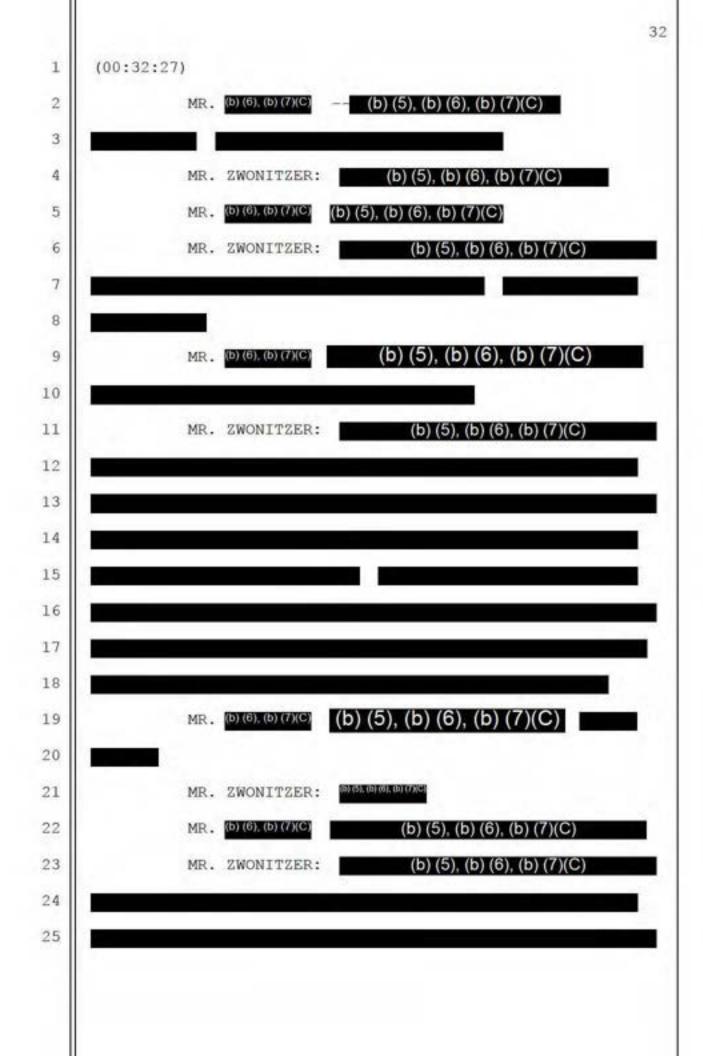


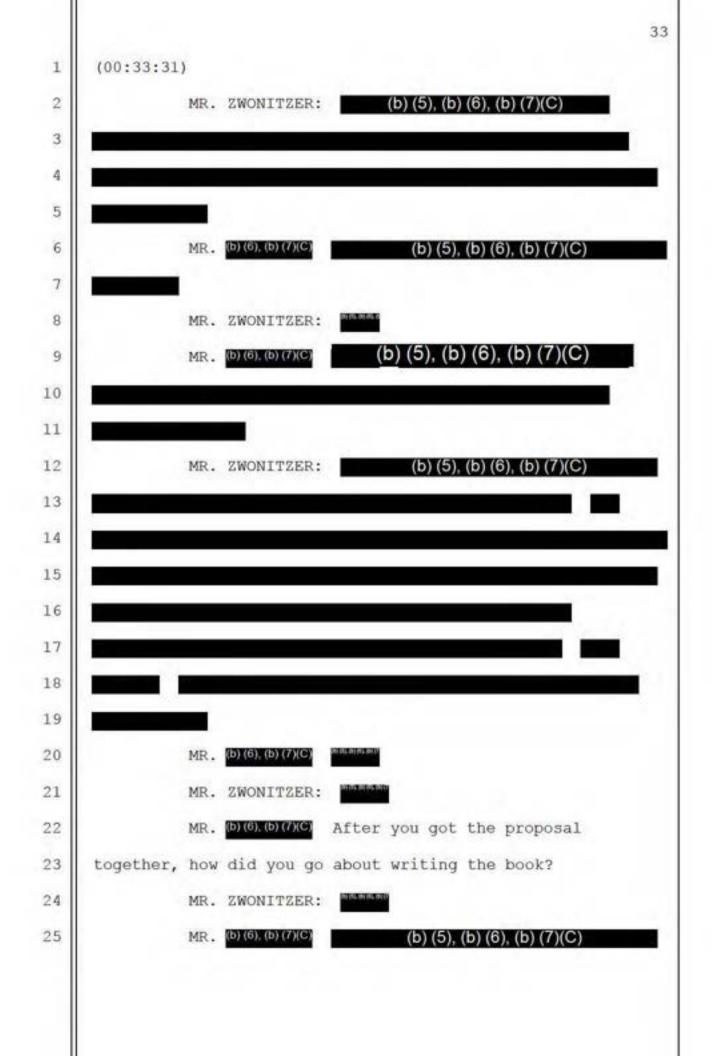


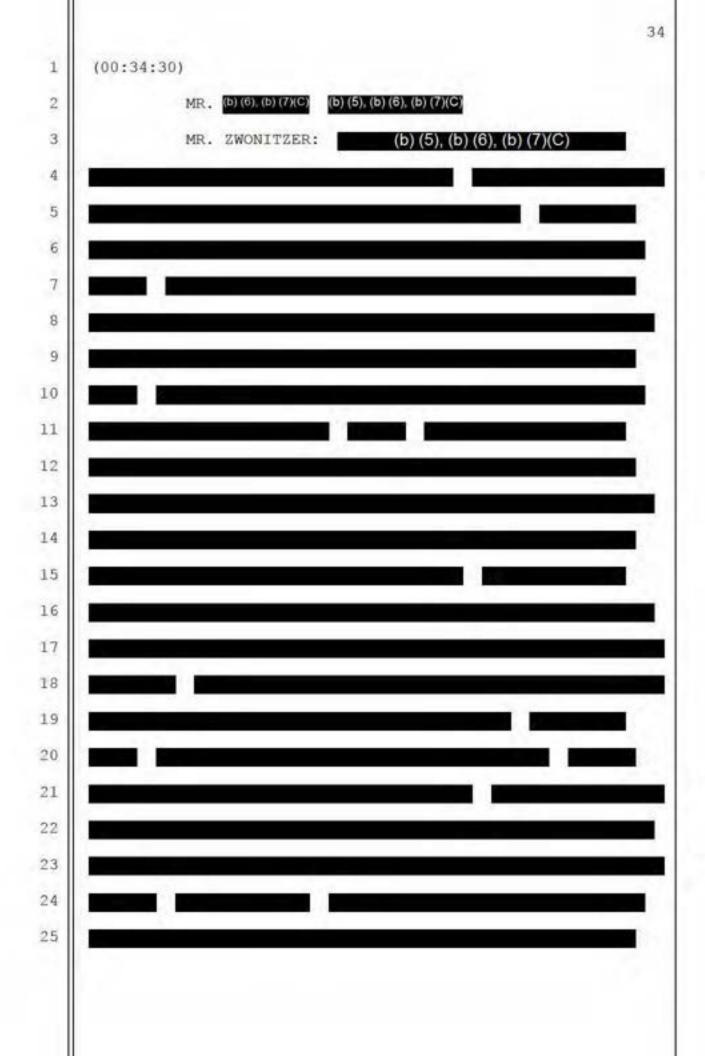


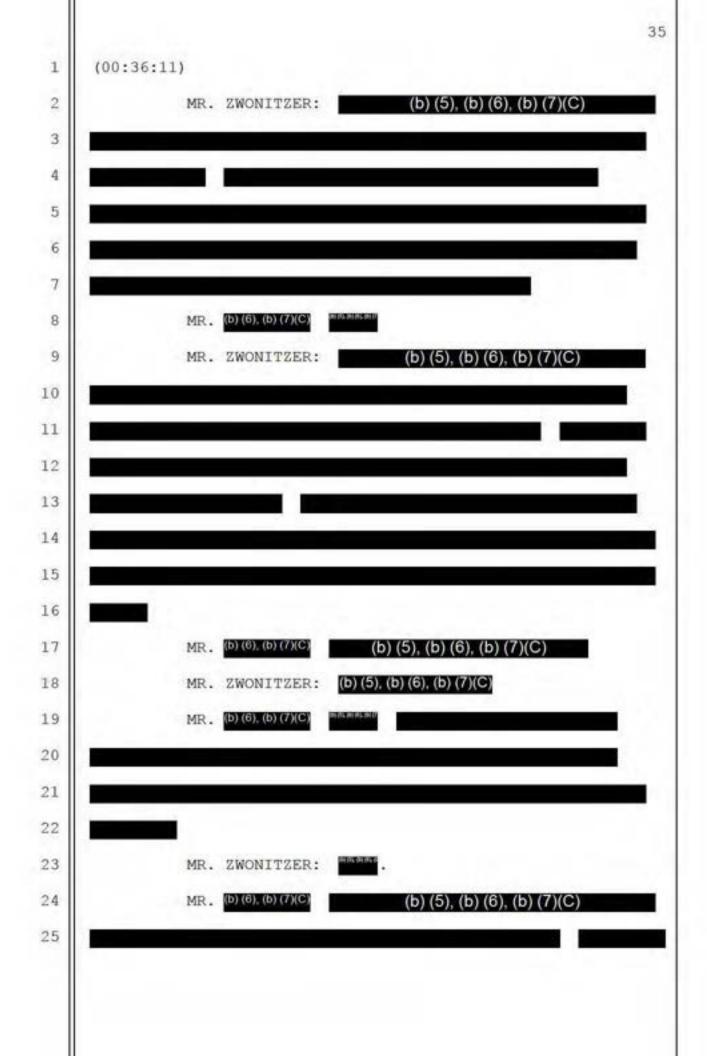


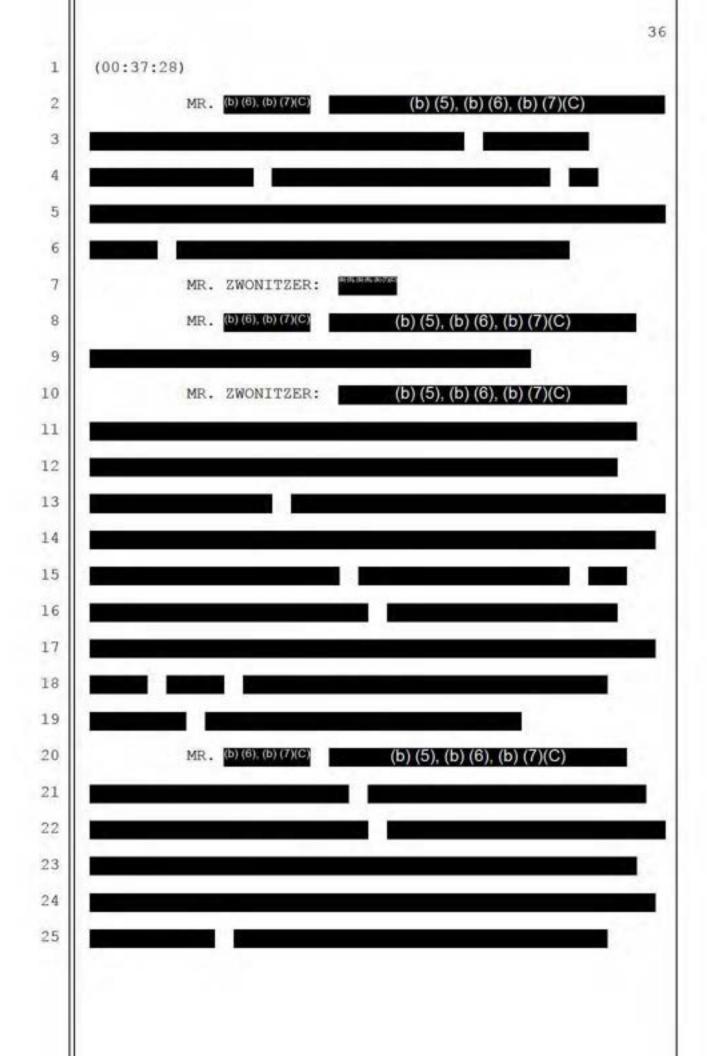


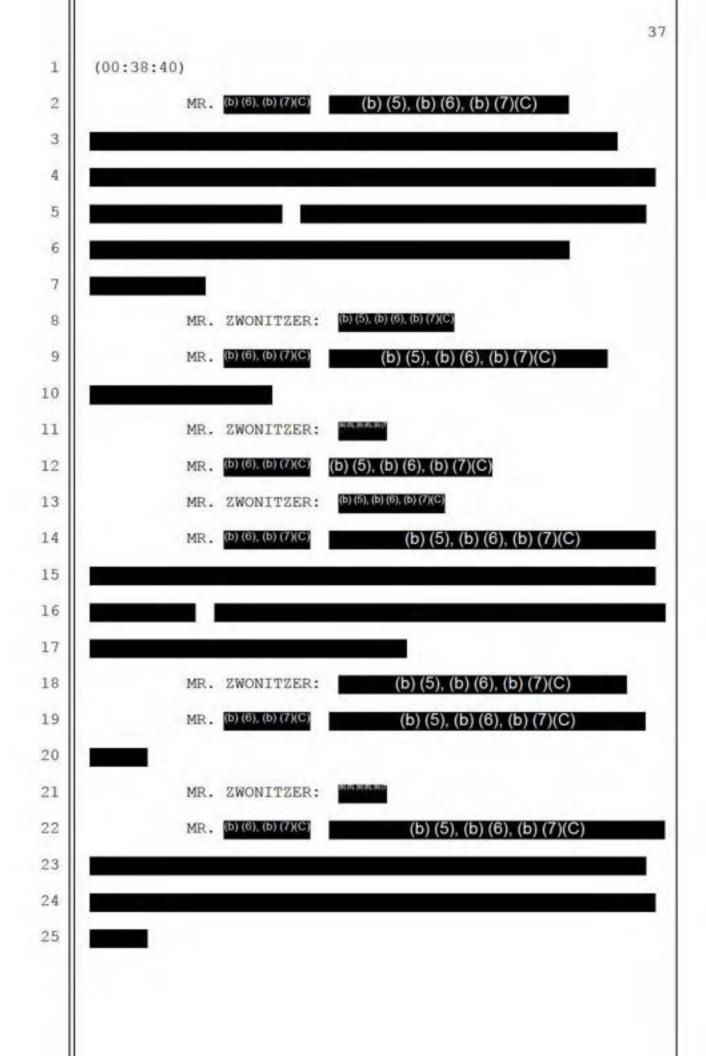


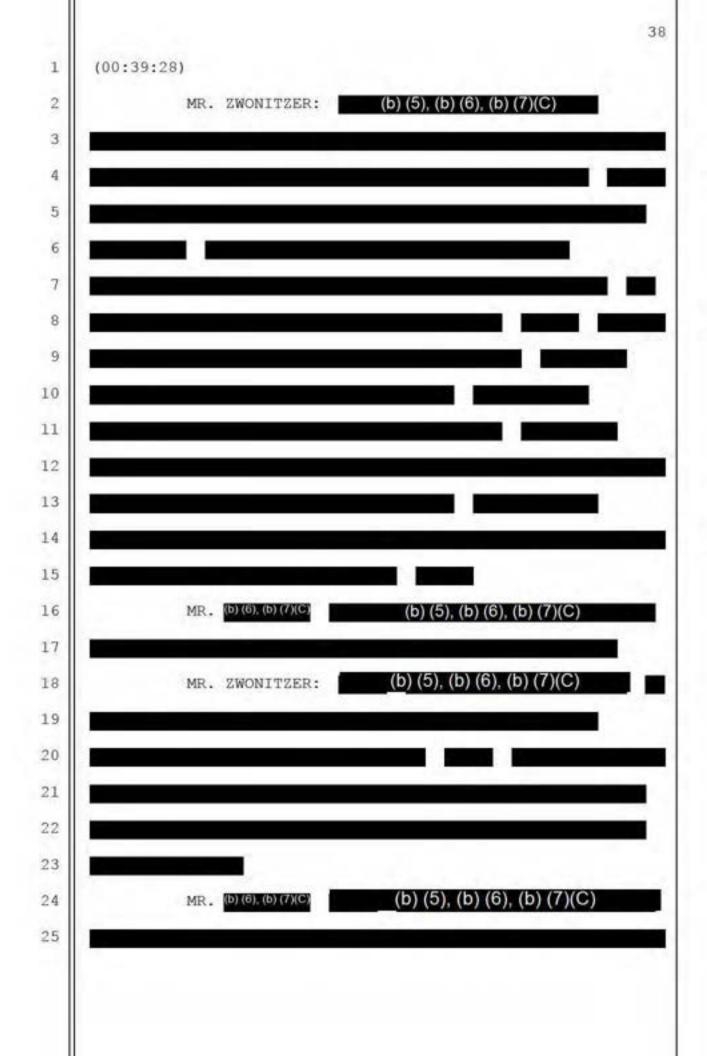


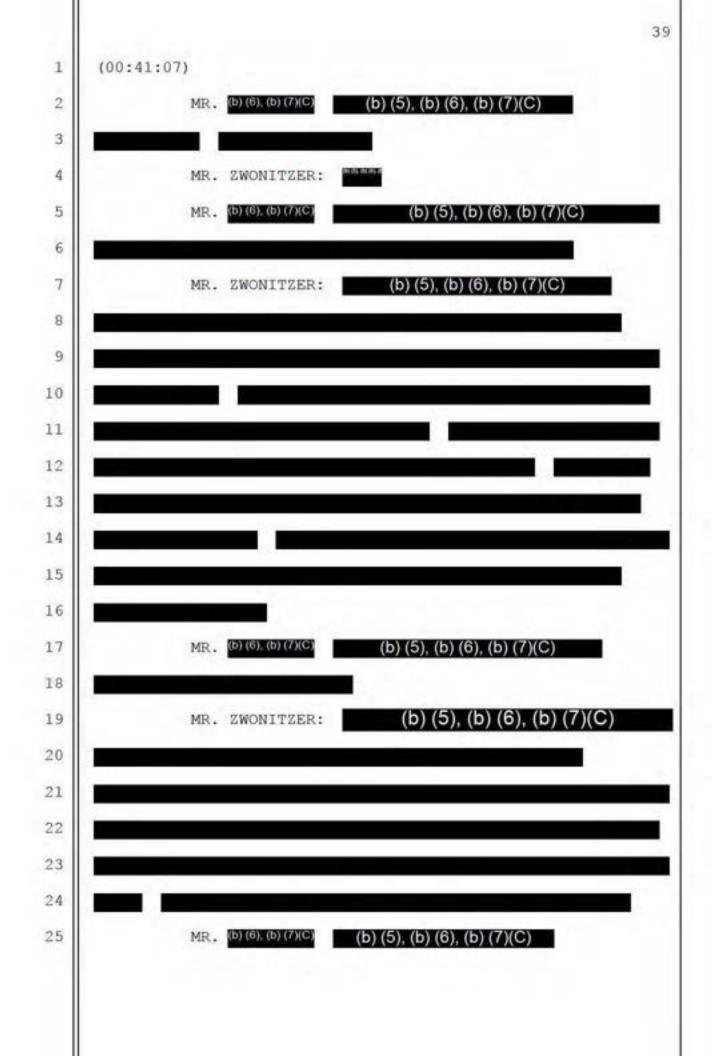


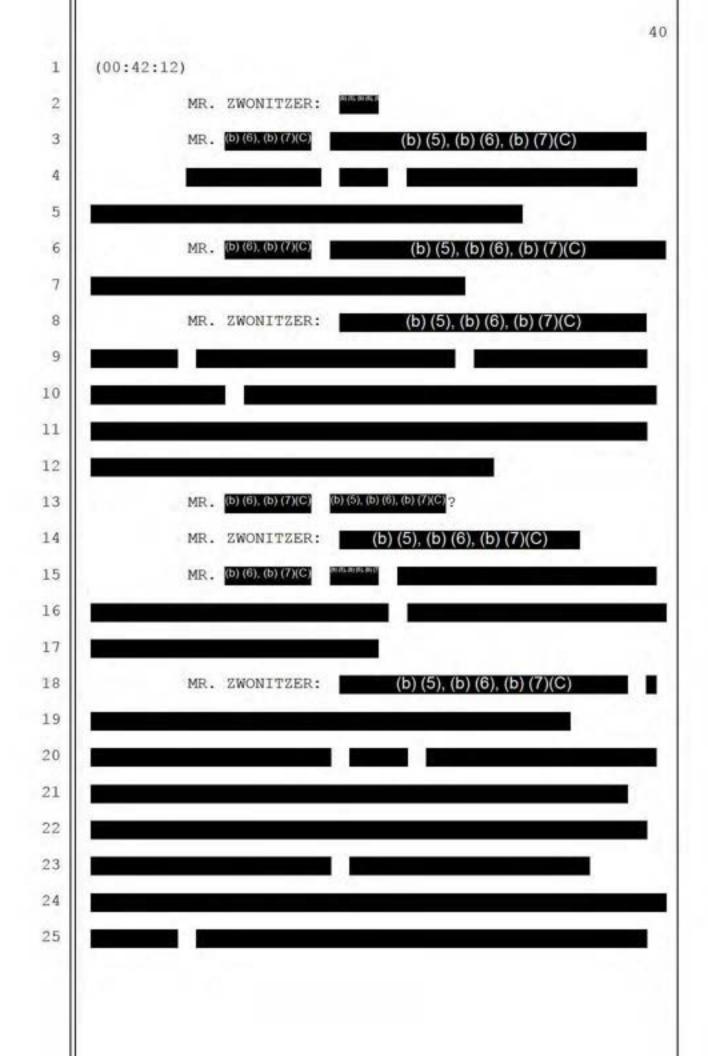


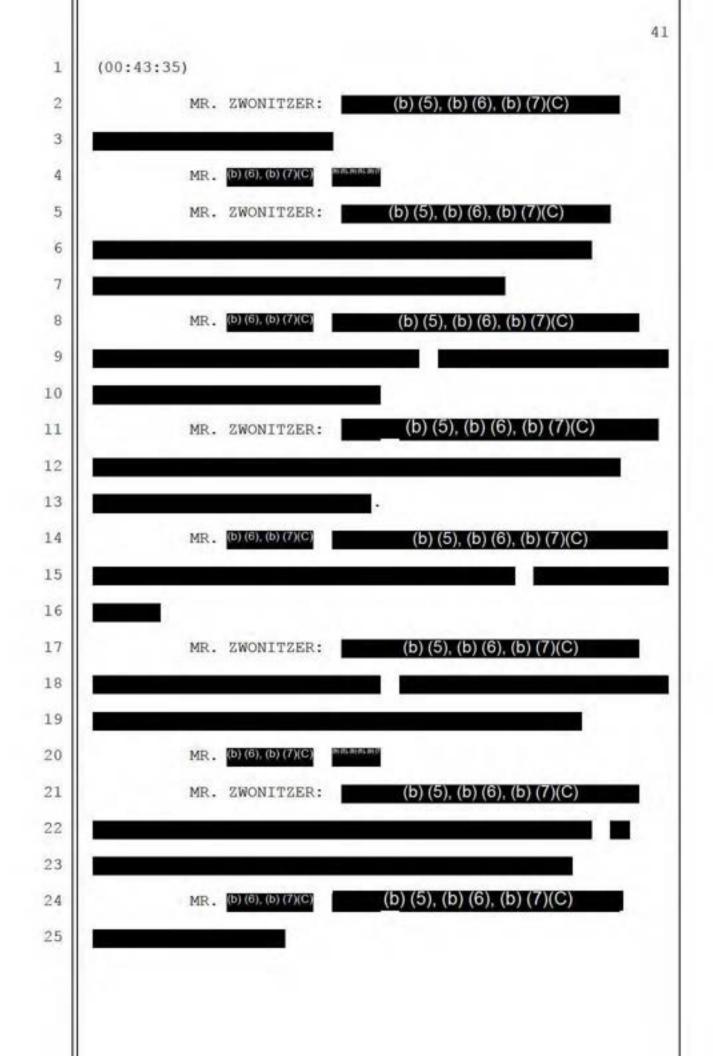


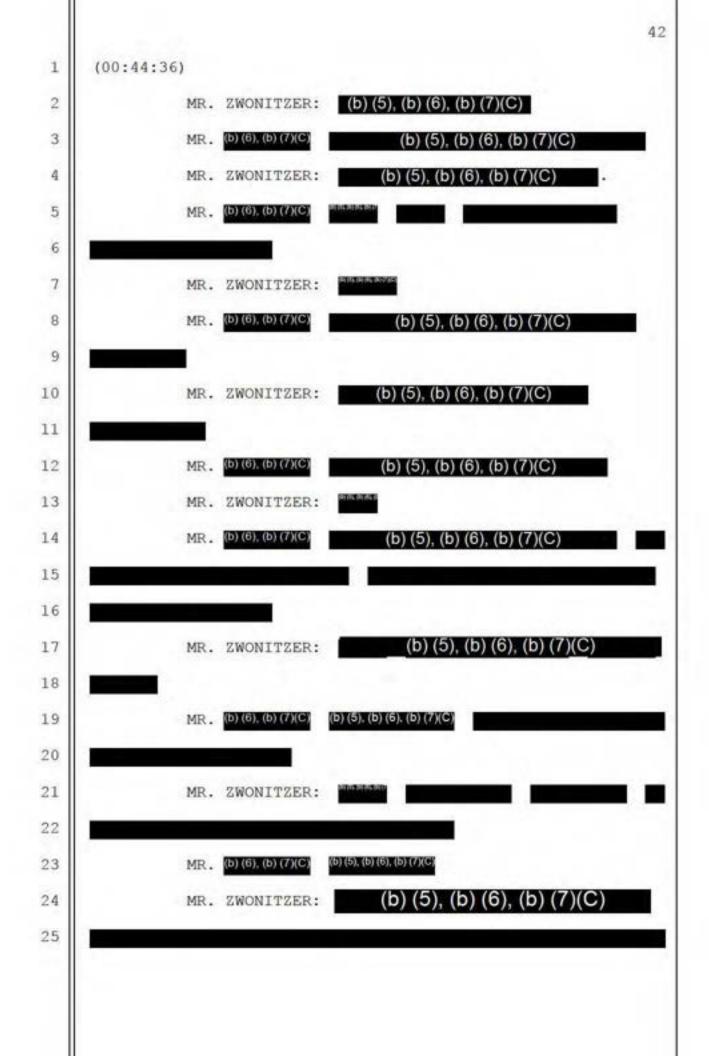


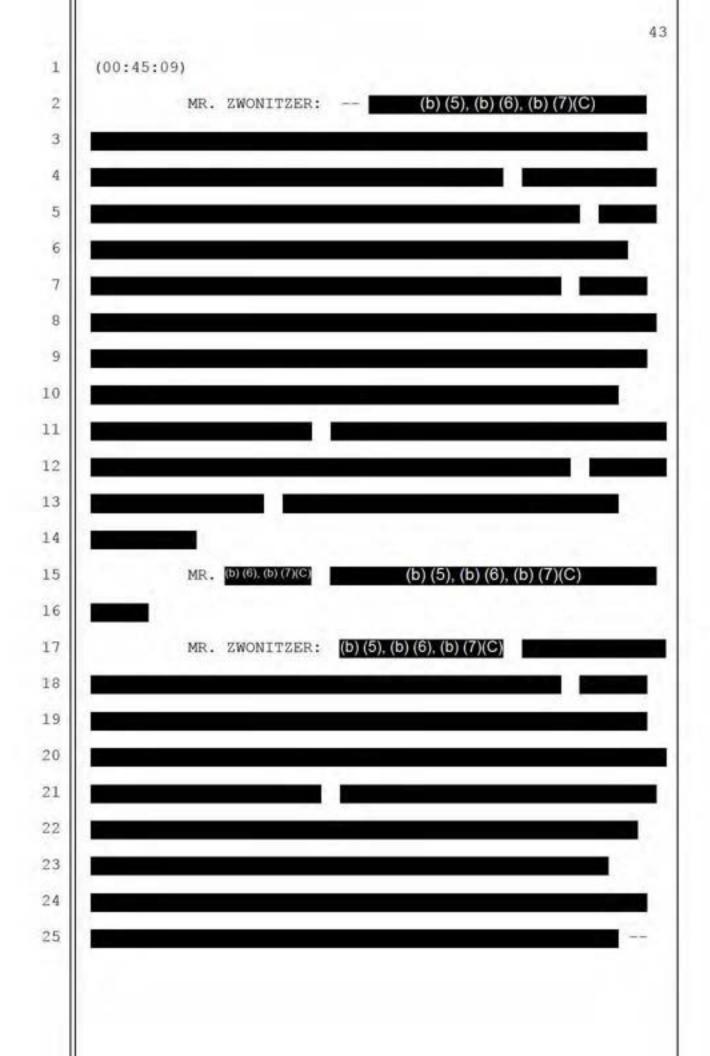


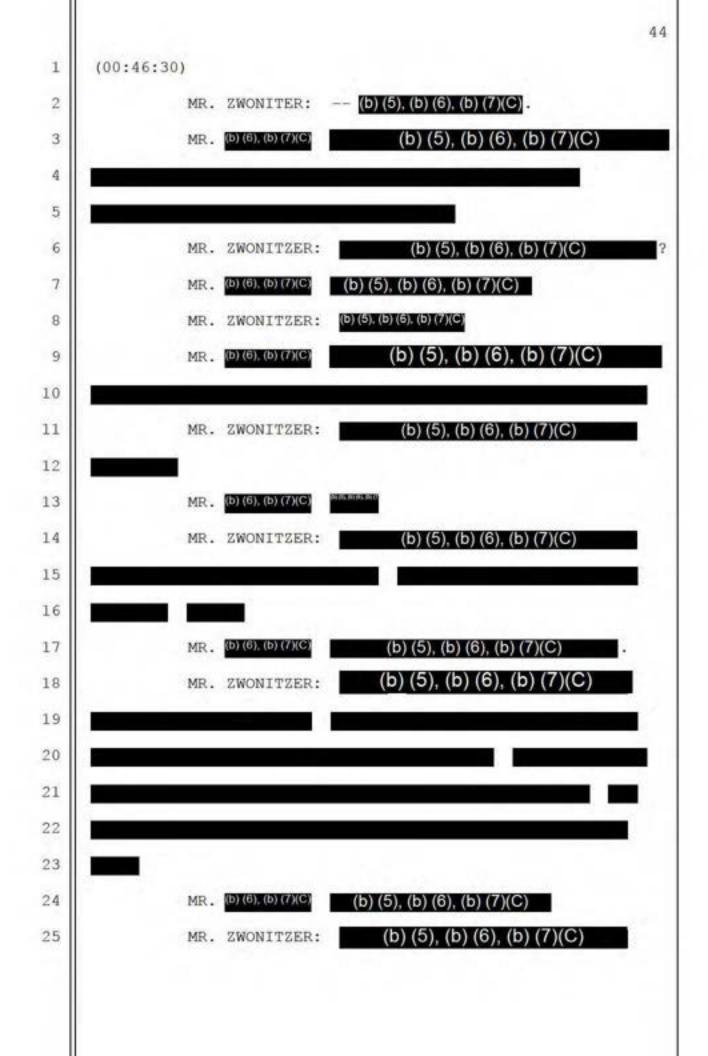


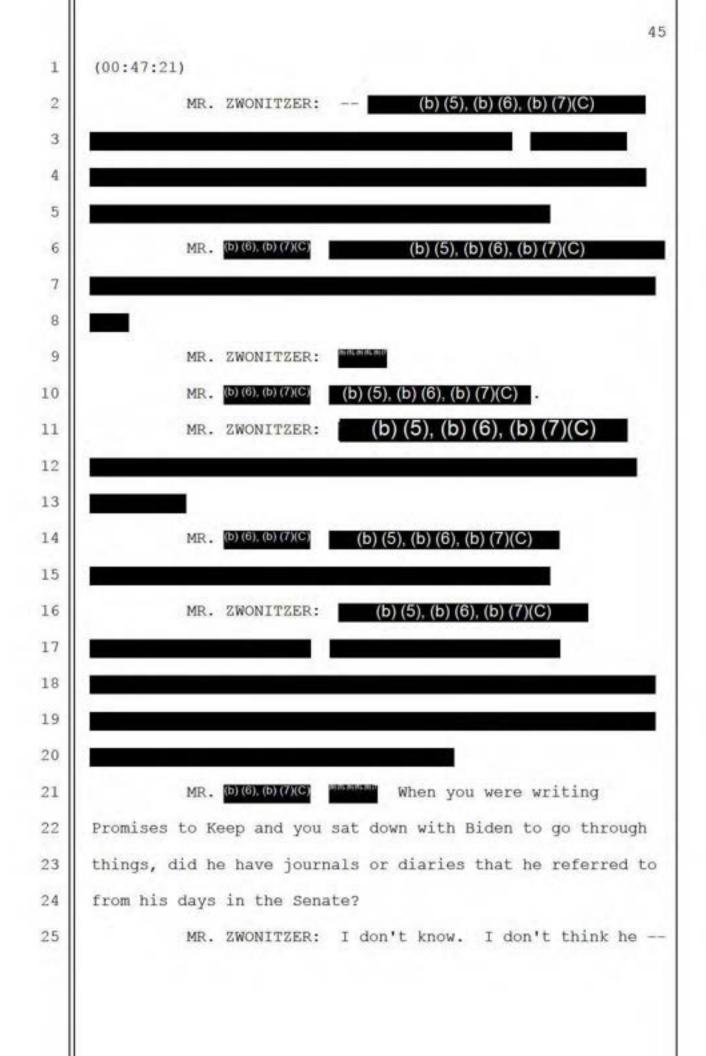








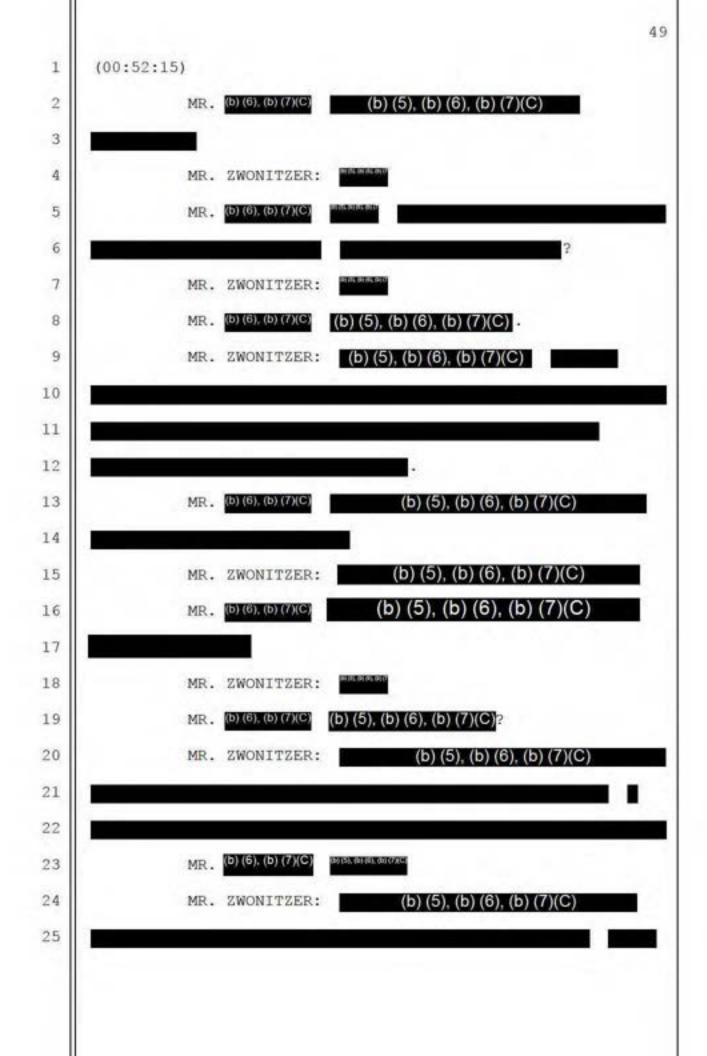




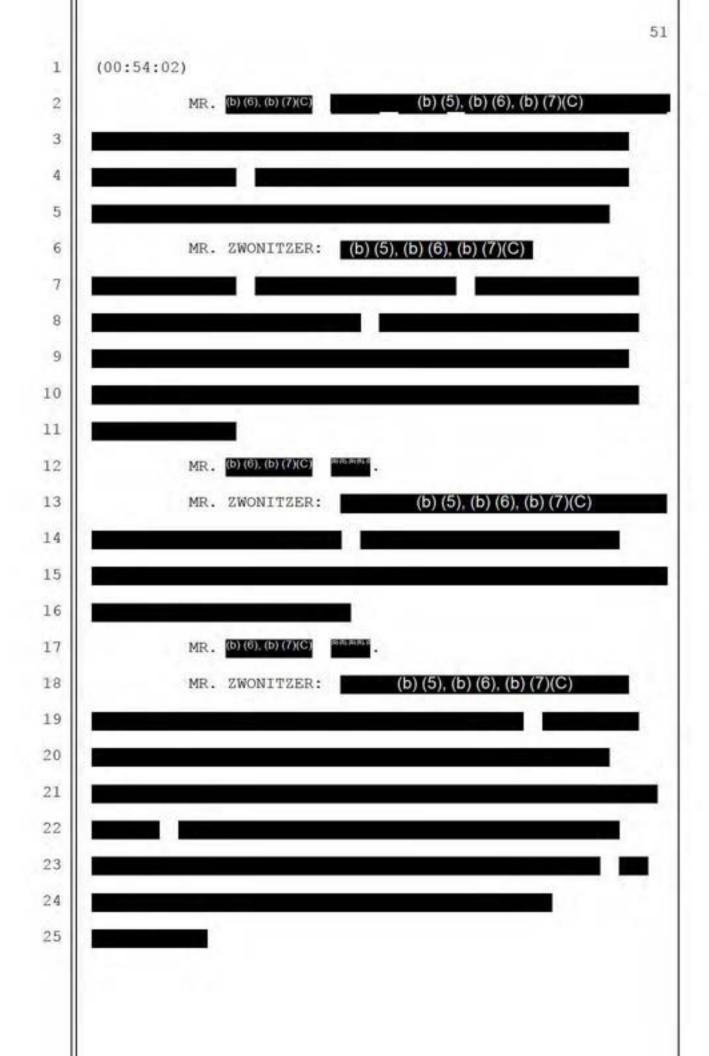
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2	MR. ZWONITZER: did. I don't remember that.
3	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) Okay. We talked about the themes
4	or sort of some of the topic and sort of the themes and
5	vignettes that you include in that book. One of the other
6	areas that besides, you know, his personal tragedy when he
7	ran for senate and later violence against women and the Bork
8	hearings is there's a chapter or several parts that talk
9	about sort of him earning his foreign policy chops, from
10	lack of a better description
11	MR. ZWONITZER: Mm-hmm, right.
12	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) in the late '70s
13	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
14	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) when President
15	MR. ZWONITZER: Going with Harriman and
16	MR. (b)(6)(0)(7)(C) Exactly, that's right. When
17	President Carter asked him to go and he went to Germany.
18	MR. ZWONITZER: Right.
19	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) And he went to the Soviet Union and
20	he went on these trips abroad and the theme I got out of is
21	this is sort of where he he was pretty young. He was
22	still in his thirties, he'd been in the Senate for years but
23	still a young guy and he'd go and sit across the table from
24	these leaders, these Soviet Union leaders or stare at them.
25	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. When I was your age I

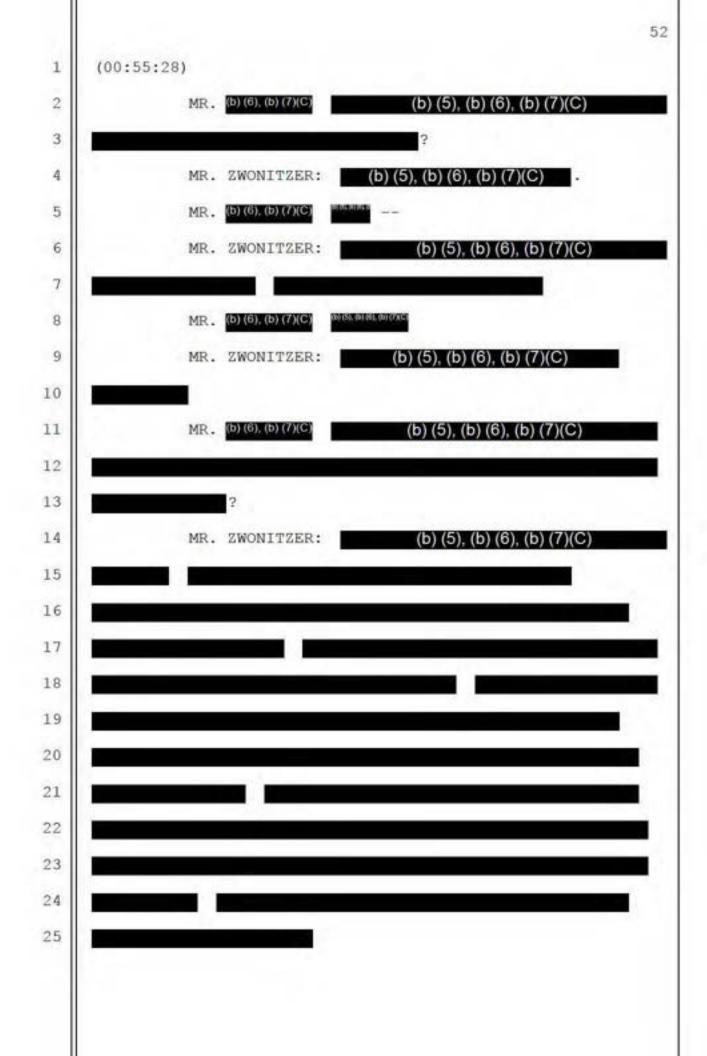
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2	MR. ZWONITZER: was fighting the Nazis.
3	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) And I was in Stalingrad, like yeah,
4	that's exactly it. He tells about that chapter and that,
5	what the, what was the theme you were getting at then?
6	MR. ZWONITZER: Well it was really, yeah, as you
7	said it was about sort of learning. I mean it was he was
8	incredibly fortunate as a guy who was in his early thirties
9	who's having these experiences and learning, and not just
10	learning by being a staff member but by literally sitting
11	across the table from people like Gromyko. I mean the thing
12	I remember most about that chapter, that time period just to
13	say like he would say like, like who was I at that point
14	time? He tells the story about being at I think it was
15	Averell Harriman's house with a group of people. And Ted
16	Kennedy was there and they were talking and he was saying
17	something and he picked up this object that was on the
18	coffee table and sort of like talking and kind of
19	absentmindedly going like this and then Ted Kennedy said, oh
20	crap, put it back down. He said, Joe, that's a Faberge egg.
21	So, you know, he's saying like I'm a young guy who doesn't
22	know a lot. I'm like, you know, like I'm a kid from
23	Scranton, Pennsylvania and here I am. And so it's, it's
24	like learning on the fly.
25	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) They're pretty vivid tales about

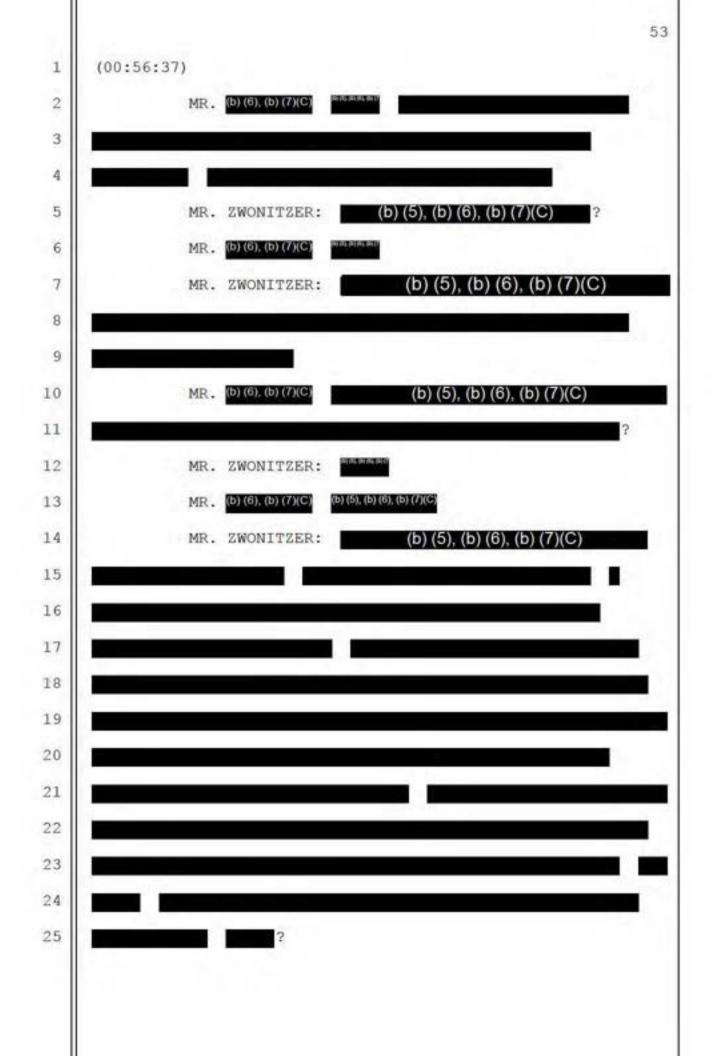
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2	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) those meetings in the later '78,
3	'79 I think is the timeframe where he went on these trips.
4	Or I don't know about the first trips he went abroad but the
5	ones in the book the sort of him learning to do this as a
6	young, relatively young man. Did he have notes, materials,
7	the little notebooks you talked about or scrapbook type
8	things on those trips that he you guys went through?
9	MR. ZWONITZER: No. It was that all that stuff
10	I think I mean I think he did maybe I think maybe I
11	had some notes from the Senate about from his staff about
12	like when he made certain trips, just chronologies. But
13	again memoir, I mean most of this came from his memory.
14	MR. (b)(6).(b)(7)(C) Okay. Would he refer to things
15	when you guys sat down? I mean would he just be leaning
16	back, let me tell you about back in the day? Or was it like
17	him, you know, with a notebook open or some materials in
18	front of him that he'd refer to.
19	MR. ZWONITZER: In this instance it was almost
20	never with a note. I think he had himself like read through
21	things to remind himself about certain things that happened
22	many years ago. But it was really, it was just like this,
23	talking like this.
24	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) Okay.
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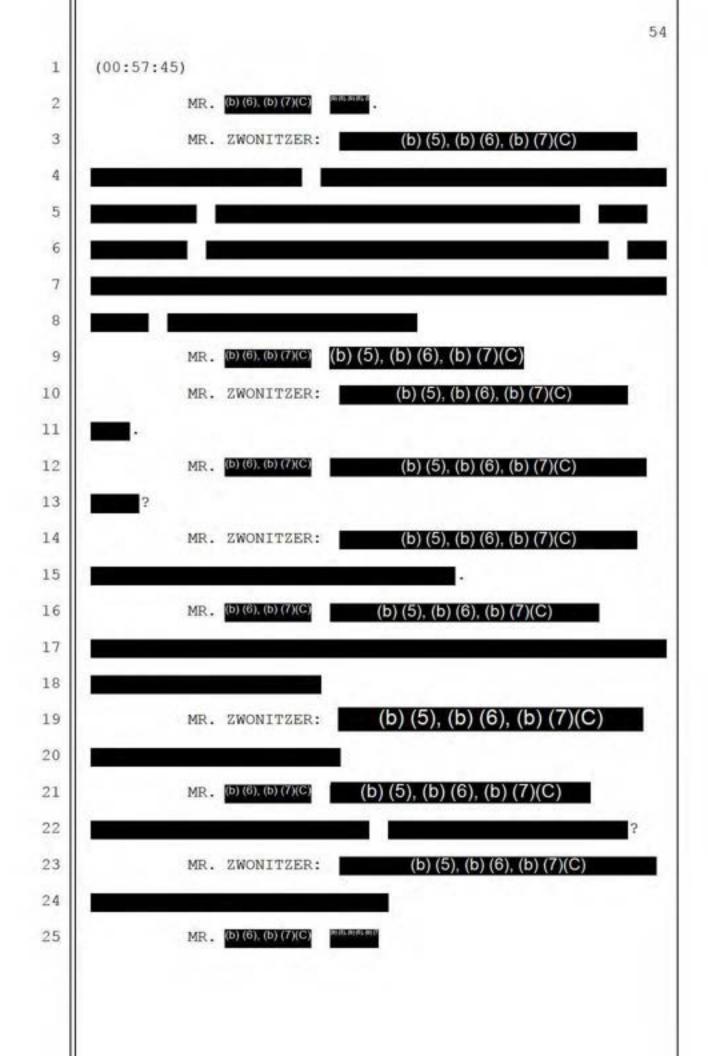


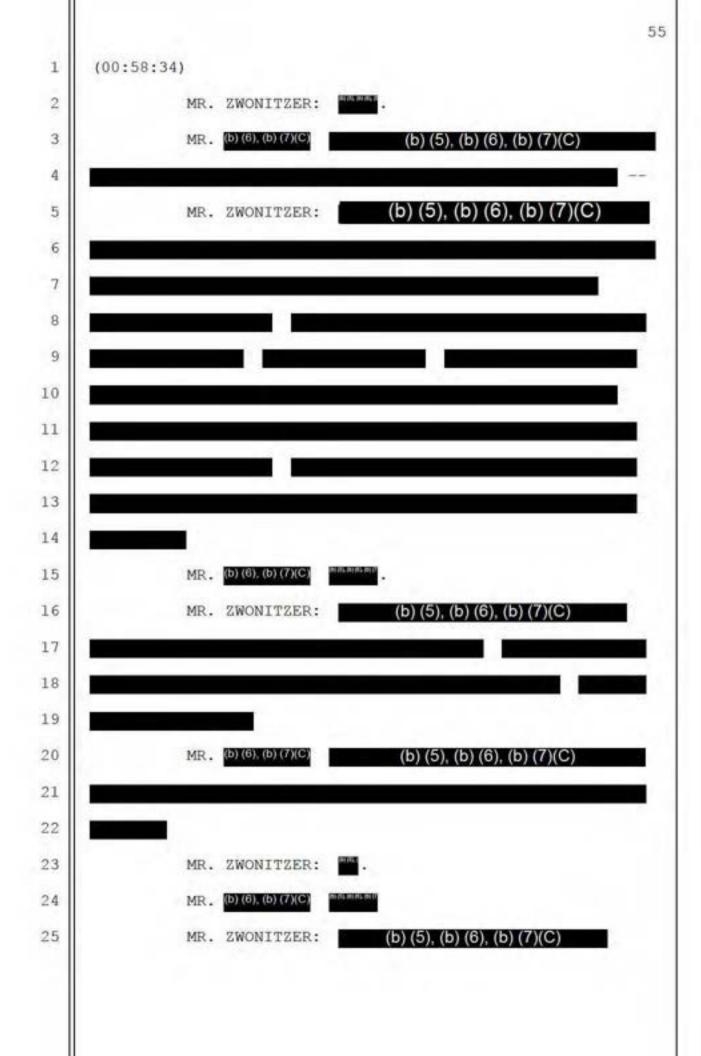
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2	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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8	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Sure. Sure. One other topic in
9	that book and I forgot to mention it earlier, there's
10	a and near the end of the book there's a chapter or two
11	about Afghanistan then, you know, the sort of early days.
12	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
13	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) And the Bush Administration's
14	decision to go to war in Afghanistan. Do you recall that
15	chapter?
16	MR. ZWONITZER: I do. Yeah. I remember yeah,
17	I do remember that chapter.
18	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. And what was the purpose of
19	that or why was that included in the book?
20	MR. ZWONITZER: In the book
21	MR. (b)(6).(b)(7)(C) Was there something that Biden felt
22	strongly about?
23	MR. ZWONITZER: It was something he felt strongly
24	about I think, and it was a very you know, in 2007 it was
25	still very present topic.

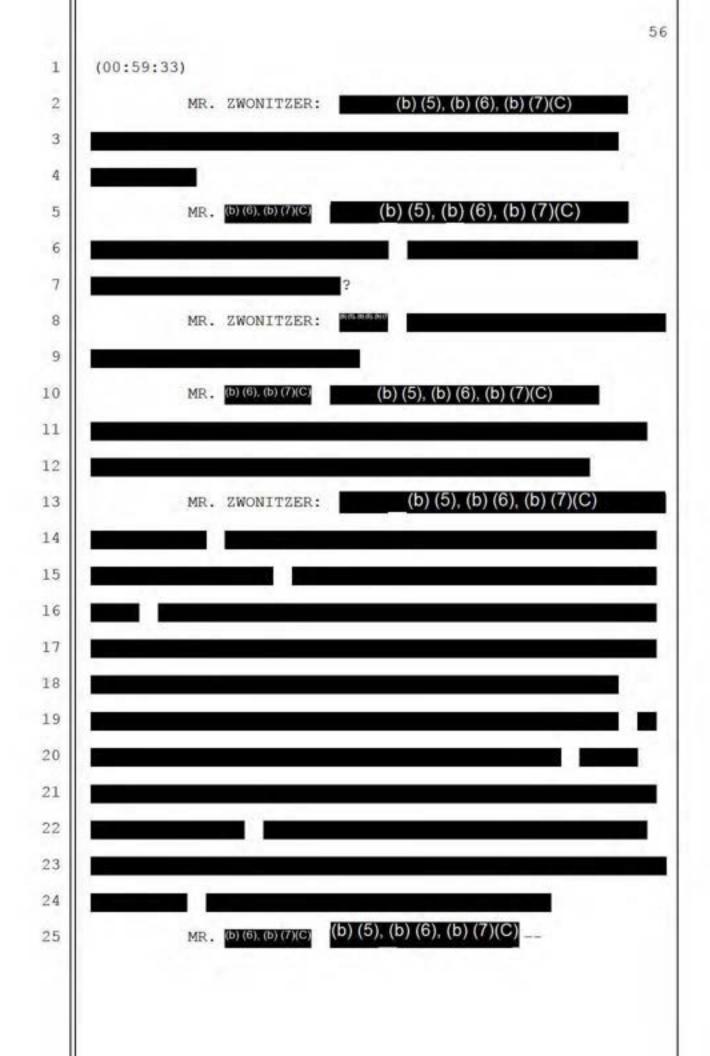


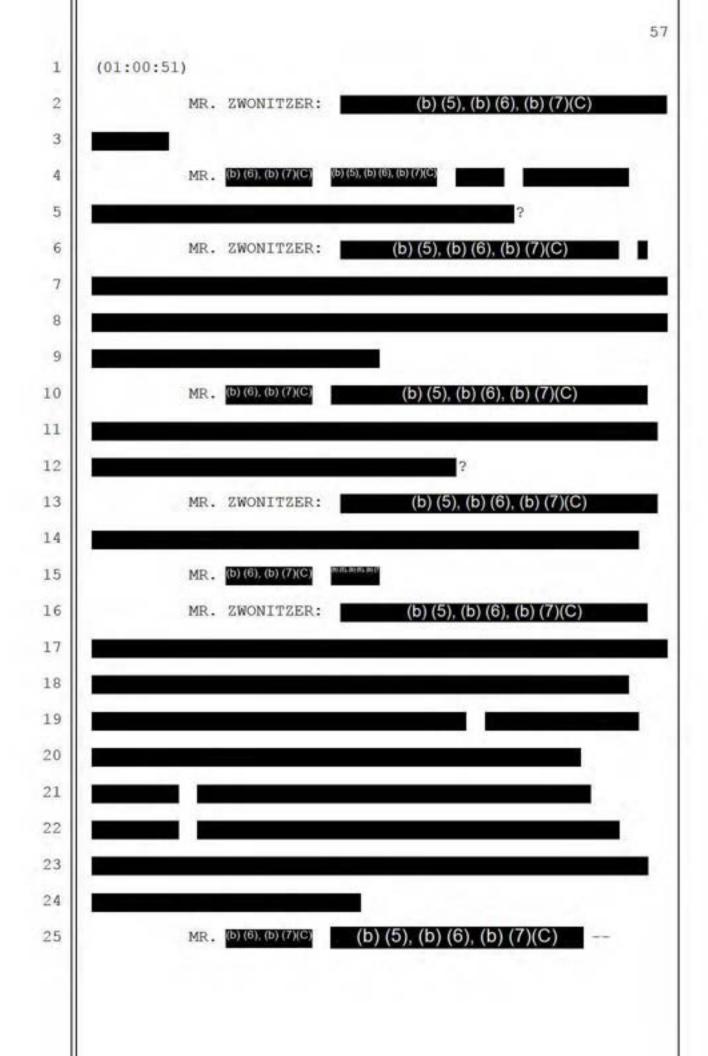


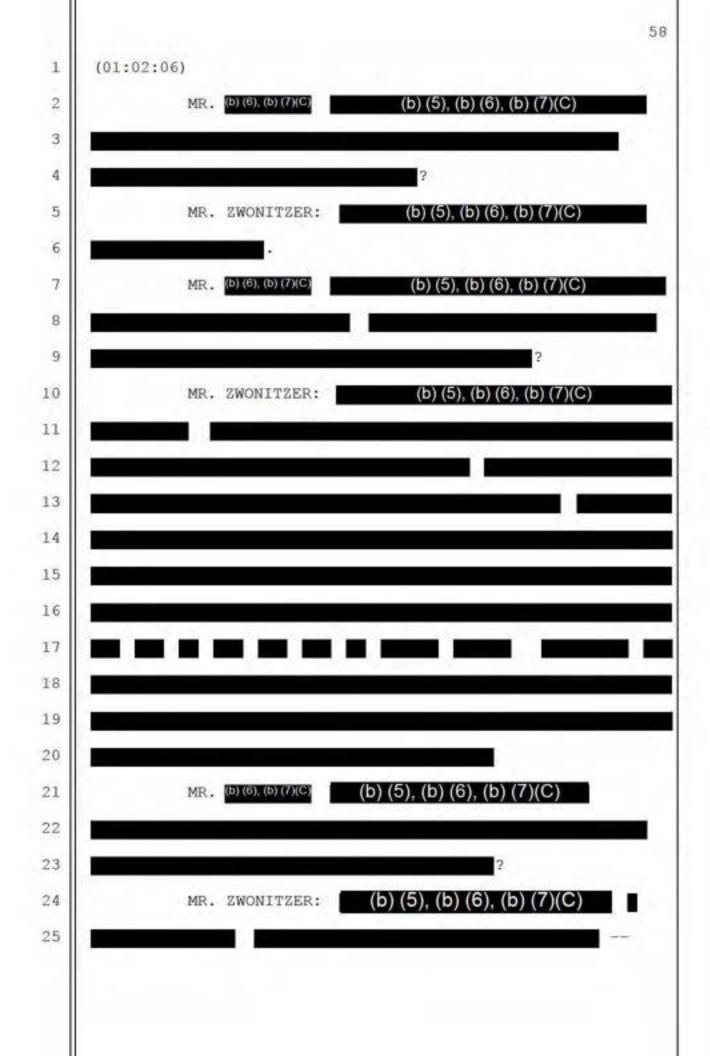


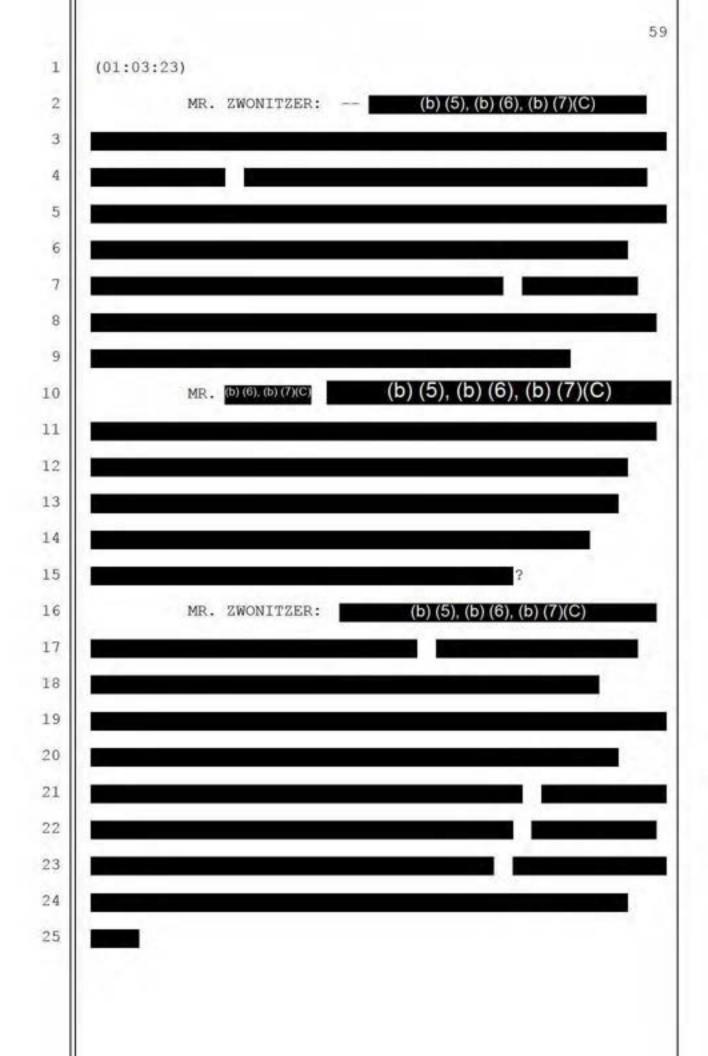


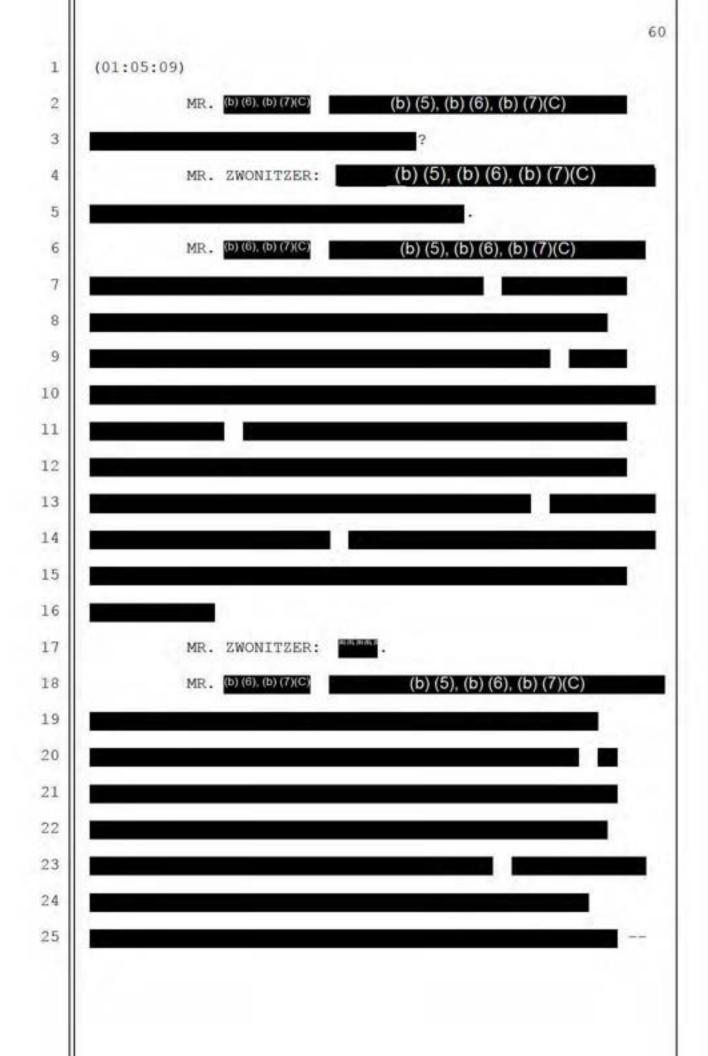


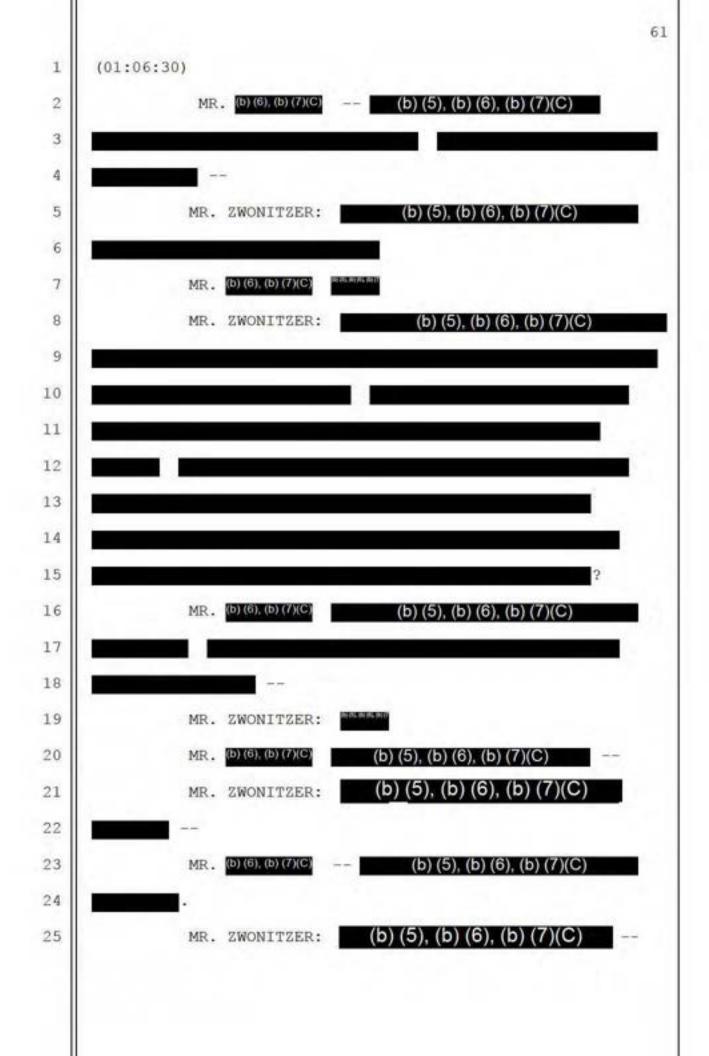


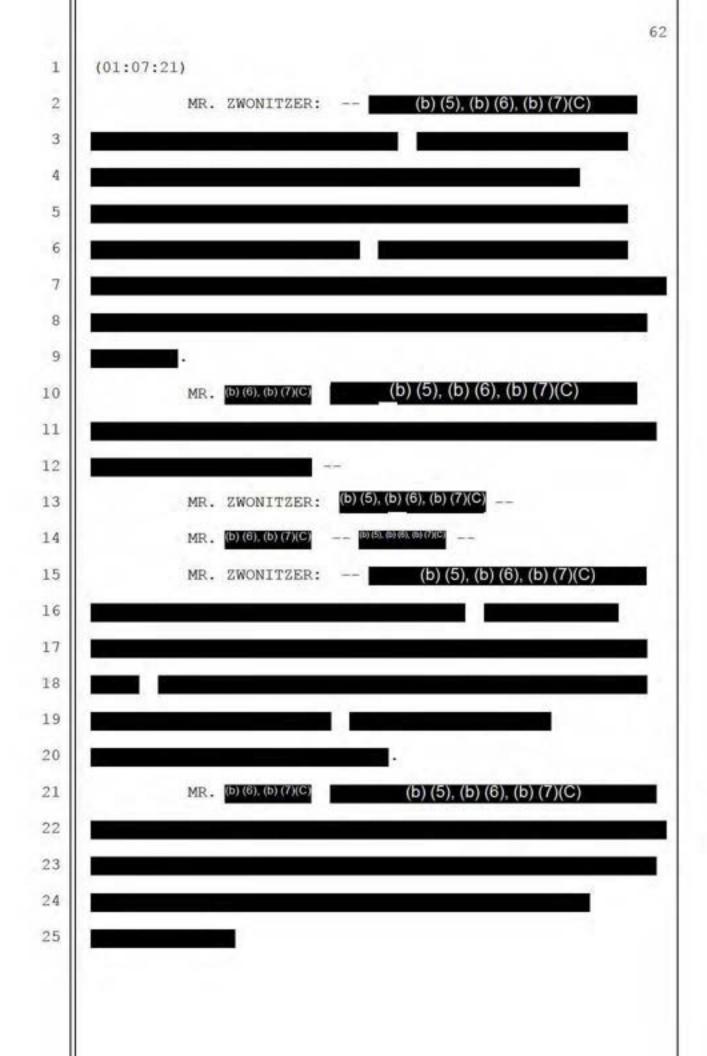


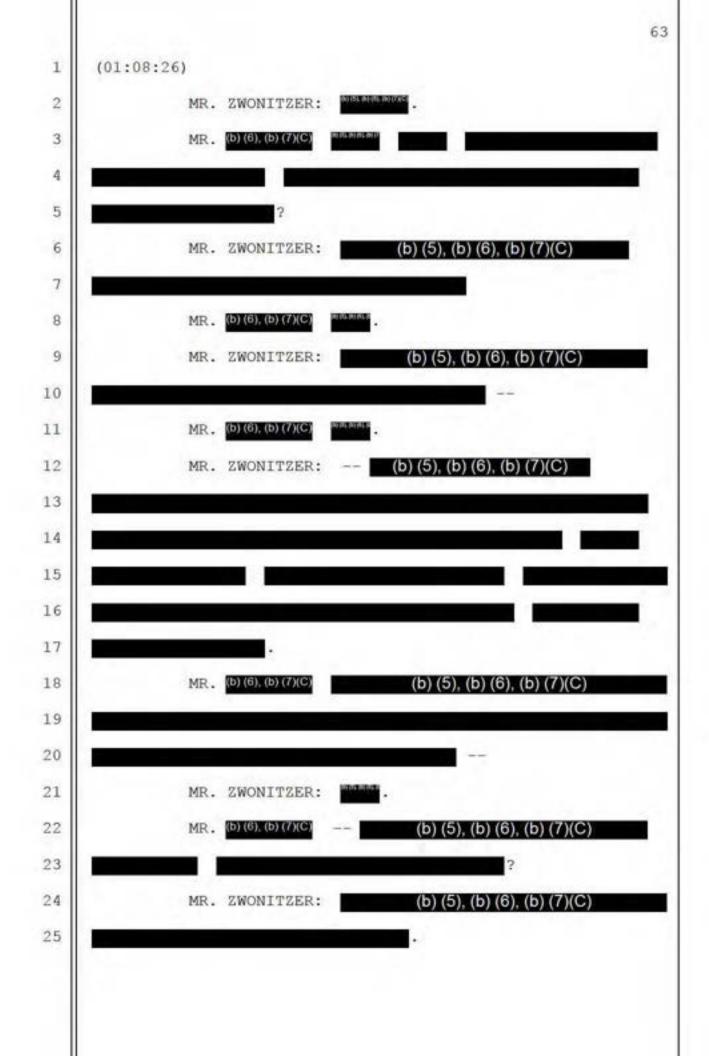


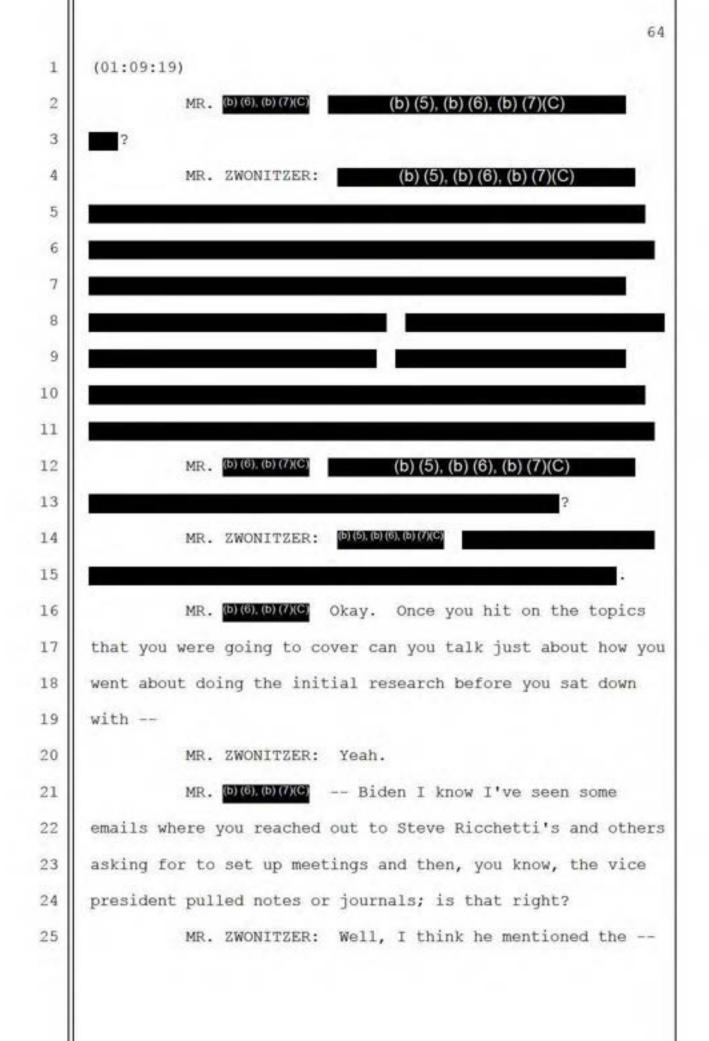








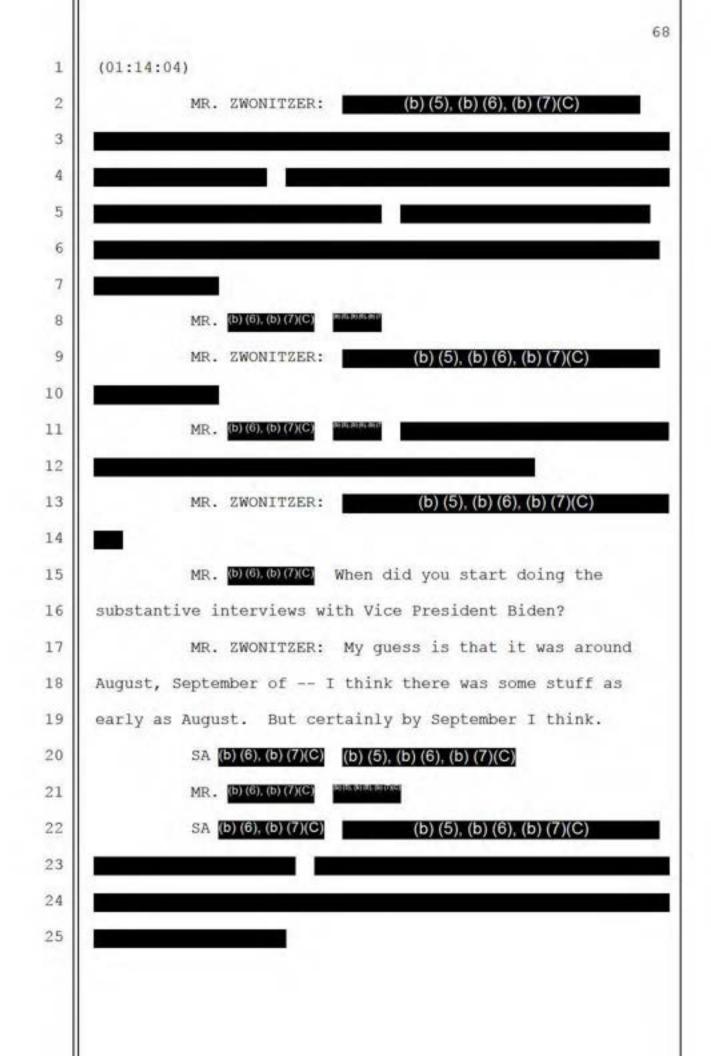


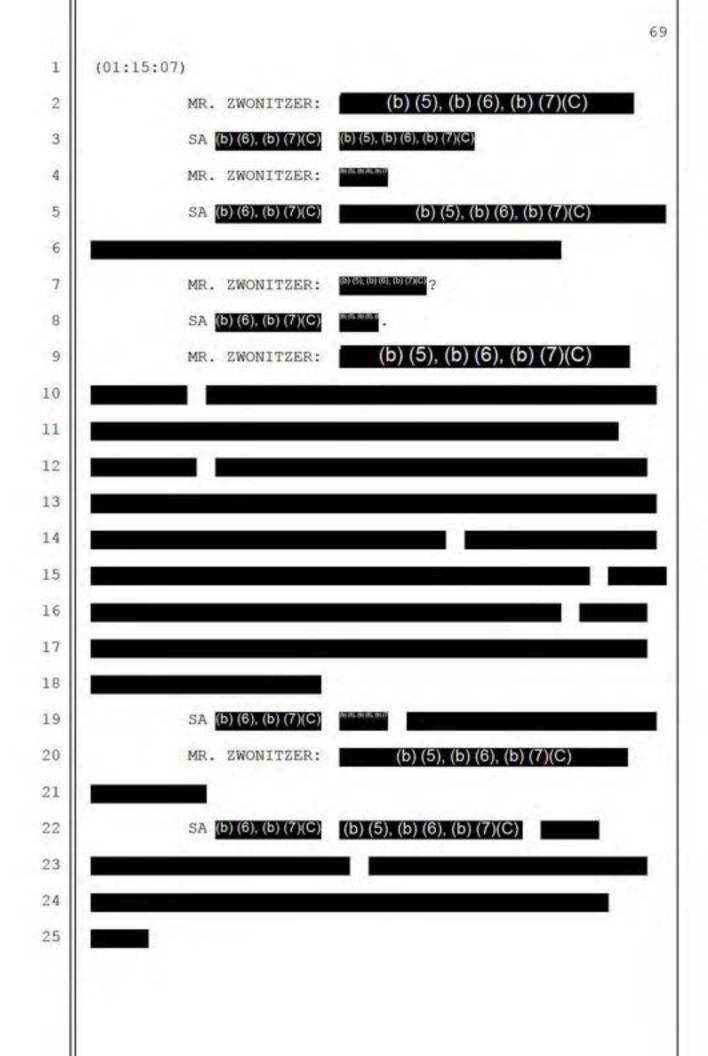


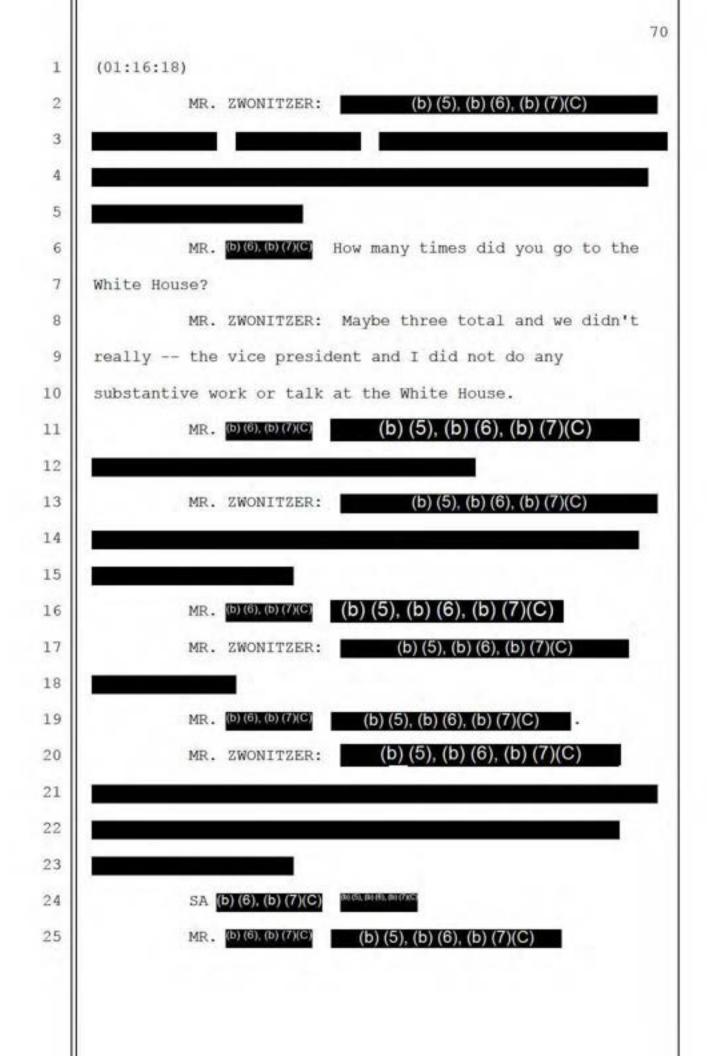
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2	MR. ZWONITZER: journals first, yeah.
3	MR. (b)(6).(b)(7)(C) Biden did?
4	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
5	MR. (b) (6) (7) (C) Can you tell us about that? What
6	did he tell you about the journals?
7	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't remember exactly. I just
8	remember that at some point he did, you know, he did pull
9	them out and share stuff with me because the diaries were
10	really what made the book possible. It gave you I mean
11	it was the contemporaneous notes were I mean they were
12	very raw and very immediate but it also gave you again the
13	emotional arch of the, of the story. So those diaries were
14	an important part of our
15	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) And was did he keep these
16	diaries with the sense that someday he might write a book
17	about his experiences as vice president?
18	MR. ZWONITZER: I think, I think it's likely he
19	did but I don't, I don't know the reason he kept the I
20	know that, you know, he did over the years I know he kept
21	diaries but I think he was more it felt like once Beau
22	got sick he was he took he did more entries. I think
23	it was a way to like it was almost like therapy. It was
24	like talking
25	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Sure.

66 (01:12:00)1 2 MR. ZWONITZER: -- himself through this this awful 3 time. 4 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Sure. Okay. I'm going to some 5 other examples of a couple -- here's an email on September 6 of 2016. It's Zwonitzer 7613. 7 SA (0)(6) (7)(C) 7613? MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) Yeah. And this is an email that 8 you sent to Steve Ricchetti who was I think then as chief of 9 10 staff, is that right? 11 MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. 12 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) And then I'll follow. You read it 13 here for a second. 14 MR. ZWONITZER: Okay. MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) But I think basically you're asking 15 16 like it might take some time on the vice president's 17 calendar. 18 MR. ZWONITZER: Right. 19 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) So we can sit down and 20 start -- like is this doing the interviews that --21 MR. ZWONITZER: Oh yeah, but September 2016 we 22 were doing serious content interviews. MR. (b) (6) (7) (C) Okay. And you would ask that he 23 24 could pull relevant notes or journals that he had for the 25 period. Is that right?

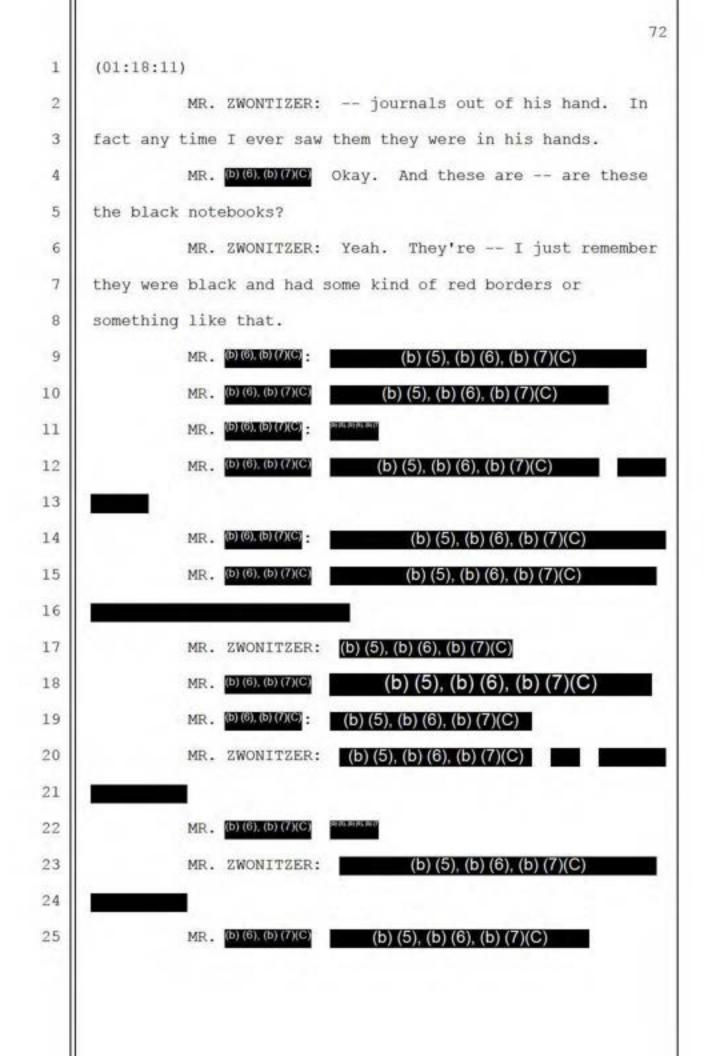
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2	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. That's right.
3	MR. (b) (6). (b) (7)(C) And what were you looking, what did
4	you want, what did you have in mind when you asked that?
5	MR. ZWONITZER: Well again just so he would
6	be again so much of this was memory and so much of this
7	was in a really hard time so there's a little bit of fog in
8	his
9	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Sure.
10	MR. ZWONITZER: in his memory. So it would
11	allow him to sort of like read up on and be aware of like
12	refresh his recollection. (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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14	MR. (b) (6) (7) (C) Yeah. Make productive use of the
15	interview time I suppose too because it was limited.
16	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. Because, you know, he was a
17	busy man. So if we were going to have three hours we didn't
18	want to we wanted to be efficient about it.
19	MR. (b) (6) (7) (C) You didn't want to spend it looking
20	for journals or notes.
21	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
22	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

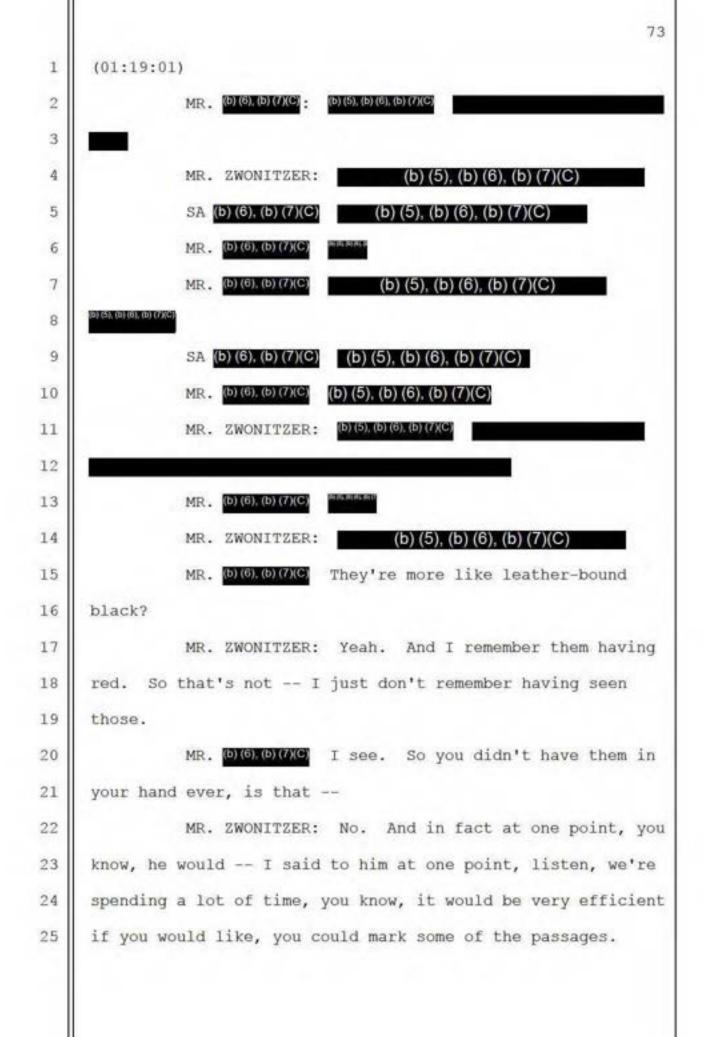






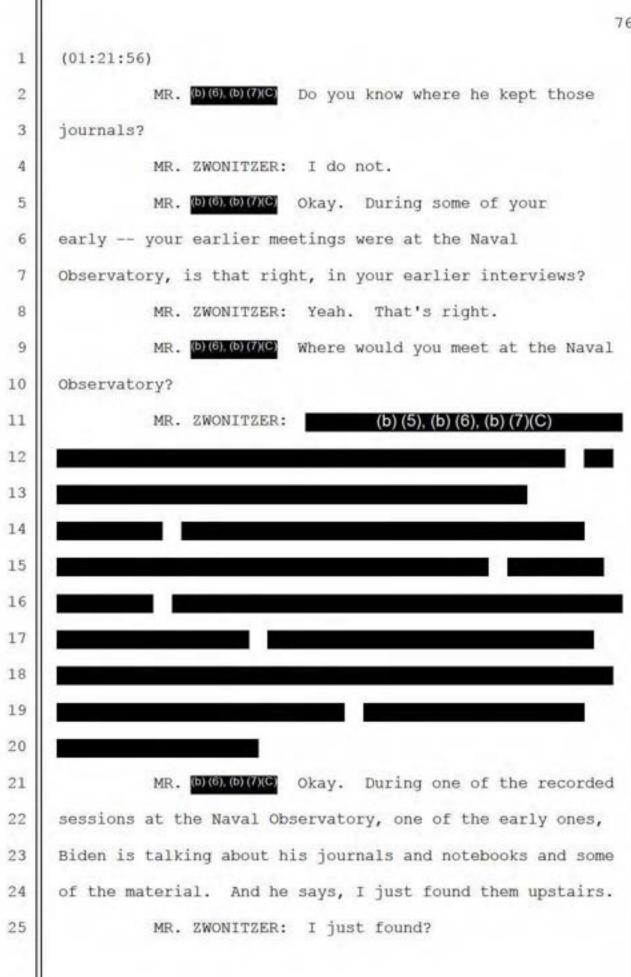
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2	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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5	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and a statistic state
6	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
7	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Just a it looks like when
8	you're talking about 1016% (010% (010%) had all that stuff in hand,
9	it looks like it's carrying over from so the VP could have
0	relevant notes/diaries et cetera with him when we talk. And
1	then the only staff time it would require would be in making
2	sure he has those documents in front of him when we do our
3	substantive sessions. (0.000.0000) had all that stuff in hand
4	when I saw him in August. Do you remember if 000.000.000 had
5	notes and diaries?
6	MR. ZWONITZER: No. only had schedules.
17	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
.8	MR. ZWONITZER: mever had notes and diaries.
.9	And you see was telling me this from his memory.
20	SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) His memory. Okay.
21	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) You seem quite sure about that with
22	the, with the journals and diaries.
3	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
24	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Why?
25	MR. ZWONITZER: Biden really never let the



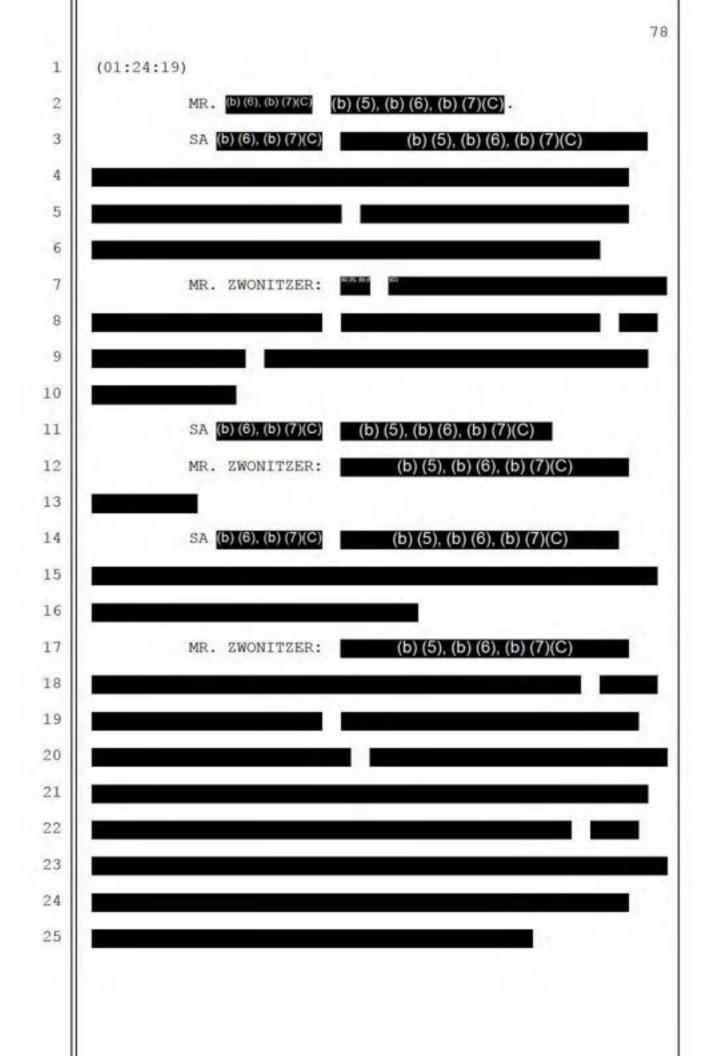


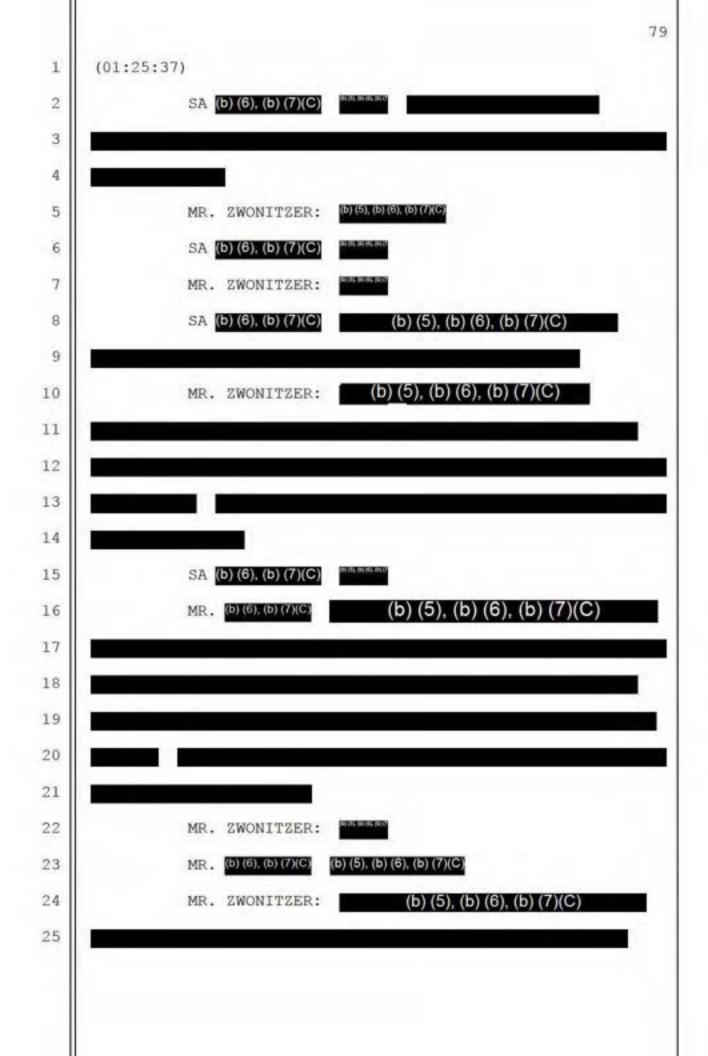
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2	MR. ZWONITZER: I could make photocopies and it
3	would be a lot faster. And he was he declined that offer
4	diplomatically but adamantly. I mean it was clear, you
5	know, these were personal journals and he didn't want them
6	out of his possession.
7	MR. (b) (6). (b) (7)(C) Okay. It's interesting because
8	we've listened to those recordings, it's clear some of them
9	you guys sit down for a hour and a half.
10	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
11	MR. (b)(6).(b)(7)(C) And all he's doing is reading
12	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
13	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sometimes relatively in a
14	relatively monotone voice his journal to you. And you take
15	it down verbatim.
16	MR. ZWONITZER: Exactly, yeah.
17	MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) But that's pretty painstaking.
18	MR. ZWONITZER: It was incredibly painstaking and
19	not only was it I mean I was recording it. Right. It
20	was not only painstaking but it was, it was emotional, you
21	know. There were other times I think when yes, he would be
22	reading from me but then he would might be reading from
23	these to me. But then he might go off book a little bit
24	like, oh let me tell you, you know.
25	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) He flowed

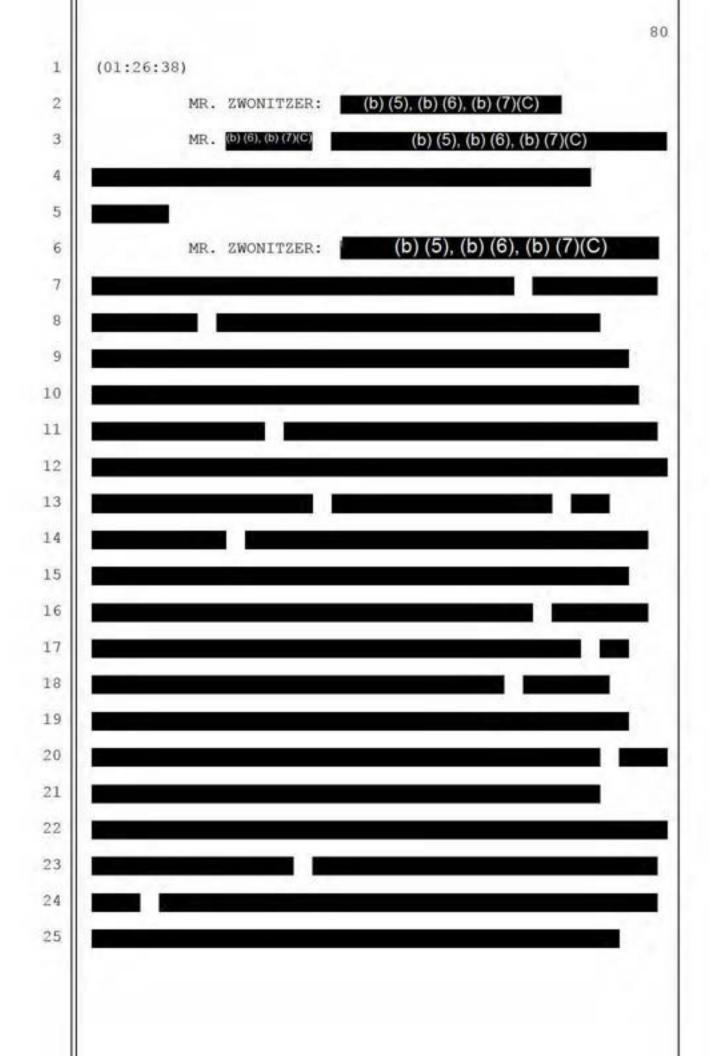
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2	MR. ZWONITZER: This is back, this is background.
3	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
4	MR. ZWONITZER: Not like let me tell you about one
5	thing, you know, like the, you know, PD-1 experimental
6	treatment is whatever and about that.
7	MR. (b) (6) (7) (C) I could say listen to the recording
8	it seemed like some sessions were devoted to just basically
9	reading his journal to you and others were more back and
10	forth conversational.
11	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
12	MR. $(b)(6)(7)(C)$ I assume the latter were more
13	interesting. Okay. So you said he wouldn't he said, no,
14	you can't look at these journals.
15	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
16	MR. (b) (6). (b) (7)(C) You can't photocopy them?
17	MR. ZWONITZER: No, no. He did at one
18	point like I know there were no. I mean and I did, I
19	should say like, man, we are on a deadline. You know, this
20	takes time. It's your time and it would be lot more
21	efficient and it just
22	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Wasn't going to happen. Yeah.
23	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. I mean and again he was
24	diplomatic. It wasn't like, how the hell could you ask me
25	that. It was just no.

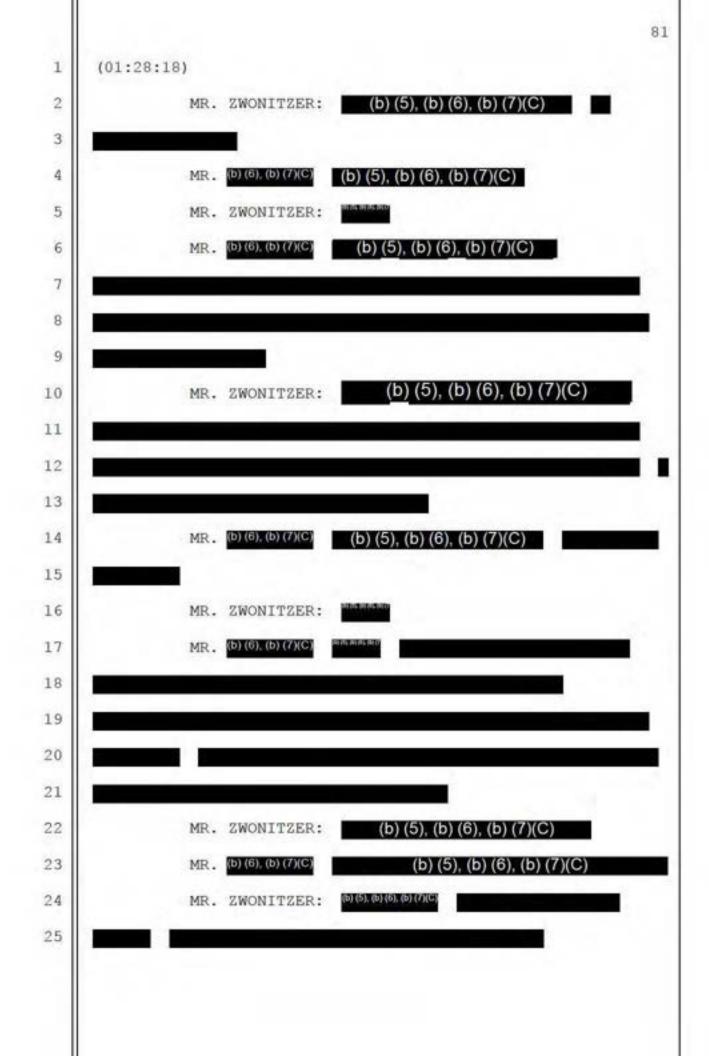


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2	MR. (b)(6).(b)(7)(C) Them, these materials upstairs.
3	MR. ZWONITZER: WENNENDER DE COMEN
4	MR. <sup>(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)</sup> (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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7	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E), (b) (7)(F)
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11	I'm
12	not sure.
13	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Did he did Biden talk to you
14	about his efforts to gather these journals and notebooks an
15	other materials?
16	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't remember him talking abou
17	that. I mean no. And I wasn't really aware of where
18	they were or where he kept them. And when we would sit dow
19	it would not be like, oh, let me pull eight journals out.
20	It was always like one specific diary for a specific
21	session. (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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23	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Okay. Okay.
24	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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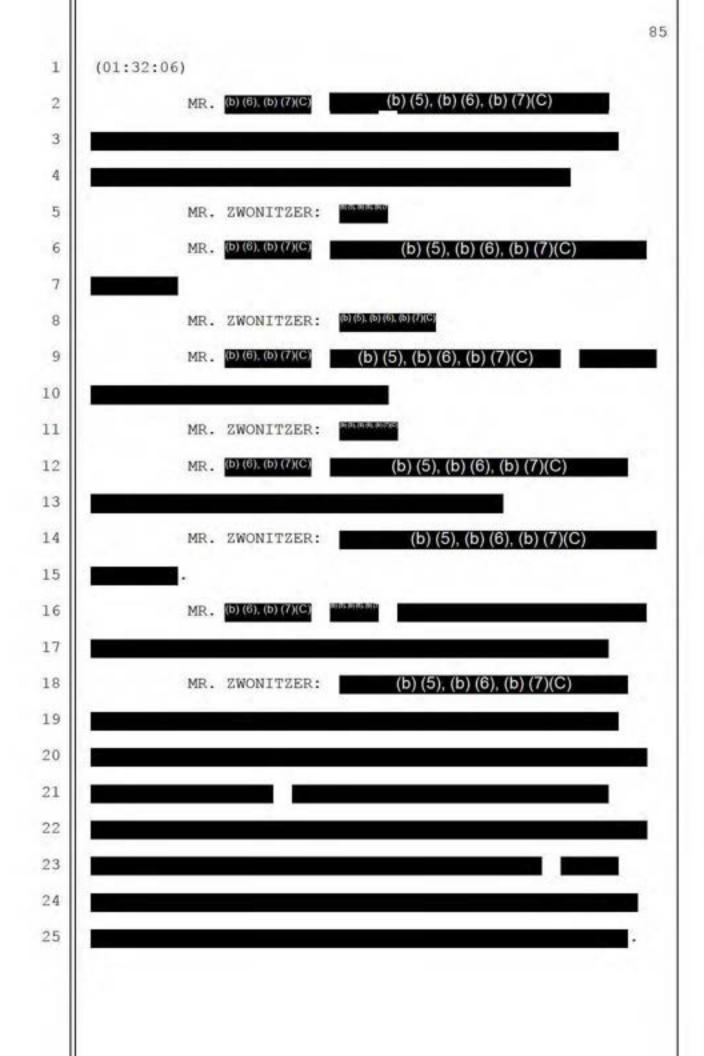


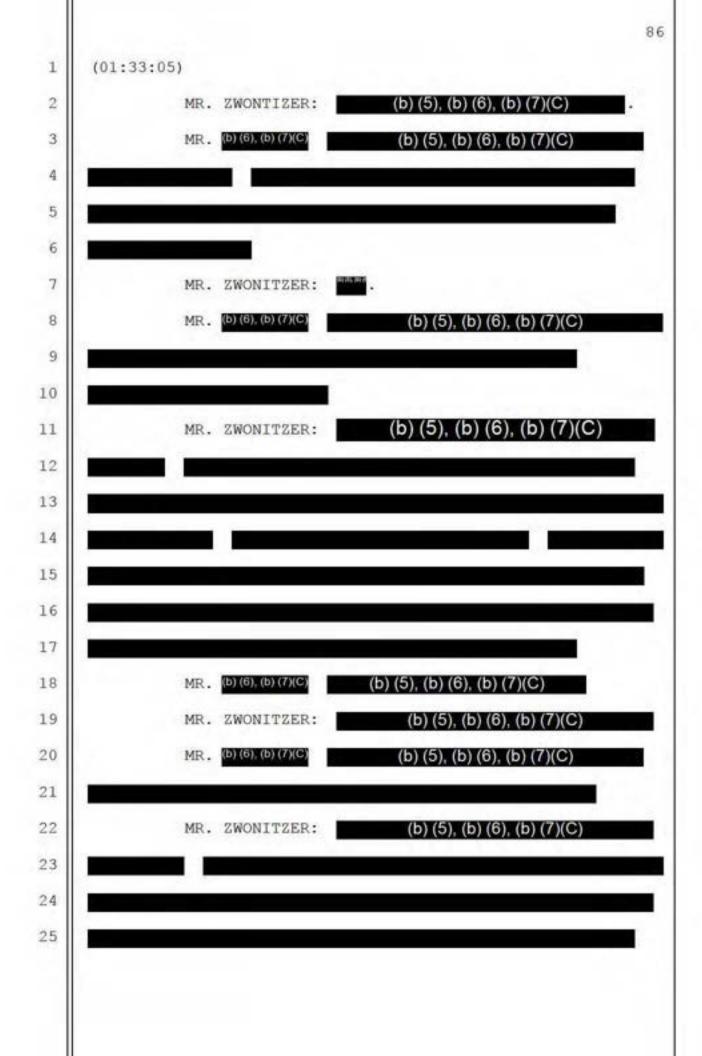


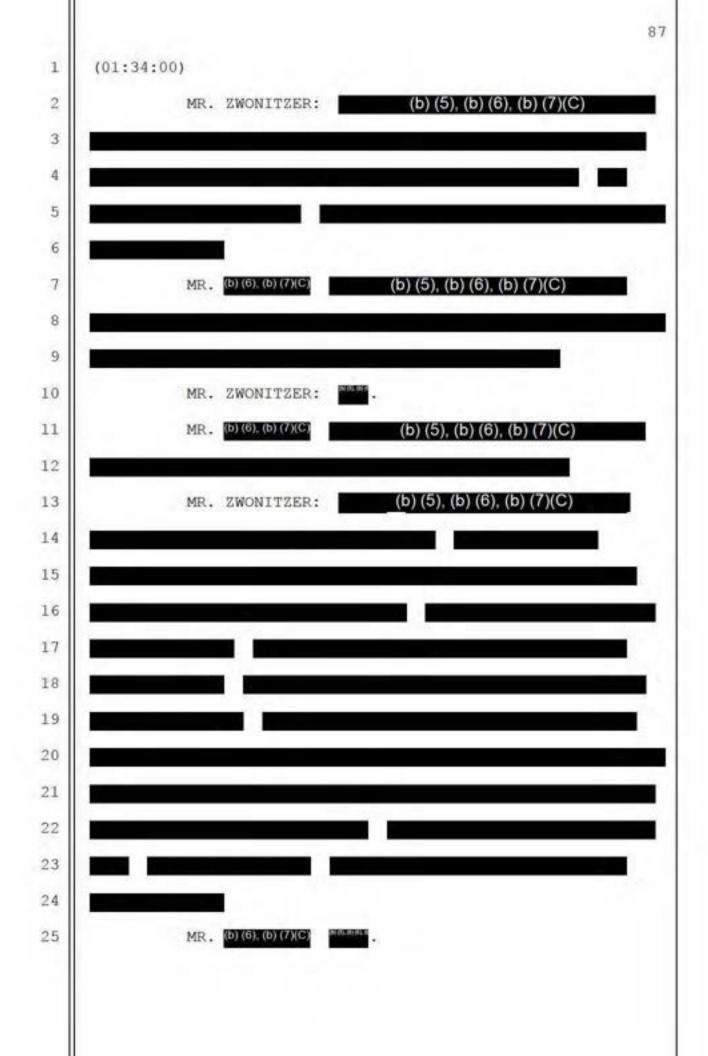
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6	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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8	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
9	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. Okay. Right
10	after shortly after Biden's vice presidential term ended
11	there was a meeting at his residence on Chain Bridge Road
12	Mclean.
13	MR. ZWONITZER: Okay.
14	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) On February 16th of 2017.
15	MR. ZWONITZER: Right.
16	MR. (b)(6).(b)(7)(C) And there was a this I
17	understand it was a big meeting and part of the purpose of
18	that meeting was to finalize the proposal to publishing
19	companies. Is that right? Do you recall that meeting?
20	MR. ZWONITZER: Well I wouldn't have but I do not
21	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) You do now.
22	MR. ZWONITZER: Recently, you know, I've been
23	through that. That date sticks in my head.
24	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. Why
25	MR. ZWONITZER: It wouldn't have otherwise.

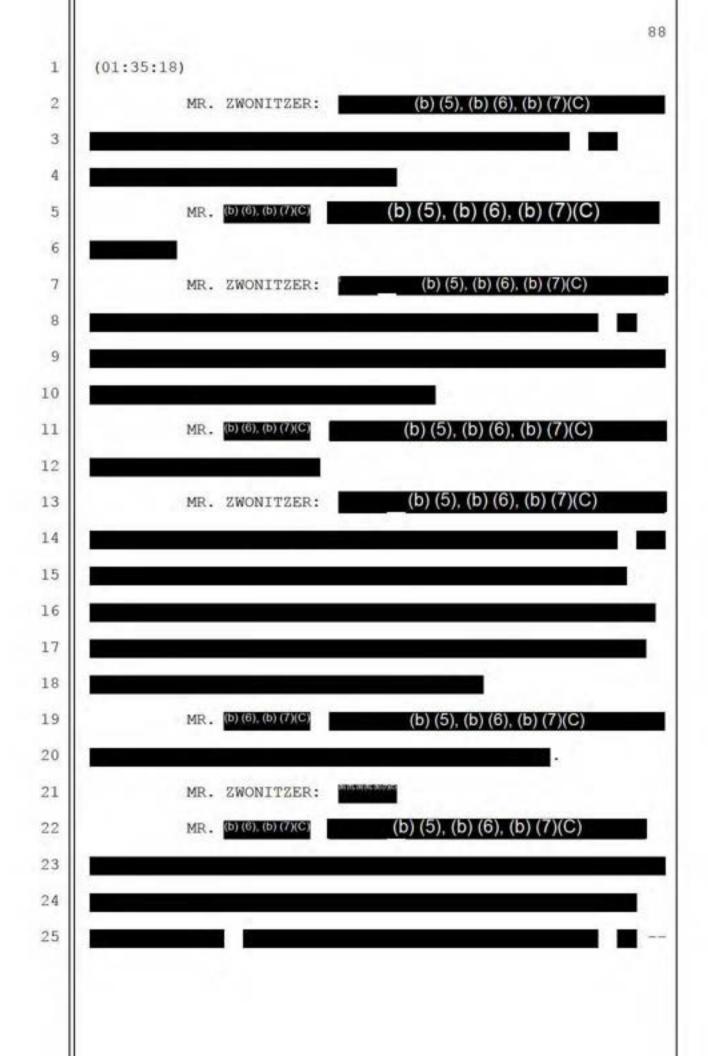
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2	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Yeah, why does it stick in your
3	head there? What can you tell us about that meeting?
4	MR. ZWONITZER: Well I just remember there was
5	some I think that was the meeting where, you know, the
6	notion of something classified actually came up.
7	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Okay. Can you tell us about that?
8	MR. ZWONITZER: So what I remember is that, what I
9	remember is that he was reading me stuff from the diary and
10	he made a reference that he needed to be careful because he
11	was worried that there was a possibility that, you know,
12	some of this stuff could be classified. So there were
13	things, you know, you know, there were things he couldn't
14	tell me, lines he couldn't cross. And I think that was also
15	the moment where he said, I think I found something
16	downstairs.
17	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) That was classified.
18	MR. ZWONITZER: That had classified markings on
19	it. Yeah. And that was you know, so that was just after
20	they had left the White House and they were just getting
21	into Chain Bridge Road here.
22	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) And you guys were doing an
23	interview at that point?
24	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
25	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Okay. And where you in checking

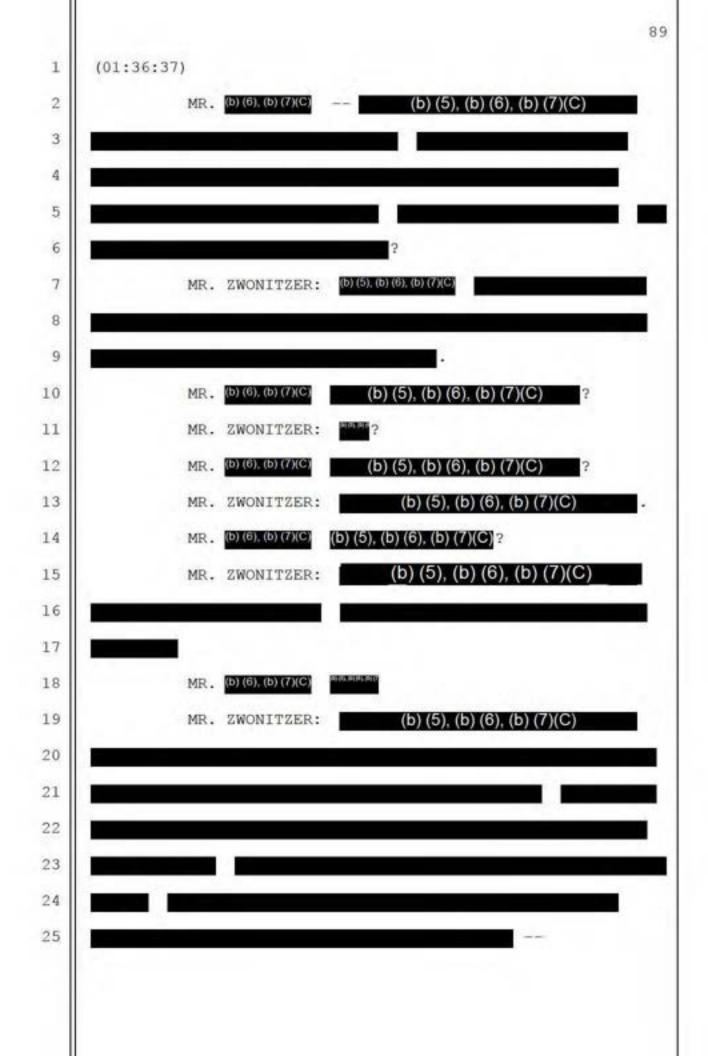
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2	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) the property?
3	MR. ZWONITZER: Well I don't remember this but of
4	having read that transcript I think he says something about
5	downstairs. So we must have been in the main on the main
6	floor of the Chain Bridge house.
7	MR. (b)(6).(b)(7)(C) Would you guys meet like at the
8	living room or dining room or something?
9	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. I mean there was a, there
10	was a very nice kind of room off the dining room, which we
11	were it was kind of between a hallway and a library you'd
12	call it. But it was just a nice place with a couple of
13	seats to sit and talk.
14	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
15	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. A lot of
16	the that's but again I don't remember that but having
17	read that
18	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Sure.
19	MR. ZWONITZER: this is downstairs.
20	MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) Okay. You don't remember that
21	it you said downstairs until you read it?
22	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean I only yeah.
23	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Yeah.
24	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't, I didn't remember the
25	conversation I had until

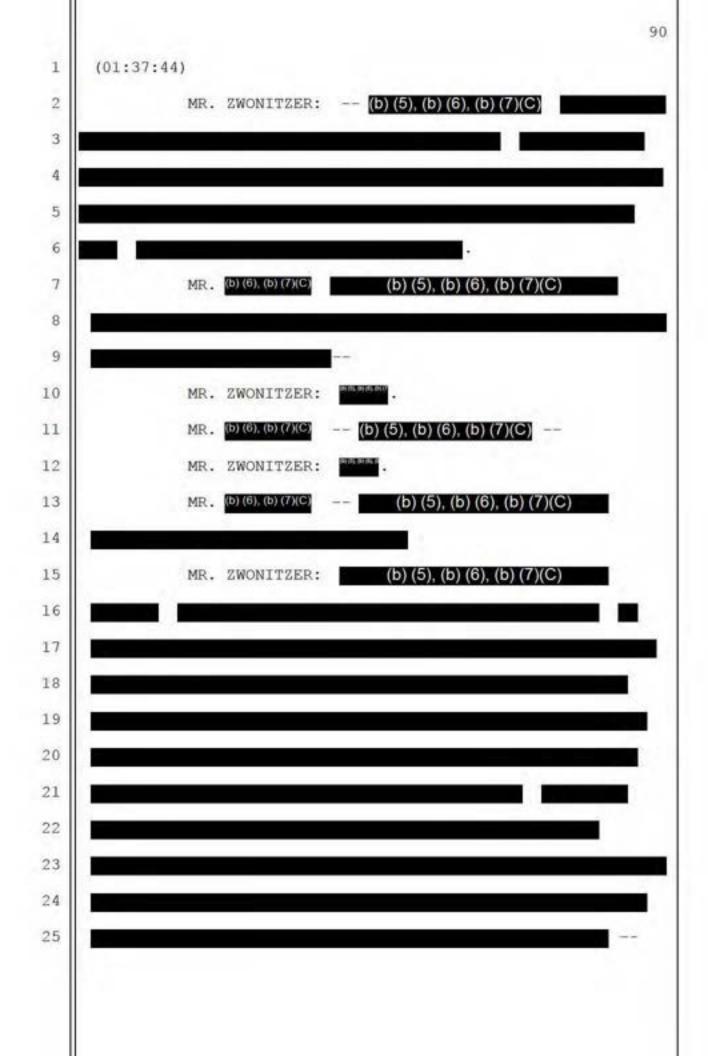


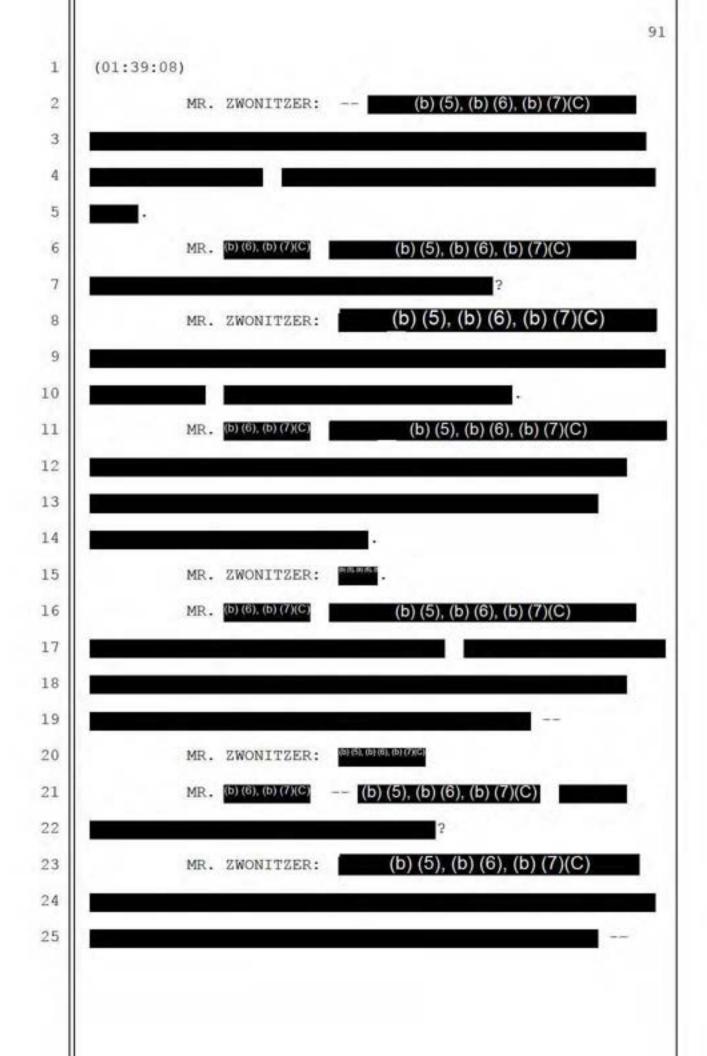


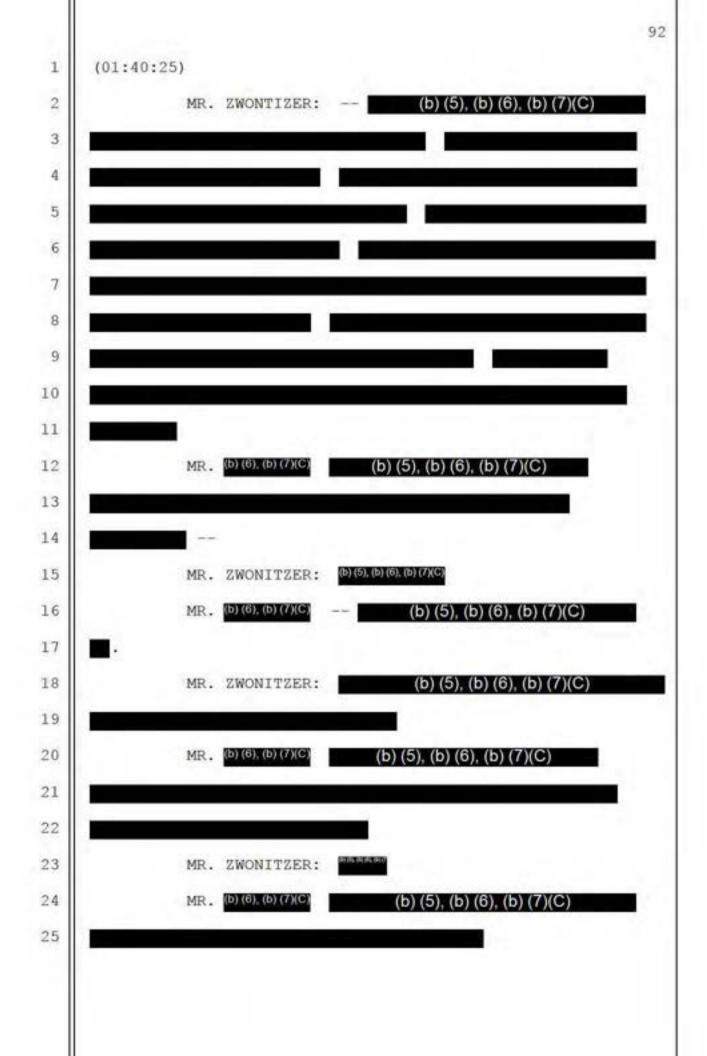


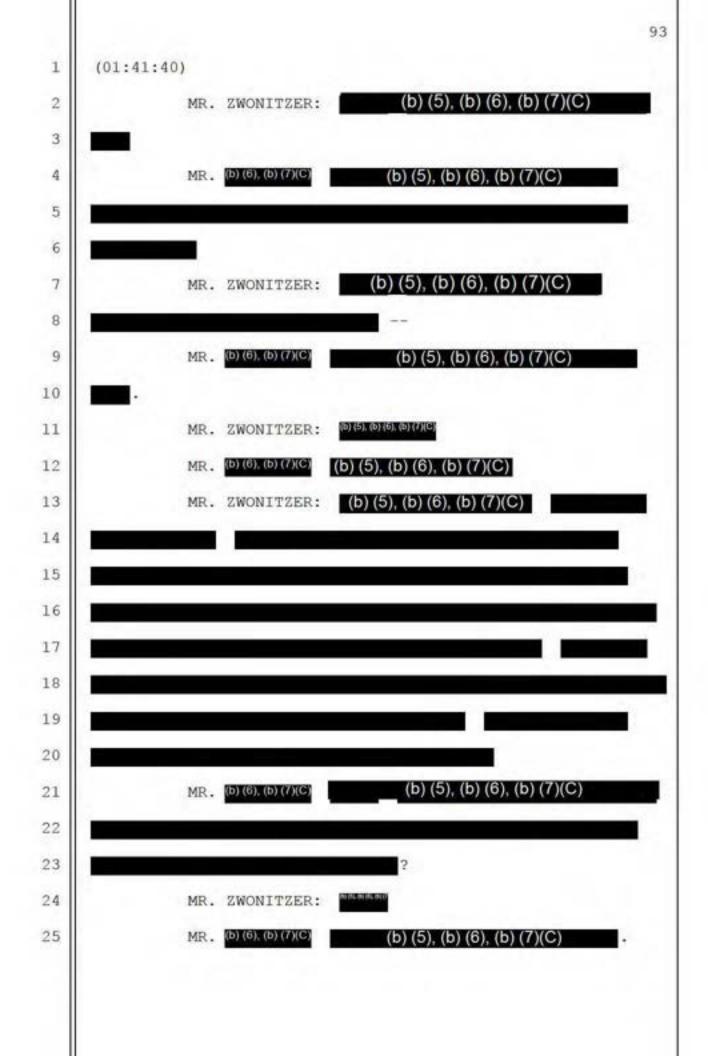


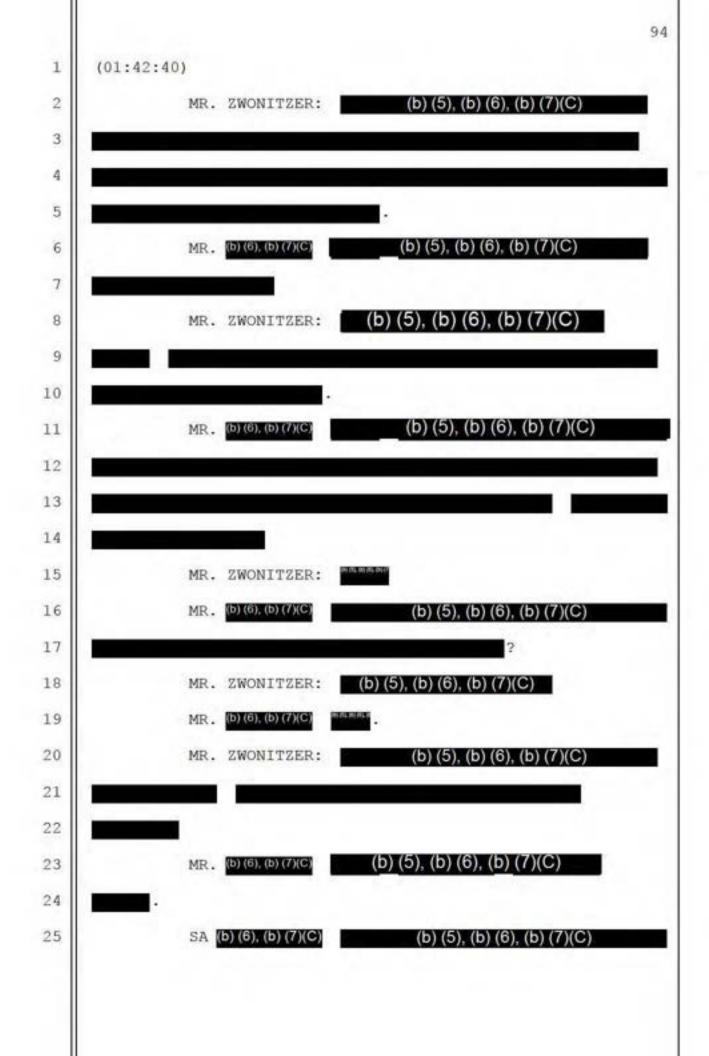


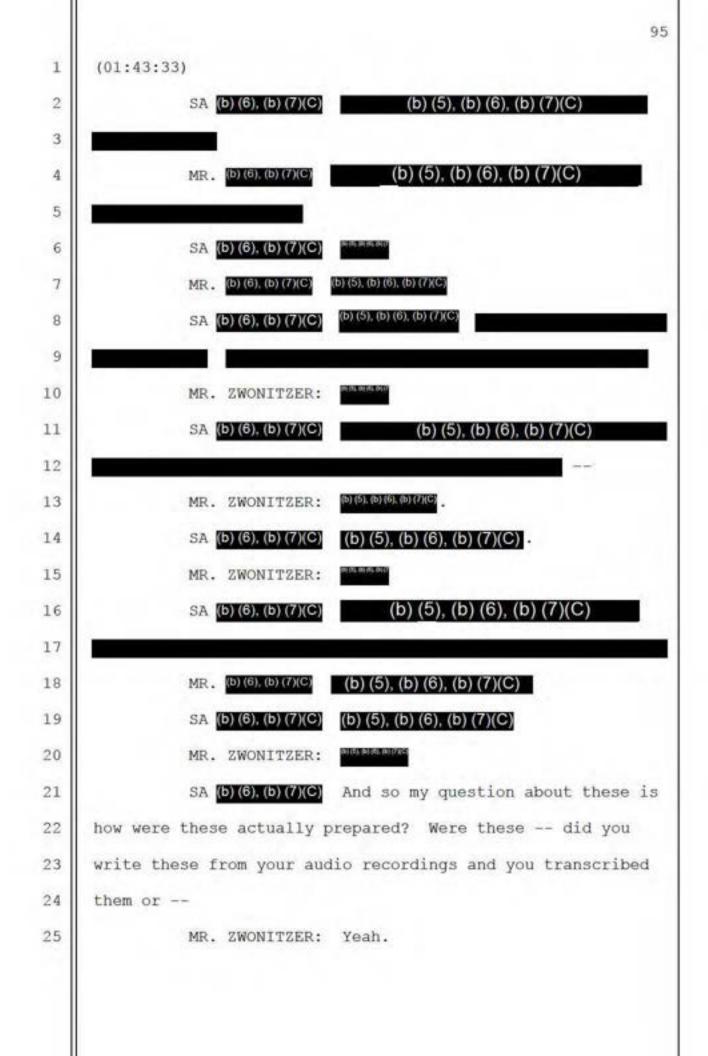








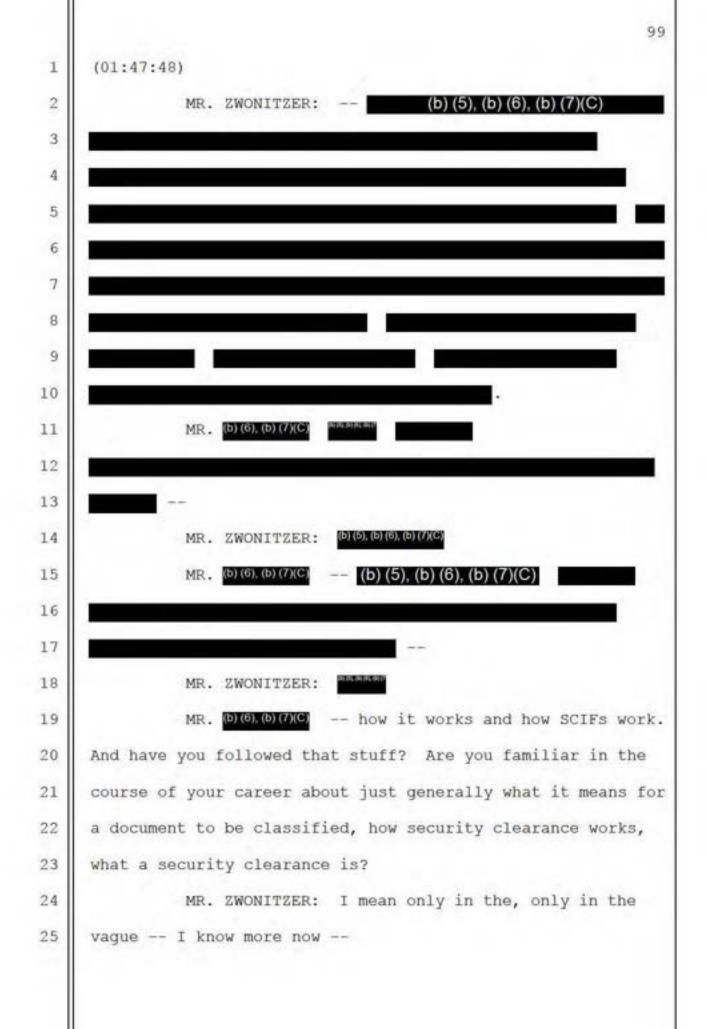


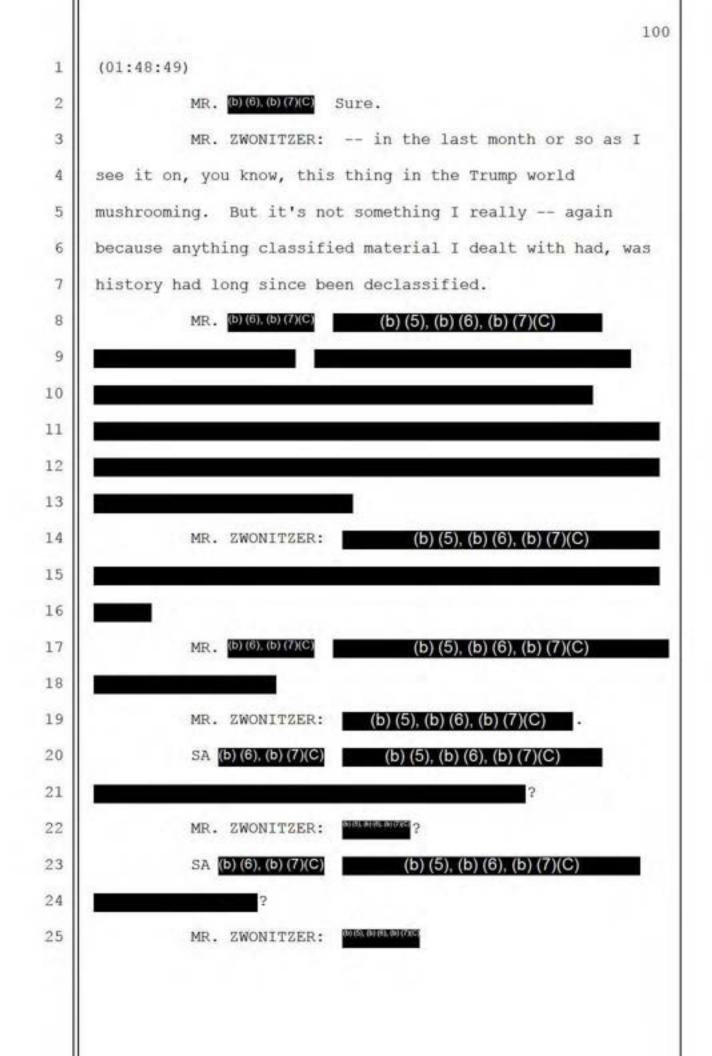


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2	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did Mereneware write them?
3	MR. ZWONITZER: No. He so those would have
4	been from my recordings. He would read me the excerpts of
5	these diaries. I would record them and then I would do the
6	transcription. I mean these audio recordings never left
7	my they're, you know, in film work and other work you
8	might send tapes off to be transcribed by a transcription
9	service. I did all these.
10	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) So when it says at the top,
11	selected excerpts from personal diary 2015
12	MR. ZWONITZER: Yep.
13	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) what is the what is that the
14	2015 date refer to?
15	MR. ZWONITZER: That refers to this is January
16	1, 2015, January 15th, 2015, February 19th, 2015. These are
17	the dates of the
18	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) So the diary or the journal
19	covered 2015?
20	MR. ZWONITZER: Yes.
21	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
22	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean I'm not, I don't think
23	there was like one journal that was 2015. But these were,
24	these were all dates in 2015. I'm going to just check and
25	make sure.

97 (01:45:44) 1 SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. I'm just trying to make 2 3 sure --4 MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. 5 SA (b) (6). (b) (7)(C) -- that this wasn't like the date that you recorded the interview? 6 7 MR. ZWONITZER: No, no. No. I didn't -- no, that 8 was not. that was the date of the diary entries. 9 SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. That's helpful. 10 MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) Okay. So on the 16th -- let's go 11 back to that meeting at Chain Bridge. You think you were 12 probably, based on the recording that you listened to recently or the transcript that you reviewed probably on the 13 14 main floor in that hallway, library, den area at Chain Bridge Road. And during the conversation when you're going 15 16 through material, Biden talks about how I just found the 17 classified. 18 MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) -- downstairs. And I think he's 19 20 talking about Afghanistan in the decision whether to do a 21 troop surge in --MR. ZWONITZER: I don't remember. 22 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) -- 2009. But when he mentioned 23 24 finding classified down there what was your reaction? 25 MR. ZWONITZER: I honestly can't remember my --

1	(01:46:51)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: reaction. And so I mean I
3	didn't even again I didn't remember that until I reviewed
4	that. So to say what I thought at the time would be to
5	backfill. Something I just don't
6	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Yeah.
7	MR. ZWONITZER: I just don't remember.
8	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Okay. And let me just ask you a
9	few we can start back on questions. I assume you don't
10	have a security clearance and
11	MR. ZWONITZER: I do not.
12	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) you don't have it.
13	MR. ZWONITZER: No.
14	MR. $(b)$ $(6)$ $(7)$ (C) In the course of your career as a,
15	as a journalist, as a writer, as a documenter or film maker,
16	have you ever dealt with classified material? I mean not
17	unless like looking at them but events, items people that
18	are classified or we are kind of skirting on the edges of
19	things that are classified.
20	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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24	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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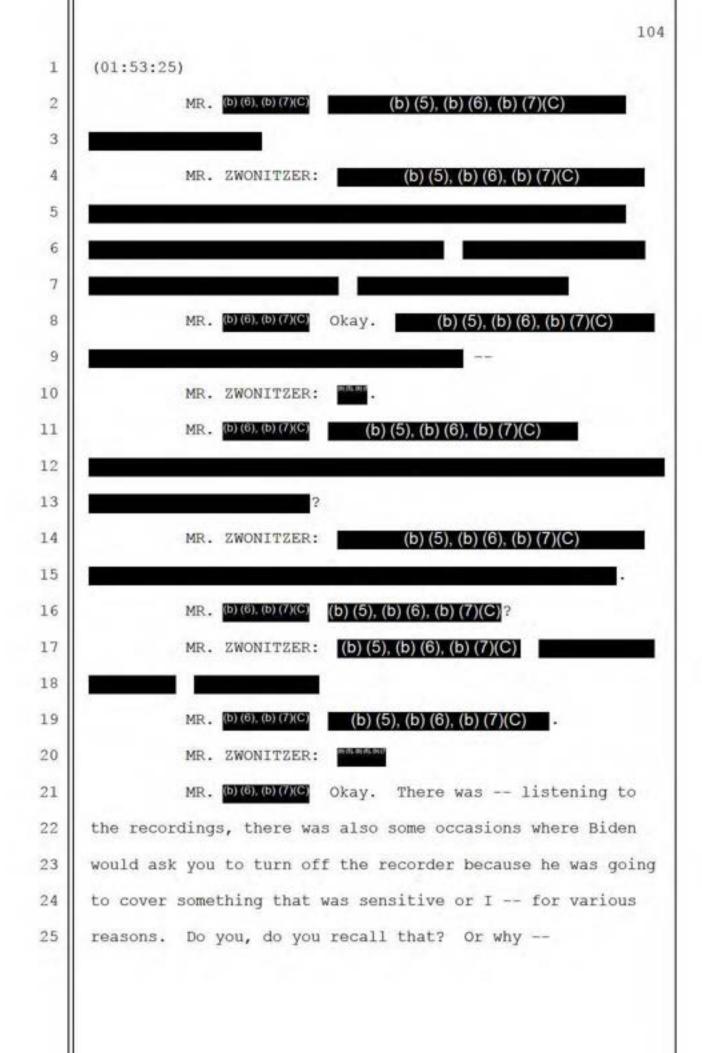


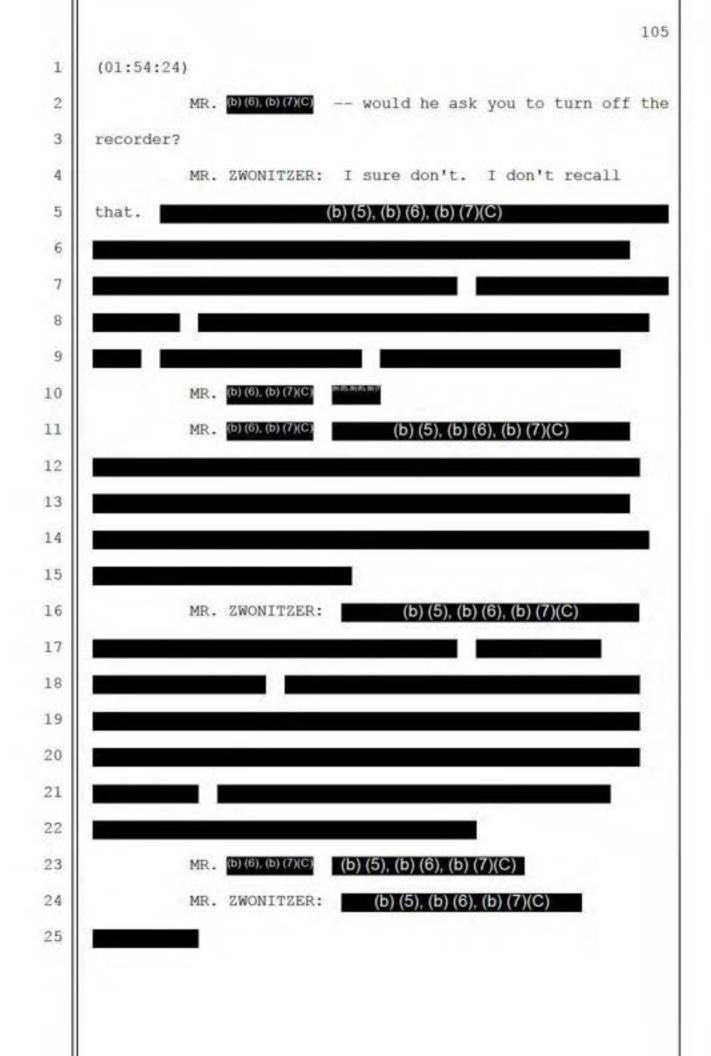


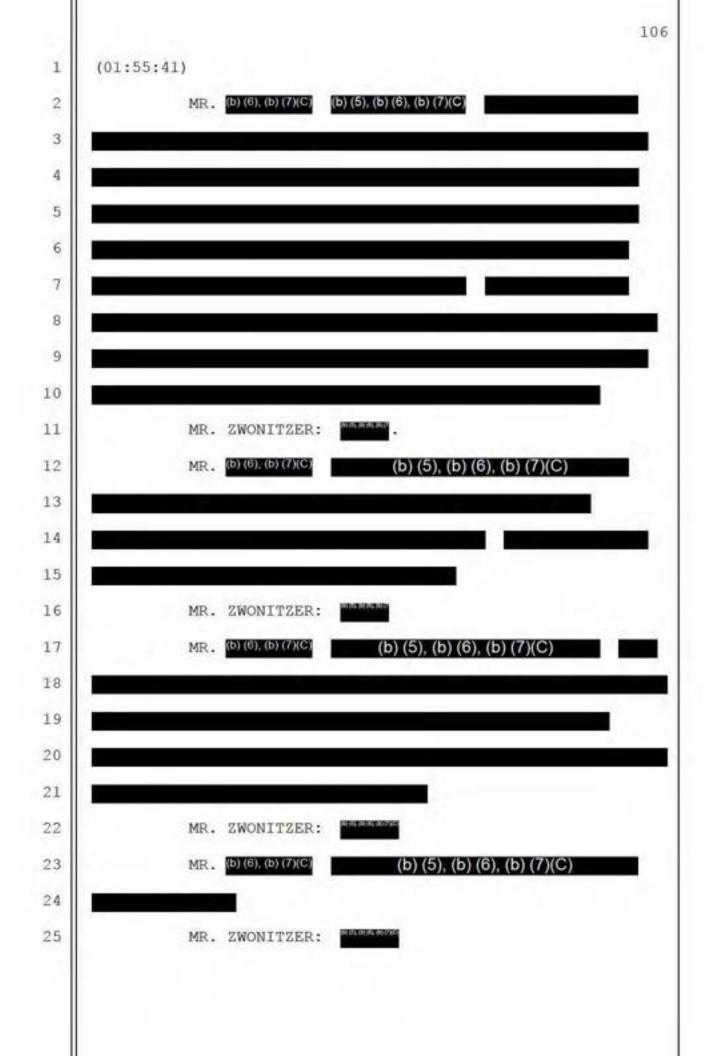
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2	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) .
3	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
4	I started working on Pegasus in 2021, I
5	think.
6	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
7	MR. ZWONITZER: The book was just published in
8	January.
9	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. So you don't when that
10	happened at the time you don't, you don't recall, it wasn't
11	notable to you, you weren't concerned?
12	MR. ZWONITZER: It didn't flag me, you know no.
13	I mean figured that at that point they were still like
14	moving stuff around and trying to get any like so I
15	didn't it was not a flag to me. I mean perhaps it should
16	have been but I it's just not my world.
17	MR. (b)(6)(7)(C) Did Biden seem concerned when he,
18	when he said that, that oh, like, there's classified down
19	there. I'd better take care of that? Or did he seem
20	nonchalant about it?
21	MR. ZWONITZER: Well, no, it was in a discussion
22	of I need to be careful.
23	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
24	MR. ZWONITZER: I need to be careful with this
25	material. Again, I always got a sense that like there's

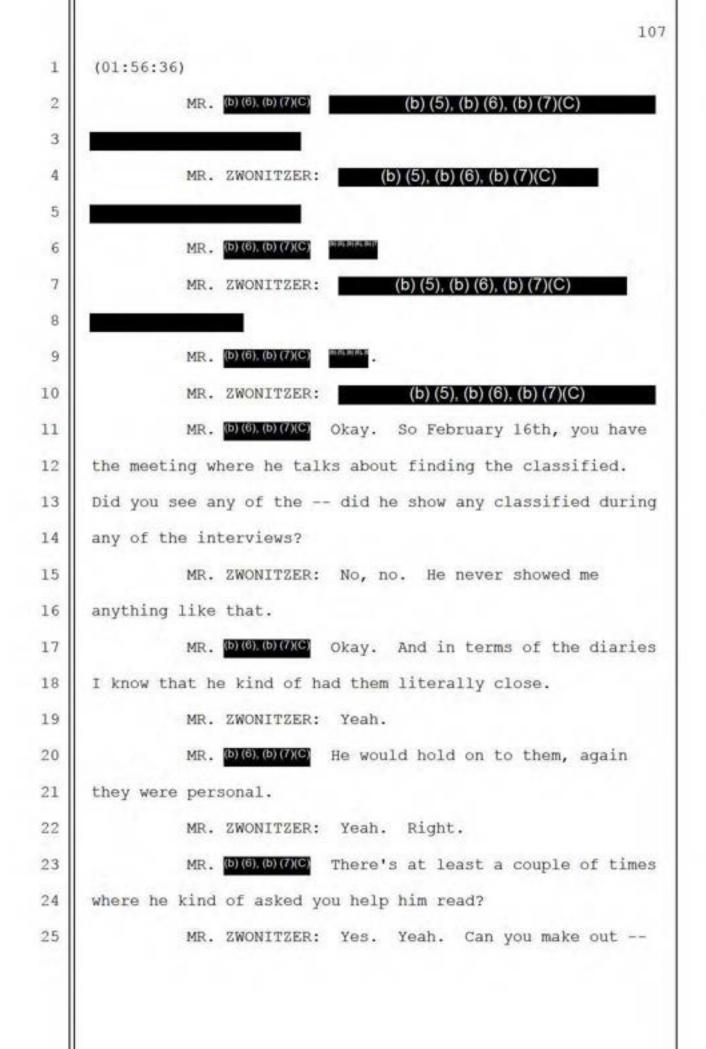
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1	(01:50:48)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: a line that he, you know,
3	wasn't going to cross. And I also had the sense that both
4	he and his staff were protective of me to make sure I didn't
5	end up with anything that I shouldn't. So it's not like hey
6	Mark, let me show you this cool document I've got
7	downstairs. It was just in the it was in the context of
8	I have an obligation to be careful with this material.
9	MR. (b)(6)(7)(C) There's a few other instances in
10	those recordings where he's reading from a diary or a journal
11	and he says, oh this next part might be classified or something
12	like that. Do you recall those instances and did he appear
13	to be like skipping over the classified portion?
14	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean I he appeared to be. I
15	don't know.
16	MR. (b)(6)(7)(C) Censoring or something?
17	MR. ZWONITZER: I suspect that he was skipping
18	over anything. But what I do know is that I would not
19	only would I prepare, you know, going into these meetings
20	but coming out of them I would also go through the material
21	he had talked about just as a matter of fact checking, you
22	know, and did this happen on this day in this way? And
23	there was never an instance where I felt like oh, I
24	shouldn't be aware of this because, you know, anything he
25	told me was always it seemed like it I'm pretty

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1	(01:52:13)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: sure it was always a matter of,
3	you know, the various officials had already spoken to this
4	stuff in congressional hearings or in the press or, you
5	know, I was always able to find it was always stuff that
6	was in the public domain I felt like.
7	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
8	MR. ZWONITZER: There was nothing in my notes that
9	ever gave me pause, like oh I shouldn't have this.
10	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Go ahead.
11	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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15	MR. ZWONITZER: (0)(5) (0)(6) (0)(7)(6)
16	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
17	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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19	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
20	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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22	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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25	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)





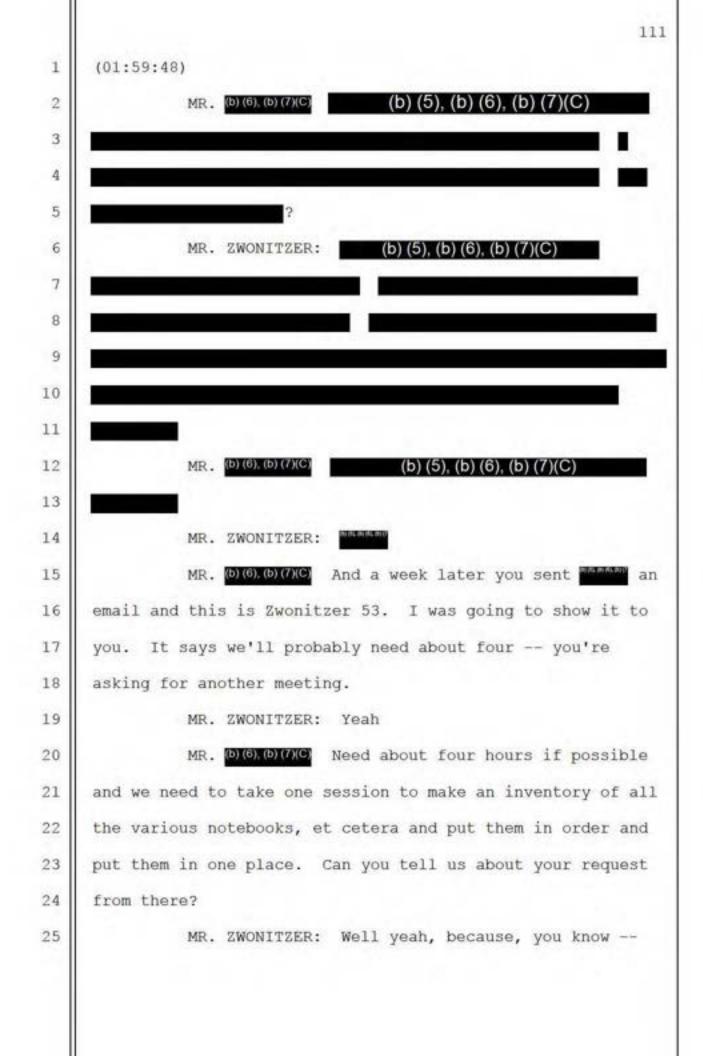




108 (01:57:23)1 2 MR. ZWONITZER: -- this word? That I remember. 3 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. 4 MR. ZWONITZER: But that's the only time I saw the 5 inside of that. MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) Okay. All right. Was that -- it 6 7 must have been a little frustrating. Didn't you want to 8 read them? 9 MR. ZWONITZER: I did and I didn't, you know, 10 because I mean I felt like everything he was comfortable 11 with he was, he was telling me. He was, you know -- so I 12 don't -- I mean I can't remember ever thinking like I really 13 want to get my eyes on those documents. 14 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. Okay. 15 MR. ZWONITZER: Except for efficiency and speed 16 reasons. 17 (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Sure. Well on that note --MR. 18 SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Can I follow up on --19 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Go please. Please, please. MR. 20 SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) -- on February 16th. Do you 21 remember who else was there at the time? 22 MR. ZWONITZER: I thought it was just the two of 23 us. 24 MR. FREEMAN: Are we talking about February the 25 16th?

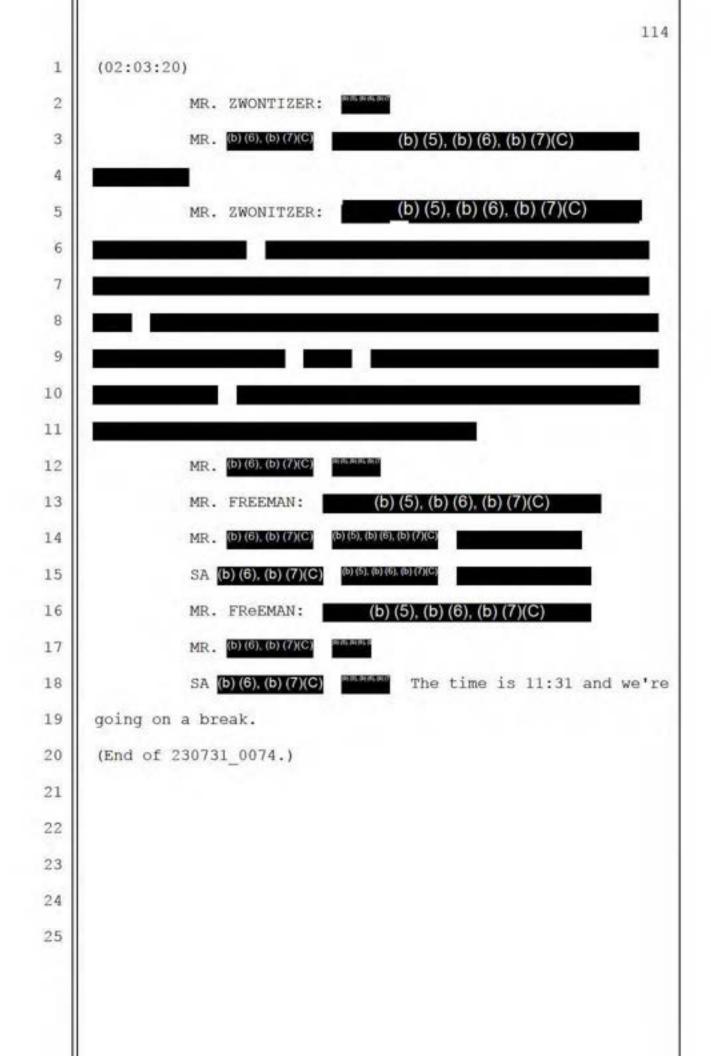
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1	(01:58:16)
2	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) The February 16, 2017.
3	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. It's I think it's been
4	pointed out to me to that Val was invited to the meeting. I
5	don't remember her. She may have been there but I just
6	don't remember her being there.
7	SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Okay. If she has kind of lines on
8	the transcript and in the audio and you could hear her
9	voice
10	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
11	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) would that make you think that
12	she was there?
13	MR. ZWONITZER: Oh well she was definitely there.
14	Yeah.
15	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
16	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
17	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) And then do you remember anyone
18	else who was there?
19	MR. ZWONITZER: On the 16th?
20	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) On February 16th?
21	MR. ZWONITZER: I do not.
22	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. So I can understand when
23	you're in the moment with the vice president or former vice
24	president and he mentioned something like, oh this part is
25	classified or I found all these classified things

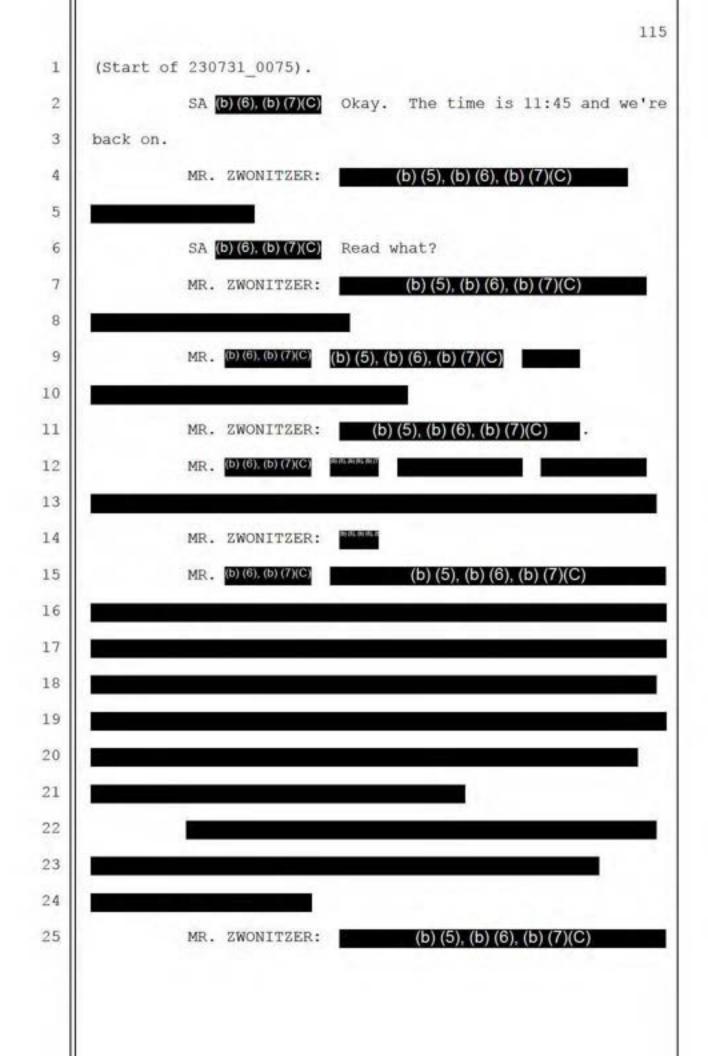
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2	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) downstairs, maybe you don't
3	want to discuss it then or maybe it doesn't register for you
4	at the time, but when you're relistening to the audio and
5	transcribing it and typing up words like classified at that
6	point did it raise any flags for you or have any impact?
7	MR. ZWONITZER: I guess it did not.
8	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
9	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) To follow up on that, did
10	you were you, were you typing in real time as he spoke?
11	MR. ZWONITZER: No, no, no.
12	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Or were you recording
13	MR. ZWONITZER: Recording and
14	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and transcribing later?
15	MR. ZWONITZER: transcribing, yeah.
16	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) It's painstaking. You did
17	that you did all the transcribing yourself?
18	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. It's not my favorite job.
19	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) And did you mention anything about
20	him mentioning classified to anyone else?
21	MR. ZWONITZER: No.
22	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) To like your publishers, the
23	editor?
24	MR. ZWONITZER: No.
25	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.

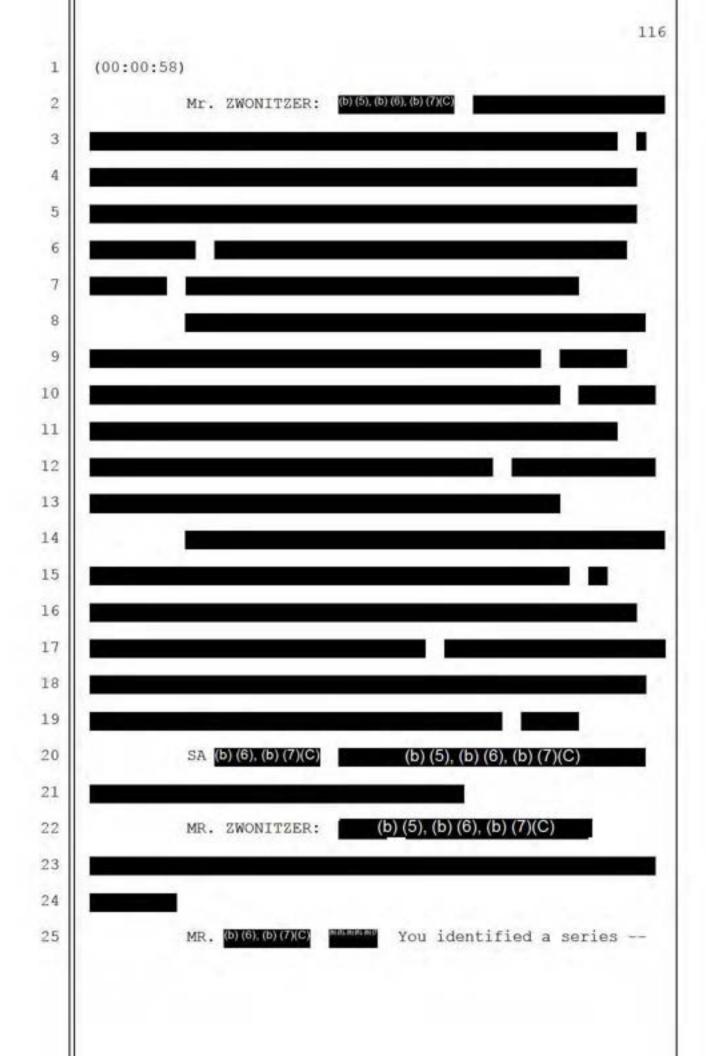


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1	(02:00:58)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: by then I had realized how
3	important those things were. And so I just wanted to make
4	sure we didn't miss anything. But I don't remember this
5	ever actually happening. Like because again it was left to
6	the vice president to figure out like what notebooks
7	mattered and what to bring
8	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) And you said he never had like a
9	stack of like here's a bookshelf full of all my journals, my
10	diaries, my notebooks?
11	MR. ZWONITZER: No. I mean we would like, you
12	know, he would come into the meeting at the Naval
13	Observatory or at McLean or wherever it was and it would be,
14	you know what I remember is maybe one or two notebooks at
15	any given time. It was never more than that.
16	MR. (b)(6).(b)(7)(C) Okay. Was that frustrating? I
17	know the notebooks aren't it's not like he kept a diary
18	every day if it this is 2009, this is 2010, this is 2011.
19	It's a little more haphazard than that.
20	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. That's one of the reasons I
21	said like I think let's like make an inventory just to make
22	sure the we didn't miss anything from this tenure of a
23	time period because they didn't seem to be well I didn't
24	know if they were in any sort of order or not. I just
25	wanted to make sure that we had everything from that time.

1	(02:02:27)
2	MR. (b) (6) (7) (C) And did you have a discussion with
3	Biden about that, the need to make sure you were getting
4	everything and we don't want to there's really great
5	stuff in these journals.
6	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
7	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) We want to make sure we're not
8	missing some of them?
9	MR. ZWONITZER: Probably I did, but I don't, you
10	know, I don't recall about that. And again he was I mea
11	he kept those journals, those diaries pretty locked down.
12	MR. (b)(6)(6)(7)(C) Okay. Did you get the sense that
13	other people, maybe had access to them or if they, you
14	know, couldn't find them?
15	MR. ZWONITZER: No. I didn't have any sense of
16	that either, I don't think.
17	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) .
18	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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20	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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23	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
24	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (8), (b) (7)(C)
25	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) .

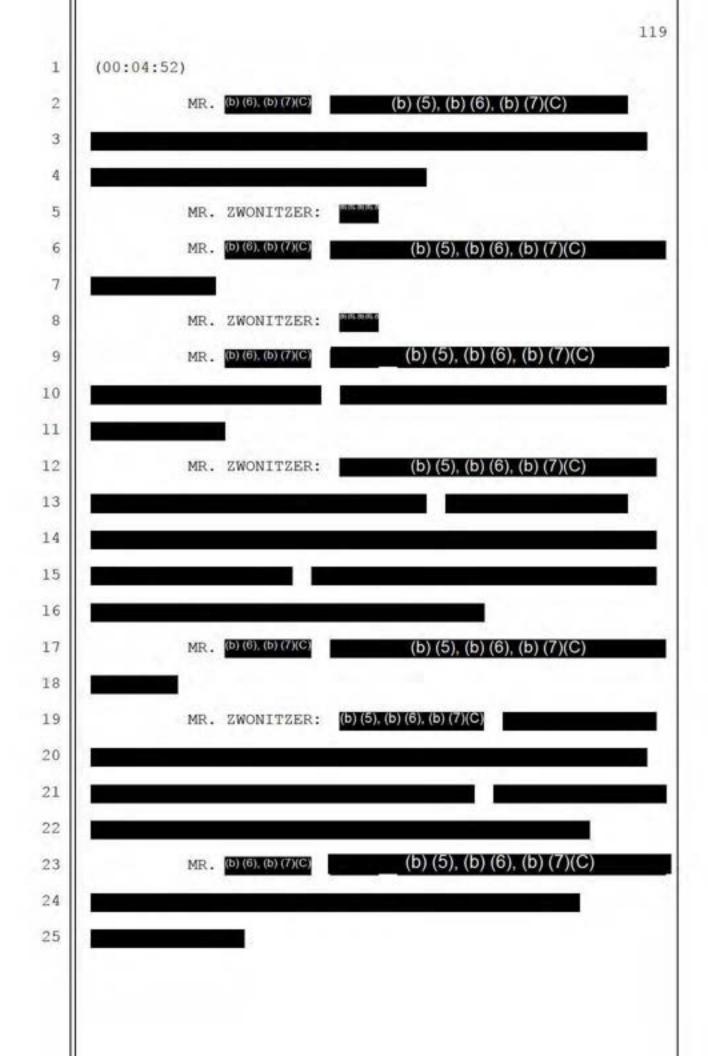


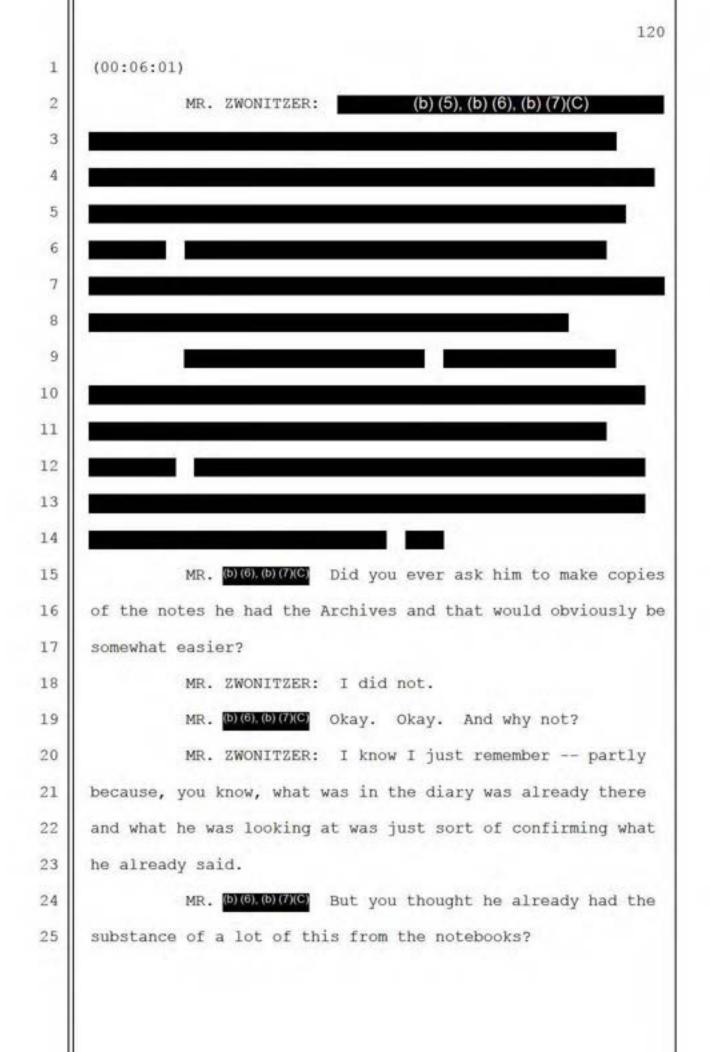




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1	(00:02:28)
2	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) of POTUS lunches that you wanted
3	to go through in the book. Are these
4	MR. ZWONITZER: Right.
5	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) discuss and research and at
6	various point starting in April of 2017 you said a list of
7	POTUS lunches. I'm going to show you it's Zwonitzer 1464,
8	which is an email you sent to (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and Dependent
9	on April 27th of 2017. And was the body man?
10	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. At that point.
11	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) And (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was his assistant
12	or secretary, let's get that right. And you asked well
13	you can see the email here. But
14	MR. ZWONITZER: So the reason for this is that
15	the most of the personal stuff all the stuff about the
16	Obama lunches were most of them were in his diary.
17	Right?
18	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Mm-hmm.
19	MR. ZWONITZER: So it came, it came from the
20	diary. But he was not always sure about dates. So like, oh
21	I told you, you know, this conversation happened on April
22	lst. I want to make sure of that. So I think I was asking
23	him because he was going to review the notes, not from his
24	diary but the official notes that were at the Archives. So
25	he was going to the Archives to look at those, the notes

1	(00:04:01)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: the official notes.
3	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) For the, for the for researching
4	the book?
5	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. Just to it was more a
6	question of fact checking, making sure, okay, yeah, this is,
7	this is correct. This is the correct date. Yeah. That's
8	the so that was I'm pretty sure the reason for that.
9	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) Okay. And it looks like you
10	actually forwarded this email later on May 11 to
11	ensions of the contract of the
12	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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14	MR. (D)(6).(D)(7)(C) Yeah, that's his, that's his
15	personal email account at the time.
16	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. One of his accounts, yes.
17	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) And that was so he could take that
18	list with him to the Archives to find what he could. Okay.
19	Okay. And did you didn't go to the Archives with him
20	though?
21	MR. ZWONITZER: I did not. I didn't even know I
22	was allowed to.
23	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
24	MR. ZWONITZER: (5)(5)(6)(6)(6)(7)(6)
25	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)





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2	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah, and I mean the truth is
3	like not the truth, but, you know, what's in the official
4	transcript and what's in his memory is not going to be much
5	different. And we were really only talking about I mean the
6	things that really struck him, things like, you know, Joe,
7	what do you want to do for the rest of your life. That was
8	in this head.
9	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) When Obama asked him that?
10	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. Yeah.
11	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Certainly fascinating to hear the
12	account of
13	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. These
14	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) these one on one lunches between
15	the president and vice president.
16	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
17	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Very personal meetings. You
18	mentioned earlier that you had asked a few times if you
19	could photocopy the relevant pages of the notebooks. It
20	would be much easier. It's funny you said that because
21	I as you listening to those recordings I was struck by
22	how painstaking this process was for you and it
23	MR. ZWONITZER: Gosh, it was not only painstaking
24	timewise, it was painstaking just in terms of emotion.
25	MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) Sure, sure. Taking down

122 (00:08:16)1 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) -- important things or very 2 3 personal things and moving. Yeah, did you ask him multiple 4 times like are you sure I can't just photocopy some of 5 these? MR. ZWONITZER: My memory is that I might have 6 7 asked him twice. 8 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. MR. ZWONITZER: But I got a very clear, you 9 10 know -- I mean it wasn't --11 MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) It's the vice president. 12 MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. You don't push too hard. 13 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Got you. Okay. 14 SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Apart from kind of the diary entries were you shown any of the official write ups that 15 16 came after these POTUS lunches? 17 MR. ZWONITZER: No. I never saw those. 18 SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. 19 MR. ZWONITZER: And I don't think they ever -- I 20 think all he did was take notes on them. So I think they 21 were all at the Archives. I think he had to go to a 22 specific room in the Archives to look at those. 23 SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. MR. (b) (6) (7) (C) While vice president and he is 24 25 still President Biden kind of famously had these lapel --

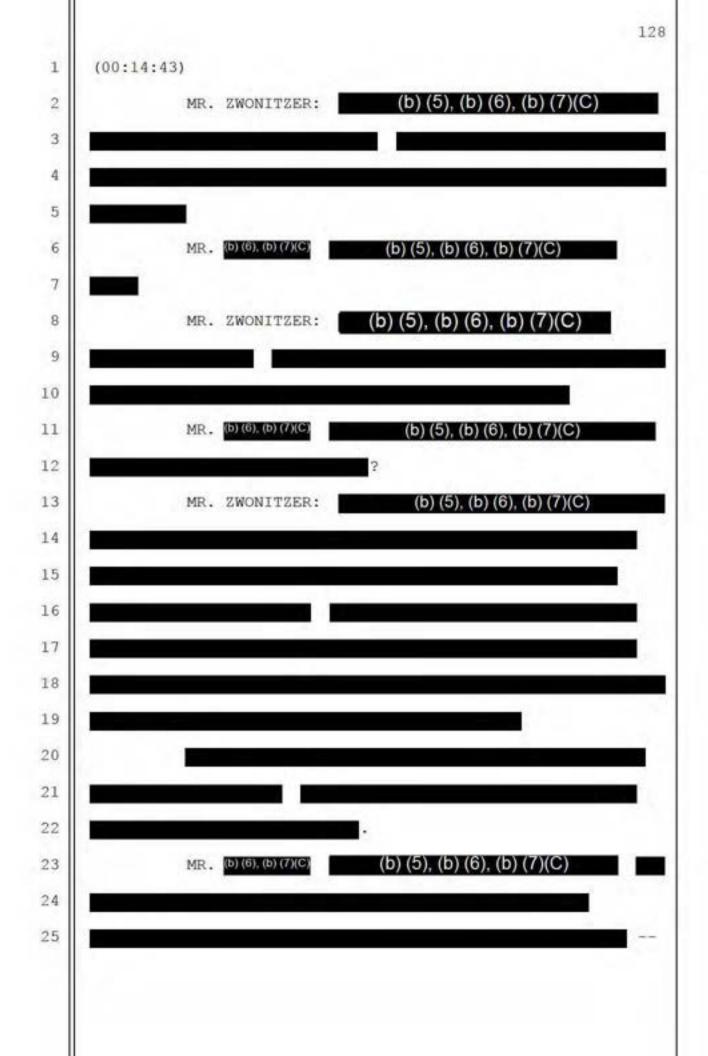
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1	(00:09:09)
2	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) cards, these note cards he'd
3	keep in his jacket pocket. Are you familiar with those?
4	MR. ZWONITZER: Yes.
5	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Did you see any of those or
6	look were you able to review any of those while you like
7	wrote the book or researched the book?
8	MR. ZWONITZER: I did see some of those just in
9	terms of the help like they were essentially, it was a
10	schedule for him. And so it was again and it's not it
11	was basically the same thing his private schedule would be
12	which is this is the public schedule, added to it would be
13	things like, got a volleyball game tonight. You
14	know, it's birthday or it was that kind of stuff.
15	So I did have some of those cards and what I
16	remember about them specifically is that he still always
17	kept until the vice presidency the tally of people killed
18	and wounded in Afghanistan I think.
19	MR. (b)(6)(7)(C) Afghanistan seemed like something
20	that was an issue of importance. He felt very strongly
21	about Afghanistan. Is that correct?
22	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
23	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Is that right?
24	MR. ZWONITZER: He did.
25	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Would he talk about that to you?

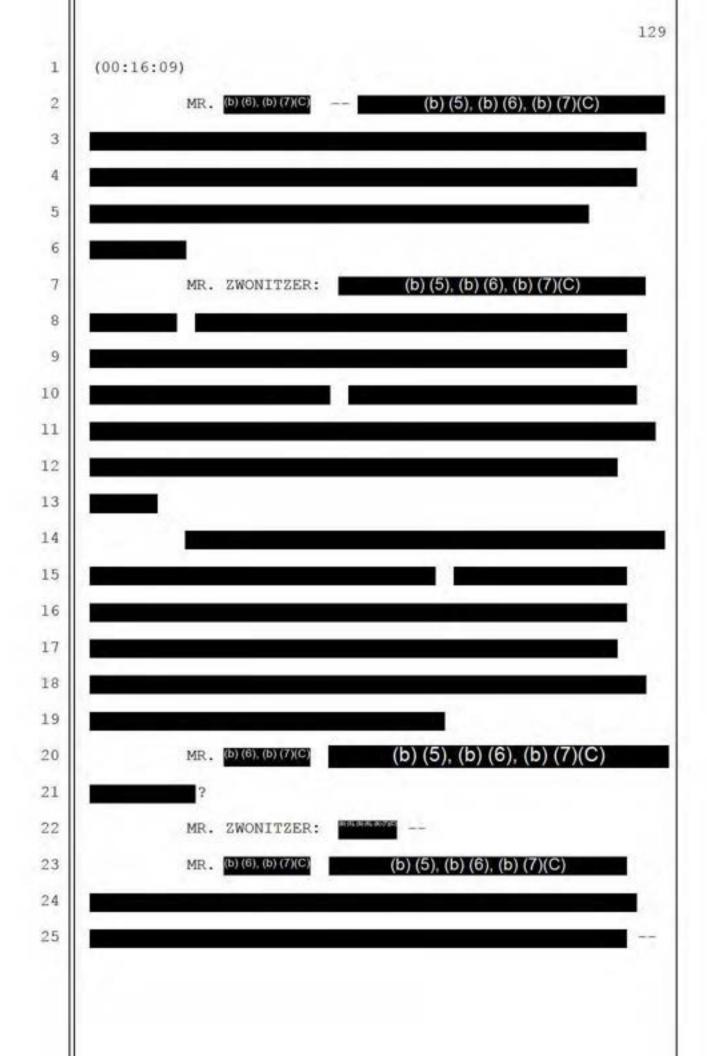
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2	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. He did on occasion and it
3	was specifically about I mean it was already not just
4	famous, but infamous when they had to when they had
5	to when they chose to fire the general. Right? His nam
6	I can't
7	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) McChrystal.
8	MR. ZWONITZER: McChrystal, right.
9	MR. (0)(0).(0)(7)(C): McChrystal.
10	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) General McChrystal.
11	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. So that was really a I
12	think that was a clash between Biden and a lot of people at
13	the Pentagon about just how to handle Afghanistan. So that
14	was very much in the news.
15	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) You know and Bob Woodward wrote a
16	book about this, I don't know if you've read it, called
17	Obama's Wars.
18	MR. ZWONITZER:
19	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
20	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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25	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

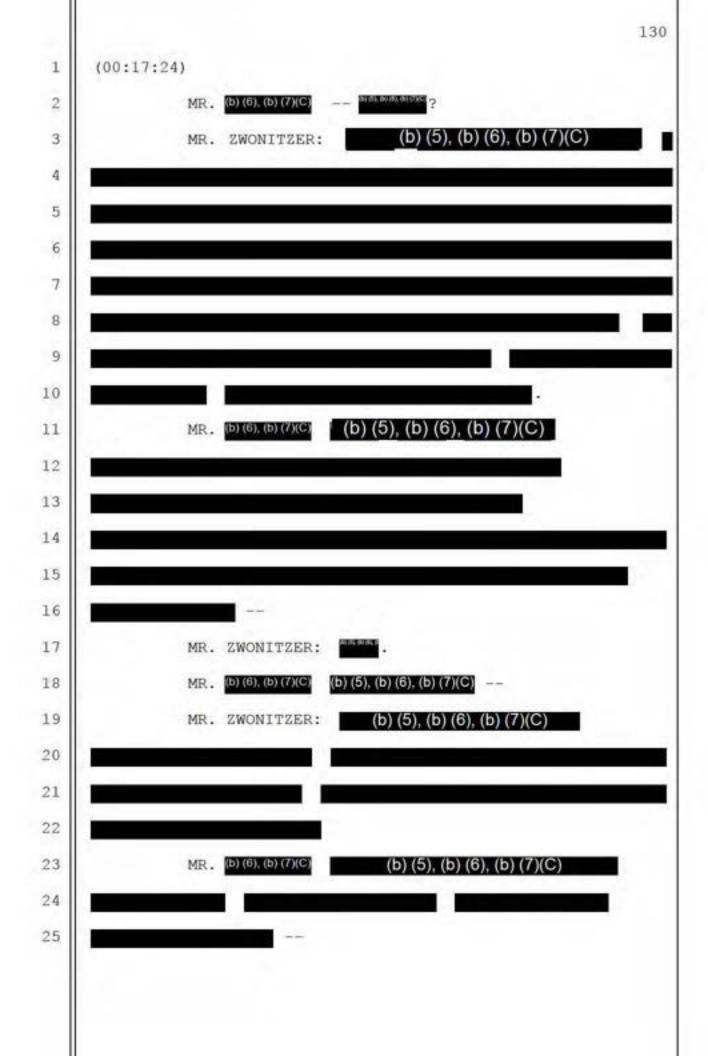
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2	MR. (b) (6) (7) (C) Yeah. That book, you know, talks
3	about the decision to do to send more troops to
4	Afghanistan in 2009, in the very early days of the
5	Obama-Biden administration and one of the notable features
6	is Biden was really not lone voice, you know, nearly a lone
7	voice against it.
8	And very much kind of sticking in the craw of the
9	military was on, you know, tens of thousands of troops to
10	go additional troops to go into Afghanistan and Biden,
11	you know, repeatedly says, no and advocates against it even
12	though no one really wants to hear it.
13	Would he talk about that and his sort of
14	opposition, his opposition at the time? It was obviously a
15	tough time. It was a very new presidency. Obama didn't
16	have military or much foreign policy experience. It's hard
17	to stand up to the military who are already at war.
18	MR. ZWONITZER: Yes. I mean it's one of the most
19	talked about things in that first term. You know, I mean
20	it's like there's a section of it in Obama's book about that
21	decision and what happened. And Biden was you're right
22	the lone voice against that.
23	I mean so I'm sure that we talked about that but
24	it wasn't that was never a part of the book. I don't
25	think we ever even mentioned that in Promise Me, Dad.

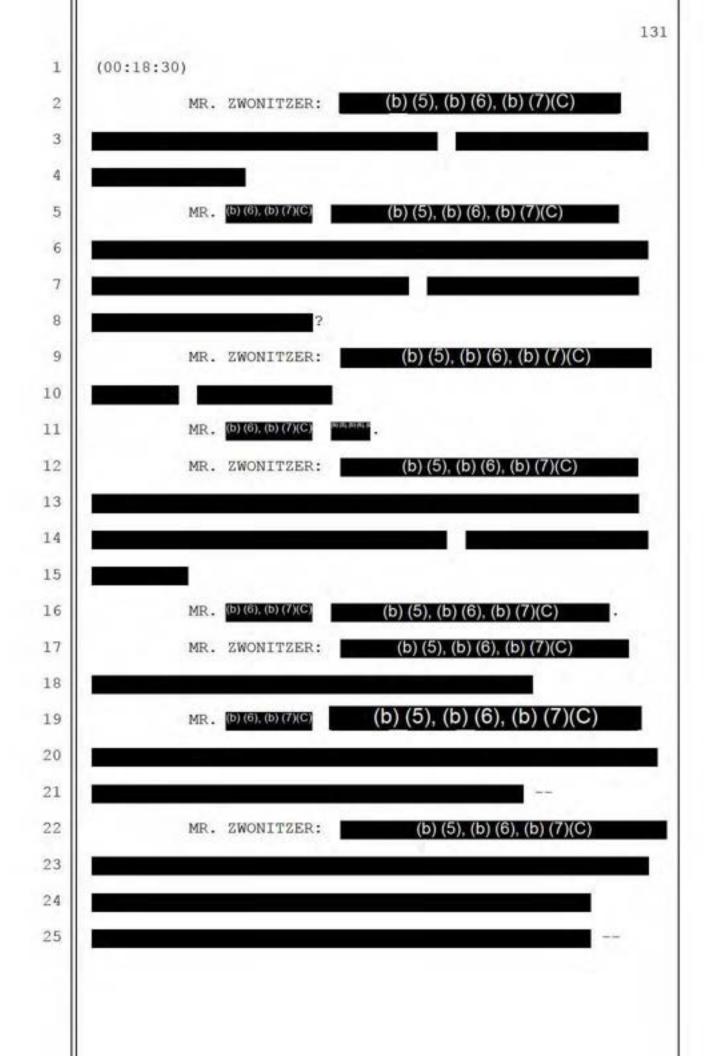
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2	MR. ZWONITZER: So yes, without question we talked
3	about it, I'm sure.
4	MR. (b)(6)(6)(7)(C) One of the sort of famous episodes
5	of this I mean in terms of Biden's opposition is this
6	handwritten letter he wrote to Obama over Thanksgiving and
7	sent to him on Thanksgiving day from Nantucket, again
8	advocating almost the last time about how this is a terrible
9	idea. Don't do this, Mr. President. This is a mistake.
10	MR. ZWONITZER: You mean like back in like 2009,
11	2010?
12	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Back in 2009 opposing the sending
13	of additional troops to Afghanistan.
14	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
15	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Did he talk to you about that? I
16	mean have you heard this anecdote before?
17	MR. ZWONITZER: About the Thanksgiving?
18	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Yeah.
19	MR. ZWONITZER: No.
20	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) Okay. Like him writing this long
21	handwritten letter to Obama?
22	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean I do remember him saying
23	that he wrote yeah, a huge number of pages about, you
24	know, like I think you said handwritten?
25	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Yeah, a very long letter.

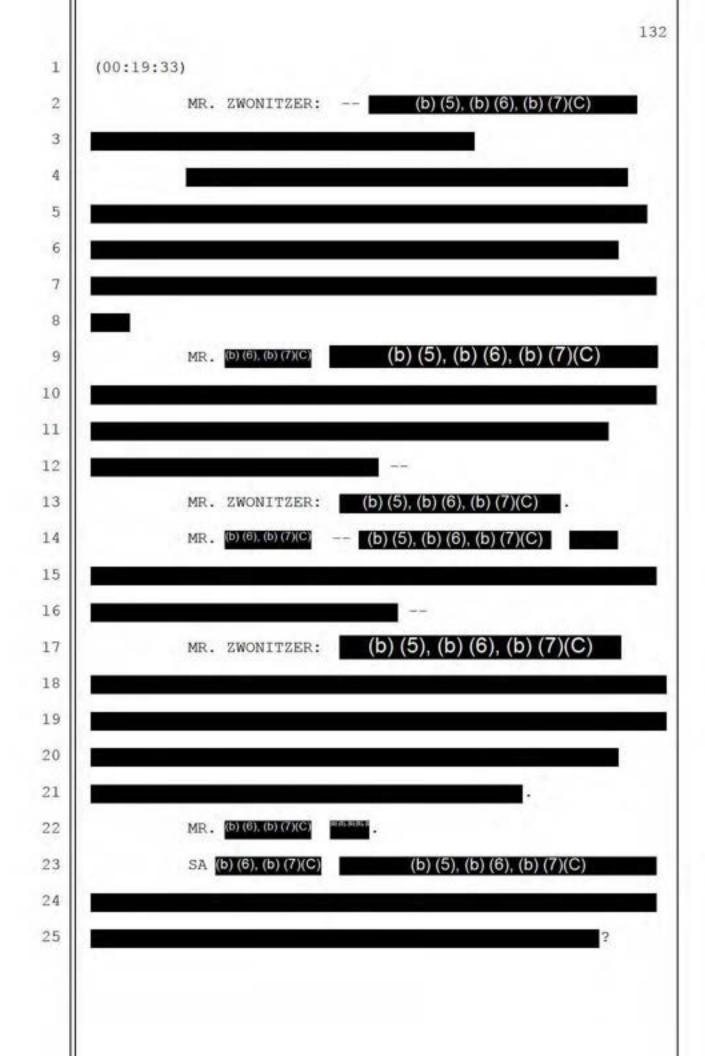
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2	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
3	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I want to say annoying long
4	handwritten letter. But it was much longer than the typical
5	handwritten letter.
6	MR. ZWONITZER: Well listen, let me tell you
7	something, I don't think Joe Biden types. I've never seen
в	him type.
9	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Yeah. Fair enough. Okay. Did he
0	ever show you that letter?
1	MR. ZWONITZER: No.
2	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Did he ever
3	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't remember seeing it.
4	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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9	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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8	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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10	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
11	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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13	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
14	(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) You had
15	mentioned about the note cards, you know, it would have he
16	schedules and the troops that had been killed in combat or
17	the back.
18	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
19	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Where would you see those note
20	cards?
21	MR. ZWONITZER: I think that (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C
22	in the, were in a
23	file, a PDF maybe that
24	SA (b) (6). (b) (7)(C) They were provided to you in a 1
25	file?

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1	(00:21:47)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: No. I think, I think I was I
3	must have been given a copy of them.
4	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. Well I guess I'm trying to
5	figure out like were you in one of Biden's homes or like
6	where physically were you?
7	MR. ZWONITZER: I think that I can't remember
8	but I think it would have been from DIGLEDICK DICKC. So that
9	would have been at the White House in August when we were
10	gathering.
11	SA (b) (6). (b) (7)(C) In August of 2016?
12	MR. ZWONITZER: '16, when we were gathering
13	schedules.
14	SA (b) (6) (7)(C) Okay. So when he had the schedules
15	you think he also showed you note cards at that time?
16	SA DIGITION OF gave you a copy of them?
17	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
18	I wouldn't call
19	them a note card. It's like a card that was like narrow and
20	long.
21	SA (b) (6). (b) (7)(C) Yeah. Like it goes coat pocket.
22	MR. ZWONITZER: And but it literally just had the
23	schedule on it. It didn't have anything more that the
24	schedule.
25	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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1	(00:22:50)
2	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
3	did you have the
4	actual, physical note cards?
5	MR. ZWONITZER: No.
6	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Did he email them to you or give
7	them to you?
8	MR. ZWONITZER: I think I I think he gave me a
9	copy of those. But I'm not I don't remember. I thought
10	I I believe I had them in a PDF file.
11	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
12	MR. GINSBURG: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
13	SA (D) (6), (D) (7)(C) 1414 3010 141705
14	MR. GINSBURG: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
15	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
16	MR. FREEMAN: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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22	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
23	MR. FREEMAN: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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2	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
3	MR. FREEMAN: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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7	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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9	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
10	How sure are you that you got them?
11	mean those look very distinctive with the schedule on them
12	We all know what we're talking about.
13	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
14	MR. (D)(6),(D)(7)(C) Like so he famously had them and
15	used them a lot. They're sort of unique to him. Maybe he
16	had a good reason to but I've never seen that form.
17	MR. ZWONITZER: Okay. I mean that was memory.
18	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
19	MR. ZWONITZER: I thought I saw those at some
20	point.
21	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
22	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) So I guess other than the meetin
23	with WISK DIG (DIG) in the West Wing did you see those types o
24	note cards anywhere else?
25	MR. ZWONITZER: Well while he's vice president -

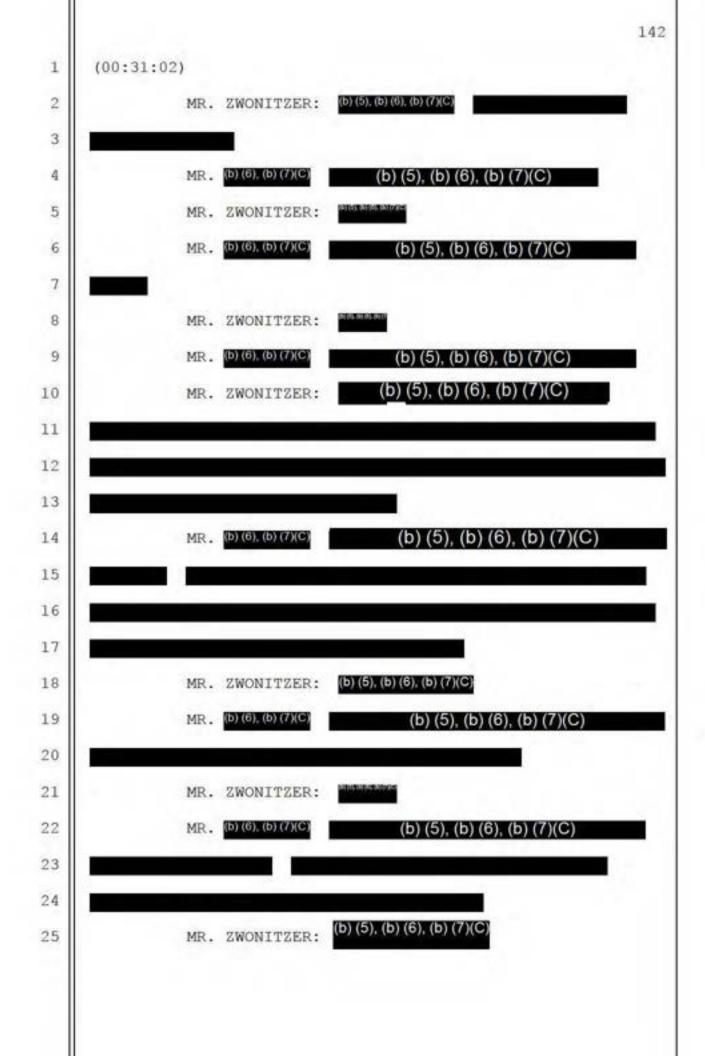
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2	MR. ZWONITZER: you know, only in his hand when
3	he referred to it.
4	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. So since he left office as
5	vice president did you see those note cards like in his
6	houses or
7	MR. ZWONITZER: No.
8	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) When during some of the meetings
9	while he was still vice president I think you were at the
10	Naval Observatory, he's reading from materials that are not
11	the notebooks. And it appears to be the types of notes that
12	he later ended up at the Archives. Do you recall him paging
13	through some of the more haphazardly gathered the materials
14	that weren't a one of the journals or diaries?
15	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't.
16	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
17	MR. ZWONITZER: But can you give me a for
18	instance?
19	MR. (b)(0)(7)(C) Well so there's the interviews
20	where he's essentially reading you things
21	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
22	MR. (b)(6)(7)(C) from his journals and you're
23	typing down, instead of letting you photocopy them or read
24	them or giving them to you he's reading them so you can type
25	them, essentially transcribe them through his voice

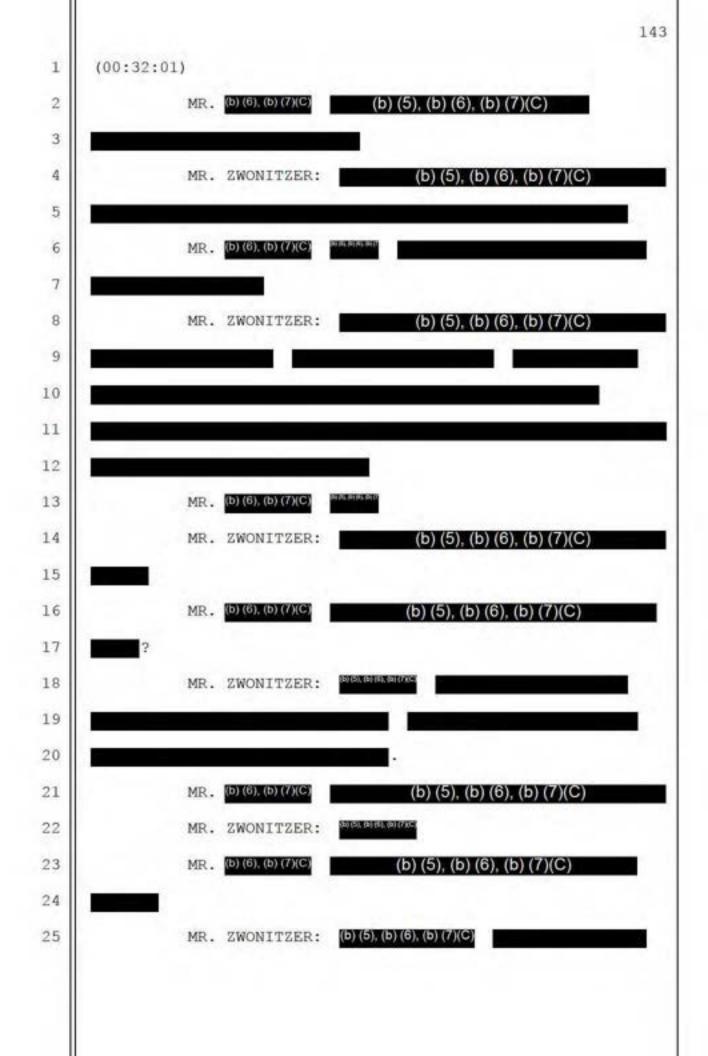
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1	(00:25:57)
2	MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) which is a tedious process we've
3	discussed several times here.
4	There's certain ones when you look at them it
5	appears that he's not reading from his notebooks or diaries,
6	journals. Instead he's reading from notes of meetings that
7	he kept whether it's on lapel cards or some other gathered
8	materials that he had and later ended up at the, at the
9	National Archives. We know where they ended up.
10	MR. ZWONITZER: Okay.
11	MR. (D)(6), (D)(7)(C) But they are not the books that
12	we've talked about.
13	MR. ZWONITZER: Okay.
14	MR. (b)(6)(0)(7)(C) Do you recall him going through and
15	reading from other types of material?
16	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean, I remember him reading the
17	notes from the Obama lunches from what I thought came from
18	the Archives, that he took notes. I do not remember
19	other sorry, it's a long time ago.
20	MR. (b) (6) (7) (C) I think those were the ones I'm
21	talking about the a lot of those are related to the POTUS
22	lunches.
23	MR. ZWONITZER: Okay. Again, I remember here I
24	thought he was reading me from notes he had taken at the
25	Archives. That was my understanding.

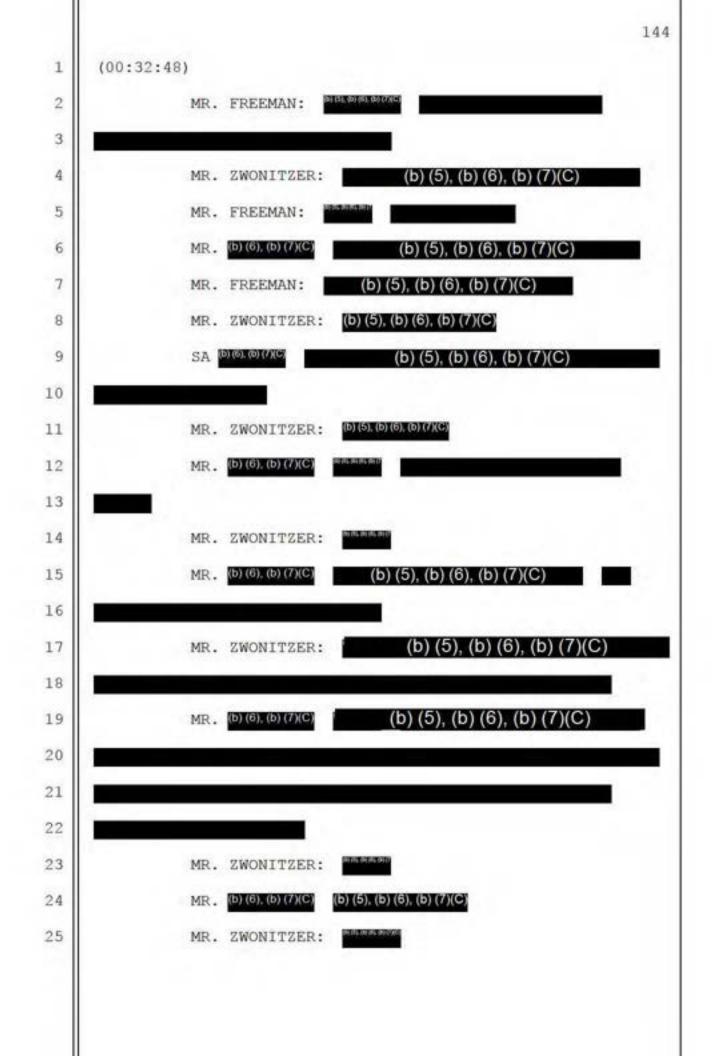
139 (00:27:09)1 2 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. MR. ZWONITZER: And I think that was around the 3 4 middle ---5 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Of 2017. MR. ZWONITZER: -- '17. 6 7 MR. (b) (6) (7) (C) Okay. So you think you recall that 8 he went to the Archives, took notes on the things and then 9 read those notes to you? 10 MR. ZWONITZER: That's what I -- that's my memory. 11 MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) He went back to the Archives in 12 July of 2017 and you -- this is Bates 631. This is 13 Zwonitzer 631 and 632 of July 9th of 2017, and you sent an email to (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 14 ----15 MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. 16 MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) -- which is the Joe Biden email 17 with the subject, Archives. And attached to it Bates at 632 18 is a list of POTUS lunches and that's some of the same 19 lunches that you had -- appeared in your earlier list in 20 April, some of which are crossed out. I assume that's 21 because you already --22 MR. ZWONITZER: Don't know how --23 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) You had gotten those notes. And 24 then this other, a list of other topics that, you know, in 25 for potential notes including calls with Prime Minister --

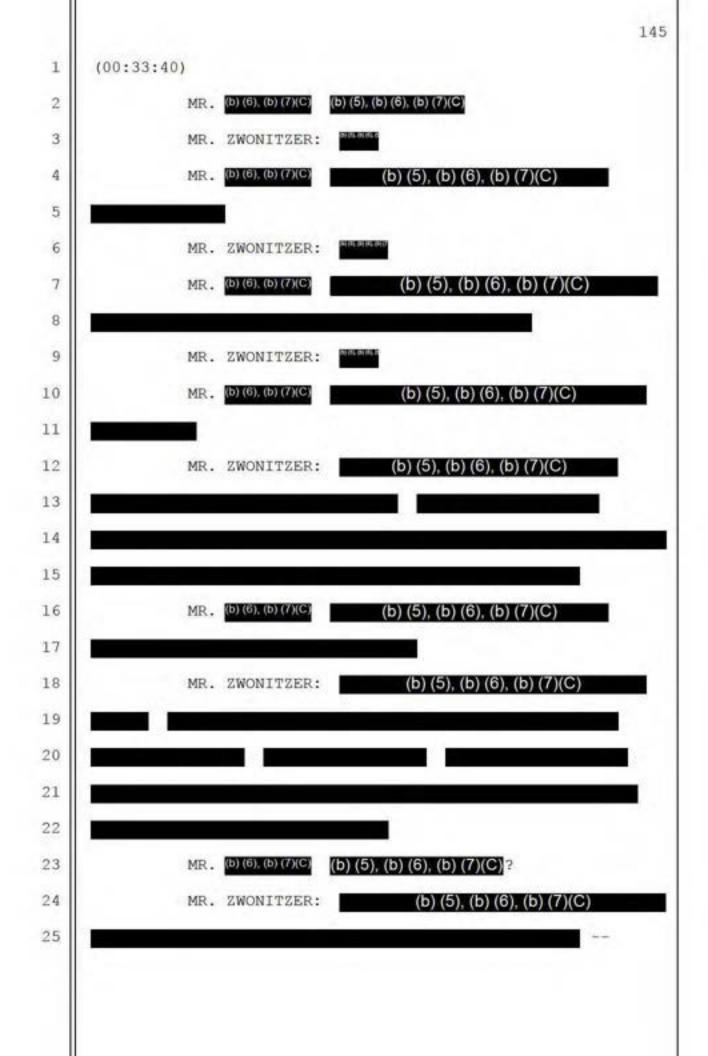
140 (00:28:23)1 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) -- Abadi of Iraq, a call with 2 3 President Poroshenko of Ukraine and some other items. What 4 are these items that you're looking for and why? MR. ZWONITZER: This was -- I mean these in 5 particular where like -- these were the first days he was 6 7 back after Beau's death. 8 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) In June of 20 --9 MR. ZWONITZER: In June, so these are like what's 10 going on in your life then. 11 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. 12 MR. ZWONITZER: What I remember is that I know that we quoted from letters of condolence that he got about 13 14 Beau. I don't think he did any of that. MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) You don't think he got you these 15 16 notes? 17 MR. ZWONITZER: I don't think he got any of those. 18 MR. (b) (6) (7) (C) He did go to the Archives. So you 19 sent this email on July 9th. He went there a day or two 20 later. 21 MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. 22 (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) So he did get you some stuff I take MR. 23 it? 24 MR. ZWONITZER: I think it was about Beau. 25 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) Okay. The condolence letters?

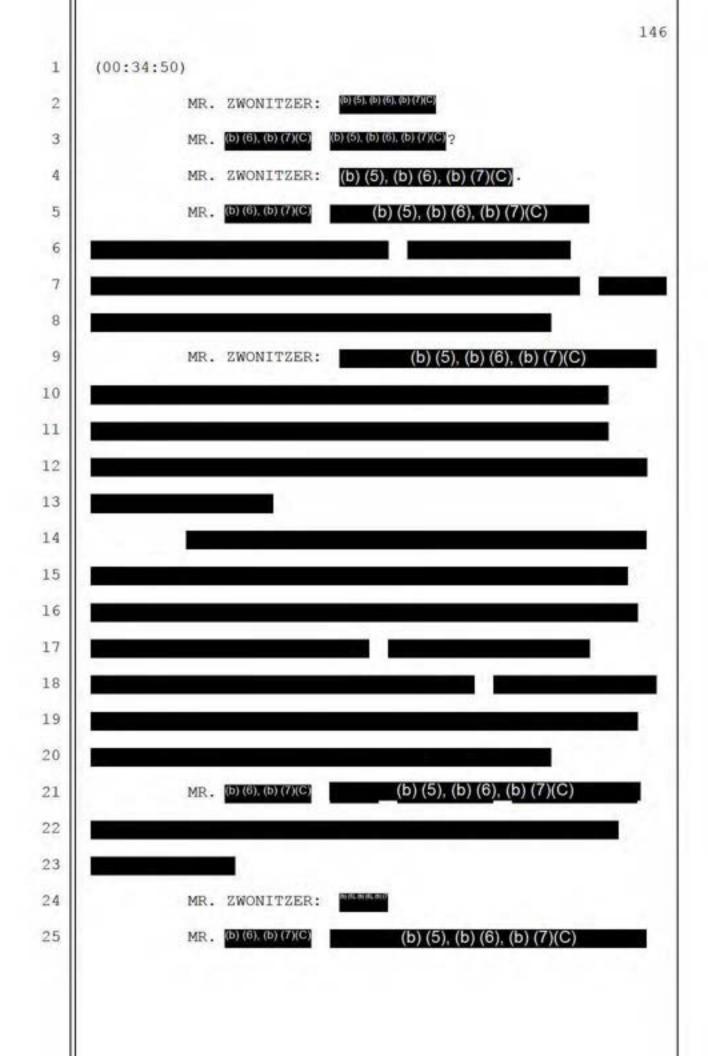
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2	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. I don't I just don't
3	remember. I mean I remember having like all the official
4	readouts of those meetings from the White House archives
5	that was digitally available.
6	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Letters re: Beau was on your list
7	there, also need.
8	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. So the letters I know that
9	we quoted from the letters in the book, I remember
10	specifically some. I don't have any recollection of any of
11	that material. I just thought like he never got to it.
12	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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14	MR. ZWONITZER:
15	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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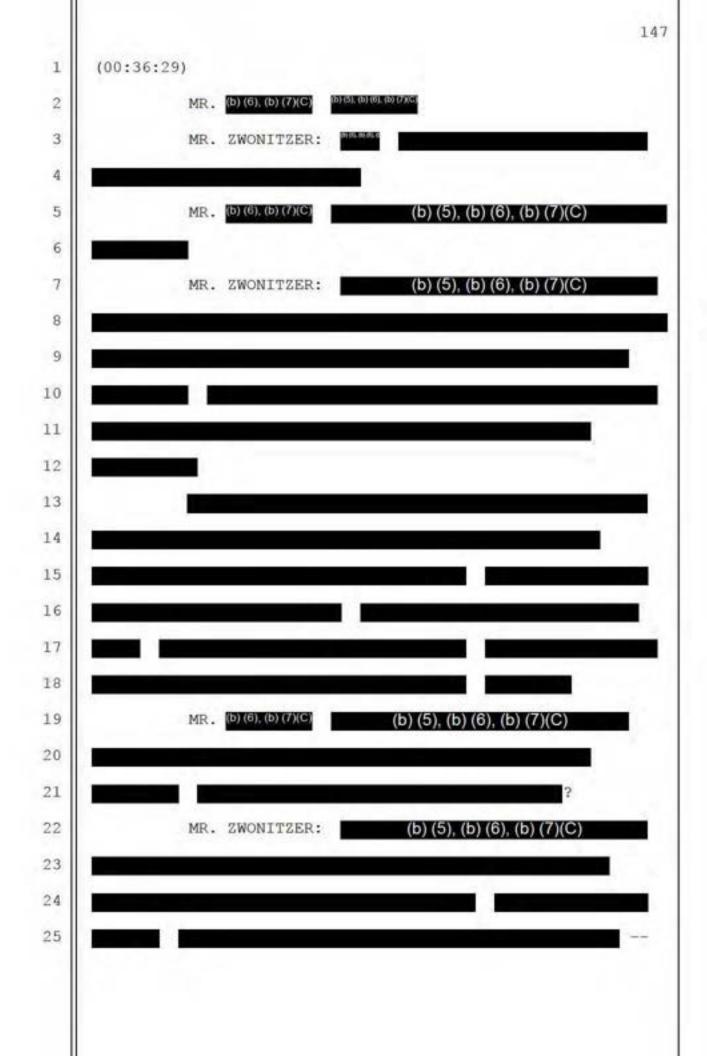


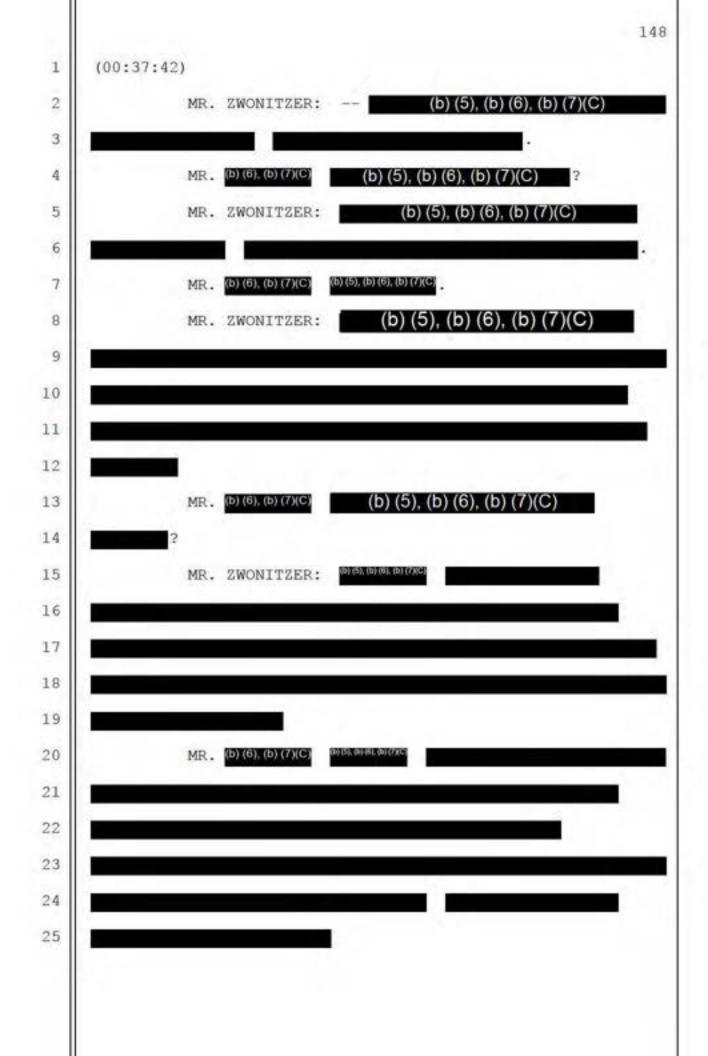


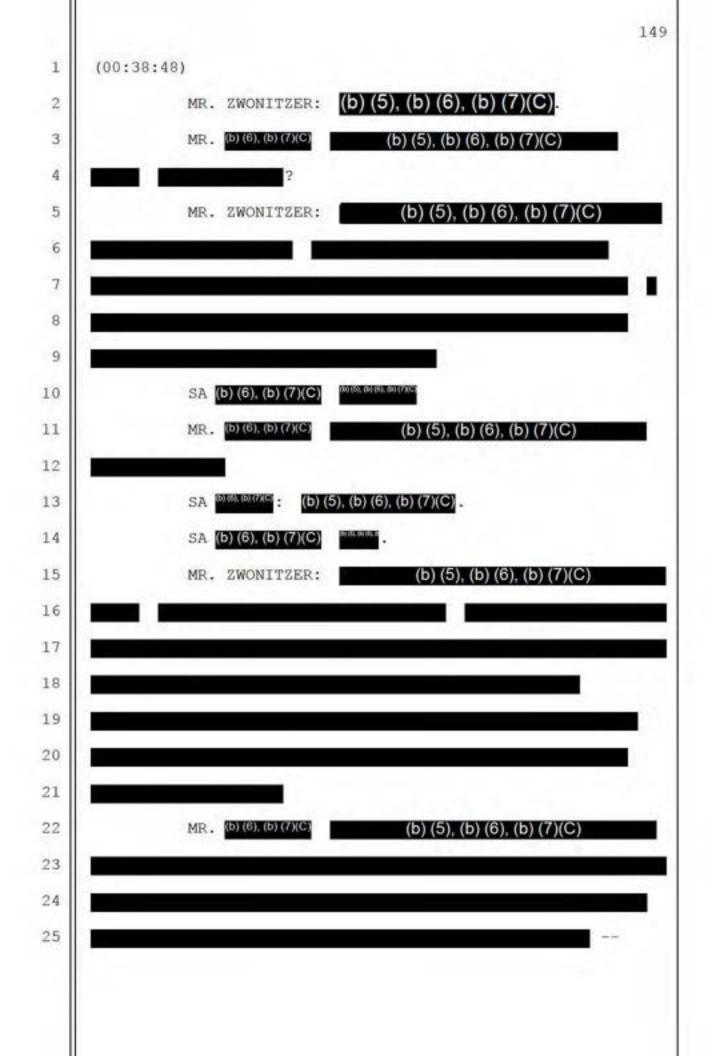


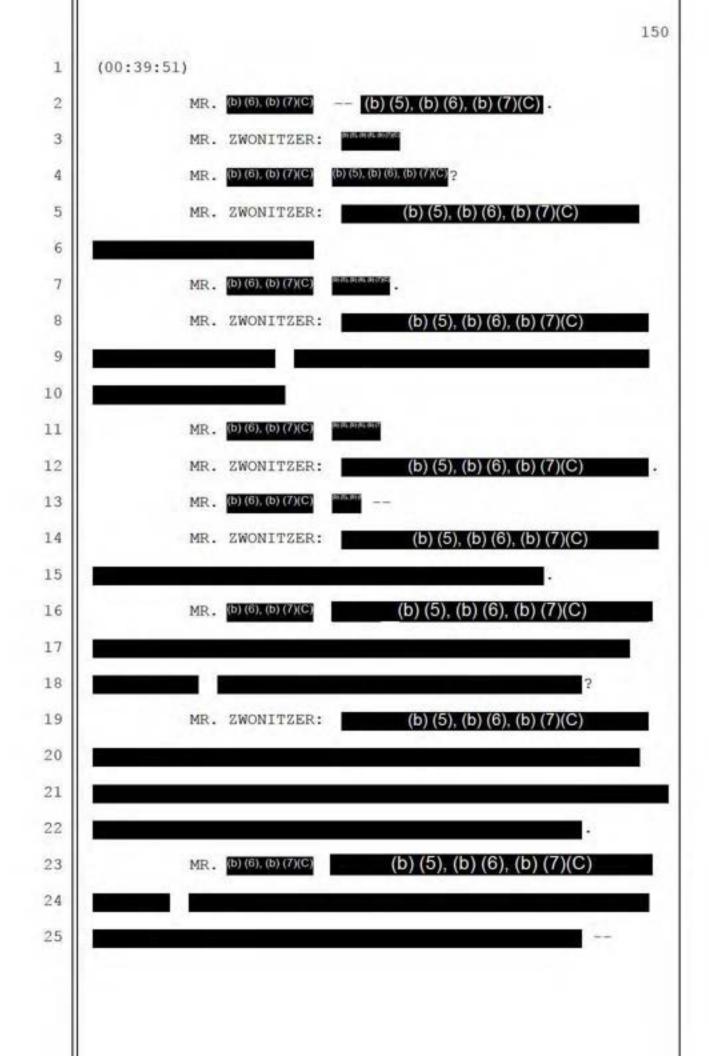


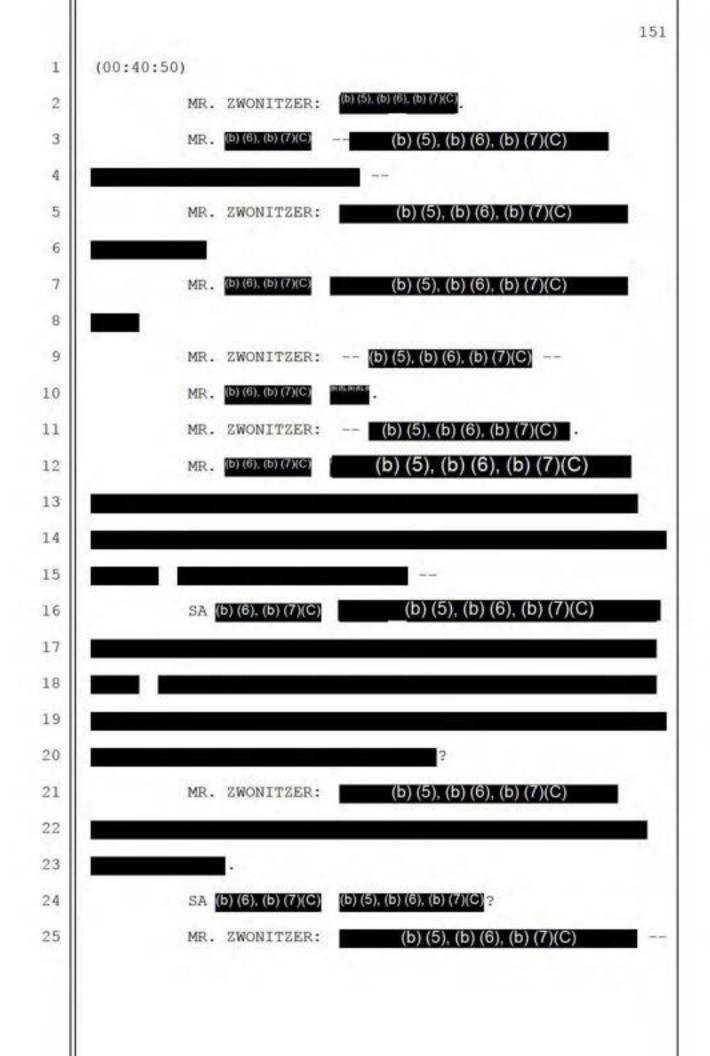


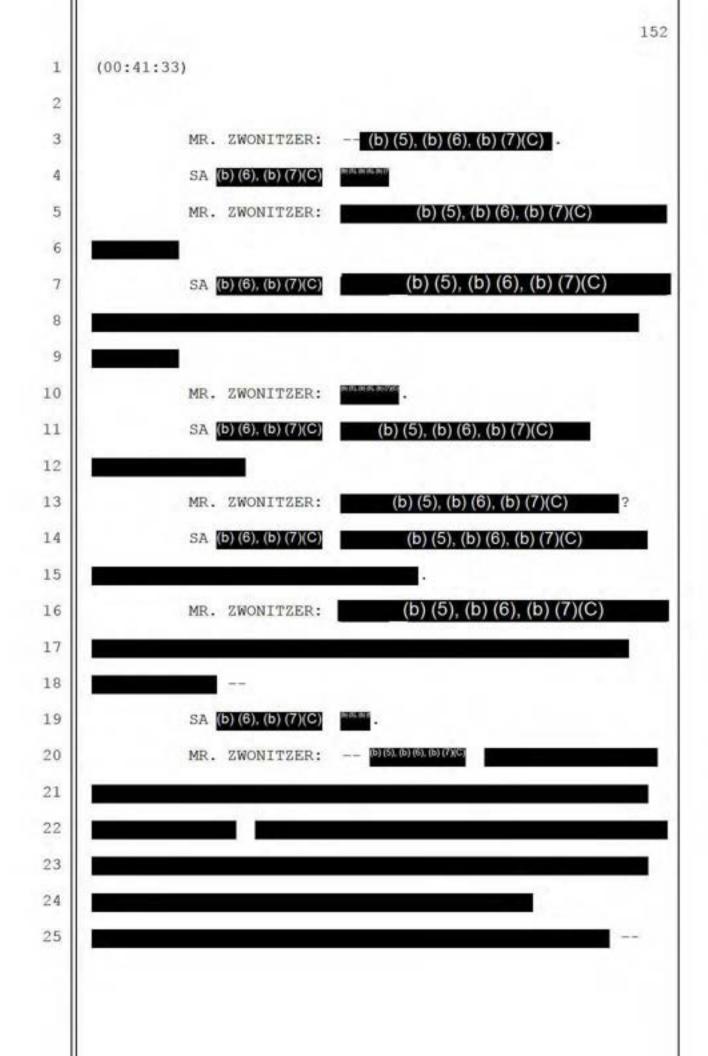


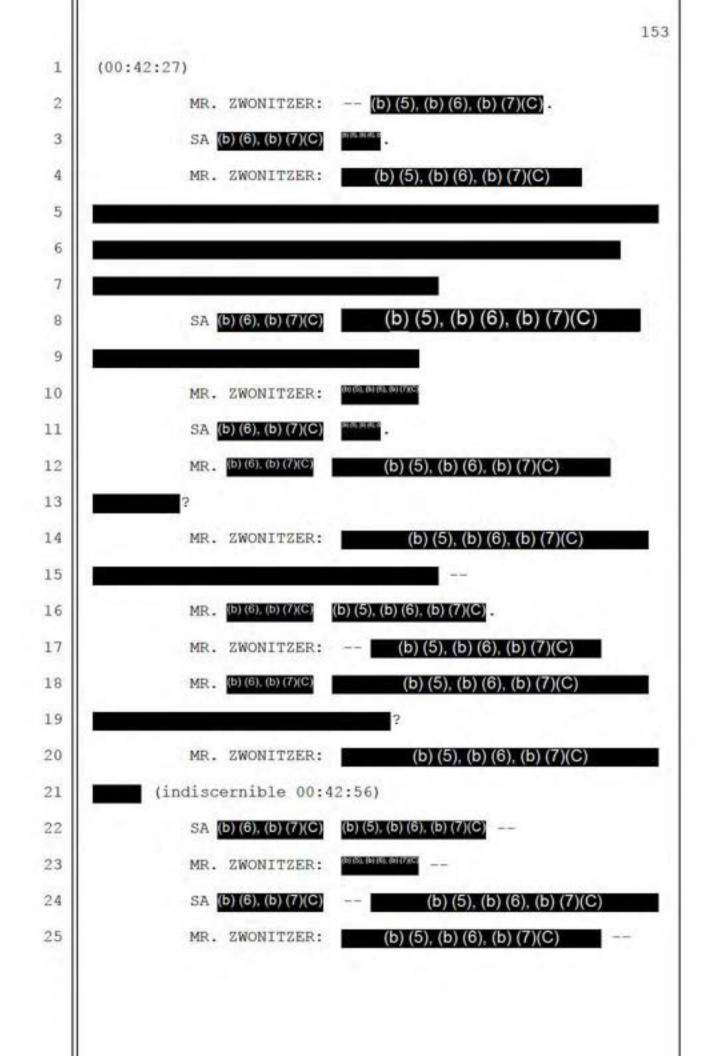


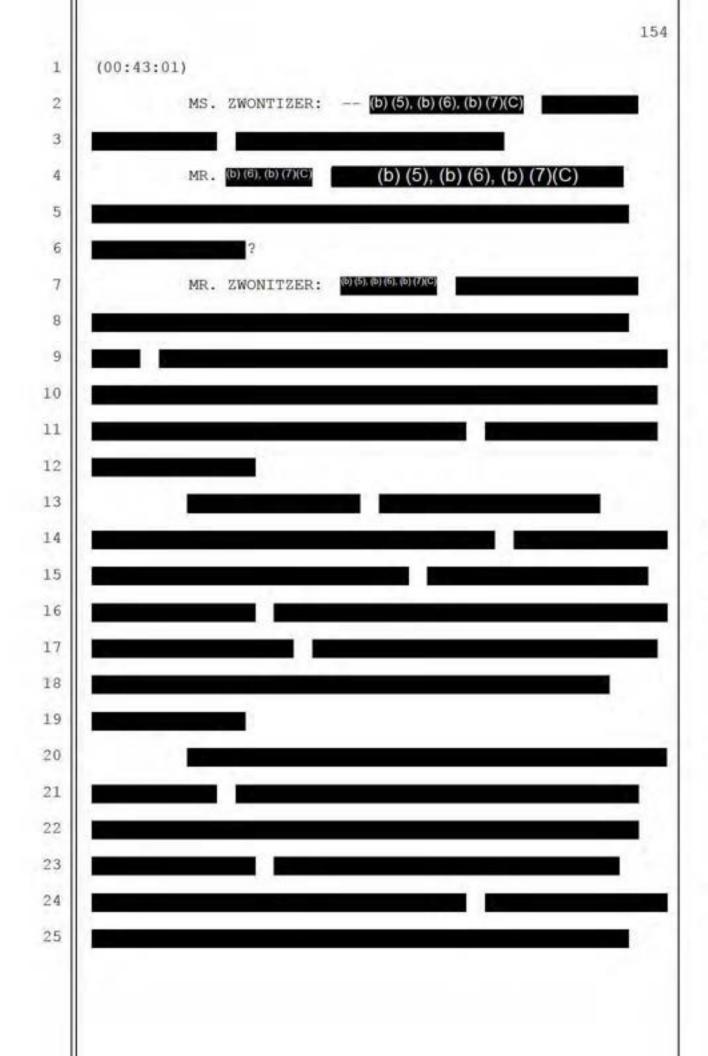


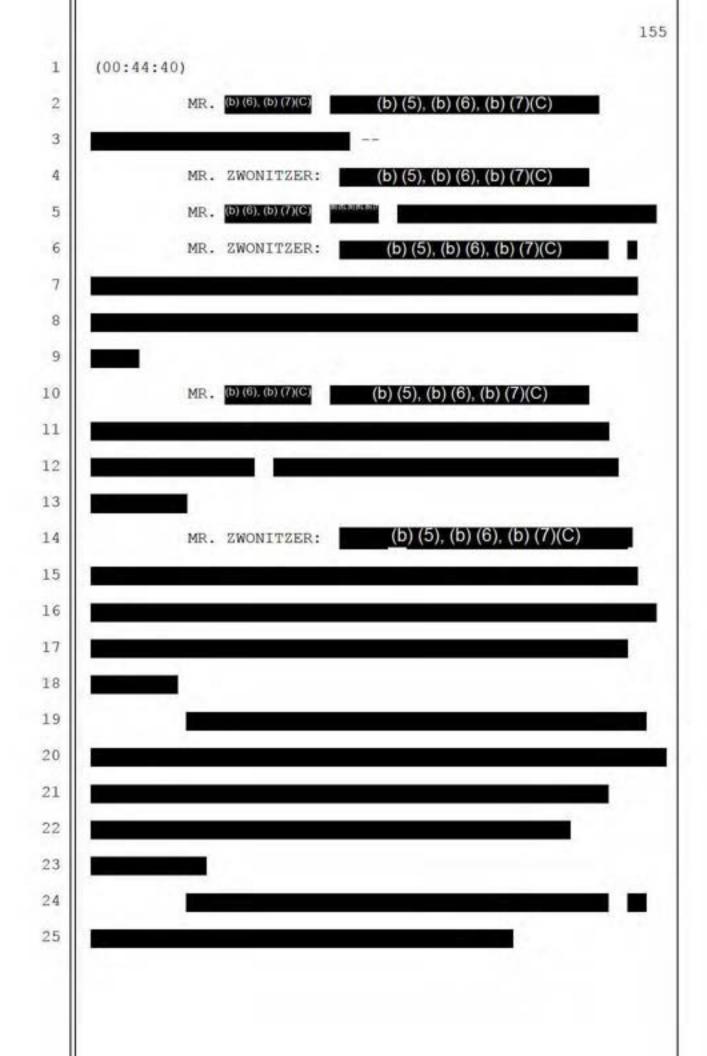


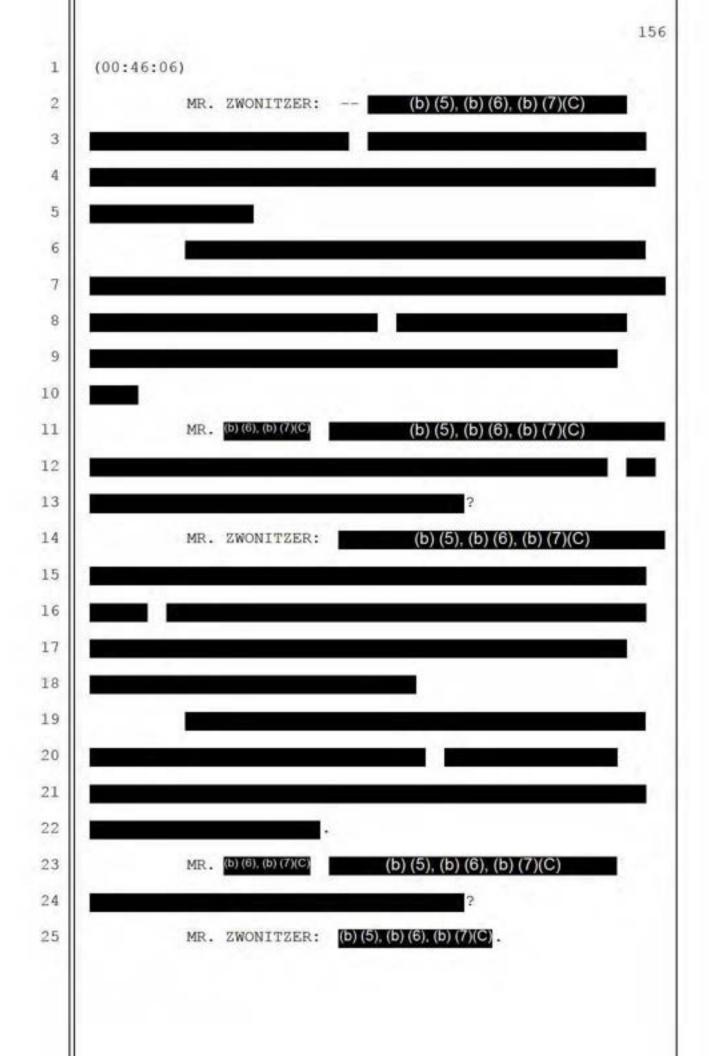


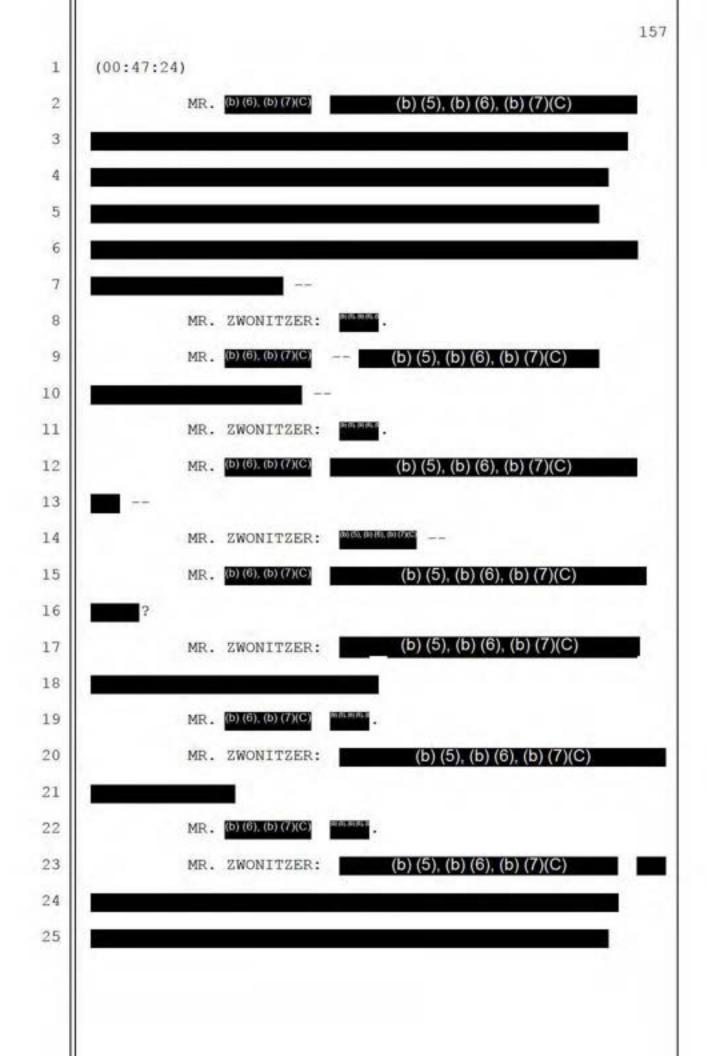


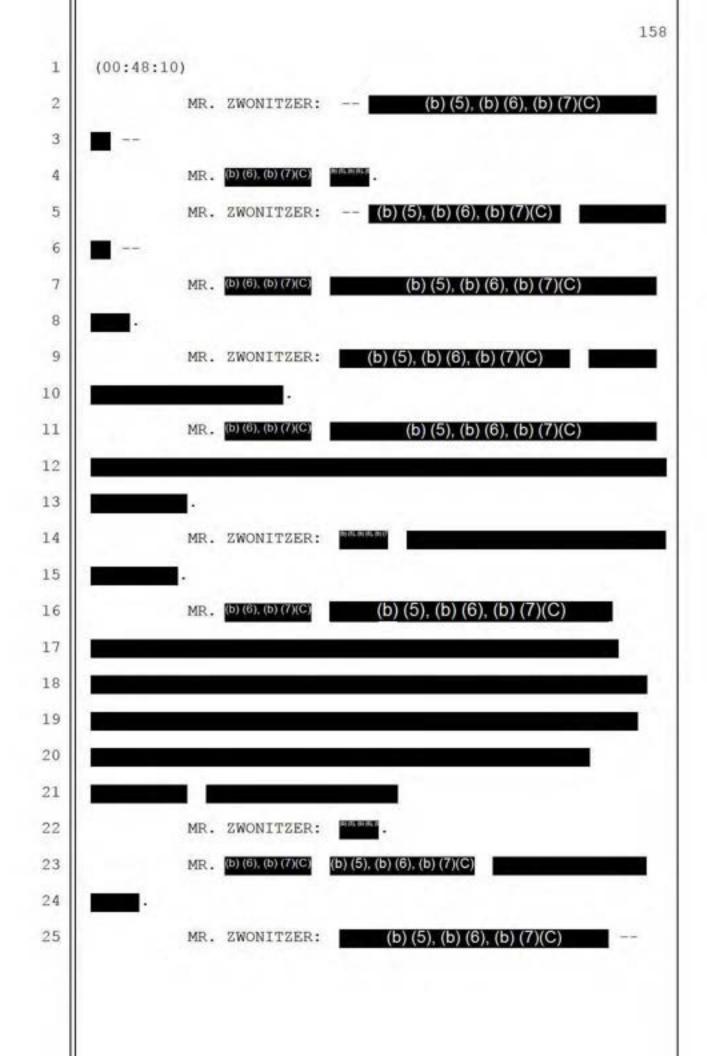


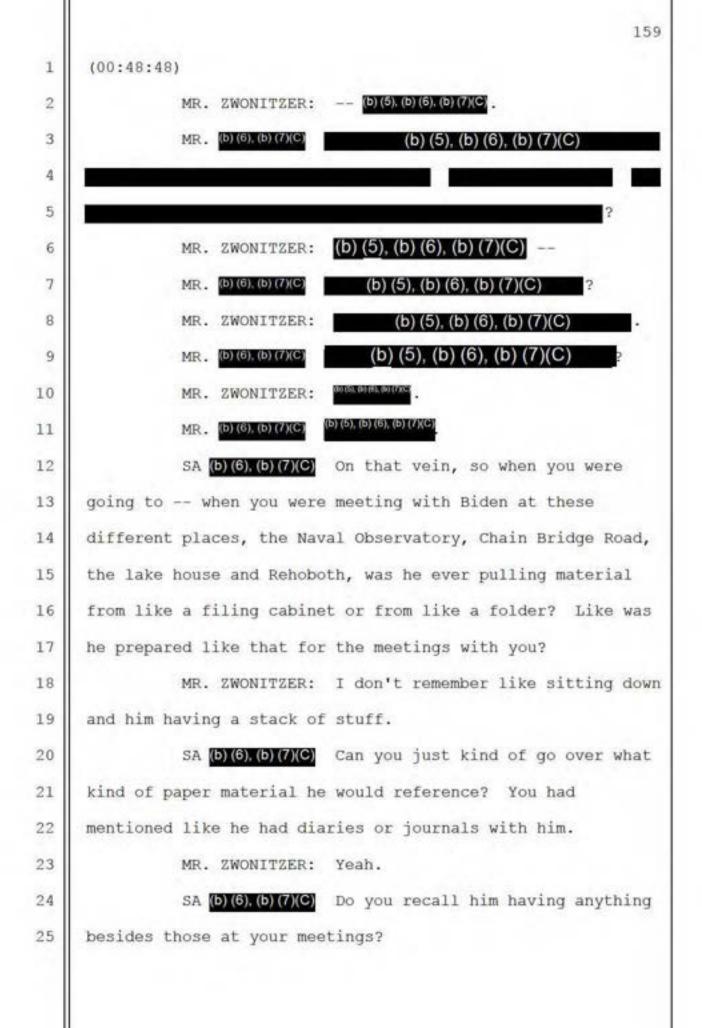




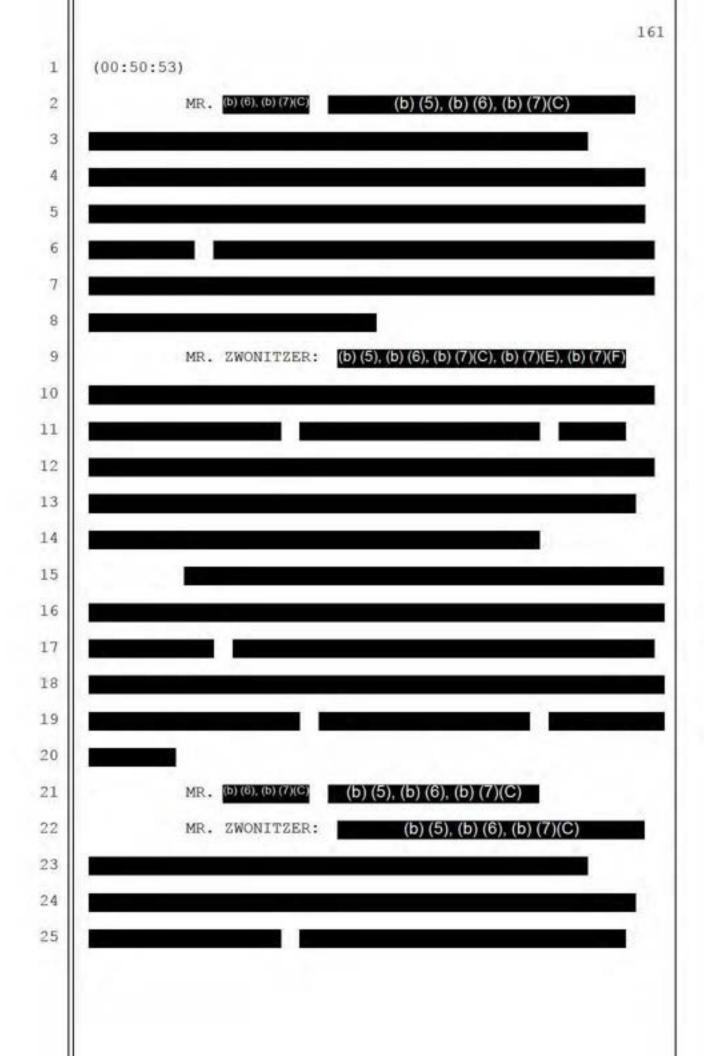


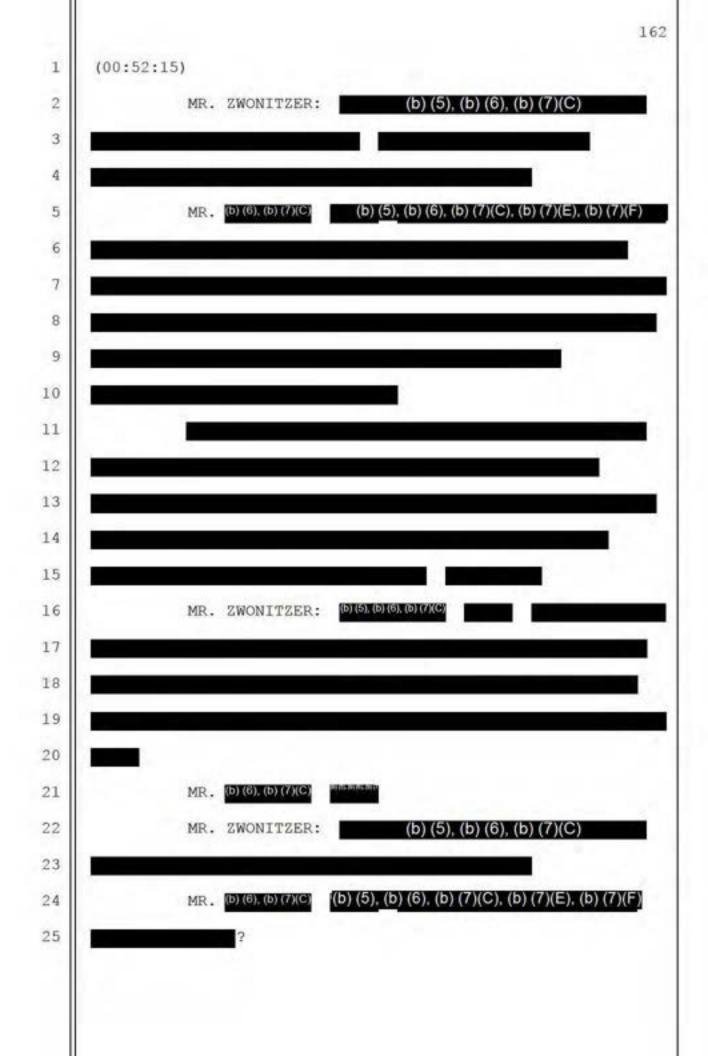


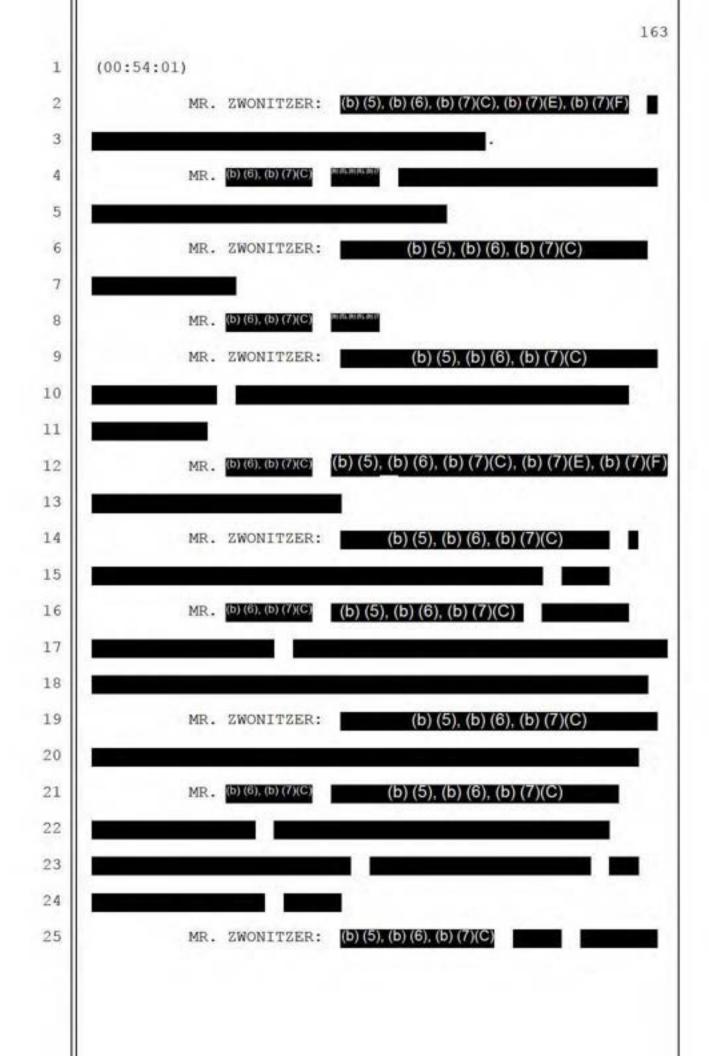


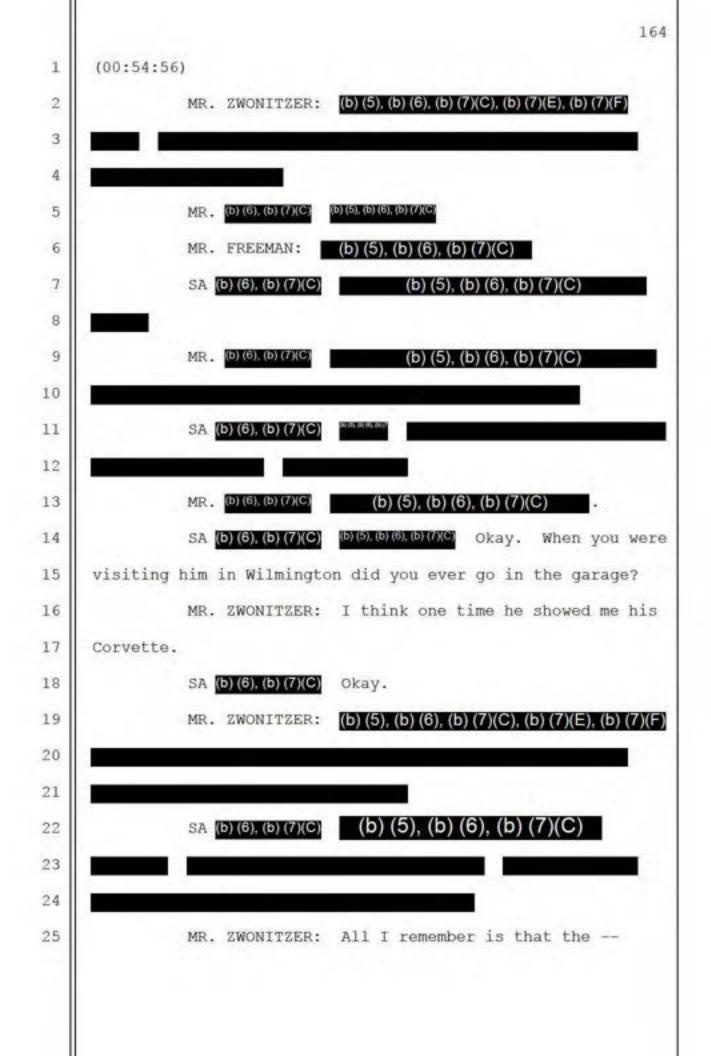


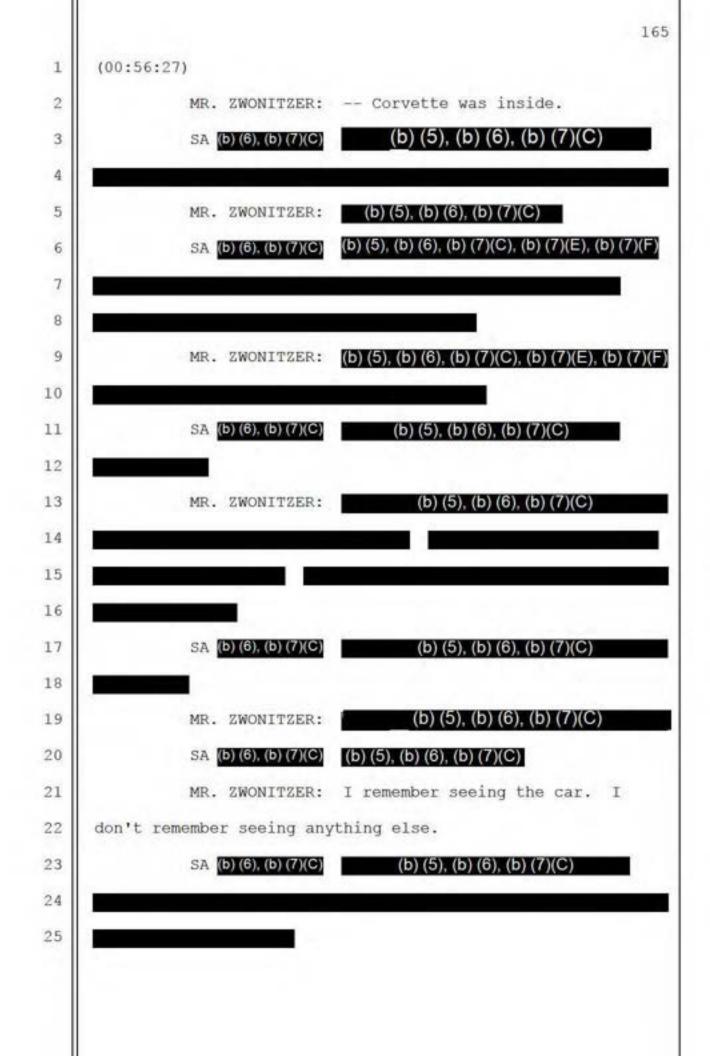
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2	MR. ZWONITZER: Well I would send to him like in
3	preparation for the meeting, I would send him like here's
4	some schedules and I even sent him like here's some, here's
5	some newspaper articles from, you know, a trip to X, Y, or Z
6	that he would I assume he would have read that before we
7	sat down.
8	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
9	MR. ZWONITZER: But I don't remember him having a
10	bunch of other than the diary, I don't remember him
11	pulling from notes.
12	SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) And the reason I'm asking is
13	because we have seen some kind of hanging filing system and
14	it looks like a lot of it is prep for your book. And so I'm
15	wondering if you ever saw him go into a hanging file system
16	like that to pull stuff out?
17	MR. (b)(0)(0)(7)(C) Like, at a desk drawer or safe.
18	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. I don't. I don't remember
19	that.
20	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
21	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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24	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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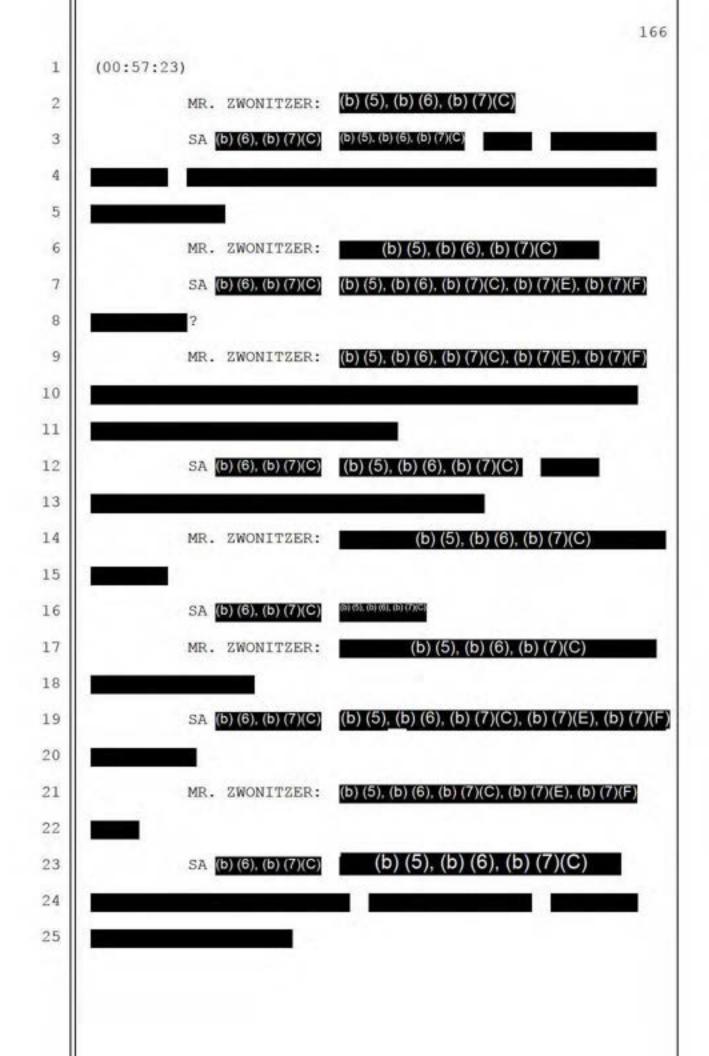


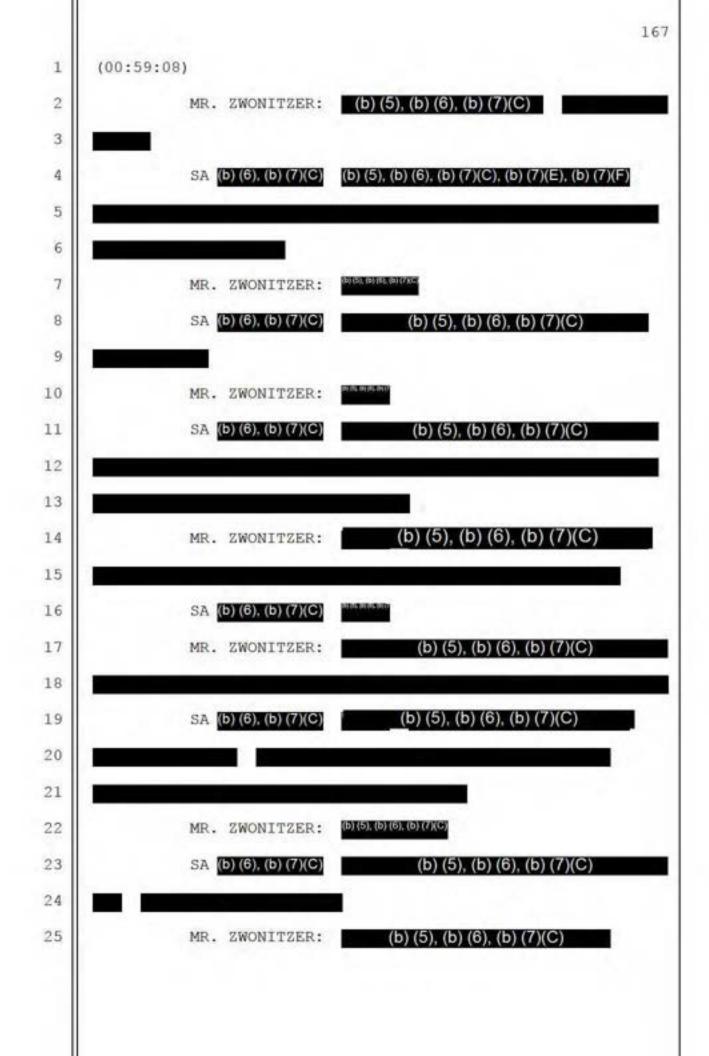


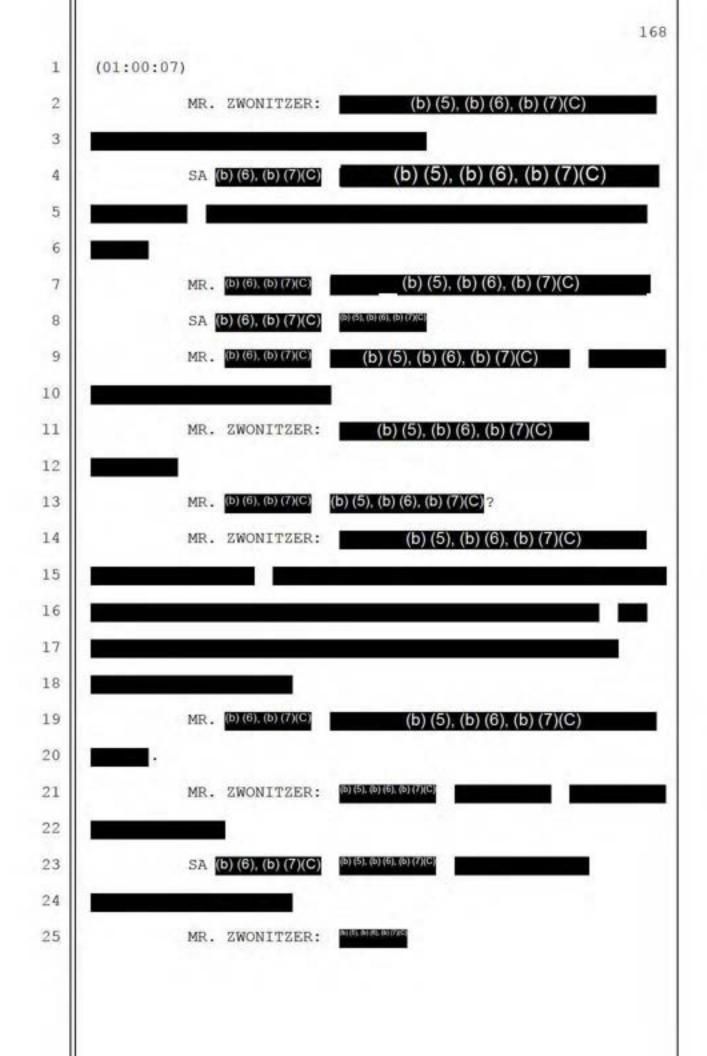


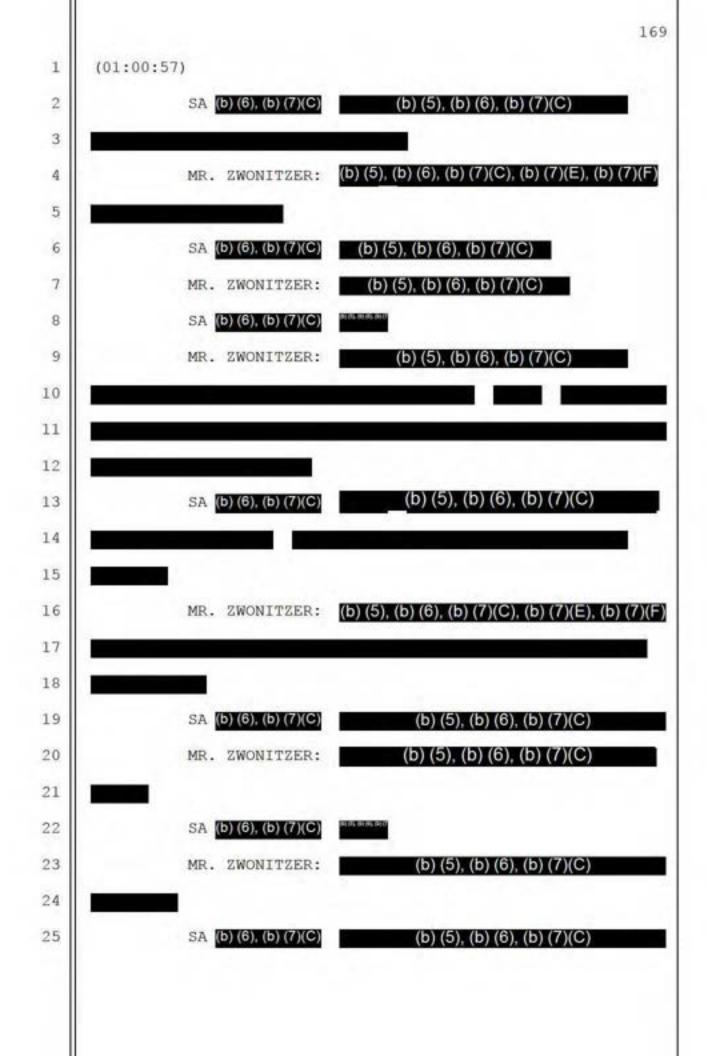


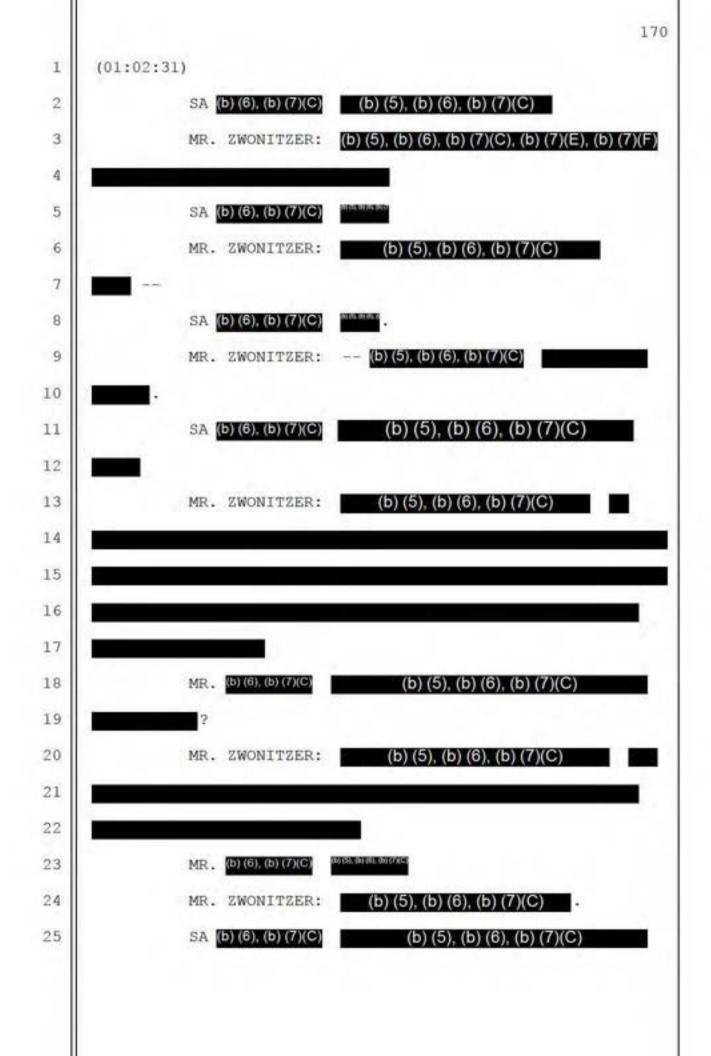


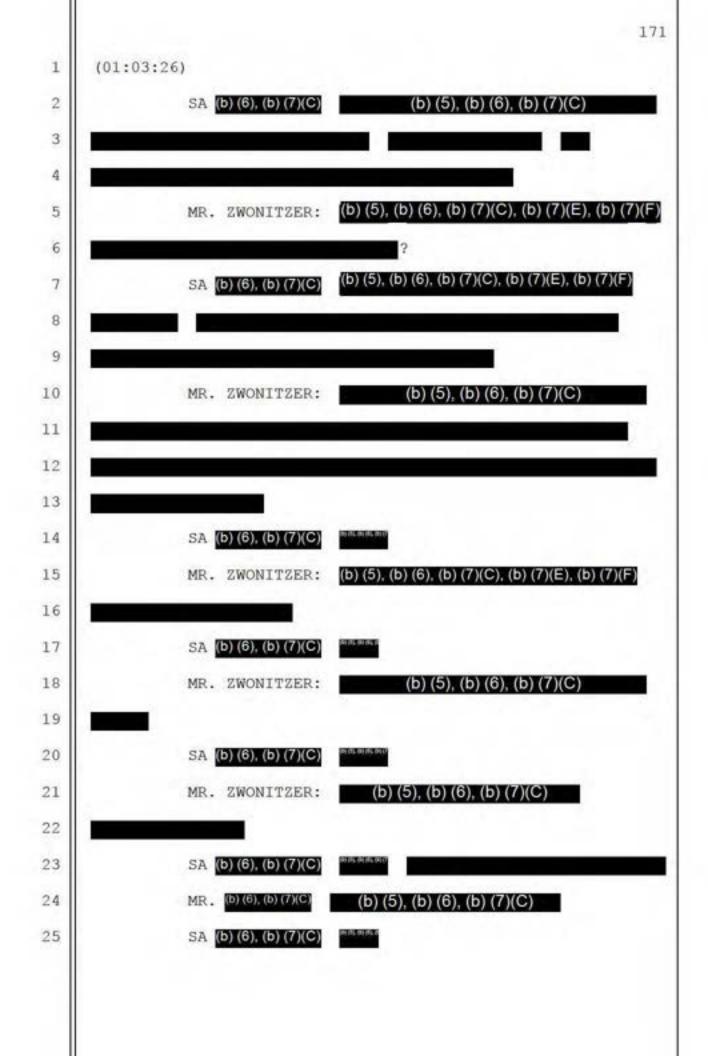


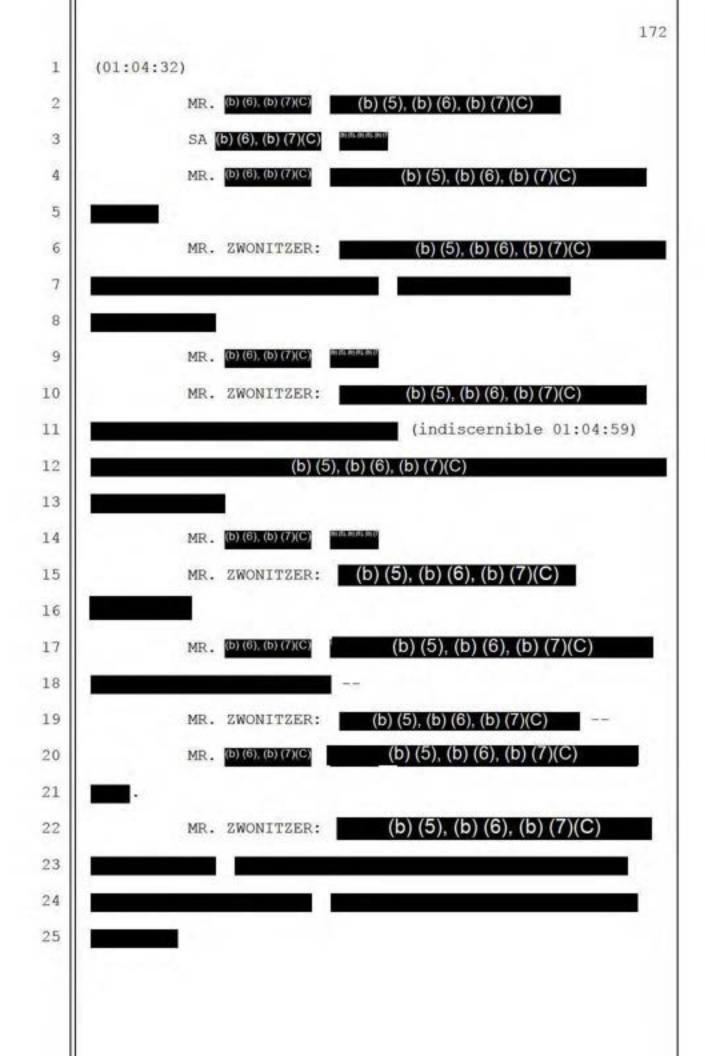


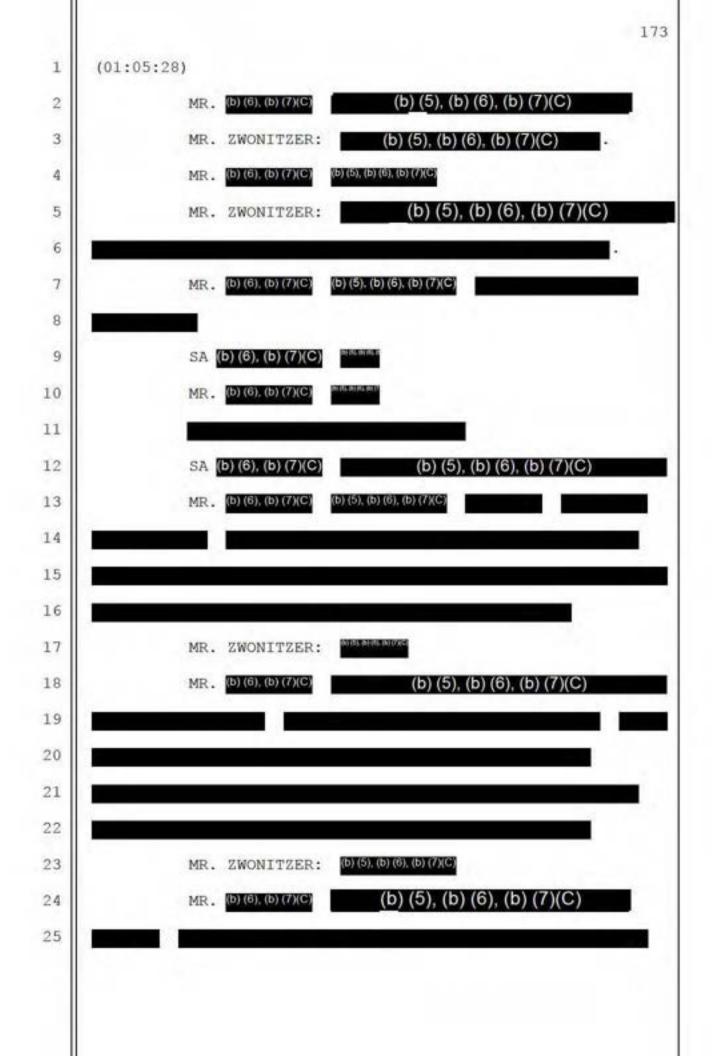


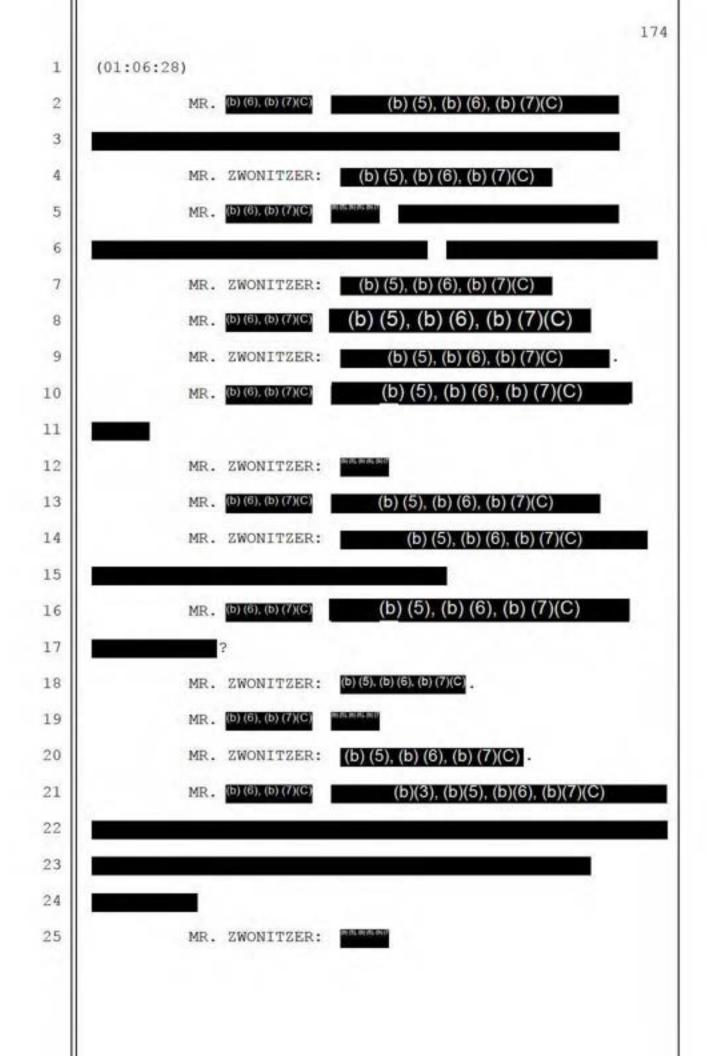


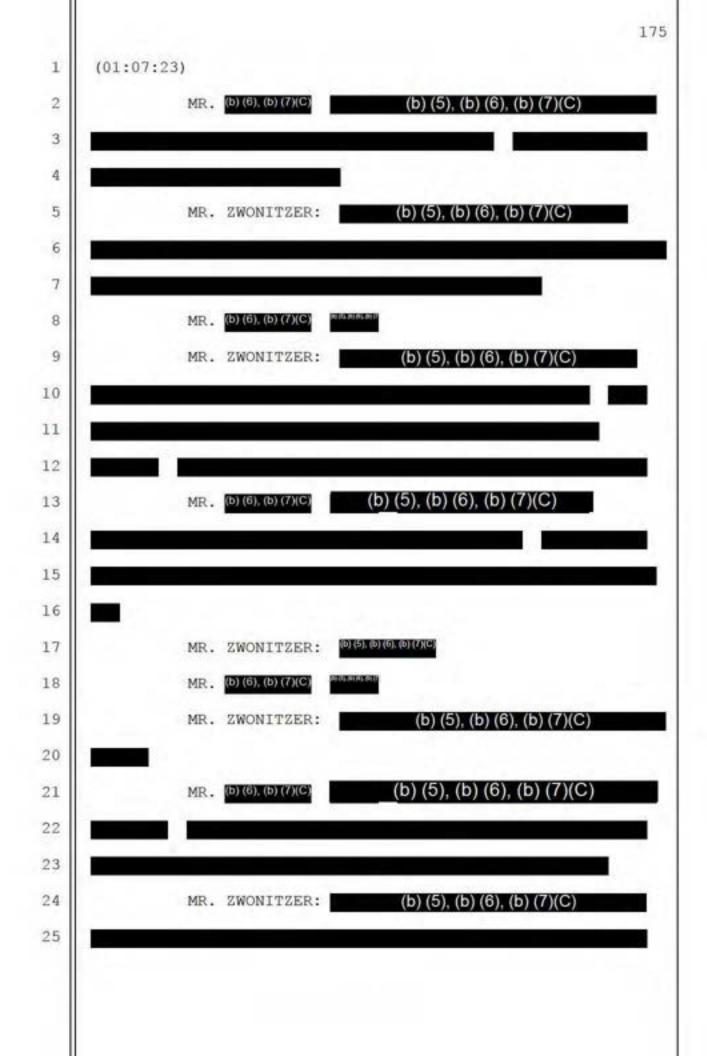


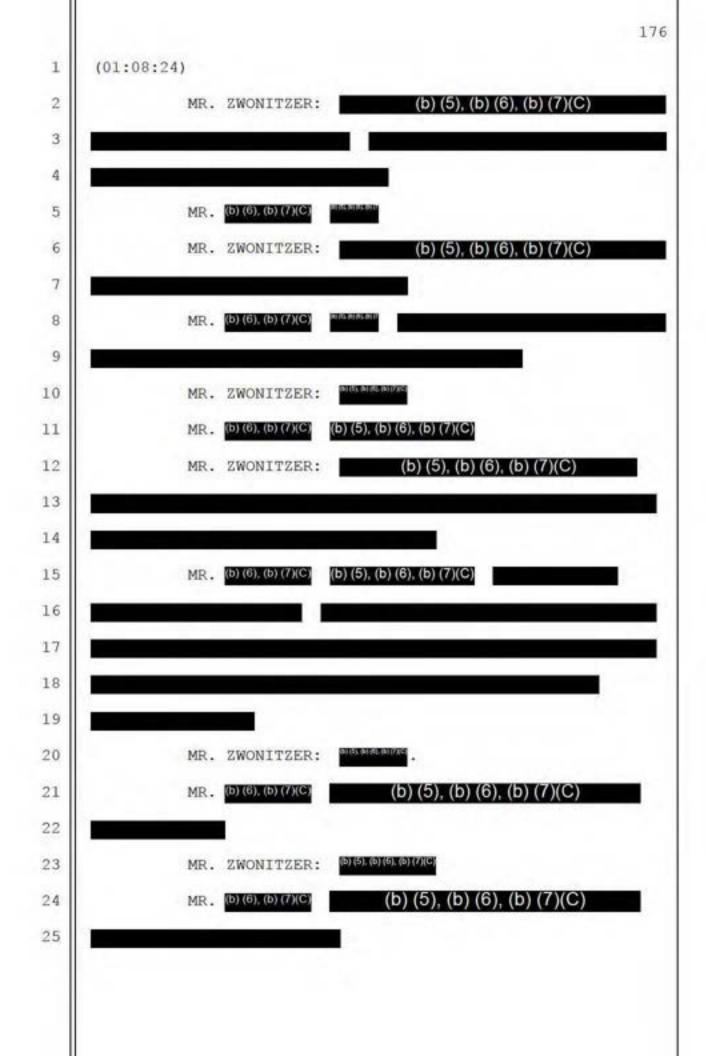


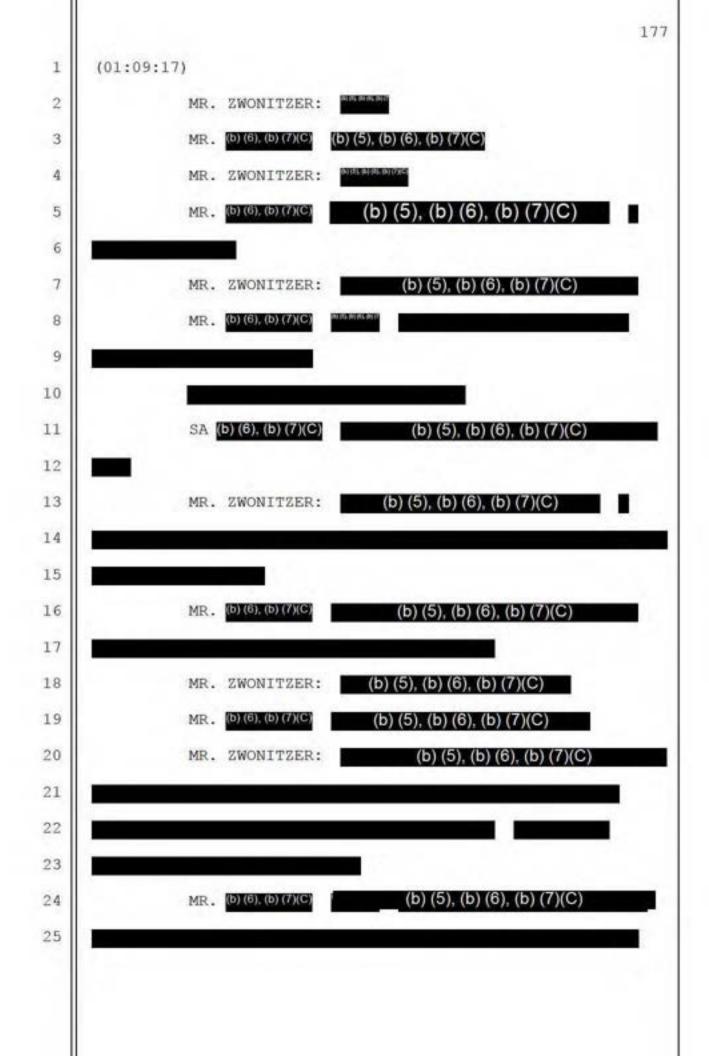


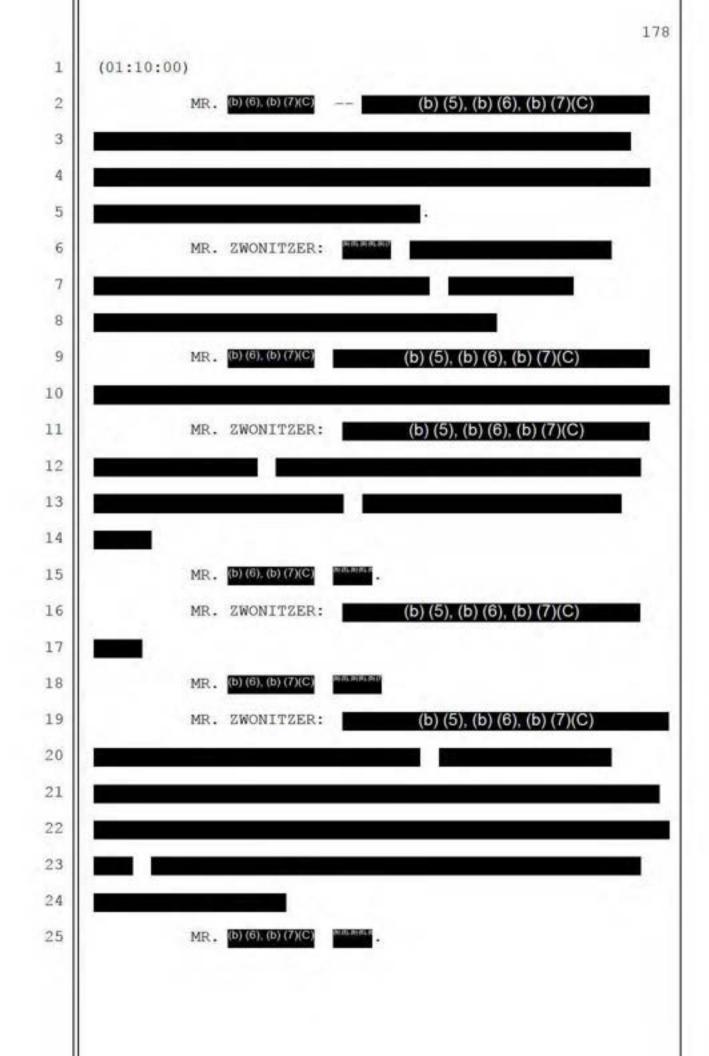






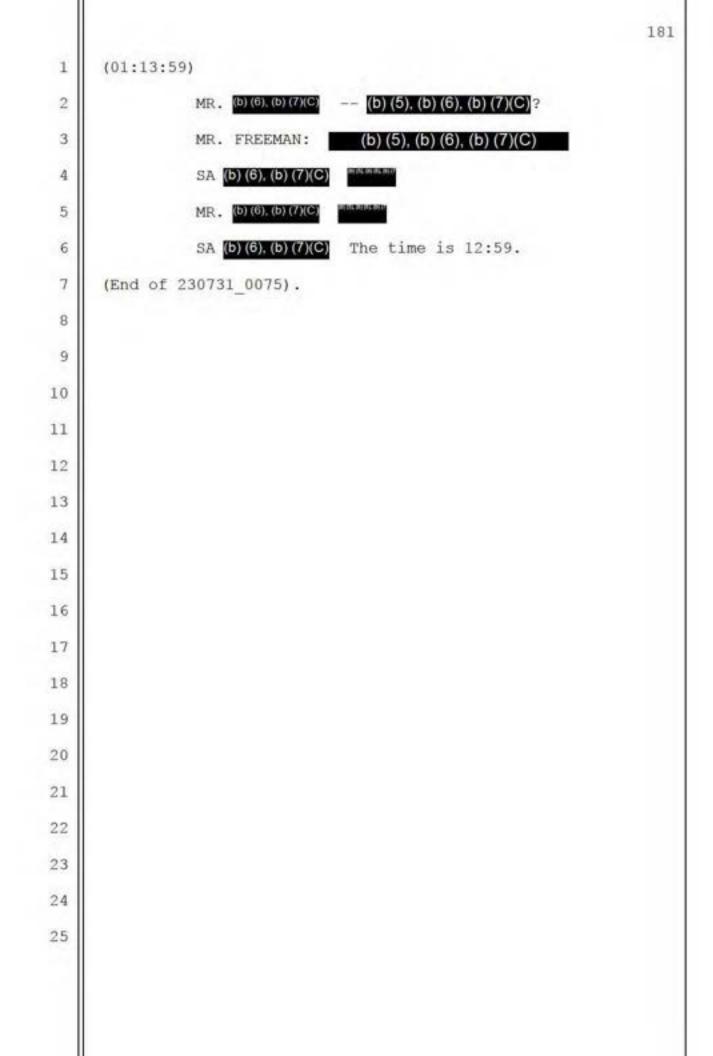


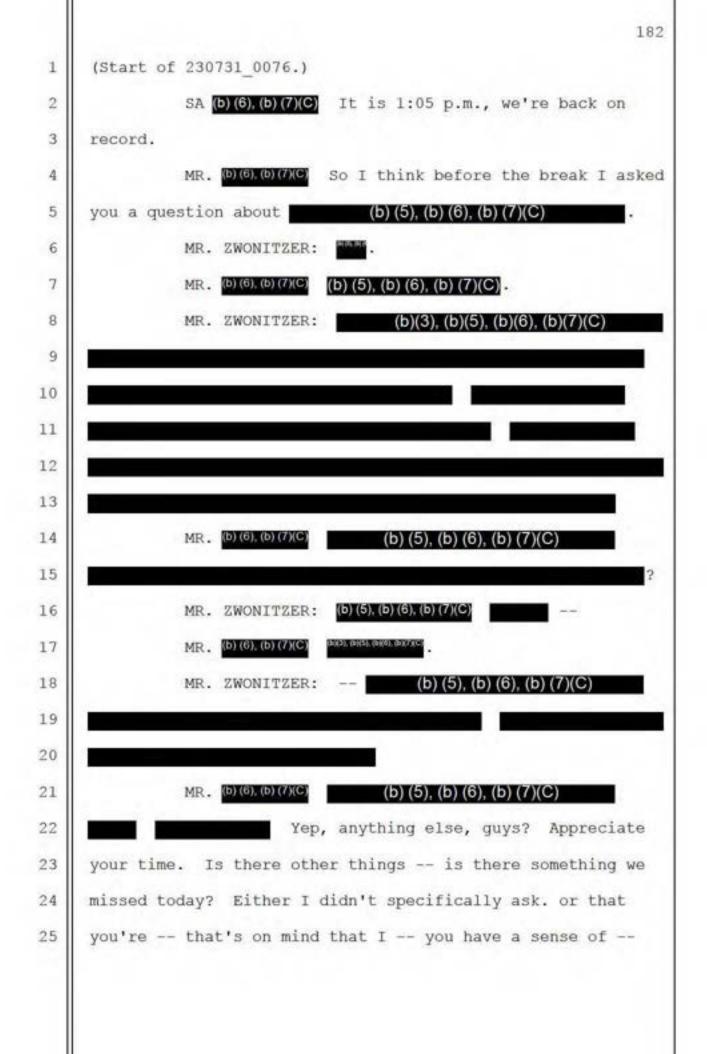




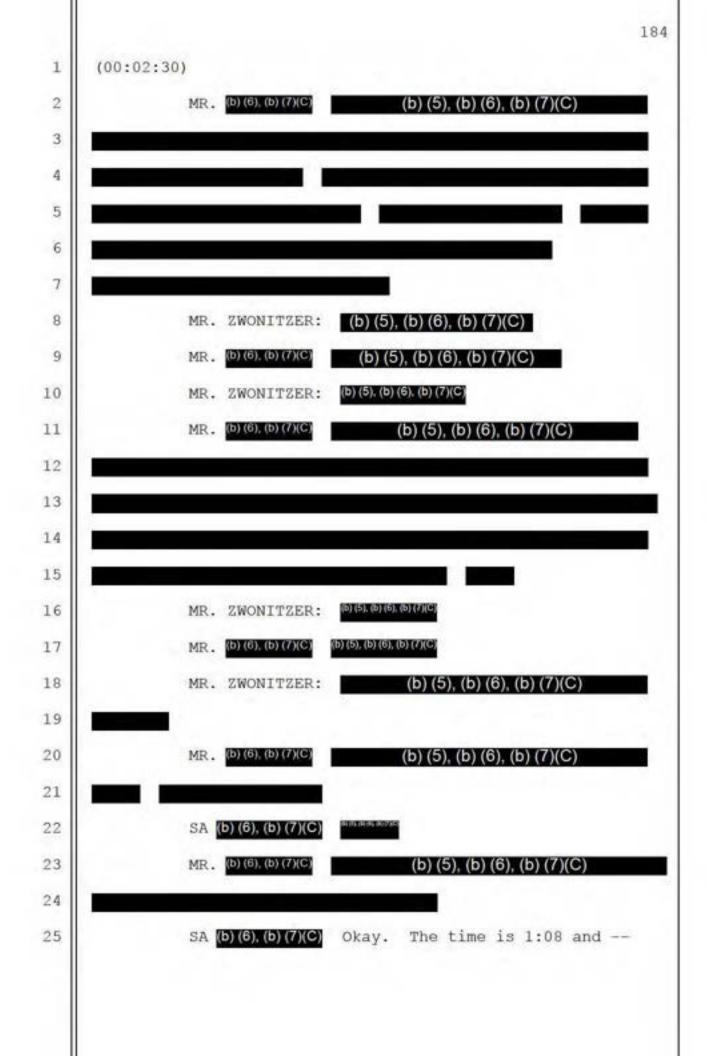
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5	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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12	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and set and did that event have an
13	kind of impact on your thinking about these events that
14	we've discussed today? Like, did it make you think, like,
15	oh well Biden referenced classified documents during our
16	meetings with him?
17	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't remember thinking that,
18	just because I don't remember remembering that
19	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Yeah.
20	MR. ZWONITZER: from six years ago.
21	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
22	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean, it may sound odd, but it
23	just wasn't in my, like what I was thinking immediately
24	with Biden was the personal stuff and everything else is
25	sort of a fog.

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	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. (b)(3), (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
	, and you then, kind of
	through your material that, you know, was years old.
	it only I guess I'm trying to figure out, at what
- C.C.	it did you come across or remember that references to
clas	sified material?
	MR. ZWONITZER: It would have been after the
(6)(7), (6)(5)	because I as I said, with the, with the audi
file	es, I didn't listen to anything again. I simply slid
ever	ything into the trash. And I didn't go back, I don't
thin	ak. I can't, I can't remember going back before I
(b)(3), (b	)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't remember doing that.
	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b)(3), (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)





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2	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) what we're interested in that
3	you can think of?
4	MR. ZWONITZER: I do I mean, I would like to
5	just say that, you know, in my experience, long experience
6	with him, that President Biden has always been, in my
7	understanding, very careful about the, you know, sensitive
8	information that he carries around partly in his head every
9	day.
10	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Yeah.
11	MR. ZWONITZER: And that was always great, sense
12	of him having read it.
13	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. Appreciate that. (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (7)(G)
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24	MR. ZWONITZER:
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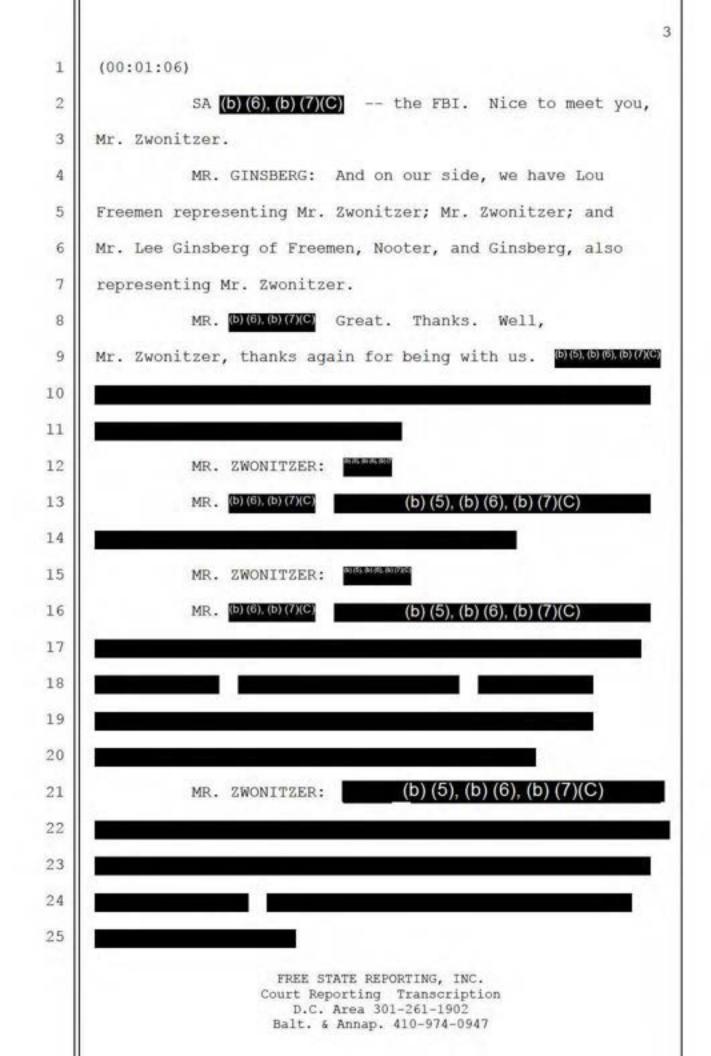


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2	I, (b)(6)(b)(7)(C), certify that the foregoing is
3	a true and correct transcript, to the best of my ability, of
4	the above pages, of the RECORDED INTERVIEW provided to me by
5	the Special Counsel's Office.
6	I further certify that I am neither counsel for,
7	related to, nor employed by any of the parties to the action
8	in which this recording was taken, and further that I am not
9	financially nor otherwise interested in the outcome of the
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3	PARALEGAL SPECIALIST (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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2	(Begin Track 240104_1313)
3	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) It is January 4, 2024. The time
4	is approximately 2:03 p.m. And this is the second interview
5	of Mark Zwonitzer.
6	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Good afternoon, Mr. Zwonitzer.
7	Thanks for being with us again.
8	MR. ZWONITZER: Sure. Glad to be here.
9	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Again, my name is (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) wit
10	the Special Counsel's Office. And this is our second time
11	interviewing you as part of our investigation into potentia
12	mishandling of documents related to former Vice President
13	Biden's Administration the Obama-Biden Administration.
14	Before we get started, we're going to record this
15	so we'll go around the room and all introduce ourselves so
16	we can put names to voices, okay? So, again, I'm
17	(0)(0)(0)(C)(C) from the Special Counsel's Office.
18	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Special Counsel's
19	Office.
20	MR. (0)(6,(0)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) from the Special Counsel'
21	Office.
22	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Paralegal with the
23	Special Counsel's Office.
24	SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) with the FBI.
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2	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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4	MR. ZWONITZER:
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6	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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8	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5). (b) (6). (b) (7)(C)
9	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
10	MR. ZWONITZER:
11	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) And last time, we showed you a
12	couple emails that you had sent in September and October of
13	2016, where you reached out to (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
14	MR. ZWONITZER: Okay.
15	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Vice President Biden's Chief of
16	Staff, in advance to book set up interviews with Vice
17	President Biden as part of the book, but also to get some
18	help in pulling certain documents - schedules, diaries,
19	notes - that might be related to your conversations to help
20	aide in your conversations. Do you remember that?
21	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean, I don't remember it in
22	particular, but that sounds accurate.
23	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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2	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) President Biden? The process of
3	obtaining documents that you could have used to help guide
4	those interviews as you talked through the time period that
5	was covered in the book or going to be covered in the book?
6	MR. ZWONITZER: Well, I just all I got were
7	from his office, I believe, were schedules.
8	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
9	MR. ZWONITZER: That was the main thing I was
10	getting so I could it was in the beginning, it was
11	just, like, figuring out the chronology.
12	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Gotcha.
13	MR. ZWONITZER: They may have, in particular
14	instances, sent me, you know, notes or something else, but I
15	the schedules are what I generally, generally remember.
16	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
17	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
18	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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21	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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24	MR. (D)(6),(D)(7)(C) Okay. When you ended up sitting
25	down with Biden, he had certain notebooks you've talked
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2	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) about; that he went through;
3	journals, diaries that he used as part of those interviews.
4	When did you learn that he had those?
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	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't remember. Probably one of
6	the earliest times we sat down. So it was, you know,
7	sometime in fairly fairly early in 2016.
8	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Okay. And did it become clear
9	relatively quickly that those were going to be a key source
10	of information for the book?
11	MR. ZWONITZER: Yes. I mean, I think as I
12	explained, it sort of helped. The personal interest kind of
13	helped explain the emotional arc and narrative of the story
14	of losing Beau.
15	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) Okay. And you talked a little bit
16	about those Vice President Biden kept those he held
17	those very close. He wouldn't let you look at them or share
18	them with other people; is that right?
19	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. I mean, I asked because
20	we were working so fast, I had asked, hey, maybe it would be
21	easier if you gave me the notebooks. I could make some
22	copies, and we and that was something he would not he
23	wouldn't let those out of his hands.
24	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. And do you know why that
25	was?
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1	(00:05:35)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't. But I my assumption
3	at the time was a lot of the material in there was very,
4	very personal, about Beau in particular. So that was my
5	understanding at the time.
6	MR. (b)(6)(0)(7)(C) Okay. But because it was personal
7	things, not was there concern or did you get a sense that
8	some of it might have been classified or sensitive from a
9	government perspective?
10	MR. ZWONITZER: I did not.
11	MR. (D)(6)(7)(C) Okay. Okay. I want we shared
12	with you a bunch of clips, and I so we'll just dive into
13	them, and there's no real great way to do this.
14	MR. ZWONITZER: Okay.
15	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) But the first one that I'd like to
16	play is it's a clip numbered 246.
17	Carved 246, more , for your records.
18	And I'll if I can do it here, I'll share my
19	screen and put it up. Can you see that?
20	MR. ZWONITZER: I can't see anything.
21	MR. (b)(6)(7)(C) Hold on. Let me see if I can do
22	this here. Can you see it now?
23	MR. ZWONITZER: I cannot. Oh, yes, I can.
24	MR. (b)(6)(0)(7)(C) Okay. Great. Sorry, just took a
25	second there. All right. I'll play this clip for you.
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8 (00:06:58)1 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) We have a transcript. I'll try to 2 3 scroll along with it as I play it, okay? 4 MR. GINSBERG: Okay. One second. We want to get 5 into the right --MR. (b)(6)(0)(7)(C) Oh, yeah. Sure for -- yep. 6 7 MR. FREEMEN: I don't think I have that. Oh, yes, I do. I'm sorry. I found that. 8 9 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. You have it. Great. 10 Wonderful. 11 MR. FREEMEN: Yes, I found it. 12 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. Are you guys ready then? 13 I'll play it. 14 MR. GINSBERG: Ready. 15 (Recording played.) 16 MR. GINSBERG: Can you hear us? We're not hearing 17 anything. 18 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) You guys can't hear it? 19 MR. GINSBERG: No. 20 MR. FREEMEN: Correct. 21 MR. GINSBERG: We don't hear that. 22 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , do you know how to share video or audio clips over -- I'm surprised you guys can't hear 23 that. Or (0) (0) (0) (7)(G)? 24 25 Yeah. I wonder if I can play it --MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

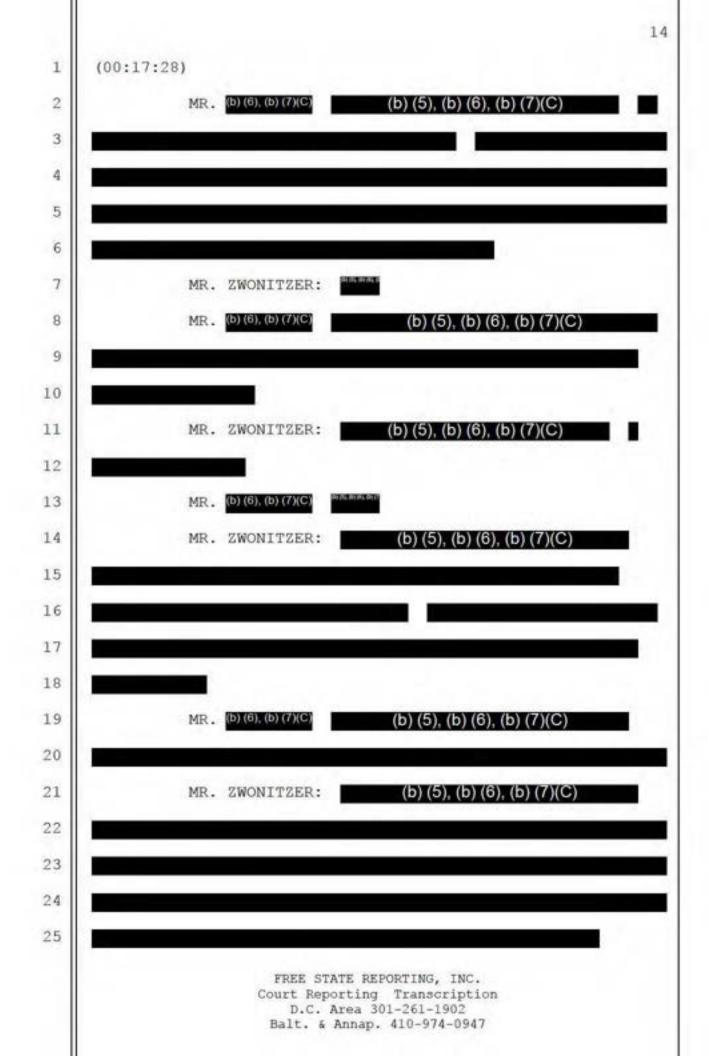
9 (00:08:11)1 (0)(6)(0)(7)(C) -- just from my laptop, which is 2 MR. 3 right next to the speaker here. I just got to get into the 4 right folder. 5 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) That'd be great. MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) So this ---6 MR. 7 MR. GINSBERG: That's why you need a 30-year-old associate with you. 8 (Laughs) This is what, this is what 9 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 10 happens when you don't practice beforehand. 11 MR. GINSBERG: Yeah. 12 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Here, let me give it a shot here and MR. 13 see if it works. 14 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Told you --MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 15 MR. I ---16 Told you we should have gone to New MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 17 York. 18 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Here, Mark, if you -- or anyone, just MR. give a thumbs up if you can hear this once it starts 19 20 playing. 21 MR. FREEMEN: Okay. Will do. 22 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) It's not even playing for me. All MR. 23 right. Well, that didn't work. That's weird. 24 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Valiant effort. 25 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C can you try and play --FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

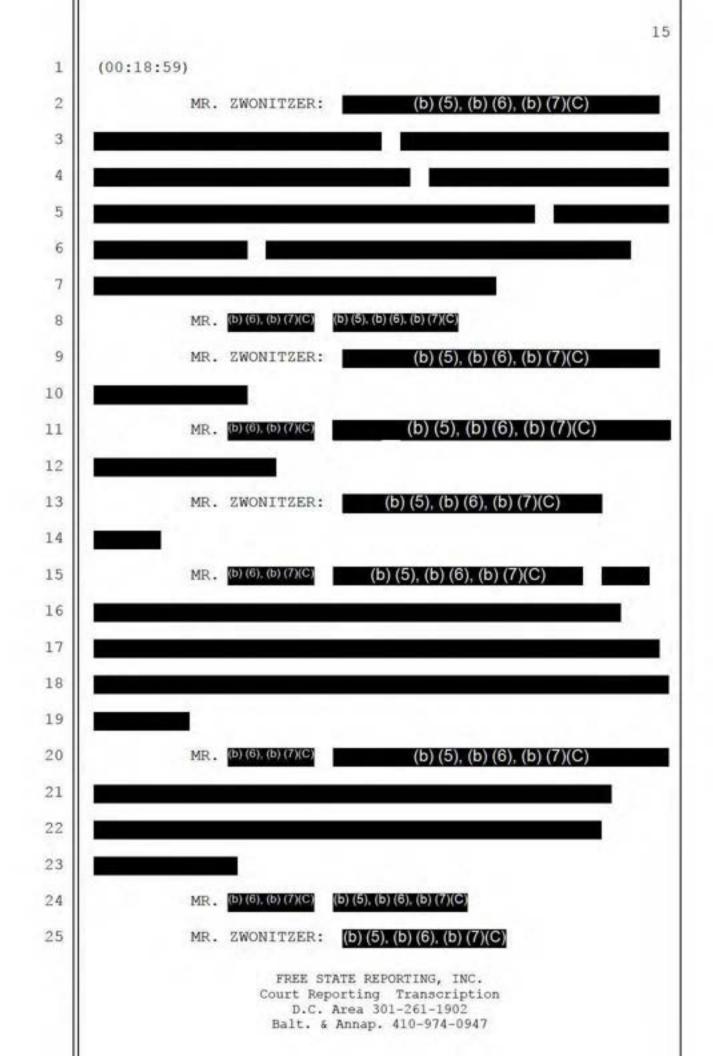
10 (00:09:16) 1 2 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) -- through JEFS? MR. 3 b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Yeah. No, I was trying to play it MR. 4 from, from SharePoint. 5 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) MR. Okay. b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I wonder, I wonder if I just paste 6 MR. 7 this into my desktop or something, I don't know if it would go better. 8 9 MR, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Yeah. If you open it in a browser, 10 it worked well for me yesterday. 11 MR. 5) (6), (b) (7)(C) Oh, in the Team's browser? 12 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Yeah. If you open up from MR. 13 SharePoint into a browser, it worked well for me. 14 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) MR. Okay. 15 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I'm going to try to connect on mine 16 as well. 17 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) While we wait for this, Mark, I'll MR. 18 just sort of set the scene for this. This clip we're going 19 to play is from one of the interviews you did with Vice 20 President Biden in around October 2016. 21 MR. ZWONITZER: Okay. 22 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) And I believe it was at the Naval 23 Observatory while he was still Vice President. 24 MR. ZWONITZER: Okay. 25 (Audio played 00:10:59 to 00:11:01.) FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

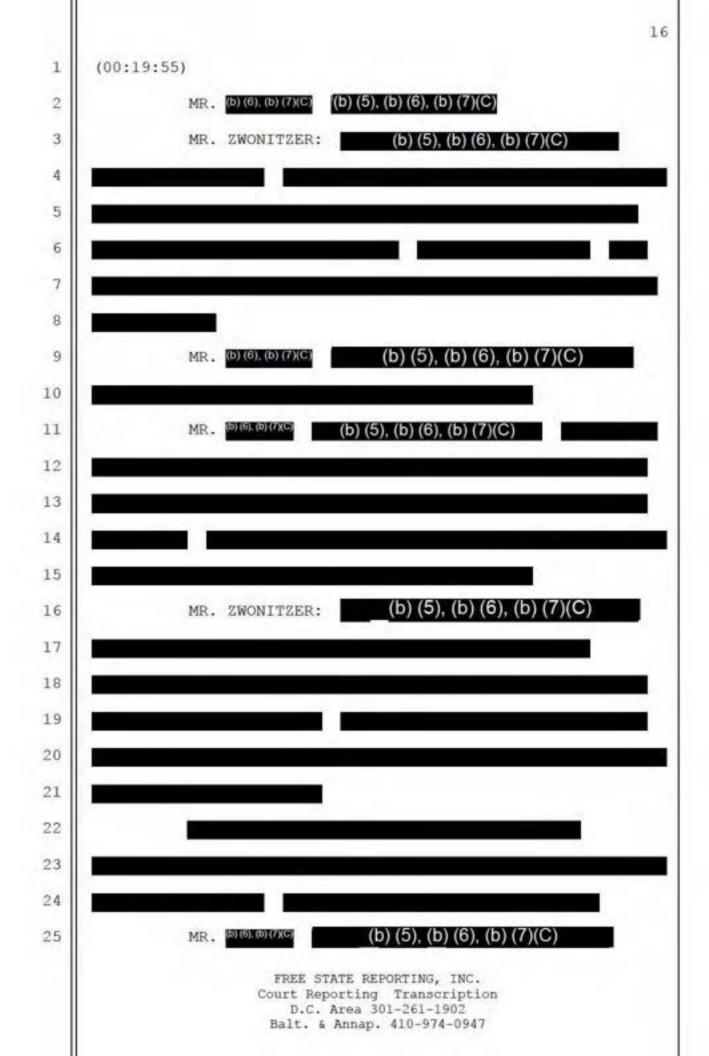
11 (00:11:01) 1 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2 Is that -- let me pause it. MR. 3 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Yeah. MR. 4 MR. o) (6), (b) (7)(C) Is that through -- okay, okay. I'm 5 going to start back at the beginning then. Sorry. 6 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Great. Thanks, 7 MR. b) (6), (b) (7)(C) It's not as loud as I would like, but it is what it is. 8 9 MR. FREEMEN: We can hear it fine. 10 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay, good. 11 (Audio played 00:11:17 to 00:14:11.) 12 (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) All right. Mark, could you hear MR. 13 that? 14 MR. ZWONITZER: Yes. 15 MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Okay. Great. So the first thing I 16 want to ask you about on this recording from the fall of 2016 is, at the beginning, where I'm showing on the screen 17 18 here, Vice President Biden says, I have extensive notes over 19 this period of time. And you say, oh, you actually have 20 those here, and he says, yeah. Now, there's a lot of other 21 notes, too. This is my -- they didn't even know I have 22 this, but I have all this other stuff too. 23 We'd like to ask you a little bit about what he's 24 talking about there, what you understood him to mean during 25 this portion, this discussion. FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

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2	MR. ZWONITZER: So I think that, I think that he's
3	referring to because he says 5/19 and 6/16, probably the
4	diary. But he when he says, I have a lot of other notes
5	too, he's got a number of different diaries, I believe.
6	MR. (b) (6). (b) (7)(C) Okay.
7	MR. ZWONITZER: And I think that when he says,
8	they don't even know I have this, it's probably his staff.
9	I mean, these are all personal, private diaries.
10	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) You understood him to mean that his
11	staff didn't know he had these
12	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
13	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) these personal diaries.
14	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. I don't think anybody knew
15	he had those.
16	MR. (b) (6). (b) (7)(C) Okay. And why do you say that?
17	MR. ZWONITZER: Well, because he always was very
18	careful to keep them in his possession.
19	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) Okay. And I know he had a lot of
20	them, and we talked last time about how, at one point, there
21	was an email where you suggested you'd collect them all and
22	put them in order and have them, sort of, in an organized
23	fashion.
24	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
25	MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) But that never happened.
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1	(00:16:12)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: Right.
3	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) And I believe you told us that he
4	would usually bring one or maybe two of the notebooks with
5	him to every interview you had, no more than that.
6	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. I think that's accurate. I
7	think that because we were for each interview, we were
8	covering a specific moment in time.
9	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) Okay. Okay. Did you you said
10	he kept them all with him. Do you know where the ones
11	that he didn't bring with him to cover with you during an
12	interview, do you know where those were?
13	MR. ZWONITZER: I have no idea. But in I don't
14	know. My surmise is that they were always, you know, sort
15	of locked down at the Naval Academy at the Naval
16	Observatory, which is where we were. I don't think they
17	were traveling around.
18	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. And why, why do you say
19	that, or what gives you that impression?
20	MR. ZWONITZER: Because in this time period, I
21	don't remember ever meeting with him well, I guess we met
22	in Wilmington, but I just remember seeing the diaries in
23	this time period while he's Vice President at the
24	Observatory.
25	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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2	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
3	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
4	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
5	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Yeah. Just for the part where he
6	says, they don't even know I have these, and your assumption
7	was the staff; was that relevant to you in terms of
8	collecting material? Like, I'm trying to figure out why he
9	would make that kind of comment. And maybe it's something
LO	like you had asked the staff to collect a bunch of notes or
1	items that would help inform the book and he's telling you,
12	yeah, they don't even know I have these. Like, how I'm
13	trying to figure out how that might've been relevant to your
4	conversation.
15	MR. ZWONITZER: I actually don't I mean, six
16	years ago, looking and listening, I just, I don't, I don't
17	know.
18	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
19	MR. ZWONITZER: But I mean, there was certainly
20	staff people helping to gather information. So that's my
21	assumption, that the staff didn't know yet.
22	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
23	MR. ZWONITZER: These were personal and private
24	diaries.
25	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Right. (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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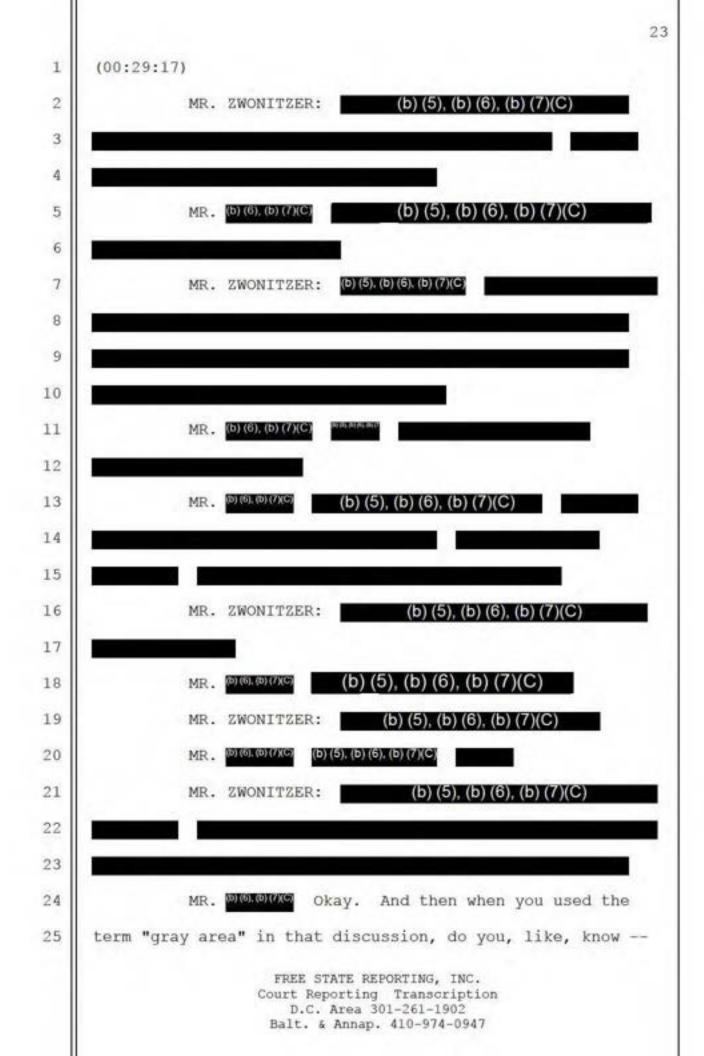
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1	(00:22:35)
2	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) talked last time a little bit
3	about the Presidential Records Act, and you've alluded to it
4	here a little bit. Was the sense you got that these weren't
5	presidential records because they were diaries or personal
6	in nature?
7	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. I mean, I'm no expert on
8	the presidential records, but my understanding is that
9	anything that touches on personal and political notes from
10	the President and Vice President is not, you know, a part of
11	those records. But that is a layman's understanding and I
12	really, you know as the President would say, above my
13	paygrade.
14	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Understood. Not legal advice. Did
15	you and Mr. Biden ever talk about, about the Presidential
16	Records Act, or how that worked, or whether some or all of
17	his stuff was covered or not?
18	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't think we ever spoke
19	directly about that. I can't remember talking about that.
20	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Okay. Unless someone has
21	additional questions about that one, where maybe we can queue
22	up clip 599.
23	MR. MR. One second.
24	MR. (b)(6).(b)(7)(C) All right. Thank you.
25	(Audio played 00:23:59 to 00:25:23.)
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19 (00:25:24)1 2 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. So we want to ask you a few 3 about these. Mark, are these the notes -- these are the 4 notes on his lunch meetings with President Obama; is that 5 right? MR. ZWONITZER: Correct. 6 7 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) That he's discussing here. 8 MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. 9 Okay. And he said -- first off, he MR, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said, I'm told by (5). (6) (6). (b) (7)(C)? 10 MR. ZWONITZER: No, (D)(D)(D)(D)(D)(D)(D) 11 12 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Is that --MR. 13 (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) MR. ZWONITZER: 14 Oh, (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), sorry. His, MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 15 his body man? MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah, I think that's who that was. 16 (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Okay. How about McGrail? Do you 17 MR. 18 know who McGrail is? 19 MR. ZWONITZER: I don't, I don't know --20 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) Okay. 21 MR. ZWONITZER: -- who McGrail is. I'm assuming 22 he was -- you know, I don't know. 23 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) Okay. And then, as you heard, he's 24 talking to (b)(b)(b)(b)(c)(c)(c) on this, his assistant. 25 MR. ZWONITZER: Yep. FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

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2	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) And it says you were supposed to
3	turn or she tells him that we were supposed to turn these
4	notes in and that McGrail was the last person who had them.
5	MR. ZWONITZER: Mm-hmm.
6	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) And you said they were probably
7	something that goes to the presidential papers.
8	MR. ZWONITZER: Mm-hmm.
9	MR. (b)(6).(b)(7)(C) And Vice President Biden said, I
10	don't think so. It was in between I didn't want to turn
11	them in. And then you added that it's in the gray area.
12	Could you kind of discuss that exchange about
13	whether or not these notes on his lunches with Obama were
14	considered presidential records or, or not?
15	MR. ZWONITZER: Well, the, the whole discussion
16	there was trying to figure out where those notes physically
17	are because, yes, he had notes from his diary, but he was
18	unsure about the dates, right? You want to be accurate
19	about the dates, and you want to be accurate about the
20	substance as well. So he wanted to get ahold of those
21	official what I would call more official notes for those
22	lunches. And he was trying to figure out where they ended
23	up.
24	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
25	MR. ZWONITZER: And apparently and so that's
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21 (00:27:25)1 2 MR. ZWONITZER: -- basically it. 3 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) He said I -- when you said they're 4 probably in your presidential records, he said, I don't 5 think so. It was in between -- I didn't want to turn them in. 6 7 MR. ZWONITZER: Mm-hmm. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Why didn't he want to turn them in? 8 MR. 9 MR. ZWONITZER: Oh, I have no idea. But -- I just 10 don't know. 11 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. 12 MR. ZWONITZER: But I know they ended up at the 13 Archives, because that's where he accessed them. 14 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) And that was those trips to the 15 National Archives in the spring and summer of 2017? 16 MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. It was more like -- yeah, 17 that's rights. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. Okay. Did you get the --18 MR. 19 MR. ZWONITZER: Did you ---20 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) -- sense he was --21 MR. ZWONITZER: I'm sorry. Did you say this was 22 January of (indiscernible 00:28:07) --23 MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) I, I didn't say when it was. It's 24 after he left office. I, I --25 MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

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1	(00:28:15)
2	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) I believe it's in the spring or
3	early 2017 sometime.
4	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. Yeah. I mean, I think
5	there was a lot of paper flying around and they were trying
6	to figure out where, where this landed.
7	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) Did the Vice President, did he seem
8	annoyed or irritated that some of those records had to be
9	he had to go to National Archives to look at them,
10	especially things like his one-on-one lunches notes on
11	his one-on-one lunches with President Obama.
12	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean, he didn't seem annoyed.
13	He's, like, a pretty game guy. He's going to go do what he
14	has to do. I can't I've seen him annoyed about things,
15	but that was not one of them.
16	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
17	MR. ZWONITZER: It was a pretty simple trip for
18	him to make, I think.
19	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. And did you go with him to
20	the National Archives?
21	MR. ZWONITZER: I did not.
22	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5, (b) (6, (b) (7)(C))
23	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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24 (00:30:30)1 monomous -- what that meant? Like, what that 2 MR. 3 meant to you? 4 MR. ZWONITZER: Well, I was the one who used the 5 term "gray area," right? MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 6 Yep. 7 MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. Well, that meant to me, like, are these personal political, or are they, you know, 8 9 presidential papers. MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 10 Okay. 11 MR. ZWONITZER: That's the gray area, like, where 12 does this fall? It sounds like they ended up pushing them 13 into the papers in the Archives. 14 Yeah. And how -- what led you to MR. (D) (6), (D) (7)(C) 15 kind of understand that to be a -- because I think you're 16 probably right. I mean, I'm not an expert in the PRA, but 17 what, what led you to understand that, like, personal records versus, you know, personal and political versus 18 19 other records (indiscernible 00:31:19) be a gray area? 20 MR. ZWONITZER: Oh, reading that -- well, I mean, 21 I don't think I was referring to -- I don't think I had any 22 particular understanding that -- of that at the time. I'm 23 reacting to what he said. It was in between, so it's a gray 24 area. MR. (0) (6). (0) (7)(C) 25 Okay. FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

1	(00:31:34)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean, I don't think I brought
3	any particular understanding to that.
4	MR. MR. OKay. The way it sounded like
5	you know, when we listen to it, it sounded like you said the
6	gray area, which sort of led us to wonder if he had spoken to
7	you about a gray area that he had been sort of advised about
8	or had some knowledge of being not so clear in, in how records
9	were handled. Does that do you remember any discussions
10	with him about, about what he thought was a gray area?
11	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't. No.
12	MR. MONTH Okay.
13	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't remember anything about
14	that.
15	MR. 0 (6.0) 71C Okay.
16	MR. (D)(G)(D)(C) All right. Does anyone have any
17	more follow-up on that? If not, we'll move on.
18	I think the next one that makes sense to play
19	is the one from April 24th of 2017.
20	MR. MONOWIC And I actually had a question.
21	It sort of relates to the last topic about
22	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Yeah.
23	MR. MARCHING photocopying. But I hey, Mark,
24	I thought it might be easier just to play this segment.
25	It's just from your last interview real quick, and it
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1	(00:32:54)
2	MR. MR might help just to hear as opposed
3	to pulling up the transcript itself. I think
4	MR. ZWONITZER: Okay.
5	MR. MINING I think I have it pulled up, but I
6	might have just give me one second to get to it. Hold
7	on. Do not copy it over. Sorry for the pause. When I
8	pulled up the other recording, it got me off of okay.
9	Here we go. All right. I'm going to play this.
10	Mark, this was just a discussion last time. You
11	were saying the same thing that you were saying before about
12	he kind of held the journals, his notebooks closed-hold, and
13	you know, wasn't something he let other staff really, you
14	know, handle or you handle. But let me just play this for
15	you real quick.
16	(Audio played 00:35:08 to 00:35:39.)
17	MR. MIGNOMON So, Mark, my question was, that last
18	part, it sounded like you were about to say something about,
19	you know, maybe not that he ever let you let anyone
20	photocopy them or handle them, but you were saying, at one
21	point, and you kind of cut yourself off. Do you remember
22	what you were thinking at that point when, when you were
23	answering that question about what was in your head at
24	that moment?
25	MR. ZWONITZER: A question of photocopying the
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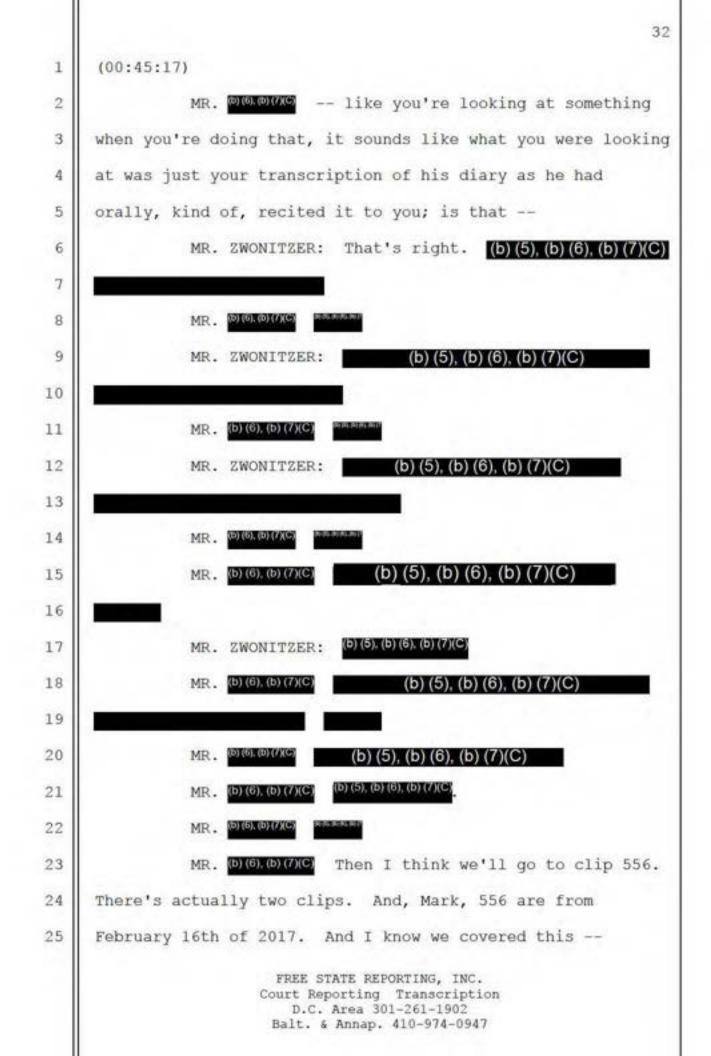
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1	(00:36:12)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: diaries?
3	MR. MG. WWW Yeah. So had said, you can't
4	photocopy them. You said, no, no, he did at one point,
5	like, I know there were, and then, no. And I was wondering,
6	you know, even if he did not photocopy them, were you
7	recalling, like, were there discussions about creating
8	photocopies that you heard about that his staff were having,
9	or anything like that?
10	MR. ZWONITZER: No. I again, I don't think the
11	staff really knew about it, except maybe I may have said
12	to DISLOIGLONTIC something about photocopying possibly
13	photocopying that stuff. But, again, I mean, it was kind of
14	a it was a hard no from Biden on that. I mean, because I
15	think I mentioned this, and I think I pushed a couple of
16	times just because of the timeframe we were in, and he
17	really was he was, you know, courteous about it, but he
18	was, he was pretty adamant.
19	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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22	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
23	MR. <sup>(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)</sup> (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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1	(00:37:34)
2	MR. ( <sup>(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)</sup> (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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4	MR. ZWONITZER:
5	MR. (0) (6), (0) (7)(G) Manufacture
6	MR. ZWONITZER: DIS DIS DIS DIS
7	MR. MIGNOMONYCO Okay. so it was April
8	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Yeah. It's
9	MR. (0)(6)(0)(7)(C) 24
10	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I think it's listed it's April
11	24th of 2017. It's labeled 170424, I believe, in the
12	folder. It's that's the next clip.
13	MR. (0)(6)(0)(7)(C) (b)(6)(0)(7)(C) got it here.
14	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) And I'll bring up the transcript
15	for all of us to look at.
16	MR. MOTOROICO
17	(Audio played 00:38:16 to 00:38:16.)
18	MR. (D)(0)(0)(0)(0) Just tell me when to go ahead,
19	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Go ahead. Thanks.
20	(Audio played 00:38:32 to 00:40:44.)
21	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) All right. Thanks, Mark (verbatim).
22	So, again, I think this is what you were referring to earlier.
23	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
24	MR. (b)(6).(b)(7)(C) Where Biden explained to you his
25	process for taking notes on his lunches with President
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1	(00:40:57)
2	MR. (b) (6). (b) (7)(C) Obama; is that right?
3	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah, that's right.
4	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
5	MR. ZWONITZER: And that now I know what you're
6	talking about with the card. So he had made notes in
7	steep
8	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Now
9	MR. ZWONITZER: with President Obama.
10	MR. (b) (6) (7) (C) Yeah. At one point during this,
11	he's telling you, I had those presidential notes, and you
12	said, you know, I know you gave me this much, and you have
13	some papers from the dairy separate from the presidential
14	notes. What was it that he had given you? Did he give you
15	some portion of his notes?
16	MR. ZWONITZER: So this is he would I think
17	I explained to you, he would read me parts of the diary. So
18	he would read me, like, notes from the presidential lunches.
19	I would take notes of those. In this case, about four days
20	before the 24th, I sent my notes and some schedules to him
21	through to that he would have those so that we could
22	you know, he would know what I wanted to talk about and
23	cover. And so the he gave me, orally, notes from that
24	diary. I had taken notes, transcribed that stuff. This is
25	I then sent it back to him so that he could prep for
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1	(00:42:20)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: this meeting, talking about the
3	January 5th lunch. So those are the papers that he's
4	those are the the rustling papers are the papers that I
5	had prepared and given to him.
6	MR. (b)(6)(7)(C) Okay, I understand. He goes on to
7	confirm that he has separate, separate notes on these
8	lunches, as we discussed earlier.
9	MR. ZWONITZER: Mm-hmm.
10	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) And he said, I'm trying to recall
11	where you know, what happened to them, essentially. And
12	I had all of those at the house in a safe. I don't know
13	what they made me do with them.
14	Could you tell us about that portion of the
15	transcript?
16	MR. ZWONITZER: I actually I'm assuming
17	well, I don't know. I don't know what that means. I mean,
18	I guess those were the diaries that were in the safe at the
19	Observatory.
20	MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) Okay. And he had a safe at the
21	Naval Observatory?
22	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't know. I mean, I never saw
23	it. I don't know that. But I assume at the house in a safe
24	is what he's referring to the Observatory.
25	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Okay. You never saw him go into
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1	(00:43:35)
2	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) a safe at the Naval Observatory?
3	MR. ZWONITZER: I did not.
4	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. Or anywhere else?
5	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't know that I've ever in my
6	life seen anybody go into a safe except for in a movie.
7	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) (Laughs.) Okay. All right. Does
8	anyone have any follow-up on this one? Nope?
9	(Phone ringing.)
10	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) I noticed two of the new ones
11	are 590. Do you want to cover those ones now?
12	MR. Me might (indiscernible
13	00:44:14) but, Mark, maybe I can just describe there's a
14	couple instances, again, where it sounds like I just
15	wanted to make sure. I think you just confirmed it, but I
16	just to be sure. In April of 2017, where it sounds like
17	you're kind of directing him to pages of things. Is that
18	just and referring to it as his diary. Would you refer
19	to, like, your transcriptions of his verbally reciting to
20	you his diary as his diary when you would speak to him?
21	MR. ZWONITZER: I think I would say it was this
22	is from the diary maybe. I don't remember.
23	MR. MR. That makes sense. I just wanted to
24	make sure. So you might say, like, this is from your diary,
25	but you're really in saying that like, it sounds
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33 (00:46:14)1 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) -- interview, this conversation 2 last time we met. 3 4 MR. ZWONITZER: Okay. 5 (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) And this is, again, February 16th MR. 6 of 2017, at his rental property, the house on Chain Bridge 7 Road --8 MR. ZWONITZER: Okay. -- in McLean, Virginia. And this 9 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 10 is the clip. You'll recall we talked about where he, he 11 says he just found all the classified downstairs. 12 MR. ZWONITZER: Okay. MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) There's a couple clips from that. 13 14 They're a little lengthier and not all squarely relevant, but I want to play them for you just to see -- just so we 15 16 can talk a little bit about this and see if it jogs any 17 memories. 18 MR. ZWONITZER: Okay. 19 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay? 20 MR. ZWONITZER: Yes. 21 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) All right, excellent. And then MR. 22 I'll bring up the transcript again like last time. 23 MR. ZWONITZER: Okay. 24 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) And you can go ahead, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) MR. 25 whenever you have it up. FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

34 (00:46:59)1 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2 Thanks. MR. 3 (6), (b) (7)(C) Let me -- here, mine seems to play a MR. 4 little louder. Let me restart it. 5 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Great. (Audio played 00:47:48 to 00:54:21.) 6 7 MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) All right. That ends that first clip. And we cut out a little bit, but to summarize, Mark, 8 9 it seems he's telling you an anecdote about a debate with 10 Edward Teller of --11 MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. 12 MR. (b) (6) (7) (C) -- hydrogen bomb fame. Do you 13 recall that incident or that anecdote? 14 MR. ZWONITZER: It's hard to forget debating 15 Edward Teller, right? I'm assuming -- I would assume this 16 is -- I mean, I think this is probably in the '70s or 17 something. 18 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Yeah. I was actually trying to find it on YouTube. I would like to see those debates. 19 20 MR. GINSBERG: Were they really 100 feet apart? 21 MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) I don't know. Interesting. And 22 then he transitions back to his -- it looks like that one, 23 he's just telling the story from memory. 24 MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. 25 MR. (b)(6)(7)(C) And then he turns back to one of --FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

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1	(00:55:10)
2	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) his diaries or one of his
3	notebooks and starts talking about a meeting on the debate
4	in Afghanistan and Iraq and other issues; is that right?
5	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. That's what it looks like.
6	MR. (b)(6)(7)(C) Okay. And he's about to talk to
7	go into several points someone made or he had made during
8	debates on the Afghanistan war back in the day.
9	Can we queue up the second clip from this, then?
10	We cut out a little bit about those four points, and then we
11	have another clip here that we'll play.
12	MR. MR. All right. I think I got it, got it
13	ready, so whenever you're ready.
14	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Excellent. Yeah. All right. Go,
15	go ahead. This one's much shorter, Mark.
16	(Audio played 00:55:55 to 00:56:51.)
17	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) All right. Mark, I want to ask you
18	now, he's as he talks about the points he made about the
19	troop surge, or the debate over the troop surge in
20	Afghanistan, he says, I just found all the classified stuff
21	downstairs. And I know we talked about this last time we
22	met, but I want to ask you again just to, just to do it.
23	MR. ZWONITZER: Okay.
24	MR. $(b)$ $(6)$ $(7)$ (C) I mean, having gone through that,
25	can you tell us what you recall about this and what he
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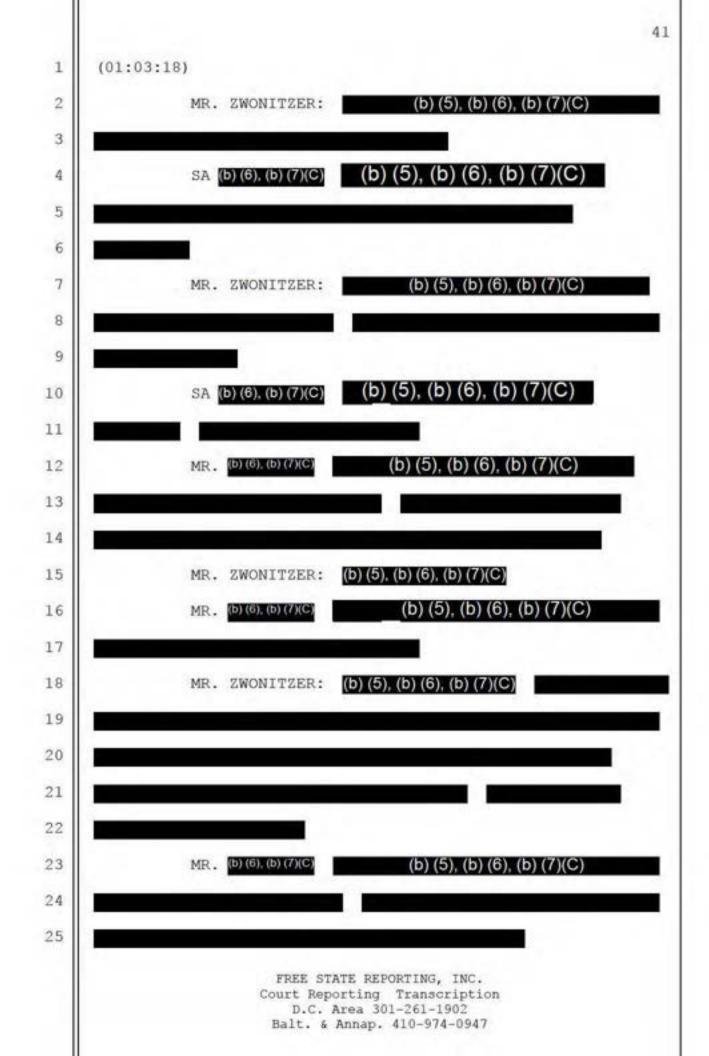
36 (00:57:20)1 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) -- was talking about during this 2 3 clip? 4 MR. ZWONITZER: So is that all, is that all one -from one session? 5 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 6 It ---7 MR. ZWONITZER: And was it --(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) It is. 8 MR. 9 MR. ZWONITZER: -- like, off the back? That's all 10 the ---11 MR. (b)(0)(0)(7)(C) It is. We clipped off, like, 20 12 seconds just because of the sensitive nature of the four points that he made. So this is all one -- it could have 13 14 been one document. 15 MR. ZWONITZER: Okay. 16 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) We just skipped a little clip and 17 then we cut off --18 MR. ZWONITZER: All right. 19 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) We didn't want to play the whole MR. 20 thing. 21 MR. ZWONITZER: Got it. Understood. 22 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) But it's all one big, it's all one 23 big thought. MR. ZWONITZER: Okay. So yeah. It's hard to 24 25 tell. I think it's, it's -- this is a time when he was --FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

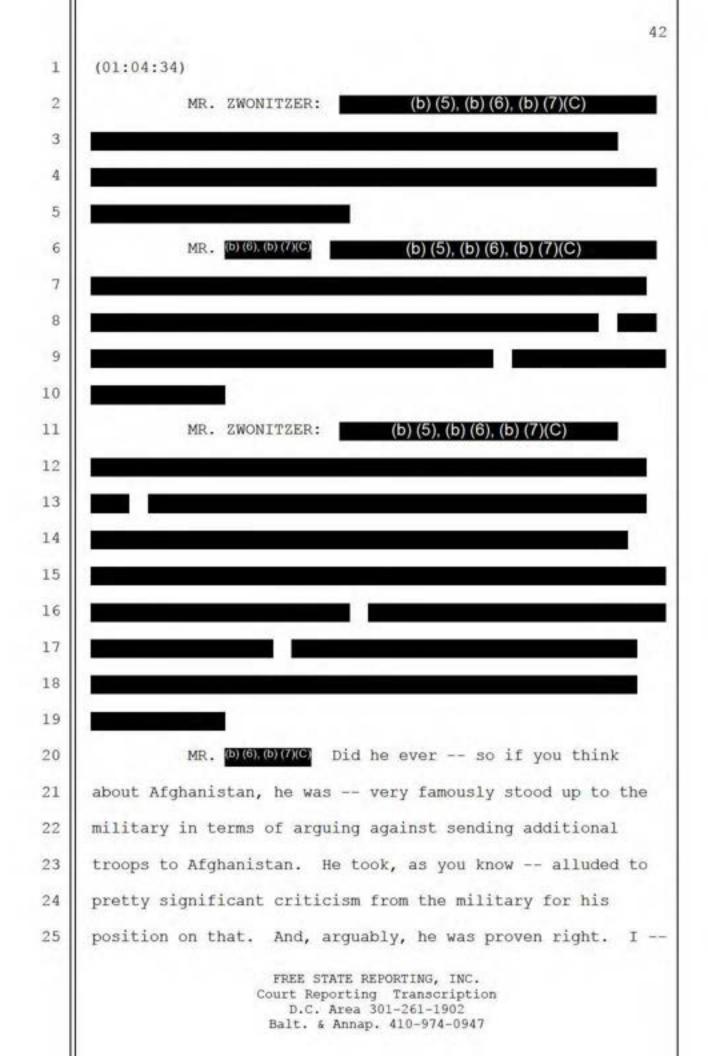
1	(00:58:11)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: talking about coming back to
3	work in the White House after Beau's death. This is sort of
4	his first getting back to the White House. That's what I
5	remember about that date, July 7th.
6	MR. (b) (6). (b) (7)(C) Okay. Well, when he's talking
7	about in early '09, writing this hand-page (sic) 40-page
8	memo arguing against deploying additional troops to
9	Afghanistan
10	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
11	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) do you recall him talking about
12	that debate and his role in it?
13	MR. ZWONITZER: Not for this book and not in the
14	I don't remember ever really talking about that with him
15	particularly. I know that I mean, I know that this
16	debate was has been much, much written about, you know?
17	Everybody, you know, from Obama down.
18	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Yeah. Many, many books on it and
19	articles, coverage. And Biden's role on that debate has
20	been written about and remarked upon.
21	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. I mean, he was the I
22	think he was the one guy flagging, and it became fairly
23	famous because of the, you know I knew about the time
24	just because I knew remembered the McChrystal event.
25	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) What do you mean the McChrystal
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1	(00:59:35)
2	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) event?
3	MR. ZWONITZER: Well, you know, McChrystal was the
4	general, I believe, who was fired for some pretty nasty
5	remarks about Biden, if I remember right.
6	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Mm-hmm. And so he's saying he just
7	found the classified stuff downstairs, and then he it
8	sounds like he's describing what he found downstairs or the
9	nature of the stuff he found, and this handwritten 40-page
10	memorandum.
11	MR. ZWONITZER: Mm-hmm.
12	MR. (b)(6)(7)(C) Is that was that your take when
13	you listened to this or heard it?
14	MR. ZWONITZER: I just I don't know if he was
15	referring to the, the stuff downstairs or if he was
16	referring to the argument I was making about Iraq at the
17	time.
18	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. Okay. But it seems and I
19	know, Mark, we talked about this. You didn't you don't
20	you didn't have any independent recollection of this.
21	You were just putting yourself back in your shoes; is that
22	right?
23	MR. ZWONITZER: Yes.
24	MR. (D)(6)(0)(7)(C) When you listen to this. It sounds
25	like whatever classified stuff he found downstairs was
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39 1 (01:00:49)MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) -- on this topic; is that right? 2 3 In early '09? Documents related to that timeframe, that 4 debate. 5 MR. ZWONITZER: It sounds like. But, again, I have no memory and no -- I never saw -- you know, I never 6 7 saw any of these things. He never said, oh, let me show you this. You know, I just saw -- I don't know what was the 8 9 nature of that material. MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) That hand-page -- that handwritten 10 11 40-page memo, you've -- have you heard, read about this 12 and ---13 MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) It's sort of a historical event 14 15 that happened. 16 MR. ZWONITZER: I think that's been in the -- in 17 many books and a lot of press and newspaper coverage. 18 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) And do you know whether Biden kept it or has it as a historical artifact or in his own 19 20 archives? 21 MR. ZWONITZER: I have no idea if he kept it. I don't know. 22 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 23 He's never shown it to you, I take 24 it. 25 MR. ZWONITZER: I've never seen it. FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

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1	(01:01:43)
2	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
3	Does anyone have any follow-up on this one?
4	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Not from me,
5	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (b) (b) (b) (b) (b) (b) (b) (b) (b
6	MR. MR. Just maybe a quick point of
7	clarification. Mark, it sounded like you said that you
8	hadn't talked about with Biden about Afghanistan with
9	regard to this book. But with regard to other books, have
10	you spoken to him about Afghanistan at all or any other
11	discussions about his role in that debate?
12	MR. ZWONITZER: Well, we talked a lot about
13	Afghanistan in his in the first book that we did. But,
14	but that predated '09. But, I mean, he was very like, he
15	was the first person into Afghanistan after the war. So,
16	yes, we had discussions about Afghanistan, but it was before
17	this time period.
18	MR. MR. Okay.
19	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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24	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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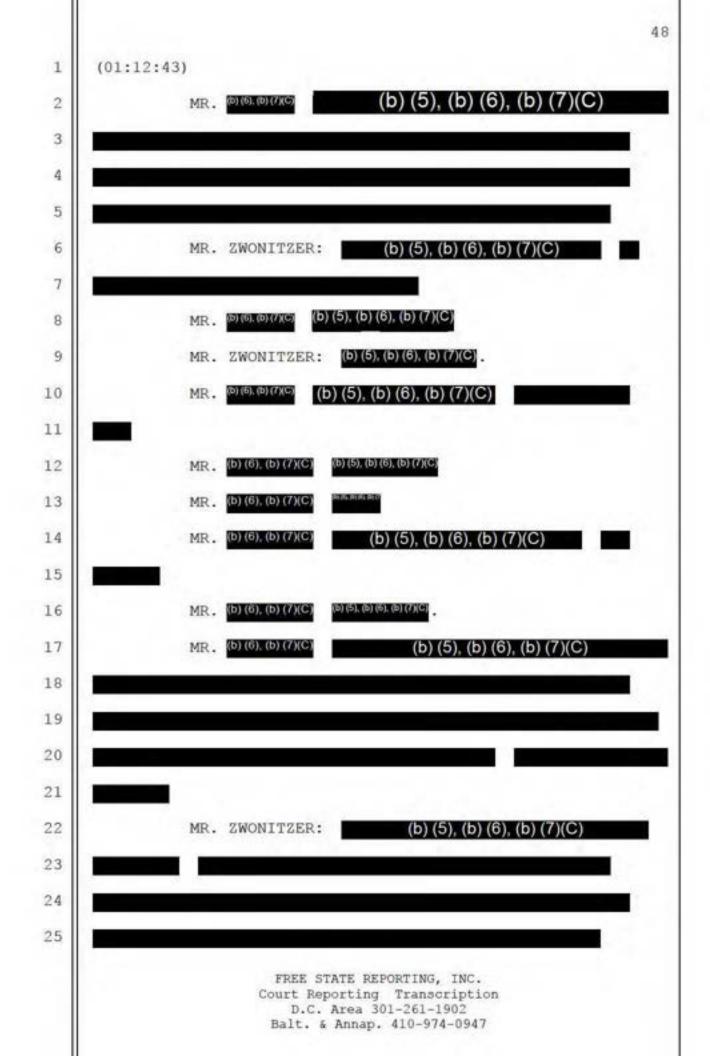
1	(01:06:19)
2	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) suspect he would say he was
3	proven right. Did he with respect to that issue, would
4	he talk about that and, and wanted to make sure history
5	recorded that he was on the right side of this issue, this
6	very important issue?
7	MR. ZWONITZER: In terms of Afghanistan?
8	MR. (D)(6) (D)(7)(C) Yeah. Or similar issues.
9	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't remember him speaking
10	about Afghanistan in this episode in particular in terms of
11	how he would be judged. I mean, I this is supposition,
12	but I think that he's, in terms of the surge, he's, he's
13	pleased with the way he'll be seen, but that's my guesswork.
14	MR. (b)(6)(7)(C) Gotcha. You mentioned the first
15	book, which is a good, a good transition for us, because the
16	first time, we talked a little bit, or at some length, about
17	your work on Mr. Biden's first memoire, Promises to Keep,
18	back in 2006, 2007 timeframe
19	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
20	MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) I think. And how you followed a
21	similar process in terms of oral interviews that you would
22	transcribe and, sort of, shape the book.
23	MR. ZWONITZER: Mm-hmm.
24	MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) And we talked about in
25	particular, there were several trips that he took in the
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1	(01:07:46)
2	MR. (b) (6) (7) (C) late '70s while he was a young
3	senator. And he describes in the book, or through you,
4	describes in the book his formative experiences that really
5	taught him how to handle foreign policy and gave him the
6	gravitas and experience necessary, despite his youth, to
7	move up being a senator, a young senator, to being
8	ultimately a President the President of the United
9	States, although that took several decades longer than he
10	had hoped, perhaps, or had expected. During that, you said
11	that his staff put together some sort of binders or
12	scrapbook type material that you could look at that
13	documented some of those trips; is that right?
14	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
15	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) I'm going to show you some photos
16	and ask you whether these might be the scrapbooks, okay? I
17	don't know, you know, whether or not they are.
18	MR. ZWONITZER: Okay.
19	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Or whether or not you'll know, but
20	I want to show you. Here. Okay. All right. So I'm
21	showing you now up on the screen a Redweld that's marked
22	it's a photo of a Redweld marked labeled Travel
23	Itinerary.
24	MR. ZWONITZER: Yep.
25	MR. (b)(6)(6)(7)(C) And the Bates, for the record
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45 (01:09:16)1 MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) -- is 1B18 CODEL Biden Travel 2 3 Itinerary, starting at Bates 1. I'm just going to flip 4 through this --5 MR. ZWONITZER: Okay. MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) -- a little bit. And this contains 6 7 materials related to a trip that then Senator Biden took to the Soviet Union. 8 9 MR. ZWONITZER: Mm-hmm. 10 MR. (b) (6) (7) (C) There's all sorts of stuff: 11 briefing memos, train tickets, plane tickets, schedules, 12 itineraries. Kind of interesting, actually. 13 MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah, no. This is nothing I've 14 ever seen. 15 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. 16 MR. ZWONITZER: I wish I had. 17 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) And --MR. MR. ZWONITZER: I wish I had --18 19 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) Yeah. 20 MR. ZWONITZER: -- at the time. But, no. 21 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Here's another one. It's another MR. 22 Redweld. This is 1B18 CODEL Biden Info on Soviet Officials, and it's a Redweld labeled, Information on Soviet Officials. 23 24 It has kind of interesting material on the people, the 25 leaders and other individuals he'd be meeting with --FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

46 (01:10:31)1 MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) -- during his trip to the Soviet 2 3 Union. 4 MR. ZWONITZER: Yep. Nope. Never saw any of 5 this. MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. 6 7 MR. ZWONITZER: This is not the type of things you saw when you were writing Promises to Keep? 8 9 MR. ZWONITZER: No. It was literally, like, you 10 know, press releases, speeches. The -- any trip information 11 would be his official reports, you know, that went to the 12 Senate at large, I think, or generally, you know, went to 13 the public. MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 14 Okay. Here's another one. This is 1B18 Itinerary Germany Redweld. It's a Redweld containing 15 16 information on a trip he took to Germany in 1979. Anything like this? 17 18 MR. ZWONITZER: I never saw this, no. 19 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. 20 MR. ZWONITZER: I know we talked about that trip, 21 but he didn't -- that's not something I got. 22 MR. (b) (6) (7)(C) Okay. You said you wished you 23 would have been able to see that stuff. Why is that? 24 MR. ZWONITZER: I mean, it makes it much more 25 interesting to write it, you know? FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

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1	(01:11:35)
2	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Yeah.
3	MR. ZWONITZER: If you can write about those
4	you know, if you can wrote about those Soviet generals, you
5	know, that's interesting, but I never got to see that.
6	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. All right. That's not the
7	type of stuff you saw.
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11	MR. MILENCOVER
12	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
13	MR. <sup>(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)</sup> (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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15	MR. <sup>(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)</sup> (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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25	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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	MR.	ZWONITZER:	(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

1	(01:14:54)
2	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) checking with somebody? Or some
3	like, he was just doing his own research, or he was
4	asking someone else to help with that?
5	MR. ZWONITZER: I just don't I don't remember.
6	Well, I mean, if he went back and, you know, had someone on
7	the staff see, you know, what was unclassified and what was
8	not. I do know I also went and separately did, you know,
9	the research to figure out, like, what, what this was about,
10	and it was already in the papers and much reported. And it
11	was actually also it was, like, almost 25 years after the
12	fact.
13	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay, thank you.
14	MR. ZWONITZER: He was I mean, even 25 years
15	after the fact, he was still being careful about what he
16	could tell me.
17	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Thanks, and other
18	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) When you say this William
19	Casey-Goldwater story, he wanted to check to make sure that
20	it was unclassified, am I thinking of it the same way I
21	just want to make sure I understand what you mean by it was
22	unclassified. Was there something
23	MR. ZWONITZER: That was my language, not his.
24	I'm sorry. I was reading into, like, you know, what he had
25	to be careful about and what he had to check before he
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1	(01:16:11)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: told me anything.
3	SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Was it, like, from Senate
4	Intelligence hearing, or was it because there was internal
5	you know, an argument in the Senate, and he wanted to
6	make sure that this wouldn't impact someone's reputation.
7	Do you know what I mean? Is it about National Security, or
8	is it about someone's reputation?
9	MR. ZWONITZER: I actually don't I don't
10	remember. But that story, the Goldwater-Casey-Biden story
11	is easy to look up. It's probably from the early '80s.
12	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. So but sitting here today,
13	is it your understanding that this might have been National
14	Security classified and Biden went back to make sure that it
15	wasn't currently classified?
16	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't think I don't I just
17	don't know.
18	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
19	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean, again, it's 20 years ago
20	and I
21	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) So I guess that brings me to
22	there were a couple mentions in the transcripts where Biden
23	mentions this might be classified, or this is classified,
24	and he skips over parts of it; did you, did you have any
25	understanding with Biden about what kind of things he
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1	(01:17:38)
2	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could discuss with you and what
3	kind of things he couldn't? And to the similar question of
4	when he says classified, is that is it your understanding
5	that that's National Security classified, or does that mean,
6	you know, I just want this off the record?
7	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't I mean, I don't know.
8	I don't think I can answer that question from thinking about
9	what was happening six years ago. I just don't have any
10	strong memory of that.
11	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) So you guys didn't have any
12	discussions about what the term classified meant, or if you
13	could be writing about it or recording it?
14	MR. ZWONITZER: No, we didn't have any specific
15	discussions about that.
16	SA (b) (6). (b) (7)(C) Do you have any general memories
17	about discussing that topic?
18	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean, it seems like I was aware
19	that the then Vice President and the staff were having
20	discussions about that topic but, you know, I was not privy
21	to those and not part of those.
22	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Talk about that a little more.
23	What do you mean by that, that the Vice President and his
24	staff were having discussions about it?
25	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean, I just I don't know
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1	(01:19:14)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: except that they were just
3	being careful.
4	SA (b) (6). (b) (7)(C) So but they were being careful
5	about what?
6	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean, I guess they were being
7	careful about what they could tell the world at large in
8	this book.
9	SA (b) (6). (b) (7)(C) And who on the staff was being
10	careful with him about it?
11	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't know. I if I it
12	would be guesswork to say.
13	SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Maybe if you could describe more
14	why you were what makes you aware that they were
15	concerned about that? Or any kind of additional information
16	that let you know that they were considering it.
17	MR. ZWONITZER: I just I don't I can't
18	six years later, I wouldn't be able to give an accurate
19	memory of what was happening, but wouldn't you take it as a
20	matter of for granted and a matter of course that he's going
21	to be careful about this material, what he can say.
22	SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) So I'm just trying to clarify
23	because you said you were aware the Vice President and his
24	staff were having discussions about it, and so I'm just
25	trying to get more what made you aware of that?
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1	(01:20:52)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: I'm trying to think of a specific
3	event or something and I just I can't. What makes me
4	aware of it is that, also, he would be careful as we spoke
5	about what he could you know, what he had to jump over,
6	what he could say and what he could not.
7	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. But any more about, kind
8	of, the staff involvement?
9	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't know anything about the
10	staff involvement of that, of the I don't know anything
11	about their internal discussions.
12	SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Were you, kind of, generally aware
13	that they were having discussions?
14	MR. GINSBERG: You know, I think we ought to take
15	a short break. If you're (0.0.0)(). if you need to ask more
16	questions about this, maybe there's a way we can resolve it.
17	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Sure.
18	MR. GINSBERG: I think it we've been going for
19	almost an hour-and-a-half. We can take a five-minute break,
20	and then we can go forward and it might be smoother or not.
21	Okay?
22	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Sounds great.
23	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Yep.
24	MR. GINSBERG: Good.
25	SA (b)(6).(b)(7)(C) It is 3:25. We're going on break.
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1	(End Track 240104_1313.)
2	(Begin Track 240104_1447.)
3	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. It is 3:37. We're back
4	from break.
5	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) you're muted.
6	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) It is 3:37, and we're back from
7	break.
8	So before we went on the break, we were talking
9	about discussions that you might have had with former Vice
10	President Biden about material that you should or shouldn't
11	include in your, in your work. And because that they were
12	it was government information or it was, you know,
13	sensitive or classified information. And I just wanted to
14	reset
15	MR. GINSBERG: I don't mean to interrupt you, but
16	that's not what where we were. And I don't think that
17	question was asked. You certainly could ask it, but it's
18	not where with were before the break.
19	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) So maybe this is the confusion,
20	because that's the question that I was trying to ask. And
21	then your response to it was that you and the Vice President
22	didn't have specific discussions regarding the use of
23	classified; is that correct?
24	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't remember any specific
25	discussions we had. I don't remember that.
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1	(00:01:21)
2	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. And then my understanding
3	is that you then said you were aware the Vice President and
4	his staff were having discussions about it and that they
5	were being careful about the information that was being
6	relayed to you; is that accurate?
7	MR. ZWONITZER: Well, I think I was aware that
8	there was I had a general sense that they were being
9	careful.
10	MR. GINSBERG: Now, when you say they, you mean
11	the staff. You don't mean Biden.
12	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean the staff, I mean. But I
13	didn't ever have any because they were also providing me
14	with materials. But I don't remember any specific
15	discussions I had about that with staff people.
16	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
17	MR. ZWONITZER: It was, it was I think it was
18	incumbent upon them, but I don't think I had I don't
19	remember specific discussions about that.
20	SA (b)(6).(b)(7)(C) Okay. And this general sense that
21	they were being careful, was that because they were limiting
22	things that they were providing to you, or that they were
23	what do you mean by that, that they were being careful?
24	MR. ZWONITZER: I just mean my general sense is
25	that they were careful about the material they could
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1	(00:02:47)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: provide me.
3	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
4	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Do you say that Mark, there's a
5	fairly limited amount of material that you were actually
6	provided outside of the oral interviews that things that
7	Vice President Biden said to you or read to you; is that
8	right?
9	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah.
10	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Is that what you mean, that they
11	it was very limited in the world of stuff that they actually
12	gave you?
13	MR. ZWONITZER: Yes. I mean, you know, like, the
14	schedules or whatever. But, yes, everything's I mean,
15	yes, it was limited.
16	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
17	MR. (b)(6)(7)(C) And when you said when you say
18	they're being careful, it was because they didn't give you
19	very much. Not because they were, like, close to or was
20	it because they were close to a line and there were things
21	that were sensitive and they were debating whether or not
22	they could give it to you?
23	MR. ZWONITZER: I just didn't get much material.
24	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Okay.
25	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. That's helpful because
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1	(00:03:43)
2	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I think I was just on a
3	different page.
4	And then you also said that the Vice President
5	would be careful what he would speak to you about, and he
6	would skip over sections if he thought that it might be
7	classified or sensitive; is that accurate?
8	MR. ZWONITZER: That was my I mean, that's my
9	memory of what was happening at the time.
10	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
11	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean, you could hear long pauses
12	in the discussions.
13	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. And he would also sometimes
14	say, this part's classified, and then it would seem like he
15	would skip over sessions or sections of his journal.
16	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean, I don't again, I don't
17	remember that much.
18	SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
19	MR. MICHONOMON And, Mark, just going back, that
20	general sense of being careful kind of relates to what I was
21	asking about earlier. Do you remember any instances of, you
22	know, you expected to get material and they, like, told you
23	no. Or you asked for material and the staff told you no as
24	opposed to Biden himself?
25	MR. ZWONITZER: You know, I don't remember that
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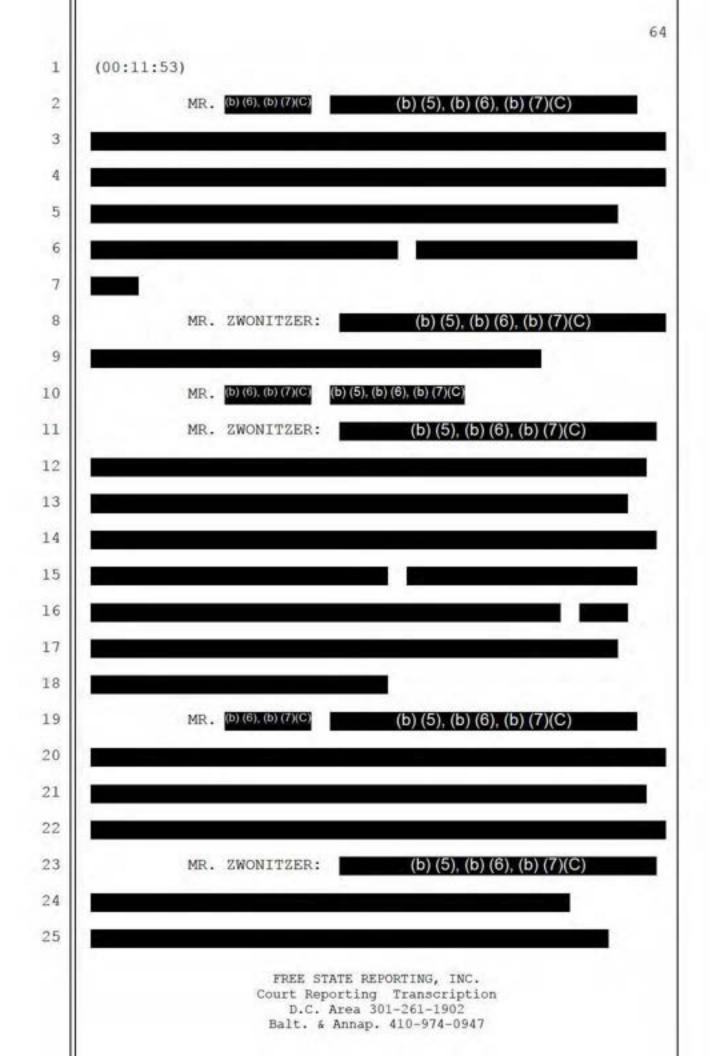
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1	(00:05:02)
2	MR. ZWONITZER: I asked for a lot. So I don't
3	think that they I don't remember specific instances where
4	they said, no, you can't have this, you know? But if I
5	would say, you know, I need the schedules from X, Y, and Z
6	from specific dates, I would get those. You know, what they
7	could give to me. But I always got a sense that there were
8	things that they, you know, could not and would not.
9	MR. MG. Were there ever any efforts that you,
10	like, were told about to photocopy material for you but then
11	the photocopies were held back?
12	MR. ZWONITZER: No. Don't remember nothing like
13	that.
14	MR. MG. ONG Okay. And there's a couple
15	instances, and, you know, we don't have the audio recording
16	because they might contain sensitive material, but and I
17	think you mentioned this in the first interview as, like,
18	you know, some of the instances where he might kind of show
19	you more a notebook. There's one recording, for example,
20	where he's, like, trying to read his own handwriting and
21	you're sort of helping him. Does that sound like, does
22	that scenario sort of sound familiar?
23	MR. ZWONITZER: I think there was, like, an
24	instance or two where he would be holding the notebook and
25	say, oh, my God, what's this word, you know. I can't
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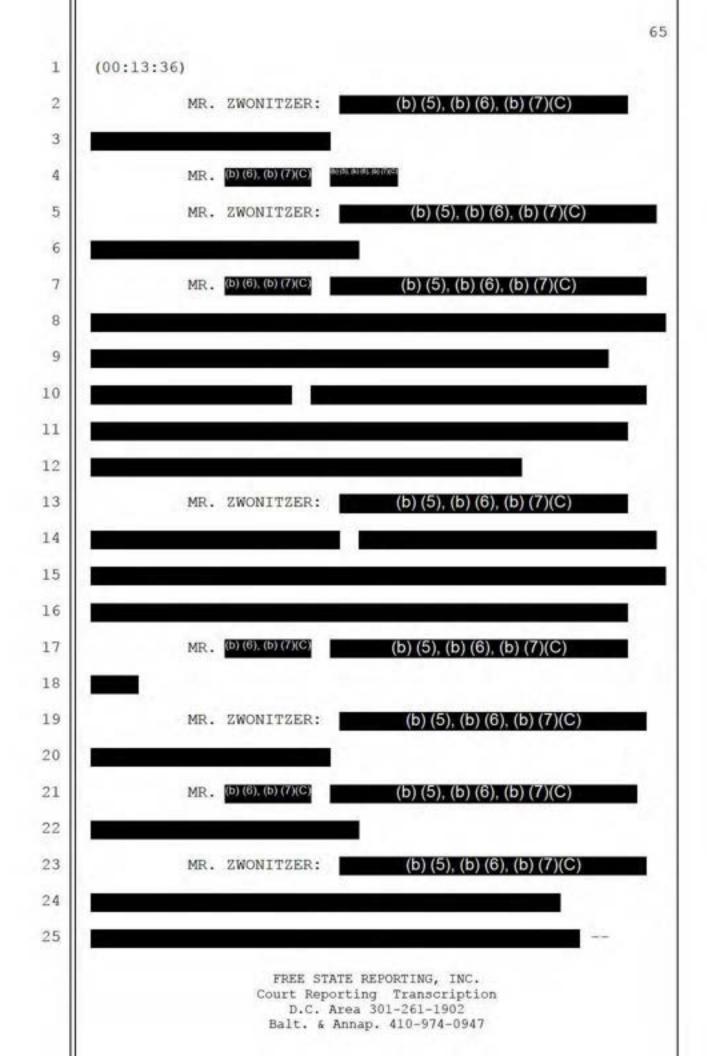
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2	MR. ZWONITZER: believe I can't read my own
3	handwriting. You know, that might have happened a time I
4	think that happened a time or two.
5	MR. (D)(6)(D)(7)(C) Yeah.
6	MR. ZWONITZER: I'm sure it did.
7	MR. MR. And we, let me tell you, can
8	sympathize with trying to read the President's handwriting.
9	It's not always easy.
10	MR. ZWONITZER: Well, it's pretty darn good as
11	compared to mine.
12	MR. MR. There's one recording where he says
13	to you that he it you kind of he's showing you
14	something, and then he says that some of this may be
15	classified, so be careful. Do you remember that instance?
16	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't. I don't remember that
17	instance or reading it in the I just I don't remember
18	that.
19	MR. MR. Okay. It just putting yourself
20	back to what you know, I understand you don't have a
21	clearance and haven't had a clearance before, but do you
22	know what like, what you would have done with that
23	information, or what expectation he would have been
24	conveying to you as someone who's not cleared? Like, what,
25	what were you supposed like, telling you to be careful
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61 1 (00:07:38)MR. MICH. -- what would that even mean to you 2 3 in that instance? 4 MR. ZWONITZER: I don't remember him telling me to 5 be careful. Did he tell me to be careful? MR. (D) (6), (D) (7)(C) That's what it sounded like on the 6 7 recording. MR. ZWONITZER: I just -- I don't know --8 9 MR, (D) (6), (D) (7)(C) Okay. MR. ZWONITZER: -- what was in his head. 10 11 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) If that were to happen today, for 12 example, and -- let's, let's just say someone showed you a 13 piece of classified information on a notebook and said, be 14 careful, like, do you know what you would take that to mean, the be careful to mean, like, what you were supposed to be 15 16 careful doing? 17 MR. GINSBERG: You know, I know we're not in 18 court, but that's just an impossible question to ask how he 19 would do it now. 20 MR. MONTON Yeah. So maybe a different way is 21 just I -- does that have any meaning to you? How would you 22 have implemented be careful, if at all? 23 MR. ZWONITZER: Well, I didn't have to implement 24 be careful, because they were vetting -- you know, vetting 25 this manuscript. I wasn't the last word on any of this. FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

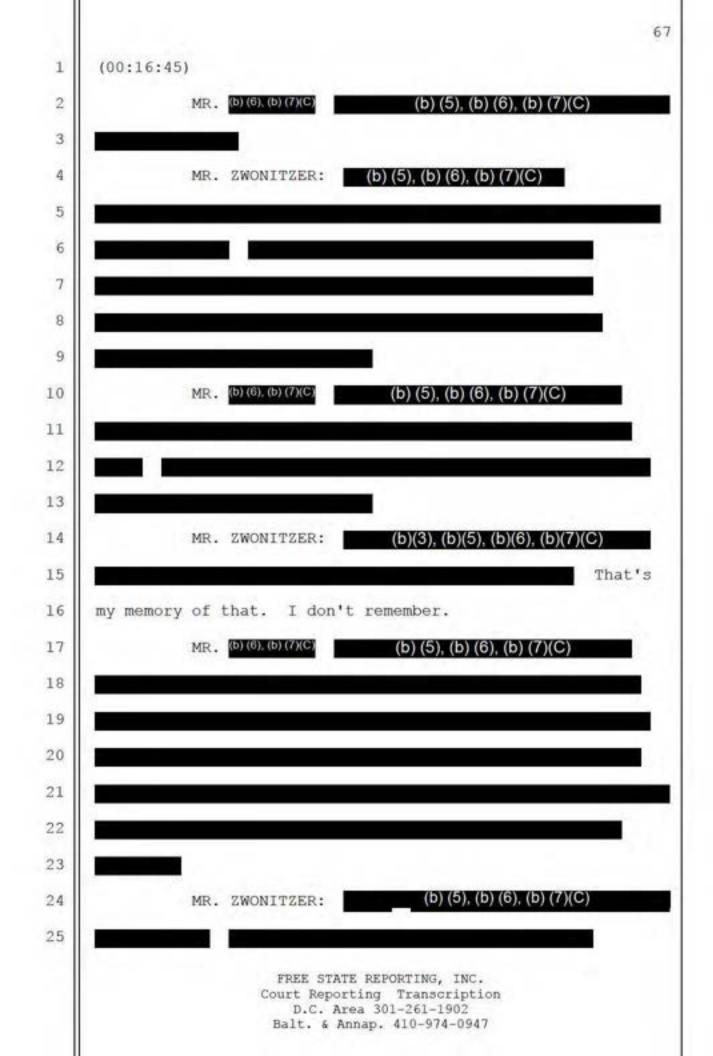
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2	MR. OKAY. And what do you mean by that,
3	they were vetting the manuscript?
4	MR. ZWONITZER: People were and you have you
5	know, you have the instances where I'd send the manuscript
6	to people on staff and they would look through it and make
7	corrections and give me notes. I don't think any of that
8	pertained to something that was sensitive or classified, but
9	just accuracy more than anything.
10	MR. ()(0.()()() Okay. So you're not saying there
11	was, like, a classification review being conducted by his
12	staff to make sure that there was not classified information
13	in the manuscripts. You're saying that's not your
14	understanding. Your understanding is they were correcting
15	or looking, sorry, for personal like, personal
16	information or things that were otherwise too sensitive.
17	MR. ZWONITZER: Looking for accuracy and, yeah,
18	sensitivity. Yeah.
19	MR. DIGNOMON Okay.
20	MR. (b) (6) (b) (7)(C) Anything else?
21	MR. DIGLOUTIC No.
22	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) All right.
23	MR. (5)(6)(7)(9) Well
24	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Go ahead.
25	MR. MARK, in case
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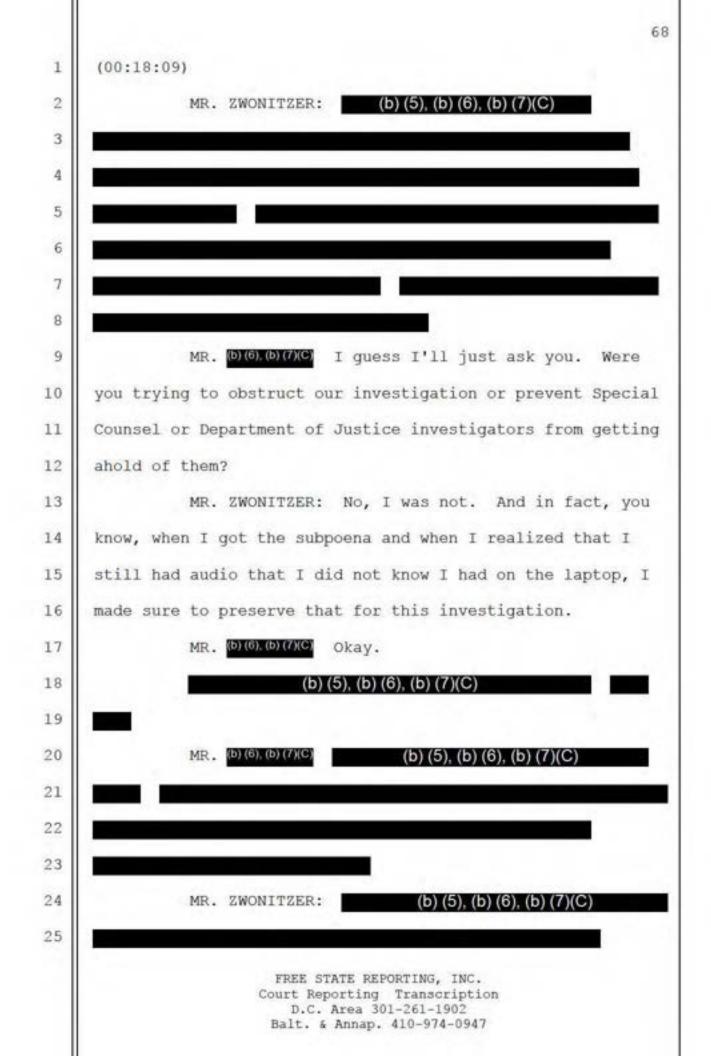
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	MR. ZWONITZER: CHENNENDING
	MR. MR. Okay. There's a line in case it
	jogs your memory, there's a line where Biden says, don't
	write this down. I think I've got to clear it. Does that
	sound familiar? Do you remember him saying that to you
	ever, or something like that?
	MR. ZWONITZER: It sounds familiar.
	MR. MR. Okay. And he do you remember
	having any reaction to that or an understanding of what he
	meant when he would say, I think I've got to clear it?
	MR. ZWONITZER: No, I don't know what that I
	don't know, you know, what that means exactly.
	MR. (010.0017XC) Okay. I think that's it for me.
	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (0) (c), anything else? (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)?
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	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Nope.
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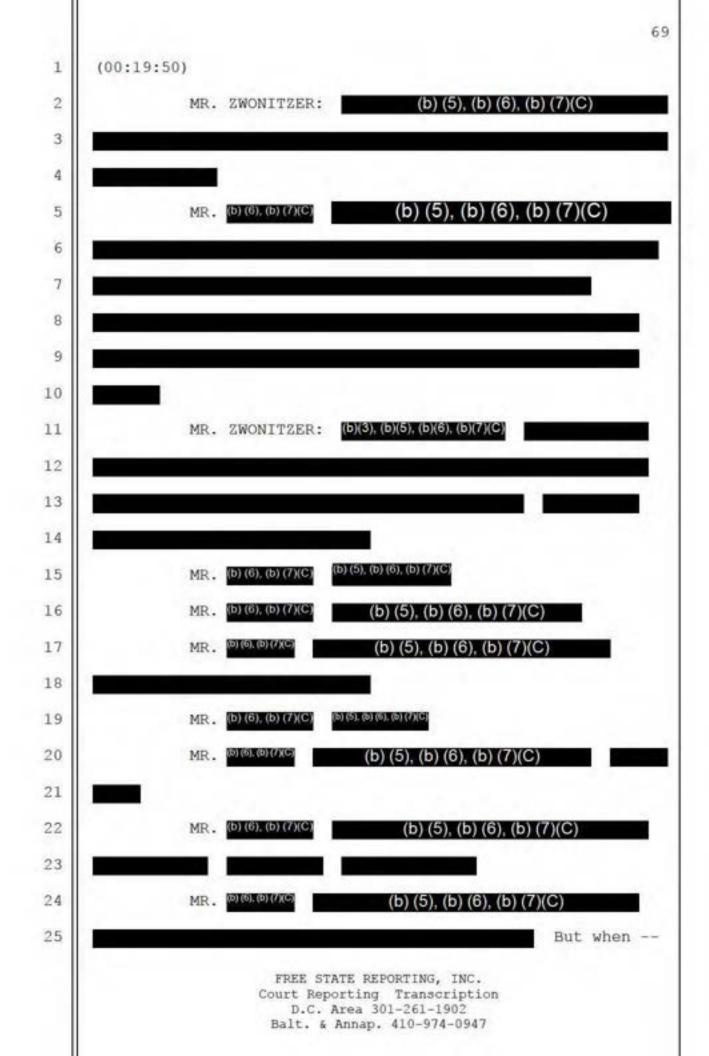




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2	MR. ZWONITZER: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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7	MR. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Okay. You said you were aware of
8	our of the investigation, the Special Counsel
9	investigation into President Biden. Did you said before
10	you didn't want to put a percentage on how much of that
11	played a role in your decision, but could you just did it
12	give you pause? Like, there's a Special Counsel now, I
13	should not do this.
14	MR. ZWONITZER: You know, to be honest, at the
15	time, I didn't I just didn't think I had any material
16	that had anything to do with handling you know,
17	mishandling classified documents. It just I mean, I
18	didn't go back and listen to that stuff. It was not in my
19	mind. What was in my mind was the family stuff; the Beau
20	stuff; the emotional stuff; the material; him talking about
21	other figures. And that's where I had just come off the
22	you know, I had just finished the Pegasus book, so I finally
23	had a window of time to sort my organize my archives and
24	my papers and stuff.
25	MR. (b)(6)(0)(7)(C) Why didn't you delete the
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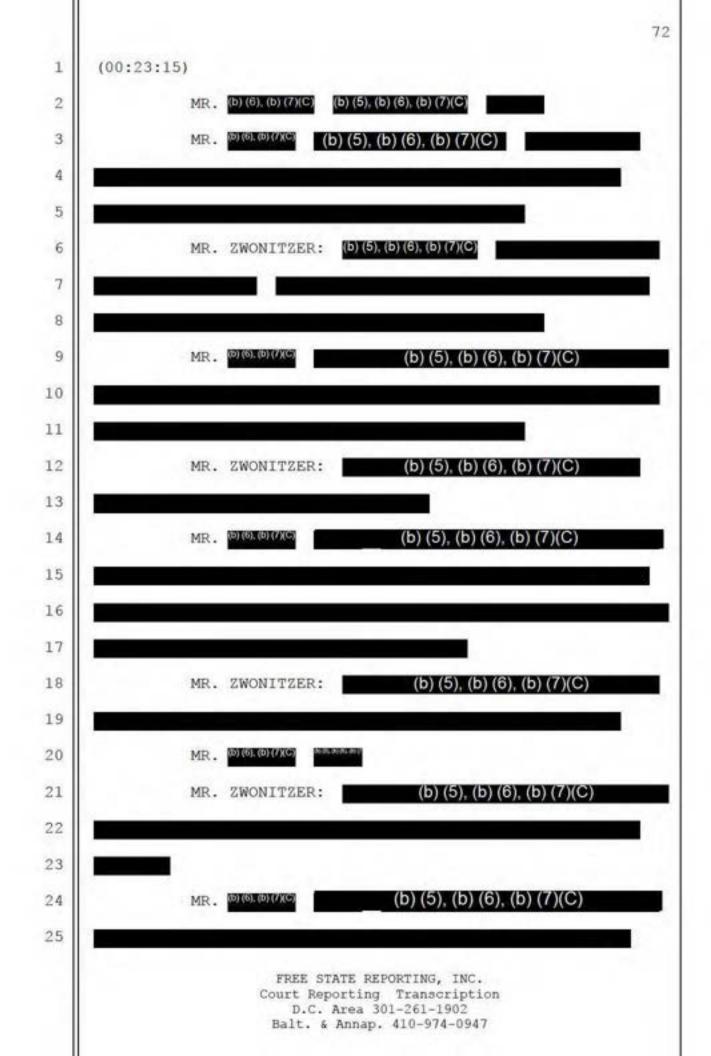


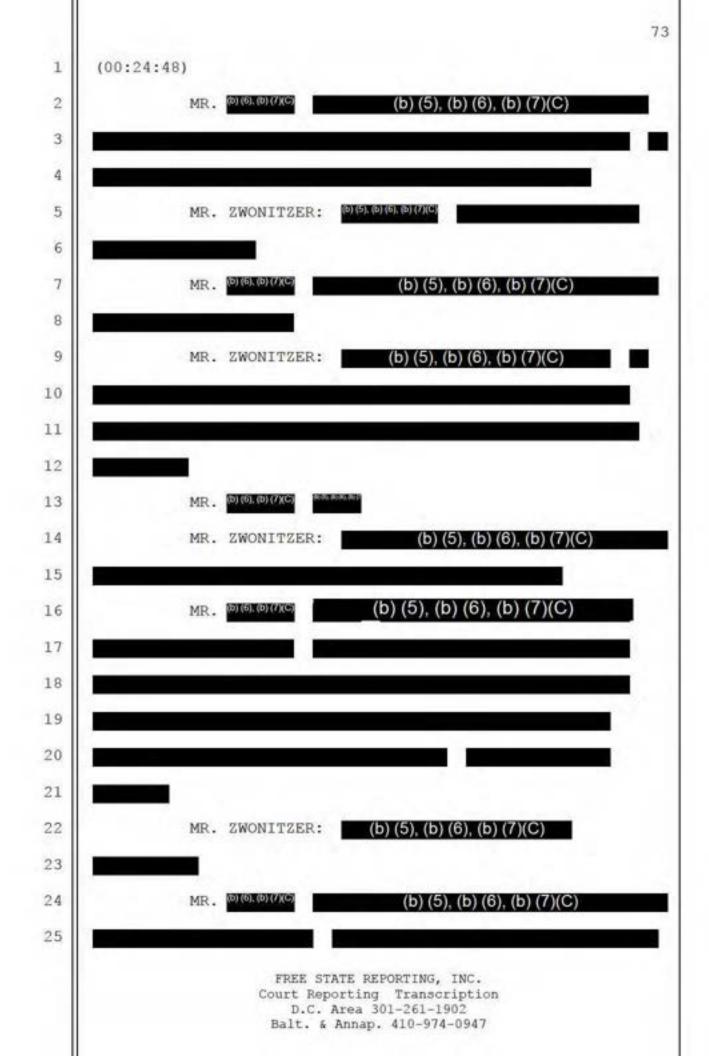


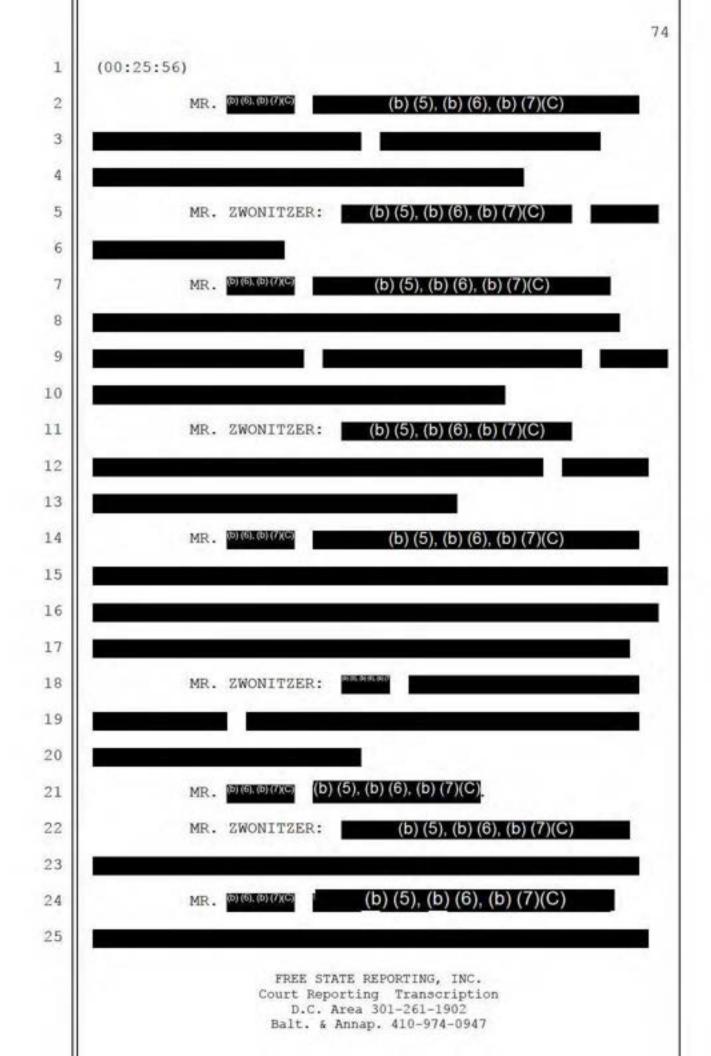


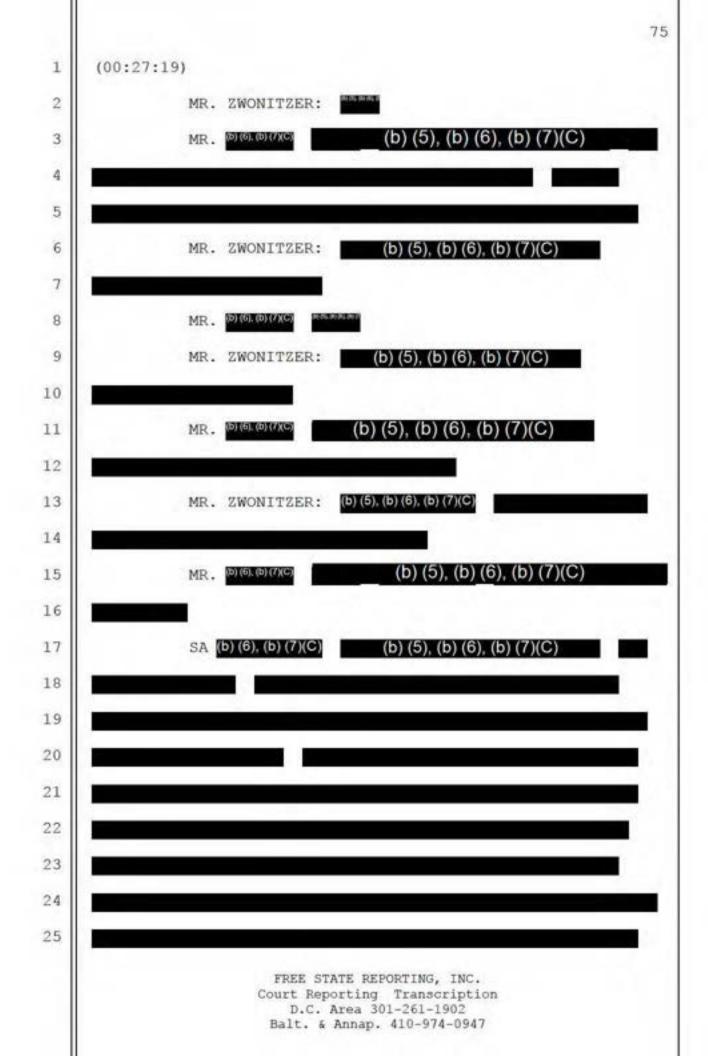
70 (00:21:03)1 MR . (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2 -- Biden went to the Archives and 3 took notes, did you receive or get to look at the notes he 4 took while he was there by any chance? 5 MR. ZWONITZER: Later. He read orally -- read 6 them to me orally --7 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. MR. ZWONITZER: -- the notes he took from the 8 9 Archives. 10 Do you know if that was recorded? MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) MR. ZWONITZER: I assume that it was. And I think 11 12 it's on -- in the materials that you have, the transcripts 13 and that sort of thing. 14 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) MR. Okay. MR. ZWONITZER: I can't remember. It would have 15 16 been right after the -- you know, right after his trip to 17 the Archives. 18 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) MR. Okay. 19 MR. ZWONITZER: Whatever that date is. 20 MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Do you remember what physical medium 21 he used to take those notes at the Archives, at least as he 22 read them to you? 23 MR. ZWONITZER: I don't. 24 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay. MR. 25 MR. GINSBERG: Point of clarification: the --FREE STATE REPORTING, INC. Court Reporting Transcription D.C. Area 301-261-1902 Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947

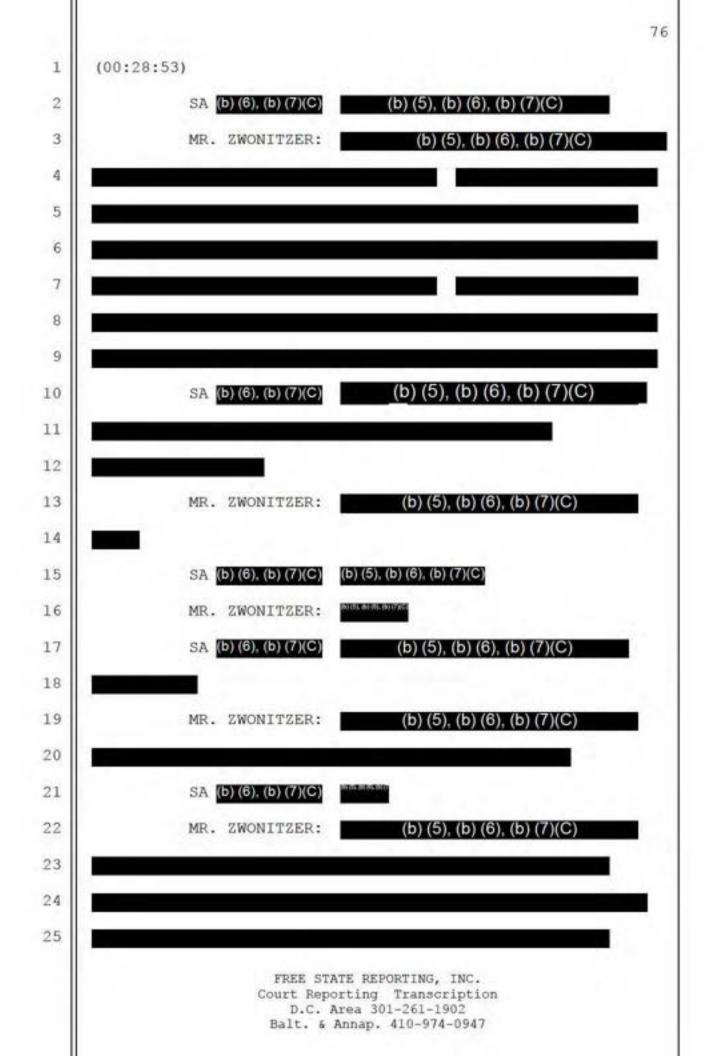
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2	MR. GINSBERG: notes might have been typed up
3	by before you saw them. I don't
4	MR. ZWONITZER: Yeah. I'm not sure. And I don't
5	even know if he I mean, I can't even say for sure that he
6	I think he did, was he actually too notes of the lunches.
7	You know, of the non-classified parts of the lunches that he
8	had. That's my memory of that.
9	MR. DIG Okay.
10	MR. ZWONITZER: But I don't even I'm assuming
11	he took notes of that and that's what he read to me.
12	MR. (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Mark, you just referred to the
13	non-classified portions of the luncheons. What did you mean
14	by that?
15	MR. ZWONITZER: Well, I think he said I think
16	it's on the transcript somewhere that I read recently where
17	he said, this is the non-classified portion of the
18	luncheons. In other words, this is the notes I could take.
19	MR. $(b)$ $(6)$ $(7)$ Oh. Is that why the notes had to
20	be held at the National Archives, because some of them were
21	classified?
22	MR. ZWONITZER: I don't know.
23	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Okay.
24	MR. ZWONITZER: I thought they were just a matter
25	of presidential, presidential records.
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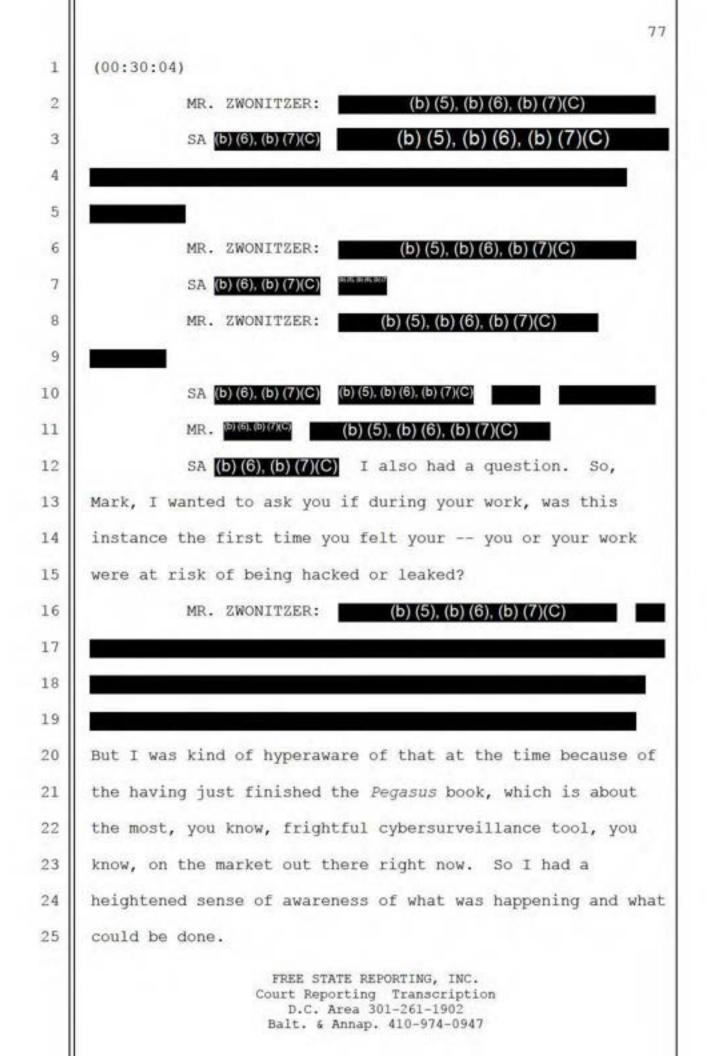




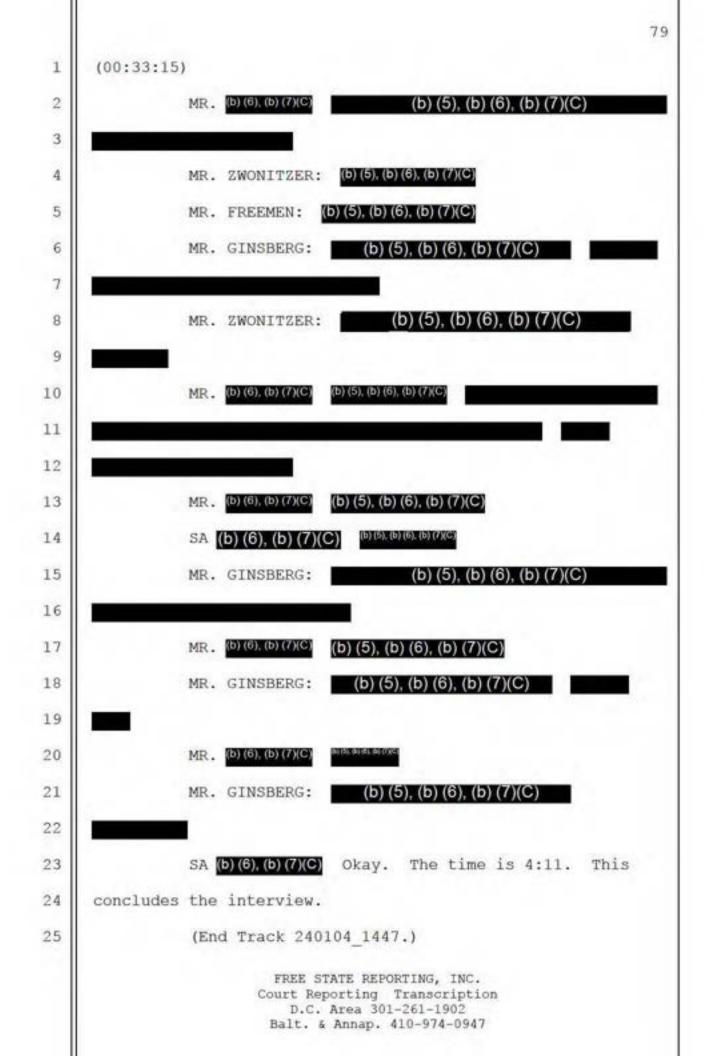








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4	MR. DIGRONNE Yeah, sorry, Mark, this is more of a
5	wrap-up question, but just to get your reaction to this. So
6	we've learned now from some review of the vice-presidential
7	notebooks that were read to you that from members of DOD
8	and/or the intelligence community that those notebooks
9	contained classified information. Does hearing that,
10	does that surprise you or not that the Vice President had
11	classified information in those notes that he was reading
12	you?
13	MR. ZWONITZER: It does surprise me.
14	MR. 010.00000 And how come?
15	MR. ZWONITZER: I mean, I just it just does.
16	MR. MR. Yeah. I take it by the fact that you
17	say it surprises you that did he ever give you the
18	impression that it was okay for him to have classified
19	information in his notes, or that he thought it was okay?
20	MR. ZWONITZER: No. He never gave me that
21	impression.
22	MR. ON OKAY. All right. Thanks. That's
23	all from me.
24	MR. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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