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INTERVIEWER 2: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

INTERVIEWER 1: -- just to -- so, the prosecutor's asked us to meet with you, and essentially go through everything that you did while you were inside the Capitol. So, to this point, we've, we've told you, hey, don't make incriminating statements. You know, they really want to hear your story, and sort of like a play-by-play, from start to finish, exactly what happened, who you were with, what you were doing, what rooms you went into, if you -- you know, like that level of detail is what they're looking for, just to really, honestly, get your side of the story,

1 because that's the side that we don't have yet. So, that's
2 really the purpose of this, is just to kind of get your side
3 of the story, and then, again, nothing that we say or do
4 will, you know, affect or impact the decision that they're
5 making. But, you know, that's, that's what they've asked,
6 and that's what we're gonna collect, essentially. Does that
7 make sense? You have anything to add?

8 INTERVIEWER 2: No, I know, like the only other
9 time we met and talked about it, we were, we were at the --
10 was it [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

12 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah.

13 [REDACTED] Yeah, with a [REDACTED] of beer.

14 INTERVIEWER 2: And I know you -- I know you made
15 some statements, (indiscernible) implied that you were
16 inside the Capitol and stuff, but now we're just kinda
17 getting in the weeds, and details. And we don't want you to
18 leave anything out. We don't want you to -- we want you to
19 be honest --

20 [REDACTED] Yeah.

21 INTERVIEWER 2: -- and truthful with everything.

22 So --

23 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah, so I don't even know where
24 to start. I would start, like, the way that I view it in my
25 mind is sorta chronologically. Right? So --

1 INTERVIEWER 2: (Indiscernible) before.

2 INTERVIEWER 1: Time-wise, there's a point where
3 you're outside the Capitol, and then there's a point where
4 you're inside. So, kind of walk us to that point.

5 INTERVIEWER 2: Do they, do they want anything
6 about, like, what led up -- like the trip out there? I know
7 we went in detail of who you drove out with, but how he was
8 invited. Do we need to go back that far?

9 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah. I'd probably go -- I'd go
10 back that far, yeah. So, sort of -- okay, from the time you
11 heard about it, this, you know --

12 INTERVIEWER 2: What was that moment?

13 INTERVIEWER 1: -- this rally that was going on,
14 on the 6th, how did you end up deciding that you were going,
15 and who you were going with, and all that kind of stuff?

16 [REDACTED] Well, at first, I didn't think anyone from
17 Kansas City would be going. And then, a couple of them -- I
18 can't remember which ones particular -- started saying,
19 yeah, I'll go then. Yeah, I'm going. And Billy and others
20 who hadn't gone yet were like, I'm going.

21 INTERVIEWER 1: And this is all discussions with
22 the Proud Boys?

23 [REDACTED] Yes.

24 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

25 [REDACTED] And --

1 INTERVIEWER 1: Is that how you found out about
2 it, or did you find out about it, like on -- in that group?

3 [REDACTED] Well, I knew that there was gonna be a
4 Trump rally because, you know, people were talking about,
5 yeah, another rally on the 6th, and all that. And I'm like,
6 must be like a goodbye speech, or something like that. You
7 know? Is what I was thinking. But the thing was, yeah, we
8 can't let Antifa mess with Trump supporters, you know, the
9 right, while they're trying to get to their hotel rooms at
10 night and stuff. So, we (indiscernible) was purely
11 offensive, and we were being told, make sure that we don't
12 start nothing, we just defend. And don't set ourselves
13 where we've got to purposely defend ourselves. Like, you
14 know, let them come at us, so that way we would always have
15 the -- that, you know, defense for us. Right?

16 INTERVIEWER 2: Who told you that? Who gave you
17 that direction?

18 [REDACTED] That was [REDACTED] at the time, which I've
19 since deleted that Telegram post, but I think I shared it
20 (indiscernible).

21 INTERVIEWER 2: You did. Yeah. So, the president
22 of the Kansas City Chapter.

23 [REDACTED] Yeah.

24 INTERVIEWER 2: And who did he get it from?

25 [REDACTED] I don't --

1 INTERVIEWER 2: Did he, did he create it himself,
2 or (indiscernible) --

3 [REDACTED] I believe he created it himself.

4 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay.

5 [REDACTED] Which, you know, yeah, that's pretty
6 solid. And I was like, yeah, and I'll make sure I watch
7 (indiscernible), you know, some of the guys to keep them out
8 of trouble, like Ryan Ashlock was supposed to be under my
9 wing because he had talked a bit inflammatory, in the
10 Prospect channel, but I wasn't in there, so I couldn't tell
11 exactly what they were saying, just like, sometimes he'd go
12 overboard, you know, like they should have their eyes gouged
13 out, kind of talk, and stuff. I know once, someone
14 mentioned something about him, you know, poking out or
15 gouging out or burning out eyes, or something like that.
16 You know, really (indiscernible) sounding stuff, but, so we
17 just started prepping from there. And I believe sometime
18 around that point, I let you know that some of us were going
19 out there, and all. And one or two people had to bow out at
20 the last moment and couldn't go again. Which would be the
21 guy who goes by [REDACTED] and --

22 INTERVIEWER 2: Did he go out on the 12th?

23 [REDACTED] Yes, he had. And [REDACTED], or something
24 like that, guy with a [REDACTED] something or other is the
25 screen name.

1 INTERVIEWER 1: [REDACTED] Is that it?

2 [REDACTED] Yes.

3 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah, okay.

4 [REDACTED] I believe that one. Uh, yeah, he couldn't
5 go out that time. But he was there also on the 12th. And
6 so we rolled out, and we were like, so Antifa's gonna be
7 dressed up like civilians and stuff like that. They're
8 gonna be trying to blend in. You know, there was these
9 reports coming in that could have been larbs (ph.) or
10 grandstanding or whatever, but people say that they saw on
11 other pages that Antifa was gonna be dressing like Trump
12 supporters.

13 INTERVIEWER 1: Is that, is that in the Kansa city
14 local page, or was that in like another, kind of, right-wing
15 chat on Telegram?

16 [REDACTED] That's what I was getting --

17 INTERVIEWER 1: Or did you see it in both places?

18 [REDACTED] That's what I was getting from the other
19 guys --

20 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

21 [REDACTED] -- that were seeing that.

22 INTERVIEWER 2: When you say, other guys, like,
23 other guys in Kansas City, or --

24 [REDACTED] Yeah, the guys in Kansas City that were
25 going were saying that they had read that.

1 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay. The 12th, when you were out
2 there on the 12th, December 12th, right, did you guys
3 encounter Antifa while out there?

4 [REDACTED] I did not, personally.

5 INTERVIEWER 2: Did anyone out there, like,
6 encounter Antifa with --

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] They both got
8 separated and put smack dab with some Antifa. And there was
9 a little bit of brawling, and a cop ran completely up and
10 over [REDACTED] at one point, breaking it up and pepper spraying
11 everyone, per their stories to me.

12 INTERVIEWER 2: So, because Antifa was there on
13 the 12th, did you guys -- like did that play into you
14 thinking that Antifa was gonna be there again on the 6th?
15 Or --

16 [REDACTED] Well, yeah, because there had been like --
17 and I don't even remember the specific number, but there had
18 been some attacks against some Trump supporters at the
19 stop -- after the Stop the Steal rally in November. And so,
20 it was like, yeah, we're not going to let them attack Trump
21 supporters. If they -- you know, they're going to have to,
22 you know, go face to face with us or just back the hell
23 down. And so I never even got -- I mean, at one point over
24 by BLM Plaza there, I was on the other side of the street
25 just as night was falling, seeing Antifa lined up with all

1 their shields, riot helmets, gas masks and everything, and
2 all the police officers there in the middle. And I ended up
3 turning with a group and leaving because it's like,
4 nothing's going on here. But, you know, it's kind of
5 interesting to see that display. And I was like, so that's
6 what black bloc tactics look like. It was kind of surreal.
7 But where were we going?

8 INTERVIEWER 2: We're talking about planning
9 before going, yeah.

10 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah, sort of what the
11 (indiscernible) -- yeah, before.

12 [REDACTED] Oh, yeah, so as a result of December 12th,
13 I think only one or two Trump supporters had been assaulted.
14 And we were like, well, that's a success. Our presence
15 helped. You know, we saw that as a win. Well, I personally
16 feel we saw it as a win because we all felt good. There
17 were so many Trump supporters that day that were thanking us
18 for being there to watch out for them and all that. I mean,
19 really, if you were walking around and you were in Proud Boy
20 colors, you were getting thanked by dozens of people, and
21 you felt like a rock star. You know, it was like, we're
22 here to help. You know, it was cool. You know, you could
23 really feel the appreciation.

24 INTERVIEWER 1: Right.

25 [REDACTED] And matter of fact, when we first walked

1 in there on the 12th, everyone was just like, oh, the Proud
2 Boys are here. And they started standing up on benches and
3 anything just to look over and take pictures as we all came
4 strolling up from Harry's to that area where everything was
5 going on, on the 12th.

6 INTERVIEWER 1: Right.

7 [REDACTED] So that was all part and parcel to what
8 led us to want to go back on the 6th.

9 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

10 [REDACTED] And, you know, and I let you know that we
11 were going and all that stuff. And I remember we had had a
12 talk about maybe get it to where there's a piece of paper
13 that says, you can do this, that, and the other, but you can
14 do other things, [REDACTED] for example. You know, maybe one
15 day we could get a piece of paper that -- where you're
16 allowed to take part in some graffitiing or something like
17 that. And I remember we had talked then, but we had never
18 gotten around to it and everything.

19 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah, you had talked about OIA,
20 which is called the Otherwise Illegal Activity.

21 [REDACTED] Yes.

22 INTERVIEWER 1: And at that point, I asked you,
23 are you -- do you have any awareness or knowledge ahead of
24 time whether what you're going to is going to be anything
25 other than a peaceful protest? And at that point, you said,

1 no, it's going to be -- everything that you've heard from
2 that point, you said it's going to be peaceful.

3 [REDACTED] Correct.

4 INTERVIEWER 1: So, at that point, you know, OIA
5 is kinda not necessary. Just means you got to have a little
6 bit of knowledge ahead of time that something illegal is
7 going to happen.

8 [REDACTED] Yeah, but it was via that, where I was
9 like, well, I got to make sure, you know, I observe, but try
10 not to participate like everyone else, you know, just so I
11 can see what's going on, because I'm sure, you know, I was
12 like -- as if they would want me to just stand outside, yup,
13 a whole bunch of guys went in and I don't know what they're
14 doing, and all that. I figured it would probably be more
15 positive to go in and witness with them, and all that. All
16 right, so (indiscernible) --

17 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah, let's back up.

18 [REDACTED] (Indiscernible) back when --

19 INTERVIEWER 2: We'll get to what was kinda going
20 through your head, you know, why you entered the Capitol --

21 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah.

22 [REDACTED] Right.

23 INTERVIEWER 2: -- when we get there.

24 INTERVIEWER 1: So really, all we've talked about
25 is you finding out about the 6th, the guy's kind of joining

1 in and figuring out what was going on, who's going from
2 Kansas City, who is not going. So, kind of walk us through
3 getting there.

4 INTERVIEWER 2: And maybe what type of gear you
5 brought for yourself and for others.

6 [REDACTED] I brought a flak jacket, some extra
7 helmets because we had -- you know, we talked about how
8 Antifa had actually stabbed that one guy up under his flak
9 jacket, and we were -- you know, how they had real weapons.
10 But we can't carry weapons because it would be seen as
11 offensive and stuff. We had discussed all that. But I
12 brought some extra half motorcycle helmets since I no longer
13 have a motorcycle. Well, you know, if something happens to
14 these, it's no loss at this point. Just general protective
15 gear in case someone swung something, you know, you've got a
16 helmet. Or if they tried to jab at you or something, you've
17 got a flak jacket. You know, a few of us had said, you
18 know, it's a shame we don't have the equivalent of riot
19 shields like Antifa does, that would be really protective
20 and all that. So we were just doing those discussions. And
21 about an hour out of D.C., that's when we learned that
22 Chris Kuehne had gone to go get something like reflective
23 tape so, that way, we could identify each other in case we
24 start getting separated, in the event that there was Antifa
25 attacking people. They were dressed like everyone else

1 there because it's hard to (indiscernible). So, that was
2 the point of the orange tape at that point.

3 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay, so you're, you're outside of
4 D.C. You've already told us who you rode with to get there.
5 So, that was one day or two days before the 6th?

6 [REDACTED] That was the night before the 6th.

7 INTERVIEWER 1: So the 5th you drove, you drove
8 out there.

9 [REDACTED] Yeah, we left the night of the 4th, got a
10 hotel just outside of -- either in front of or behind
11 Lexington.

12 INTERVIEWER 2: Who paid for the hotel?

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

14 INTERVIEWER 2: [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

16 INTERVIEWER 2: And then who paid for the house?
17 Did you chip in for any of that?

18 [REDACTED] I didn't do that. I bought them food on
19 the way. I pitched in some gas.

20 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

21 INTERVIEWER 2: So you purchased food and gas?

22 [REDACTED] Yeah.

23 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay.

24 INTERVIEWER 1: And then, okay, so you, you get
25 there the night of the 5th, and then everybody's -- who

1 stayed in that house? That -- that's the house in Arlington
2 that you guys arrived at?

3 [REDACTED] Yes.

4 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah, he already told us everyone
5 stayed there.

6 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah, so we know who stayed there.
7 What did you guys do that night?

8 [REDACTED] We had a little meeting about making sure
9 we keep safe, don't get lost. When in doubt, back out and
10 find others. [REDACTED] was talking about -- because [REDACTED] had
11 showed up with some friends, but he wasn't staying with us
12 there, talking about how these things can devolve. But
13 we've got to remain defensive. Do not be offensive. A lot
14 of that talk and all that.

15 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

16 INTERVIEWER 2: Was anyone talking offensively
17 during that evening, like the night before? Was there
18 any --

19 [REDACTED] I do not recall it.

20 INTERVIEWER 2: Was there any talk about anyone
21 hearing anything about, you know, breaking through barriers
22 and getting closer to the Capitol? Was that --

23 [REDACTED] Heard no talk about. And I, you know, I
24 don't think any of us knew that there were barriers up at
25 that time.

1 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay.

2 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay. Did anyone leave that
3 house, other than [REDACTED], who was staying somewhere else?

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], and the two people from [REDACTED].

5 INTERVIEWER 1: They were the only ones that left?

6 [REDACTED] Yeah.

7 INTERVIEWER 1: The rest of everybody just kind of
8 went to bed or hung out and went to bed?

9 [REDACTED] Yes. I mean, we're talking like, you
10 know, everyone crashing down finally at midnight and then
11 turn around and being up somewhere around 3:00-ish and
12 getting --

13 INTERVIEWER 1: 3:00 a.m.?

14 [REDACTED] Yeah.

15 INTERVIEWER 1: 3:00 a.m.? Oh, man.

16 [REDACTED] Because we knew the crowds were gonna be
17 huge, so we got ready, and then we went down and found a
18 place to park and took the Green Line into that area.

19 INTERVIEWER 2: You guys woke up at 3:00 a.m.?

20 [REDACTED] Yeah.

21 INTERVIEWER 2: Oh, wow.

22 INTERVIEWER 1: You went to bed at midnight and
23 (indiscernible) --

24 INTERVIEWER 2: At what point did you hand out
25 your gear that you brought, and to who did you hand the gear

1 to?

2 [REDACTED] Billy was carrying one of my half helmets
3 because he didn't have one. He ended up later passing it
4 off to that one kid that they refer to as #TheBrat. And I
5 saw the kid with it in the cab. I said, that was my
6 brother's motorcycle helmet. I need that back.

7 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay.

8 [REDACTED] You know, because my -- it belonged to my
9 brother at one time, and he gave it to me when he got a
10 better current style one, which is thinner, smaller profile,
11 less mushroom-heady.

12 INTERVIEWER 1: So you really didn't know how that
13 dude got it?

14 [REDACTED] No, I didn't at the time. I just saw him
15 with it. I recognized it, and I knew that he had been with
16 us throughout the day on and off. So I had him return it to
17 me then, because I was like, man, if I don't get it now, I
18 may never see it.

19 INTERVIEWER 1: So, what did -- what was Billy --
20 how did Billy get it? Was he like, oh, I wish I would've
21 brought a helmet, and they grab it? Or what?

22 [REDACTED] I can't recall the exact conversation. I
23 just I know I brought an extra helmet if someone needs one,
24 is what I'd been saying. I don't recall his exact words,
25 but he ended up with possession.

1 INTERVIEWER 1: All right.

2 INTERVIEWER 2: Did he have his own helmet?

3 [REDACTED] No.

4 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay. So he didn't have a helmet
5 at all.

6 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah. So he just borrowed an
7 extra one.

8 INTERVIEWER 2: So he borrowed yours and he had
9 given it to the kid.

10 [REDACTED] Yeah.

11 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay.

12 INTERVIEWER 1: All right.

13 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah, I saw the video of that
14 exchange with the helmet.

15 [REDACTED] Oh, me getting it from the kid?

16 INTERVIEWER 2: Yup, yup, yup. Okay, so --

17 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay, so yeah.

18 INTERVIEWER 2: -- let's go back.

19 INTERVIEWER 1: So we're back to you guys getting
20 up at 3:00 a.m. You took the Green Line in. So where did
21 you go from there?

22 [REDACTED] I'm trying to remember. Let's see, we got
23 a little confused at first, went walking around. We passed
24 some weird sculpture that supposed to be, like, with some
25 weird sculpture that's supposed to be like Moloch or the

1 sins or something that was parked on the side of the road,
2 and ended up at the -- the Washington Monument is west of
3 the Capitol, right?

4 INTERVIEWER 1: I think it is, yeah. I think the
5 west side faces the (indiscernible).

6 INTERVIEWER 2: Why don't I pull up the map,
7 because I'm sure we're gonna have to refer to it anyway,
8 right?

9 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah.

10 [REDACTED] As we were wandering around, we, we ended
11 up coming across like Trump Tower. And I was like, oh, I
12 didn't know he had a tower here, and stuff like that. And
13 we walked around those streets and that's when we started
14 noticing all the Trump supporters gradually filing in, and
15 all, which I took a few pictures of, you know, seeing all
16 the people out, like, wow, there's a lot of people out here.

17 INTERVIEWER 1: What time is that? Is that like
18 6:00 a.m. at that point, or --

19 [REDACTED] So --

20 INTERVIEWER 1: -- is it earlier than that?

21 [REDACTED] Probably between 5:00 and 6:00.

22 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

23 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah, so the Washington Monument
24 is west of the Capitol.

25 [REDACTED] All right, so yeah, wherever Trump Tower

1 is off of that side street, we came in kind of in that
2 direction right through there, from the subway station just
3 north of there.

4 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay.

5 INTERVIEWER 1: So, at what point -- you're
6 eventually walking to the Washington Monument, right?
7 That's kind of where everybody met that morning?

8 [REDACTED] But we didn't know where to go.

9 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] thought we had met up with them the
11 night before -- or the day before when they had the walk up
12 to the police station and Enrique was freed.

13 INTERVIEWER 1: When was that?

14 [REDACTED] That was the day before when Enrique was
15 released from D.C. jail and had to leave D.C.

16 INTERVIEWER 1: He -- were you there?

17 [REDACTED] No, I was.

18 INTERVIEWER 1: Oh, okay, okay. You guys had not
19 arrived at that point, right?

20 [REDACTED] Exactly.

21 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

22 [REDACTED] But former el presidente thought that we
23 had, and everything. And we was like, no. So that morning
24 we're like, well, people are probably going to start showing
25 up by Harry's, since that seems a normal meeting point, and

1 that's why we went there and we're waiting. It's like,
2 where's everyone else at?

3 INTERVIEWER 1: So you went to Harry's first.

4 [REDACTED] Yeah, we had made our way over to Harry's.
5 We didn't know what was going on.

6 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

7 [REDACTED] And where's everyone at and everything.
8 And this one Antifa girl and guy showed up across the street
9 and started taking our pictures, which is where you get the
10 one with us lined up and Billy flipping the bird, and all
11 that.

12 INTERVIEWER 1: Right.

13 [REDACTED] And they thought he was Gavin and stuff.

14 INTERVIEWER 1: So, what time did you get to
15 Harry's around? I mean, no one's going to hold you to,
16 like, an exact time or anything, just kind of estimate to
17 get a feel for what your day was like.

18 [REDACTED] Somewhere around 7:00-ish.

19 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

20 [REDACTED] I mean, the light was gradually getting
21 brighter. We were watching all the people walk by, playing,
22 you know, continental drumbeats and everything. It was
23 just, you know, kind of neat. One guy kept going by
24 harassing the officers, saying, these fucking communists
25 last night were attacking Trump supporters. Blah, blah,

1 blah. Do not trust the cops. And eventually the cops had
2 to give him a warning to get away. And he followed that
3 warning, as far as I know.

4 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay, so you're at Harry's at
5 around 7:00-ish, or whatever.

6 ██████████ 7:00 to 7:30-ish. And we hung out there
7 for a while and then we started wandering about looking for
8 others and we still didn't know where a lot of people were.
9 I had managed to get ahold of the Ozark guys, the two guys,
10 via chat, and arranged to meet with them at the corner of a
11 building where, like you could see, the Washington Monument
12 was the entryway where everyone was going to the area where
13 the President was going to be and everything. And I ended
14 up meeting up with him there, and all that stuff. And then
15 we're like, well, let's go and see if anyone else has
16 started showing up yet at the -- Harry's. And we walked
17 back over there. It was in that walk -- maybe it was -- no,
18 it was before that, when we were first going to Harry's
19 because we didn't know where to go, when the Colorado guy, I
20 ran into him there and he goes, who are you guys. And we
21 were like, Proud Boys. Are you a Proud Boy? And he goes,
22 no, I'm with the Colorado militia. I don't know anyone.
23 Can I walk with you all? I'm like, for a while, until we
24 get with everyone else. He says, okay. And he had a bike
25 and he just stowed it off to the side at that point, and

1 said, I'm tired of lugging this thing around and all that.
2 And I thought, well, that's weird. So he literally put it
3 behind a bush there by that plaza where all the speeches
4 were given on the 12th of December, that concrete uplift
5 area and all that. Freedom Plaza or whatever, is what it's
6 called, maybe.

7 INTERVIEWER 2: I don't know.

8 INTERVIEWER 1: I don't know.

9 [REDACTED] It's just west, like a block or two from
10 Harry's.

11 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

12 [REDACTED] And we had gone back over there, then.
13 So, then I -- then we walked over to meet up with the Ozark
14 guys, and we still didn't know where everyone else was. And
15 I had been putting out messages to [REDACTED] the president of
16 Kansas City, about, hey, where are these guys? Where are we
17 supposed to meet? [REDACTED] says, hold on. I'll find out. I
18 thought you guys met up with them yesterday. I was like,
19 no. And so we went through that and found out that everyone
20 was meeting up there by the Washington Monument around
21 10:00. So we made our way back there, and that's when we
22 ran into the Konolds. And they're like, who are you guys?
23 And we're like, Proud Boys. And they're like, oh, cool.
24 Can we walk with you? For a while until we meet up with
25 everyone else. I mean, none of it turned (indiscernible)

1 for a while.

2 INTERVIEWER 1: Right.

3 [REDACTED] Ended up staying around all day, and as I
4 was approaching the Capitol, I noticed a bunch of other guys
5 that were in camouflage and everything on the east side of
6 it. And we were walking up kind of cautiously. We had
7 already seen the Proud Boy mascot guy in the little electric
8 wheelchair that runs around recording everything. And as I
9 was walking up, one of the guys went -- and I was like, and
10 so I was like, okay, here, they are. We finished walking up
11 there and introducing ourselves. And, you know, I was --

12 INTERVIEWER 1: This was, this was in front of the
13 Capitol?

14 [REDACTED] In front of the Washington Monument.

15 INTERVIEWER 1: Oh, in front of the Washington --
16 okay, I gotcha. And what time do you think you got there?

17 INTERVIEWER 2: Was it 10:00 a.m.-ish?

18 [REDACTED] It was just coming up to 10:00 at that
19 time.

20 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

21 [REDACTED] Because we spent a lot of time in front of
22 Harry's.

23 INTERVIEWER 2: Was it even open that time? Does
24 it open that early? No?

25 [REDACTED] No. We had left, and got back there, and

1 the wandered around the Freedom area and everything. During
2 that time -- if I'm missing a step, it's because it was very
3 uneventful and didn't leave a spot in my memory.

4 INTERVIEWER 1: Right.

5 [REDACTED] But so we're all just hanging out there
6 and everything, and, you know, there's some speech stuff
7 going on. And I remember one guy walking by going, oh,
8 look, that's a whole group of militia there. And I'm like,
9 no they're Proud Boys, they're not militia. You know? He
10 goes, oh, okay. And then him and his buddy walked off. And
11 asked a few guys, where are you from. Oh, yeah, that's
12 cool. I'm from Kansas City. Just general stuff like that.
13 And then we were told to come around by Rufio, and he was
14 like, we're going to start marching that way and you all are
15 not to get in front of leadership. You're to stay behind it
16 at all times. Don't walk faster than it. Do not allow
17 people who are not with us to walk amongst us. They can
18 walk behind us, but they cannot walk in our ranks. It was
19 like, okay. And we started walking. Like, literally, those
20 damn boots.

21 INTERVIEWER 2: So what did the siblings from
22 Tucson do, and what did the Colorado dude do?

23 [REDACTED] I don't recall seeing them for a while
24 until we were closer to the Capitol, walking up through the
25 grass, and then noticing them. But I didn't think nothing

1 of it at that time because at that point I was thinking more
2 about my feet.

3 INTERVIEWER 2: Uh-huh. Was that your first time
4 meeting Rufio?

5 [REDACTED] I didn't actually meet him myself.

6 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay.

7 [REDACTED] So I just -- the first time I've ever seen
8 him.

9 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay.

10 INTERVIEWER 1: What time was he telling the
11 group, like, we're going to start marching? Like how
12 long -- you got to the Washington Monument around 10:00,
13 (indiscernible) --

14 [REDACTED] I think it was -- I may be wrong, but
15 maybe it was like 10:45 or closer to 11:00. I mean --

16 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

17 [REDACTED] -- stuff was starting on the stage down
18 the way and all that. And they kept having us pause every
19 now and then for photographers to take, you know, really
20 cool shots.

21 INTERVIEWER 1: Right.

22 [REDACTED] You know? Sometimes someone would get
23 down with a camera pointing up from low and record as we
24 were walking past, like, you know, looking up at us just
25 strolling by, and everything. So that must have been about

1 a half dozen stops like that while we were yelling. Fuck
2 Antifa. Fuck Antifa. Whose streets? Our streets. And
3 stuff like that.

4 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah.

5 [REDACTED] (Indiscernible) said that never again
6 would we go anywhere without our colors. We're not going to
7 capitulate to something like that anymore. Which was
8 originally asked by the Washington Chapter, as I believe,
9 not to wear colors. I guess they were worried about things
10 being an issue, and --

11 INTERVIEWER 1: Washington, D.C. Chapter?

12 [REDACTED] Yeah.

13 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay. Not Washington State?

14 [REDACTED] Correct.

15 INTERVIEWER 1: Got it.

16 [REDACTED] And so we ended up walking up there and
17 then, you know, had another photo op, and everything, this
18 time while we were facing west with our backs to the
19 Capitol, doing a photo op that way, we were near some water
20 over there. And then they had us walk around them. Like,
21 what are they doing, just walking us? I mean, we're gonna
22 be exhausted tonight, when it's time to make sure that
23 people get back to their hotels. You know, stupid stuff
24 like this, because it just seemed like we were just walking
25 and walking, chanting, fuck Antifa, to look cool. And we

1 went around the north side of the Capitol up through there,
2 and chanting, fuck Antifa, and stuff like that. And then
3 Billy told me at some point, around then, that people asked
4 if they could walk with us and he went up and talked to
5 Rufio or something and said, hey, they want to know if they
6 can walk with us, but I've already told them they can't walk
7 in our ranks. Is it okay if they walk behind us? I guess
8 he got the okay, so we went and told them, and our members
9 kinda started growing at that point as we wove around
10 through some partial below ground thing, back up, and out
11 and around the other way. However, that's set up there in
12 the front of the Capitol on the east side. And we walked
13 down and ended up stopping by the food trucks at that time,
14 where I began getting my (indiscernible).

15 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

16 INTERVIEWER 2: That was a lot of walking, too.

17 [REDACTED] Oh, yeah, in brand-new boots.

18 INTERVIEWER 2: Not broken in, huh?

19 [REDACTED] Yeah. I was just --

20 INTERVIEWER 1: That was a mistake.

21 [REDACTED] Yeah.

22 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah. Well, they're broken in
23 now, right?

24 [REDACTED] Oh, they better be. I mean, they got
25 miles on them, like, over -- somewhere around 12 miles in

1 that day, I'm guesstimating. I don't know. Maybe it was
2 15, maybe it was 10, but it was somewhere around 12.

3 INTERVIEWER 1: So you had been marching for a
4 while and then you were up near the Capitol, and that's
5 where Billy asked Rufio if other people could join?

6 [REDACTED] Yeah.

7 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

8 [REDACTED] And that's per what Billy was telling me
9 the following day while we were riding back together.

10 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

11 [REDACTED] I decided to ride with them because [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED]

13 INTERVIEWER 2: Up to this point, was there anyone
14 in the group talking about storming the Capitol?

15 [REDACTED] No.

16 INTERVIEWER 2: There's no talk, no rumors of
17 anything like that happening?

18 INTERVIEWER 1: What about, even just like,
19 occupying the area in front of the Capitol? Was there
20 anybody saying that?

21 [REDACTED] I never heard that. You know, I heard,
22 just tonight, we're gonna occupy BLM Plaza. You know? But
23 then again, that's how we talked the previous -- December
24 12. Or, when I say, we, people did. We're, you know, we'll
25 take BLM Plaza again, tonight, and stuff like that. Because

1 even if, you know, by showing up there in force, and the
2 cops push Antifa back, and we're able to get in there, it's,
3 hey, technically a victory, even though no one threw blows
4 and stuff, which no one threw blows on the 12th when we
5 ended up in BLM Plaza and all that. But, you know, had all
6 the Trump supporters not shown up with us on the 12th to go
7 around with us, swelling our numbers to probably easily over
8 1,000, I don't think Antifa would have given it up without a
9 fight, or listened to the cops so well. You know, great
10 examples of black bloc tactics, keeping that square,
11 marching backwards in formation and all that. Definitely
12 training somewhere. But so, you know, there's just been
13 talks like that. And I even remember saying, well, I hope
14 today doesn't turn into a color revolution. You know, just
15 saying snide (indiscernible) and all that. I don't even
16 remember who I said it to, or who I said it around, but I
17 know I did say, I hope it doesn't because people were pissed
18 off.

19 INTERVIEWER 1: So before you get to the food
20 trucks, Billy asks, people want to join. And they said,
21 okay, walk in the back. So your numbers were pretty big at
22 that point. Then you get to the food trucks, right?

23 [REDACTED] Yes.

24 INTERVIEWER 1: And then everyone kind of
25 disperses and takes a break and grab some food. And then

1 kind of --

2 [REDACTED] And then they started locking the urinals
3 so no one could use them, and all that.

4 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

5 [REDACTED] We're like, what is this? Are they
6 literally trying to harass us at this point? People were
7 getting agitated.

8 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah. Who was locking the
9 urinals?

10 [REDACTED] Maybe they -- might be the equivalent of
11 Parks and Recreation or city cruisers, something like that.

12 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

13 [REDACTED] I hadn't paid much attention. I don't
14 even recall if it was a cop or not. I just know only a few
15 people got to use the urinal over by the food trucks and
16 then it was done.

17 INTERVIEWER 1: So you break for like 20
18 minutes --

19 [REDACTED] 20, 30 minutes, yeah. And, you know, I
20 was thinking at this point, I wonder if this could be like
21 the 12th where they end up telling us, all right, well, now
22 we're going to go do our thing, blah, blah, blah. And
23 tonight, these streets are ours, you know, and -- because no
24 one was communicating or anything, we just knew that we were
25 walking and we were following the people we -- you know, who

1 seemed to be leading it, and that was that.

2 INTERVIEWER 1: So after 20 or 30 minutes, people
3 start moving again.

4 [REDACTED] Yes.

5 INTERVIEWER 1: So how did that happen?

6 [REDACTED] We got, we got called together and we
7 just, you know, whenever they'd start us, you know, like
8 Rufio or someone would yell out loudly, and off we would go.
9 I don't even remember what he said exactly. A lot of times
10 it would be like, hold, and we'd all hold and get our
11 picture taken. All right, forward, march, or something like
12 that. And off we would go. And we -- west side of the
13 Capitol, we're walking up over here, and we stop, and we
14 start chanting, 1776, and, whose street, our streets, and
15 fuck Antifa. I'm about two thirds of the way back, and I
16 notice the Trump flags and supporters starting to come up.
17 I'm like, oh, the rally must be up -- and they're all coming
18 around to protest at the Capitol now, and stuff like that.
19 And still, at that point, no one's talking about taking down
20 barriers and everything. It's right about that time that
21 they got up front that I saw people start moving up the
22 stairs. And I was like, I thought there was a barrier
23 there. And then, someone was like, oh, they just took down
24 the barrier. It's like, oh, fuck, Proud Boys didn't do
25 this, because from where I was at, that was what I thought

1 had happened. But I've seen video of Billy right there at
2 the friggin' front. So I'm like, okay, well, I know he had
3 his hand in it, along with the Konold girl. But he had
4 never, you know, gone out of his way to implicate in all
5 that stuff.

6 INTERVIEWER 1: Right, so I mean, as far as you
7 know, and as far as what your conversations with Billy
8 before that point were, he really, like, had not talked
9 about preplanning, you know, moving up to the Capitol with
10 you. Right?

11 [REDACTED] Correct.

12 INTERVIEWER 1: You know, it's still possible he
13 could have talked about it with somebody else. Who knows?
14 But he didn't tell you anything like that?

15 [REDACTED] No, sir.

16 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

17 INTERVIEWER 2: Is Billy the type of person to,
18 let's say he did have a plan to storm the Capitol, is he the
19 type of person to share that with you, or keep it to
20 himself? Or is it kind of just too hard to tell?

21 [REDACTED] He tends to say, I'm not worried. So like
22 at one point, while we were up further, he was
23 (indiscernible). And I was like, hey, some of us are back
24 here by the back. You want to come back here with us? No,
25 everything's fine here. We're not doing anything. We're

1 not -- you know, he was just telling me that. So but at
2 that point, he had already helped take down the barriers and
3 stuff, that I was unaware of. He's like, I'm not afraid of
4 nothing. You know? And I'm like, okay, well, all right.
5 I'm not worried. You know? All right. And that's that.
6 So I walked back away from him.

7 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay, so, let me -- what led --
8 what time did you start kind of marching again after the
9 food trucks, after your, like, 20, 30-minute break? Do you
10 have any idea?

11 [REDACTED] At that point, I really don't know what
12 time it was.

13 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

14 [REDACTED] It would have been like 10 minutes before
15 the first barrier went down, 10 to 15, right in there.

16 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay, so you're -- so 10 to 15
17 minutes before the first barrier, you guys start marching
18 again, and you're somewhere within that crowd that's just
19 kind of marching in front of the Capitol Building, right?

20 [REDACTED] Yeah.

21 INTERVIEWER 2: But you --

22 [REDACTED] About two thirds of the way back, or so.
23 Three fourths of the way.

24 INTERVIEWER 2: How long after the first barrier
25 went down, did you text [REDACTED] (ph.)?

1 ██████████ As soon as I saw people going up. And
2 someone said, they just took down the barrier. That's when
3 I sent --

4 INTERVIEWER 2: That's when you sent that text?
5 Almost immediately?

6 INTERVIEWER 1: Because, like, because you're --
7 ██████████ I hadn't moved forward at that point.

8 INTERVIEWER 1: Hadn't moved forward -- oh, to,
9 yeah, okay. I hear you.

10 ██████████ I was still where we had stopped when we
11 were facing south, when we had been marching, as the group
12 was coming from the west and east.

13 INTERVIEWER 1: And yeah. So you stopped -- you
14 were about two thirds of the way back through the Proud Boy
15 ranks and, and then you start seeing people trickle up the
16 stairs, and that's when you get word that a barrier had been
17 taken down. And then I assume you looked around and saw all
18 your other Proud Boy people right there, and you said, Proud
19 Boys didn't do it?

20 ██████████ We hadn't been --

21 INTERVIEWER 1: Or what?

22 ██████████ Well, no, I mean, we were among the Proud
23 Boys, so when I saw them going up, I'm thinking, oh, that's
24 the Trump supporters, because from what I saw, they're
25 coming up like that. And I don't know how long of a

1 hesitation, but it wasn't long, but it didn't seem to just
2 go right up, which is why I was like, I thought there was a
3 barrier there.

4 INTERVIEWER 2: Would you say you were -- how
5 many, how many back? I would say, like, do you think you
6 were, like, one of the first 100 people through the barrier?
7 How many -- like, how would you describe your position in
8 line there? I mean, you already said you weren't the first.
9 You didn't break the barrier, but --

10 [REDACTED] No. Gosh --

11 INTERVIEWER 2: And I don't want to -- I don't
12 want to make up a number or want you to make it up.

13 [REDACTED] I don't know. AT that point, I was
14 just -- it was just about walking, and I'm going, you know,
15 and wow, I wonder what's going to happen. I kept thinking,
16 well, surely, we won't get past the next barrier, and all
17 that stuff. I remember, at one point, I had managed to walk
18 up towards the front and there was some girl kicking a
19 barrier, and it was kind of leaning. I reached for it, and
20 I grabbed it. I was like, I'm not gonna go straighten this.
21 Keep my hands off it. It's gonna look bad to me on camera.
22 And I backed up about four or five feet at that point, said,
23 even if I try and help, you can't tell them doing it. And I
24 left it at that, but I really had had that thought in my
25 head at that second. I was like, I'm never gonna stand this

1 thing back up. And the officers left, and people kept
2 going. And I'm just standing there for a second. I'm like,
3 huh, well, that happened fast. And there was a lot of
4 people already up there, then, by where the inauguration was
5 gonna happen, by the time I had gotten up there. And, you
6 know, I was looking around and, you know, kind of taking in
7 like a tourist at that point. And I'm like, well, surely
8 nothing's going to go beyond this. I mean, they're up here.
9 And I was like, you know, that would be the perfect spot for
10 Trump to walk out and give a speech to the crowd. It
11 would -- you know, I'm thinking, maybe that's what the whole
12 plan was all along. You know?

13 INTERVIEWER 2: So going back to my question,
14 would you say first 10, first 20, first 50, first 100?
15 Like, where would you put yourself in line, approximately,
16 through that first barrier?

17 [REDACTED] Past 100. Past 100.

18 INTERVIEWER 2: How about the second barrier? Did
19 you move up, then, or --

20 [REDACTED] I don't recall. I know I wasn't running.
21 I was just kind of strolling with everyone else. So I think
22 the number stayed around roughly the same. I kind of
23 weaseled my way up to see what was going on. And some girl
24 was kicking at the barrier in front of a -- I believe it was
25 a black female officer. And that's when I went to go try

1 and -- because it was leaning that way. And I grabbed me
2 and kind of went like, you know, to see. And I said, nope,
3 and I was like, and it's just going to look like I'm trying
4 to take it down anyway. So that's -- I backed up at that
5 point, knowing -- I was like, helping is not going to look
6 good.

7 INTERVIEWER 2: Right.

8 INTERVIEWER 1: There was -- was that black female
9 officer, was she giving verbal instructions to like, go away
10 or --

11 [REDACTED] I do not recall that. It looked like she
12 just said, fuck this, turn around and ran. I do remember a
13 couple times turn around going, oh, there's a big crowd
14 coming, surely ain't gonna progress. You know? And,
15 because at that point, my thought of riots was, yeah, well
16 everything I'd seen all summer long, and all that. You
17 know? Normally with conservatives, you don't expect that
18 type of thing to happen.

19 INTERVIEWER 2: Right.

20 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay, so you make your way up to
21 where the inauguration is going to be.

22 [REDACTED] And I'm hanging out to -- like, where
23 they've got a line that everyone's at, and you've got the
24 tall thing that obviously that camera is on it.

25 INTERVIEWER 1: Like the scaffolding?

1 [REDACTED] Yeah, the tall box (indiscernible). I was
2 to the left of that at the back, watching and trying to look
3 for other guys that I'd come with, and I managed to get a
4 few of them to hang out in the back there [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

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INTERVIEWER 1: [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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INTERVIEWER 1: [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

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INTERVIEWER 1: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Yeah, but to the left of that main giant
square one in the middle, where they would have obviously
set up cameras and everything to record the inauguration,
like, not up where everyone else was along the barrier, like
back -- like, right at the top of the stairs.

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INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

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[REDACTED] And just looking around and I just started
spotting people, and like I went over to Ryan Ashlock, who
was kind of in the middle, and I was like, hey, some of us
are over here. You want to come on back, too? And he's
like, I'm cool, man, I'm just checking it out. You know,
just -- I don't even remember what he basically said, but it

1 was basically like, don't worry about me. You know, I'm not
2 going to do anything stupid, type thing. And that's -- and
3 I went up to Billy, too. And it was that moment when Billy
4 pointed to that girl, Konold, and was like, we started this.
5 And I was like, huh. You know, are you sure you don't want
6 to come back here? And he's like, no, no, we're not messing
7 with the cops and all that. But later on, in the video I
8 saw, that The Wall Street Journal posted, showed him, you
9 know, whose house is this. You want your house back? You
10 got to take it. And I'm just like, that's inside -- I was
11 not around him while he was doing it. I did try and, you
12 know, hey, come on back with us. You know? And
13 (indiscernible). [REDACTED] He stayed back there and
14 all that. And Chris Kuehne was there at that time.

15 INTERVIEWER 1: Chris Kuehne was where? With
16 Billy, or --

17 [REDACTED] No, no. Towards the back area where I was
18 hanging out. I mean, you know, I tried to get some of the
19 guys to listen. So you're kind of pulling them back.
20 Chris Kuehne went with you, [REDACTED] went with
21 you.

22 INTERVIEWER 2: Colon? Enrique? Ricco (ph.)?

23 [REDACTED] I don't recall where he was, although I
24 saw one pic of him when he was walking up some stairs by the
25 scaffolding, and I could barely see the edge of [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]. And so I was like, oh, well, guess he was
2 near me during that time, but I don't remember him being
3 near me at that time.

4 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay. Did anybody else -- did you
5 see any other familiar faces when you're in the crowd?

6 [REDACTED] No, not really.

7 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

8 [REDACTED] And then they started shooting pepper
9 balls and throwing some flash bangs and everything, which I
10 recorded some. And at one point, I then see Ryan Ashlock
11 like this. You know, standing right there in the middle
12 between where the police line is and where the big stand for
13 cameras and all that was, and I grabbed him and led him
14 over, and started trying to pour water in his eyes and
15 everything. Told him, you got to stay back, dude. Which he
16 started listening at that point. But it just seemed -- I
17 mean, if he got pepper balled, he was obviously -- or tear
18 gas or something, he was obviously doing something to
19 interfere, although I wasn't near him while he did it, so I
20 don't know what exactly he did. And he did not state to me
21 what it was. I was under the assumption, like, they're just
22 throwing them at the crowd right now, at this point, and he
23 happened to catch some because he was too close. That's
24 what I personally believed at the moment.

25 INTERVIEWER 1: So at what point did the crowd

1 start pushing forward?

2 ██████████ It seemed to last there a while, and then
3 even more officers came out, and I thought, oh, surely,
4 okay, here they come. This is where everyone gets pushed
5 back. And we're gonna end up going back down the stairs,
6 you know, I'm thinking things like this through my head and
7 all that and just kind of watching and all that. And then I
8 noticed to the left, in front of me, the kind of square
9 doorway leading up where people are pushing through against
10 the cops and all that. And then I hear a lot of, ta, ta,
11 ta. I'm like, oh, they're getting a lot of pepper balls up
12 there right now. Ouch. You know? I was like, I could only
13 imagine the closeness of that. And the crowd kept pushing
14 and pushing and everything. And we were hanging out towards
15 that side. And, you know, I'm watching this going live, and
16 I even recorded it where they were just going up for a while
17 there. And all that, and I -- I'm wondering if the whole
18 time up there was like between one and two hours before we
19 walked upstairs further, and then it wasn't to go get in the
20 Capitol, but just go check it out kind of mentality and see
21 what's going on. You know? At that point, it's like, huh,
22 we -- you know what I mean? One of the things I've been
23 saying is, we're literally here observing history at this
24 moment. You know? And at that point, I didn't even have
25 the thought of color revolution in my mind. I think I was

1 more just like, holy shit, this is happening right here.
2 You know? They're pushing their way up and all that. When
3 we got up there, where it got flattened, people could go
4 into that door, they're just streaming in the door and
5 everything, and it was open, it was -- you know, I was just
6 like, huh. That's when I recorded it, like, huh, they got
7 in.

8 INTERVIEWER 2: When you say, this is, this
9 history, and you're (indiscernible) --

10 [REDACTED] Well, yeah. I mean, anyone that, you
11 know, does that to the Capitol has literally made history.
12 I mean, that's going to be talked about for a long -- years.

13 INTERVIEWER 2: So you mean, just the act of
14 entering the Capitol?

15 [REDACTED] Well, no. I mean everything that was
16 going on around it at that moment. I mean, you know, you
17 got to think about, like, how they talked about rights in
18 the 60s and stuff like that, still, you know, 30 years later
19 and all that stuff. You know? It was more like that.
20 Like, wow, you know, this, this is something historic
21 happening here.

22 INTERVIEWER 2: Was there any talk of stopping
23 the, like, the process of, like --

24 INTERVIEWER 1: Whatever Congress was doing?

25 INTERVIEWER 2: -- the Vice President was

1 receiving the votes from the states?

2 [REDACTED] No.

3 INTERVIEWER 2: Like, you know, was -- is that
4 considered part of the history that you were witnessing?
5 You know --

6 [REDACTED] That thought hadn't come to mind. And I
7 hadn't heard anyone else make such a statement at that time.

8 INTERVIEWER 2: As far as like stopping the -- not
9 the count, but stopping the transition of the ballots?

10 INTERVIEWER 1: I can't remember what they -- they
11 were like certifying the electoral --

12 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah, certifying --

13 INTERVIEWER 1: -- votes and --

14 INTERVIEWER 2: Right.

15 [REDACTED] Yeah, it was like, stop the steal chants
16 were going on. But that was the extent.

17 INTERVIEWER 2: So no one made any comment, or you
18 didn't hear anything about the reason people were entering
19 the Capitol was to stop the electoral process? The Vice
20 President receiving the electoral votes from the states.

21 [REDACTED] No, I had not heard that.

22 INTERVIEWER 1: So you're -- it was more or less
23 like the people that you were with were kind of like sheep
24 just following like where everybody else was going?

25 [REDACTED] Yeah.

1 INTERVIEWER 1: Is that what it felt like to you?
2 [REDACTED] (Indiscernible) but there was a lot of
3 other people who had gone ahead, and we were more like
4 Johnny-Come-Lately, at that point. Well, except for what I
5 seen in videos of Billy doing (indiscernible).

6 INTERVIEWER 2: Did the thought ever cross your
7 mind, like, what's the purpose of this all, or what are we
8 trying to do?

9 [REDACTED] No, it was surely, it ain't gonna progress
10 past this. Surely, they're going to stop it before it
11 continues. You know, that thought went through my head
12 multiple times.

13 INTERVIEWER 2: Just, what was the intention of
14 going into the Capitol for, for everybody?

15 [REDACTED] So we were standing out there for a while
16 and talking about it, and I was even like trying to give
17 excuses why we didn't need to go in there and everything. I
18 was like, you know, this could be trouble if we go in there
19 and all that. I don't know if -- you know, I even thought,
20 I don't know if they would approve, or if they would want me
21 to go in and observe. You know, I was just keeping it to my
22 mind like that. And I even looked at Chris Kuehne and said,
23 I understand if you don't want to go in there. I mean, you
24 got benefits to worry about, and stuff, because he was
25 retired, and all that, from the military, and everything. I

1 was like, I mean, I get it if you don't want to jeopardize
2 those things. You know? And just talk like that and, you
3 know, we hung out there. And I'd walk up and look around a
4 couple of times, you know, because I'd seen some people get
5 forced out of a side door. I went up to kind of peer
6 around, and I was looking closer at things and then I'd come
7 walking back away from it and all. One of the times I
8 walked back, I recall hearing some, like, I hope they're not
9 stealing or destroying things of historic significance. I
10 was just like -- and I remember looking at Chris Kuehne, and
11 I was like, I could justify stopping someone from trying to,
12 like, smash something, some glass, or steal something, that,
13 you know, out of the cabinet, or something like that, that
14 maybe is from the 17- or 1800s or something. I could, you
15 know -- and I was thinking, I could justify stopping people
16 from doing something like that. Low and behold, you know,
17 that kind of stuff is not just scattered around anywhere.
18 You know? But that was what got me, Chris Kuehne, and -- I
19 don't exactly remember who was standing near me at that
20 time. Decided that we were going to go in and at least take
21 a look. We, we weren't going to enter before that statement
22 was made, at the time. And so, as we entered, I was a
23 little surprised because, you know, in the movies, you see
24 when people go in and they protest, they're all sitting
25 along the sides of the walls and they're chanting things,

1 and all that. Here, everyone's just (indiscernible).

2 INTERVIEWER 2: Just milling around?

3 [REDACTED] Yeah, walking around and everything. I
4 remember as I walked in, there was some stairs that went
5 down, I looked down there and I saw someone, maybe an
6 officer, and I said, hey, is there a bathroom down there?
7 And I couldn't recall what he said, but it was just like,
8 probably not. It was just a little too noise going on for
9 me to understand him well. I stepped away and there was
10 this one small conference room on the right, and there were
11 people milling about in it. And I stepped in the
12 (indiscernible) this isn't anyone's congressional office.

13 INTERVIEWER 1: There's a spider on you. There, I
14 got it.

15 [REDACTED] I was like, this isn't a congressional
16 office, this must be where they do like meetings. And I
17 looked at the carpet and said, ah, I feel sorry for the
18 person who's gonna have to clean these. Because there was
19 footprint, dirty footprints, everywhere. So you know, I'm
20 actually feeling sorry for the cleaner because, you know, I
21 literally thought that when I saw the carpet. You know,
22 hence, someone who would think that about carpet isn't going
23 in there to cause more mess. You know, and we strolled in.
24 I guess we got into the kind of roundish are, like there's
25 some pillars or something. It's kind of round. And I

1 spotted a few guys and all that, at that time. And I can't
2 even remember what some of the conversations were at that
3 moment. I vaguely remember realizing that there was, like,
4 an open area with a huge statue, looking and saying, oh, no
5 one got in there. That's good. That place looks really
6 nice. You know? And I was like, I wish I could have seen
7 the statue from the front, and all that stuff, but I wasn't
8 gonna go down there to do it, or anything like that. So I
9 stepped back away. And somewhere around then, that's when I
10 found myself in the area --

11 INTERVIEWER 1: There's that spider again. It
12 just went down your shirt.

13 (Background noise.)

14 INTERVIEWER 1: It's a jumping spider, too.

15 [REDACTED] That sucker could have bought me dinner
16 first before trying to look at my tits. But, at that point,
17 I remember seeing a guy who was kind of in a tug of war
18 match with an officer, with a chair. And I was like, I
19 can't let him hit that officer with the chair. And so I
20 went up and I kind of like -- onto his back like this. And
21 he kind of paused like that, and the gate started rolling up
22 again and the officer was running away, at that point, and I
23 just kind of backed away from him. And I was like, I mean,
24 you know, it's not like I was openly in front of everyone,
25 going, no, don't. You know? And I think I played that off

1 well, you know, because I was like, I didn't want to look
2 like, you know, I was acting like a cop at that point and
3 all that. But I went and put my hands on his back to try
4 and prevent him from continuing his tug of war with the cop.

5 INTERVIEWER 1: And did he let go?

6 [REDACTED] The cop let go, and went down the stairs,
7 and I backed away from that dude at that point. And the guy
8 had looked down there, and when I looked over at the guy
9 again, he had a chair and was throwing it down the stairs.

10 INTERVIEWER 2: So is this the part of the Capitol
11 building where they had the rolling doors that were closing?

12 [REDACTED] Yes.

13 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay, so we need to talk about
14 that as well.

15 INTERVIEWER 1: (Indiscernible) on his back,
16 officer let go, and then saw -- you saw the same guy --

17 [REDACTED] Throw the chair down the stairways or
18 escalator where the cops had just gone, probably out of
19 frustration.

20 INTERVIEWER 1: Was it an escalator or chair -- or
21 stairs. Do you remember?

22 [REDACTED] I don't recall.

23 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay, and you mentioned the gate.
24 What is -- what's the thing with the gate?

25 [REDACTED] It was that roll down gate, which you can

1 see that --

2 INTERVIEWER 2: The overhead door?

3 [REDACTED] -- the other guys had stopped a couple of
4 times when they were in their charges.

5 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

6 [REDACTED] Yeah. And someone else at that time was
7 picking up and throwing a trash can, and trash was getting
8 spilled everywhere. And I recall them yelling, we are not
9 anarchists, and all. I recall -- I'm pretty sure Billy was
10 there at that time. I don't know exactly when he showed up,
11 but I remember him parroting that phrase, we're not
12 anarchists. Don't treat -- you know, don't do it like
13 anarchists would. This is our house. Don't destroy it.
14 And at one point, I recall being told, hey, grab that
15 podium. I start bringing it over, and he said, we need to
16 block the door, and I said, well, there's already a chair in
17 the way. And I started putting the podium back. And the
18 podium, I guess, was coming into play, again, to block it.
19 But I was letting myself be told, I wasn't taking the
20 initiative and all that stuff, kind of like, you know, if
21 [REDACTED] wants to hand it to you, you know, but don't steal it
22 from him. Don't tell him to make it and all that. Let it
23 happen on -- so Chris Kuehne had said something about it,
24 and I don't remember who said it, but right before the talk
25 of the podium, that you could see him in one of the pics

1 touching -- someone had said, they're just going to tear
2 this thing down and there'll be more weapons, and all that.
3 So I'm wondering if that was part of what encouraged him to,
4 you know, think about keeping the doors up at that point, or
5 what have you. But right after that, I started going over
6 and saying, why is there trash everywhere? This is our
7 house. And some girl with a cowboy hat started saying,
8 let's clean up, let's not be anarchists. And Billy was
9 saying it, too. And people started collecting the trash
10 together at that moment and cleaning it up some.

11 INTERVIEWER 2: Let's go back to the podium.

12 INTERVIEWER 1: So -- okay, so Chris K. talked
13 about moving the podium in front of the door --

14 [REDACTED] To block it coming down.

15 INTERVIEWER 1: -- to block it coming down.

16 [REDACTED] And I remember, I had it there and I said,
17 oh, well, there's a chair already blocking (indiscernible)
18 put the thing back because someone put a chair in the
19 (indiscernible).

20 INTERVIEWER 2: So you pointed out the chair and
21 said, we don't need to move the podium.

22 [REDACTED] Yeah.

23 INTERVIEWER 1: But then, but then Chris wanted to
24 move the podium again? Or is that --

25 [REDACTED] It was -- there was, like, the podium -- I

1 don't know, my memory may be wrong, but I seem to think it
2 moved twice. But both times it was not utilized. And it
3 ended up being put back to the side, and out of the way.
4 Just some --

5 INTERVIEWER 2: So we've seen the video.

6 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah, is it -- the podium, it
7 looks like you and Chris move in front of the door to block
8 it, to block the overhead gate from coming down.

9 [REDACTED] Yeah, he was --

10 INTERVIEWER 1: I don't know if it's you only. It
11 might have been you only moving the podium in front of the
12 gate, or it might have been you and Chris.

13 INTERVIEWER 2: So I remember from -- and maybe
14 you don't recall, I don't know. But I remember seeing the
15 video and Chris originally moved to the scene -- like, I
16 feel like I recall, and then both of you kinda --

17 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah, Chris --

18 INTERVIEWER 2: -- both of you kinda move it out
19 of the way, and then both of you move it back into the
20 track. And that's kinda where it stayed.

21 INTERVIEWER 1: I --

22 [REDACTED] I do recall, at one point, saying --
23 hearing, move it. So I was, you know, working along, and
24 all that. But then the door stayed up and it wasn't even
25 needed anyways.

1 INTERVIEWER 2: So what was the point of blocking
2 the door from closing? What was going through your head?

3 [REDACTED] Someone had said, before we touched it,
4 that they're just going to tear it down and have more
5 weapons.

6 INTERVIEWER 2: Tear what down?

7 [REDACTED] The door. And now that I think about,
8 after the fact, I'm like, well, I don't know how easy it
9 would have been to --

10 INTERVIEWER 1: So you're saying that the people
11 that were in that area, like the, whoever was occupying the
12 Capitol, were going to rip down that gate?

13 [REDACTED] That was the concern that they might --

14 INTERVIEWER 1: And then they were going to take
15 those pieces of metal and use those as weapons against the
16 officers? Is that sort of what you're saying?

17 [REDACTED] Yeah, because I had already -- and I had
18 already witnessed people tearing apart a black fence outside
19 and getting shafts of metal from it, from the lateral
20 pieces, and I had taken a picture of them in act of doing
21 that. I don't believe I got faces, just, you know, a
22 downward angle shot. But so, it made sense to me, at that
23 point. It seemed rational.

24 INTERVIEWER 2: What were the officers doing as
25 those gates were closing?

1 ████████ Fleeing. I mean, one had been, you know,
2 in a tug of war over the chair, and that's when I went like
3 this, and the gate had just gotten down enough, and I put my
4 hand on the guy and then the gate start going up again. I
5 saw the cop running. I was like, I'm gonna let go of the
6 chair.

7 INTERVIEWER 2: So I mean, just from an outsider's
8 perspective, maybe you can shed some light on it, it looks
9 like the cops were fleeing. You were there. You moved
10 something. You moved the podium to block the gates. The
11 gates were closing to give the cops time to flee, or to
12 protect the cops. But you were engaged in this activity to
13 keep the gate open so the cops couldn't flee.

14 ████████ They were already fled at that point.

15 INTERVIEWER 2: To where? Like, where did they
16 flee to?

17 ████████ They had gone wherever down the stairs
18 was.

19 INTERVIEWER 2: And then from there, you guys went
20 down the stairs, right?

21 ████████ I'd say about 10 minutes later.

22 INTERVIEWER 2: So if the gates would have closed
23 without any obstruction, the cops could have been downstairs
24 without anyone being downstairs, right?

25 ████████ Yeah, that's a good assessment.

1 INTERVIEWER 2: So I mean, it is a concern --

2 [REDACTED] Yeah.

3 INTERVIEWER 2: -- on, you know, what was going --
4 like, you know, why you did what you did in that scenario.

5 [REDACTED] You know, I pictured metal weapon pieces
6 when I heard that comment, and I don't even recall who said
7 it. I kept thinking maybe it was Chris Kuehne who said it,
8 but I don't remember enough, because a lot was happening
9 fast. And I'm pretty sure it was at the point where I was
10 like, oh, see, there's a chair in the track there because
11 there was one that was tipped on its side. And it was
12 wedged in the track, so we don't need the podium at that
13 point. And then right after that, someone turned it off,
14 and it stayed up.

15 INTERVIEWER 2: So would you say you didn't -- so
16 correct me if I'm wrong, what you're saying is you and Chris
17 can move the podium there and the reason why you didn't move
18 it out of the way again is because you already saw that it
19 was obstructed by something else? Or did that thought go
20 through your -- or it was just there, and you left it there?
21 The more things that blocked the door, the better. I don't
22 know. What, like -- I don't want put words in your mouth,
23 but --

24 [REDACTED] Oh, no. I thought it had been moved
25 completely away. My memory had it being moved completely

1 away from there because I seem to remember pushing it into
2 that side little thing there. I just don't recall if it --
3 I mean, if that was the final one, or --

4 INTERVIEWER 2: It stayed in the track, or not?

5 [REDACTED] -- not, and all, at that point. And, you
6 know, the thought wasn't, let's keep it open, let's rush
7 down, and all that stuff. That, that thought hadn't crossed
8 the mind at all, and all. I didn't even know what was down
9 the stairs, or anything. Then a bunch of people were going
10 down there. I see what's going on, and I tried to stay at
11 the back of a crush of people there. And I remember looking
12 up through the glass and seeing people on the roof. I'm
13 like, how the hell did they get on the roof. And they were
14 stomping on the glass up there at that point on, and all.
15 And then I recorded the video. I'm like, hey, our voice has
16 been heard, it's time to go. And, you know, and I started
17 trying to tell people that, and everything, and, you know,
18 because I was like, yeah, this gots to stop because I saw
19 the door in the distance said, House of Representatives.
20 And I was like, yeah, I got to de-escalate this. And I, you
21 know, so I was saying, our voice has been heard. It's time
22 to go. No one needs to go to jail today, let's just go, and
23 all that, trying to be as proactive about the situation as
24 possible. I didn't -- I mean, I'd, I'd already heard some
25 random person say, outside, that all the Congressmen had

1 left. So -- and that was well before I entered.

2 INTERVIEWER 1: So we're (indiscernible) --

3 [REDACTED] But the movement of the podium was under
4 instruction at that time, though.

5 INTERVIEWER 1: Was it Chris K.'s instruction?

6 [REDACTED] Yeah.

7 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

8 [REDACTED] And I don't recall the exact words he was
9 using other than -- which was why I pointed out, we don't
10 need to, there's already a chair there. You know, it was me
11 commenting back.

12 INTERVIEWER 1: So what's going on? So the podium
13 gets moved in front of the track. You see a chair, you say
14 it doesn't need to be moved there. You move the podium
15 away, and then --

16 [REDACTED] Yeah, and I recall moving --

17 INTERVIEWER 1: -- at Chris K.'s instruction, you
18 move the podium back in front of the track. And then you
19 said that it kind of got moved there because you thought
20 that the gate would eventually be ripped down and metal
21 pieces would be weapons, or something.

22 [REDACTED] Well, that's what -- that's a comment I
23 seem to recall having heard.

24 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

25 [REDACTED] And I was like, that makes sense. You

1 know? You know, but then again, it's not often I find
2 myself in that kind of situation, so I was trying to remain
3 as cool headed and say, don't participate, [REDACTED] you know,
4 observe -- observe and report. Don't get take -- caught up
5 in this, [REDACTED] You know, I tried to remind myself multiple
6 times that day throughout all of this, and that's why I
7 started trying to de-escalate people when they were
8 interacting with the cops down there where the former chief
9 of that Capitol Police was, and all that. But -- and --

10 INTERVIEWER 1: So --

11 INTERVIEWER 2: Those gates led to stairs, which
12 went downstairs, right?

13 (Simultaneous speech.)

14 INTERVIEWER 1: You recall, you went down those
15 stairs about 10 minutes later, right? Is that --

16 [REDACTED] There were already people going down there
17 and there was already a group down there at the time.

18 INTERVIEWER 2: Who, who were some of the first
19 ones, do you recall, who was -- was any of them the Proud
20 Boys?

21 [REDACTED] I don't recall. I know that that girl --

22 INTERVIEWER 2: That's some of the first ones
23 through --

24 [REDACTED] -- with the cowboy hat was down there.
25 She was down there at the time. And I remember, you know,

1 looking up at the ceiling light in there, and thinking, how
2 they hell they get on the roof, because there were people
3 stomping on -- there was a, distinctly, a black kid up
4 there, you know, probably late teens, early 20s, he was one
5 of them. There was a lot of people just pounding on it at
6 that moment. And, you know, I was like, I wonder if that's
7 going to come down. Like, nah, I bet the glass is stronger
8 than that.

9 INTERVIEWER 1: So you, you went downstairs and
10 then you saw some sort of glass door, or a sign that said
11 House of Representatives?

12 [REDACTED] Well, I saw it over the door in the
13 distance.

14 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay. And --

15 [REDACTED] And that's where all the cop -- it seemed
16 like the cops were retreating back to that. And I stayed
17 off to the side. And then that's when the Colorado guy did
18 something that caused the Capitol officer to start cussing
19 and come chasing him out. And the other cops came out and
20 fanned out, and I backed up to the wall, and I'm like, do
21 not participate, [REDACTED] and all. And then I saw one guy, he
22 was being held down on the ground and getting arrested, and
23 he started to yell, help. And I watched a cop cover his
24 mouth. And I'm like, you put yourself there, buddy. You
25 shouldn't have touched him, is what I was thinking to

1 myself. And the Capitol cop started saying, hey, hey, I got
2 information, and that. And I started yelling, hey,
3 everyone, he wants us to listen to something, and this
4 was -- I had already recorded a video of me saying, it's
5 time to go.

6 INTERVIEWER 1: Right.

7 [REDACTED] Let -- our voice has been heard. It's
8 time to go, and then, no need to get arrested. And the
9 officer said that, and some people didn't believe him. But
10 I looked at the face of a few of the guys around him, and I
11 saw the way they were shaking their head. And it wasn't
12 like a, I'm panicked, and I'm scared. It was like we're
13 dead serious. Someone's shooting on the Capitol, or on the
14 House floor or something like that, which was when Babbitt
15 had been shot.

16 INTERVIEWER 1: So that's when -- at that --
17 that's when you learned about information?

18 [REDACTED] Yes.

19 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

20 [REDACTED] And at that point, I started saying again,
21 it's time to go, guys. We've got to go. It's time to get
22 out of here. And that's when Billy started saying, get out
23 of here, it's time to go, too, and all that. And Chris
24 Kuehne, who was down there at that moment, started saying,
25 too, says, let's go, guys. And I -- as I was walking in

1 front, I think I said something to the fact like, we'll keep
2 them going, we'll get them out, and I think he, I don't
3 remember if he did it with his left or right hand, but he
4 gave me a little thumbs up like that, and we kept going in
5 that direction, and led them right back out of the place.

6 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay. Do you recall any other
7 incidents where you might have moved something or --

8 INTERVIEWER 2: Touched anything?

9 INTERVIEWER 1: Touched anything or --

10 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah.

11 [REDACTED] I don't recall. I didn't touch anything
12 in that one office that I went in there, I didn't move
13 anything in there. I remember just walking in and people
14 were kind of looking around, and all that, and they all
15 looked to be like late 40s to early 60s. One lady with a
16 sign that said Stop the Steal, and I remember thinking how
17 dirty the carpet was, and I felt sorry for the carpet
18 cleaners. And I mean, if there was any touching done, it
19 may have been me using my feet to scoop some of the trash
20 together, where everyone --

21 INTERVIEWER 1: So you never took anything from
22 the Capitol?

23 [REDACTED] Definitely not, no.

24 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay, and did you ever put a hand
25 on an officer or anything?

1 ██████████ No, sir.

2 INTERVIEWER 1: Or any security there?

3 ██████████ No, sir. I did walk past a few of those
4 saying good job, are you okay? You know, we like some
5 people were like, you okay, as I was leaving and all that, a
6 couple times. And one officer, I got up to and said some of
7 the Proud Boys have stopped them downstairs and got them
8 away from the cops so things are okay there. And he said
9 what? And I told him that again. He goes, okay. And I was
10 like, yeah, he probably doesn't care and I kept going.

11 Because up to that moment, I was under the
12 impression that the Proud Boys hadn't helped him, members of
13 the Proud Boys hadn't helped take care of the downing of the
14 barriers and all that. I didn't know about Billy's
15 incitement or anything like that.

16 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

17 INTERVIEWER 2: So you entered Capitol because you
18 thought, well, like you said, things were going to be --

19 ██████████ Didn't want things --

20 INTERVIEWER 2: -- broken or stolen --

21 ██████████ -- of historical significance --

22 INTERVIEWER 2: The artifacts.

23 ██████████ Yeah.

24 INTERVIEWER 2: And then also, okay --

25 ██████████ Because I thought to -- because you know,

1 I was given the excuses to Chris Kuehne, so I wouldn't look
2 like a coward for now going in myself.

3 INTERVIEWER 2: Um-hmm.

4 [REDACTED] And then I was like, well, I, I think I
5 could do it, you know, justify this to you all why I entered
6 if, you know, I wanted to make sure that wasn't happening
7 and all.

8 INTERVIEWER 2: Right.

9 [REDACTED] And --

10 INTERVIEWER 2: It's just the moving of the podium
11 kind of throws a curve ball into --

12 [REDACTED] Oh, I get it.

13 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah, into the, you know, the
14 reason why I entered was to you know --

15 INTERVIEWER 1: Deescalate, prevent artifacts and
16 stuff.

17 INTERVIEWER 2: Stuff from being stolen.

18 INTERVIEWER 1: And then there's, you know, video
19 of you moving a podium in front of a door that can close.

20 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah. And I'm not --

21 [REDACTED] And I was --

22 INTERVIEWER 2: -- trying to beat a dead bush.
23 I'm just saying that's, that's like the dilemma.

24 [REDACTED] I mean it wasn't my idea at the time. I
25 was just, you know, it was what Chris Kuehne had said at

1 that point, and so you know, I was like, now, if he had
2 said, yeah, murder that guy, it would have never happened.
3 You know, I'd been wait, whoa. What's going on here? You
4 know, but --

5 INTERVIEWER 1: But you don't want to stand out as
6 a cop or somebody that's cooperating with the law.

7 [REDACTED] It's also the way I went and put my hands
8 on -- is there video of me stopping that guy with --
9 fighting over the chair?

10 INTERVIEWER 2: Was that, was that before --

11 [REDACTED] I'm not sure --

12 INTERVIEWER 2: It was before --

13 [REDACTED] When the thing was first coming down.

14 INTERVIEWER 1: And there's a guy that's fighting
15 over a chair. I don't know if we've looked that closely at
16 that.

17 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah, we'll have to take another
18 look.

19 [REDACTED] Yeah.

20 INTERVIEWER 2: There's a whole bunch of different
21 cameras, different angles.

22 INTERVIEWER 1: And you got to really know what
23 you're looking for before you can, you know, piece it
24 together.

25 [REDACTED] Yeah, I definitely went up and put my

1 hands on him because I was like, I don't want him hit this
2 cop with a chair. And --

3 INTERVIEWER 2: So it was the same area where the
4 door's closing?

5 [REDACTED] Yeah.

6 INTERVIEWER 1: What about, did you -- what about
7 picking up trash? When did that -- like where did that
8 happen or did that happen?

9 [REDACTED] Yeah, that's when we started yelling stop
10 being anarchists. Get this place cleaned up and some girl
11 with a cowboy hat and a blue shirt starting saying it too,
12 really loudly.

13 INTERVIEWER 2: Did you pick up any trash?

14 [REDACTED] I am pretty sure, with my foot, moved some
15 over and all that. But I was just kind of like observing
16 around and I think I was like in a fight or flight response,
17 or kind of shocked at this point, and you know, surprised
18 and I just, all I could really recall is like don't get
19 involved, observe. You know, over and over. That's the
20 main thought I kept having. There wasn't a lot of other
21 thought happening at that time.

22 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah.

23 INTERVIEWER 2: I know we talked about touching
24 things and I just want to get more detail. Did you break
25 anything or force your way into anyplace while --

1 [REDACTED] No.

2 INTERVIEWER 2: -- in or around the Capitol?

3 [REDACTED] People were already, had already done --
4 opened up the path.

5 INTERVIEWER 2: Um-hmm.

6 [REDACTED] And all that.

7 INTERVIEWER 2: And then when you entered, did you
8 enter through a door, or through a window?

9 [REDACTED] Through a door.

10 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay.

11 [REDACTED] I had to exit out a window, though.

12 INTERVIEWER 2: You exited out a window.

13 [REDACTED] But that's where they were guiding us all
14 to try and keep other people from coming in the door.

15 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay.

16 [REDACTED] And the, the, the --

17 INTERVIEWER 1: Was that law enforcement? Law
18 enforcement --

19 [REDACTED] Yeah.

20 INTERVIEWER 1: -- directed you --

21 [REDACTED] They were lined up and it was like -- he's
22 like, I don't recall if he had just pointed or if he had
23 said that way. I just remember going, well, okay, well --

24 INTERVIEWER 2: You guys are pushed to get out --

25 [REDACTED] Yes.

1 INTERVIEWER 2: -- through the window.

2 [REDACTED] Yeah. And there was someone else out
3 there grabbing people by the hands and helping them out one
4 at a time so it was something that was happening in front of
5 the officers and you know, they were keeping the door shut
6 and it was the window right next to the door.

7 INTERVIEWER 2: Same door you went in?

8 [REDACTED] Yeah.

9 INTERVIEWER 2: The window next to it, is the
10 window you went out?

11 [REDACTED] It would be to the left as you're exiting
12 that door.

13 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay.

14 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

15 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah.

16 INTERVIEWER 1: Anything else you can think of?

17 INTERVIEWER 2: I know that you said when you,
18 when you left, you shimmied down some conduit.

19 [REDACTED] Yeah.

20 INTERVIEWER 2: So like 50 feet, you know, down
21 the wall.

22 [REDACTED] Because you couldn't get down the steps
23 anymore. The people were still trying to come up. There
24 was no way to get down. And I even said let me down, I got
25 to pee. And people around me who were also stuck, trying to

1 get down, started laughing and all that. And eventually I
2 was like, I'm going to take these -- this railing here and
3 the Konolds -- did they go down ahead of me? I don't
4 recall.

5 I remember the Konolds doing, I remember inching
6 down slowly and there was a guy over there, he was like
7 here, hold onto me, I'll help you get around. And I was
8 like there's no way I'm going to do this with this damn
9 flack jacket on, this things too heavy. I'm going to fall.
10 So I un-velcroed it and part of it fell, and then I did the
11 rest, and it fell too. And I looked down and Billy was
12 picking up one half, and then the other half landed on his
13 back. And I shimmied down the rest of the way and he was
14 like, if you would have come down in that flack jacket, I
15 would have hit you.

16 And he was like, by the way, that did not look
17 sexy at all. I was like, I don't think it is. And we left
18 and I recall hearing Billy saying man, you know, we did a
19 good thing there making people clean up and all that stuff.
20 And you know, that's the way he was talking, kind of odd
21 being that the other stuff he had said in camera, that I
22 found out long after the fact when the Wall Street Journal's
23 little short video came out and he was right there at the
24 front, and Ryan Ashlock was standing by him, and the Konolds
25 and all that.

1 Is there video that shows me touching something
2 else that I'm not remembering?

3 INTERVIEWER 2: We're just asking you to be
4 completely truthful and honest. And that's the best --

5 ██████████ I am trying.

6 INTERVIEWER 2: -- thing you can do right now.

7 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah.

8 ██████████ I'm giving all I can out of memory--

9 INTERVIEWER 1: We're looking for, we're looking
10 for absolutely everything that you can remember about that
11 day. So we're just, we're asking you questions to try
12 and --

13 INTERVIEWER 2: To make sure we're covering
14 everything.

15 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah. Whatever memories that you
16 have.

17 ██████████ I believe I had also brought up the podium
18 and all that, though, when we talked previously. Didn't I?

19 INTERVIEWER 2: No. Because I mean I asked you to
20 not talk about stuff. Remember?

21 ██████████ That's right.

22 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah.

23 ██████████ That's right.

24 INTERVIEWER 2: I specifically said you know,
25 we're here to talk about others. Not you. Because we

1 didn't know what we were dealing with at the time.

2 INTERVIEWER 1: And that's, I mean, that's
3 probably why the prosecutors want us to do this interview.
4 Right? Is --

5 [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 INTERVIEWER 1: [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 INTERVIEWER 1: [REDACTED]

10 INTERVIEWER 2: [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED] You know, I signed the voluntary thing, I
13 do this voluntarily.

14 INTERVIEWER 2: Oh, as far as the admonishments
15 and stuff? Like --

16 [REDACTED] Wherever I got to sign again.

17 INTERVIEWER 1: [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 INTERVIEWER 1: [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]

22 INTERVIEWER 1: [REDACTED]

23 INTERVIEWER 2: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Right. Yeah. Yeah. Moving the podium wasn't my idea. And I, you know, I do remember at one point pushing it back, and I even remember pointing out that there's a chair there. We don't need to put the podium there and all that stuff. I'm pretty sure that's just because, you know --

INTERVIEWER 1: And I know -- I know you touched on it just a little bit, but what -- at what point did you guys -- or at what point did you say, okay, enough is enough, let's get outta here. Like, what got you to that point? It's like you went through the first barrier, the second barrier, the third barrier, you entered the Capitol. You get inside, you go downstairs and then --

[REDACTED] At that point it reached -- that -- when I see the door there and I'm thinking, no one's been in there. Well, I'm not gonna be a part of that. And that's when I was like --

INTERVIEWER 1: Enough is enough, or --

[REDACTED] Yeah, that's when I was telling people -- what was I saying a moment ago here?

INTERVIEWER 1: I mean --

[REDACTED] Your voice has been heard.

INTERVIEWER 1: Right.

[REDACTED] It's time to go and -- you know, because I

1 saw the cops and I'm like, God, these guys look exhausted.
2 And I remember thinking that at one point and that's why I
3 just started trying to convince people to just turn and go
4 the other way. It's time to go home, no one needs to get
5 arrested. You know, I -- because when I realized, oh, I'm
6 not gonna be a part of the group that walks in there. You
7 know? Everything else, everywhere else, you know, someone
8 had been there ahead of time and stuff like that. And at
9 that point, it was like, all right, observe [REDACTED] And so I
10 was basically holding back and going in behind because, you
11 know, CWC was there.

12 INTERVIEWER 1: Was any --

13 [REDACTED] Took a few pictures --

14 INTERVIEWER 1: -- was anybody sort of directing
15 where you guys went? Was there some like, follow me, or was
16 there --

17 [REDACTED] The cowboy hat girl with the blue shirt
18 said that at one point while downstairs.

19 INTERVIEWER 2: But yeah, I mean, getting to that
20 point, there's no like -- there was no leader? Or was it --
21 was there a leader?

22 [REDACTED] There was no leader. Not at all.

23 INTERVIEWER 2: So yeah. Okay.

24 [REDACTED] And I'm sure that the --

25 INTERVIEWER 2: I'm just wondering if -- you know,

1 like Rufio's saying, all right, march, stop. You know, go,
2 take a picture.

3 [REDACTED] It was --

4 INTERVIEWER 2: Was there anybody like that?

5 [REDACTED] It was all for the cameras.

6 INTERVIEWER 2: Was there anybody like, inside the
7 Capitol telling, you know, giving those kinds of orders?

8 [REDACTED] No, and if they had been, they would have
9 been towards the front, and that front had long moved in and
10 through the Capitol by the time I entered.

11 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay.

12 [REDACTED] There was nothing going on. I recall
13 hearing outside. Matter of fact, it was before -- while I
14 was still down there where the flashbangs were going off
15 where Billy was giving his speech and where I found Ryan.
16 It was down there when I first heard that, you know,
17 Congress had evacuated -- canceled (indiscernible).

18 INTERVIEWER 1: So inside the Capitol you had you,
19 Enrique, Chris -- right.

20 [REDACTED] Yeah, as we were leaving, that's when I
21 ran into Enrique again.

22 INTERVIEWER 1: You, Billy -- you had the Konolds.
23 Out of -- out of those people with the orange tape,
24 including Colorado, would you say there was a leader amongst
25 your group kind of telling people, hey, let's go down this

1 way, let's go this way, let's go up this way? And if so,
2 who was -- who was the leader, you know, giving direction to
3 you guys?

4 [REDACTED] I think the biggest voice and the one that
5 most people were paying attention to would be Billy, and he,
6 in as much, admitted that the following day. Because he was
7 like, you know, when you carry around an axe handle, people
8 tend to listen. That's why we were able to help clear out
9 people from downstairs when we were telling them it's time
10 to go and all that. And he was like, but yeah, everywhere I
11 went, people were listening to me, and I had the axe handle.
12 So he was presenting himself to me like he was an authority
13 at that time. But I'm not aware of specific things he said
14 because I wasn't around him that often. It was
15 (indiscernible).

16 INTERVIEWER 1: Right. Yeah. And then --

17 [REDACTED] And then, I wanted to try and just keep my
18 eye on Chris Kuehne. To stay near him, not because I was
19 worried about him, but because we had entered for the same
20 reason and all that. And I saw him as very levelheaded
21 during that time.

22 INTERVIEWER 1: You had mentioned you took videos.
23 Do you still have the videos on your phone? And if so,
24 would you be willing to share those with us? Maybe not
25 today, but next time or something?

1 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah, I mean, I would say, at what
2 point did you take -- I mean, I saw some of them from the
3 outside. But it --

4 [REDACTED] At random, I would start doing it.

5 INTERVIEWER 1: You'll still get video inside,
6 right?

7 INTERVIEWER 2: So how many videos and stuff do
8 you have?

9 [REDACTED] Well, let's see here. Like, this is one
10 inside.

11 (Video plays.)

12 [REDACTED] You see where I'm trying to deescalate it.

13 (Video plays.)

14 [REDACTED] And there's a part of me that felt like,
15 you know, was anyone really listening to me.

16 (Video plays.)

17 INTERVIEWER 1: Is that the chief?

18 [REDACTED] Yeah, and there's Konold. His serious
19 look on the face convinced him -- and I'm pretty sure at one
20 point, I had recorded video of the people up on the top in
21 the glass, but I ended up deleting that later on because --
22 storage and stuff. I -- so I deleted some stuff, but I kept
23 pertinent things like this one and the one where I'm telling
24 people, you know, trying to deescalate at the time and all
25 that.

1 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay.

2 INTERVIEWER 1: So how many videos would you say
3 total that you have and also photos?

4 [REDACTED] 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,
5 14, 15, 16. I'm just counting the photos, 17, 18, 19, 20,
6 21, 22. So this is me when I was taking pics of them
7 tearing apart stuff and they were pulling out those pieces
8 to use as weapons. (Indiscernible). About 29 outside that
9 place.

10 INTERVIEWER 1: Photos?

11 [REDACTED] Yeah.

12 INTERVIEWER 1: Twenty-nine photos?

13 [REDACTED] Yeah, outside of the place and that one's
14 before the breach.

15 INTERVIEWER 2: Then we got some (indiscernible)
16 coming up.

17 [REDACTED] One, two, three, four, five --

18 INTERVIEWER 2: I don't know if they're -- they
19 may be (indiscernible).

20 [REDACTED] Seven -- and seven videos.

21 INTERVIEWER 1: Seven videos, inside, outside?

22 [REDACTED] Yeah.

23 INTERVIEWER 1: Both? How many photos inside?
24 You said 29 outside, inside?

25 [REDACTED] Yeah.

1 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

2 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah, that's --

3 INTERVIEWER 1: That's fine.

4 INTERVIEWER 2: That's fine, yeah.

5 INTERVIEWER 1: That's fine. And seven videos
6 outside and --

7 [REDACTED] So four photos inside --

8 INTERVIEWER 1: Just don't delete them, right?

9 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah, don't delete anything else,
10 and I'm sure (indiscernible).

11 [REDACTED] I mean, I guess this kind of, you know,
12 goes along with what I was saying. And my de-escalation
13 (indiscernible).

14 (Video plays.)

15 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah.

16 [REDACTED] You know, I've never done stuff like that,
17 so I may have made mistakes. And I didn't intend to. I
18 didn't seek to lead anything. I was -- because of the rush
19 and heat of the moment when I was told about the podium,
20 I -- you know, it made sense to me. From the comment I'd
21 heard, who I don't even know if it was Chris Kuehne had said
22 that comment. But it made sense to me right away, and I was
23 like, oh yeah. Especially after having just stopped someone
24 who was tug-of-war over a chair with a cop.

25 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah.

1 INTERVIEWER 1: Ride back with Chrestman. Did he
2 make any comments about -- you know, after the fact,
3 receiving any kind of direction or orders from anyone? With
4 these activities?

5 [REDACTED] No, just about how people listened. He
6 was the guy with axe handle, had people signing it, stuff
7 like that.

8 INTERVIEWER 1: Okay.

9 [REDACTED] Even the Konolds signed it.

10 INTERVIEWER 1: Did you sign his axe handle?

11 [REDACTED] Yeah.

12 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah?

13 [REDACTED] Just as a memory of all the people who had
14 traveled there with him. Because some of the people that
15 signed it, they -- I don't believe -- I don't know who all
16 signed it, but I don't think everyone there ended -- like
17 [REDACTED].

18 INTERVIEWER 2: He signed it?

19 [REDACTED] He never went in.

20 INTERVIEWER 1: Um-hmmm.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], he signed it. He never went in. So
22 it wasn't, you know, signing it and you know, from just --

23 INTERVIEWER 1: Right.

24 [REDACTED] -- a memento of that day. And, you know,
25 him mentioning that on the way back and then how he was

1 like, talk -- he would talk to her on and off, the Konold
2 girl. And I was like, man, you really want her, you know?
3 And she was a little cutie, yes, but --

4 INTERVIEWER 1: Was she -- was she recruited into
5 the Proud Boys, or was she just given the challenge coin?
6 Or what was that -- what was that about?

7 [REDACTED] I had given it to Billy originally. I
8 said, hey look, since we don't know who we -- you know,
9 other Proud Boys are, we may be asked for a coin. I brought
10 an extra. The next morning when we meet at breakfast, so we
11 can meet up with the older lady and give her back the
12 backpack that she had lost that day. He had been saying
13 have her meet -- I kept thinking he was talking about the
14 older lady. No, he was talking about the Konold girl and
15 her brother and all that. And they end up (indiscernible)
16 and that's when he pulled it out and gave it to her as a
17 gift and all that stuff and said, if you're ever in Kansas
18 City, you got family here. You know, and I was, you know --
19 just seemed like one of those bonding things and me
20 thinking, gosh man, he's laying it on thick. But it was no
21 open recruitment.

22 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay. I think that's what
23 everybody suspected.

24 INTERVIEWER 1: What's that, the recruitment?
25 Well, that's --

1 INTERVIEWER 2: Well, yeah, the recruitment.

2 INTERVIEWER 1: That's because I think, she posted
3 the video --

4 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah, (indiscernible) Snapchat or
5 something.

6 INTERVIEWER 1: -- that says she was recruited,
7 right?

8 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah.

9 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah.

10 [REDACTED] Yeah, I've never seen that video. I've
11 only read about it.

12 INTERVIEWER 2: Right.

13 INTERVIEWER 1: Um-hmmm. Can you think of any
14 questions for us?

15 INTERVIEWER 2: Anything?

16 [REDACTED] No, and -- but if people over you end up
17 disappointed in y'all because of me, I'm sorry. Generally.

18 INTERVIEWER 1: I mean, I always view this stuff,
19 I mean, what's been done is done. Can't change the past.
20 The only thing we can do is make the right choices and now,
21 you know, to --

22 [REDACTED] Do you think initially, I was making the
23 right choice going, all right, well I can go in and observe?
24 Or should I have just, no matter what, said, no, the guys
25 would never approve me even being there watching? Because I

1 thought back. It's like, what if I said, hey, should I
2 continue to observe? Oh, they're getting in the Capitol, do
3 you want me to walk in and look and see what people are
4 doing? You know? I thought, maybe I should have done that,
5 but --

6 INTERVIEWER 1: So that authority doesn't come
7 from us. You know, that would've taken hours.

8 [REDACTED] It would've never happened --

9 INTERVIEWER 1: At the quickest -- at the quickest
10 moment hours, right? To get the kind of authority --

11 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah, there's no -- I mean, it --

12 INTERVIEWER 1: There's no immediate --

13 [REDACTED] It would've been done by then.

14 INTERVIEWER 2: That's why -- that's why we ask,
15 you know, well ahead of whatever schedule, let's say, hey is
16 there anything possibly illegally going on here that would
17 affect your placement and access in covering the group. And
18 that's when we go ahead and call all the people that we need
19 to call in order to get that kind of approval.

20 INTERVIEWER 1: Right.

21 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah, I mean. If you --

22 [REDACTED] So it would be a whole different
23 conversation we'd be having if, you know, I hadn't listened
24 to Chris and grabbed the podium. I mean --

25 INTERVIEWER 2: I mean, at the -- at the end of

1 the day, everybody that went in there was breaking the law,
2 right? They were -- they're in -- they're in a place --

3 INTERVIEWER 1: And not only entering the
4 Capitol -- anyone who's on the grass in the restricted area.

5 INTERVIEWER 2: Breaking the law.

6 INTERVIEWER 1: Anyone who went through that first
7 barrier.

8 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah. So I mean, what happens
9 from that point, you know, we can only -- we can only say,
10 here's the story. Here's the relationship that we've had.

11 INTERVIEWER 1: We asked him about it. This is
12 what he told us. This is what the video shows.

13 INTERVIEWER 2: And there's -- and just, I mean,
14 the decision is completely --

15 INTERVIEWER 1: It's out of --

16 INTERVIEWER 2: -- out of our hands. And we can't
17 promise anything, but you know, we -- we're the collectors,
18 right? We lay this story, and we didn't have your story, so
19 now we're getting it, we'll -- we're gonna -- we're gonna
20 tell the people that -- I mean, we'll tell the people above
21 us and we're (indiscernible).

22 INTERVIEWER 1: Right.

23 ██████████ We was trying to do the right thing, even
24 though it no longer looks like that.

25 INTERVIEWER 1: No, I mean --

1 ██████████ Because I understand exact -- from your
2 comment, I get completely now how it would look and all
3 that.

4 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah, and I'm not -- I'm not -- I
5 didn't make that comment to --

6 ██████████ No.

7 INTERVIEWER 1: -- irritate you or anything like
8 that. But I'm just saying that's a concern that -- that's a
9 hump that we gotta get over, you know?

10 ██████████ It does give me -- it does also act as a
11 learning experience about future anything that I could be
12 doing and something weird starts to happen and all that.
13 You know?

14 INTERVIEWER 2: I think the safest thing that you
15 could do is report it and -- I mean, if you're concerned in
16 that moment and you have a second to type a message to me,
17 then type away. Let me know ahead of time and don't do
18 anything before I get back to you, if you know what I mean.

19 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah.

20 INTERVIEWER 2: Like, you have -- those
21 decisions -- you know, you never wanna end up in a situation
22 like this.

23 INTERVIEWER 1: Where you -- where you break the
24 law and there's no coverage --

25 INTERVIEWER 2: Right.

1 INTERVIEWER 1: -- for it.

2 INTERVIEWER 2: So with something like that, I
3 mean, that was an extraordinary event that was happening
4 real-time. You know, I'm not -- I don't know what I
5 would've told you. You know, who knows what that would've
6 looked like, but just do that. I would do that next time if
7 you have a chance -- a second to think about it before,
8 before you actually go and do anything. You know what I
9 mean?

10 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah.

11 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah, and the best thing you can
12 do right now is, like we said, be truthful. Because
13 something else that can get you hung up is being deceptive
14 about something, you know, especially when we have video
15 because that, that can get -- that can ruin our
16 relationship. So definitely, definitely truthfulness is
17 very important. You, you know? So can't hit that, can't
18 hit that enough. There's only one thing worse than breaking
19 a law that's then lying about it or downplaying it or being
20 deceptive.

21 ██████████ Right.

22 INTERVIEWER 2: That hurts ya even more then, at
23 that point. With that in mind, can you think of anything
24 that you forgot to share with us? Or, like, that we need to
25 talk about while we're here? You know?

1 ██████████ I don't remember. I mean, I am -- I would
2 say I am 100 percent sure I didn't touch a cop or break
3 something. You know? So --

4 INTERVIEWER 2: Okay

5 ██████████ -- you know, when I --

6 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah -- I mean, that, that's it, I
7 mean if can -- if you've told us everything that you can
8 remember right here and now. I mean, and you've told it in
9 a way that's accurate and truthful --

10 INTERVIEWER 2: That's all you can do.

11 INTERVIEWER 1: -- then that's all we can ask for.
12 That's all you can do as a human being with a memory.

13 ██████████ I'm pretty sure Chris Kuehne would
14 probably be able to back up very well, you know, the reason
15 we even entered and all that, if he hasn't already in
16 statements or whatever. I don't know what he said. It's --

17 INTERVIEWER 2: Can you think of anything else?
18 Any other questions you might have for us? We, we can't
19 wait until this is behind us.

20 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah.

21 INTERVIEWER 2: You know because --

22 ██████████ I can't wait. You know? I, I hopefully
23 hear, okay, ██████████ And that's the end of that.

24 INTERVIEWER 2: We hope the same.

25 INTERVIEWER 1: We hope to hear that too but we --

1 again we cannot make any promises whatsoever. We have no
2 idea. And, it's completely out of our hands. I wish, you
3 know -- I don't know. It doesn't matter what I wish because
4 it's completely out of our hands. But I will say this, I've
5 seen [REDACTED] work many hours. You know we're doing --
6 especially [REDACTED] is doing everything he can do to, to shed
7 the best light on who you are and [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED] And that's all, that's all [REDACTED]
9 can -- if you're doing all you can do and [REDACTED] doing all
10 he can do -- it's out of our control.

11 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah

12 [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]

18 INTERVIEWER 2: [REDACTED]

19 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah, I would just, I would just
20 do what your -- maintain. Stay the course right now. Don't
21 change anything and then we can figure out how best to move
22 forward. [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED] Because, it's gotten you to this
24 point. And you've done a great job. You have great skills
25 and things that are valuable to us. So I mean, just keep

1 doing what you're doing. That's all I can say. Work on
2 this stuff. You're doing a great job with that, but you
3 know as I said they --

4 [REDACTED] I'll try to clean up my notes a little bit
5 too.

6 INTERVIEWER 1: They're going to step it up a
7 little bit every time we go do one of these things.

8 [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED]
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13 [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]

18 INTERVIEWER 1: [REDACTED]

19 INTERVIEWER 2: Well, thank you sir - we've taken
20 up too much of your time.

21 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah, thanks for meeting with us.

22 (Background noise/indiscernible.)

23 [REDACTED]

24 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah. We're not here to --

25 INTERVIEWER 2: We're not here to trick you.

1 INTERVIEWER 1: -- (Indiscernible) that we didn't
2 bring up so.

3 [REDACTED] No, I'm just saying. I'm going to be as
4 communicative as possible if that happens.

5 INTERVIEWER 2: The worst thing that can happen
6 for us as we review more video, and we see something and we
7 are like why didn't [REDACTED] tell us about this. You know what
8 I mean?

9 INTERVIEWER 1: Yeah. I'm sure there's a reason
10 for it but it'll look like you didn't tell us everything and
11 we don't want that situation to happen. We don't want some
12 random YouTuber to pop up with some video that we've never
13 seen before with something that looks like something bad and
14 then, you know --

15 [REDACTED] Right.

16 INTERVIEWER 1: -- and we, we don't have an
17 explanation for it so that's the only thing we're thinking
18 about, is stuff we don't know already.

19 [REDACTED] Right.

20 INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah. It's sort of like your boss
21 at work. You don't want your boss to be surprised about
22 anything. Right? You always, you always want to get ahead
23 of it and protect your boss, you know? And hopefully your
24 boss protects you in return. You know what I mean? It's
25 kind of like that. So no one likes surprises.

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INTERVIEWER 1: [REDACTED]

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INTERVIEWER 2: [REDACTED]

INTERVIEWER 1: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

INTERVIEWER 2: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

INTERVIEWER 1: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

INTERVIEWER 2: [REDACTED]

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INTERVIEWER 1: [REDACTED]

(End of recording.)