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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTION

Participants:

SAG
SAT
RW
UM

Special Agent Justin C. Garrick
Special Agent R. Wallace Taylor
Reality Lee Winner
Unknown Male

Abbreviations:

[PH]	Phonetic
[OV]	Overlapping voices
[SC]	Simultaneous conversation
[UI]	Unintelligible
[sic]	<i>As stated</i>
[IA]	Inaudible
[UM]	Unknown male

AG: This is my partner W-partner, Wally Taylor.

SAT: Hey, how are you?

RW: [OV] Hey.

SAT: How are you?

RW: Good. How you doing?

SAG: Good. How's your day today?
[noises]

RW: Uh, it's pretty good. Just got some groceries.

SAG: All right.

SAT: Let's show you who we are.

SAG: Okay, well, the reason we're here today is that we have a search warrant for your house.

RW: Okay.
[noises]

SAG: All right. Uh, do you know what this might be about?

RW: I have no idea.

SAG: Okay. This is about, uh, possible mishandling of classified information.

RW: Oh my goodness. Okay.

SAG: [OV] Mm-hmm. So, what we've got is, uh-again, got a warrant. Uhm, and I'm happy to show it to you. What I'd like to do is sit down, talk you with a-talk with you about it.

RW: Mm-hmm.

SAG: Kind of go over what-what's going on. Uh, talk to you, kind of get your-your side of it. And of course, you-completely voluntary to talk to me. Uhm, we can-uh-we can talk here. Uh, our office is about five minutes away. Uh, if you

want to-if you'd rather talk there, then we can do either one. It makes no difference to me.

RW: Okay.

SAT: Do you have any pets?

RW: I do. I have two pets.

SAT: [OV] Because you've been gone awhile, so d-do we need to maybe let them out and use the bathroom and stuff like that?

RW: [OV] I-I do. Would you mind if I at least get some perishables into the fridge?

SAT: [OV] And we can do that too, but what we're going to have to-Is it, do you live by yourself?

RW: Yes.

SAT: Okay. What we're going to have to do is we're going to have to go into the house first and make sure it's-it's safe. We have a-

RW: [OV] Absolutely.

SAT: -search warrant and so w-we're a-we're going to.

RW: Absolutely.

SAT: Okay. And what we'll do is we'll keep you out here until we do that-

RW: [OV] Uh-huh.

SAT: -and once we secure it, we'll, uh-[noise] then we can kind of go from there, okay?

RW: Of course.

SAT: Is your dog friendly?

RW: Okay, so she does not like men.

SAT: Okay.

RW: So.

SAT: [OV] So that's a problem. [laughs]

RW: Uhm.

SAG: [laughs]

RW: However, and she might, uhm, come towards you.

SAT: Okay.

RW: She's never bitten anybody. She's not aggressive.

SAT: Okay.

RW: She's just got, you know, a really good growl going. She'll probably just hide under my desk.

SAG: Okay.

SAT: [OV] Okay. Do you have a-a m-a leash or something where we could-

RW: [OV] I have a leash.

SAT: [OV] Okay.

RW: [OV] I can get her leashed up.

SAT: [OV] So what we might want to do is maybe let you go in there with her. And you're not to touch anything else, you're not to do anything else but get the dog and bring it out here.

RW: [OV] Yes, I can do that.

SAT: [OV] Are we cool? We-w-

RW: [OV] I can move her straight to the backyard.

SAT: [OV] Because other-otherwise, if-if we're going to have a problem, we're not going to do that.

RW: Of course.

SAT: [OV] So.

RW: [OV] I understand.

SAT: Okay.

SAG: Okay.

SAT: Uhm, house key?

RW: House key.

[noise]

SAT: We also have a warrant to search the car, too.

RW: Yes.

SAT: Okay. Do you have a cell phone? [noise] [pause] Okay. [noises] And we'll take that and then we'll-uh-we'll kind of go from there, okay?

RW: Of course.

SAT: Uhm, but like he said, we're-we're completely voluntary, completely up to you on. But, you know, I think maybe it-it'd be worth your time to listen at least for a little bit.

RW: Definitely. Uhm-

SAT: [OV] Okay? And we'll kind of figure out what's going on.

RW: Definitely here to-

SAT: [OV] Okay.

RW: -uhm, comply.

SAT: [OV] Uhm, so why don't we.

RW: Her leash is, uh, two feet inside the door where I left it this morning.

SAT: [OV] Okay.

RW: I can move her straight to the backyard.

SAT: [OV] Are there any weapons in the car? In the house?

SAT: [OV] You can p- There's a- that little fenced-in area is where you can put her?

RW: Yes, yes, and you won't even-

SAT: [OV] Okay.

SAG: [OV] Okay.

RW: -you- you won't take your eyes off of me.

SAT: [OV] And we'll get a water. We can get her water and all that kind of stuff, but let's- let's-

SAG: Yeah, she's going to been in there-

SAT: [OV] -let's go ahead and secure her, I think, and then that way-

SAG: [OV] Mm-hmm.

SAT: -and then maybe we can put some of your stuff in the fridge.

RW: Of course.

SAT: And then we'll kind of-

RW: Yes.

SAT: [OV] -we'll go from there, okay?

SAG: Okay.

SAT: So let's do that.

SAG: Good deal.

[noises]

SAT: And this other guy behind- uh-

SAG: [OV] Go on.

SAT: -is with us as well. And we're probably going to have a few more people

showing up here [noise] directly.

RW: [OV] Of course.

[noises]

SAG: [coughs]

RW: Doo doo doo.

[noises]

SAT: So we're going to get the dog and, uh, bring it out there.

SAG: Okay. I got her.

RW: All right, girl, let me get your leash. Leash, collar. I know, there's people out outside[UI]. Uh, leash, collar.

SAG: [laughs]

SAT: Is that the only pet?

RW: There is a cat. She will go straight under the bed.

SAT: [OV] Okay.

[noises]

RW: [OV] Uhm, again-

SAT: [OV] Uh-

RW: -doesn't like men. Starting to see a trend here.

UM: [SC] [in background] All right, coming out here.

SAT: [OV] Yeah.

RW: Come on girl. [noises]

SAG: Hey sweetie. Hey sweetie.

RW: Backyard.

UM: [SC] [in background] Hey, you all come on out. Found her, like three minutes ago.

RW: Yeah, she knows where we're going. Come here.

SAG: [laughs]

RW: Come here, honey girl.

SAG: What's her name?

RW: Nicky [PH].

SAG: Hey, Nicky.

RW: Nicky girl.

SAT: [OV] Hey there. She doesn't know what's going on though.

[noises]

RW: There you go. All right [IA].

[background conversation]

SAT: And you don't have any weapons or anything on you, do you?

RW: No.

SAT: There's none in the car?

RW: Uhm, in the car, no.

SAT: Okay. [noises] All right, so, let's, uh, hang on just a second.

RW: Can I close the door for my cat?

SAT: Yep.

[noises]

RW: All right, good. That's all I care about right now.

[noises]

SAT: Okay. Uhm-

SAG: [OV] Uhm-

SAT: -so the only thing in there now that's alive is the cat?

RW: Yes.

SAT: There's not a person?

RW: No person.

SAT: No other dogs? Okay, li-. Uhm, they on their way?

UM: They're pulling up.

SAT: Okay.

UM: All right.

SAT: So why don't we. Probably want to get that stuff in.

UM: Yeah.

SAT: Can we put most of that in the fridge?

RW: Yeah, it's all going to-

SAT: [OV] We're not going to have to unpack all the bags and all that kind of stuff.

UM: Okay.

SAT: Okay. [noises] Why don't we, uh. You want to stay out here with-with her for a minute?

UM: [OV] Yeah.

SAT: And Joe and I will walk through.

UM: Okay. [noises] Why don't they just-

SAT: [OV] Again, just to explain to you, we have a search warrant. It's-it's-

RW: [OV] I understand.

SAT: -it's en route. So, uh.

[noises]

SAG: It's all right. Uh, just making sure-just checking to make sure there's nobody else in there or nothing-surprise-surprise us or anything like that.

RW: Yup.

SAG: So.

RW: I want to make this as easy for you guys as possible.

SAG: Okay. Likewise. So, hopefully, explain things, [noises] get to, uh, figure this all out and, uh, wrap it up. [pause] [noises] How long have you had your dog?

RW: Uh, she's actually a foster. I'm rehabilitating her so hopefully she can get adopted later on. Uhm, she's a rescue. I think I got her in March.

[noises]

SAG: Okay. How-uh-how old is she?

RW: Oh, we don't really know. She's one of those.

SAG: [OV] Uh, yeah, my-uh-[noises] one of my dogs was a rescue and when-when I got him. He wouldn't. Uh, I was the only guy who could touch him.

[background IA conversation]

RW: Mm-hmm.

SAG: [OV] And this was-well, probably three years. Anybody else came in the house, especially male, he'd pee-

RW: [OV] Hmm.

SAG: -all over the place. But I could touch him and it was fine, and it's fi-I mean, he's seven years old now, he just comes up to everybody. Licks his hand, he's great. And so whoever had him before was a real-

RW: Mm-hmm.

SAG: -uh, was a real piece of work.

RW: Oh yeah. She was kept in a kennel and neglected her whole life and...

[IA background conversation]

UM: Hmm.

UM: [in background] Yeah, no, if you have to [IA].

SAT: All right. Why don't we, uh-let's get those groceries and let's throw them in the fridge real quick.

RW: Mm-hmm.

SAT: And then we'll, uh, bring you back out here, okay?

RW: [OV] Yep.

UM: [OV] House is cleared.

[noises]

RW: Absolutely.

[noises]

UM: These gloves come in [UI].

UM: Yeah. Yeah, [UI] the recorder [UI]. UM:

[SC] [UI] going to put up pictures [UI].

UM: Huh?

UM: The recorder [UI].

UM: [SC] Yeah, there's some in the back of that, uh-

UM: [OV] [UI]

UM: [OV] -suburban. [UI]

UM: Is that going?

UM: [IA]

[noises]

UM: No. Then, no, don't worry about it.
[noises]

UM: I'm just looking [UI] real quick.

UM: [UI]

UM: If you could step over [IA].

RW: Yes.

UM: And just stop right there [UI].
[noises]
[IA background conversation]

UM: Yeah, probably [UI].

UM: [IA]

UM: We're going to [UI] I walked through [UI].
[IA conversation] [noises]

UM: All right. [IA]
[noises]

UM: Sounds like [UI].

SAT: Do you want to just throw that in the fridge? And we'll just-

UM: [OV] [IA]

SAT: -throw all these bags in the fridge.
[noises]

RW: Yep.

UM: Is that-

UM: Got her?

UM: You got one here.

UM: [OV] Yep.

SAG: Uh, no, that's it for the perishable. Should be.

UM: [OV] Okay.

[IA background conversation] [noises]

UM: [UI] the neighbors [UI].

UM: Mm-hmm.

[noises]

SAG: See, it looks like we might be blocked in. Can we borrow your truck keys?

UM: What you need?

SAG: We're going to be going back to the office, so.

[background voices]

UM: Yeah.

SAG: Unless-unless-

UM: [OV] [UI]

SAG: -we can just move it. [noises] Okay. [noises] All righty.

SAT: There's a cat in the house-

SAT: In the bed, where-it was on the bed.

UM: [OV] -on the bed.

UM: Okay.

SAT: Or it was on the bed.

UM: [OV] It's-

SAT: [OV] It'll maybe go under the bed at some point.

SAG: And the dog is in the backyard in the fence. Does-does she need water?
[barking]

RW: She'll be fine. She's been inside all day with her water.

SAG: Okay. All righty. All right. So, uhm, would you like to talk here or talk-uh-talk at the office?

RW: Uhm, let's go ahead and talk here.

SAG: You want to talk here?

RW: Sure.

SAG: Okay.
[background conversation]

SAG: Uhm- let's. I'm trying to think if we have any place-uh-uh-in the house that-uhm-that we can kind of sit down that's, uh, private. Is there-do you have anything there in the house that we can kind of sit that's away? How many rooms does your house-
[noises]

RW: [OV] Away? Uhm, so there's one bedroom. I do have a spare bedroom that I don't use that's empty. I don't like to go in there. Uhm, I guess I-I don't have anything that's completely closed off though-
[noise]

SAG: [OV] Okay.

RW: -except for that back room.

SAG: Okay, that back room?

RW: [OV] Yeah, there's-

SAG: [OV] And it's-it's completely empty?

RW: Yeah. You'll go in there. There is one dog kennel cage. Other than that, I don't use the room.

SAG: Okay. All right. Uh, you said you don't like to go in there. What -

RW: Y-It. Oh gosh, it's just creepy. It's just weird. It's like an addition to the house behind the kitchen and it's always dirty and....

SAG: Okay.

RW: [laughs]

SAG: Uh, we can talk back there if you're fine going back there. It's, uh-

RW: [OV] Yeah, we can go back there.

SAG: Okay. All right. We'll take - uh - there's a - there's a back room that's - uh uh-we can-

SAT: [OV] Kind of like the laundry-

SAG: -that she'd like to talk in.

SAT: -supposed to be the laundry room?

RW: [sighs] I guess so.

[noises]

SAT: Kind of off the kitchen?

RW: Yeah.

SAT: Okay. Okay, yeah, that'll work.

SAG: Okay.

SAT: It's too hot out here for-

SAG: [OV] Yeah, and we're not going to s-we're not going to make you sit out here-

RW: [OV] Yeah.

SAG: -in the heat.

RW: I can make a pit stop and bring the A/C down a bit, too, if you guys need that.

SAG: [OV] Okay.

UM: All right, then.

SAG: [OV] Well, what's going to happen is-uh-they'll-uh-they've got to do their thing for a minute and then-

RW: [OV] Of course. Uh-

UM: -we can go in.

RW: -do they need me to make sure my car's unlocked?

UM: Yes, yes.

SAG: [OV] We'll, uh-

RW: [OV] Uh, yeah.

SAG: -we'll grab the keys and -

RW: Okay.

SAG: So.

UM: Get the password for it.

SAT: What's the, uh. How do we open this?

RW: Okay. So you, uh-

SAT: [OV] Just. Hang on.

RW: [OV] -press that. There you go.

SAT: Okay.

UM: What kind is it? An iPhone?

SAG: How long have you lived in Augusta?

RW: Uhm, I was here October 2015 to April 2016, uhm, TDY. And then I moved back here just past December.

SAG: Okay, so you're kind of familiar with the-

RW: Familiar, yeah.

SAG: Yeah. What do you think of it?

RW: I mean, I willingly moved back here as a civilian, so-

SAG: [laughs]

RW: -it must be all right.

SAG: Willingly. You say that-you say that begrudgingly.

RW: Yeah, it was pretty much. Uh, NSA Georgia was the only job I could get.

SAG: Okay.

RW: Yeah. I was having problems getting, uh, the contract I wanted.

SAG: What contract were you going for?

RW: Uhm, I originally- my big plan is to deploy as a Pashto linguist over-

SAG: [OV] Okay.

RW: -and be at Baghram for awhile.

SAG: Okay.

[background conversation]

[vehicle noises]

RW: Uhm, but then they hired me out here for Farsi, so.

SAG: Okay, so you're Farsi and Pashto?

RW: Farsi, Dari, Pashto.

SAG: Wow. That's impressive.

RW: [laughs]

SAG: I barely-I'm barely able to speak English.

RW: Oh. [laughs]

SAG: So.

RW: English is hard.

SAG: Hmm.

SAG: Uh-but. Yeah, I noticed that with-uh-[coughs] especially here in Augusta, it's-it's great with-for families, but single, it's kind of tough. Like, I can't imagine coming back.

SAT: How is this-You've got a password on this or what do you -

RW: Uhm, no, there's no password.

SAT: [OV] How do we-how do we do it? Show me how to do it, or tell me how to do it.

RW: Okay.

SAT: Swipe that?

RW: Yeah.

SAT: No security?

RW: No security.

SAT: Okay.

RW: [OV] Yeah, so.

SAT: [OV] But you don't have a password or anything that it-

RW: [OV] No password, nothing.

SAT: Okay.

RW: Just, uh, anytime it locks, uhm, you just press until you see, like, a little circle, and then you slide just a little bit.

UM: [OV] Okay. So it's-

 [noises]

UM: Did you already show her the warrant?

SAG: Uh, no, I haven't. I was going to-we're going to sit down and show it to her.

UM: All right. So we're going to go ahead and go in.

UM: Okay.

UM: [OV] Yep.

SAG: [pause] As soon as they finish the pictures we can go-get out of the gnats.

RW: Oh yeah, they're pretty bad.

 [background conversation]

 [vehicle noises]

SAG: How long were you in the Air Force?

RW: Six years.

SAG: Okay.

RW: Yeah.

SAG: Hmm. What made you get out?

RW: Uh, I just-I wanted to deploy. I mean, I learned Pashto for a reason-

SAG: Mm-hmm.

RW: -but-uhm-that's just-those opportunities aren't there in the Air Force right now.

SAG: Hmm. You'd figure that with that language, you could-

RW: Right? [laughs]

SAG: -just raise your hand they'd go, "yeah, go."

RW: Uh, no, where I was in, uh, Maryland, squadron of, like, 450 people, we got one billet per year for Afghanistan, and it was all-always airborne. Not even language.

SAG: And the-so I imagine people were just crawling for it.

RW: Oh yeah, and I don't have an airborne physical, so. Yeah.

SAG: Hmm. So, Augusta, Georgia it was, huh?

RW: Yeah. [laughs]

 [barking]

UM: Is your dog okay? Does it need anything?

RW: She's fine.

UM: She?

RW: Yeah. She's-

SAG: [OV] If you can tell, we're all dog people.

RW: Oh. [laughs] I know. She's going to have her little anxiety attack.

 [pause]

SAG: Where all were you with the Air Force?

RW: Uhm, just right after training, went up to Fort Meade and spent four years there.

SAG: That's a long time in Maryland.

RW: It is. And there was no opportunity of leaving.

UM: I can beat you. You know where my first Air Force assignment was?

RW: What?

UM: Minot, North Dakota.

RW: Oh, nice.

UM: Kind of hot like this up there.

UM: [laughs]

UM: It's –

SAT: For what, a day?

UM: [laughs]

UM: Yeah, like for an hour, right?

[laughter]

UM: Five o'clock on July 17.

SAT: [laughs] Right.

SAG: Yeah, I was seven years in DC, and that was about six and a half too long.

RW: Oh, yeah. DC.

[pause]

SAG: They keep asking if I want to go up there. I'm like, "uh, no. No. No, thank you."
I'm done with that.

[barking]

UM: She [IA].

[barking]

RW: My poor dog. I just got her acclimated to the backyard again yesterday.

[laughter]

RW: She was boarded all weekend, so. I was out of town.

SAG: Oh. Yeah, might-might have to work on acclimation.

RW: [laughs]

SAG: She's not-probably not going to like the backyard after being forced out
there for a few hours.

RW: [OV] Oh, I know. She gets so anxious. And then we're, like, off schedule
because she won't go, and so I'm just like, whatever, we're going inside. And
then three seconds later she goes on the carpet.

UM: Mm-hmm.

SAG: Is she destructive at all when she-when you leave her alone?

RW: Yes. [laughs] She's just a nervous chewer.

SAG: Yeah, my, uh-one of mine, she's fine, you can leave her out all day long, all she does is sleep and snore. Shakes the whole house.

RW: [laughs] Yeah.

SAG: My-uh-my rescue, he is. We-we left him out for probably the first two weeks. He destroyed the couch. [noises] Clean through, chewed it. And, uh, three Apple power cords. The computer power cords.

RW: [groans]

SAG: Ninety bucks a pop.

RW: Yep.

SAG: Yeah. I was-I was thrilled.

RW: [laughs]

SAG: But. Yeah, turns out he's much, much happier when he's-uh-if we got to go away for a little bit, he's in the crate with - as long as the other dog's in there with him, then he's fine.

[pause]

SAG: Where do you do CrossFit at?

RW: Uhm, right now I'm at SEC. Uhm, they used to be over on Enterprise Court -

SAG: Mm-hmm.

RW: -off of Bobby Jones but we moved. We're over on Wheeler. Uhm, but my friend is re-opening the Under Box. Uhm, they merged with SEC, things didn't work out, and so now she's going to do her own thing.

SAG: Going to go off?

RW: Yeah. So I'm just waiting for her gym to open to jump ship. [laughs]

SAG: I did it for like six months, and I hurt myself.

RW: Oh.

SAG: Just every single day was just pain.

RW: Yeah.

SAG: So, I don't know. Guess I'm just too old and broken.

RW: I mean, I always say I don't do CrossFit. Uhm, I do competitive power lifting.

SAG: Okay.

RW: And then I do CrossFit when it's convenient. [laughs] But I do love working out at a CrossFit gym. You know, the space-you can't beat that.

SAG: No, uh-uh.

RW: In between classes, I just get free run of the gym.

SAG: What's your, uh. So power lifting, what's your-your preference on? What's your favorite stuff?

RW: I'm just all upper body, so bench. It's kind of sad. I tested all my lifts this week because I have a competition on June 24th.

SAG: Mm-hmm.

RW: And bench is 180. Max back squat. I have a back injury, so my max back squat is only 195. But I don't. [laughs]

SAG: Still-still not shabby.

RW: [laughs] They should not be that close. [laughs]

UM: Uh, how'd you hurt your back?

RW: CrossFit.

SAG: Oh.

RW: Uh, just power cleans. My, uh, pelvis wasn't rotating so I separated that side joint.

[noise]

SAG: That sounds painful.

RW: Yeah.

SAG: I did, uhm- I was doing box jumps, and this hand just-I was doing it by myself-hit the box and, I mean, I-I thought I just fractured every bone in the body-in the-in the hand. And I went to-I had to go to the doctor to get the- get the X-ray. And they said, "so how'd you do this?" CrossFit.

RW: [noise]

SAG: Four times they asked me. Said, no, I didn't get in a fight.

RW: [OV] Tchhh.

SAG: It's CrossFit.

RW: Yeah, I thought I could see the bone on my shin from that one. That's over two years old.

SAG: Wow. What was that?

RW: [OV] Box jump. Just missed the box. [laughs]

SAG: Yeah, that's a moment that you really hope did-ah, did anybody see that?
[noise] I really hope nobody saw that.

RW: I got so mad. They're just like, you just threw a handful of chalk on it and then you kept going. [laughs]

SAG: [snorts] That's commitment. [noise] Oh.

RW: So I do have to ask, uhm, just however-

SAG: [OV] Mm-hmm.

RW: -this goes, I'm not making any assumptions, but is this going to be like a I -

brought-my-phone-into-the-building-typesituation where I don't see that phone for three weeks or

SAG: So we'll go over the warrant itself.

RW: Okay.

SAG: Uhm, so, we do have a warrant for the phone, so.

RW: I didn't want to make any assumptions or anything like that, but I am teaching yoga tomorrow and phone has music on it.

SAG: Okay.

RW: [laughs] Uhm-uhm-I could make do. Like, there-there are bigger problems in the world, I guess.

SAG: Yeah. And we'll-we'll-we'll talk about that once we-once we sit down.

RW: [OV] All right.

[pause]

SAG: You have just a few chairs-like kitchen table chairs we can pull into that-uh-that back room?

RW: [laughs] No, I, uh.

SAG: [OV] Or we going to be sitting on the floor?

RW: [laughs] Yeah. If you want to sit, yeah. [laughs] I'm not big on furniture.

SAG: Okay. Uhm, I wonder if we have a couple of chairs in the -

UM: Might be a couple in Chuck's truck.

SAG: Might be.

RW: Sorry about that.

SAG: No.

SAT: How long have you been in this house?

RW: Uh, moved in [sighs] December 15th.
 [pause]

SAG: Okay. We're good.

UM: [SC] Hey, do you have any chairs in your truck? Uh, fold-up chairs.

RW: Would it be too much to ask if I could try to get the cat on a leash and then tied-

UM: [SC] Uhm.

RW: -to the bed?

UM: [SC] Uhm, I don't remember seeing any. I think they're in the truck.

RW: Uh, just so don't-I don't want to be, like, telling someone in the FBI to keep my front door closed, if you all are doing a search.

UM: [U]

SAG: [OV] Uhm. What's that?

SAT: I don't see a problem.

SAG: I don't see a-I don't see an issue. Uh-uh-where is the cat right now?

RW: On the bed.

UM: [OV] In the bedroom, in the bed.

SAG: Okay.

SAT: [OV] Still in the bed?

UM: I think so.

UM: Yeah.

SAT: Not a problem.

SAG: All righty. So, uhm, again, uh, my name's Justin. You probably don't re-
Remember any idea of who I am. [laughs] So, Justin Garrick with the
FBI. Uh, this is Wally. He's my partner. Uhm, so what I want to do is
kind of explain that we, you know, do have a search warrant-you're
welcome to see the warrant, you're welcome to read the warrant-and
then explain a little bit about it. Now, if you're willing to talk to me,
like to go through just kind of how this started and, you know, get your-
your side of it and figure out what's going on here. Okay. Does that
sound-sound good to you?

RW: Okay.

SAG: Okay.

RW: Yes.

SAG: Uhm, so I'm going to take-uh-right here-I'm going to take-uh-notes-
uh-just random basis. Got to take notes.

[background conversation]

SAG: So, uhm, what is your date of birth?

RW: [REDACTED]

SAG: Okay. And your Social?

RW: [REDACTED]

SAG: Uh, do you need water or anything? Are you-

RW: [OV] I, uhm-

SAG: -thirsty? You're what? If you need water, shout it out.

RW: Okay. I'll let you know.

SAG: [OV] Are you thirsty?

RW: Not right now.

SAG: Okay.

RW: Thanks.

SAG: All right. Uh, if you need to use the restroom, any of that, let me know. It's not a big deal. Okay. And, uh, you've been living at this address here since December.

RW: Fifteenth.

SAG: Fifteenth of 2016?

RW: Yes.

SAG: Okay. And where were you born?

RW: Alice, Texas.

SAG: Alice like-

SAT: Like-

[background conversation]

RW: Like the name, yeah.

SAG: [OV] Like the name. Okay. And currently, uh, you're employed as a g-uh-contract-uh-linguist with Pluribus?

RW: Yes.

SAG: Okay. How long have you been employed by them?

RW: I started on 9 February 2017.

SAG: Okay. And where are you currently assigned?

RW: Currently assigned. Like the, uh, NSA 21 code or -

SAG: Uh, just-you can-you can tell me the building.

RW: Okay.

SAG: [OV] Because we have-

RW: [OV] White Law Building, second floor.

SAG: Okay. So.

SAT: I'm sorry, what languages you said? Uhm, I-I heard.

RW: Farsi, Dari, Pashto.

SAT: Okay.

SAG: Okay. [noises] Any other?

RW: No.

SAG: [laughs] I'm kidding. I think that's enough. That's really impressive. Okay, and you live here, uh, by yourself?

RW: Yes.

SAG: Okay.
[noises]

SAG: Very hard without a table and chairs.

RW: I'm so sorry.
[laughter]

SAG: It's – you don't have to apol-it's your house. Uhm, if you-if you do feel like, you know, you want to sit or anything like that, we'll sit, okay? You know, we can sit on the floor, I don't care. Uhm, if you sit on the floor, I'll sit on the floor.

RW: Okay. [laughs]

SAG: Uh-uhm-and I'm serious about that. If you want to sit, please, I'll-I'll sit down too. Uhm, okay. So, uh, again, we have a warrant. Uhm-and it's in-do-would you like to see it?

RW: Yes, please.

SAG: Okay.

[pause]

SAT: That just gave us the authority to search. It's signed by a federal magistrate judge. This attachment, Attachment "A", is just explaining the property where we can search. The residence, the car, and then you.

RW: Hundred forty-five pounds, you guys flatter me.

SAT: [laughs]

RW: Sorry. I have a sense of humor.

SAG: [laughs]

SAT: Okay.

SAG: It was on your driver's license.

SAT: That's right.

RW: Okay, I lied.

SAT: Uh, don't we all? So Attachment "B", which is three-four pages-just explains the property that we are searching. Not saying all of that's here, but that's what we're authorized to search for.

UM: [SC] [IA]

SAT: And seize.

UM: [SC] [UI] You all [UI] laptop right here [UI] so we'll just go ahead and [IA]. Did you see where it was?

UM: [SC] Yeah.

UM: [SC] It's right here. And, uhm, [IA].

[IA background conversation]

[pause]

SAT: Any questions about any of that? It's probably still a little confusing to you, but.

RW: Mm-hmm.

SAT: But I think as-as he-we go along, I think maybe some of it will become more clear. But just if anything-

RW: Mm-hmm.

SAT: -sticks out, is there any questions you have about that?

RW: No.

SAT: Okay.

SAG: Okay.

SAT: And we'll leave a copy of this-

SAG: Yeah, we'll leave a copy.

SAT: [OV] -with you. Uh, this will be your copy.

SAG: Okay. So-

SAT: [OV] Okay.

SAG: -uhm-all this-uh-stems from a report that we received that you had mishandled classified information, okay? So, that's, uh, the broad scope of it. Uh-my-uh-question is does that-does that ring any bells to you whatsoever?

RW: It-it does now. When I started working at White Law I had-do you know PKI passwords?

SAG: Mm-hmm.

RW: Uhm, I had a printed-out email in my folder, and I didn't have a desk yet, so I took it with me-uhm-passed through security, went to Starbucks, and then came back, and they looked through it, and unfortunately the email that I had printed out was classified. And they filed a report for that.

SAG: And when was that?

RW: That was approximately [pause] probably February 15th or 16th.

SAG: Of this year?

RW: Of this year.

SAG: So it was part of the PKI certificate?

RW: Yes.

SAG: And you had gone to Starbucks, come back, and-

RW: [OV]

SAG: -they checked-they checked a bag or-

RW: [OV] Uh, they checked my folder. I was still in processing, so it was just-uhm-if you're familiar with White Law, you go through the turnstiles just to get to the cafeteria and back.

SAG: Okay.

RW: So yeah, I was-

SAG: [OV] So you had-you had gone to the cafeteria?

RW: Yeah.

SAG: So you were in the building and they nabbed you for-

RW: [OV] Mm-hmm. Yeah.

SAG: Okay. All right. But you're still in the building?

RW: Uh-huh.

SAG: Okay. All right. Uhm, so what-uh-what's your work role there at-uh-at White Law?

RW: Currently I translate graphic documents, uhm, and then. Yeah, that's all I do.

SAG: [OV] Okay.

RW: From Farsi to English.

SAG: Graphic documents?

RW: Yeah.

SAG: Okay.

[pause]

SAT: You're assigned to a specific section, I guess, or a group? Is that the way it works over there?

RW: Yes.

SAT: And what is that group or section?

RW: [OV] Uhm, it's the Iranian Aerospace Forces Office.

SAT: Okay.

SAG: Have you been assigned there your entire time there?

RW: Yes, since February.

SAG: Okay. All right. Uhm, is there any other issues or anything that come to mind that might be-might explain [noises] why the report might have been generated? Anything that comes to mind-uh-like, eh, it may be this, may be that?

RW: No.

SAG: No? Yeah. Okay. [pause] Uhm-so-and you currently hold a TS/SCI

clearance?

RW: Yes.

SAG: Okay. How long have you had that?

RW: Uh, I would say since January 2013.

SAT: So you had that while you were in the Air Force?

RW: Yes.

SAG: And you kept it through-through the. Did you-wh-I guess when you left-uh-left the Air Force, you kept. When did you lea-- When did you process out of the Air Force?

RW: Uhm, I processed out of the Air Force, uhm, December-uh-four-December 14th, uhm, 2016. And, uhm, up until that time, I had been looking at contracts to try to get my clearance, uh, renewed.

SAG: Okay. And wh-when did-uh-when did-uh-Pluribus pick you up?

RW: Pluribus picked me up-I believe they gave me the notification around January 11th, between 11th or 13th. Around that day.

SAG: Okay. All right. So your-uh-your clearance just kind of passed through.

RW: It passed through, yeah.

SAG: Okay. All right. So-uhm-as far as you're aware [noise] you haven't committed any security violations or anything you're aware of, other than-than this PKI thing?

RW: Other than the PKI thing, no. I mean, I-I do print documents at work because, uhm, it's just easier for me to translate them by hand.

SAG: Mm-hmm.

RW: But then I put them in the box, and then it doesn't get mixed up with, like, my class notes that I take, because they're-like-I use pretty paper so I never take out white paper.

SAG: Hmm, got it.

RW: [OV] Uhm, we all-Because I know that sounds really dumb, but that's just how I can do it now. After that stupid PKI thing, I was like, no more white paper out of the building.

SAG: Okay. So you-you-you said you printed out stuff?

RW: [OV] Yeah. I printed out-

SAG: [OV] Is there a-

RW: stuff.

[noises]

SAG: [OV] -is there a-uh-why did that come to mind as far as security?

RW: Uhm, it just. I guess it always-I just think about-uhm-you know-having actual papers. I-I can't imagine any other way to get things out of the building, I guess. I'm old-fashioned, so I'm just thinking about that. And especially with the PKI thing-uhm-just making sure I didn't accidentally have something in my lunchbox or anything like that.

SAT: Nothing got out of the building?

RW: [OV] Nothing.

SAT: [OV] You didn't care anything out of the building?

RW: [OV] No. No, I definitely let everything get searched all the time. So, I haven't had any other accidents.

SAG: Okay. All right. So, as far as anything that. I mean, you're. So with Iranian Aerospace, I mean, you're-you're fairly well boxed in, so that's-that's what you concentrate on?

RW: Yes.

SAG: Do you work any other matters? Anything like that?

RW: No.

SAG: Okay. So, uh-so you-you certainly-I mean-you have-you have the access [noise] and you have the need-to-know on-on, uh, on that aerospace stuff. Have you ever inadvertently, either by accident or-or intentionally or whatever-gone outside your access of-as far of-or outside your need-to-know on items?

RW: Outside of my need-to-know on items. Uhm, I do, from time to time, look at a website called My Online, and it is the drone feeds. I used to work a drone mission-

SAG: Mm-hmm.

RW: -so sometimes I'll be in chat with, uhm, my Air Force friends up in Maryland and I'll be watching the mission that they're executing.

SAG: Okay.

RW: Uhm, so it's Afghan stuff. Uhm-and other than that, I mean, just reading basic news articles on NSA Net.

SAG: Mm-hmm.

RW: Uhm-but I've never accessed anything that's, like, [UI].

SAG: Okay. Have you ever gone-gone searching for stuff that's not related, uh, to, uhm, to your-your work role?

RW: No, not unless I have somebody in Maryland ask me a question.

SAG: Okay. Uhm-and I mean, you've kind of already answered this-have you ever taken anything out of, uh, the NSA facility? I mean, you mentioned the PKI, but -

RW: Yes.

SAG: -outside of that, have you ever taken anything out of the facility?

RW: No.

SAG: No? Uh, whether it's a piece of paper. Have you downloaded anything? Emailed anything out?

RW: No.

SAG: No? Okay. Mm.

[pause]

SAG: Have you ever, uh, discussed, uh, any classified material with anybody who wouldn't have, uh, the prior U.S. government authorization? Who wouldn't have the clearance or anything like that? Wouldn't have the clearance and the need-to-know?

RW: No.

SAG: No? Okay.

RW: Not many people ask about Iranian aerospace, so I lucked out.

SAG: So you never discussed, uh, discussed work or anything classified with anybody-

RW: [OV] Uh-uh.

SAG: -outside of work?

RW: No.

SAG: [sighs]

[pause]

SAT: How's the neighborhood?

RW: I did not look at a map when I signed the lease, uh, but I'm well armed.

SAG: [laughs]

SAT: You seem to be.

[laughter]

SAT: What are your plans? You going to stay in the house or are you going to move somewhere else or -

RW: Uh.

SAT: Did you sign a lease, I guess?

RW: I signed a lease, and I would only break it if I get a deployment.
[coughing]

SAT: [OV] Yeah.

RW: [OV] So.

SAG: Mm-hmm. Have you had any issues here, since you moved here?

RW: I did, yeah. [laughs]

SAG: What happened?

RW: Uhm, I came home from a concert in Atlanta. It was about three a.m. and-
[background conversation]

RW: -there was a man on the street, so I was making sure that, you know, he could not see me go from my car to the house. [noises] Uhm, and I thought I timed it out well. And I'm standing there at the sink getting water and someone starts knocking on my door--

UM: [OV] Do you have a toothpick?

SAT: [OV] Huh?

RW: -and-at three a.m and my keys and my phone were right by the door where I dropped them, because I had to pee. Uhm, so yeah. [laughs] very glad to have a Glock Nine in the back.

SAG: Oh. Yeah.

RW: [OV] Did not sleep. [laughs]

SAT: I'm sure.

SAG: [OV] Anything other than that?

RW: Other than that.

SAG: [clears throat]

RW: Uhm. No. There's this-people always ask if you want your lawn done and someone came and mowed my lawn while I was in Belize last weekend. So I'm not really cool with that. [laughs]

SAT: I imagine not.

SAG: [OV] They're probably going to come by and ask for-knock on the door and ask to be-

SAT: Yeah.

RW: [OV] Yeah.

SAG: -compensated.

RW: Yeah. I mean, he's-

SAG: [sneezes]

RW: If-if it was the guy I paid last time, he's this little old man, like, in his eighties, so I won't be, like, really mad but-

SAT: [OV] Right.

RW: Yeah.

SAT: Right.

RW: [laughs]

SAG: When-uh-when did you go to Belize?

RW: I left on Saturday morning and flew back Monday morning. Just last weekend.

SAT: That was a quick trip to Belize.

SAG: [OV] Uh, a quick trip.

RW: It was quick. [laughs]

SAT: What'd you go down there for?

RW: Uhm, I wanted to see the Mayan pyramids.

SAT: Okay.

RW: And so. Yeah.

SAT: That's pretty cool.

RW: I didn't have any leave, and I was just tired of waiting for the stars to align, so I just said-

SAT: [OV] Sure.

RW: -you have three days, do it.

SAG: [laughs]

SAT: That's cool.

SAG: Fair enough.

SAT: Spur of the moment. That's pretty cool.

SAG: Did you go there by yourself or.

RW: [OV] Yeah. By myself.

SAG: [OV] Okay. Did you do any tours or anything down there?

RW: On the first day, they took me to, like, an Alton Hau [PH] tour. So, that's one of the sites. And then the second day, we went, uhm, down the river on a boat, and we did the Lemani Pyramids, and then came back. And then, yeah.

SAG: Okay.

SAT: Uh-huh.

SAG: All right.

RW: Saw a bunch of monkeys.

SAT: [laughs]

SAG: So you're positive you've never printed anything out that was outside of your work role?

RW: Trying to think.

SAT: [clears throat]

RW: Because I know. I mean, like, there's NSA Pulse, and every now and then I print articles from there like, as scratch paper. Like, it sounds really dumb. Like, now that I'm thinking about it, like, the things that I did were really dumb. But those always go into the, uhm, the burn bin.

SAG: Okay. What kind of articles from Pulse do you pull out?

 [barking]

RW: Uhm, usually reference material about, like, [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Uhm, just making sure, like, so many references that I keep having to re-look up-

SAG: [OV] Mm-hmm.

RW: -it's just-I'm very textile, so if it's just, like, right on my desk, I can look at it instead of flipping through windows.

SAT: Mm-hmm.

RW: So that's probably fraud, waste, and abuse right there. [laughs]

SAG: Okay.

RW: [laughs]

SAT: We're not worried about fraud, waste, and abuse.

RW: [OV] Okay.

SAG: No.

RW: I use a lot of paper. Uhm, but nothing outside of, like, Iranian stuff or anything else out of that, and never outside of the building.

SAG: Okay. Reality, what if I said that I have the information to suggest

that you did print out stuff that was outside of that scope?

RW: Okay. I would have to try to remember.

SAG: Okay. What if, uh, I said that you printed out information related to, uh, reports on [REDACTED]?

SAT: Reality-uh-you know-we obviously know a lot more than- than what we're telling you at this point. And I think you know a lot more than what you're telling us at this point. I don't want you to go down the wrong road. I think you need to- to stop and think about what you're saying and what you're doing. Uhm- you know-I-I think it's a-an opportunity to maybe tell the truth. Because, uh, telling a-telling a lie to an FBI agent is not going to be the right thing.

RW: Mm-hmm.

SAT: Okay? Uhm, you know-and again, we're here voluntarily. You're talking voluntarily. I'm not asking you-forcing you to do anything.

RW: Mm-hmm.

SAT: But think-that's-that's what I'm asking you to do, is to think. So, think about what he just asked.

RW: Mm-hmm.

SAT: And let, you know.

RW: [REDACTED] There was one I printed out because I wanted to read it.

SAT: Hmm.

SAG: Which one was that? And-

RW: [OV] Mm.

SAG: -mind the-the sensitivities of the-

RW: [OV] Sensitivity.

SAG: Can you remember what day you printed it out?

[pause]

RW: I might mess up the date, but late-late March, early A-first two weeks of April.

SAG: First two weeks of April?

SAT: And what was it?

RW: It was a-

[cough]

RW: -it was an NSA Pulse article about [REDACTED]

RW: And yeah, I did-I did print that one out.

SAG: Okay. Uhm, why, uh, why did you print that one out?

RW: Uhm, I wanted to read it and I just-I-the way I downloaded it, it just was hard for me to read and I wanted to just look at it because-it looked like a piece of history.

SAG: Mm-hmm.

RW: You know? Uhm, so I wanted to have that on my desk for, like, a day.

SAG: Okay. Did you, uh, how did you find it?

RW: Uhm, so when you open up Pulse, it has the-

SAG: [clears throat]

RW: -uhm, there's a little window at the top right that says, uhm, top articles.

SAG: Mm-hmm.

RW: And sometimes I scan those. Uhm, I don't know if you saw the one about the miniature ponies, but that one was, uh-

SAG: I missed that one.

SAT: [laughs]

RW: Yeah, it was number one for, like, a year, so-

SAG: [snorting noise]

RW: -obviously I go to check that now to make sure any other gems, and then that one was right there. And, you know, just-I saw on the news, and I was like, I want to read this. And. Yeah.

SAG: Okay. And what did you do with the article?

RW: I kept it on my desk for, like, three days. Uhm, I'm going to be honest, I read, like, half of it. I don't-it was, like, the stupidest thing ever. And then I burn bagged it in the box that's-has a little slat on it by the fridge.

SAG: Okay. Uhm, how about any other times?

RW: Any other times?

SAG: Did you search for anything on the [REDACTED] any other times?

RW: Uhm, that did spark my curiosity and so, like, I just kept tabs on reading those articles. Uhm, looking at, uh, the [REDACTED] was interesting to me.

SAG: [OV] Mm-hmm.

RW: So I did read s-some of those.

SAG: Okay. Did you ever go searching for them? Ever go digging?

RW: Uhm, nothing more than, like, a [laughs] a ten-minute detraction from work, you know?

SAG: [OV] Okay. What, uh, what were you-how would you do it?

RW: Uh, just type in the search box, [REDACTED] and then scroll.

SAG: Okay. All right. Did you print out any of those articles?

RW: Uhm, let me think. No. The-the only one was just the one that was, like, [REDACTED]

SAG: Okay.

SAG: Was it, uh, what was the-talking around it. What was the. And you're pretty sure that it was late April, early March? Think about, uh, try to remember, like, details in your personal life and-

RW: I know, I'm trying to-I remember that week, I got in a fight with the boyfriend that week. Uhm, April. Let's see, March, April. [sighs] When did I break up with him? [sighs] Maybe we started dating in March, so. It had to have been sometime in April. Uhm. [noises] I'm just really going blank on what week that was. I'm trying to think what weekend-what the weekend was like after that. I'm so sorry. Uhm--

SAG: [OV] No. It's okay.

RW: [OV] -I'm trying. Uhm. I mean, yeah, mid-April is, like, all I'm thinking.

SAT: [clears throat]

SAG: Okay. All right. What if I told you that I know that you searched for and printed out a document on the ninth of May?

RW: Ninth of May. [pause] Let's see, the CrossFit competition was on the 12th.
Was it really that late? [pause] Uh, I guess I-I can't argue that. Uhm.

SAG: Okay.

RW: If you-if you know-I mean-obviously you know. Uhm-

SAG: [OV] Okay.

RW: I'm just-I-I can't imagine. [sighs] I guess we're already June already, so yeah.
It's been a really bad month for me, so.

SAT: This would have been three and a half, four weeks ago, roughly.

SAG: [OV] Mm-hmm.

RW: [OV] Yeah.

[noises]

SAG: Okay. Do you remember what you did to get to that article?

RW: Other than either seeing it on the front page or linking it from another. I'm
just.

SAG: Do you remember what search terms you might have put in?

RW: Probably [REDACTED] [laughs] I'm not very sophisticated. Uhm.
Yeah.

SAG: Okay. So, you printed out the document-you printed out a document, uh,
intelligence report on-on this. You-you do recall that?

RW: Yes, I do remember now, yeah.

SAG: Okay. [sighs] What did you do with that document?

RW: Like I said, I-I kept it on my desk for three days because I just-I thought it was
interesting and I thought I would read it. And then I said no, and I need to not
leave it out on my desk, so I-

SAG: [OV] Mm-hmm.

RW: -put it in the burn bag.

SAG: You put it in the burn bag?

RW: [OV] Yeah.

SAG: [OV] Okay, where's the burn bag?

RW: Okay, so the burn bags are [sighs] in the break rooms and they're this little white box with the slat, and it's one over from the fridge.

SAG: Okay.

RW: In White Law.

SAG: So you just-you slide it in there and then-

RW: [OV] You slide it in there, yeah.

SAG: And then it's taken care of?

RW: Yeah.

SAG: Okay.

RW: It's.

SAG: All right. Reality, are you sure that's what you did with it?

RW: Yes.

SAG: You're positive?

RW: Yes.

SAT: You didn't take it out of the building?

RW: No.

SAG: Okay. You didn't take it out of the building and give it to anybody else?

RW: No.

SAG: You didn't send it?

RW: No.

SAG: You didn't send it to anyone?

RW: No.

SAG: Okay.

SAT: [sighs]

SAG: Reality, uh, can you guess how many people might have printed out that document?

RW: No.

SAG: It's not many. That document has made it outside. Okay? Obviously, because we're here.

RW: Obviously, yeah. Crap.

SAG: The most likely candidate, by far and away, is you. Now, I don't- [sigh] -I don't think you are, you know, a big bad master spy, okay? I don't. I don't think that. I think that-I've looked at the evidence [noises] and it's compelling. Now, I'm not sure why you did it, and I'm curious as to that, but I think you might've been angry over everything that's going on, politics-wise. Because you can't turn on the-you can't turn on the TV without getting pissed off. Or at least

I can't. And I think you might've made a mistake. Now, why I'm here and why I want to talk to you, is to figure out the why behind this, okay? So, I ask you again-did you take it out and send it?

RW: I didn't. I put it in the burn bag.

SAT: [sighs]

RW: I mean, I'm trying to deploy. I'm not trying to be a whistleblower. That's crazy.

SAG: Hmm. So how would you think that a document would end up getting out?

RW: I-I mean, there's-there-I mean, I-let's-let's be s-straight-there's little to no security on documents. Nobody pats you down.

SAG: Mm-hmm.

RW: You know, and we talk about it all the time because it's like, oh, I have to show my food. Oh, "you eat so healthy," like, every day, you know? A-and people about it at work. You've got a building full of geniuses, right? Like just. I guess I'm nervous and talking, but no, I mean, the I-that's the last thing I would've wanted to do with that. Especially with, you know, right now, trying to get somewhere else, trying to increase my clearance.

SAG: Mm-hmm.

RW: You know? It was an article on [REDACTED] and it was very sensitive and I thought I would be cool if I had it on my desk for a couple days.

SAG: Okay. But you remember-you said you remember putting it in the burn-in the burn bag? Sliding it in there.

RW: Yeah.

SAG: Okay.

RW: [OV] Folded in half. I mean, I remember it.

SAG: Folded in half?

RW: Yeah, uh, it's-it-because it didn't-yeah, I folded it in half.

SAG: [sighs] Okay. What if I tell you that that document, folded in half, made its way outside of NSA?

[pause]

RW: I don't-I don't know - that.

SAG: It made its way-

SAT: [clears throat]

SAG: -out in an envelope, post-marked Augusta, Georgia. See, things are starting to get a little specific.

RW: Okay.

SAG: It made its way to an online news source that you subscribe to. Getting really specific. So, I'm going to ask you again.

[pause]

SAG: What is very, very, very compelling. I'd like to know the reason, because I don't think-I don't think you make it a habit out of this at all. At all. I really do. I think you just messed up. Now, I'm not quite sure why you did it, and

I'd like to hear from you on that, but w-the what and the how is-would you agree, looks awfully bad?

RW: It looks really bad.

[pause]

SAG: If you're angry about what's going on, if there's something that. Look, you've had a good career. You have. If there's something that just pushed you over the edge on this, now is the perfect time. This is a podium.

SAT: You know, like he said, I-I don't think we're coming in here to say you're some big bad mastermind-

RW: All right.

SAT: -prolific spy kind of thing. I-I think what we both think is that maybe you made a mistake. Maybe you weren't thinking for a minute. Maybe you got angry, like he said. I mean, that-that's-that's what I'm hoping. If that's-that's the case, then that makes us feel a little better knowing that we don't have a-a real serious problem here. You know, uh-uh that's something that concerns us, too, this isn't an ongoing problem. But we need to figure it out. And if it was a mistake, let's deal with it.

[pause]

UM: Is this-is this a room? Is that a room? [UI]

[background conversation]

SAG: So how did you get it out of the office?

RW: Folded in half in my pantyhose.

SAG: Okay. [sighs] And what did you do with it?

RW: Put it in an envelope and sent it to [REDACTED]

SAT: Anybody specifically there?

 [pause]

RW: I don't think I put a name on it. I just put [REDACTED]

SAT: Had you communicated with [REDACTED] prior to you doing that? With -

RW: No. I wasn't trying to-wasn't trying to be a Snowden or anything.

SAT: And that's what-I don't think you were, either. I really don't. And that's.
 But, uh, I-I think you made a mistake. But I th-th-I don't think either one of us
 think you're trying to be Snowden.

RW: No, it was just that one document, because like you said, in the [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

SAT: Right. Mm.

RW: [OV] The proof that-you know. And I guess it's just been hard at work
 because. And I've-I've filed formal complaints about them having Fox news
 on, you know? Uh, just at least, for God's sake, put Al Jazeera on, or a slideshow
 with people's pets. I've tried everything to get that changed.

SAT: [OV] That would probably be a good thing. Unfortunately, it doesn't matter side
 you're watching, I think they're all [laughing] pretty bad-

RW: [OV] I.. Yeah.

SAT: -right now, but-

RW: [OV] Just.

SAG: [OV] Uh.

SAT: -I think the pets may be the way to go.

[noises]

RW: The pets would have been great. Uhm, but just having that every day, and then

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] And, uhm-

SAT: [OV] Right.

RW: Yeah.

SAT: Where did you mail it from?

RW: The mailbox is on Bastonne [PH] Road.

SAT: Okay.

RW: It's in a shopping center with a bank and an Earth Fare grocery store.

SAT: Okay. I know where you're talking about.

RW: Uhm, intersection of Bastonne [PH] and Furys Ferry.

SAT: [OV] Furys Ferry. Okay.

SAG: Mm-hmm.

RW: I can never say that, Furys Ferry.

SAT: And it was just a mailbox sitting out in the middle of the parking lot?

RW: Metal box, yeah.

SAT: Okay.

SAG: [OV] Okay.

RW: [OV] And, uhm, it was-

SAT: [OV] Do you remember what day that was?

RW: [sighs] What day of the week was the ninth?

SAT: [sighs] Let's see, it's-

SAG: [OV] We'll check. Do you need some water or something?
[noise]

RW: I would like some water once I find out what day of the week it was.

SAG: Okay.

SAT: Let's see, I want to say it was. If I can figure out this crazy phone. I want to say it was a Tuesday.

SAG: [coughs]

RW: Tuesday.

SAT: It was a Tuesday.

RW: Tuesday.

SAG: Is there something significant about-

SAT: [OV] Uh--

SAG: -the ninth in other ways?

RW: No. The ninth must have just been the first day I saw it. Uhm. [sighs]

SAT: So you.

RW: I might've-it-either the 11th or the 12th. If I subbed yoga on the night of the 11th, then my yoga studio is right there.

SAT: So it would've been Thursday or Friday?

RW: Thursday or Friday.

SAT: Okay. What yoga studio?

RW: It's called Oh Yeah Yoga. Uhm-

SAT: [OV] Is it where Earth Fare is or is it somewhere else?

RW: It's right across the street behind the CVS by the laundromat.

SAT: Okay. Okay. There's, like, some limos-

SAG: [OV] So-

SAT: [OV] -or something, isn't that, there?

SAG: [OV] Okay. Yeah.

RW: [OV] Yeah.

SAT: Yeah.

SAG: So, you-you said you mailed it maybe Thursday or Friday?

RW: Mm-hmm.

SAG: Okay. How did you know to, uh-uh, mail it to [REDACTED]

RW: [REDACTED]

SAG: [REDACTED]

RW: Yes.

SAG: Okay. So you wanted-you wanted, uh, [REDACTED] to be able to publish this?

RW: Yeah.

[pause]

SAT: Is that the only thing you've sent them?

RW: Yeah.

SAT: Did you send it anywhere else?

RW: No.

SAT: No? No other publications or anybody else that you've shown it to or given it to?

RW: No.

SAG: Is there going to be anything here that we're going to be surprised to find?

RW: No. I - [sighs] I never took the document out of my car.

SAT: Okay. Is there anything on your phone or your computer?

RW: The phone might have a. I don't know if I deleted it, but I'm sure you guys can see all of that anyway. It's going to have a screenshot of the address to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SAG: Okay.

SAT: Okay.

SAG: You mentioned you want some water?

RW: Yes.

SAT: Yeah, why don't we-

SAG: [OV] I'll make it. Uh-I'm just going to get somebody out here. Hey, can I have somebody in here, please?

UM: Uh, yeah.

SAG: Uh, do you want a bottle of water? What's-what's your preference?

RW: Uhm.

SAG: Do you have a filter in the fridge, or do you just want tap water?

RW: Tap water. There's a glass or a mason jar by the sink.

SAG: Okay. Can I get one person to just stand there so I can [IA].
[background conversation]

UM: Do you guys [UI]. I don't think you'll fit in there anymore. She won't fit in there anymore.

SAT: [laughs] She still under the bed?

UM: Huh?

SAT: [OV] Cat? Is the cat still under the bed?

UM: Oh, she's a big girl.

SAT: [laughs]

RW: Oh yeah. We're trying.

SAT: How old is she?

RW: [sighs] She's three years now. Uhm, she's actually on my lease as Queen Latifah.

SAT: [laughs]

RW: We're trying to get her down to, like, a Beyonce size ten.

SAT: [laughs]

RW: But girl likes to eat.

UM: [OV] Oh yeah.

RW: She likes carbs.

UM: She's got a little slim fit on her.

SAT: That's right.

RW: [sighs]

UM: When she came out, I was like, whoa.

RW: Yeah, she will snatch bread right out of my mouth, like--

SAT: [OV] Wow.

RW: -girl, you don't need those.

SAT: [laughs]

SAG: Water.

RW: Ah. Thanks.

SAT: So other than the screenshot on the phone, there shouldn't be anything else? And there should be nothing on the laptop?

RW: Nothing on the laptop. I do have a TOR browser.

SAT: Okay.

SAG: [OV] It's a-

SAT: [OV] Uhm-

RW: [OV] Which probably looks bad but I-

SAG: What do you use-what do you use the TOR browser for? [clears throat]

RW: Uhm, there was one day when I was interested in WikiLeaks and then I opened it up once, I shouldn't have done. I was in between jobs, just had gotten out of the Air Force-and, uhm, I opened it u-I was at a Starbucks. And it was just. I guess I was really underwhelmed. There was just nothing there. [laughs] I was like, oh-

SAG: [laughs]

RW: -I don't know how you can make use of this shit, but okay.

SAG: [laughs]

RW: Uhm, so yeah, that's why I have a TOR browser on the laptop. I don't think I used it again.

SAG: Okay.

RW: It was just more b-you hear so much about it.

SAT: Right.

RW: I couldn't help it.

SAG: [OV] Oh yeah.

SAT: [OV] Most definitely.

RW: [OV] Like, soon as I was out of the Air Force was like, that's what I'm going to do.

SAG: Yeah, it's-

RW: [laughs]

SAG: -it's am-it's amazing how many people-it's like, I got to go see. Um.

RW: [laughs] Yeah. Great.

SAG: [OV] The-your computer has a [noises] password on it. Uh, would you mind giving us the password?

RW: Six seven eight, capital I-N-S-D-E-L.

SAG: Okay.

[pause]

SAT: [sighs]

SAG: Have you had any contact with anyone from [REDACTED]? Have you tried to reach out?

RW: No. I. Yeah, it just. [sighs] Li-like you said, I just, I-I saw the article and was like, I don't understand why this isn't a thing. And it-I just--

SAT: [OV] It made you mad.

RW: It made me very mad, and-

SAT: [OV] Sure.

RW: -it's right there. Uhm, and I don't care about. I-I just-I guess I didn't care about, like, myself at that point, and just. Yeah. [noises] I guess. Yeah, I screwed up royally.

SAG: Well, [sighs] [noises] that, uhm, like I said before, I don't-I don't see you-I believe you when you say that you didn't take anything else. I do. I think you made a mistake.

RW: Mm-hmm. Yeah. Uhm-

SAG: [OV] Has-have you ever-before you were here, when you were. Uhm. Actually, this wasn't necessarily before you were here. It depends on your TDY. Uh, wherever you. Like, where did you finish up in the Air Force? Like in November of this past year.

RW: In November when I out-processed, I was up in Fort Meade.

SAG: Okay. Uhm. Did you ever have any-do anything with a thumb drive?

RW: Mm. [sighs]

[background conversation]

RW: Thumb drive. [sighs]

SAG: Shortly before you left?

RW: Shortly before I left. [sighs] [pause] Yeah, I was curious to see what would happen and the administrator thing popped up, and I was like, okay, whatever, and then threw the dumb thumb drive away.

SAG: Okay, so you-you put a thumb drive into one of the computers?

RW: Mm-hmm.

SAG: What was the classification on the computer?

RW: It was Secret.

SAG: It was a Secret computer?

RW: Yeah.

SAG: Okay. Uhm, w-.. You said you were curious. Why were you curious?

RW: I guess I wanted to see how people were getting unclass pictures onto the high side. Like, I thought I would figure it out.

SAG: You-you guess or?

RW: [laughs]

SAG: I mean--

RW: Yeah.

SAG: You're equivocating on that. So-so. Because you were just about to leave, so what's the point of-

RW: [OV] I've-

SAG: -plugging a thumb drive in a computer? You see where I'm going with this?

RW: Yeah. I just. Yeah, I figured if there was a day to try to figure that out, I mean. Yeah. But.

SAG: Did you put anything onto the thumb drive?

RW: No.

SAG: Did you plan on putting anything into the thumb drive?

RW: No. I mean, if I was really lazy, probably my resume, which had just

been approved, but. No.

SAG: Okay.

SAT: So other than this-this one document, there was nothing else, either here or there-

RW: No.

SAT: -that you accessed, took out, put on a thumb drive, printed and mailed any of that?

RW: No.

SAT: No? Okay.

SAG: Okay. [coughs] Uhm, in regards to the document that you did put out, when you did you realize that-the technical capabilities in that article?

RW: Sources and methods.

SAG: Sources and methods are valuable to adversaries.

RW: Yeah.

SAG: Did you know that before you printed it off, as you were taking it out?

RW: Yes.

SAG: Okay. Uhm, did you know that if that got out, that those sources and methods could be compromised?

RW: If they haven't been already, then yes.

SAG: Okay. W-with that in mind, why did you make the decision to send it anyway?

RW: [sighs] I had figured that, uhm, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that it didn't matter anyway. Uhm, honestly, uh, I just figured that whatever we were using had already been compromised, and that this report was just going to be like a-one drop in the bucket.

SAG: Now, did you know that that [REDACTED] in that report-did you know that that had been compromised for a fact?

RW: No, I wasn't smart enough to check that out.

SAG: Okay. And [sighs] you're-you are aware that sending-that [REDACTED] does not have, uh, authorized access to classified information?

RW: I am aware of that.

SAG: And you were aware of that at the time that you sent it?

RW: I was aware.

SAG: Okay.

[pause]

SAG: [sighs] Okay. Is there anything else that you want to tell me about? Say? Talk about why?

[pause]

RW: No, it was just. Yeah, just that-that day-that week, it was just too much and just sit back and watch it and think, why do I have this job if I'm just going to sit back and be helpless and, you know, just-it was just. [noises] Oops, sorry. Uhm, yeah. I just thought that that was the final straw. [IA]

SAG: [OV] Was there something that-that just kind of [fingers snapping] did it?

SAT: [cough]

SAG: Because you don't seem the type to do this. I-I believe it. I want to believe it.

RW: I-I'm-I'm not. I-I'm not. You know, I-I want-I want to go out with our Special Forces. That's why I got out of the Air Force. I mean, that's why I'm here in Augusta. I wanted my clearance back so I could get a deployment, and it was just at a time when I wasn't applying for deployments. I had, you know, seven, eight months left of a job that didn't mean anything to me because it's Iran, and I'm a Pashto linguist. Like, what am I doing translating Farsi? It just- it just - I felt really hopeless and, uhm, seeing that information that had been contested back and forth back and forth in the public domain for so long, trying to figure out, like, with everything else that keeps getting released and keeps getting leaked-why isn't this getting why isn't this out there? Why can't this be public?

[REDACTED]

SAG: Okay. Were you surprised to see us today?

RW: Yeah. Actually, I thought that, [laughs] uh, you were people coming to ask about the house, because it's still for lease online. Uh-

SAG: [OV] Because you did not seem surprised when we pulled up. [laughs]

RW: Oh, God-well, I-I have a resting bitch face, so I was just like, maybe they're going to turn around.

SAT: [laughs]

RW: And then FBI. I was just like, what is going on, you know? And you showed me your badge right up, and, uhm, I submitted a security packet yesterday, uh, for my clearance on E-QIP. So, uh, that's what I thought it was for. I'm like, why are you guys going to question me for my own clearance? But...

SAG: Okay.

RW: Yeah.

SAG: [sighs] So.

RW: [OV] Guess that's not going to happen.

SAG: [sighs] Well. [sighs]

SAT: Anything else you can think of? Okay.

SAG: Okay. Uhm, what we have to do is we have to do the search.

RW: Of course.

SAG: Uhm, now you said that. [coughs] I'm sorry. I have a sinus infection, so I sound-

RW: [OV] It's okay.

SAG: -I'm-so I sound awful.

RW: [OV] This is the best room to be in with it.

[noises]

SAG: [REDACTED]

RW: Yes.

SAG: [OV] Okay.

RW: [OV] If it's there.

SAG: Do you remember the site from memory?

RW: Uhm, it's just the- [REDACTED] and if you go, scroll down, at the bottom-
uhm-contact. It-it's not as obvious as you think. [noise] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SAG: [OV] Mm-hm.

RW: [REDACTED] because it was closer.

SAG: How long did it take you to find it?

RW: Uhm, uh-uh, probably like three minutes of scrolling, which probably felt like an eternity sitting in my car.

SAT: Mm-hmm.

SAG: Okay.

RW: Yeah.

SAG: You said that the document stayed in your car-

RW: Yes.

SAG: -whole time? Okay. Did you have a-a-where did you get the envelope?

RW: Box of envelopes is, uhm, in the backseat of the car, behind the driver's seat. I just, uhm, had a bunch of forms I needed to mail out last December, so, uhm, they'd been sitting back there since December.

SAG: Okay. And the stamps?

RW: Stamps. There might be one or two left, but I keep my stamps in my glove box, in case I need to mail things out, like bills and stuff.

SAG: Okay. In your glove box?

RW: In my glove box, yes.

SAG: Okay. [sighs] All right. Trying to think if I've got anything else. Uhm- The-the search-the guys will continue the search. Uh, they'll search the vehicle and the house, and, uh, uhm, and the photograph-they'll photograph everything. Uhm, and, uh, you, uh, the search team leader is going to sit down with you and go through things that have been seized. Uhm, uh, your passport. Where is that?

RW: My passport is-it is either on the trunk in front of the TV or on-in the center part of the desk, or in the closet in a camouflage backpack in the top front compartment.

SAG: Okay.

SAT: Yeah.

RW: Sorry.

SAG: [OV] Reason-

RW: [OV] I OCD-I just [UI] these things.

SAG: [OV] Okay. Reason-reason I ask is that, uh, you went to
Belize. RW: Belize.

SAG: Did you meet with anybody in Belize?

RW: No. I stayed at a resort. Uhm, a family of four. Uhm, if you have my phone
or my computer, you'll see the emails back and forth with the family. And, uhm,
they picked me up, took me to the resort and then took me back.

SAG: Okay. Uhm, did you include anything in the envelope that you sent to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

 [background conversation]

RW: [REDACTED]

SAG: [REDACTED]

RW: [REDACTED]

SAG: Okay. So, did you include any notes or anything like
that? RW: No.

SAG: Okay. Any identifiers?

RW: No.

SAG: Did you-mm-ps-put in anything that would, uh, give them a way to
contact you or that you were traveling to Belize?

RW: Absolutely not, no.

SAG: Okay. All right. So. [sighs]

UM: [UI]

 [background conversation]

SAG: Do you have any questions for me?

RW: So many. Uhm.

SAG: Mm-hmm?

RW: This-this sounds really bad. Am I going to jail tonight?

SAT: [UI]

SAG: I don't know the answer to that yet.

RW: Okay.

SAT: What was your question? Sorry.

SAG: [OV] If she's going to jail tonight.

SAT: Oh.

SAG: Said I don't know the answer to that-

RW: [OV] Okay. Of-

SAG: -quite yet.

RW: [OV] -course the search is going on. Uhm, in any case of that, I do not have memorized, uhm, the woman-her name is Cathy-she works at the Augusta Humane Society.

SAT: Okay.

RW: Uhm, she can come and pick up the dog in the case that I, uhm, uhm, am not going to be here tonight.

SAT: Yeah. Well, let's don't-

SAG: [OV] Okay.

SAT: Yeah.

RW: [OV] You know, and that's-

SAT: [OV] Let's don't get the cart before the horse right now.

SAG: [laughs]

RW: Okay.

SAT: [OV] Okay?

RW: [OV] That's-that is my only concern-

SAT: [OV] I understand, i-it-

RW: [OV] -is getting her-

[noises]

SAG: [OV] Yeah.

RW: -and then maybe one more phone call to get the cat covered.

SAT: We'll figure that out.

SAG: [OV] Well-

SAT: [OV] If-if it comes to that, we'll-we'll-

SAG: [OV] -if-if that.

SAT: [OV] -figure that out.

SAG: [OV] And I don't know the answer to that yet. And I'm going to-

RW: [OV] Okay.

SAG: -I'll-we'll-we'll-we'll cross that bridge when we get to it.

RW: Okay.

SAG: So, uh, [sighs] what else?

RW: Well, my green NSA contractor badge is in the front seat of the car where I left it yesterday after work. Did not bring it into the house because I was lazy. Uhm, I guess I'm not going back to work, uh, on Monday.

SAG: I don't have anything to do with that.

RW: [sighs] Okay.

SAG: Uhm, a lot of that might, you know-we'll-we'll figure that out, so.

RW: [OV] Yeah. Okay. So.

SAG: Is there anything at the-at your desk at work that I should be worried about?

RW: I have an Anderson Cooper photo that is signed. It's not legit. Uhm.

SAT: [laughs]

SAG: [laughs]

RW: It's-it-it-he's quite good looking so that is something that you must contend with.

SAG: The m-the-the-the man cuts a figure, what can you say?

[barking]

RW: Yeah. Uhm, no. However, on my keychain, uhm, I can give you the key to my locker. I use the locker directly to the left side of the desk, only the top portion, and it is locked. [noise] Uhm, if that is where you are searching, there's a grapefruit in there.

SAT: There's nothing that shouldn't be-like that we would concerned about?

RW: Oh, no. Classified documents? No.

SAT: [OV] Yeah, I'm not-

RW: [OV] There shouldn't be any reports in there.

SAT: [OV] -I'm not worried about a grapefruit or a picture of-

SAG: No.

SAT: -Anderson Cooper.

RW: Okay. [laughs] Uhm, yeah, other than that, there's just a bunch of recycling.

Uhm-

SAT: Okay.

RW: -and a folder of in-processing documents.

SAT: Okay.

SAG: Okay. [coughs] Uh, what else you got for me? What other questions?

RW: [sighs] Uhm. [pause] I mean, just I told you that I sent a report, so. Yeah. And I feel like you're-if I ask you, like, what's going to happen to me, you're going to say that you don't know at this point, so that's kind of my only concern. And my ability to keep these two animals alive, uhm.

SAT: We're going to take - If-if-if it-if it comes to that-

SAG: [laughs]

SAT: -I promise you-

RW: Okay.

SAT: [OV] Uh, everybody in this house will take care.

SAG: [laughs] [OV] We're-we're not going to do the-

RW: Yeah.

SAT: Uh, we're not going to leave these animals, I promise you.

RW: [OV] Okay.

SAG: [OV] No.

SAT: And it is-we truly don't know at this point. Uh-uh, you know, he's going to have to go talk to some people. We're going to have to make some phone calls.

RW: Mm-hmm.

SAT: And we'll go from there. Uh-uh, I don't know that it's really our decision at this point.

SAG: It-

RW: [OV] Yeah.

SAT: [OV] Uhm-

SAG: [OV] -and it's not. It's not.

SAT: But.

SAG: [sniffs]

RW: Yeah. All I'm saying is I-I know, uhm, what I did, and so. At that point, I'm not thinking about myself anymore, so.

SAT: [OV] Right. Well, why don't we, uh, start making some phone calls.

SAG: Yeah. [sighs]

SAT: So. Give you a break. If you want some more water or something.

RW: I would love to use the restroom. How is that going to work?

SAT: [OV] Okay.

SAG: [OV] Oh. Yeah.

SAT: [OV] Let's, uh, let me s--let's see-

SAG: [OV] Let's-

SAT: [OV] -uh-where we are, if we can-

SAG: [OV] Here, let me-

SAT: -make that happen.

 [noises]

SAG: [sighs]

 [background conversation]

SAG: We just got to make sure that they're done, out of the bathroom, so we can give you privacy.

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SAT: Hey, I'll stay in the bedroom. She can use the restroom.

SAG: Okay. There's nothing in the, uh, in the restroom as far as weapons?

RW: There's a nail clipper in the orange bag.

SAT: Okay.

SAG: Okay.

SAT: I think we can, uh-

SAG: I think that's okay.

UM: [laughs]

RW: Okay.

[noises]

UM: They taught us how to deal with those in the Academy when we were.

UM: And we'll go stand here to the [UI].

UM: [OV] [UI]

RW: Yes. Uhm [IA].

UM: You turn it off?

SAG: It's still recording. Well.

UM: [UI] two [UI].

SAG: Okay.

[noises]

UM: The ammo [UI] right next to the [UI].

[noises]

[IA background conversation]

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[noises]

[pause]

UM: Rock River [PH]. [IA]

[noises]

[background conversation]

UM: Did they take a picture of that?

[noises]

SAG: Okay. So for one, uhm, we'll, uh, we have a p-uh, would you like to sit down somewhere?

RW: I'm fine.

SAG: You're fine?

RW: Yeah.

SAG: Okay. Uhm. All right. Uh, obviously been recording. I'm going to, uh-uh-uh.

SAT: What's up?

SAG: Going to end the recording.

SAT: I think so.

SAG: [OV] And stop the interview.

UM: I think so.

SAG: So this is at, uh, five-let's call it 5:17 PM, ceasing recording on June third.

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SAG: Okay. [noises] Yeah, we can do that. Where-uhm-just safety's sake, where are the. There's the weapon and the, the-

[barking]

RW: The weapon, it's right by the little table with the lamp, right under the bed.

[background conversation]

SAG: Okay. All right. We can go ahead and go in.

RW: Mind if I grab a leash?

SAG: Yeah, that's fine.

[pause]

UM: Over here?

RW: Yes, right under the bed.

UM: The cat's under there.

UM: [IA]

UM: He's under the bed. Or she's under the bed.

SAT: The AR's in this case in here?

RW: Yes.

SAT: Where's the other gun?

RW: It's behind it, more against the wall in a black case.

SAT: Okay.

UM: You mind if [UI]-
UM: [OV] Take it.
UM: -[UI] if you get the cat?
UM: Yep.
UM: Okay. Is there anything else in there?
UM: The what?
UM: Didn't see nothing there.
UM: Do you want to get your cat?
RW: Yeah. Uh, thank you. [noises] [pause]
All right, she's good.
SAT: Okay. Good enough.
SAG: All right.
SAT: Want to go back here?
SAG: Yeah, you can go ahead and go back in there.
[conversation in background]
RW: Oh, this room is dirty. I'm so sorry.
SAT: That's okay.
SAG: No, that's fine.