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MR. QUINN: So just quickly for the record, today is October 21st, 2021, and we're conducting the interview of FORMER STAFFER 1 by Zoom. Former Staffer 1 not represented today.

Speaking is Sean Quinn, Investigative Counsel at the Office of Congressional Ethics.

And I'm here with Annie Cho, also at the OCE.

The witness has been given a copy of 18 USC 1001 and has signed the acknowledgement.

Former Staffer 1, just quickly, thanks again for all your time gathering documents and then your time today. I appreciate it very much, and we'll make good on my promise to get you out of here by noon.

So, also, as you might remember from last time, I'm happy to answer any questions you have throughout this discussion and interview and also happy to take any breaks that you need, you know, after we've gone for a little bit. Maybe need a bathroom break or a water break.

And, then, if you don't understand any of the questions that I ask you, just ask me to
rephrase them or repeat the question, and I'm happy to do that for you. Make sense?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. Thank you.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Great.

Well, then, with -- let's just start with a couple updates from our last interview. I understand you are not in Representative Mooney's office anymore; is that correct?

FORMER STAFFER 1: That is correct.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And when did you leave his office?

FORMER STAFFER 1: June -- beginning of June, I do believe.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And do you want to just briefly describe for me why you left his office.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. I was asked if I would be interested in a new job with, which I was, and it was more money and different opportunity and a lot less stress.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Good.

And so you're in now.

Can you just describe briefly what it is you do at
FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. So basically we just

MR. QUINN: Okay. Great.

And, then, also quickly, just on your
departure from Representative Mooney's office, can
you describe -- I mean, would you say you left the
office on good terms with Representative Mooney?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. He asked me if I would
reconsider staying, and I told him no. So, yes, I
think we were on good terms.

MR. QUINN: Then the first kind of
substantive issue that I want to discuss with you
is some allegations regarding tampering with some
of the evidence that was given to us or relied on
by Representative Mooney's office in the first
review. In particular, we had received reports that there was a calendar that you-all relied on when you were putting together purpose descriptions of certain expenditures or, you know, matching up receipts and that certain items on that calendar had been changed in order to scrub the calendar of indications of personal trips or things that might be considered personal use.

Could you just -- generally, first, can you tell me what you know about those sorts of allegations.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. The -- so I'll go back first. In -- I guess -- yes. So basically he used a Google calendar, and we would go through -- as I mentioned in the first interview -- we would look at the dates of the expenditures and talk to him and figure out what those expenditures were. And so we would go back, and there were some changes. One was -- I think it was a family gathering for an event, and they changed -- I'm saying "they." I should say: I think "he" changed that to say something with supporters. So
I think it was a family gathering, and he put "supporters."

So [Former Staffer 2] showed me that change. I didn't get change notification. So I would never have known that had I not been shown.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And do you recall any other specific instances or other specific calendar changes?

FORMER STAFFER 1: There was one. I could not remember if it's the same one or not, but there was one near Thanksgiving or Christmas that was changed. Specific -- but them changing -- I feel like there's another one that [Former Staffer 2] showed me, but I don't remember specifically what that was.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And so you think at first the calendar entry was described as a family gathering, and then it was changed to be described as a gathering with constituents or supporters.

FORMER STAFFER 1: It said "supporters," I'm pretty sure.

MR. QUINN: And why do you think Representative Mooney made that change?
FORMER STAFFER 1: Well, my opinion is he made
the change to make it look like he was meeting
with supporters to cover expenses. But, I mean, I
don't know that to be a fact, but it made it look
that way.

MR. QUINN: Do you remember if there were
specific expenditures associated with that event
or that time frame?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I don't want to be confused.
I'm a little confused, or not really confused, but
I don't remember 100 percent as to which calendar
entry was changed. There was one that -- if it's
the same one I'm thinking of, which it was a
Thanksgiving or Christmas, we saw a receipt, if I
remember correctly. I don't remember exactly
which store, maybe Martin's or one of the other
grocery stores. It was in the area -- for a big
amount, like 700 bucks, right before, I'm pretty
sure, Thanksgiving. So I'm thinking this was a
Thanksgiving event. I could be 100 percent wrong
in terms of which event it was. It may be the
Christmas one. It's all running -- it all runs
together now.

But, yes. So that -- we saw a receipt
with a lot of stuff on it. But then I went back
to look at the receipt again when we were
compiling information, and we actually ran up on
the receipt when we were going through -- going
through receipts for your first review. And even
though that was not mentioned on there, we did see
it. It was a red flag, "Whoa, this is a big
expenditure." So we didn't find the receipt after
that. I'm not sure if we misplaced it or it just
ended up missing. But it was pretty substantial.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Go ahead.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Again, I just don't remember
100 percent if that was the calendar entry that
was changed or not, but there was a couple
changes.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And, then, just on your
recollection of that specific receipt and
expenditure, what was the amount, again, that you
recalled or approximate amount?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I think it was around $700,
and it was near Thanksgiving. So I'm not sure if
the Thanksgiving event was changed or it was
Christmas, but there was some change with family
to -- if they added supporters or changed the
wording.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And do you recall what
sort of items were being purchased on that
receipt?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. I want to say there were
soups. I think that stood out, and it was a very
long receipt. It was for $700. There were a lot
of items I think that you would have at a dinner,
but I don't really remember 100 percent. I want
to say there was cranberry sauce, but the more I
think about it, I think it was soup. But there
was something that you would have to make things
with.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And then do you know or
do you recall if that receipt was a charge
directly to, like, a card or paid for by cash, or
was this one of these gift-card expenditures that
we'll talk about later?
FORMER STAFFER 1: I think it was -- it was a campaign card.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Okay.

Other than the calendar concern, were there any other types of evidence or documents that were handed over to the OCE that you think were changed in any way to avoid the appearance of personal use or some sort of violation of House rules?

FORMER STAFFER 1: That was changed besides the calendar entry? So I would say that, as strictly my opinion, that we -- when we were gathering the information for each of the reimbursements -- I think I described this to you in our first review -- we do not know exactly what these things were. It was all relied on Congressmen's -- us truthfully piecing together because there's no documents, or we'd find receipts. And we'd say, "This is the time frame. This is" -- "What did you do here?" And he'd say, "Oh, I met with constituents," whatever.

But I would -- so I don't think everyone
-- we were 100 percent or he was 100 percent positive what those -- what made up those reimbursements. Some -- the only thing I believe we could say we were positive about were the ones that were stapled together and that had a little adding machine. Each re- -- they have adding machine on the receipts, and they were stapled together, and they matched the exact reimbursement. So I was pretty confident with those. The others were relying on looking at his calendar -- his calendar, where he was, was he traveling to D.C.? Was he traveling to do a district trip or whatever and putting those together? So I don't know if that answers your question, or if you want me to go further, please let me know.

MR. QUINN: I guess just generally, so obviously the system for matching up receipts with the purpose for the expenditure was a little bit imprecise. And so are you saying that your general feeling was that where it was somewhat unclear or gray, you think or you got the feeling
that he was not being totally forthcoming about
some of those expenditures?

FORMER STAFFER 1: For -- so when -- I guess I
would say this, that -- that some of these were
on, like, the trips to his son's ball game or in
areas that -- or he was doing some kind of
campaign work. He would -- he told us he was
doing some kind of campaign work, making calls.
But the receipt maybe was larger than one person's
meal. I mean, those are things that come to me.
I'm like, "Well ...." I mean, we were not there.
And we had never seen those receipts. And if
you're -- and something that we should even point
out is that -- and I mentioned this in our last
review is we did not -- I had never -- I didn't
have anything to do with the campaign in terms of
finances prior. I've never seen receipts like
this. So basically they hand me a box; "I want
you to do this"; and so I did it. And so these
are all foreign to me and to [Former Staffer 2] and [Former Staffer 3].
[Former Staffer 3] was on the campaign, but she had -- she was
in that a little more than we were. Well,
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1 actually, a lot more than [Former Staffer 2] and myself. But
2 -- so these are all -- so all these were taken at
3 face value in terms of what he said. So -- now,
4 do I question some of the reasons? Of course. I
5 think anybody would who looked at the receipts.
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7 MR. QUINN: All right. Understood. Okay.
8 Can -- actually, sorry. Can we go off the
9 record for one minute? I'm getting a phone call
10 that I need to take quickly.
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12 (Whereupon, a recess was taken.)
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14 MR. QUINN: So the next thing I want to
15 talk with you about, Former Staffer 1, is some categories of
16 kind of tasks that appear to be personal errands
17 from Representative Mooney that he assigned you
18 and other staff members. And I've got a few
19 exhibits here that are compilations of some
20 documents that you sent me over the last couple of
21 days. And this first one that we're going to pull
22 up is Tab 1.
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24 Harold, if you can pull that up and mark
25 that as Exhibit A.
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27 AV TECHNICIAN: Stand by, please.
MR. QUINN: And, Former Staffer 1, first, just generally, can you tell me, did you -- was it common for you to perform what appeared to be personal errands for Representative Mooney?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. He would ask me to do personal errands. It wasn't every day, you know. Some staff it was, but not me.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And we'll address some of those staff. But if you want to go through quickly and maybe tell me who do you think are the folks that most often were assigned personal errands?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Starting from when I was hired in 2017, Hannah, she -- Hannah; [Former Staffer 3]; [Former Staffer 2]; the scheduler, Anita. They are -- that's the brunt of who gets asked to do personal errands. He's asked Madison, I think, in the past; Madison Neely; [Current Staffer 2]. He's asked an intern. There's -- I mean, I think someone -- if you go through the list of our former staff, they've probably been asked, one way or another if they've been around long enough, to do something. And
almost every day -- no, but schedulers, yes. They were asked a lot. Or the campaign -- the people who split part time and campaigned were asked a lot, a lot, from my understanding of what they've told me.

MR. QUINN: Let's look at this Tab 1 we've marked as Exhibit A. Like I said, this Exhibit A is a couple different e-mails and documents that you sent me, communications between you and Representative Mooney.

And, Harold, can we give Former Staffer 1 control of this document.

(Whereupon, Exhibit A was marked for identification.)

AV TECHNICIAN: Sure. Stand by.

FORMER STAFFER 1: I have control.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Great.

FORMER STAFFER 1: No, I don't. No, I don't.

AV TECHNICIAN: You should have it now.

FORMER STAFFER 1: I do.

MR. QUINN: Great. Okay.

So if you just want to look at this first
page. We'll take these one by one. This first one is an e-mail from Representative Mooney to you on August 12th, 2020.

Do you recall this e-mail or this request?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. We were at the -- I think, Greenbrier. And he wanted me to call to see if his son could get into -- call and see if they were allowing 17-year-olds into the casino to watch an MMA fight.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And was this sort of request -- and by that, I mean scheduling an event or some kind of activity -- with his child on task?

FORMER STAFFER 1: We were there for the -- one of the association trips. He was a speaker, and he brought his family.

MR. QUINN: Did Representative Mooney often ask you to set up events with his children?

FORMER STAFFER 1: He has in the past. I would not say often --

MR. QUINN: Okay.

FORMER STAFFER 1: -- but others, probably so.
MR. QUINN: And so here you just had to
call the casino and figure out if they would admit
his --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. Well --

MR. QUINN: -- 17-year-old.

FORMER STAFFER 1: -- he's asking, "Do they allow
17-year-olds in?" That he wanted his son to go
in. He wanted me to find out the age.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And then if you could
scroll to page 2, and you can look at this quickly
and let me know when you've had a chance to review
the e-mail.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay. Is that one long
e-mail? No.

MR. QUINN: It's just one.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay. So --

MR. QUINN: Just page 2 right now.

FORMER STAFFER 1: So that was his wife. She
wanted me to find contacts for her daughter for
a -- she wanted -- I think she wanted to interview
someone mining in southern West Virginia. So she
wanted me to call the Beckley Mine Museum and find
-- and get some information or get the right
person for her to talk to. But basically find a
contact for them. They were working on a project.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Like a school -- this
was a school project?

FORMER STAFFER 1: They home-school their kids,
yes.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And so, again, same
question: Was it common or did you hear of other
instances of other staffers getting contacted by
Mrs. Mooney to arrange activities for the children
or help with school projects?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I think I have been asked two
to three times to get contacts. She asked me one
time to get a list of libraries or have [Current Staffer 2] do it
for her. And I asked [Current Staffer 2] to do it. I passed on
the message, and I think he ended up doing two or
three hours' worth of research for her. It was
very common for Rainer to take their kids to
school. Like to -- they do college classes at
Blue Ridge. I think I've dropped them off on the
way to an event with the boss. It wasn't really
out of the way. It was there. Maybe one time it was. I don't remember 100 percent. I think [Current Staffer 2] has done the same thing. I know Rainer has. [Former Staffer 3], many times, has been asked. And they consider her campaign, which that's not a campaign task, of course, but would take their kids on errands to extracurricular activities -- [Former Staffer 3], a lot; and Hannah a lot as well.

MR. QUINN: If we can scroll to page 3, there's another type of request, it looks like, here. This one's an e-mail from January 15th, 2020, from Representative Mooney to you, Former Staffer 1. And if you'd take a minute to review this. Just let me know once you've had a chance to read it.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. I was asked to -- if I remember correctly, they were -- had gotten the Prius, and they were trying to get their title transferred over, I believe. So they wanted me to call the DMV people. They -- for somehow, he went to the DMV where he lives, and he -- he didn't like what was told to him in terms of they couldn't do something. So he asked me to look
into it for him. So I had to go back and forth
with the DMV folks to get stuff taken care of so,
I guess, he wouldn't have to make a trip, if I
remember, go to -- he had to go back there, I
think, by the phone. So I did some research and
talked to them on his behalf.

MR. QUINN: And the Prius was a personal
vehicle?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. I think it was the
Prius. So I'm not 100 percent sure of that.
That's the newest vehicle I think they've gotten.
So I think it was a Prius, or maybe -- they also
have a car for their son. So it may have been
that one. I don't remember which one.

MR. QUINN: Whichever car it was, you
think it was a personal vehicle that you were
trying to have the --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes.

MR. QUINN: -- something done with the
title?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah.

MR. QUINN: And just a ballpark figure, do
you recall maybe how much time you spent on this task?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Not -- no. I don't. I just remember that I had to go -- I had to go -- to call the governor's office. Then they -- had to call the DMV commissioner and then go through them and the local office. And I went back and forth with them.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And is this something that you think you would have done during sort of traditional work hours or hours you would have, instead, been doing official work?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. I think I'd done this during the day when I talked to the governor's staff because it was working hours. Now, I mean, I may have -- could have done it in the evening, but they would not have been open.

MR. QUINN: All right. And, then, let's look at -- I believe this was a two-page e-mail. So if you'd scroll to page 5 now.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay.

MR. QUINN: And this is another e-mail
from Representative Mooney. This one is August 13th, 2019. If you want to take a second to look at that.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. So they asked me -- are you ready?

MR. QUINN: I was just going to say: Once you've had a chance to look at it, if you could just tell me what sort of request is being made here.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay. So they asked me to kind of contact, I believe -- well, you see it. Can you find the right contact person at the Department of Health for Grace? Okay. Yeah, they wanted -- she wanted to get her, I think, medical license in West Virginia. So I had to -- I researched that, but I also -- I think I may have called someone, too. Yeah, because I have a number in here. So I called someone, I think. I don't remember who, unless I have it in the e-mail. Let me see. Is this one e-mail or two? Okay. Yeah.

MR. QUINN: That one is just one page.
FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay. Yeah. So I think I had to call someone to get the correct information to make sure it was accurate.

MR. QUINN: And then apologies for the repetitive questions. But any recollection or ballpark figure of how much time this task took you?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I don't. I would say an hour or more. I'd probably waited on somebody to call me back. So, I mean, a couple hours. So I always wanted to make sure the information was accurate, and I wanted to confirm with someone on the phone to make sure it's the right information before I sent it.

MR. QUINN: Did -- when you were asked to do these sorts of tasks, this one being helping Representative Mooney's wife transfer over her medical license to West Virginia, did you ever have any concerns about whether or not this was a personal task or something appropriate to ask a Congressional staffer to do?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I mean, by this time, when I
first started with the congressman, I really
didn't understand what really difference -- I knew
the difference of campaign official, but I didn't
-- I guess I just kind of got intertwined in their
way of doing things. Like, "Oh, there are these
guys." Especially the half-and-half staff. I
would -- I was just like, "Oh, they can do
whatever, and" -- I didn't know the campaign rules
that you -- at that point. But this time, in
2019, to answer your question, I'm going -- I
mean, I knew it was something that it's going to
take -- it's going to take the place of me doing
something I should be doing. But I'm in the
mindset if he wants it done, who am I to question
it? He's my boss. So I always knew that I
probably shouldn't be doing it, but I just did it.
I mean, if I would have said -- if I had said no,
he probably wouldn't have been very happy, and I
don't know what would happen then. But I think
that was the mindset of every staffer. And that's
probably -- I mean, you know, it doesn't feel
right doing things like this, but, I mean, he's
not asking you to take money to someone. So, I mean, you kind of, I guess, pick and choose your battles. This may take up some time, but it's -- was it worth maybe getting fired over or him be mad at you over that? Probably not. I mean, I guess I was under the impression if it's not him asking me to do -- I guess this was so common for people and the kind of practice, we just got to -- we just done it. If that makes sense. I don't know.

MR. QUINN: Right. And so, I guess, was it your sense that it was just part of the culture of the office that there was no division between personal tasks and official tasks for Representative Mooney?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. Yeah. Exactly. When I started, I was going to say, in 2017, we had two part-time staffers who were on the campaign, I believe. Well, I think [Former Staffer 5], she was part-time and she was -- and then Hannah -- she left. And then Hannah took over as a campaign part-time person. I did -- and then she was
always usually doing stuff for the campaign. So I mean, it was very -- it was well-known that if you're the campaign worker, you -- you were almost there. You were at their beck and call for anything, even though you got official salary as well. So even to the point when Hannah left, I did -- I told our chief of staff, "I don't want to have another part-time staffer." Because they're here, but they're not here. Right. So I cannot count on them to open the office because the Congressman wanted them somewhere else. So during the day, he'd want them to do something else. So I even asked, "I don't want to have another part-time staffer that would do part time -- campaign part time." That I would -- that I would oversee the district, if that makes sense.

MR. QUINN: Yeah, that does.

FORMER STAFFER 1: I mean, I know -- I'm just, like, "I don't want another -- I don't want to deal with that."

MR. QUINN: Right. That does make sense.

So for the folks that were both employed
in the official office and the campaign, they were
frequently taken away from their official duties
to do what was maybe described as campaign work
but frequently also was personal work for the --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes.

MR. QUINN: -- Congressman?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I think the understanding is:
If you work on the campaign, you also work for the
Mooney family, if that makes sense.

MR. QUINN: That does make sense.

FORMER STAFFER 1: I'm not sure if that answers
your question, but --

MR. QUINN: No, that does.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay.

MR. QUINN: Let's look at page 6, another
example of a different sort of task that was
assigned to you. It looks like Representative
Mooney e-mailed you on April 21st, 2021. And if
you'd take a second to look at the e-mail, just
let me know when you've had a chance to look at
it, and describe that task for me.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. Okay. Yeah. I remember
vividly the -- so the Congressman's mother wrote a
book about Cuba and Americanism and things like
that. So he often will give his books to other
members of Congress, things like that. It's a
really good book, beside the point. But the --
those who came in -- his mother is 80-something
years old -- and he -- yeah. He said, "I need
someone to pick those books up." I'm like, "Well,
they're going to" -- I call, and it was a huge
shipment of books. And I'm like, "Well, can we
just rent a truck?" He did not want to rent a
truck. "Get someone to rent a truck and do it for
you." And he's like, "No. Just have them go pick
it up." And I asked the intern, "Well, would you
pick this up for the Congressman," and he did it.
He's like, "Yes, I can." He got there; it was way
too big. So I think he had almost -- then I think
maybe [Current Staffer 2] went over there and -- because I called
him. I'm like, "This is too big for him to get.
It's just" -- I didn't feel good about it anyway.
He's an intern. And -- but he did vol- -- he's
like, "Yes, I'll do it." But I know he wasn't
happy about getting all those books. So I told
the Congressman. I'm like, "We can't get these
things. We need to rent a truck or something."
And he's like, "Oh, no. We don't want to rent a
truck." So [Current Staffer 2] went over there and helped him,
and they brought those back. I think they brought
them maybe to her house or to the office. I don't
remember. But it was a big ordeal in terms of
getting these books for his mother, which he gives
out -- I mean, he's giving it to constituents,
things like that. They don't sell them, but they
give those out.

MR. QUINN: Do you recall which intern
this was?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Sam Ollis.

MR. QUINN: Can you spell that.

FORMER STAFFER 1: S-A-M O-L-L-I-S.

MR. QUINN: O-L-L-I-S.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. Sam was
self-explanatory. Sorry.

MR. QUINN: That's okay. And the whole
collection of books, were those all going to
Representative Mooney's office to be given away to constituents, or were some of these books that Representative Mooney's mother was also keeping for herself?

FORMER STAFFER 1: It was probably half and half in terms of -- I think it was there just because they can pick them up. He wanted those both -- he gave them to constituents. So district offices have those. The D.C. has those. I think he gave them to all the members of Congress in terms of GOP members. But, yes, some went to her. They were her books. And this was -- if you recall the date, so that was right in the middle of the mix of the first -- so I was very -- I was annoyed with that task.

MR. QUINN: Let's go to page 7 -- next page. And this is an e-mail from August of 2018 or an e-mail chain from August 2018. If you'd take a second to read that --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay.

MR. QUINN: -- and just let me know when you've had a chance.
FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay.

MR. QUINN: I think this was actually a two-page e-mail.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. I'm going to have to go back and look because ....

So Randall is the Commissioner of Arts and History for the State of West Virginia. Often -- I don't remember this -- I know this e-mail was, I think, during -- we were picking up a grant workshop. He was down in the Charleston area, which is four or five hours from his house. He's bringing the family down. They were planning events around that. We were doing a grant workshop. If I recall correctly, there was a lot of -- we did a lot of official stuff during this visit. I don't recall, now that I look at this, why Grace wanted to meet with Randall. A lot -- because they do -- he also is all like the national -- the -- I think they do the history bees, things like that, that her kids were involved with. So they're -- we also -- so there's a lot of intertwining pers-- -- I think
personally, but also there's a lot of professional intertwining, too, because he handles all the fares and festivals of the stay, things like that. So to be honest with this, I'm looking at this now. This could be something official. I don't remember. But something I had -- we had to set up with Grace. So I don't remember that 100 percent.

MR. QUINN: Well, what was the work that Grace did with Randall? Can you just describe that relationship.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Well -- so there -- I'm trying to think to be accurate. So with a -- with a -- he does like state spelling bee, stuff like that. So he would talk to her with that -- about that. The kids participated in the national spelling bees and history bowls, which I think he had something to do with. Officially -- not, there's some -- something to do with that. Officially -- not, there's some --
[Rep. Mooney's older daughter] would go to -- their daughter -- that he ran.

So that -- this particular instance, I'm not 100 percent sure. I'm going to look at it again to make sure. I just know I had it set it up for Grace.

MR. QUINN: Right. Other than this particular instance, were there -- do you recall other instances of setting up meetings for Grace or any other -- let's stick with Grace. Any other meetings that you set up for Grace that you had the sense were not official meetings but you were just acting as her scheduler?

FORMER STAFFER 1: That's a nice way to put it.

MR. QUINN: What was that? Sorry.

FORMER STAFFER 1: I said, "That was a nice way of putting that."

So when they would do -- using 4th of July week -- and this was August. So he was doing long stints in the district or he won't plan something like that. They would come along, and she would -- like we'd have to set up -- I think there was a time we set up tickets for them to go to the Clay
Center, which they would always come to visit. They would -- I think it was a production with princesses one time for the daughter. I don't know if that -- I feel like that was canceled, but I don't 100 percent remember at this second.

So, yes, there were things that we would put together for Grace in terms of her and the family when they were -- we would set the schedule. So basically he was going to be there, too. So it was kind of for both of them. But it would be like -- I think like Kid Zone. They often go to -- they would -- he would want kid activities to do in the district. So I'd have to find -- I think they did like a jumping zone. They would do the Clay Center a lot. They would do --

MR. QUINN: What is the Clay Center?

FORMER STAFFER 1: It's an arts -- arts and science center that have exhibits. They're for kids. It's a big -- a little museum, too, for our -- it's in our -- it's our city here. They would -- I think they've done like Waves of Fun,
which is in Hurricane. I think we've done that.
We've set it up for them. And basically once we
set it up, we'd coordinate times for them to go
with other things, if that makes sense.

MR. QUINN: So frequently when there were
trips, the family would accompany Representative
Mooney and you would plan both Representative
Mooney's official activities and then also plan
activities for the family that were purely
entertainment or for the kids?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. I would present him
with a schedule. He asked me to put things
together. I've put together a whole list of
stuff, and I would present it to him. And he'd
say "yes," "no," "yes," "no," whatever. "Show it
to Grace." And -- so, yes.

MR. QUINN: And then would you also
actually arrange the activities? So either buy
tickets or reserve space if that was needed?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I want to say I have. I think
I did for a Disney -- some kind of production one
time at the Clay Center. I think I have also
worked with the campaign to purchase tickets. I think I told -- let the campaign worker -- this -- what they want, they bought them over the phone. I can't give you -- the Disney thing stands out. But I'm sure --

MR. QUINN: I think we'll look -- I think we'll look at a document in a minute --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah.

MR. QUINN: -- so that -- a production of The Little Mermaid. Do you --

FORMER STAFFER 1: I think so, yes.

MR. QUINN: Okay.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah.

MR. QUINN: We'll look at that soon.

FORMER STAFFER 1: But I'm sure there's been instances where I had -- because when I would present this to him, I'd say, "This is the cost. This is the thing." So like that. So now I would maybe -- I would maybe propose times around some of his official stuff. So, I mean, there were times he would say, "Schedule me one thing this day officially."
MR. QUINN: And the remainder of the day was for family activities or entertainment?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Let's go to page 9. You're on 7 right now.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay.

MR. QUINN: Yep. And this is October 10, 2018, e-mail from Representative Mooney. His wife is CC'd on the e-mails directed to you.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes.

MR. QUINN: It looks like it's talking about one of his daughters wants to interview someone at the Gauley River rafting trip.

FORMER STAFFER 1: I'm looking. Yes. I don't remember what I did with that, to be honest. I'm sure I called. I would have to look at the sent messages to see if there is anything that's -- that accompanies that, but I'm sure if he told me to do it, I did it.

MR. QUINN: Does this -- this looks like maybe another example of a school project that the -- that you helped arrange some sort of
interview or --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah.

MR. QUINN: -- or research for the daughter?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Uh-huh.

MR. QUINN: All right.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. I don't remember much with it, to be honest, but --

MR. QUINN: Okay.

FORMER STAFFER 1: But I'm sure I did.

MR. QUINN: And, then, we're almost getting through this list. Sorry it's a little bit of a laundry list. Let's go to page 10.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Sure.

MR. QUINN: And then this is an e-mail from -- an e-mail exchange between you and Representative Mooney on January 31st, 2020.

Again, if you want to take a second to look at that.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay. I was going to Korea, which didn't happen. So Madison was out. She had just adopted a baby. Okay. So I -- yeah. So she
was going to be in town -- and I think -- with him, maybe, or just with the kids, I think. No, he was going to be there.

MR. QUINN: He is -- Representative Mooney's wife?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes, Grace. So a lot of times I'll refer to her as Dr. Mooney. She's a medical doctor. She's a brain surgeon, and I think she has a doctorate in pharmacology. So -- yeah. So he wanted me to -- he said he's going to talk to Mike about assigning a D.C. staffer to be around in case they need something to go on the trip with him. But -- because I was going to be gone, Madison, who would usually bring her kids -- she would sometimes bring her kids along to meet them places so they could play together. They had -- she'd done it in the past. But I think also -- and before she had kids, I think she told me she had watched the youngest kid for him. I don't know it to be fact. I'm pretty sure she told me that. So, yes, I was just getting permission from them to -- yeah. They're going to the poetry
contest. So they were going to be in town for that.

MR. QUINN: So is this e-mail -- let me tell you my understanding of what's going on here and you can tell me if that's correct or not. But you were going to be traveling for a total -- or STAFFDEL and -- but you were concerned that because the wife and the daughter were going to be in Charleston that you would need to staff them or that somebody would need to staff the wife and the child?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. So I think that he was -- I think he was contemplating coming with them. And I think when I asked Mike, and he asked me to -- he said I could go. Mike is the chief of staff, and he said to check with Alex to make sure they wouldn't need me here while I was in Charleston. And so I don't think he did district trips because I think he said I'm following him -- the family. So I think he was coming, too, possibly. But I think he wanted someone around, as you can see in his response, in case they would
need something.

Does that make sense?

MR. QUINN: Right. So -- yeah. I think it does.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay.

MR. QUINN: But, in sum, this was a personal trip to Charleston for a poetry competition that Representative Mooney may or may not have been on, but there was still concern with the family would need to be staffed even though there was no official activity occurring at the time?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And was that common that you would staff family when Representative Mooney wasn't there?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Well, there's -- there's not oftentimes she would come -- I think maybe a couple times she would go by herself and the kids. I mean, it wasn't always that she would go by herself to the District in terms of coming to Charleston. If she did, she didn't always need --
I think just as many times she didn't need us. But I think the consensus was if she was here -- because I think Alex just wanted her to try to go visit a hospital, or something like that, on her behalf. But I didn't think she ever did that. I think -- the only thing I can recall is she went to Marshall University one time -- excuse me -- and he did, too, to speak about something or they came to Charleston.

So there have been a couple times they've -- I'm getting off on a tangent here. So I'm -- to answer your question: We were -- if they were in town, I think the consensus was that he would want us around in case he would need something done. Did they ask us every time? I don't think so. There was a time in Marsh-- -- they went to Marshall by themselves. They didn't ask us. You know, there was a time that they were in Charleston at some kind of boys' -- I think it was some kind of camp at -- I think it was a Randall Reeves thing. The Congressman spoke to kids, and they were with him. But I think his kids were
there.

I need to take one quick break.

MR. QUINN: Sure.

(Whereupon, a recess was taken.)

MR. QUINN: And just to go back to my last question, my sense from this e-mail -- and actually -- sorry.

Harold, can you pull up that exhibit again.

AV TECHNICIAN: Stand by.

MR. QUINN: So we're on page 10 of the exhibit. And my sense from this e-mail is that there was a concern or a possibility that even though Representative Mooney wasn't in Charleston, you knew his wife and daughter would be there and they might need to be there to staff them.

So my question is: Was it common to staff his wife or children when he wasn't present?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Personally --

MR. QUINN: Yes.

FORMER STAFFER 1: -- myself? I don't -- I don't recall a time that I had to go out and staff them
myself. Now, I have arranged, like, for our --
or, actually, Madison to meet them places, things
like that -- I do believe [Former Staffer 2] that we was doing
a District trip in the Eastern Panhandle, and I
think he asked [Former Staffer 2] to come along. He told me
his intent was in case somebody -- to sit with
[Rep. Mooney's younger daughter] while he was meeting with people. But
myself personally, I've never been out there.
When I -- I guess to answer your question bluntly
is I wouldn't do it myself. I would -- that'd
basically mean I'd find some -- as you can see, I
have Jean, Susie -- someone can sit with her if
they needed -- she needed something.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And then let's go to
page 11.

Former Staffer 1, I don't know if you still have
control of that or not.

FORMER STAFFER 1: I do.

MR. QUINN: Okay.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay.

MR. QUINN: And if you want to take a
second to review this e-mail exchange.
FORMER STAFFER 1: How many -- is that just one page or two?

MR. QUINN: It's just that one page.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay.

MR. QUINN: And this looks like it happened on February 10th, 2020, that e-mail exchange between you and Representative Mooney, and it concerns the West Virginia Secretary of State website and some sort of business registration.

Could you describe what is going on here.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. If I remember correctly, the Congressman wanted me to figure out something about -- I think his wife was setting up the consulting business, I believe. And she had to talk to the -- let's see -- they got stuck on a other certain part of trying to do that, and they asked -- I guess he asked me to figure out how they can get past that or what happened.

Because -- the city he was choosing, if I remember correctly, was not adding -- was not what he needed done to where he was operating the
business, I believe. He wanted to be maybe statewide or nationwide, and he couldn't get past just doing the city.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Is that something --

FORMER STAFFER 1: If that makes sense.

MR. QUINN: Yep, that makes sense. So, in summary, this was Representative Mooney asking you to help him and his wife set up some sort of state business license for his wife's personal business?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Do you recall ever doing any other tasks to help Dr. Mooney with her work?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Her work, I don't think so because she was a stay-at-home, I guess, mother. So she didn't really have a day job. So, no.

MR. QUINN: And what was this consulting business? Do you recall?

FORMER STAFFER 1: No. I'm sure it's probably medical.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Then we can take down this Exhibit A. And then I want to go through --
and we'll try to do this quickly -- go through some of the other staffers who also did personal work and for whom you provided some documents.

Let's talk about Hannah Menzel first. Can you tell me what her position in the office was.

FORMER STAFFER 1: She was -- I think they labeled her as a constituent services representative, and she was part-time. She also went to school.

MR. QUINN: And she was part-time in the office and also employed by the campaign?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. I think the first -- when I first was hired, she was not campaign. And was leaving, and that made her part-time -- she made her the campaign person.

MR. QUINN: And what years was she working for Representative Mooney?

FORMER STAFFER 1: She was there when I started. So I think she was there from 2017 to '19, probably, or '20. I don't -- I think '19, possibly --

MR. QUINN: Okay.
FORMER STAFFER 1: -- because I had to find a --
when she left, I had to find a replacement.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Let's pull up --
Harold, pull up Tab 2, and we can mark that as
Exhibit B.

AV TECHNICIAN: Stand by, please.
(Whereupon, Exhibit B was marked for
identification.)

MR. QUINN: So these are some text
messages that you produced to us from -- between
you and Hannah. And it looks like in the first
text message she is describing needing to help the
Mooneys a lot with driving. Do you recall this
text message exchange -- do you know who was --
who was gone and why was she needing to help the
Mooneys out with driving a lot that particular
week?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Let me see. I think maybe --
I don't recall. But I think maybe the -- I don't
recall, to be honest, who was gone.

MR. QUINN: That's fine. And, then, if
you want to scroll down to the next page, another
text exchange -- this looks like Hannah is sending
you some texts telling you that she's going to
take [Rep. Mooney's son] to his classes. Does that mean she's
driving the son to --

FORMER STAFFER 1: -- probably Blue --

MR. QUINN: -- school? Can you repeat
that? I'm sorry.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Blue Ridge Community College.
Can you still hear me okay? Do I need to
change something?

MR. QUINN: No. I can hear you.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay. Yeah, they --

MR. QUINN: And so --

FORMER STAFFER 1: They attended community
college.

MR. QUINN: And Hannah frequently would
drive them to and from school?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes.

MR. QUINN: And it looks like in this
text exchange -- this looks like Hannah is sending
FORMER STAFFER 1: This was in 2019. Probably at the time he did not. But even -- he has his -- I think he has his learner's permit now or maybe his driver's license. Staff would still have to drive -- the campaign people would drive him still.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Let's scroll down one more. This is another text from Hannah. And here she's telling you that Representative Mooney wants her to work at his house. What does that mean, or what does that entail? Why would she need to work at the house?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Well, usually it would be campaign stuff, whatever -- he does campaign often in his house. So that particular instance, I'm unsure what that meant. I took it as she had to do campaign work.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And, then, I know you had mentioned the children were home-schooled. Do you know if Hannah helped with their home-schooling?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I don't know if she helped
with home-schooling.

MR. QUINN: Okay. If you can scroll down one more, more texts from Hannah, and here she's telling you that she's going to be late getting into the office because she's doing some work for the campaign.

Was this -- this was pretty common that Hannah, who was an official employee, was unavailable because she was doing campaign or personal work.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Extremely common. Hence, I said prior I did not want another -- because I did not want another part-time person who also worked on the campaign because, as you can see, I think it was just -- at the time it was her, maybe John. No, John was no longer there. It was Tara and her, the only people in the office. I don't think [Current Staffer 2] had been hired yet. So -- or Steven may have been there. There was a time he was not there; he had left.

So it was just like two people running the office. And there's no -- there's not much
coverage. So you could never count on her to do projects, things like that, at no fault of her own because she was going to school. She was going to -- she could not fulfill her official duties because she's pulled away every few minutes.

MR. QUINN: Understood.

Annie, did you have a question?

MS. CHO: Yeah. So Hannah was a part-time employee. Was there ever like a set formal schedule, you know, in terms of, you know, from 9:00 to 5:00 she would be at the official office, and then in the afternoon, she'd be working on the campaign stuff or the other way around? Was there any formal, I guess, schedule set for individuals like --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. So it changed with her school schedule each -- with each semester. So we would set her an official schedule during the work -- during the -- I think it was 20 hours a week. And then the other times she would have campaign days. As you can see, that would bleed over, and she was not available a lot of times because she
had tasks like that.

    And this is -- I could -- she would not
always tell me because she'd maybe forget or
whatever. He would just call her. So I would
have someone call her and she wouldn't be there.
I would have to call her and figure out where
she's at, or she'd call me, like, "I've got to do
this."

    MS. CHO: Thank you.

    MR. QUINN: You sent me a list of items
that were concerns that you had about personal use
of staff. And I think one of them mentioned that
Hannah might have also done some grocery shopping
for the Mooneys.

    Do you recall that?

    FORMER STAFFER 1: She's told me she's done
grocery shopping. [Former Staffer 3] has told me that she has
like, went to pick up lipstick for Grace. And so
there's -- there's been a lot of personal errands.
It was not -- because I was really shocked when
Hannah was, like, "I grocery-shop for the
Mooneys." I'm like, "What do you mean? You
actually" -- she grocery-shopped. And I think it was very common for [Former Staffer 3] to go out to pick up lunch for all of them or -- and go grocery shopping, get milk, things like that. I've never been grocery shopping for them.

MR. QUINN: Understood.

Let's -- we can pull down this exhibit, Harold. Thank you.

And let's talk about [Former Staffer 3] real quick. You mentioned -- again, this wasn't in the list of sort of concerns that you sent me. You mentioned at different times that [Former Staffer 3] babysat and also probably dog-sat or did some sort of tasks with the dog. Could you describe those.

FORMER STAFFER 1: You have a preference of which one first?

MR. QUINN: Let's do babysitting first.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay. So, yeah, she would watch -- from my understanding, she would watch the youngest daughter sometimes, but I don't think it was very frequent that she had to, like, babysit. But, now, it was very, very frequent
that she would have to drive the kids places,
especially, I think, the older boys -- the older
son because she actually, I think, didn't feel too
comfortable -- I got that feeling. I mean, she's
telling me about this, that she just didn't feel
great about driving an 18- -- I think he's 18 now
-- or 17-year-old boy. Sometimes I think his
friends would be with him. I'm not 100 percent
sure about that -- around.

   In particular, we were at a -- we were
having a senior staff meeting in the Eastern
Panhandle, and she had to drive all the way -- she
lived in Virginia, near D.C. so it's almost two
hours. She would have to drive there to take him
places and have to stay till like 10:00 at night
taking him back and forth. That's something that
stands out to me that she had done. And I was
there when she had to bring him there late at
night.

   But it was very common that she would have
to drive the kids to and from school, things like
that, to events. Maybe -- I think they did --
most were extracurricular activities -- and then
on top of getting lunch and stuff for them while
they were there.

MR. QUINN: Do you know how she was paid
for that? Was that just part of her salary pay,
or was she reimbursed mileage for that driving?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I do believe that he had to --
he paid her a couple of times himself, like, for
tasks. I don't know to be -- to be -- that to be
fact. I think she's told me he's paid her, but
not very often. I don't think she got reimbursed
mileage to go from Virginia to his house. So
that's part of her salary, to answer your
question, I guess.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And then how about
tasks with the Mooney's dog?

FORMER STAFFER 1: She has told me she had to
drop the dog -- Gipper is his name -- off to the
mother, I think, who lives near D.C. So I think
she had to do that a couple times. When they'd go
away somewhere, she'd take it to the mother -- the
mother-in-law, Grace's mother, I think, to watch
or somewhere in Maryland.

MR. QUINN: And that would be from their
home around Charlestown --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes, sir.

MR. QUINN: -- to someplace in Maryland or
around D.C. So that's a --

FORMER STAFFER 1: I think so.

MR. QUINN: -- multi-hour drive?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And let's talk about
"Rain-er" Kissel, quickly.

What was his position with the office
and/or the campaign?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Rainer is his name.

MR. QUINN: Rainer.

FORMER STAFFER 1: So when I -- when I was hired,
he was there. So he had previously drove the
Congressman during the campaign -- his first
campaign ever -- everywhere, all over the district
campaigning -- campaigning. I think -- he'd also
done it freely. So they -- he was hired on as
like a -- they called all the staff, when they
hired them on, constituent serv- -- constituent services representatives. So he was, I guess, that.

He -- Rainer is a nice man; give anything for anyone. But, yeah, he's lacking some skills in terms of professionalism, things like that. And he used to be a mechanic. And he -- so they hired him to work the office. When the chief of staff was hired on, he took him out of the office because he didn't like his -- I guess his -- he was not professional. He didn't have the skills to work in the office. So they made him work from his home and cut him down to part-time. Basically, his job -- when I was hired, we had to -- they only let him because he would do driving assignments for Alex a lot. He would drive Alex back and forth to D.C. on top of a -- well, a lot of other things -- worked on cars, get -- I think they'd take the cars to get -- they get inspected.

He would -- so he would spend a lot of time just doing things like that for them.
Officially, I wasn't -- I'm like, we have to have something for him to work. So I made him do all the mobile office hours in the Eastern Panhandle and other top tasks. He was not very good with computers in terms of turning in reports and stuff. So it was hard to have certain types of tasks that a field rep would do. So he would do a lot of driving assignments. When the Congressman need driven, he would drive him around. But he would do almost all mobile office hours. But on top of that, he would -- and he was hired on by the campaign at the end. This year I think they paid him in 20-- I guess 2020, to drive the Congressman and pay him for things he would do. Now, I think this also -- that was the only time I know he was paid by the campaign. The rest was -- he just done, I guess, for -- he worked part-time for our office, and I guess he'd done freely. I don't -- I'm not -- I'm sure -- I don't know. I think he has told me that the -- I guess the Congressman would pay for parts or whatever, but I don't think -- there may be one time he paid him
to do something. But other than that, I don't
think he's ever been compensated for the work he
done for Alex.

MR. QUINN: Let's pull up Tab 3, Harold,
and mark that as Exhibit C.

AV TECHNICIAN: Stand by.

(Whereupon, Exhibit C was marked for
identification.)

MR. QUINN: These are some more texts that
you produced, Former Staffer 1. It looks like these ones are
between you and --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Rainer.

MR. QUINN: Mr. Kissel -- Rainer. And
this -- let's just look at this first one. Rainer
sent you a picture of -- it looks like a car
that's had the front portion removed. The
interior of the motor's exposed. And Rainer says,
"This week's project. Hope you all are well."

What does Rainer mean there?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Well, this is -- so it was
very -- there's always been discussions between
the Congressman and -- like, our chief of staff
wanted to just eliminate his job because there wasn't much for him to do that he could do well. But I think the Congressmen didn't want to get rid of him. So I was constantly like, "Rainer, I need you to do this this, this, and this," which -- I was his supervisor, but any time they needed -- the Congressman would go directly to him to do things or have the scheduler go directly to him to schedule stuff for him, like driving assignments, things like that. So he's saying this week's project because I'd say, "Rainer, what did you do this" -- "I need your -- you need to claim this out." And he just really didn't oblige very well, to be honest with you. So I was under the -- my recommendation to Mike and those guys, like, "Let's -- there's not much work for him. We need to -- he needs to be let go." But I think the Congressman -- he liked him for, I think, a number of reasons. And I think it was convenient for him to do things like this. So he kept him on.

And --

MR. QUINN: When you say -- sorry, not to
interrupt you, but when you say "things like this"
-- so is this Rainer doing auto repairs on --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. I think he told me. Let
me go down. I think this was one of Mooney's
cars. I think -- I think it was maybe the van. I
don't recall. But -- and he could have also been
talking about his own personal -- but I think this
was -- they were -- he was doing something -- I
think this was maybe the van, and it was -- I
think Grace got in a wreck. I'm not sure if these
add up to the time frame, but I think Grace got in
a wreck, and he had fixed something for them. But
he was constantly working on cars. So if they
needed something, he would work on one of their
cars. I think he would work on the campaign car.
I think he's done stuff for their own personal
cars. But I wasn't 100 percent sure which car
this actually was. It was a black -- I thought it
was the van.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And as far as you know,
he wasn't compensated or wasn't frequently
compensated for this work. He --
FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah.

MR. QUINN: -- just received his salary from the congressional office?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes, because he was not paid during the campaign until the end, I think, of 2020. So this was May. So I don't think he was paid through the campaign for any of that. Now, I think there was a time -- I think he -- I think -- I'm pretty sure Rainer told me that the Congressman paid him for a few things. But like -- but not very often or it was barely enough to pay for the parts and stuff like that.

MR. QUINN: And then if we scroll to the second page of this exhibit just quickly, this is an e-mail between you and Rainer, and it looks like Rainer is telling you that he's going to get the Congressman's van inspected --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes.

MR. QUINN: -- is that right?

And the van is a personal vehicle?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And then one other task
you identified for us was that he sometimes --
Representative Mooney or the family sometimes had
staff pick up medicine for them; is that right?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. They had asked me to --
he was in Charleston. He did ask me to pick up
some kind of nasal spray. No, it was some kind of
-- some kind of -- something for him, and I picked
it up for him. He also -- I think he asked Tara
one time to get him some medicine when we was on
the road. And then -- I know the chief of staff
talked to him about that. Like, "You can't do
that." But I think -- I don't think I ever
stopped. The point is that he did ask us to do
things like that, to go get -- for example, he'd
be staying at a hotel and say, "I need you to pick
me up" -- "can you bring me a Zero Bar on the way
in?" "Can you bring me bananas?" or whatever.
And that was very common. When he'd come into
D.C., they'd have the interns get all his food and
stuff ready for him.

MR. QUINN: You mentioned Tara. Is that
what you said?
FORMER STAFFER 1: Tara Reeves. She's a caseworker in the Martinsburg office. She may not remember, but I do recall him asking her. We had to stop at a Dollar Store and get him medicine. I think she paid for it.

MR. QUINN: Is that Reid, R-E-I-D?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Reeves, R-E-E-V-E-S.

MR. QUINN: R-E-E-V-E-S. Okay.

You'd also flagged for us some instances of official staff conducting campaign or political work. And I think specifically you mentioned official staff working on a fundraising event for a pro-life organization.

Can you tell me about that.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. The -- when you asked me about personal and campaign use on our time, usually if -- I mean, if you're doing something with the campaign, you work around your schedule. You'll do in the evenings, or you'll work later that evening and get him lunch or something like that, which is common among Hill staff. He asked us to put together -- the ProLife, I think,
Alliance was giving out primary checks, I think. Some kind of checks for members. He asked myself; Lynn Hatcher, our old comms director; [Former Staffer 2], I think she was involved; and maybe -- maybe a couple others. But I -- so in the evenings -- it was in the evening in terms of where this was taking place. But we had organized the whole thing. And by -- and he wanted -- yeah. We had organized the check giveaway basically from the organization. The organization didn't ask us to do that. They -- Alex wanted to be the one to give the checks out to all the members.

So we had to put together an e-mail for them to send out. We had to -- that evening, which we did on our free time. No, that's -- he asked us to help. Now, the interns -- we asked them to come over, if they wanted to do it. But -- so we had to do it once. He was not happy with the event and made us do it twice. So we had to go and organize another one -- another check giveaway. But Lynn, myself, and, I think, [Former Staffer 2] all worked on getting that put together in the --
it happened in the evening, but we had to do it 
during work hours, invite people, and put time and 
effort to get the other members to come.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And so the event was in 
the evening, but some of those --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes.

MR. QUINN: -- some of that work occurred 
during working hours.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. I think maybe put the 
e-mail -- because he was -- I think he went back 
and forth with the language, the way he wanted it 
in the e-mail, things like that.

MR. QUINN: Is -- Harold, can we pull up 
Tab 5, and you can mark that as Exhibit D.

AV TECHNICIAN: Sure. Stand by.

(Whereupon, Exhibit D was marked for 
identification.)

MR. QUINN: And, Former Staffer 1, do you have control 
of this?

FORMER STAFFER 1: No. Yes.

MR. QUINN: Okay. So this is an e-mail 
from August 13th, 2020. It's from you to various
staff, including [Former Staffer 3], [Current Staffer 1], Lynn Hatcher, Rainer Kissel, and [Current Staffer 2].

Can you take a second to look at this and just tell me what's going on in this e-mail.

FORMER STAFFER 1: I'll start from the top and work my way down with the comments, okay?

So the Friday 14th event, that is the one I think he asked me to have [Former Staffer 2] come down because she's a scheduler. I think he said he wanted her to learn the district, but he also had [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter] with him, I think. And he wanted her to be there in case -- maybe for [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter]. Rainer drove the kids, the family down to The Greenbrier, and I think he dropped them off. And he's riding back -- he rode back with [Former Staffer 3]. That was for one of the events he spoke at at The Greenbrier, which all I -- I think I was there. Not 100 -- oh, this is "meet the VP." I'm confused on which event it was. So --

MR. QUINN: And actually -- can I actually direct you to Tuesday. And there's a couple of different systems discussed here, but essentially
it looks like they're either phone banking or some
sort of campaign system fundraising or fund
banking system. This is --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah.

MR. QUINN: Are these campaign -- is this
campaign work and events --

FORMER STAFFER 1: All of this --

MR. QUINN: -- dated on Tuesday?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. So yes and no. This
was -- we were putting this together for us to
do -- this was -- if I'm -- just give me a minute
to get my thoughts together about --

MR. QUINN: Sure.

FORMER STAFFER 1: -- I'm trying to remember.

So, yeah, this was -- the President was coming to
town, I think, or the Vice President, for this.

[Former Staffer 3] was coming down on her campaign -- she was
doing the campaign stuff at that time. So I think
she was bringing supplies down, and Lynn was going
to ride down with her. So all of this was them --
and this was all volunteer for them to do things
on the side. So I don't -- I think Alex wanted
people to come help, but I think he had -- he left
it up to "if you wanted to volunteer or not." I
don't think this was made for them to do.

MR. QUINN: Was this happening during
official work hours?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Bank hours was in the
evenings, the phone bankings. And even the -- now
I do remember that the Miners for Trump he did
during the day.

MR. QUINN: Okay. But I see a -- sorry.
I see at least you're sending this e-mail
organizing this, and the e-mail is sent at 1:55
p.m. So at the very least, you're doing work
organizing for the campaign during an official
work period, right?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. And -- yes. It was
during that time. The -- now to say on the -- I
mean, there's things I've done for the campaign
voluntarily during work hours, but I would adjust
work hours accordingly. So I couldn't tell you if
I worked later that evening or not. It's too far
-- I mean, it's too far back. I think the -- the
phone banking, all that stuff, was done -- was in the evening, as you can see "planned this evening in Kanawha County."

So we -- and then all the -- all the campaign stuff was mostly, I think, in the evening during this time. But I don't remember what official stuff we were doing during the day during this time. If Lynn was coming down, she'd probably done district -- probably done interviews with -- meetings with reports and things during the day and volunteered to do this side. So of all this, I would -- do you get what I'm saying?

All of this was, more than likely, volunteer stuff, and this --

MR. QUINN: Okay.

FORMER STAFFER 1: -- was after hours, except for Wednesday. That was during the day. If I remember correctly, the Congressman met with maybe the governor that morning. I think we actually met with the governor on Wednesday morning. And Dr. Burkes, I think, was coming in due to coronavirus, if this was the same time, because I
think it was the same day. When he left the
governor's mansion, we were there with him for
that, that morning. He went to that himself. We
did not go on Wednesday.

MR. QUINN: Okay. So he attended the
event, but he wasn't staffed by --

FORMER STAFFER 1: [Current Staffer 1] was --

MR. QUINN: -- official staffers?

FORMER STAFFER 1: [Current Staffer 1] was with him. [Current
Staffer 1]. But I don't remember if [Current Staffer 1] was -- I
think he was part-time, and I think he'd done that
voluntarily.

MR. QUINN: Okay.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Or maybe about school ending
-- he didn't go to school that day and done that.
So I don't think he was made to do that. He'd
probably done that willingly.

MR. QUINN: Okay.

FORMER STAFFER 1: To go back up to the -- I
wanted to point out the Friday. I think that's
when he asked [Former Staffer 2] to go down on the 14th. He
wanted her to be there for [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter]. Rainer, on
Saturday, drove -- yeah. He drove the family down. So I don't know if he was with the campaign during this time or not.

MR. QUINN: Let me just ask you a couple general questions --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay.

MR. QUINN: -- about these sort of personal tasks. Do you remember anybody ever refusing to do these sorts of tasks or pushing back?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Pushing back? Yes. One in particular was Curt "Lit-a-plis" (phonetic), whatever his name is. He's an LA in the office. Alex wanted us to -- he would do fund- -- he would do check-ins. They're not all fundraisers with association lobbyists. And if a financial service is -- he wanted Curt to sit in on those calls. He was a financial services LA. Now, a lot of time they were done at lunch. And Curt probably done it on his own free will. I wasn't always involved in that. But he did tell me to have Curt sit in on those calls. So the process was Kate -- Katie
Cannon would send the information to the scheduler to put on the -- to put on the calendar. And then if there was a financial service thing, she would send it to Curt. I think Curt would always just do it. I don't think he had issues with it because I think it was much more -- well, they counted it as his lunch or whatever. But there was an e-mail that he -- that he sent to [Former Staffer 2]. "I think this is fundraising, and I guess I shouldn't be a part of this." And that was during the first -- with ethics that -- I think that's when it started getting heated. And she asked me, and I was like, "Well, don't do it. If he doesn't want to do it, don't." And I think I told Alex like Curt -- I think I showed him the e-mail that [Former Staffer 2] sent me. I'm not 100 percent sure. I may have just -- yeah. I don't -- I think I may have showed him or showed the chief, like, "He doesn't want part of this." And they never said to do it. I just told [Former Staffer 2], "If he doesn't want to do it, he's not doing it."

MR. QUINN: Okay.
FORMER STAFFER 1: I'm trying to think "push back." And nothing really stands out. I think everyone was under the impression if he tells us to do it, we should just do it or whatever.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Let's move on -- let's talk quickly about some --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Let me go back.

MR. QUINN: Sure.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Let's go back. So I think he had [Current Staffer 2] purchase something like -- I think, like, some pies or something at a local market. And he told [Current Staffer 2] to put it on his expense report. And [Current Staffer 2] like, "No. I" -- [Current Staffer 2] didn't tell him that. He told me, like, "I can't -- I'm not putting that on there." And I said, "Well, you need to tell Mike or tell -- he needs to pay you personally for that." And so I guess he told him to put it on his expenses. He didn't do it.

Again, I think there was a couple instances where he drove him to -- which I think has happened a few times, that the kid would have ball practice or some kind of thing. And he would
go down -- he would do a district trip and then
have staff drop him off there. And sometimes
they'll -- it just so happens sometimes they would
do -- it'd be a -- it'd be very close or whatever.
But still not the point that they would not --
they wouldn't be able to put that on their
expense. You could eat it or -- because I don't
think he -- I think one time he paid [Current Staffer 2]
personally. There's been a couple times, like,
"You need to tell him to pay you personally for
that." And he wouldn't. And I think the Chief
told the Congressman that he needed to be paid
personally, but I don't think he would do it.
It's an odd conversation to tell the boss, "You
owe me money." Right?

MR. QUINN: Right.

FORMER STAFFER 1: That "I can't put this on the
expense report. So" ....

MR. QUINN: Right. Okay.

Let's talk quickly about some -- a couple
different trips. The first one I want to talk
about is a trip to Aruba from March of 2021.
Do you know much about that trip? Are you familiar with planning that trip?

FORMER STAFFER 1: To answer your first question, "much," no.

MR. QUINN: Okay.

FORMER STAFFER 1: But do I do -- I'm familiar with the -- some of the -- I was in the room a few times and they were talking about logistics.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Was this a personal trip, like a vacation?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I would say "Yes" because I think HSP Direct was taking their -- like they're taking people there or having a hosting for their, I guess, clients. And so I guess you'd call it a campaign meeting. I don't know what you call, to be honest. But I do recall -- well, if you have any more questions, I can answer them then or I can just tell you what I kind of know.

MR. QUINN: Yeah. Why don't you just tell me what you know.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay. So I remember that [Former Staffer 2] was going back and forth -- [Former Staffer 2] the
scheduler -- many, many times with details trying
to get the COVID test and stuff for Grace. She
had to work those type of details. Alex had her
do that by getting -- calling places, getting the
information from HSP. She was the middle person
for that.

Now, there were some things that I think
-- I do recall, like, you -- she would ask Alex,
"Do you want me to do this?" And, "No. Grace is
doing this." But there are -- I think COVID tests
particularly that she would handle.

I also remember that they paid for
everything, and he had to pay them. And how he
determined how much he paid, I think he just put a
number out and said, "These are flights," or
whatever, and "We'll pay that." He looked online
or something. But I don't think they gave him
like a detailed receipt. I could be wrong about
that. That's just a conversation I remember them
having. But I was not part of the process of
planning. I don't know that I ever had any part
of that that I recall. [Former Staffer 2] was in the weeds in
terms of COVID testing, trying to -- going back
and forth about stuff that he wanted
(indiscernible) HSP.

MR. QUINN: Do you know -- do you know of
a house on Capitol Hill that HSP owns --
FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes.
MR. QUINN: -- that Representative Mooney
uses?
FORMER STAFFER 1: Uh-huh.
MR. QUINN: How does -- what does he use
that house for?
FORMER STAFFER 1: I think he makes calls. I
think he takes naps. I think that maybe his son
has stayed in that house when he came to town.
I've been in the house. He -- when we were
putting stuff together for your review, we went
over there, I think, twice, frankly, because we
wanted peace and quiet, and we just didn't want
people to see what we were doing. And it kind of
-- it gave us -- but it had cameras in there. So
we didn't really feel too comfortable. So we
decided not to go back there.
MR. QUINN: Okay. What is the -- so HSP provides direct mail and some fundraising services for the campaign; is that correct?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I can't tell you exactly what they do for the campaign.

MR. QUINN: Okay. What do they -- do they do anything for the official office?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I don't know.

MR. QUINN: Okay.

FORMER STAFFER 1: I know that we get -- I don't know if they do particularly, but I don't really know, to be honest.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And then do you know the relationship between Representative Mooney and HSP? Is he friendly with somebody that works there, or is it just a transactional business?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Can you give me a name?

MR. QUINN: A couple names. You can tell me if they ring a bell. Jamie --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Hogan?

MR. QUINN: What's that?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Jamie Hogan?
MR. QUINN: Yes, Jamie Hogan. Do you know the Congressman's relationship with him?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I think they're friends.

MR. QUINN: Friends. Outside of -- like preexisting the work relationship with --

FORMER STAFFER 1: I don't know --

MR. QUINN: -- HSP?

FORMER STAFFER 1: -- preexisting. I have no idea. I don't know that far back. I know that he goes to their house. I think that he may -- that they have made -- they -- when the President, I think, spoke, or Vice President spoke at The Greenbrier -- the President, I think, maybe -- I think they were there. I remember him telling me that. I think they made donations to the Trump Campaign, and he had gotten credit for it because of the donation. But, yeah, they're personal -- I think they're personal friends. I think they go to their house a lot.

MR. QUINN: And Nicole Hall, does that ring a bell?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Not -- no. Hall or Nicole --
I don't think so.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Let's talk about -- there's an August 2017 trip to Charleston that you provided some agendas for, to us.

And let's pull up, Harold, Tab 6, and we can mark that as Exhibit E.

AV TECHNICIAN: Stand by.

(Whereupon, Exhibit E was marked for identification.)

MR. QUINN: I'm going to try to move through these next few pretty quickly since we've just got 20 minutes left, but --

FORMER STAFFER 1: If something happens that we have to --

MR. QUINN: -- I just want to --

FORMER STAFFER 1: If we have to go over -- I mean, if at all, I can get back on after if you need me to or a different time.

MR. QUINN: I think we can finish it up in 20 minutes.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay.

MR. QUINN: If I interrupt you, I'm not
trying to be rude. I'm just going to focus you on
making sure I understand these documents --

FORMER STAFFER 1: That's fine.

MR. QUINN: -- and we can move on quickly.

So Tab 6 or Exhibit E, this is an agenda
that you produced to us for a trip to Charleston
in August. And all I want you to do quickly on
this one -- for that first weekend, they arrive on
a Saturday. Can you identify what of the items on
that Saturday and Sunday are personal and which
are official.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Well, I guess -- let me say
this: He considered this type of stuff going to
his district. So I think you're aware of that.
So my perception of official and unofficial are
different, right? So what do you want me to --
which answer are you looking for?

MR. QUINN: Let's go with what your
perception of what -- what, in your understanding
of the events, was primarily personal of
entertainment and family-oriented in nature, and
what is related to his Representational duties?
FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay. So I think this would be personal.

MR. QUINN: That's the Clay Center's performance of Little Mermaid?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. Did I go down too many -- yeah. The Clay Center, Little Mermaid. And I don't know if I -- I think I may have called about the tickets purchased or maybe I had had someone do it or the scheduler. I don't know -- too far.

The church -- he was introduced at the church, and those are -- yeah. So he met with a lot of church people there. So I would say that could be either. But I think he considered it official. He was introduced to the crowd and stuff. That -- noon, Valley Park -- that, of course, family-oriented.

MR. QUINN: And then that's actually -- I just wanted to look at that weekend. It looks like the remainder of the week, at least for the most part, there was some mix of personal and official activities.

And then if you scroll down to page 8 --
1 or, actually, not -- sorry -- not 8. Page 9, it
2 looks like an e-mail from Kate Morgan to you. And
3 she says, "I got the tickets with the campaign
4 card and added things to the calendar about them."
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6 FORMER STAFFER 1: There you go.
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8 MR. QUINN: And below that is highlighting
9 the Clay Center performance of The Little Mermaid.
10 So does that refresh your recollection? Do you
11 think Kate Morgan purchased tickets for the family
12 to see The Little Mermaid with the campaign card;
13 is that correct?
14
15 FORMER STAFFER 1: In my memory, I don't remember
16 still, but it seems that way. I feel like I said
17 she needs to buy the tickets, talking about Grace.
18 And she probably told Alex that, and he said, "Do
19 that." That's probably exactly what happened.
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21 MR. QUINN: Okay. Then we can move to Tab
22 7.
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24 FORMER STAFFER 1: Tab -- so go up to 7, or are
25 you talking --
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27 MR. QUINN: Oh, no. Sorry.
28
29 Harold, you can pull up Tab 7 and mark
that as Exhibit F.

AV TECHNICIAN: Stand by.

(Whereupon, Exhibit F was marked for identification.)

MR. QUINN: And this Tab 7 is related to the 2018 trip around 4th of July. And this cover e-mail is just transmitting what you described as an LBL, that means "line by line." Is that the line-by-line agenda for the event or actually for the weekend?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Uh-huh.

MR. QUINN: And then if we look at -- if you keep scrolling and we look at the agenda.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay. What do you want me to go to?

MR. QUINN: I just wanted to know -- so it's a trip from July 2nd to July 5th. And if we could do the same thing here. Quickly just identify for me what was official or appeared to you to be an official-related trip and what appeared to be a family-related --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay. I got you.
MR. QUINN: -- entertainment.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Tour of HealthSmart is official. Heritage Farm, that is a big economic driver of that area. You could consider, but I don't -- I don't know if they even went to that, to be honest with you. Something tells me that was canceled, but it may not have been.

MR. QUINN: We're going to look at an e-mail in a second, or actually we don't need to look at it. But there's an e-mail shortly after where Representative Mooney e-mails you and says that Grace doesn't want to go to the Heritage Farm --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay.

MR. QUINN: -- and, instead, she wants to go to the Clay Center. And the Clay Center is where The Little Mermaid performed; is that correct?

FORMER STAFFER 1: They have a performing arts. They also have a museum.

MR. QUINN: And so that would probably have been family-related --
FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes.

MR. QUINN: -- not official. Yeah. So --

FORMER STAFFER 1: So --

MR. QUINN: Okay. So Heritage -- my memory is better than I thought. Okay.

Greenbrier Airport, is this when the Vice -- I think this is -- maybe the President was coming. Okay. Yes. "Meet the President." "Fireworks at Haddad River Park." I don't think he went to that. "Family Day."

MR. QUINN: That would be -- the fireworks would be like a family event. Do you think Grace and the children went to that or --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Well, that was outside --

MR. QUINN: -- you don't know if they went to that?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I think it was outside their hotel, but I don't know if anybody went to that. I don't think they did.

MR. QUINN: Okay.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Wednesday, July 4th, Family Day -- I don't remember. More than likely,
they've also done the parade. Usually we do a --
there's an official event before, that he goes to.
Before the parade, there's a -- they do a big 4th
of July thing. But it says, "Family Day." So I
don't remember. And then they leave on the 5th.

MR. QUINN: So then just in sum, at least
for this trip from July 2nd to July 5th in which
the whole Mooney family flies to Charleston, it
looks like the only official events are a
30-minute meeting on Tuesday, the 3rd, at
HealthSmart Benefit Solutions, and then on the
afternoon -- in the afternoon of that day, they go
to the Greenbrier Airport and see the President
arrive at the airport?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. And I think that was
before the -- I don't know whether the President
was in town. I think this was maybe -- it's a
tax -- is it 2018?

MR. QUINN: 2018, yep.

FORMER STAFFER 1: I think this was during --
they did a Tax Roundtable.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And did he attend that?
FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Okay.

And then we can take Tab 7 down and go to Tab 9 and mark that as Exhibit G.

AV TECHNICIAN: Stand by.

(Whereupon, Exhibit G was marked for identification.)

FORMER STAFFER 1: He attended the Tax Roundtable, but he was not one of the speakers, if I remember.

MR. QUINN: Okay. So as Harold's pulling that up, this Exhibit G is an e-mail from -- there's a few people involved on the e-mail. It's August 24th, 2019. And I want you to look at the bottom one from Alex Mooney to [Former Staffer 2] and Mike Hough, and then later you're CC'd on this, Former Staffer 1. I'm just a little confused by what he says here. If you could read it and tell me what's going on.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay. Give me a second. Am I supposed to -- oh, this is only one. Oh, "On Thursday, August 29th," (in sotto voce) ....
MR. QUINN: So my question here is: He says that he's arriving for a fundraiser and describes that as an official event.

FORMER STAFFER 1: No. This, I could see why you think that. The -- he had a fundraiser -- this was -- I think he spoke with an association. He was speaking there. It could be the Contractors Association, possibly. And he had a fundraiser -- no. It was during the -- I think during the Chamber event. Well, it doesn't matter. It was some kind of official -- that was official. But he had a fundraiser the evening before.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Understood.

FORMER STAFFER 1: There was a lot of -- there's a lot of things happening that week at that whole association event. And -- but he only arrived for that one event the next morning, I think. I think it was a Chamber.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Then let's talk about -- let's talk about the gift cards, which kind of came up in the first review, and I know we've talked a little bit about that. There was
an e-mail that you produced to us.

Harold, it's Tab 10. We can mark that as Exhibit H.

AV TECHNICIAN: Stand by.

(Whereupon, Exhibit H was marked for identification.)

MR. QUINN: And it's from you, Former Staffer 1, to [Former Staffer 3] and [Former Staffer 2], I believe. And if you look below the e-mail from [Former Staffer 3], it's the e-mail from you on July 13th, 2020, and you're apparently -- [Current Staffer 2] did some -- [Current Staffer 2], I take it, did some traveling and you want to reimburse him or pay him with a gift card.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes. So [Current Staffer 2] told me he -- [Current Staffer 2] picked him up, and then -- so we were concerned as to what that -- how does he get paid for that? I don't remember what the event was, to be honest. I think he's been there a bunch of times. Some -- I think it might be prayer break -- prayer groups or Catholic groups. I think -- I think the Congressional Republicans were there, too. So I don't even remember which one it was. My concern
-- my talk to [Current Staffer 2] was that "You need to be reimbursed." At this time, they were giving gift cards out to cover expenses for official staff. They do something like that. So that was my question, "Can you get him a gift card so he can get reimbursed."

MR. QUINN: And do you know why that was?

Why they were using gift cards instead of paying from the campaign?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I think this is -- what year is it? Is this 2020? So I think Mike was trying to get the campaign book scheduled out, and they were told that you cannot reimburse your official staff for things that you do. You have to -- and then you also can't -- so I think that's where they just said, "We'll give you a gift card to do stuff. If you need to buy stuff for the campaign, we'll do it that way."

And then I think that's when they -- I'm not sure they hired the compliance person then because -- this is all secondhand knowledge to me. So I think that was my intent was, like, "Can you
pay them for what he's done?"

MR. QUINN: Okay. So at some --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Does that make sense?

MR. QUINN: Yeah. At some point, the gift
cards just started being used as a form of --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Oh, that was --

MR. QUINN: -- payment?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. So even when I started
gift cards, they had gift cards. They were
sending those out to like -- for example, if we
would do a parade, they would send me a gift card
to pay for that, to put -- to use. And I would --
they would not keep receipts. Because I was,
like, "Do you need the receipts back?" They're,
like, "No." "Okay." I actually think I
questioned Ted about that. I'm like -- he's,
like, "No. We don't keep them." I was, like,
"Okay."

MR. QUINN: And that would be giving you a
gift card so you could use it for spending on
behalf of the campaign?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes.
MR. QUINN: Okay. Got it.

FORMER STAFFER 1: I think my intent in this e-mail is "This guy needs paid. He needs to be reimbursed." So I don't really -- it's too far back. I don't know why he was at Nemocolin.

MR. QUINN: And then, Harold, let's pull up Tab 11 and mark that as Exhibit I.

AV TECHNICIAN: Stand by, please.

(Whereupon, Exhibit I was marked for identification.)

MR. QUINN: And these are -- it's, I believe, one or two receipts from Martin's Grocery Store for some items purchased, it looks like, on a gift card. We'll look at that when it comes up.

And then for this document, I just wanted to give you an opportunity to tell me why you produced this to us or why it was of interest.

FORMER STAFFER 1: If I remember correctly, this is one that they were -- that -- I don't know if they was ever submitted or why it was in the -- what's the year? '20. This one, in particular, was flagged, I think, by the Congressman or by
Derek or someone. When you asked me, "Was anything ever withheld?" I think this may have been. I don't know if it's part of the filing -- it was a gift card. So probably not as a reimbursement. I really don't know why this was -- this was kind of flagged. So I don't know if this is something they wanted to withhold, but I have -- I know this was in question by -- I think by Alex and them.

MR. QUINN: So this is a -- these are purchases at Martin's Grocery Store that were made with one of the gift cards that was at issue in the first review. And you know that they were aware of this receipt, looked at it, considered it, but you're not sure whether or not it was produced to us?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I really have no idea, yeah. I just remember it was in my stuff, and it was flagged.

MR. QUINN: Okay.

FORMER STAFFER 1: And so I don't -- I really don't know why I gave it, but it's there.
MR. QUINN: I'll just -- maybe this will remind you of some of the conversations. I'll point out a couple things on page 1 that we're looking at of the receipt. I was just looking through the items on here. There's like 18 -- 18-pack of eggs. On page 2, there's Goya coconut milk and chicken broth. On page 3, there's yellow potatoes purchased. And so they look like personal groceries.

Do you remember any conversations around whether or not Representative Mooney was purchasing his personal groceries with these Martin's gift cards?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I mean, that -- no.

MR. QUINN: Okay.

FORMER STAFFER 1: I guess I could say this:

That I guarantee I probably pointed it out to [Former Staffer 2] or someone or even Michael. This is not -- this is not -- this does not look good. But in terms of me or Derek, I don't think I've ever had that conversation. I just remember Derek saying "I want to see gift cards." But I don't remember
-- the Martin's -- this Martin's gift card. But I
don't remember what the conversation I had --
happened before that. I don't remember. Now that
you say "the groceries," I probably -- that's
probably why I flagged it when I saw it.

MR. QUINN: Were there any other concerns,
or do you have any other recollection or
discussions about Representative Mooney -- or let
me put it this way: Do you think Representative
Mooney was purchasing personal groceries with the
Martin's gift cards?

FORMER STAFFER 1: My personal opinion. So you
think? Yes.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And why do you think
that?

FORMER STAFFER 1: Well, one, the receipt I had
seen that was like 700 bucks was, I think, the day
before Thanksgiving. What campaign -- I mean, if
you use common sense, what kind of campaign event
are you having the day before Thanksgiving or on
Thanksgiving with that many groceries? I mean, if
you look at the receipt here, why -- which
campaign volunteer is going to be drinking chicken
broth? So --

MR. QUINN: Right.

FORMER STAFFER 1: -- or making eggs. I guess, I
mean -- and I had a lot of concerns when I saw
these. I've never seen campaign -- and this is
very similar to a personal account, I would
imagine. I mean, it was -- my grocery bill would
-- probably would look like that.

MR. QUINN: Okay.

FORMER STAFFER 1: So that's why I was ....

MR. QUINN: Okay. Great. I just wanted
to ask you about that.

And then let's pull up Tab 12. Almost
done here. I got two more quick topics for you --

FORMER STAFFER 1: If you run over a couple
minutes -- so, yeah. Go ahead. We'll finish.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Tab 12 we'll mark as
Exhibit J.

AV TECHNICIAN: Stand by.

(Whereupon, Exhibit J was marked for
identification.)
MR. QUINN: So this is a copy of some of the bank records from the campaign account. And if you scroll down to page 3 and look at the transactions on January 23rd, the date of withdrawal is 1/23. There's a charge for $20 for something called West Virginia Park. If you scroll down again to page 4, on January 30th, there's another $20 charge for West Virginia Park. And then on 1/31, there's a $40 charge for West Virginia Park. Are these the charges that you had identified for me as potentially being park admissions?

FORMER STAFFER 1: That -- when you ask about concerns while I looked at the records and things, those -- I'm -- [Former Staffer 2] and I and maybe [Former Staffer 3] -- I know [Former Staffer 2] and I had a conversation -- I'm like, "What is this?" She's like, "Oh, I think they took [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter] to the park." I don't know which West Virginia park charges admission. But it's -- yes. So I think it's a park near their house.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And you saw lots of examples of these charges throughout the
campaign --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yes.

MR. QUINN: -- bank information? Okay.

And so you, at least as far as you know or you think, that these are the charges for admission to the park that they took [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter] to as a personal trip to entertain [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter]?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I would assume.

MR. QUINN: Okay.

FORMER STAFFER 1: And that's what [Former Staffer 2] told me she thinks. I think she said that's what they do or she thinks. So she might not know for sure, either.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And then last thing I want to -- you can take that down, Harold.

Thanks.

Last thing I want to ask you about quickly is: You mentioned once or twice a former staffer named Former Staffer 5.

FORMER STAFFER 1: Uh-huh.

MR. QUINN: Do you know anything about a financial concern of either her syphoning funds
FORMER STAFFER 1: Like $40,000?

MR. QUINN: Yeah. Can you tell me about that?

FORMER STAFFER 1: I was told that over a few years that she had taken or misused $40,000, and they identified that. So they had to amend a bunch of reports, from my understanding. Mike told me that she had taken money and that they're no longer on good terms. And I asked -- I asked the question about, "Are you going to prosecute?" And they never did, and -- which I thought was odd. But [Former Staffer 3] told me that she had to work -- help on those reports and that they had revised reports, amended reports to -- she used a word "cover it up" or "account for." But I don't know that to be fact.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And do you know when left?

FORMER STAFFER 1: It was not long after I started. She -- yeah. So I think she was part-time, but I don't know, to really be honest
with you. She was one of those that was always pulled around, too.

MR. QUINN: Okay. But you did overlap with her. So ....

FORMER STAFFER 1: Okay.

MR. QUINN: Okay.

FORMER STAFFER 1: I guess I was her supervisor, which I really never supervised her.

MR. QUINN: So of the folks that you know, you think [Former Staffer 3] would be most knowledgeable --

FORMER STAFFER 1: On this?

MR. QUINN: -- on what happened? Yeah, on the --

FORMER STAFFER 1: Yeah. And I think --

MR. QUINN: -- solution?

FORMER STAFFER 1: -- Hannah would know, too.


I think that's -- unless Annie has anything for you, I think that's everything that I have. Annie, any questions? No?

MS. CHO: No, I'm okay.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Then that's all we've
got for you. I think we are -- Megan, we can go off the record, by the way.

(Off the record at 12:05 p.m.)
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FORMER STAFFER 2,

BY MR. QUINN:

Q [Former Staffer 2], just quickly for the record, I have a little bit of a read-on that I do. So today is October 12th, 2021, and we are conducting an interview of [Former Staffer 2] by Zoom. [Former Staffer 2] is not represented today. Speaking is Sean Quinn, Investigative Counsel at the Office of Congressional Ethics, and I'm here with Helen Eisner, Deputy Chief Counsel at the OCE. [Former Staffer 2] has been given a copy of 18USC1001, and we've discussed the Act and the acknowledgment form, and they'll be sending the signed form to us when they gets access to a printer later today.

So [Former Staffer 2], thanks very much for your time this morning. We appreciate your cooperation very much. I know certainly on a busy day when everybody's back in session, I appreciate that.

And like I said earlier, I'm happy to answer any questions you have or take any breaks that you need throughout this interview. Feel free
to stop me whenever you want to, or if you need me
to reword a question or clarify anything for you,
just let me know.

A    Thank you.

Q    Also then -- also, like the court reporter
said, the main thing is that we try not to talk over
each other. So I'll try to finish my questions
clearly and then let you start your answer.

A    Okay.

Q    Does that sound good?

A    Yes.

Q    Okay, great. Then I'd like to start with
just a little bit of background. Could you tell me
how you came to work for Representative Mooney?

A    Yes. So it was 2019, I think. I don't
even remember. Yeah. 2019. I was just looking for
jobs on The Hill. I never worked on The Hill. I'd
never been an intern. And then I found him on the
Heritage Foundation job bank, and it didn't even
have his name listed. And then I just applied, and
then Michael called me and the rest is history.

Q    Okay. And that's Michael Hough?
A    Yes, yes.

Q    Okay. And what was your title when you were working for Representative Mooney?

A    It started out as scheduler, and then I got it bumped to executive assistant, I think, in November 2020.

Q    Okay.

A    Around then.

Q    And then when did you stop working for Representative Mooney?

A    I think it was June 12th, because my first day with my new job was June 14th. That would make sense. I could be wrong. I just don't exactly remember.

Q    Okay. And that's June 12th, 2021?

A    Yes.

Q    Okay. And when you were with Representative Mooney, we just talked about your official employment. Did you ever work for the campaign?

A    No, I never door knocked or anything. No. I mean, all I would do for campaign is, you know,
oh, there's a meeting to put on the calendar. That's the extent of that.

Q    Okay. And then where are you currently working?

A    I work for Representative Lee Zeldin. He's in New York.

Q    All right. So with that background information, one of the first topics I want to talk about is just the first review that the OCE did that, I believe, you were involved in to some extent. Can you just kind of generally -- we'll start generally -- describe your involvement with that review?

A    Yeah. So basically, all it was, we were just told to gather the receipts. I didn't know where these receipts were saved. Probably the campaign office, which is his basement in his house. Probably just somewhere in that room, they had a bunch of receipts, and then we were just told to find -- because you all sent a list of things you wanted to see, and that's -- that was our basis. And that's when we were looking for all the receipts
and matching them to whatever you all had listed. I don't even remember, but that was what we were doing; just compliantly receipts, receipts, receipts. And then it got to be, I think, we -- and yeah.

We were putting our -- figuring out our own system. Mainly, it was [Former Staffer 1]. He is very smart. Matching the receipts, and then with the date, and, you know, we wanted an explanation why. Maybe you all wanted that. I don't know. We had a little column in our Google Doc of why. And we were just going through all these and matching them with the calendar to see if they were all campaign-related and that kind of thing. I'm pretty sure that's basically all we were doing, is scanning the receipts to you guys and putting them in Google Docs and all that.

Q    And when you say we, can you tell me who the folks --
A    Yeah.
Q    -- you worked with on that project were?
A    Yes. Sorry. I didn't realize you were --
[Former Staffer 1], [Former Staffer 3], and me, [Former Staffer 2].

Q  Okay.

A  And Michael Hough may have helped a little bit, but it would have been towards the end, so closer to June. So we don't really count him in our little group as helping, but, yeah.

Q  And so you said that you would -- based on the request that we made, you found receipts and then were matching them up to particular dates or purposes for those expenditures?

A  Yes. So like, if they had probably happened beforehand, and, you know, we would compile the amounts, and hopefully, you know, reach that amount you all were looking for. I think that's what it was.

Q  Okay. And you were referencing a schedule or calendar -- am I right -- to match up those receipts to certain events?

A  Yes.

Q  Okay. Can you describe just that calendar, how it's used?
A    Yes. It's just a Google Calendar. That's what he likes because it's user-friendly. So we would just look at the receipts first and compare them to his calendar -- all his calendars -- just to see where he was at the time. Like was he -- well, I mean, obviously it would tell us if he was traveling for a campaign event basically. Like, was he in California raising money, and that's why there was a California receipt. I don't know. That may not have happened. But I'm just -- like as an example. But that's just -- like, this was his official calendar that I always used for scheduling -- just everything on this Google Calendar.

Q    Okay. And on that calendar it sounds like there were campaign events, also official events. And then did he also put personal appointments on that calendar?

A    Yes.

Q    Okay. So I know at some point you let us know in earlier conversations that you noticed that edits were being made to this calendar at the same time that you were matching up receipts to events
that were on the calendar; is that right?

    A    Yes. And that's when -- I was actually
thinking about this last night. I don't know
exactly the one edit that I kind of remember. It
was something involving Christmas, and then we
noticed the title changed. And I think it changed
to something like Christmas party with constituents,
or it may not have been that at all, because I can't
even remember which year it was. But that's what
prompted us -- and I forgot to tell you this earlier
-- but that's what prompted us to print out the
calendar from 2017 to, I guess, 2021, just so we
could make sure there were no other edits made.

    And I don't even know if I can actually
give you firm, you know, evidence of that one edit.
But, you know, if we all -- if [Former Staffer 3]
and [Former Staffer 1] and I all believed that we
think we saw that, you know, maybe there's
something to that.

    Q    Okay. And when -- do you recall when you
saw that edit being made?

    A    It would have -- okay. This started in
May, right? So maybe it was May or April.

Q    March was --

A    Oh.

Q    March was actually the beginning of the first OCE review.

A    It could have been March or April, because it was, you know, one night we were compiling everything and we saw this.

Q    Okay. Maybe if -- go ahead. Sorry.

A    No. Sorry. I just remember we were comparing the calendar with the receipt, and that's when we saw the one Christmas item. Like, okay, when -- and we asked for a reason. What were you doing here if it was a campaign -- if it was a Christmas party for family. And that's what I think was prompted to change the title. If that even happened. You know, I don't have evidence. I don't want to accuse him.

Q    Maybe if you can't remember a specific date, at least you can say it happened sometime after you all received the request for OCE and you began collecting receipts?
A    Yes.

Q    Okay. I think at one point you might have spoken to us also about a basketball tournament that happened in Virginia with his son? Was that another calendar edit that you might have noticed?

A    I don't know. I don't think anything was touched on that. But again, I don't know. Unless, the only thing he would have changed was how he would have gotten there. But no, I don't think anything was changed.

Q    Okay. I think Helen has a question for you.

BY MS. EISNER:

Q    Yeah, sorry. Just a few questions about that. Who had access to the calendar?

A    Access, I think it was like the LD, John Caddock, Coms Director, Lynn Hatcher, LA, Curt Bliamplis (phonetic), but they didn't have editing power. Just John and Lynn had editing power, and me and Michael Hough. [Former Staffer 1] had editing power. I think I gave [Former Staffer 3] editing power, because one day I might have been traveling and I
needed her to do something. I don't remember. And
Grace Mooney had viewing power at least. Yeah, so
quite a few people.

Q And you had said earlier that we were
told, just talking about this project in general and
what you are working on. I know you talked about
who you were working on the project with related to
the review, but who were you told by to sort of go
about this project of gathering materials?

A It was secondhand via [Former Staffer 1], I
believe. So Michael Hough told [Former Staffer 1], and
[Former Staffer 1] told us, because [Former Staffer 1]
was working in the D.C. office at the time because
he was deputy chief, because Michael Hough was away
on session. Because he's a state senator in Maryland,
so when he's away, the deputy comes and watches over
the office. So I think it was [Former Staffer 1]
that came to us and said, we got to, you know --
we've got a situation. I don't think I spoke
directly to Michael.

MS. EISNER: Okay. Go ahead, Sean.

BY MR. QUINN:
Q    I just wanted to go quickly back to the
one example of the Christmas edit that you did
remember just to make sure I have that clearly. Do
you remember what originally the calendar entry
said?
A    It would have been something like
Christmas party, and then it might have said family.
I don't even know. And then -- I wish I had taken
better, you know, notes on these little things we
had more questions on. But no, maybe Christmas
family party or just Christmas party at my house,
because he would, you know, say that for parties.
Party at my house. So it could have just been that.
And then maybe it was changed to with constituents.
I don't know.
Q    Okay. And then you mentioned that you had
printed out a paper copy of the calendar. Do you
remember ever comparing that paper copy to the
electronic calendar later?
A    No, never did. It was just for
safekeeping until -- in case nothing happened with
OCE. I'm like, well, now we have it in case
anything changed later on. And it was also so I could -- I wanted to look back at the mileage thing, because I didn't want anything to get changed.

And then what was your original question?

Q    Just did you ever compare that physical printout of the calendar to the electronic calendar later?

A    No, but this was -- we wanted to print that out as well just in case we did see another edit and then we could go back.

Q    And I know you also told us that at some point you were getting notifications of edits to your Gmail; is that correct?

A    Yes.

Q    And I know you went back and looked at or tried to collect those notifications. Were you not able to find that Christmas edit, or did you look for that one specifically?

A    No, I didn't find that one. Because I'm pretty sure I had made that calendar adjustment beforehand, because I know I sent you some from November 2020. So it would have had to have
happened. So that makes me think, did it even
genere?x mean, or maybe I deleted it. And I don't know.

Does Gmail not save things in the trash, because

there are some things that I cannot find that I

think I even told you in the little notes I sent you

of, like, rooms I booked and I just can't find

anymore. So I don't know, Sean. So maybe it was

all in my head, but we could have sworn we saw that.

Q   Understood. I think you listed everybody

that had editing access to the calendar. Did

Representative Mooney also have editing access to

the calendar himself?

A   Yes.

Q   Okay. And to the extent you formed any

opinion about who was doing the editing to the

calendar, did you have an indication of who that was

that might have edited that Christmas event?

A   Oh, I only ever had one indication of who

it could be. It would have been Alex Mooney.

Q   Okay.

A   If he did it.

Q   Okay. And why were you relatively sure it
would be him?

A Just because we were questioning so much, the receipts. Like what was this for? Why did you do this? In our little Google Docs where we were keeping everything even, we had the column of what was it for -- like, the receipt. What was that charge for, and why did you do it? And I think that's what was prompting him, because at one point, [Former Staffer 1] told us that the Congressman was reading through our Google Docs. Like, why are they typing it like that? Why are they asking a question like that? He could sense our tone. So, I mean, I don't know, but I'm wondering if that's why.

And, you know, there was -- he would have these long conversations with [Former Staffer 1] a night while we were looking through the receipts, and he would say, take that one out; take this one out. Meaning, he didn't want it to be submitted to OCE. He wanted it taken out. But he did pay for it. He did reimburse it. He just wanted the receipt taken out so it wouldn't be seen, what was purchased.
But then, I do think at one point the lawyers said to put it back in. Or maybe I just heard secondhand that Dirk wanted all the receipts put back in, because it would look worse, I think.

Q    Okay. And who else did you have conversations with about this issue of potential changes being made to the calendar?

A    Just [Former Staffer 1], [Former Staffer 3] and myself.

BY MS. EISNER:

Q    Can you give an example of -- in the Google Doc -- a question -- you've raised it as a question -- that you would have had that Representative Mooney might have communicated to [Former Staffer 1] that he wanted to take it out or edited?

A    It would have just been phrased as why did -- like, what was this charge for? What was this for? Or what were you doing? Where were you going? Something like that.

Because there was one -- well, now I remember. It was a movie ticket in Lynchburg,
Virginia. And it was just for one movie ticket, and he used the campaign card, I assume. It must have been, because we had the receipt for it. We had the movie ticket actually, and I put in the column -- the what's this for column, like what was this for -- like why did you use campaign funds for this. That's not verbatim what I wrote, but it was along the lines of, you know, why was this movie ticket charged.

Q    Okay. And then what would you have changed that to in the column afterwards?

A    I don't think -- I don't know if it was -- well, yeah, it must have been changed. It may have just been changed to entertainment, or maybe it was taken out completely. That may have been one of the ones that -- I think we do have copies of the scribbles that [Former Staffer 1] made to take out, because he was on the phone with the Congressman. So that could have been one of the ones, but I don't remember if we changed that.

Q    And the communication to you, was it through [Former Staffer 1], or was it ever directly
with the Congressman?

A It was probably through [Former Staffer 1]. If the Congressman or Mike gave us direction, it would have been over the phone, like, over speaker to talk to us all, I think. But I think it was mainly through [Former Staffer 1], because, you know, he was the boss. He was overseeing the process at the time. So it was just easier to give it to him, passed down.

Q Okay.

BY MR. QUINN:

Q Other than the calendar itself, did you have any other concerns as you were gathering documents and responding to our requests of anything being tampered with or deleted or altered?

A No, just the -- when the Congressman would talk to [Former Staffer 1] when they were going through the doc, he would just say, take this out; take this out. Which I don't know if I actually heard that, but because [Former Staffer 1] would go through line by line and then he would tell us what happened. Just like, yeah, he wanted all these receipts taken
out. And that's when I had to go rescan stuff to remove the receipts, and then rescan to keep the receipts he wanted to keep in. So that's also how I found out.

But I think that was mainly it, just seeing the receipts, that was, you know, the main concern of seeing what was charged and corresponding it with the calendar. I'm like, well, you were not in Richmond, Virginia on a campaign trip. So, you know.

Q    Okay. Just on that point, that was just -- was that an example, or are you now recalling a calendar entry that said he was in Richmond, Virginia when you know that he wasn't?

A    It just would have been the basketball thing. And I don't even know if he made any charges. There may have been -- it may have been -- there may have been a Chipotle charge in Richmond, and I don't know if it was the same time, but I kind of remember it. Now I'm getting confused with whether there was a Lynchburg trip, because there were some food things charged in Lynchburg during
that, and that was for a basketball thing as well.

Q    Okay. And let me just clarify and make
sure I understand that. So you do remember a
calendar entry related to a basketball tournament;
is that right?

A    Yes.

Q    Okay. And that was described as a
campaign event on the calendar, but you knew that it
was not? Am I understanding that correctly?

A    No, it was not described as a campaign
event. It would have just been basketball game with
[Rep. Mooney's son], or [Rep. Mooney's son's]
basketball game if it -- it should have said it on there --

Q    Okay.

A    -- if it was a game with [Rep. Mooney's son],
but it never said campaign.

Q    Okay. And so you remember on that
calendar entry that it was the basketball
tournament, but it was the receipts from around that
time were not described as related to the basketball
tournament, but instead described as related to a
campaign event; is that correct?
A    Yes, because if they were charged with the
campaign card, you know, he would just -- maybe he
did make some calls. I don't know if that counts.
I don't know. I don't want to tell you something
that may not be true, because, you know, I can't
remember what was on for the Richmond trip for the
basketball, but it would have had to have said
something with [Rep. Mooney's son] and basketball.

BY MS. EISNER:

Q    And to clarify, is that the Chipotle
charge that you're remembering? You mentioned
Chipotle a few moments ago.

A    Right. It may have been, or I may have
been getting it confused with the Lynchburg trip
from, I think, 2019, because they went down there
for a basketball thing near Liberty University. And
I want to say I think that's when the movie ticket
came about, and there may have been a Chipotle
charge around then, unless I'm getting it confused,
which is highly possible. I'm sorry, you guys. But
I do want to say it had to do with Richmond. I
think there was a Chipotle and a Zoey's charge, but
again, I don't exactly remember.

BY MR. QUINN:

Q Okay. But just in general, there were two basketball trips, one in Richmond, one in Lynchburg, that were personal trips, and there were also campaign charges associated with those trips --

A Yes.

Q -- that you collected receipts for?

A Yes.

Q Okay, great. The other thing I want to talk about from the first review -- unless, Helen, did you have anything -- questions about the calendar before I move on?

MS. EISNER: No. Go ahead.

BY MR. QUINN:

Q Okay. The other thing I want to talk about from the first review are incidents that you learned of any staff members speaking to the press about the review, or any of the documents Representative Mooney received during the review. Did you ever hear of that occurring?

A Yes, but it was not during. Wait. No.
you know, I don't exactly remember, but it may have been during. It was with [Former Staffer 6]. He was the legislative correspondent at the time.

This is also something I remembered last night, Sean, that I wrote down that I want to tell you. I think that was one of the reasons I had given -- I don't think. I know it was one of the reasons I told [Former Staffer 6] about the mileage that we're probably going to get into, because it was one night after the Congressman got back from an OCE. It was on a Friday. An OCE discussion, I think, with his lawyer and you all. And then I came back to the office, and [Former Staffer 6] was still there, because we all stayed, because the Congressman said he was going to come back to the office to work. So that's why [Former Staffer 6] was there.

So I get back to the office. The Congressman didn't stay, and I was talking to [Former Staffer 6], and I guess he was asking me about what happened. And I think it got to be where he already kind of knew, because we left all the documents on this little cart in Michael Hough's office. So, I
mean, it wasn't -- we just left it in the office. 
You know, we were working there. So I guess he had 
seen some things, and, like, it was all over on our 
desks in that office, just out keeping it safe -- 
keeping it organized, I mean. And so I think he had 
seen some things, and he was like, [Former Staffer 2], 
what's going on. And that's when I told him, like, 
you know, there's not some good things happening, and 
I think that's when he kind of got into it, like, I 
already know the Congressman's not a good man. 
I think he told me about an instance when 
he was an intern, and he had to go to the 
Congressman's birthday party on a Saturday. I think 
it was a Saturday, because they did some tours for 
the attendees. 
And that's when we started going into 
[Former Staffer 6] and him knowing a reporter. And 
like it was our thinking that if it didn't go any 
further with a OCE, like we wanted to find another 
way to tell you, Sean. So it might have been to the 
press. So we were literally -- like [Former Staffer 1] 
and [Former Staffer 3] and I, like, were like, we got
to tell Sean. He's got to ask the right questions. I'm serious. So, like, this was our way, if it didn't go any further, it was like, get it through the press, or get it flagged to the press, I mean. And yes, that was the extent of talking about the press. And that's when, like, I was telling [Former Staffer 6] this is, you know, I think the Congressman is not doing the right things with mileage, and am I crazy. Look at this.

And then I did give -- like that was another reason I printed out -- well, it became the reason later. Like, I did give the printed out calendar to [Former Staffer 6] so he could look through and cross reference with the mileage, and then give it to his reporter friend.

Q Okay. Understood. And quickly, just about where you were storing documents. I know you said you had them all organized on a desk somewhere. Who else would have had access to that room or that area where the documents were being stored?

A Everybody. Even the cleaning crew. You know, they come in every night. Yeah, because we
all have office keys. And honestly, Lynn Hatcher, Curt Bliamplis, John Caddock, they really didn't want to know what we were doing. Like, they knew it was something, you know, and Lynn would even joke, like, don't tell me, don't tell me. So, yeah.

Q And then other than [Former Staffer 6], were you ever aware of anybody else speaking to the press?

A No.

Q Okay. And same is true after the OCE review, didn't hear of anybody else speaking to the press?

A No, it was just -- we would read all those articles that came out from Chuck DeCaro saying I wonder if somebody's -- the later ones were, like, oh, it's gotta be somebody talking; somebody in the office, because Michael had the office bugged at one point. Not bugged, but he would go through the e-mails from the House, e-mails from the employees. But, you know, I never -- I figured [Former Staffer 6] would tell me if it was him, but I don't know.

Q Okay.

A He denies it, but then some of the other
staffers think it was [Former Staffer 6], because articles, some of the later ones, got so detailed.

Q Okay. Moving on a little bit from that first review, you also produced to us some documents about a trip to Aruba that the Congressman took. Can you just start generally by telling me about that trip?

A Yes. Sorry. Got an e-mail. Okay. Yeah. So that trip, that was an HSP trip they were invited on, and I was just told to -- I guess I was told, or I just kind of knew -- to work with the contact, Anne Carpenter, to get everything set up, you know, their vaccine proof or documentation. They needed travel insurance, I think, and like a little visa to get into the country. It's basically like a ticket. You just get it all online. Anne had it all sent to all the attendees -- all the people that were going on the trip. Like she sent us step-by-steps so we knew what we needed to do, very straightforward. But basically, you just get online, go to these links, register with Vault.
Vault was -- Vault had the Covid tests. They would send you the clean tests, and then I set it up -- or I sent it to the Congressman's house, and gave him instructions, e-mailed Grace that they had to do it on the camera on Zoom with a Vault personnel -- someone, and then ship it UPS immediately after. Yeah, it was just getting the visa, the vaccine proof, and the trip insurance, I think. That was, like, the main thing I had to do.

Q    And who first told you about this trip, or who did you first hear it from?
A    Probably Alex Mooney.

Q    And what sort of trip was this? How would you describe it? Was it a personal trip? A campaign trip? Did he describe it as an official trip?
A    It would have been personal. I don't think -- I didn't question that, though, because he did -- I do believe that I used a personal card for all this. And so I do think it was all personal, as much as I can recall.

Q    Okay. And so you mentioned Anne Carpenter
as one of your points of contact. Was there anybody else at HSP that you were talking to about the trip?

A    Not talking to directly. I know Nicole -- I forget her last name. I can find out for you later. Nicole, she is like the CEO of HSP, or she's high up with HSP. Her name was mentioned, that the Congressman would talk to her, maybe something about ethics, or that Nicole mentioned something to Anne about involving ethics. I don't even know. I think there's a train of e-mails I sent you, Sean. I just don't remember what they are. But I think that's the only time another person was mentioned, other than, like, his family.

Q    Yeah, we can look. We'll look at that e-mail chain in a minute. Do you know, is it Nicole Hall? Is that the name you were trying to think of?

A    Yes. Yes.

Q    Do you know who invited Representative Mooney on that trip?

A    I don't, but it was probably Nicole or Jamie Hogan. Nicole Hall, Jamie Hogan, and Alex Mooney are very close friends, or at least they're
friends. So it was probably Jamie Hogan or Nicole Hall, because I think they're on a texting basis with Congressman Mooney.

Q    And do you know how Representative Mooney knows Jamie Hogan?

A    I'm sorry. Could you repeat that?

Q    Do you know how Representative Mooney knows Jamie Hogan?

A    I do not.

Q    Okay. Do you think their relationship preexisted the office's relationship with HSP? Like were they personal friends before he started working with HSP?

A    I don't know, but now that you mention it, HSP is a direct mailing, so maybe we used them for direct mail, you know, for the Congressman's campaign. Maybe that's how they got to know each other. I don't know though.

MR. QUINN: Go ahead, Helen.

BY MS. EISNER:

Q    You mentioned that Jamie and the Congressman were on a texting basis. How do you
know that?

A    Good question. I think I just assumed it when he would maybe -- oh, gosh. Good question. I don't know. I just always assumed they were friends. I think they're friends. Because, you know, I think he lives close-by to the Congressman, and I think they would go over to their house to do some things with the kids. I don't know. Maybe I'm wrong, but I do -- I mean, I'm 90 percent sure they are on a texting basis.

Q    Okay. And also about the relationship with HSP, you were talking about that a little bit a moment ago. But is there anything else we should know about the relationship with the company, not just with Nicole or with Jamie?

A    Not that I know of, but the Congressman would use their -- what's it called? It's in D.C. It's just a little townhouse. It's called the HSP house. They let clients go there and -- like, to stay in the house or work in the house. And the Congressman -- I think they did -- the family did -- use that overnight sometimes. I would just text --
no, not text -- e-mail Nicole Hall and say, hey, is HSP house open right now? Can the Congressman go make some calls or go work? Or can the family stay there for this span of time? But that's it.

Q    Where is the house?
A    It's near the Senate side. I'd have the address probably somewhere in my calendar, honestly, and I can give that to you guys later, or I can look.

Q    Have you ever been there yourself?
A    Yes.

Q    Can you describe it to us in a little bit of detail?
A    Sure. There was three floors. The main floor. I don't think it was a basement. No, I do think there was a basement, but I don't know if I'd ever gone down there. It's like an English basement, if there was one. I don't remember exactly. But the main level was just a living room. There may have been a TV. There's a kitchen always full with drinks, you know, like Coke and water and stuff, coffee. And then there was a kitchen table,
a walkway, and then there was an upstairs. I think it had an office. I don't know if there was a bedroom on the second floor, you know, a couple bathrooms. And then there was a third floor, I think there was another area for sleeping arrangements.

Q Okay. And when you were there, what was the reason that you were there?

A It would mainly be just to do scheduling with the Congressman. If he was -- like in between votes, he would just go to HSP house and do work or -- I don't think he ever went there to rest, at least not to my knowledge. One time there was a campaign event. I think it was -- I think it was after like the inauguration this year or something for the members of Congress. So it was like January 12th. It was sooner than January 20th, I think. They did have -- they used the space for new members of Congress and their families to just come and hang out. Probably not just even new members. Probably any person he wanted to come over -- Alex just wanted to invite. And I ordered food on the
campaign card and had -- I think I had Potbelly
sandwiches delivered. I had Kevin, I think, and
somebody -- Kevin was a staff assistant -- Kevin
(inaudible) to go pick up on his way to work that I
had already paid for on the campaign card, like pick
up from Harris Teeter, I think, but that was the
only time, like, the house was also used.

Q    How often would you say the Congressman
worked there? How often did he use it?

A    Not much. Maybe once a month, if that.

You know, it could have been if there was a hectic,
you know, D.C. work week, maybe more. I just don't
remember exactly, and I wasn't always there.

Sometimes Michael Hough would go to make calls at
the HSP house.

Q    Is that the only place that he would
perform campaign work or other work that he needed
to perform off site, or did he have another place
that he would also perform campaign work off site,
outside of Congress?

A    No, he would go to the -- I think he would
go to the CHC sometimes. I don't think he went to
the NRCC. I don't think he went there very often. He may have gone -- there was another house, Eastgate House. I don't think he went there very much. I don't even know who owned Eastgate House. I know the name of the contact. I don't know if he owned it. His name was Jorge Rosa. I think I still have his contact information, just to give you like his actual name. I think mainly it was just the HSP House.

Q    And you mentioned there were bedrooms. How many bedrooms were there in the house in total?
A    I never actually went to the third floor. If I did, it was only once.
Q    Okay.
A    There may have been three bedrooms, maybe four.
Q    We won't hold you to that. That's fine. Did the Congressman ever sleep there?
A    I don't know. I do know the family did, so maybe he did as well. But he would mostly stay in his office. But if they were ever there, I think they only stayed in the HSP house one or two times
in my time with Alex, and I don't remember if he went there with the family.

Q    And that's the family stayed there one or two times?

A    Yes, the family as in Grace, [Rep. Mooney's son], [Rep. Mooney's older daughter], and [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter].

Q    And on those occasions, was there any type of payment exchanged for the arrangement of staying at the house, to the best of your knowledge?

A    No, ma'am.

Q    Okay. Do you know that there was no payment, or are you just not aware if there was payment?

A    Correct, I'm just not aware if there was. I don't think there was, because I think that I would have been the one to probably, you know, handle that, but I could be wrong. Unless we were clients of HSP at the time, because they had that house for their clients. So I guess it could have been already kind of paid for, if we were using them as direct mail.
MS. EISNER: And just one more question, Sean, unless you want to jump in, but one more area.

BY MS. EISNER:

Q    The Eastgate House you mentioned involving Jorge Rosa is also a place where people would stay overnight?

A    Not overnight, to my knowledge, but we did have the Christmas parties there. And I think a couple of campaign meetings there as well, because I was there for one of them. Yes. He was meeting with Mark -- not Mark -- someone we used for mailing, I think. His name was Mark. I can find his name somewhere. And then another guy. I don't remember his name. Dan. Maybe it was Dan. Don't hold me to that, because I think Dan Hazelwood is in Arizona, and this guy was not Dan Hazelwood. But yeah, it was a campaign meeting.

    They were just discussing -- it was near Christmastime, and they were just smoking cigars and discussing campaign stuff, and the Congressman was like, [Former Staffer 2], do you want to stay and listen to this? So I had to stay and listen to that.
I don't know. So I don't remember what they were talking about, you know, political strategies.

And the other time we used it was like the Christmas party. Last year's Christmas party it was used. I coordinated that with Jorge. I paid Jorge. I guess I sent him a check. No, I think I sent him a check or had the campaign person [Former Staffer 3] sent him a check, I think, because she had, you know, the campaign checkbook. Or maybe it was Brendan Mahoney who was the campaign person at the time. He may have paid Jorge for the Christmas party. And then that was for 2019. And then last year's Christmas party, 2020, [Former Staffer 3] 100 percent did send the Christmas check to Jorge, because we did use the Eastgate House as well.

MS. EISNER: Okay. Sean, I'll hand it back to you, if you have more questions along those lines.

BY MR. QUINN:

Q    Sure. The only thing on the HSP House, did you know of any other members who used the house in a similar way, either to stay overnight or to do
work during the day there?

   A    I do not.

   Q    Okay. Going back to the Aruba trip specifically, other than that e-mail that you mentioned where ethics was brought up -- and we'll look at that in a second -- did you ever have any other conversations with anybody at either HSP or with Representative Mooney about how the trip was going to be paid for?

   A    I know Anne probably asked me at the time. She just said -- or maybe she said, we'll pay for it and then you reimburse us. I'll give you an invoice later. But I don't know. Because I don't think I -- oh, gosh. I don't remember. I don't know if I paid for it with a personal card or campaign. Yeah, I don't remember how I paid for it, or if he just took care of it.

   Q    Okay. Did you ever see -- after the trip did HSP ever send an invoice or a list of anything that they covered?

   A    I don't think so. The only thing that I was sent as a receipt was, he was overcharged for
something at the hotel they stayed at in Aruba. And then I gave that person -- or I gave Anne the credit card number, and she reached out to the lady in Aruba in the hotel where he was overcharged and he would get the card reimbursed, and I do think that was his personal card.

Q    Okay. I think we can actually pull up that document and maybe that e-mail, and if you want to look at it to see if it jogs your memory at all.

MR. QUINN:  Let's see. Matt, can you pull up Tab 5?

THE TECHNICIAN:  Just give me one second. Sorry about that. I'm having an issue with my PDF reader.

MR. QUINN:  That's okay. Okay, you can mark that as Exhibit A. It looks like you already did.

(Exhibit A was marked for identification and is attached to the transcript.)

MR. QUINN:  And just quickly for the record, we have a Bates number applied to this document, and it's HSP 000103. Matt, can you give
[Former Staffer 2] control of the document so she can scroll through it?

THE TECHNICIAN: Sure.

Q If you want to take just a second to look at that, [Former Staffer 2].

A Oh, yeah, that was where the overcharge came from, I think.

Q Okay. And so it looks like -- and correct me if I'm wrong -- but it looks like Representative Mooney paid for this on his personal card. And then at some point after the trip or during the trip, he asked to be reimbursed for that payment; is that right?

A I don't know, but the only reason I would maybe think that is because the Congressman started -- he started paying for things with his personal card, but then I would send those receipts to Michael. And that's why I think he was getting reimbursed for some of this. I don't know if he got reimbursed for this trip, but --

Q When I say reimbursed, it looks like, if you look at this e-mail chain, I mean a
reimbursement from HSP Direct to Representative Mooney. Is that what happened? Why don't you take a second to review that e-mail and see if it jogs your memory. And if you still can't recall, that's fine.

A Yeah, I don't recall.

Q Okay. Why don't we look at --

MR. QUINN: Or actually, Matt, you can pull this down.

Q Do you remember how the family -- or how the flights were arranged to Aruba? Just give me a rundown of that as far as what you remember.

A Yes. HSP or Anne Carpenter said they chartered a flight. So all I had to do was tell the family this is when you need to be here. That's all. And they drove themselves to the airport, to Dulles. The ride back, the family came back with the rest of the group. I don't remember when that was. Yeah, I don't remember at all when that was. But the Congressman had to come back early because of votes. And I asked [Current Staffer 3] if I could pay for that with the MRA because I was
getting him back for votes, and I think he said it was a tricky thing because of it being international. I don't think I ended up using MRA for that. I think it was campaign to get him back, but it may have been personal. I do not remember at all. But yeah, the Congressman did have to come back early, and I booked that flight. And I think I -- I think he got a ride with somebody to the airport, or he cabbed it. I don't remember how he got to the airport, though.

Q Okay. Do you remember if you booked that flight on a personal card, or was it a campaign or official card?

A I don't, but maybe I could -- the e-mail confirmation would have come to me. I need to see if I can find that, actually. Let me write that down.

Q Yeah, sure. If you're able to look for that and see if you can see how that payment was made.

MR. QUINN: And then while you're taking that note down, Matt, if you could pull up Tab 6.
(Exhibit B was marked for identification and is attached to the transcript.)

MR. QUINN: This is going to be the e-mail chain that you were talking about, the ethics communication. Helen looks like she has a question.

MS. EISNER: I do, but I'll wait till you're finished making that note.

THE WITNESS: Okay, I'm good.

BY MS. EISNER:

Q    Just one point of clarification. You talked about the charter flight going to Aruba. Was that the whole family and the Congressman who were on the charter flight?

A    Yes.

Q    Okay. So they all flew together with the other HSP individuals who were going to Aruba?

A    To my knowledge, yes, because that was the chartered flight to get everyone to Aruba. Unless some came on their own, I do not know.

Q    Okay.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And you should now be able to see this. We've marked it as Exhibit B.
There's no Bates number on this document, but this was an e-mail that you produced to us, and it's a printout from Gmail, and the first e-mail on the chain is on February 26, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

BY MR. QUINN:

Q    Again, if you want to just take two seconds to look at the e-mail, familiarize yourself with it. I just have a couple of questions for you about that.

A    Yeah, I don't even know if they sent me an itemized receipt. Maybe it was to him. I can go back and look.

Q    Okay. But as it is right now, you don't remember if there was something itemized, a list --

A    I don't. They probably just sent it to him, if they sent it, but I do not remember one.

Q    Okay. I want to just kind of hear about some of the context for this e-mail or discussions that happened around this time. It looks like these all got exchanged on a Friday afternoon. Do you remember any conversations with Representative Mooney about the Ethics Committee's involvement with
A    Only that -- so this was the first I'd heard about it was from Anne. And I'm like, what are you talking about, ethics? This is not an official trip. Why would they need to be involved? So I make a note of it, probably somewhere, to ask the Congressman the next time I see him, hey, Anne mentioned something about you talking to ethics or Nicole said to talk to ethics, whatever, in that e-mail chain to Anne. And then he said, don't worry about it. Like, I'll handle that or something. Or I think that's what he said. I don't even know if he even mentioned ethics, like there's no need for that. I don't know if he said that, but it was all, he'll handle that with Nicole, or he'll just handle that.

Q    But so you do recall a specific conversation where he told you he would deal with the ethics committee?

A    Yes.

Q    Okay.

A    Or I don't even know if he said I'll deal
with the ethics committee, but, like, he'll just handle that. Like, there's no reason for me to be involved in that, basically.

Q    And do you know -- did you ever hear from him or anybody else if he did handle that? Do you know if he ever spoke to anybody at the ethics committee?

A    I don't recall if he did -- if I heard that, and I don't remember. Like, it does not even ring a bell.

Q    Okay. Did either Anne or Nicole ever bring it up to you again around this time outside of the context of this e-mail?

A    I don't believe so. No, because that would have been it. I said, hi, Anne. The Congressman spoke to Nicole about this. And then that's -- yeah, that's the last I've talked about it, I believe.

Q    Okay. And then if you scroll up to that first e-mail, this says, hi, [Former Staffer 2]. We can put the Congressman's family's transportation expenses to the airport on our bill with ECO DMS.
Do you recall whether or not the family used HSP Direct to get to and from the airport?

A    They probably -- expenses to the airport.

I do remember asking the hotel about transportation to get the Congressman back, but I don't recall -- but then I kind of do recall talking about how to get the family back to the airport, but they probably just went with everybody else -- the family -- to return to the airport, is what I'm guessing. Because the Congressman didn't end up using transportation when he flew back early. He rode with somebody else. But I don't exactly remember how I got the family back, other than they just went with HSP or ECO DMS.

Q    I want to talk a little bit about the work that you did to prepare the family for this trip. I know you discussed setting up the visas. You helped them set up the Covid testing. I think you might have also mentioned travel insurance. Is that --

A    Yeah, I think that was one of the charges.

Q    And then obviously, you produced some e-mails, and we're looking at this one right now,
where you were sort of the point of contact between HSP and Representative Mooney. Are there any other sort of categories of work that you did to help the Mooney family prepare for this trip?

A    Oh, oh, oh, well, it may not count really, but each Vault, each Covid test for Vault, had to have their own e-mail. You couldn't use two e-mails for one. So [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter], being five or six years old at the time, you know, she didn't have her own e-mail address. So I made her an e-mail address.

And then I sent all the passwords over to Grace. You know, I was coordinating with them, making sure, did you receive your confirmation e-mail from Vault or something. You know, just little things like that. That's probably about it, though.

Q    Okay. And I just want to get a little bit of an understanding about kind of how much time you think you spent helping the family with this. Can you estimate that in any way, either a number of days, or a number of hours?
A Well, so as soon as Anne would send out
the e-mails, I would try to get started on as much
as I could. So I could probably find you her
e-mails of giving us step-by-step stuff or when to
do these certain things. She was very detailed
about that. You couldn't do the Covid test until,
you know, a couple of days before they left. You
couldn't get the travel visa, I don't think, until
the week of the trip, or something like that.

But it mainly got to be a lot of work when
I was doing the visas, the Covid -- setting up the
Covid thing -- the Covid tests, and there was
something else. I don't know. But yeah, you know,
it was several hours one night, like, getting
everything ready for the trip, because they were
leaving the next day. So I was in contact with
Grace. I was texting her. She was all stressed
out. I'm like, girl, you're not doing anything.
Why are you so stressed? I'm stressed. So I did
stay up, you know. I got home from work at, you
know, like 6:00, and I stayed up one night till
10:00 -- or 10:00 or 11:00. You have in the e-mail
stamps when I was sending the e-mails to her, or maybe it was 9:45. I don't know. But it was gosh -- I don't know. It wasn't no 40 hours. Maybe like 12 hours. I don't know.

Q    Okay. And did some of that work happen during official work time, so around 9:00 in the morning till 5:00 in the afternoon?

A    Probably. Oh, I would do it. As soon as I got instructions from Anne, I would try to get on top of it immediately, because traveling outside of the US, just, you know, trust me. I wanted to get everything ready and how they needed it and stuff. So most likely, yes, I was probably at my desk in my congressional office using the computer doing this. 100 percent.

Q    And did that concern you, or did you have any conversations with Representative Mooney about the fact that you were doing all this work for a personal vacation?

A    I was scared of the Congressman, so I never really -- I would never question him, or try to question him. No, I thought schedulers -- see, I
never worked on The Hill before. I didn't know what was proper etiquette for this kind of thing. I just did whatever he said. I didn't know I could say no.

Q    I guess you didn't know you could say no. I was going to ask, did you ever feel like you could say no if there was a personal task that he asked you to complete?

A    I don't think I would have if I could. Like I was just too scared to say no. Like he asked me to take home a shirt and a towel to wash one time. Like, I'm not going to say no to such an easy task, but I'm like, I don't want to do this, but, you know. It's such a little thing. I didn't mind. So --

Q    So that was an incident where you took his laundry to your house and washed it like in your own washer and dryer?

A    Yes.

Q    We'll come back and talk a little bit more about some other types of personal tasks. But on this point, were there any other vacations that you helped the Mooneys plan or prepare for?
A  Sometimes when they would go to the Florida trips. There was some kind of approved congressional institute. I don't know. I think he paid for that with campaign card. But that -- the family would go too. House Republicans Congressional Institute. I don't know if you're familiar. I think that's the title. They kind of turned those into vacations, because, I mean, the family went. I kind of picture that as a vacation if your whole family goes.

But maybe -- I don't even know if I rented a car, but I would just book the plane tickets for that. Maybe they took a train one time. The South Dakota trip, I did do all the booking for that, even though I probably used their personal card at one point. But I booked a rental car. I booked train tickets. And then I booked -- I don't know how the family got back. Maybe I booked flights, rooms.

Q  When was the South Dakota trip?
A  2020, July.

Q  And can you just describe that generally?
A  Sure. One day we were just sitting down
talking about it, and she, Grace -- Grace Mooney was just going through, you know, scheduling that kind of thing. And what was it? And they were just telling me when they wanted to go, how they wanted to go. I think they wanted to -- maybe she had found train tickets, or they said let's try the train, because maybe plane tickets would have been expensive. And so I got like an overnight train on the Amtrak. I think I got two rooms probably. I don't think all of them could fit in one room.

And I do think -- I think Maggie and Ed Fusey (phonetic) may have gone. And that is Grace's sister, Maggie, and her brother-in-law Ed, Edward Fusey. I want to say they went on this trip to South Dakota, but I'm not positive. I think they took care of all their own thing. I may have booked a train. I don't know. But yeah, so the South Dakota trip, I booked the train out there. I booked their room. And like I said, I think I couldn't find a hotel for that, or maybe I did. I thought there were some I couldn't find for you, Sean. And I did get a rental car. And I think the Congressman
probably took them back to the airport to fly home. And then he and [Rep. Mooney's son] took that rental car and did -- they drove up to -- I think I sent you some hotel receipts that shows they were in Illinois maybe. Like, they did a cross country thing, and I did book all those rooms on the campaign. He would just call me the day of and say I want this room in this city, and I would just Google some rooms. And I think they drove -- oh, gosh. How did they get home? I think they drove to a train station in Chicago maybe, and that may have been the start of another trip in Pennsylavnia. It may have been this Republican retreat thing. I'd have to look at my calendar to see if I have the names of these things. I know I'm talking in circle, guys, but maybe I've chased a rabbit on your question, Sean.

Q  No, no. I'll ask. I'll go back quickly to clarify. So the South Dakota trip that was followed by the road trip, were there any official or campaign stops on that trip, or was that purely a personal trip with Grace and her family?

A  So the road trip would have been -- I know
he wanted me to try to get in touch with this man named Richard Uline. I think he owns this company called Uline. And I know he never ended up meeting him, but I know he wanted to travel that way to try to meet with him in person. I know that didn't actually happen, because I never got in touch with Richard, or we never scheduled anything. But I know -- I want to say he may have asked me to call a few people maybe in Chicago or near Chicago to try to set up a meeting. I don't know if they ever took place. Or I don't remember. I don't know if there were any actual stops. He probably, you know, made some calls, but I do not remember at all.

Q Okay. But otherwise, largely a personal trip with the family?

A That's what it always sounded like to me.

Q Okay.

MS. EISNER: And just a few quick clarifications there.

BY MS. EISNER:

Q What was the date range of that, just so we can -- you might have said this earlier, but
approximately, your memory of the month when that
would have occurred?

A    July 2020.

Q    Okay. And you said you used the campaign
credit card to pay for the hotels?

A    I don't remember. I may have. I know I'm
pretty sure I used the campaign to pay for the
rental car, because he was traveling with [Rep.
Mooney's son] on -- I was given the -- I think it
was campaign card for at least the rental car.

Q    Okay. And at whose direction did you use
the campaign card? Was that the Congressman? How
were you, you know, informed that you should use the
campaign card for at least the rental car charge?

A    It was Alex Mooney. I was sitting at
their kitchen table, and I was saying, okay, how do
I pay for this. And I would just write it down, you
know, get my notes.

Q    Okay.

BY MR. QUINN:

Q    And then you said that road trip maybe
ended with a trip to Pennsylvania? Is that the
Nemacullam (phonetic) trip?

A    Yes, maybe. I don't know, but I kind of remember that somebody had to take a train and then Reiner picked them up. I don't know. Reiner is the driver. Reiner Kissel was the driver. I may have my dates all mixed up, because I don't remember how they got home.

Q    Okay.

MR. QUINN: We might return to this in a little bit, that detour, but getting back to that Aruba trip now. And Matt, I think you can -- unless, Helen, do you have any other questions about that ethics e-mail?

MS. EISNER: No. Go ahead.

Q    Okay. Just one more time, I know we asked you if there were any other kind of services or trips that HSP provided Representative Mooney, but do you remember Representative Mooney being invited by HSP on any other trips?

A    Yes. That would have been -- yeah. It was like their Christmas party things. I think they were only maybe one or two nights, and I don't even
-- I don't remember him going to all of them. I don't even know if he took the family with them. It may have been just him and Grace. But I do think HSP had a couple of Christmas parties in my time there. And he may have -- maybe one of them was at Salamander. I don't even know where -- I think Salamanders is a resort in Virginia, I think. I may have that all wrong. But I do believe that they went to -- I at least put things on the calendar that were related to HSP and a Christmas party. Or maybe -- I do think there was one at least that there was an overnight thing, and I don't remember if he went, though.

Q  Okay. So an overnight Christmas party that may have been at the resort in Virginia. Any other trips or some other types of events?

A  I think that would have been it. It's just their little -- yeah, I think that would have just been a one-nighter thing or two nights around Christmas, I think.

Q  Do you remember which year that Christmas party would have been?
A    Well, there probably would have been, you
know, one in 2019 and one in 2020. I don't know if
you went to these. Maybe the 2021 was canceled. I
could maybe see if it was on my calendar, because I
think I would put things on mine as a reminder for
me to do certain things. So I can look for you
guys. Let me write that down.

Q    Yeah, sure. If you could look for any
other details around those Christmas trips or
parties, that would be great.

MR. QUINN: Helen, did you have a
question?

MS. EISNER: I did.

BY MS. EISNER:

Q    You know, you've talked about the trip to
Aruba as a personal trip. And, you know, viewing it
as a personal trip. It would be helpful if, you
know, you could walk us through or help us
understand, why did they go with HSP? This was a
personal trip, you know. To the best to your
knowledge, if you could sort of explain that to us,
why did they go with HSP?
A    The best of my knowledge would be that he and Jamie Hogan and Nicole Hall are all friends and they invited the Mooneys. Because I don't know if we were still a client. Were we really ever a client of HSP? I don't really know. So maybe that was another reason. But that's all I can see why they would go on the trip.

MS. EISNER: That's all.

BY MR. QUINN:

Q    Other than that e-mail chain we just looked at where HSP was going to pay up front and Representative Mooney was going to reimburse them, did you ever have any indication that HSP was going to be paying for part of the trip for Representative Mooney, like there was a financial incentive to go on the trip?

A    It never crossed my mind.

Q    Okay.

BY MS. EISNER:

Q    In general, you know, in your interactions, whether it was, you know, related to the road trip we were talking about, or the
Christmas party, or the Aruba trip, did you get the sense that financial considerations were -- and having perhaps another source of payment were important to the Mooneys?

A If I did, I don't remember ever thinking that. I don't think I ever went this far. I was just told to, you know, here, book this; I'm going here. That's where it stopped with me. I don't think I really processed through any of that.

Q Understood.

BY MR. QUINN:

Q Okay. Last thing I have on the Aruba trip. Did you ever hear anything about Representative Mooney's kids staying with Jamie Hogan when they were in Aruba?

A I don't remember, but, like, there were instances where, like, you couldn't have so many people in one room. So one of the kids would stay with another family. So that may have been this instance. I don't remember. It wouldn't surprise me.

MR. QUINN: Okay. I think we can move on
from Aruba, unless, Helen, you have any other
general questions about that?

MS. EISNER:  Nope.  Go ahead.

BY MR. QUINN:

Q    Okay. So let's go to other instances of
staff being used for what seemed like personal
errands, or there are a couple instances in some of
the documents that you produced to us that I wanted
to ask about. One had to do with an FBI teen
academy for one of Representative Mooney's
daughters. Can you just tell me about that? What
sort of work did you do that related to that FBI
teen academy?

A    Sure. I don't remember if Alex initiated
it with me first, but it may have been that Grace
called me directly, or texted me. I know we spoke
on the phone several times about it, and then she
would call and text and ask for an update on it.
But so it was a teen academy thing with the FBI. I
don't even exactly know. It was for [Rep. Mooney's
older daughter], the oldest daughter, and it was
probably -- she wanted it -- because they had
different locations apparently. So one could have been -- I think the closest one Grace told me was in Pennsylvania, and I didn't understand what it was exactly. I was like, oh, is this a day thing? Is this a week thing? I don't know.

And so I was figuring out a way to get in touch with the FBI. I think I -- I think I looked at -- we have this big old House directory. Maybe there was something I found there, or I looked on House net for foreign affairs -- I mean, FBI affairs. I don't know. I was trying to figure that out.

And then [Former Staffer 6], bless him, tried. And he was like, well, my parents worked for the FBI, and so I'll just ask them. I don't know if he actually ended up asking them, because I think he just Googled teen academy on the FBI website, and I think he found it. And I don't think he actually asked his parents, because that's how he got involved in that. And then I got the website. I looked at teen academy, and I think I found an e-mail. I sent it it from my House e-mail, so they knew it was important.
And I just -- I think I sent you these transcripts. I just told them -- not transcripts, e-mails of what my boss's wife, or what my boss was looking for. I think I was trying to say mostly Alex, so they knew it wasn't just the spouse.

But yeah, and then I think I just said their daughter's interested in this, and I may have spoken to Kelly or -- I think her name was Whitney or Kelly. You may see it on the e-mail chain, someone who worked on the FBI, the teen stuff. I think I spoke to one on the phone just asking, you know, how it all worked.

And to begin with, they didn't have an FBI teen academy in West Virginia or near the house, and they said if there's an interest, we will schedule one. Apparently they found interest, and they were going to schedule one in Martinsburg. I think that's still in the e-mail chain. But then I left Alex's office, and that's the last I -- I didn't forward it, and that was it.

Q Okay. And did you help at all with the application for the teen academy or did you have any
further interaction with that after that e-mail chain?

A    No, because it was all the preliminaries, just trying to find an actual location and then when it was going to be and all that.

Q    Okay. Another instance that showed up -- well, actually, I don't think we need to look that. Another instance that showed up and that we've talked briefly about before is a visit to the African-American Museum that you helped plan. Can you tell me about that?

A    Sure. It all started with Grace. I don't know if she called me, texted, don't remember, but probably call, and she wanted [Rep. Mooney's son], their son, had a school project on Carter G. Woodson, and she wanted to go to the African-American Museum to, I think, find information on him. And then she wanted a curator tour or a tour with museum personnel so [Rep. Mooney's son] could ask questions or see stuff on Carter G. Woodson, maybe. So they wanted a tour.

And I think this is the instance where
they were asking -- I was talking to someone named Philip Lipco or something, and then I got transferred to a woman named Kathleen, and I think they wanted to know if the Congressman was actually going to be there. And then I would just say, yeah, of course. I don't even know if I asked the Congressman if he was going to go or not. I don't even think I realized if he was going to go or not. But you know, I would keep that because I wanted them to think the Congressman was coming so they would give the wife and the son a tour, or like they were coming as a family. I think that was the extent of me setting up that tour with them. I never talked to them on the phone. I talked to Philip on the phone, I believe. And then they may have given me some times. I don't know.

I think it was near Christmas. I'm almost positive it was December. And I just relayed all this to Grace. I don't even know if it was e-mail or not. I may have just called her and told her, but that's how I set up that tour.

Q    And was there also a lunch at the museum
that was involved?

A   Yes. I found that out in March or April when I was looking through the receipts.

Q   Can you tell me about that -- can you tell me about that lunch?

A   Sure. Well, I mean, I don't think it was anything campaign related. It was just -- there was a café inside the African-American Museum, and I don't even know what it's called. So that's a point. We have the receipt probably. And I realized when I saw this receipt, I'm like, this is in December. This is the Museum, and I'm like, wait, like, you guys. And I'm saying, like, you guys, as in [Former Staffer 3] and [Former Staffer 1]. I'm like, this is the tour that I booked for them. And I do believe at one point that receipt came up with the Congressman, and [Former Staffer 1] -- and [Former Staffer 1] may have relayed to us, like, why couldn't I go to a museum with my family, or like it was an official trip is what it came down to. That's how -- either [Former Staffer 1] worded it like that, or the Congressman directly...
worded it that way. I think it was an official trip or official tour. I think he maybe was thinking that because he was a member of Congress and he was on it. I don't really know why he would say that is an official trip, but that's all I know about the lunch, I think.

Q Okay. And do you know if that amount was one of the amounts that was reimbursed, or this was not one of the reimbursed amounts?

A I think it should have been one of the reimbursed ones, because of who we were working with. And I don't know if it's one of the ones he wanted taken out, because like I said, all of them were eventually left in. But I do believe this was all part of the reimbursement.

BY MS. EISNER:

Q And just to step back, because I think this might be one thing that hasn't been said yet. What was it about the receipt that was a concern?

A Sure. It's because I knew he was just on a tour with Grace and [Rep. Mooney's son], and it was just a school thing for [Rep. Mooney's son].
And that's how I knew -- like this, I didn't like what I saw. I think that actually may have been when I realized he was with them. I don't even know if I knew in December when I booked it that he actually went on the trip with them. I do not remember. I wonder what the calendar says for that day now, if it says working in D.C. I don't know. That wouldn't be on my calendar, I don't think. He may have ended that, but, yeah, when I saw that receipt, like I knew.

Q    Let me just jump in. And help me understand, is it because the receipt was a campaign receipt? Is that what we're talking about? I mean, how was it paid for is the concern?

A    Yes, it was either paid by his card or the campaign card. Like, it may have been in the pile for reimbursement receipts. Like, why would we have it if he paid for it personally and that was the end of it? I don't know if I remember looking at the card numbers. If you gave me the receipt, or if I -- you know, if I had a copy of the receipt, I may be able to tell you the last four digits and if that
was campaign or personal. But he may have -- he usually would write reimbursed or campaign reimbursement on these receipts. So I guess whoever -- the campaign person would know, oh, I need to reimburse Alex for this. But because it was in the pile of what we were working with, I knew he had probably got reimbursed for this.

Q So it was the potential source of payment that was the problem?

A Probably, yes, ma'am.

BY MR. QUINN:

Q Can you think of any other similar types of tasks that you did for the Mooney children, either helping them with school work or school projects or getting them enrolled in programs or anything like that?

A A few instances I do remember. I mean, I did babysit [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter] a bit. And I did play with her at the house once. He gave me the phone to Facetime [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter] at one point so he could make some calls, and I could keep her company on Facetime.
And then I did set up [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter's] 529 account. Now, I didn't set up -- like, I didn't put the money in her account or anything. I just set up all the -- like, you need her background information. You need her social, I think, and the parent's social; all those little things to set the account up. I did do that, and I don't even remember if I finished it. I want to say I did, like I'm pretty sure I did. I would have had to, because he told me a few weeks later, oh, yeah -- I think he did say, oh, yeah, I did finish [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter's] 529 or something. I don't know.

BY MS. EISNER:

Q    And who asked you to set up the 529?

A    Alex Mooney. So I set up a phone call with someone from the credit union -- Federal Credit Union, I think, down in Rayburn. I set up a phone call with someone named Mikael. He may not have even been with the credit union, but I got his contact information from David Lansing in the credit union, I think. And then I e-mailed with Mikael saying, hey, can we set up a call about 529. I
think I specified 529. I don't remember. And then
the Congressman and Mikael had a phone call. I sat
in on that call. The Congressman wanted me to take
notes, and that's when Mikael told us how to go on
to West Virginia 529 website, and that's when he
said you have to set it up, so I set it up.

Q    Did any of these events, the phone call or
the request, come during the official workday, you
know, the traditional 9:00 to 5:00 workday?

A    Yes. We took that phone call -- the
conference call with Mikael in his office one day.
It must have been a session day, because he was
there.

Q    And what was your reaction when the
Congressman asked you to set up that account and to
assist him in the process?

A    Zero reaction. I'm like, I'm the
scheduler. This is what I do. I thought that's
what -- you know, I just do anything that the member
asks.

Q    Did you have any conversations with other
people in the office about this request and the fact
that you were assisting him with that type of project?

A I don't believe so. I don't remember if I did, but I'm pretty sure I wouldn't think the 9:00 to 5:00 incident was something, you know, noteworthy at the time.

Q Okay.

BY MR. QUINN:

Q And maybe describe to us why that wasn't noteworthy to you. Do you mean there wasn't really a line between personal work and congressional work?

A Correct. I would just do whatever was asked if it was, you know, scheduling. I became more and more like his personal assistant usually. I mean, that's what I kind of thought a scheduler was. It was anything the member needed.

BY MS. EISNER:

Q You mentioned earlier that you were somewhat scared of the Congressman. Can you unpack that a little bit?

A Yeah. He just had a way about him. He was very direct. There's nothing wrong with being
direct, but it was the way he just kind of came off, very rough. And I'm just -- I fully admit it. I'm a sensitive person. And so he was just direct in a couple incidents.

Like, I had done some things wrong when I first started, you know, of course, but the way he kind of brought -- like, told me I had done things wrong was -- it just, you know, it zaps your confidence a bit. And so later on, it just kind of made me afraid of him whenever I saw him.

Q    How did he tell you you'd done something wrong?
A    Like, I mean, he's very direct. So it came about in my first review. Like, they didn't tell me the things I had done wrong from when I started in July 2019. They told me in my review in January 2020 of some of the things I had done wrong. I'm like, why didn't you just tell me this earlier. So when it all came to me at once in his direct voice, and just the way he just delivers -- and he's just not very nice sometimes. And I'm not trying to whine. I'm just sensitive. And so that's --
because when I cried -- and it was just the whole thing.

Q    We understand.

A    From then on, I was just a little -- I was always afraid of what had I done, possibly, because I wouldn't be told I had done something wrong until my next review. So I was always just on egg shells in my mind.

Q    Did you have the same feelings when you were asked -- whether it was related to the 529 or helping with some trips or babysitting, did those same feelings ever impact you?

A    No. It was just -- well, maybe it did. It was just a steady just do whatever he says and I won't cause any ripples, or I won't, you know, get in trouble later in my next review. I don't know. Maybe I did. It makes sense that that was probably what my thought pattern was.

Q    What about when you received requests from the Congressman's wife? Was it a similar thought process?

A    No. It's just when Grace asked me to do
something, it was just I need to do it immediately. I did figure that out when we were at our first staff retreat. It was in October 2019, and Grace had e-mailed me a few things, and I wasn't answering her because Michael Hough said, don't be on your phones. Don't be working. I'll handle if the Congressman gets angry or something, or, you know, tells you to work. You know, we're here to pay attention to the speaker at the time. And that's when I knew -- the Congressman said, my wife e-mailed you. I'm like, yeah, I know. I'll get to it. And he's like, just do it now. And that's when I kind of got the gist, I better just do things immediately when he tells me to do it. So that -- from then on, it was just whenever she called, texted, immediate.

Q    How frequently did she call and text?
A    Not much. She was not high maintenance.

It was just for things that she needed. She told me when I first met her, like, I won't ever contact you unless I really need something. So and it was like a tour, the FBI thing. There may have been a couple
other things, but -- I think there was another tour
I did set up, I think. I don't remember which
museum, or if it even happened. It may have even
just been a phone call. I think that's what it was,
a phone call with a museum curator and [Rep. Mooney's
son] and maybe Grace, but I think it was just those
little kind of things. Not much.

BY MR. QUINN:

Q    Was some of the fear or concern that you
had over completing these tasks related to a fear
that you wouldn't be able to keep your job if you
weren't doing these personal tasks for him?

A    Yeah, that was always a fear, like, I
don't want to get -- he never yelled. He never did
that, but I was like, I don't want to get in
trouble, and I don't want to ever get fired so, yes,
I would just do things immediately to be -- because,
like, they hired me, and I had never been a
scheduler before. And so I was like, I have to do
everything, you know, to keep him happy.

Q    It sounds like you would obviously
normally do these tasks for him. Was there anybody
in the office that, you know, put up a fight about these tasks or opposed him on them ever?

A    Not to my knowledge, no.

BY MS. EISNER:

Q    Did you ever discuss with any other coworkers a similar type of fear when they were asked to do tasks about potentially losing their job? Was that something that was a point of discussion with your coworkers?

A    I don't believe so. No, I just think that was me in my head.

BY MR. QUINN:

Q    You mentioned babysitting for the Congressman. Can you tell me a little bit about that?

A    Yeah, it was just twice when [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter] was brought to D.C. with him just to spend the night with him in the office, and he went home the next day. But when he got there in the afternoon, [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter] was with me. And then I would just stay with her. We would -- I think -- like at one point, we -- I don't remember
where she was for the afternoon, but it became in the evening when he was voting. We went to this room in the Capitol where they had some toys, and it was across from like the House floor. We were there maybe a few hours waiting for him. And then, when he finished, she wanted to play some more. So we stayed there a little longer.

And then the next time I played with her outside on the Capitol steps waiting for him to come down, because he was going to drive home that night. And at one point, one of the times -- I think it was just talking about the time with the little room, a little earlier that afternoon, I think, [Former Staffer 3] and I took her around to like the Library of Congress. And then at one point, I had to leave both of them, [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter] and [Former Staffer 3]. I had to go back and do some work. And then maybe that's when I took over after [Former Staffer 3] left. I don't know. But I'm pretty sure it was those two incidences that I actually babysat.

Q And those both -- that was occurring on the Capitol grounds?
A    Yes, either in the House building or in
the Capitol, yes.

Q    Okay. And do you have an estimate for
each of those incidents about how long you were
babysitting [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter]?

A    Oh, gosh. Maybe three hours a piece in
the evening. I don't remember the earlier afternoon
portions. I just remember when he was gone for
votes, because I was with her constantly. I would
say no longer than three hours per time, at least in
the evening part.

Q    And when you were babysitting [Rep. Mooney's
younger daughter], did that prevent you from doing your
official Congressional work?

A    Yes.

Q    How old was [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter]
 at the time?

A    She is -- I think she was five. She may
have been six. Five or six, yeah.

Q    And then you said [Former Staffer 3] also
might have done this with you, or [Former Staffer 3]
did it with you once?
A    I'm pretty sure [Former Staffer 3] did it other times as well, because she was the campaign side as well. So she would go to the Congressman's house. So I do think there was a lot more instances where she was babysitting [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter]. I could be wrong, but I do think so. But yeah, [Former Staffer 3] and I were just with her that one afternoon in the Library of Congress for maybe two hours, and then I left them, and I don't know what they did between that and the evening when I took over for [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter], I think -- with [Rep. Mooney's younger daughter].

Q    Other than you and [Former Staffer 3], can you think of anybody else that you know that might have babysat for the Mooneys?

A    No, I don't believe anybody. They just preferred either me or [Former Staffer 3], at least from the staff.

Q    Okay. Let's go through just a few other types of other personal errands, and you can tell me if you ever performed these sorts of tasks, or if you know any other staffers that did. Actually,
first I want to take it by family member. Do you remember ever seeing requests for tasks from Representative Mooney's mother, Lala?

A Not personal tasks. They would just be, hey, can you help me maybe set up this pro-life march, breakfast, or lunch or something. I didn't ever actually end up doing that. But, like, she would e-mail us a lot, or maybe send me a flyer, or can you get me some of my books.

We had some of her books. She wrote some books about her time in Cuba, and we had some in the office. We had to deliver her books. I didn't have to do it, but the interns did deliver her books to members of Congress. We did do that. I mean, she would call, and I would actually ask her a lot to drive the Congressman, but that's mostly -- I don't think she really gave me any task that I had to do. I mean, there were some instances, but I just don't remember. And then, yeah, I don't remember a ton of them, if there were.

Q You mentioned an event related to a pro-life rally? I think I saw it in some of the
documents. Was that a reception at the Heritage
Foundation maybe?

A Yes, I think that -- yes, you're right. I
didn't have anything to do with it. I don't know.
I do remember one scheduler -- I don't remember --
it may have been -- I don't remember the scheduler,
honestly. It wasn't Anita. I don't even remember
Anita's last name. Anita Dunkel. She was not
involved, I don't think, but there was a scheduler
who did really get involved with the Heritage lunch
thing with the Congressman's mother. I don't know
if she ever completed it, or if it actually
happened, but I do think there was lot of that. But
no, I never did that. I think it still went on, the
lunch. I don't know who finished it, but it wasn't
me.

Q Okay. Do you recall by any chance whether
or not the Congressman attended that event?

A I don't recall at all.

Q Just moving down to the other family
members, any other tasks from Grace that you
remember that we haven't talked about yet?
There could have been, but it's just --the museum things were the most that sticks in my mind.

Q How about driving for the member? Did you drive him?

A I did. One time I think I drove him home after votes one day. That was only one time. And then I did drive him to Richmond. I would drive him to the airport.

Q What did you drive him to Richmond for?

A That was the basketball game with [Rep. Mooney's son]. [Rep. Mooney's son] was not in the car. I drove him from votes to Richmond, and then I drove home back home alone. I did drive him -- I did pick him up at the Wolf's Lodge, which is an indoor waterpark in -- I think it's in Williamsburg. And [Former Staffer 3] went with me to pick him up. It was one morning, and then we drove directly back for votes. I did drive him on a couple -- or maybe I think it was just once. There was a day trip -- a campaign day trip -- not a campaign, excuse me. Just we went into the District. He had a couple of official meetings,
like meeting, I think, with small business owners.
I think, like, there was one at a strawberry field
that I drove his car. But I drove to his house in
West Virginia, and then we drove his car deep into
Virginia, just, you know, a few hours away, and then
came back the same day. That may have been the
extent of that.

I'm sure there were other little instances
that I would drive around the city, like maybe to go
to the HSP house and back, or pick him up from the
HSP house and take him to votes. Those kinds of
things.

Q Okay.

MR. QUINN: Right after you told me about
the Richmond trip, my earphones actually cut out. I
won't ask you to repeat the things that you listed,
but Helen, do you have any questions about those
specific trips? I was going to ask about mileage
related to those, but if you have --

MS. EISNER: No, I actually don't think
so. I think that actually sort of covered all the
questions that I had, so you can move on.
BY MR. QUINN:

Q    So let's take the Richmond trip for an example. If you were driving him to that basketball tournament, did you or anybody claim mileage for that sort of driving activity?

A    I did not claim for the Richmond trip. I know I told you that in, like, my Google document, but he did say, you can take mileage for this because it's like you were taking me home. And then I did think about it for, you know -- like I told him a few days later when I saw him for the next D.C. workweek, no, I'm just going to take the cash. I had even written that down on my like notepad, and then he responded, like, how much, like when I saw him the next morning. Yeah, so that's beside the point, but, yeah, I did get cash for that trip.

Q    And who did you get cash from?

A    Alex. Alex Mooney gave me cash for driving down to Richmond.

Q    And what was he -- was he paying for gas, or did he pay some for your mileage also?

A    No, just the gas. I just told him what it
cost me to fill up.

Q Okay. And was that pretty common for other staffers as well, to drive him to those sorts of personal events?

A I'm actually the only one with a car. I was the only one in the office with a car besides Michael, and Michael was a really, you know -- he wasn't there like I was. So it was just me.

Q Okay. Were there more folks on the campaign side that would drive him? Like, for example, I know you named Reiner Kissel drove him to and from some events?

A Yes.

Q Okay. Who else? Can you maybe list for me the people you can think of that frequently drove him places?

A Sure. So I know that Reiner -- Reiner was a Congressional staffer, and so he did drive the Congressman a lot. I'm sure that -- and I know it overlapped with campaign driving, because they used to pay Reiner in gift cards.

That was when Ted Dacey was around, so he
handled that side. And then I think they stopped
that, because you weren't supposed to be doing that
apparently. And then Reiner retired, and Reiner
would still drive the Congressman sometimes, because
he was just happy to do it. You know, he's a sweet,
sweet older man, and I don't know if they paid him,
because we couldn't pay him with a credit card -- I
mean gift card. So I'm not sure.

And then [Former Staffer 3] would drive him all
the time. Or as far as I know, it was all the time.
She was the one campaign person with a car. Brendan
Mahoney, he was the previous campaign person I think
drove him sometimes. Michael drove him sometimes,
because Michael Hough lives near his house and would
drive him to D.C. sometimes. Pick him up on the
way, because sometimes he would leave his car. The
Congressman would leave his car in Rayburn. I think
that was probably the gist of it. [Former Staffer 3],
Reiner, me, when he was in D.C., but, yeah.

Q Okay. You mentioned that they paid Reiner
in gift cards. Do you know why they did that?
A When it was on the campaign side, they
did, and I don't know why they used gift cards. I
didn't even ask. I was just like, oh, okay, gift
card.

Q    And when you say gift card, do you mean
like a prepaid Visa card, or was it like a gift card
to a specific store?

A    Right. I'm pretty sure it was probably a
prepaid Visa because that was -- when I did say, I
did purchase one of the Visas for the birthday
party. I purchased the gift card Visa, so I do
think it was probably that.

Q    Okay.

A    That's what they bought Reiner, I mean.

Q    And then, for that example, for the
birthday party when you purchased the gift cards to
pay for part of that event, did you have any
impression about why they were asking you to do it
through a gift card as opposed to just the campaign
card?

A    I'm almost positive I remember asking
Michael. I said, we're not supposed to do this
anymore, right? I thought that's what -- we weren't
supposed to buy anymore gift cards, because this
was, like, June this year. And Michael was like, I
don't know what else to do, because I can't take his
credit card from him for a couple of days, I think
was the issue. He couldn't take the campaign card
from the Congressman, I guess, for those few days
that he needed to buy party supplies and the cake.
So that's why he sent just get the gift card. Now
maybe he was right to do this. I don't know, and
that's why, you know, he saved the receipt.

Q   When you said you were told not to use
gift cards like that anymore, who told you that?

A   I don't even remember. It just became --
it may have been Ted saying -- it may have been me
when I scheduled a drive with Reiner. I told either
Mike or Ted, oh, we'll need to give Reiner a gift
card, and they were like, oh, we can't do that
anymore. It may have been something like that.

Q   Do you remember around the time frame when
you --

A   Before -- before Ted quit, so it was
probably late 2019.
Q Okay.

A Also, just a heads up. I have like a three-minute call at 11:00 a.m. to go through the schedule with the district staff. Would that be cool if we took a break right then for just, like, five minutes?

Q Yeah, absolutely. And then just to let you know, I think we've got maybe another 20 or 30 minutes. But if we want a little bit of a break, and then we'll try to get you out of here quickly. Sorry, this has run a just a little longer than we initially thought. But yeah, just let us know when you need to stop, and you can get on your call, and then we'll get off the record, and you can take your call, and then we'll come back.

Okay. We just talked about driving tasks. You said that you once did the Congressman's laundry. Any other dry cleaning or laundry-related tasks that you can think of?

A Yes. So whenever the Congressman -- he would put his -- like his dress shirts or his suit pants or coat on my desk chair. That means he
wanted it to get to the laundry, so I would take it to the back and, you know, just that was my own reminder, like I'm going to take this later. Because it -- but I would just have an intern do it, honestly, because I didn't have time for that. And then it got to where he would just leave it on his couch in his office. If you just left shirt, coat, trousers, and that was me to take it. And then it got to where sometimes he would just leave it at the bottom of his closet on the floor, and then that was my cue to take it to the laundry. He did tell me at one point, like, if I leave clothes on the floor of my closet, that they needed to be taken to the laundry.

Q    Okay.

BY MS. EISNER:

Q    Would he tell you when he left the clothes at the bottom of his closet, or were you just routinely checking his closet to see if there were clothes that were there that you needed to take to the dry cleaner?

A    The closet thing with the laundry didn't
happen until maybe late last year, or early, early this year. I don't even remember. But it was either just my chair or his couch. And then the one time he said, if I have clothes in the bottom of the closet, that's when I want them taken. And then I made it a point to just check the bottom of the closet, or I would just check his office. When he would leave for fly out day, I would just check everything and see if there were any clothes strewn about, I would take them.

Q    And then when you say take them, where would you take them?

A    Downstairs in the Longworth laundry place.

Q    Okay.

A    And then, I had petty cash in my desk drawer that would pay for that laundry. He would give me petty cash whenever I asked for it. Like, hey, we're running low on petty cash. We need another, you know, hundred dollar bill to pay for -- when he would send us to get his lunch or the laundry, or when a staffer had their birthday, we'd get them donuts; that sort of thing.
Q    Besides sort of your involvement in that, were there any other staffers who helped with laundry or, you know, dry-cleaning requests, if you could tell us about that?

A    Sure. Yes. I'm almost positive it always would be an intern who would take it down and pick it up. I don't think I ever picked up or took down laundry for him. It was just either Kevin -- Kevin Care, the staff assistant -- or one of our interns at the time. And they never questioned the logic either, so maybe it's a common thing.

BY MR. QUINN:

Q    I can either -- I wanted to ask you something about Representative Mooney's birthday parties. Would you like to pause for your call, or you have a few more minutes?

A    I have to get on at 11:00 a.m. Like at 10:59, I can hop off and dive right in.

Q    Great. Then can you tell me, I know you were involved in helping plan Representative Mooney's birthday party recently. Was that 2020 or 2021?
Q     Okay. And can you just tell me about what you did for planning that event, and then tell me about the event itself?

A     He's the one that found the venue. I called a few places, I believe, and they weren't doing, you know, the number he wanted, I guess because of their Covid precautions. And then he found the venue, Clarion Hotel in Harpers Ferry, that could hold the event. And he put me in contact with the young lady there. Her name was Crystal Bowser, and we discussed, you know, a number of people, the food. She sent me a menu -- a liquor menu. Then he said, you know -- and I would just bring all this information to him, like, hey, how do you want this. We wanted the prices on the liquor. So they just decided to do a beer and wine thing. We didn't do a package. And then Katie Cannon, the fundraiser, she became involved because I didn't know how to do, like, a little fundraising party. So she helped me choose the menu items. He wanted it to be an all-day thing from 12:00 p.m., I think,
till midnight, because he wanted -- it wasn't his actual birthday that day. It was the 5th. His birthday was the next day, and that's why he wanted it to go till midnight. And then he wanted it to be a dance party at one point, I think. He ordered the DJ. I did not have anything to do with that. It was mainly -- my portion was just basically setting up the food, like ordering that, which I did, and I filled out the, you know, credit card authorization form, you know, with the credit card number to pay for the food and the drink and the room rental, the projector rental. I think he wanted to show pictures of him growing up or something. I'm not sure. I think Grace was in charge of getting pictures of him and getting that to Crystal or something. That was the extent, I believe, on mine.

Well, then I did -- there was some instances where I was -- they were making campaign calls to people. Not campaign calls, but they were calling donors to invite them, and I was writing down a list of people for me to call, like they're like, [Former Staffer 2], can you call these people,
which I actually never got a chance to do, thank
goodness, because I didn't feel comfortable doing
that after all these OCE things. But yeah, they
were just giving out lists. They -- I mean, Katie
Cannon, and Alex Mooney, and Mike were giving out
who was going to call people to remind them about
the birthday party. I did participate in making
the invitation to send out to people, and I sent
it out to Katie Cannon. I think that was basically
the gist of my portion in it.

Q    And can you just describe the fundraising
portion of this event? You know, did people have to
buy tickets, or were they just asked to pledge
certain amounts? If you can describe that.

A    Yes. They were asked to pledge. There
was a $50 portion just because it was his 50th
birthday, like $50 for friend level. You know,
there were higher levels. I think it went up to
2,500, I think, and then they had lower levels, 500.
I don't know what they're called. But you did have
to pay. Some people to get in for free. I got in
for free. Michael would have got in for free,
Michael Hough. The staff would have been able to come, because they were, you know, expected to work it. And then some did travel from the Charleston office. They traveled to Harpers Ferry one night, or two nights, and they came and worked the birthday party. It was [Current Staffer 1], Susie Azavedo (phonetic) and Jane Potter. I think that was all that came to the birthday party to work it.

Q    Okay. And those are all official Congressional employees?

A    Yes. And actually, now that I think about it, I don't think Jane Potter came, so don't write her down. Maybe there was just two staffers. Oh, no. I got it. There was an intern from the Charleston office who came back. And I need to dial in, you all.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Jackie, let's go off the record for now.

(Whereupon, a recess was taken.)

BY MR. QUINN:

Q    I think we're back on the record. So we were talking about the 2021 birthday party in
Harpers Ferry. Just a couple of other quick questions. So you mentioned that staff -- Congressional staff worked the birthday party?

A    It was all voluntary, yes.

Q    Okay. Can you go into a little bit the -- I guess the question I have is how voluntary was that? Were people told to participate in the party, or did you truly believe that that was an option that people had to turn down attending or working the party?

A    Yes, I do. The only one who would have been voluntold was me, I think, because Michael was -- he had forgotten that I had vacation planned, and he said, wait, what, no. He was like, I needed you to be there to help me. So that was my cue of I would have been there anyway, which I was not going to volunteer for. And I may have had the backbone to say no. I don't know, because I never had to -- I had to cop out. So I had my vacation, but for everyone else, yes, it was voluntary.

Q    Wait. So sorry. I'm confused. You did attend and staff the party?
A    I did not. I had vacation days. I was
out of the state.
Q    Okay. Got you. And then were there any
other official staff that helped plan the party?
A    No. I think it was just me.
Q    Okay.
A    And Michael.
Q    And Michael, okay. And then for those
official staff that volunteered to work the party,
can you describe what they would have done there?
A    Yes. They were just going to, I think,
you know, sign people in. I think they were going
to take payment maybe, or take their checks. I
don't know exactly, but I do know there would have
been a sign-in table and probably, you know,
m mingling. But I never asked what their job would
be, other than to sign in the RSVP list. Because I
had to send [Current Staffer 1] the RSVP list that I
had, or give him access to it via a Google doc. I
don't even remember, but I do think I sent it to him.
And I may be able to find where I e-mailed him that
document. Let me see. I'll write it down.
Q    And then for the work that you did in planning the party, did some of that work occur during normal office hours?
A    Yes.
Q    Okay. And if you can, ballpark for me, about how much time you spent on the birthday party.
A    10 hours or less. That may be way over. Maybe not. I don't know. Just all combined, because we did start, like, a couple months earlier -- at least a month early. Probably ten hours or less. I would say max, ten.
Q    All right. Just on the point of personal errands, any other either particular tasks or people who were doing these sorts of tasks that we haven't talked about yet that we should know about?
A    I think it would have just been me and [Former Staffer 3] doing that. And, you know, [Former Staffer 1] did do some stuff, I think, in the beginning, like when he first started. I think I'd heard some stories, but I don't know. You'd have to talk to him about all those. I'm sure he's got plenty. I'm probably forgetting
some things, but I think the things I told you out were the main things that stuck in my mind.

Q  Okay. Great. We've talked a little bit about mileage already. There's just one or two specific incidents I want to ask you about.

MR. QUINN: If we could pull up -- Matt, if you could pull up Tab 9. And then you can mark that also, Matt.

(Exhibit C was marked for identification and is attached to the transcript.)

Q  Okay. So [Former Staffer 2], can you see that?

A  Yes. Okay, I remember this, yes.

MR. QUINN: And Matt, can you scroll to the bottom of the document? I can't remember if this one -- okay. This document has a Bates stamp of CM_1403. We just marked it as Exhibit C.

Q  [Former Staffer 2], this is an e-mail from you where you cc yourself and sent the e-mail to [Former Staffer 6], and there's some receipts here. Can you just tell me about these receipts?

A  Yes. So the reason I mentioned Morgan Griffith is like because I know Morgan would be able
to say, yeah, he brought me food this night and
maybe he would see the time stamp that he didn't go
home from when Morgan said he got the food. I don't
know.

So we did -- the Congressman drove in to
D.C., and then he took the Metro out to Pentagon
City or Crystal City, and I picked him up to -- I
think we went to go get his bulletproof vest, if I'm
not mistaken.

And then we went to this Mission Social to
get dinner and then to do scheduling. We did
legitimate Congressional scheduling, because I had a
bunch of questions for him to go through the
calendar, all that. And so that's when -- and so he
charged the meal, and he got Morgan Griffith a meal
to go. And so this was right before, I think --
yeah, right before January 20th, so the 19th, like
that should be time stamped on these receipts
somewhere, I hope, unless it's too blurry. And so,
like, this was something that stuck out in my mind
because I knew he did not go home when he took the
mileage to go home that night. And I think the
mileage from -- I don't know. I've sent it to you guys. The mileage from January 20th should show a trip to D.C. and then back home, when in reality, he never came in on the 20th. He came in on the 19th, and he didn't go home on the 19th. Yeah.

Q    Right. Got you. Okay. Understood. Can you think of any other instances where you know for a fact that Representative Mooney claimed mileage that he didn't actually drive?

A    I know there were some things. I don't know when, but I do know he would just say, oh, I would go home anyway that day; just give me the mileage to go home, when in reality he would go somewhere else. I guess he would drive somewhere else to -- you know, I don't even remember the instances, but you could find them, probably correspond them on the mileage -- the mileage documents -- and then the printouts of the calendar. I don't think that would be a problem. I think it would just be time consuming, but that's where I think all the evidence would be.

Q    Right. Great.
MR. QUINN: Matt, you can take down this Exhibit C.

A Because on his calendar he would say who drove him. Reiner picked me up. Mom picked me up. Or I would say Lala picking AXM, at Alex Xavier Mooney, at the Wheeling Reston station. It was usually always noted who picked him up, or if he did the driving. So you could see if he did the driving or someone else, which he did try on occasion, and I may have -- I probably signed off on that too. You know, if he told me to, I did it. Yeah.

Q You don't still have access to the calendar, right?

A No, I don't.

Q Okay. And then could you -- I know there's also a situation where he would sometimes claim mileage for trips to a physical therapist that were in the same -- the physical therapist was in the same building as the campaign office; is that correct?

A No, the Martinsburg District office. They were in the same building at one point, but that --
the physical therapy did move. I think that was after my time. But yeah. So he wanted me to schedule certain -- like maybe he could go take a Zoom meeting on the same day that he was going to get his physical therapy so like he could claim mileage for that, is what I started to think. And then at one point I do think he -- I want to say he changed or he took off where he was going to the physical therapy. I think he took it off so it didn't show -- I know I'm talking in circles, but something sticks in my mind that he removed something from the calendar involving his physical therapy, or he took off the location, or something, to show that it wasn't corresponding -- like, you know, it wasn't showing that it was in the same building or nearby. I could be dead wrong, but --

Q    When -- do you recall when you noticed he was doing that?

A    It was just one time, and I want to say, I think I told you this over the phone months ago, but I want to say it came to my e-mail. I don't even think I was working there at the time. I don't
know. Now I just can't find it. I'll look again, but maybe I did find it, and I found that I was wrong and I'm just not remembering that. But it would have been the summer. So either May or June, I think, or maybe even July. I want to say it happened after my time, but I'm not positive.

Q Okay. Do you think it was after the -- you finished working collecting documents for the OCE request?

A Yes, I do believe so.

Q Okay. I wanted to ask you about [Former Staffer 6]. Do you know who [Former Staffer 5] is?

A I think she just worked on the campaign side. I don't know if she was campaign manager. I don't even know if she was the accountant. I don't even know her title. I was probably told at one time, and I don't remember. All I know is the scandal with [Former Staffer 5] was she stole money, and I don't even know if she paid it back. She may have. She may not have. I don't know why she stole it. Maybe she thought she was owed it. I don't even know -- because they were all -- Michael just
didn't even want to tell me, and then he would just
-- because I was asking. I was trying to get to the
bottom of it during the OCE investigation. I was
like, oh, what did she do? Like, tell me the tea.
But I didn't like get anything concrete, I don't
think, other than she just stole money, and I don't
know why she did. I don't even know if she paid it
back, or they wanted her to pay it back. I don't
know. But it was campaign money.

Q Okay. Got you. Stole campaign money. Did you ever hear anything about trying to paper
that over or cover up that event?

A I don't, but that's why I think I wanted
to know. Like, I wanted to get to the bottom of it,
because I'm like, we're going through this
investigation so how would you cover up 12 -- if it
was $12,000. I don't know. That sticks in my mind.
It may not have been that. How would you cover up
$12,000, if she didn't pay it back, but she may
have.

Q Okay. Great. Another event -- sorry.
Now I'm just moving through a list quickly, and then
hopefully we'll have you out of here.

But another event that I want to ask you about quickly was the May 2021 NRCC event. There were some e-mails, and I could pull them up so you could look at them quickly, but just to jog your memory. You had e-mailed [Current Staffer 3] about his transport to the airport, and whether or not he could charge that to the MRA. I'm just going to pull up the e-mail, because I could tell from your face --

A  Yeah.

MR. QUINN: Matt, can you pull up Tab 10? And can you give [Former Staffer 2] control of that document?

(Exhibit D was marked for identification and is attached to the transcript.)

Q  Just let me know once you've had a chance to look at those e-mails.

A  Okay. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah, I don't remember this trip exactly. I'd probably remember if I saw, like, the calendar things and stuff -- the calendar events. But --
Q    Okay.
A    -- this definitely does sound like something that the Congressman would ask me, can I claim mileage from here to here. I think he did. I'm almost positive now that the Congressmen asked, can I claim mileage to and from the airport, and that's when I asked [Current Staffer 3].
Q    Okay. Just for the record, this Exhibit D is Bates stamped DL0392. And if you don't have any specific recollection about this, then we could move on.
A    Sometimes the Congressman would ask me, hey, can you ask [Current Staffer 3] if I can do this, or sometimes he would not get mad about, you know, asking [Current Staffer 3], and this was one of them.
MR. QUINN: Okay. Great. Matt, you can pull down Exhibit D.
Q    Back on birthday parties. Do you recall ever hearing anything about the 2018 birthday party that was on the speaker's porch or speaker's balcony?
A    Only thing I ever remember hearing is that
-- I think because [Former Staffer 6] told me that interns were asked to come in, and I guess it was on a Saturday, like I said earlier. I'm guessing it was. I haven't even looked up that date. To come work it. To come give people tours. That's all. I don't even know how they paid for food, if they had food, drink. I have no idea, unless it was told to me and I've just forgot because it just wasn't important for me to keep stored.

Q Then I think we are getting to the end. The last couple questions I want to ask you just are sort of general questions. If there's anybody we haven't talked about yet that you think we should be talking to that you can think of.

A Definitely [Former Staffer 1], if you all haven't already, because I know he's probably -- I don't know how long he's worked for Alex, or had worked for Alex, but I know, like that instance I said about the Congressman -- we went to our staff retreat back in February 2021 and [Former Staffer 1] was supposed to get gas money, and the Congressman said, hey, I paid [Former Staffer 1] for gas, and
the Congressman never did. That's another instance when he took the mileage, was for the staff retreat back in 2021.

Q    Okay. And what happened there?

A    Let me see if I wrote this down. Oh, well. I just didn't want to contradict anything I have already said. I mean, I'll probably say the same thing.

That was -- so [Former Staffer 1] picked the Congressman up from the Congressman's house in February to begin the staff retreat. So [Former Staffer 1] drove in from Charleston, West Virginia picked up the Congressman, drove him to Annapolis, where we were having our staff retreat, because Michael is a State Senator in Maryland, I think still, and he was in session that month. And so if he was going to participate in the staff retreat, it had to be in Annapolis. And we cleared that with [Current Staffer 3], like we could go anywhere in like the DMV area. So we went to Annapolis, and I think the Congressman, at the end, said we can look at the mileage, but I think that when I did his
mileage at the end of February, that he took the
mileage from like where [Former Staffer 1] drove
him. Like I could be wrong. Like we really need to
look at that to make sure.

But yeah, and then I'd asked the
Congressman when we were doing his mileage at the
end of the month, I was like, oh, [Former Staffer
1] drove you from here to here. And he said, oh,
I paid [Former Staffer 1] gas money. Then I made
a mental note, like I just want to just see. I'm
just curious. And then [Former Staffer 1] said,
no, he didn't pay me any gas money. And then I'm
pretty sure the Congressman took mileage whenever he
was driven around that week. And then [Former
Staffer 3] took him home. So [Former Staffer 1]
took him to Annapolis, and then from Annapolis, he
took him back to, I think, our -- I don't know where
he took him back to. You could see in the mileage.
He either took him home, or he took him to Priestville,
to the second part of our retreat, which is in West
Virginia, right near the Congressman's house. And
then I think [Former Staffer 3] picked him up from
home maybe and drove him, and he may have taken
that mileage. It was just that night.

Q    So it sounds like I remember during a
Richmond trip when you drove him and apparently
maybe with this [Former Staffer 1] trip, but
sometimes the Congressman would claim mileage
that one of you all drove and pay you just for
the amount of gas -- like the specific amount
you might have spent for gas, and then he would
himself claim the mileage reimbursement rate;
is that correct?

A    Yes, except that the only one instance
that he gave me gas money was when -- like physical
cash -- was when I went to Richmond. And I don't
know if you remember, the night I took him home one
night during session to West Virginia. It was the
middle of a week in session. I drove him home, and
we did stop for gas, and he did fill up my tank, but
I looked in my rearview mirror, and I saw him put
the campaign card in like the gas thing. And like I
just felt weird thanking him for it, because it's
really not your money, but anyway. But that was
another instance where he did pay for gas, and I
don't think he claimed mileage for it, because you
can't actually claim mileage going home in between.
You only can do the flight in and the flight out.
You can't do it -- claim it in between, and he knew
that. But he did use campaign card to get me gas.

And then the only other time I know about
him offering gas money was when I asked him, did you
pay [Former Staffer 1], or he said, I gave [Former
Staffer 1] gas money when he drove me to Annapolis
and back, but then he didn't. So those are really
the three instances about gas money that I recall.

Q Okay. I guess what I'm trying to get at
is, normally the mileage reimbursement rate is some
amount for gas, and then there's also, you know, a
little additional for like wear and tear on your
car. So what was happening -- or I'm asking was
what was happening was he just paid for the gas and
was getting reimbursed a higher amount by the House?
Like was he making money on those trips?

A You can't get -- according to [Current
Staffer 3], you couldn't get reimbursed for gas
money, or if you filled up your car, you couldn't submit the receipt to get reimbursed for that. You can only do the mileage.

Q  Right.
A  I think he would get more from mileage, because if I drove from here to his house in West Virginia and back, I think that was like $70. I don't remember exactly. It could be less. It's less than a hundred, I know that. But I do think, you know, it would have been more beneficial to me to take the reimbursement to take him home than to just ask him for gas money for the Richmond trip.

Q  Right. That's what I was asking.
A  Okay. Okay.
Q  Basically, he was taking the benefit of the mileage and just paying you back for just the gas?
A  Yes.
Q  Okay.
A  You know, I don't think he got -- I don't know if I -- when I did for his Richmond trip, I don't know if he got mileage for that. We'd have to
Q Right.
A It would be super easy to find that out, but there were instances like that where he would take the mileage and say, you know, while in reality, so and so, like, his mom picked him up, but he would take the mileage, yes.

Q Okay. You might have said it earlier, but do you recall the date of that Richmond trip? Or ballpark?
A I think I did look for this in my own calendar, and I don't know, but it may have been -- like, I'm trying to think what I was wearing, and I think it was a skirt. So I think it was warm.

Q Which year? Was it this past year?
A It would have been 2020.

Q Okay. So summer, spring-summer of 2020?
A I think so. But maybe -- when is basketball season for kids or for teenagers, so maybe that would be a better indication.

Q Oh, and then quickly, you mentioned Ted Dacey. What is his role again? Is he in that
Congressional office?

A He was. So he was the communications director, and he was also the deputy chief of staff. But he will also work a lot on the campaign side. I don't know exactly what he did, because I was still you know, getting used to my role when I knew him, and I didn't, you know, think to ask questions about what else he did.

Q I'm sorry. Did [Former Staffer 1] replace him as deputy chief?

A Yes.

Q Okay.

A And the only reason I think Ted did a lot with the campaign was because when he was a teenager he knew the Congressman, and he would work on the campaign, I believe. And then because he dealt with the -- giving Reiner the gift cards with the campaign card. That's another reason I'm led to believe he did campaign stuff on the side. And I don't know if he was paid through the campaign, or anything like that.

Q Okay. And do you know why he left?
A He'd been with the Congressman for five years or so. I don't know if that was while he was in Congress or he had just known the Congressman that long, but he moved to Targeted Victory, I guess just a better position. I think he was just over The Hill, maybe.

Q Okay. Great. Well, I think that's all I have.

MR. QUINN: Helen, do you have any final questions for [Former Staffer 2]?

MS. EISNER: Yeah, just two final things.

BY MS. EISNER:

Q There's a document that you're looking at occasionally. It sort of looks like notes or something that's written out. Can you tell us what that is? Is that your personal notes, as far as recollections of this issue, or what is that document?

A It's just -- so I told Sean that I have just memories, and I don't actually have physical evidence of that. And so I wrote it all down. I typed it all up, and I sent it to him. And it
helped me so when I'm looking through it to tell you about the February staff retreat trip, and when the Congressman had [Former Staffer 1] drive him, it was just so thick that I wanted to read it or, you know, give you a better chronological order because I'm sure I flip-flopped a bunch, and that's why I was looking through it.

BY MR. QUINN:

Q    And that's just the document you produced to us?

A    I just printed it out for my own sake.

BY MS. EISNER:

Q    Okay. And then final question. I know that you had a list of a few things that you had to follow up with, look at your records and get back to us, and you had mentioned this to us, but I just wanted to confirm that it would be helpful if you could get us the HSP house information, including address. I think you said you probably had that in your record somewhere. So, you know, to the extent that you're looking back for any additional information, that would also be helpful. That's all
I have.

A Just the address?

Q Anything you have about the house, any --
yeah.

A Okay. I got it.

MR. QUINN: Okay. Then with that, I'll
e-mail -- I'll give you a couple of days to look
through that list and see what you can gather. I'll
get in touch with you sometime around the end of
this week, and we could see if you have anything
else to produce to us.

A And I'll get to the document right when I
get to work.

Q Okay. Perfect. Awesome.

Then with that, I think we can go off the
record.

(Off the record at 11:42 a.m.)
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EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE OFFICE OF
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BY MR. QUINN:

Q    Great. So today, just for the record, is October 29th, 2021, and we're conducting the interview of Former Staffer 3 by Zoom. Former Staffer 3's not represented today. Speaking is Sean Quinn, Investigative Counsel at the Office of Congressional Ethics. I am here with Annie Cho, also at the OCE. The witness has been given a copy of 18USC1001, along with the acknowledgment. We've discussed that and she'll be returning the acknowledgment as soon as she can.

So first, Former Staffer 3, just thanks again for your cooperation and for being here today and for all the time you spent collecting documents. I know that's not an easy process. But I appreciate it very much.

A    Yeah. Of course.

Q    Looks like we have Sean back. Do you want to go off the record for a second?
(Whereupon, a discussion was held off the record.)

A    Yes.

Q    Okay. Great. So as I was saying, Former Staffer 3, just thanks very much for being here today and for all your time. Appreciate it.

A    Thank you. Thank you.

Q    Throughout our discussion today, feel free to stop me if you have any questions or if something's not clear. I'm always happy to reword a question or just repeat the question if -- if you didn't understand it. And then also if you need a break at any point, like a bathroom or water break, just let me know.

A    Okay.

Q    After going for about an hour, sometimes it's good to take a break. And then also, as I mentioned, Ashby will be -- transcribing our conversation. So if we can try to speak, you know, kind of a regular pace, not speed up too much for him, and then also try not to speak over each other --
A    Okay.
Q    -- it'll make it easier for him to
record everything or transcribe everything.
A    Okay. That sounds good.
Q    Does that all make sense? Any questions
for me before we start?
A    Uh-uh. Nope.
Q    Okay.
A    No.
Q    Great. So let's just start with a
little bit of background information. Former
Staffer 3, can you tell me how you started
working for Representative Mooney?
A    So I started interning for him November
of 2019, and I was a senior in college at that
point. And then he knew I was graduating and
looking for a job, so he took me on to help out
with his campaign. So I worked as a staff
assistant slash, like, part-time campaign up until
July. And then from July to November, I was
full-time campaign. So I met him through an
internship.
Q  Okay.  Sorry.  You worked -- so after
the campaign -- sorry.  Just -- just tell me, when
-- when did you start as a staff assistant?
A  So I started -- I was part-time -- it's
so confusing.  I was part-time staff assistant and
part-time campaign assistant/manager from April
until July.  And then from July until November
election day, I was on the campaign full time.
Q  And that was in 2019?
A  '20.  Yeah.
Q  So 2020?
A  December, 2019.
Q  2020.
Q  Got you.  Okay.  And then -- so what
period of time were you both an official House
employee and also a campaign employee?
A  April 2020 until July 2020.
Q  Okay.
A  From -- most -- all.
Q  Got you.  And from -- so from December
2019 until, I guess, about April 2020, you were
just an -- an intern?

A Yeah. Intern. Yeah.

Q Got you. Got you.

A (Inaudible) and stuff.

Q Understood. Okay. And then did you receive -- for -- for that period that you were employed both by the campaign and at the House, did you receive a salary from the campaign?

A Yes. Yeah.

Q Okay.

A I received -- in total, I was making $30,000 a year, but I was being paid from both the campaign and the official side during that time frame. So two separate --

Q And then let's just take your roles in the House and then in the campaign separately. And if you can just explain your duties as a staff assistant.

A So just as a staff assistant, I would help with official office work, assisting with flag orders. Tours, obviously, were not a thing. Just basically constituent communication, helping
communications director print out 499 letters,
just administrative standard duties as a staff
assistant. So --

Q And then how about for the campaign?

What -- how would you describe your duties?

A So campaign, I would help door-knock for
the candidate. I would also help with FEC
reports. I would help get -- pick up checks from
the PO Box. I would -- just basically I'd help
put out yard signs, help with the campaign office,
phone banking. I would do a lot of phone banking.
Just standard campaign work.

Q Okay.

A And so I would go (inaudible) and part
of the week in DC.

Q Sorry, repeat. That cut out for a
second. I didn't hear the last word.

A Oh, sorry. I -- so I was working in
West Virginia part of the week and then DC part of
the week when I was --

Q Okay.

A -- working both roles.
Q    And where were you -- where were you 
living at the time?

A    I live in Virginia. I live in Northern 
Virginia.

Q    So how far is your drive to West 
Virginia?

A    It would -- I think, like, an hour, 15 
or so. It was a long commute. Yeah. But an 
hour, 15. And then to DC is about (inaudible.)

Q    Okay. And then can you explain to me 
how you split your time between the two roles? 
Did you have certain days that you were working 
for the campaign and certain days you worked for 
the official office? Or how did that work?

A    Yeah. So it was a fluid schedule. 
Usually the chief of staff wherever I was most 
needed. So if I was more -- more -- if we were 
more busy in DC, I would go to DC and help out 
with whatever they needed at the campaign. If it 
was a little more busy then I would obviously go 
to the campaign in West Virginia. So I had a 
pretty -- I didn't have necessarily a set
schedule, but I -- you know, wherever I was most
needed, basically.

Q    Okay. Where do -- was it 50/50 split or
how did you think your work allocation ended up
working out?

A    You know, honestly, I couldn't really
give you a number. About 50/50, though. I -- I
-- I don't really recall.

Q    Did it just -- it just depended on kind
of the day and --

A    Yeah. On the week. Like, some weeks I
was more in DC, others I was in campaign. So I
don't -- I'm not totally sure.

Q    Okay. And then --

A    It was kind of a wash.

Q    Who -- did you report to the same person
for both those -- those roles or to different
people?

A    I reported to the same person, usually
the chief of staff, Alex, directly, or the
congressman, I should say.

Q    Okay. So normally it was either Mike
Hough, the chief of staff, or the congressman who was telling you what to do --

A  Yeah.

Q  -- on a given day?

A  Yeah.  Yep.

Q  Were there other shared campaign and official employees when you were in that role?

A  No.  No.  That I can think of, no.  They would sometimes help out, like, on their personal time, but I don't believe they were paid, like, from both -- like, salary from both.

Q  Do you know -- before you, are there other employees that were both official and shared employees?

A  Oh, gosh.  I don't know.

Q  Like, was -- like, was Hannah Mansell a shared employee; do you know?

A  I know she did help him out, like, on the campaign side.  To be -- honestly, I don't know.  I never really spoke with her about her role per --

Q  Okay.
A Because I knew she was a little bit before --

Q Okay. And did you work closely with [Former Staffer 1]?

A Yes. Yes.

Q Okay.

A Yes. He was Charles Town guy.

Q Okay. So he -- [Former Staffer 1] described to us that sometimes it was hard for the shared employees -- the campaign and official employees to kind of --

A Uh-huh.

Q -- navigate that situation, that you were kind of pulled in both directions. And --

A Yeah.

Q -- sometimes it wasn't -- sometimes it wasn't clear whether or not you should be working on the campaign or you should be working in the official office at a certain time. Did you find that to be the case?

A Yeah. Definitely at times, because -- like, for instance, I couldn't check my campaign
e-mail in the official office, so there was times
I'd have to, like, walk off campus to go check
something. So it's definitely, like, a bit of a
struggle to maintain that balance with the
campaign and the officials. Sorry. I kind of
laugh, but -- yeah.

Q    And then did you have specific work
spaces for each position? Like, you got a DC
office and a Martinsburg office?
A    Yeah. Yeah. So I had the DC office in
Rayburn, and then -- which is for, obviously,
official business. And then in West Virginia we
have a campaign office, and then I would work out
of there for campaign.

Q    And the campaign office was in
Martinsburg; is that right?
A    They had a location in Martinsburg and
in Charles Town.

Q    Okay. And were you in the --
A    And sometimes we worked out of his
house, too.

Q    Okay. So Charles Town, Martinsburg, and
A  Yeah.
Q  -- the congressman's house?
A  House. Yeah.
Q  Okay. Where did you work most frequently?
A  He just -- his house. I would definitely say his house.
Q  Okay. Was that the -- was that, like, the campaign headquarter? Or where was their -- was their headquarters?
A  For him, there isn't really a specific headquarters. I know the Republican candidates in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia, they all kind of share those campaign offices in Martinsburg and Charles Town with him. If it was, like, directly him, usually it would be at -- just at his house. If it was something, like, (inaudible) that would be directly at his house. Yeah.
Q  All right. So another thing I want to talk about kind of in your set of
responsibilities, I guess, are not official duties or campaign duties. But we've heard from other staff members that there are another -- or -- or a number of sort of personal errands or tasks that everybody would do for the member. I see -- I see you're laughing.

A  Uh-huh.

Q  I see you laughing. Is that --

A  Yeah, a bit.

Q  What's that?

A  It was -- yes. Sometimes we'd help out a little bit personally. So it's -- yeah. So --

Q  So that was -- that was pretty common as well?

A  Yeah. It was relatively common. Just like if he needed to be somewhere and he needed help, like, driving somewhere, like, his kids or whatever, then I would help out. Like, if he needed to make a meeting in DC and didn't have time to drop off so and so, I would help go drop them off at practice or something.

Q  Okay. And that -- you mean the -- the
kids sometimes?

A    Yeah. Yeah.

Q    Okay. Let's -- let's talk about that generally first, and then I've got a couple of different types of tasks that we can kind of run through and you can tell me if -- if you either ever did those or heard of anybody doing them.

A    Okay.

Q    But why don't you -- why don't you first just try to describe generally, as much as you can remember, the sorts of tasks that you did for Representative Mooney that seemed more personal as opposed to campaign or official.

A    Okay. Okay. Are you -- am I speaking?

Q    Oh, yeah. Yes. Yeah. You can -- yeah. Just go ahead and give me whatever you can recall, and then I'll go through a list and we can try to remember some more.

A    Okay. One example being I would -- if he knew I was driving in -- and, like, he -- he was super busy. He would ask me to pick up cartons of milk at the local grocery store and
then just take it to his family. I would sometimes drive [Rep. Mooney's son] to Walkersville for his English classes -- English courses. Yeah. So I would just help out, like, driving kids at times.

Q Okay. Let's talk -- so when you were doing these sorts of tasks, which seem to involve driving a lot of times, did you -- how -- how did you get paid for the activity? Did you claim mileage? Were you reimbursed for gas?

A No. No.

Q Okay.

A He would sometimes fill up my tank with the campaign money, but, no. I would -- I would -- I was not tracking mileage. No.

Q Okay. Did you feel like you were driving kind of a lot for some of these personal errands?

A At times, yes. Some definitely were a little bit further than others but, yeah. Definitely at times.

Q Can you give me an idea of some of the
longer trips that you had to take and if any stand out in your memory as, like, a particular long detour?

   A    The longest, I believe, I want to say about two hours. But I don't -- I wouldn't say that was necessarily for a personal errand. I was driving him back from, is it -- a staff retreat. That was probably my longest though. It was, like, two and a half hours. So I wouldn't necessarily -- for a personal errand, I want -- I would say about 45 minutes, was about it.

   Q    And 45 minutes round trip or 45 minutes --

   A    (Inaudible) to the next.

   Q    Okay. Got you. So that could end up being, like, an hour and a half --

   A    Yeah.

   Q    -- detour.

   A    It was a round. Yeah.

   Q    That example you gave of driving him back from a staff retreat, that does sound a little more official. But even in that case, you wouldn't claim mileage for that?
A: No. No. I don't -- I -- I probably could have through the official side. I -- honestly, that's probably my fault. I should have probably claimed mileage through the official side since that was more official business. But I don't believe I claimed mileage for that trip. No.

Q: Okay. Do -- do you know if the congressman would have claimed that mileage?

A: I don't think so. No.

Q: Okay. Let' see. Just staying general, still, for the moment. Were there other people around the same time that you were employed and doing these sorts of tasks that were also asked to do these sorts of personal errands, driving tasks, and that kind of thing?

A: Yeah. Yeah. Definitely. They would help drive for sure. If you had a car and were in DC, or wherever, yeah. They would definitely help out with driving.

Q: Okay. And who -- who else did that sort of thing?
A: I know [Former Staffer 2]. She would sometimes help drive him, whether it be to, like, a reception or driving him home from DC. She would sometimes do that.

Q: How about [Current Staffer 1]? Do you know if he --

A: Oh, gosh.

Q: -- ever did those sorts of tasks?

A: I'm not totally sure. I'm not really sure, to be honest with you.

Q: Okay. Yeah. That's fine. At any point you just don't know something, that's --

A: Yeah. I don't want to give you -- sorry. You're still -- but, yeah --

Q: No.

A: I know he (inaudible) of Charles Town, but, yeah, I'm going to have to (inaudible.)

Q: Okay. I have kind of a list of sorts of tasks that either other witnesses have told us they've done for Representative Mooney or -- or referred that you might have done for Representative Mooney, and I just kind of want to
go through them and -- and talk about each one.
So how about, like, babysitting tasks? Did you
ever watch any of the Mooneys' kids for them?
    A   Yes. Yes. I would help.
    Q   Okay. And can you tell me about that?
    A   If, like, Grace was busy, his -- his
wife, or he was busy just too much going on, I
would help watch their 5-year-old, agreed -- just
-- Grace to help watch her for a couple of hours
or so.
    Q   Okay. And would that be, like, during
-- during the workday, 9:00 to 5:00, or was that
on weekends?
    A   That would be workday. Sometimes on a
campaign, I worked on Saturdays. That's just the
nature of the campaign. But usually during the
week, workweek.
    Q   And how -- how often would you say that
that happened?
    A   About once or twice a week or so.
Sometimes not for long. Literally, like, 20
minutes, but, yeah, about once or twice a week.
Q Okay. How about -- the -- the Mooneys have a dog; right? Is that correct?
A Yes. Yes.
Q Okay.
A I forget the dog's name. But, yes.
Q Did -- did you ever do any tasks related to the dog, help take care of the dog, or anything like that?
A Yeah. I would help -- if they knew I was going into DC, I would sometimes -- they have a, I don't know, I think it's Grace's family's house, I would drop the dog off at their house on my way into DC. They had the house outside Bethesda or in Bethesda.
Q Okay. And but you live in Northern Virginia; right?
A Yeah. Yeah.
Q Okay.
A Yeah.
Q So a little bit of a detour to go up to Bethesda and come back down to DC?
A Little. Yeah. A little bit.
Q: Okay. Do you have a guess how much time that would add to your commute if you were dropping off the dog?
A: I want to say about 30 minutes or so.
Q: Okay.
A: 30.
Q: And then also, I guess, did -- the dog is in Martin -- or Charles Town; right?
Q: Okay. So you would take the dog from Charles Town to Bethesda --
A: Bethesda.
Q: -- and then --
A: Yeah.
Q: -- and then -- and then you would go in to work in DC?
A: Yeah. Or -- or just go home.
Q: Or you'd go home. Okay. Got you.
A: Yeah.
Q: And how often did -- did you pick up or drop off the dog from the -- from Grace's family's
house?

A Several times. But I don't have a number to give you. I -- I don't know the exact number. Definitely several.

Q Okay. And then I think you mentioned some driving tasks, you would take [Rep. Mooney's son] to and from school sometimes; is that right?

A Yes. Classes. If, like, Grace or Alex were busy, just to help out, but --

Q And how old is [Rep. Mooney's son] or was [Rep. Mooney's son] at the time?

A I probably know this. I would definitely want to say 17 -- 17. I know he's probably about 18 now. But 17, 16 -- 17, 18. My best guess 17.

MR. QUINN: Okay. And then I just want to look quickly, Sean or Ashby, if we can pull up tab 1.

Q So these are a couple documents that you've produced to us. I think it's --

A Uh-huh.

Q -- two -- two e-mails or screenshots of
e-mails. I just want to look at those with you quickly. I think Sean is working on pulling them up. Awesome.

MR. QUINN: And, Sean, you can mark this as Exhibit A.

(Exhibit A was marked.)

Q So this -- it's two pages, a combined two documents and you sent me one. This first one is a June 18th, 2020, e-mail from Representative Mooney to you. And he says, Likely having you drop [Rep. Mooney's son] off at this on your way home this evening. Take note of address. And the e-mail below is --

A Uh-huh.

Q -- cut off. But it looks like it's an event called Dad -- Dads, Dudes, and Hoops. Can you --

A Yes.

Q -- tell me -- can you tell me what this was or what -- what happened here?

A So this is just, like, just an example. I was going home from the campaign and [Rep.
Mooney's son] needed to get dropped off at an
event with his friends, like, a basketball event.
And he just asked me to drop [Rep. Mooney's son]
off on my way home.

Q  Okay.
A  For him. It -- it wasn't too much of a
detour. But it was just, like, an example that I
could find that you guys were requesting for.

Q  Right. And was this a pretty -- was
this a pretty common occurrence?
A  Yeah. It would probably have happened a
couple of times a week or so.

Q  Okay. And then if we can scroll to page
two. This says -- it looks like coming -- excerpt
from an e-mail --
A  To Renee.
Q  -- from -- from you to, yeah. It says
to LaFever -- LaFaver.
A  Yeah.

Q  Who is Renee?
A  She worked on campaign stuff for a
little bit with us.
Q And so it says -- you told Renee, this is on September 8, 2020, I'm going to be right there. I left the door open for you. I apologize. I had to drop [Rep. Mooney's son] off in Martinsburg. Is -- can -- do you remember this happening or can you tell me what happened here?

A Yes. I had to drive [Rep. Mooney's son] to -- I -- to something scheduled he had and then just drive back. So that's -- and I was alerting Renee that I maybe a little late because I had to drop him off somewhere.

Q When we spoke to -- when we spoke to [Former Staffer 1], he told us that he had heard of you also driving [Rep. Mooney's son] and his friends around at some point or that you were asked to drive [Rep. Mooney's son] and other kids of his age. Do you recall that?

A Yes. One time, I don't have a specific date, but one time I had to drive them, him and one of his friends, back to their house after a basketball practice.

Q Okay. [Former Staffer 1] described a
situation, it maybe a -- it was a particular
meeting where I think you expressed that you were
a little bit uncomfortable, maybe because of
[Rep. Mooney's son]' age and the age of his
friends and you were pretty close in age to him.
Did you ever experience that or was -- was there
ever any kind of uncomfortability over that issue?

A    No. I -- I wouldn't say I was totally
uncomfortable. But sometimes I would be like, oh,
you're at driving age. I feel like you should be
able to do this. But I was never -- no. [Rep.
Mooney's son] was such a sweetheart. I honestly
didn't have a problem with it. I just was, like,
oh, maybe you can drive yourself. Maybe.

Q    Did -- did he have a driver's license at
the time?

A    I recall him just getting one. I
believe it was -- I don't know when he got it, but
I know he was new (inaudible.)

Q    So sometimes it -- it wasn't that you
were uncomfortable, it was just a little
frustrating that somebody couldn't drive --
A Yeah.

Q -- themselves?

A Okay. Like -- yeah. No. It was not -- I was never, like, total -- uncomfortable. But I was just, like, okay.

Q How about any other driving tasks for any of the other children that you can recall?

A Sometimes I would take the daughter, [Rep. Mooney's older daughter] to -- I want to say it was, like, a English class that was in Bluemont, Virginia. I -- that I can recall in Bluemont, Virginia. I would just help drive her to class.

Q Okay. And how far was Bluemont from wherever you were starting?

A About 15 minutes from the house to the class. And that would be from point A to point B. So it was probably 30, round-trip.

Q Okay. And you said that most of the time when you were working for the campaign, you would work from Representative Mooney's house?

A Yes.

Q And do you think that was in part
because it was easier to have you around the house to be doing personal errands also? Like, driving the children or watching the children?

A  Yeah. I do believe it was more convenient just to do it directly from his house so we wouldn't have to go, like, go to campaign office. Because I knew they were super busy. So I think it was just, yeah, out of convenience. Yeah. Just to do it right directly from the house.

Q  Let's see. You mentioned -- you mentioned picking up milk or grocery sometimes for the Mooneys. Can you -- can you tell me a little bit more about that?

A  So if they ran out of milk or something, I would help go pick up milk from the local grocery store up the street. The grocery store is, like, five minutes away from their house so I didn't mind too much. But, yeah. I would definitely pick up groceries for them.

Q  How about picking up medicine? Did you ever pick up the congressman's medicine or
medicine for anybody?

A   No. No. I never picked up
congressman's medicine.

Q   Okay. How about -- so we talked about
driving the kids to and from school. Were you
ever asked to help the kids with school projects?

A   No. No. No. No.

Q   And then how about any tasks that you
can think of for Dr. Mooney, Representative
Mooney's wife, Grace?

A   One of -- probably the one that comes at
the top of my head, she had me water all the
plants and, like, take the dog out. When they
were out of town, she requested me to do that. At
times I would run to the local FedEx office and
drop off something personal she needed sent out,
whether it would be, like, returning a dress.
But, yeah. So she needed me -- if she knew I had
to go to the post office, she would give me
personal items for her to -- for me to send out
for her.

Q   When you would water the plants and take
the dog out when they were out of town, did you
have to commute from Northern Virginia to do that
or were you already in town?
   A   I was there anyways for the campaign.
   So I was just sort of an add-on to my campaign
duties.
   Q   Okay. And -- and all these things that
we're discussing, I want to clarify a little bit
about the time that you were only working for the
campaign versus time that you were working for the
official office and the campaign. All these
things that we've discussed, were they happening
during both those times? Like, were you --
   A   Yeah.
   Q   -- driving the kids and -- okay.
   A   Yeah.
   Q   So it's not it's -- it's not like those
sort of things stopped once you started working
for the official office?
   A   No. No.
   Q   Okay. Anything else like that sort of
household -- household chores like watering the
plants or taking out the dog that you can ask --
either Representative Mooney or his wife asking
you to do?

A Not that I can recall. No. That's
about it.

Q Okay. And then how about the
Congressman's mother, Lala? Do you know Lala?

A Yes. I do know Lala.

Q Okay. And how about for her? Can you
think of any sorts of tasks that you might have
done for her that seemed somewhat personal in
nature?

A No. With her, it was more -- she was --
she was probably more involved with the campaign
than me. But no. Not for her that I recall. It
was definitely mostly the congressman --
congressman's family -- like, immediate family.

Q A lot of the tasks that we've talked
about seemed like they were more focused on, at
least geographically, in Charles Town when you
were at the congressman's home?

A Yes.
Q Did -- can you think of any other sorts of personal tasks or tell me if you did some of the ones we've already talked about in DC?

A Well, I would drive them to receptions, which I -- I don't know if I'd qualify that as a personal task. But most of the personal tasks remains in -- remained in West Virginia for the campaign site.

Q So when the family was -- how about when the family was visiting DC, did you ever babysit the kids while they're in DC or --

A Yeah. I would help watch the younger one while he was working and he had her in the office. So I would definitely help watch the younger one, me and [Former Staffer 2].

Q And was that -- would you watch the younger one on The Hill, like, in the office?

A Yes. Yes. I would walk her around the -- and to the Library of Congress. They have a little section there.

Q Let's see. Do you know Rainer Kissel?

A Yes. Yes. He would help --
Q  Okay.
A  -- drive a lot. Yeah. I think it's Rainer.
Q  Okay. So he also -- Rainer. Yeah.
Sorry. Couldn't --
A  Yeah.
Q  -- really remember the correct pronunciation.
A  No. No. I used to (inaudible) too, so --
Q  So Rainer also helped a lot of with driving tasks?
A  Yes. Yes. He was a big driver and then he retired about a year ago. But yeah. He would help drive the congressman often.
Q  Okay. Do you know -- I know you mentioned that you didn't normally get reimbursed for mileage, that sometimes the -- the congressman would fill up your tank with the campaign card.
Do you know if Rainer -- Rainer, sorry, ever got reimbursed for mileage?
A  I don't know. I honestly don't know. I
never spoke with Rainer or about that. I'm sure
he did. But I honestly don't know.

Q    When -- did it ever seem odd to you or
did you ever want to be able to claim mileage or
receive some sort of compensation for the personal
tasks that you were being asked to do?
A    Yeah. Absolutely. I -- I kind of went
into a little naive though. So I didn't know to
ask. I just thought that was like an expected
duty of mine. To be quite frank, I just was
naive. I definitely should have been more
assertive about mileage and getting reimbursed.
But I was being a little naive about it.

Q    Okay. Did --
A    Now I know.
Q    Did the -- yeah. Did the congressman
ever talk to you about mileage and discourage you
from claiming mileage?
A    He never discouraged me. I -- like, one
time he was super nice. I was, like, could I fill
up -- because I had the campaign card with me and
my gas was low and I was, like, Oh, can I fill up
my tank with the -- campaign card? And he was, like, nice about it. He was, like, Yeah, go ahead. Like, Of course anytime you have the card and need it. But I had to keep -- like, I can only refill my tank if I had the card and was located in West Virginia. Like, I can't refill my -- in Virginia or Maryland or DC.

Q Right. Okay. Did you ever hear of Rainer doing, like, auto repair work on the family's cars? Personal cars?

A Yeah. Yeah. Okay. Rainer would help with that.

Q What other sorts of things --

A He had --

Q -- go ahead. Sorry.

A Sorry. So what other personal things with Rainer?

Q Let's start with car -- let's start with car duties and then --

A Okay.

Q And then we can add onto that afterwards.
A  Okay. Rainer usually I -- Rainer was very savvy with cars. So he was, like, helpful with whatever issues the family's cars were having. I know the boss would get his oil changed in downtown Charles Town. But with, like, anything else I believe Rainer was the main point of contact. I'm not a cars person. So I don't have, like, the specific language. But, yeah. Rainer would definitely help out fixing cars, their older vehicles.

Q  And do you know was -- was Rainer an official or a campaign employee or both?

A  That -- he may have been both. Now that I think about it, I think -- I do believe he was both. I wasn't -- I didn't -- because I would sometimes write checks for him out of the campaign as salary. So I'm not sure if he was on official salary, too.

Q  So as we -- as we keep talking about this, let me know if you think of any other specific tasks or duties that we haven't -- that we haven't talked about. But, in general -- in
general, did you find that there were times that
you had to either work a longer day or got home
later because you were doing some of these
personal errands?

A Yes.

Q Okay.

A Yes.

Q And did -- did these personal errands
sometimes get in the way of doing work that you
would have done, like, let's say from 9:00 to 5:00
that was official work or campaign work?

A Yeah. Definitely at times. It would
just be, like, another responsibility during the
day. So I couldn't solely focus necessarily on
campaign work, whether it'd be getting yard signs
out or -- yeah. So failing my campaign duties,
door-knocking. So sometimes it would intrude on
the -- that business, so yeah.

Q And is that the same for the official
side? Sometimes these tasks would get in -- in
the way of official work that you might have for
that day?
A Usually on official side, my days were a little more organized, a little more structured. So not necessarily on the official side, but definitely on the campaign side.

Q Okay. Did -- do you think they tried to not give you those sorts of tasks when you were doing official work or it just happened to be that you were in DC instead of in West Virginia?

A I was just in DC so the family wasn't around. So I think my -- yeah. So I -- there's just less for me to do personally in DC.

Q Okay. And then I guess I just want to understand a little more again, like, how you decided which days you were going to do campaign work or official work. Was it just you would wake up -- you would just wake up that morning and check with Mike or how did that work?

A Usually I would check in with Mike in the afternoon to plan out my schedule or they'd just tell me during the day prior. And then they would make the decision, like, oh, maybe you should just come to West Virginia, because I -- we
have an FEC report due or maybe you should go to DC because we're in session that week and will be super busy. So usually it just depended where, again, where I was needed most and I would check in with them before I made any moves.

Q Were -- were there ever any other sort of personal tasks that were just particularly inconvenient or, you know, that for whatever reason you didn't want to do that task? Did you ever have a situation where you tried to turn the congressman down and say, no, I can't do that?

A No. I was -- I was a little too nervous to say no. I did not want to say no. So I -- I always agreed. Unless, like, I had off, like, the day of the (inaudible) but -- like, one time I was -- I had to stay home because I was sick. So I couldn't do it. But, yeah -- no. I usually was pretty agreeable with the -- task.

Q Can you tell me a little more or add a little more detail about -- about why you felt like you didn't want to say no?

A I was -- I was new to the job. I -- I
just graduated. So I was just trying to, like,
look my best for my -- just be like the best
employee I could possibly be. I know they were
very, like, particular. I'm sure past staffers
have mentioned they were very particular about
their staff and with, like, employee reviews and
everything. So I always just tried to put my best
foot forward and look good. So yeah.

Q  Okay. Just in speaking with other
witnesses, you know, like [Former Staffer 2] and
then the sorts of tasks you told me about, did
you ever have the feeling that the congressman
was assigning these to you or was more likely to
assign these sorts of tasks to women that were in
the office as opposed to men?

A  Yeah. I -- I do feel like women took on
more of the, like, babysitting roles. I don't
know if it was necessarily true for driving. But,
like, definitely babysitting and those types of
roles. Which maybe because their daughter, I
don't know. But, yeah. Women were more likely to
be asked to do that.
Q    Okay. And -- and I know you -- I know
you said it was one of your first jobs out of
college. I think also --
A    Yeah.
Q    -- and I think also, you know,
[Former Staffer 2], similarly situated, a
young woman, one of her first jobs.
A    Yeah.
Q    Were there other people -- did you --
did you feel like that was part of the -- the
issue, that he assigned these tasks to people that
didn't know that they could say no or should say
no?
A    I -- I don't know. I -- I didn't really
speak with him about it. So I don't know. But
I'm -- I'm sure just, like, the nature of it,
that's -- me and [Former Staffer 2] are definitely
more people-pleasers. So I could definitely see
why he would want to ask us as opposed to, like,
a man in the office who's a little more sure
of themselves. So, yeah.
Q    Right. Okay. Did you ever have any
sense of what would happen if you said no to these tasks? Like, if you told him that you wouldn't watch the children or wouldn't drive the children to school anymore?

A I would be worried I would hear about it in the employee review which happened about, I think, twice a year. So I just -- I just didn't want to cause any waves or any issues just because I felt so novice of everything. So I just wanted to make sure I was doing every -- I just wanted to make sure I was doing everything right. So, yeah. I just -- I would -- a little backlash.

Q Okay. Did -- did you ever receive any negative comments in these employee reviews related to your willingness or not-willingness to do personal tasks?

A No. I -- they didn't say -- I remember Mike once said, he was, like, You're just very -- I think I got, like, a five out of five because I was, like, very agreeable with everything. Like, I never -- like, I accepted criticism or -- well, so. Yeah. They did mention I was very agreeable
in my employee review.

Q  And do you ever remember any employees, campaign or official while you were there, that did try to say no to these sorts of tasks?

A  No. Not from what I can recall. I haven't heard of anyone say no to him. Again, I -- I'm probably to -- I can be wrong. But I'm not -- me personally, I have never spoken with anyone about that, if they were to say no.

Q  Or how about anybody that was upset by asking -- being asked to do these sorts of personal tasks?

A  Oh, yeah. I mean, people would definitely be a little irked if they -- they were asked to be -- asked to run personal errands. I know when I first came on, a former staffer mentioned that. I believe his name was, like, Brendan (phonetic). He said, like, You will be doing, like, personal stuff. And I was totally fine with it. But, yeah.

Q  Okay. Anybody else that you remember specifically that had a --- was upset by these
sorts of requests?

A [Current Staffer 1], he -- I knew he had some grievances with the personal tasks being associated with, like, the work tasks. But, no. That's about all I can think of.

Q Can you go into a little more detail about that? What did -- what specifically did [Current Staffer 1] complain about?

A Just because he knew the congressman would have me drive people, like, for personal. So I would sometimes talk to him about it, and he would just be -- he would kind of agree with me, like, That's so ridiculous. But I don't know.

Q Understood. So [Current Staffer 1] was more upset that -- that you were being asked to do these things. It wasn't -- it wasn't him being asked?

A Yeah. I -- I'm sure when the congressman was in Charles Town, he would have him. But, yeah. No. I was definitely the main -- I was probably, like, the first one to contact for the congressman in regards to those matters.
Q    Okay. I think we can move on from that
general topic unless anything has come to mind as
we've been discussing? Any other sorts of
personal errands that you can think of that we
haven't talked about?

A    Not in the moment. Not that I can
recall in the moment.

Q    Okay. Okay. A couple other general
topic. So we've talked a little bit about mileage
and how you didn't normally claim mileage. And --
but I know that congressman does and has claimed
mileage. Do -- did you ever hear of any -- did
you have any discussions with anybody or hear
anybody discussing the congressman claiming
mileage that he didn't actually drive or any other
sort of irregularities about how he was claiming
mileage?

A    No. Because I wasn't the one handling
the mileage. Sorry. I don't know. But, yeah.
No. I was not handling his mileage.

Q    And then also -- so I know you said you
wouldn't normally claim mileage, but sometimes
your -- you would get your gas tank filled with
the campaign funds.

A  Yeah. Yeah.

Q  Do you know of any other staffers that
-- do you know of any other staffers that either
the congressman personally filled their gas tank
or used the campaign card to fill their gas tank?

A  No. Possibly Mike Hough. But I don't
know.

Q  Okay. That's one thing I'll ask
actually about the personal errands. Do you think
Mike was aware that these sorts of requests were
being made of staffers?

A  Yes. Yes. He was aware.

Q  And what did -- what did he say about
that or did he ever say anything about it?

A  He didn't really have a comment on it.

Q  Okay.

A  But, yeah. I know he was aware.

Q  Another kind of general topic. I want
to talk a little bit about this, the use of gift
cards for the campaign.
A Uh-huh.
Q And my impression so far is that there were kind of two sorts of gift cards that were used. One was either gift cards to a specific vendors, like Martin's grocery store. And then also there were gift cards that were, like, prepaid Visa cards, basically cash; is that right?
A Uh-huh.
Q Okay.
A Yeah. Yes.
Q Can you tell me how the prepaid Visa cards were used? Or what did you guys use those for?
A So we would hit the campaign with the (inaudible) card, buy these gift cards at the grocery store, and then -- because he didn't want to create multiple debit cards because we had issues prior with that, so he would rather just use the gift card. And then we -- that -- from that gift card, we would keep the receipts and then report that to the FEC from the receipts from the gift card. This is kind of confusing.
Q Did -- when you went to go pick up groceries for the Mooneys, did you use -- how did you pay for those groceries?
   A So I would use my personal card, then he would pay me back in cash.
   Q Okay.
   A Yeah.
   Q Did you ever use one of the Martin's gift cards for what seemed like personal groceries for the Mooneys?
   A No. That I can think of, no.
   Q Okay. Let's pull up --
   MR. QUINN: Sean, if you can pull up tab 2 and you can mark that as Exhibit B. (Exhibit B was marked.)
   Q So, Former Staffer 3, can you see this document?
   A Let me see if I -- a little bit. Is it already zoomed in?
   Q Yes. I can zoom in. Okay.
   A Oh, yeah.
   Q If you want to take a second and see
what you can read of that e-mail, just let me know once you've been able to; okay?

A Former Staffer 3, please see below. Do you think you can get a gift card sent to [Current Staffer 2] for his expenses of traveling? Okay.

Yes.

Q So -- and it looks like below [Former Staffer 2]'s, I think she's e-mailing [Former Staffer 1] and she says, I spoke with Mike and it was unofficial. And then [Former Staffer 1] responds to [Former Staffer 2] and says, Okay. Adding [Former Staffer 3]. And he asks you to get a gift card for [Current Staffer 2] for his expenses for traveling. Do you -- this e-mail was from July 2020. Do you remember this e-mail or incident at all?

A Slightly. Yes.

Q Okay. And so is [Current Staffer 2], [Current Staffer 2]?

A Yes. [Current Staffer 2]. He worked in Martinsburg.

Q Do you remember what -- what he was
traveling for? What he was doing in July -- July 13th, 2020?

A I don't know. I know it was, like, a long trip. I recall it being a long trip. But I'm not sure where he was -- [Current Staffer 2] was specifically dropping -- the congressman off.

Q Was there -- does it ring a bell -- was there a trip to Nemacolin maybe that [Current Staffer 2] would have drove the congressman or not ring a bell?

A That -- that does not ring a bell.

Q Okay.

A I know Nemacolin, but I -- I -- doesn't ring a bell.

Q Yeah. So was this -- was this common that gift cards would be used to pay staffers for this sort of activity?

A Yes. We would definitely give staff -- like, if staffers were operating on the campaign, we would give them gift cards. Like, for instance, for the 4th of July parade, I brought gift cards to buy candy for the parade because I couldn't have access to, like, the official -- or
official campaign card. So I would definitely
disburse gift cards just so they would -- just so
it -- we -- to avoid the whole reimbursement
process because that could get kind of annoying.

Q Right. And so this was probably -- this
was probably one of the Visa prepaid cards? Not,
like, a Martin's Grocery Store credit card?

A Yeah. So I'm sure -- like, [Current Staffer
2] paid for gas on his personal and this is just
helping reimburse him for that.

MR. QUINN: And then, Sean, you can take
this one down, Exhibit B down, and mark it -- or
sorry. And then if you can pull up tab 3 and mark
that as Exhibit C.

(Exhibit C was marked.)

Q So, Former Staffer 3, this is a receipt to
Martin's Grocery Store --

A Okay.

Q -- that you produced -- that you
produced to us. And are you able to see this now?

A Yeah. I see it.

Q Okay. So on the first page, there's two
receipts and at the top of one of them it says, Alex gift card receipt. And then they both say, File, on them. Does that mean that these were groceries purchased with a gift card by the congressman?

A Yes. If it had gift card written on the receipt, then we would report what was on that receipt to the FEC.

Q Okay. And it says Alex -- and it says Alex at the top also. So does that mean that the congressman used that gift card? Or --

A Yeah. Likely. It looks like his writing, too.

Q Okay. So I'm -- I'm curious. Some of the items on here certainly seem like personal groceries. For example, an 18-pack of eggs, butter, buttermilk. If you look on page 2, some of the charges are for Goya coconut milk and for chicken broth. And then on the next page, there's some for yellow potatoes. Do you recall any -- either official or campaign events where, like, were you baking or, like, what -- do you recall in
the campaign where that -- those sort of
ingredients would have been used? Chicken broth
or eggs or --

A No. I -- I do not.

Q Okay. Did you ever see that --

A Usually there was, like --

Q Go ahead. Sorry.

A Oh, sorry. Usually if it -- it'll be
like soda, those sorts of items. But, no, not
these.

Q Okay. Is -- did you ever see any other
receipts like this that had personal item -- or
items that seemed, like, personal grocery items as
opposed to items for an event?

A One or two. But that's about it. I've
only probably seen one or two other that are like
this.

Q Okay. And then let's just talk about
this document again for a second. So Exhibit C,
it's a -- it's a gift -- or, sorry. The receipt
is for Martin's from 9/6/20, so September 6, 2020.
Do -- and -- and you produced this receipt to us.