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MONICA S. LEWINSKY was interviewed pursuant to an immunity agreement between the Office of Independent Counsel (OIC), LEWINSKY, and her attorneys. Present for the interview were Associate Independent Counsel (AIC) MICHAEL EMMICK, AIC KARIN IMMERGUT, AIC MARY ANNE WIRTH, and AIC JULIE MYERS. Representing LEWINSKY was Attorney PRESTON BURTON and Law Clerk MATTHEW UMHOFER of the law offices of PLATO CACHERIS. The interview was conducted in Suite 490, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. beginning at 12:07 p.m. LEWINSKY provided the following information:

LEWINSKY first saw the President in person in July 1995, when she attended a function with WALTER KAYE and her mother. At that time LEWINSKY was impressed with how handsome the President appeared.

On August 10, 1995, LEWINSKY attended the birthday party of the President on the grounds of the White House. At that time, LEWINSKY made eye contact with the President and began flirting with him. LEWINSKY does not believe that she would have been hired if anyone knew that they were flirting.

On or about August 13, 1995, LEWINSKY introduced herself to the President at a departure ceremony.

In September, 1995, LEWINSKY reintroduced herself to the President in the basement of the White House as he was passing. The occasion was the visit of LEWINSKY's friend, NATALIE UNGVARI, who was on a tour. LEWINSKY was waiting with U.S. Secret Service (USSS) uniformed officer LEWIS FOX for UNGVARI's return. LEWINSKY had her photograph taken with the President on this occasion.

In October 1995, the President waved at LEWINSKY once in passing.

During the first week in November 1995, LEWINSKY was in New York for the investiture of WALTER KAYE as a civilian aide of the U.S. Army. At this point, LEWINSKY was a second term intern who wanted to get a permanent job in the White House. While there, LEWINSKY received a call from JENNIFER PALMIERI, who

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advised LEWINSKY of a job opening in the Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA). On the following Monday, LEWINSKY submitted a resume to her supervisor, TRACY BOBOWITZ, or to TIM KEATING. On Wednesday or Thursday, LEWINSKY brought writing samples and was interviewed by KEATING. The interview went well and LEWINSKY was called soon thereafter to meet SUSAN BROPHY and PAT GRIFFIN. LEWINSKY sent letters to each of them.

On November 10, 1996, KEATING advised LEWINSKY that she had gotten the job, but that the furlough was imminent and the paperwork had not cleared yet. LEWINSKY worked through the furlough as an intern without pay. LEWINSKY took a drug test and met JOCELYN JOLLEY. LEON PANETTA's office was staffed during the furlough by LEWINSKY and two male interns. During the furlough, the President came to the office of PANETTA as often as five times a day. One of these interns remarked that the President was coming to visit quite frequently and that he, the President, must have had a crush on LEWINSKY.

LEWINSKY was hired in OLA because of her good work as an intern in PANETTA's office. The President's name was never mentioned by KEATING, GRIFFIN, BROPHY, or LEWINSKY during the hiring process. LEWINSKY had not applied for any other jobs. LEWINSKY applied for the OLA job because it met her requirement that she would have a blue badge. This would permit LEWINSKY to go the West Wing and not be relegated to the Old Executive Office Building.

On November 17, 1995, BARRY TOIV commented that LEWINSKY was getting a lot of "face time" with the President for being an intern in PANETTA's office.

On the Friday after Thanksgiving 1995, LEWINSKY was trained briefly by JOCELYN JOLLEY. LEWINSKY began her new job in OLA the first week in December 1995. JOLLEY was out sick at least one day that week and left LEWINSKY to complete a large mailing. LEWINSKY basically fended on her own as there were no interns. JOLLEY had advised that she would handle all Office of Management and Budget (OMB) material related to the furlough. There was a large backlog of letters due to the furlough.

TIM KEATING was pleased with LEWINSKY's work. At around the time of the State of the Union Address, JOLLEY was again absent due to sickness and LEWINSKY was left to complete a lot of work pertaining to the address; LEWINSKY stayed late and got the work done. However, LEWINSKY was very disappointed that neither she, JOLLEY, nor any of the interns were permitted to go

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to Capitol Hill for the address. LEWINSKY did not wish to be lumped in with JOLLEY when the OLA work was being evaluated, because JOLLEY was frequently absent and came in late many times due to her diabetic condition. JOLLEY advised LEWINSKY that the turn around time on acknowledging congressional inquiries was too long. MAUREEN LEWIS had been doing letters to congressmen after they had traveled with the President. LEWINSKY had started doing these political letters. KEATING found out about it and chewed out LEWINSKY for getting involved in someone else's area of responsibility; told LEWINSKY that she did not know what she was doing; and brought up a few other undisclosed problems. JAMIE RUBIN, BOB RUBIN's son, came on board to be the OLA liaison with the West Wing about this time.

In March 1996, LEWINSKY was visited a second time by her friend, NATALIE UNGVARI, from San Francisco. LEWINSKY was escorting UNGVARI around the White House on a Sunday and was in the vicinity of the Senate Office. They observed a guy in denim with a baseball cap and LEWINSKY called to him before he went into the men's room in the hall. This person was the President, who had popcorn on his shirt, apparently having just watched a movie. LEWINSKY introduced UNGVARI to the President. LEWINSKY had already told UNGVARI about her relationship with the President by this time. [REDACTED] This caused some consternation on the part of LEWINSKY.

About two weeks before LEWINSKY's transfer in early April 1996, KEATING advised LEWINSKY to get her resume to the lady in Administration that sits next to ASHLEY RAINES. This was to complete LEWINSKY's personnel file. On the Friday before Easter, which was two days after RON BROWN was killed, LEWINSKY and JOLLEY were called to KEATING's office separately. KEATING advised that there had been problems in the Correspondence Unit and that JODIE TORKELESON wanted LEWINSKY and JOLLEY fired. Instead, both JOLLEY and LEWINSKY were being transferred to other agencies. JOLLEY was actually demoted.

KEATING advised LEWINSKY that she was too "sexy" to work in the White House, by which KEATING meant that LEWINSKY "could shine more" and could get a better job in the Pentagon. LEWINSKY's work at the White House was not criticized to her knowledge. LEWINSKY never saw it coming and was totally surprised; she wept. LEWINSKY's first reaction was that she would never get to see the President again; her second reaction was that people thought she was spending too much time away from her desk and too much time near the Oval Office. KEATING advised

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that there were no other openings in the White House at that time, but that perhaps LEWINSKY could come back after the election. KEATING said that LEWINSKY had a job in the Press Office at the Pentagon; that she would probably make more money; and that LEWINSKY should see PATSY THOMASSON about the transition. KEATING also counseled that LEWINSKY could take her vacation to Florida as planned. KEATING requested that LEWINSKY turn her pass in and that he would place LEWINSKY on the access list until the time she departed. KEATING did not ban LEWINSKY from the White House.

At this point, LEWINSKY did not know how BETTY CURRIE felt about her and LEWINSKY actually felt closer to NANCY HERNREICH. On the Monday after being transferred, LEWINSKY went to HERNREICH's office, at which time HERNREICH tried to console LEWINSKY, but told LEWINSKY that she had to interview for the Pentagon job. This was not what KEATING had told her. While leaving, LEWINSKY was stopped by CURRIE. CURRIE observed LEWINSKY crying and tried to console her by saying that sometimes things work out for the best. LEWINSKY believed that EVELYN LIEBERMAN, who had a connection with the First Lady, was the force behind the transfer. LEWINSKY also called ASHLEY RAINES and BAYANI NELVIS to advise them of the transfer.

On Thursday of that week, MARK HUFFMAN from the Pentagon called and advised that LEWINSKY would interview for the job of Confidential Assistant, which included many administrative duties. LEWINSKY interviewed successfully for the job. LEWINSKY objected to the heavy burden of administrative duties and was advised that they would split the job and relieve LEWINSKY of some of those duties. CHARLIE DUNCAN's assistant at the Pentagon said there were no other jobs available there.

LEWINSKY was in touch with WALTER KAYE, who was instrumental in getting LEWINSKY the White House internship. LEWINSKY's parents had known KAYE many years ago in California and KAYE's grandson had been an intern. KAYE became involved politically when he contributed to the Democratic Party after selling his insurance company. ANN MCCOY, another White House employee, gave herself a birthday party in September 1995, which KAYE funded. There was some friction between MCCOY and her friends, and LEWINSKY's mother and aunt, at KAYE's investiture. In addition, MARSHA SCOTT, also a friend of KAYE, apparently felt that LEWINSKY's mother and aunt were somehow a threat to SCOTT. KAYE told DEBRA FINERMAN, LEWINSKY's aunt, that LEWINSKY had been transferred because there were rumors of LEWINSKY's relationship with the President. FINERMAN was angered because KAYE had not

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tried to defend LEWINSKY. Because of this, LEWINSKY did not attend a scheduled luncheon with KAYE on August 19, 1996.

On April 12, 1996, the President called LEWINSKY to explain why she had been transferred. The President did not know any of the details about the Pentagon job, and when LEWINSKY complained about it, the President advised her that if she did not like it he would get LEWINSKY a job on the campaign. LEWINSKY told the President that the job was boring and that she had complained to PATSY THOMASSON, who did nothing. The President stated that THOMASSON was a friend of his.

On April 17, 1996, LEWINSKY started the Pentagon job, but hated it from the start as it was boring to her. Her superiors did not split the job as promised. The job was primarily as the gate keeper for KEN BACON. LEWINSKY said that her predecessor, JEAN WESSEL, an older woman, had more administrative experience than LEWINSKY, but lacked enough energy for the travel demands of the job. The job was a General Services 9 position paying \$42,000 with overtime. LEWINSKY had been making \$25,000 with no overtime pay at OLA. LEWINSKY developed a good interpersonal relationship with BACON.

TIM KEATING had advised LEWINSKY that her position at OLA was not being filled, but after going to the Pentagon, LEWINSKY found out that the position had been filled. LEWINSKY wrote a letter to KEATING complaining about this and the fact that they assigned pagers to everyone, which LEWINSKY had suggested months ago. LEWINSKY also tried to explain to KEATING that her past job performance should not have been linked to that of JOLLEY. LEWINSKY may have called ANN Last Name Unknown at OLA to try to get her job back. While at OLA, LEWINSKY had gotten along with JANET MERDILLA, LUCIA WYMAN, and AL MAULDIN.

After beginning the job in the Pentagon, LEWINSKY was able to visit the President in the White House on weekends. Since LEWINSKY no longer had a blue badge, she had to be "WAVED" in, and escorted. These visits were facilitated by BETTY CURRIE, who had an unspoken agreement with LEWINSKY to use the most inconspicuous route to the Oval Office that would avoid the USSS uniformed officers, many of whom were friendly to MARSHA SCOTT. (LEWINSKY was provided with a floor plan of the White House, a copy of which is attached to this document, on which she highlighted the most common route she took to see the President.) The route normally included entering the southwest gate; walking north on Executive Drive; entering the West Wing basement lobby; meeting CURRIE, her escort; going through the basement; and up

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the stairs near the Oval Office. LEWINSKY and CURRIE avoided a uniformed officer who knew DEBBIE SCHIFF. The officer's name is unknown, but he is very friendly, about 5'11", and overweight.

The weekend attire at the White House was very informal. LEWINSKY usually departed through the northwest gate and never departed through the tunnel.

The President never gave LEWINSKY a rose, but CURRIE once gave LEWINSKY a bunch of roses to take home.

CHARLIE the butler was always friendly with LEWINSKY.

To LEWINSKY's knowledge the President did not call her from Jackson Hole, Wyoming or elsewhere when he was on vacation.

LEWINSKY never taped anyone; however, LEWINSKY does have a micro-cassette from her answering machine with a call from BETTY CURRIE on December 28, 1997. CURRIE was at her residence and needed LEWINSKY's date of birth and social security number to place LEWINSKY on the White House access list. The tape also contains a few messages about KIRBY BEHRE from LINDA TRIPP in December 1997. LEWINSKY does not recall playing the CURRIE tape to LINDA TRIPP.

LEWINSKY does recall playing the tape with messages from the President to TRIPP. This tape was previously furnished to the OIC. LEWINSKY did not have caller identification (ID) on her telephone when the first message from the President was recorded, but she recognized the President's voice when he said, "Aw shucks." LEWINSKY installed "caller ID" on her home telephone before July 1996. The second message from the President was muffled. In the third message from the President he said, "Hello." The fourth message from the President was left in the middle of the night when LEWINSKY was out of town; the President said, "C'mon it's me." LEWINSKY spoke to the President about the messages. On one occasion, the President advised that he did not like to leave messages.

On August 11, 1996, LEWINSKY saw DEBBIE BYRD at the southwest gate and then in BETTY CURRIE's office.

On September 12 or 19, 1997 LEWINSKY arrived at the southwest gate crying, called BETTY CURRIE, and waited a long time. When CURRIE arrived, LEWINSKY was crying about when she was coming back to the White House and the fact that MARSHA SCOTT was not helping. It worried CURRIE when LEWINSKY cried. CURRIE

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said that sometimes the President's hands are tied, but that CURRIE had received the President's permission to talk to JOHN PODESTA about getting a job for LEWINSKY. LEWINSKY was taken to the Oval Office on this occasion. CURRIE was going to Chicago the next day.

A frequent occurrence was for LEWINSKY to arrive at the White House gate and not be allowed to enter because her name had not been cleared in the computer yet. LEWINSKY would wait until CURRIE could enter the data into the "WAVE system." LEWINSKY never complained about waiting. It was impossible for anyone to skip the "WAVE" system.

The President held BETTY CURRIE in high regard. LEWINSKY always knew where CURRIE's loyalty was. CURRIE was very good at covering and representing the President. CURRIE would occasionally lie, as she did in the ELEANOR MONDALE matter, and when she told LEWINSKY that she was unable to get LEWINSKY's messages into the President all day. On one occasion, on a weekend, CURRIE locked in her desk one of LEWINSKY's messages to the President so that no one snooping around would see it. However, the President did not get to see it either. LEWINSKY has no specific recollection that CURRIE knew of LEWINSKY's subpoena in the PAULA JONES case; however, CURRIE had to know that LEWINSKY was somehow involved in the JONES case when LEWINSKY started using the "KAYE" code name on the pager. LEWINSKY has a faint recollection of speaking with CURRIE about LEWINSKY's involvement in the JONES matter.

LINDA TRIPP spent the night in LEWINSKY's apartment with her in late November 1997. This was after TRIPP had attended a Christmas show with NORMA ASNES. TRIPP slept in MICHAEL LEWINSKY's room with the door closed. At about 2:00 a.m. LEWINSKY received a call from the President on LEWINSKY's personal line in her bedroom. This line does not have a speaker phone and there are no extensions. LEWINSKY cannot recall the topic of conversation, but it could have been a "phone sex" call. The call could have been either the night before or the night after NANCY HERNREICH testified on November 13, 1997; or it could have been when the Arkansas friend with a terminal illness was visiting the President. When the call was over, LEWINSKY tried to awaken TRIPP, without success, to tell her about the call from the President. The next morning, TRIPP advised that she had heard the telephone ring. TRIPP did not listen to this call or any other telephone conversations that LEWINSKY had with the President. TRIPP was never present when LEWINSKY called BETTY CURRIE.

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FRANK CARTER told LEWINSKY that when testifying one should not answer a direct yes or no if one was not sure; one should say, "It may have happened," or "It's possible," so as not to perjure oneself. LEWINSKY said that is why she has answered, "It's possible" instead of yes or no to some of the questions in her debriefing by the OIC. LEWINSKY and TRIPP discussed leaving some "wiggle room" when testifying when one wasn't sure of the answer.

AIC MARY ANNE WIRTH departed at this time.

In regard to the ties that LEWINSKY had given to the President, she would often ask him when he intended to wear them. The President would sometimes wear one the day after LEWINSKY talked to him, and sometimes the day she was scheduled to see him. On one of the days that BAYANI NELVIS testified in the Grand Jury, he wore a tie that LEWINSKY had given to the President. LEWINSKY opined that this may have been a signal of some sort; either that the tie was not important to the President, or as a sign of encouragement to LEWINSKY.

LEWINSKY briefly described the contents of the back hallway off the Oval Office:

- A. Framed picture.
- B. Bathroom door.
- C. Framed sword above bathroom door.
- D. Credenza.
- E. Framed political button collections on right and left walls.
- F. Signature of an Oklahoman, probably WOODIE GUTHRIE.

LEWINSKY described the contents of the President's back study:

- A. Dark wooden desk.
 - 1. Chair on rollers with presidential seal on the pillow.
 - 2. Mahogany cigar box on desk.
 - 3. Wooden organizer on desk.
 - 4. Two bookends with small books including Vox.
 - 5. Blotter.
- B. Book rack.
- C. Bookshelves with mostly political books; various items on top are changed periodically.
- D. Hardwood floor with blue rug.
- E. Two windows.

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- F. Painting of the President walking on the street.
- G. An older photograph of Mrs. CLINTON and CHELSEA CLINTON.
- H. Photograph of an old guy with a fireman's hat.
- I. Photograph of the President with school children.
- J. Stand with telephone and compact disk player.
- K. Compact disk holder in the corner of the study.
- L. Golf clubs.
- M. Rocking chair with a pillow.
- N. Marble top half table with big mirror.
- O. On a shelf is a "kewpie" doll sitting under a mushroom.

LEWINSKY described the President's dining room:

- A. Pantry door.
- B. Hall door.
- C. Marble top bureau with LEWINSKY paperweight on it.
- D. Circular table and chairs.
- E. Dry flower arrangement on table.
- F. Television and VCR.
- G. Mirrors on both walls.

LEWINSKY described the President's bathroom:

- A. Toilet.
- B. Sink.
- C. Telephone on wall.
- D. Vertical shelf for toiletries.
- E. The walls are lined with black and white cartoons of the President.

At this point AIC JULIE MYERS entered.

LEWINSKY is close to her aunt, DEBRA FINERMAN, and provided some details of her relationship with the President, but not to the degree that she did with LINDA TRIPP. LEWINSKY did not provide the vulgar details to FINERMAN. FINERMAN was aware that LEWINSKY had been subpoenaed in the PAULA JONES case and knew that LINDA TRIPP was causing problems. LEWINSKY, her mother, MARCIA LEWIS, and FINERMAN referred to VERNON JORDAN as "GWEN." LEWIS and FINERMAN coined this nickname for JORDAN.

LEWINSKY recalled the following additional gifts that she gave to the President:

- A. HARROD'S golf balls and tees.
- B. A wooden painted egg from Budapest (observed on 12/28/97).
- C. "Gummy boobs" from URBAN OUTFITTERS.

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- D. Cassette tape; unknown whether the President ever listened; did not tell BETTY CURRIE of this gift for fear CURRIE would not give it to the President; later asked CURRIE if President had gotten the tape.

There would have been no legitimate business reason for LEWINSKY to go into the President's study; her access was only because she had a personal relationship with the President.

LEWINSKY [REDACTED] a student at SANTA MONICA CITY COLLEGE in March or April 1992. LEWINSKY was upset over the fact that her father would not pay for her to go to a more expensive university. After waiting 15 minutes for a parking place, someone came along at the last minute and took the space from her. LEWINSKY began crying uncontrollably. MARCIA LEWIS took LEWINSKY for treatment to a psychologist, Dr. IRENE KASSORLA. LEWINSKY saw KASSORLA regularly until LEWINSKY moved to Oregon, but continued treatment with KASSORLA by telephone. The consultation continued every four to six weeks after LEWINSKY moved to Washington, D.C. LEWINSKY advised KASSORLA of her relationship with the President and used the code name "HENRIETTA" when talking about him on the telephone. LEWINSKY was honest with KASSORLA, but did not give her too many details. KASSORLA opined that the President was using LEWINSKY.

MARCIA LEWIS was never a patient of KASSORLA. KASSORLA is a psychologist, but not a sex therapist. KASSORLA is self-promoting. KASSORLA never kept notes when LEWINSKY saw her in person and all of KASSORLA's recollections might not be accurate. KASSORLA, if subpoenaed, would most likely go on television talk shows. In LEWINSKY's opinion, KASSORLA would be a public relations nightmare to the OIC. KASSORLA helped LEWINSKY to the extent that LEWINSKY improved her school grades and lost weight. LEWINSKY last called KASSORLA in 1997.

LEWINSKY has consulted with Dr. KATHY ESTEP, a therapist. LEWINSKY talked with ESTEP around the time of the 1996 Presidential election about her relationship with the President, and displayed photos of LEWINSKY and the President. LEWINSKY saw ESTEP about four times in October and November, 1996. Dr. ESTEP told LEWINSKY that she had a lot of loss, such as losing her job. LEWINSKY visited an unnamed associate of Dr. ESTEP, [REDACTED]. The associate also prescribed "phen phen" on a weekly basis for LEWINSKY.

Around March 1998, LEWINSKY received a letter from one [REDACTED], whom she has never met. The letter contained a

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photograph of ██████, who requested that LEWINSKY put her in touch with BILL GINSBERG, whom ██████ wanted to retain as her own attorney. ██████ purported that she had been a White House intern, who had also had an affair with the President. LEWINSKY speculated that ██████ may have been JANE DOE #7. Subsequently, LEWINSKY received a package from ██████, which contained a tape recording of audio messages from the OIC requesting an interview. GINSBERG or NATE SPEIGHTS referred ██████ to attorney KEITH WATERS. LEWINSKY provided the tape and photograph to WATERS.

The interview was terminated at 4:44 p.m.

