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MONICA S. LEWINSKY was interviewed pursuant to an immunity agreement between the Office of the Independent Counsel (OIC), LEWINSKY, and her attorneys. Present for the interview were Associate Independent Counsel (AIC) MICHAEL EMMICK, AIC KARIN IMMERGUT, and AIC JULIE L. MYERS. AIC MARY ANNE WIRTH and AIC CRAIG LERNER were present during part of the interview. Representing LEWINSKY was her attorney, SYDNEY HOFFMAN, and Law Clerk ANIE WULKEN. The interview was conducted at the OIC office, Suite 490 North, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D. C. LEWINSKY provided the following information:

LEWINSKY wrote a letter to the President on July 3, 1997, threatening to tell her parents of their affair. LEWINSKY did not author any similar letters. LINDA TRIPP encouraged LEWINSKY to be more forceful in her correspondence with the President.

On about September 19, 1997, LEWINSKY was crying outside the northwest gate of the White House. BETTY CURRIE and BAYANI NELVIS knew LEWINSKY was upset.

LEWINSKY did not recall telling BETTY CURRIE directly about her affair with the President. CURRIE may have assumed an affair existed. However, CURRIE demonstrated no confusion about the relationship between LEWINSKY and the President. LEWINSKY and TRIPP discussed CURRIE's knowledge of the relationship. TRIPP suggested to LEWINSKY that CURRIE knew about the relationship. LEWINSKY agreed with TRIPP's assessment during these conversations.

LEWINSKY did not have a specific recollection, but believes CURRIE must have known about the PAULA JONES subpoena. LEWINSKY believed she may have had a discussion with CURRIE about the above subpoena.

LEWINSKY said she thought that PEDRO, Last Name Unknown (LNU) was the name of the waiter at the breakfast she had with VERNON JORDAN on December 31, 1997. PEDRO was described as a petite Hispanic male, between 35 and 40 years of age. JORDAN appeared to know the waiter and be a frequent customer of the restaurant.

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for him to resist being with other women. The President struggled with it daily. The President told LEWINSKY that he kept a calender on how long he had been good. The President explained that during his life he had been two people, and kept up two fronts. The President said that starting in the third or fourth grade, he was a good boy with his mother and step father, but also began telling stories and leading a secret life. LEWINSKY's impression was that the President was telling her he wanted to be right in the eyes of God. The President wanted the affair to be over, though he said it was not LEWINSKY's fault. LEWINSKY did not know if the President meant what he said.

The President and LEWINSKY moved from the dining room to the back study and into the hallway. LEWINSKY was crying and trying to talk the President out of ending the affair by telling him that Presidents in the past needed girlfriends. The President got angry and told LEWINSKY that he did not want to be like that. The President said he did not want his daughter to know about the affair. The President told LEWINSKY that if they had no sex they could be friends and visit. LEWINSKY said that based on a previous relationship with a married man, she thought that the President appeared to be going through feelings of guilt. LEWINSKY was hysterical.

Subsequently, STEVEN GOODIN came into the area and LEWINSKY realized she had left her purse on the dining room table. LEWINSKY retrieved her purse from the dining room table. BETTY CURRIE came in the back hall through the pantry to take LEWINSKY out of the area. The President was trying to make things look "OK". CURRIE told LEWINSKY that her face was similar to CURRIE's face, it showed everything. CURRIE then asked LEWINSKY what was wrong. LEWINSKY did not say anything except that things were difficult. CURRIE was going out of town to visit CURRIE's sister who had a heart attack. LEWINSKY commented that she and CURRIE would get together for drinks when CURRIE returned.

LEWINSKY recalled that on the above date, LANNY DAVIS and his family were in the White House. CURRIE introduced LEWINSKY to DAVIS and his family.

On July 3, 1997, LEWINSKY wrote a letter to the President. On July 4, 1997, she appeared for a meeting with the President at the White House. LEWINSKY wore a black sun dress bought in Rome, Italy. LEWINSKY was somber. The President came out of his office and said to LEWINSKY, "Hey." LEWINSKY replied, "Hey." They both went into the study. LEWINSKY sat at the desk

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and the President sat in a rocking chair. The President said something to the effect of, "First of all, it is illegal to threaten the President of the United States;" secondly, he did not read the entire letter; in the third place, he threw the letter away. LEWINSKY said that when the President got to the phrase, "In the fourth place," she stopped him. The President appeared nervous. LEWINSKY could not recall what the President next said. LEWINSKY and the President got into a disagreement. LEWINSKY pointed out to the President that she had left the White House and left like a "good girl." She waited through the election and well after a year after leaving the White House. The President told LEWINSKY they could still be friends. She replied that he did not act like her friend. LEWINSKY cried and the President hugged her. Over the President's left shoulder LEWINSKY saw a gardener outside the window. LEWINSKY did not make eye contact with the gardener. LEWINSKY was not sure whether they were seen. They moved to the bathroom hallway. The President was most affectionate that day. The President told LEWINSKY she was beautiful. The President played with her hair and stroked her arm. The President mentioned that people like them had fire in the belly. At one point, the President said he wished he had more time for LEWINSKY, and that maybe he would in three years. LEWINSKY took the opportunity to comment that the President and his wife connected on a level that no one understood.

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[REDACTED]. LEWINSKY said something about being together with the President in the future. The President asked LEWINSKY what she would do when the President was 70 years of age, and had to go to the bathroom numerous times a day. LEWINSKY replied that they would deal with it. LEWINSKY said she never felt so complete. LEWINSKY stated that she thought her meeting with the President ended on a positive note.

CURRIE called out for the President and he told LEWINSKY it was time to go. LEWINSKY told the President that she needed a few more minutes with him. LEWINSKY told him about the events surrounding KATHLEEN WILLEY. LEWINSKY referred to July 4, 1997 as KATHLEEN WILLEY day. LEWINSKY advised the President of information she received from a friend regarding WILLEY. LEWINSKY did not identify that person. LEWINSKY insisted she would not have identified the friend to the President even if asked. The President did not appear surprised by LEWINSKY's information. LEWINSKY left a picture for the President to sign for LEWINSKY's birthday.

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LEWINSKY received a bear sculpture from the President that he said he bought in Vancouver, British Columbia. The President gave the bear to her during a visit with the President at the White House on December 28, 1997.

LEWINSKY may have used tissue to blot her lipstick on a visit with the President on January 7, 1996. LEWINSKY reapplied her make-up after encounters with the President. The tissues were disposed of in the trash can in the bathroom or in the one near NANCY HERNREICH's office. Occasionally the President and LEWINSKY had sodas or other drinks in the dining room or study.

LEWINSKY reviewed and identified the following documents:

1. A paper with the phrase, "The time has finally come for me to throw in the towel..." LEWINSKY could see TRIPP's influence on this document. LEWINSKY wrote the document, but did not send it. TRIPP discouraged LEWINSKY from sending the paper. LEWINSKY dated the paper around September, 1997, because LEWINSKY found out that MARSHA SCOTT was not going to detail her to the White House. It was harsher in language than LEWINSKY had recalled. In lieu of sending the letter, LEWINSKY traveled to the White House on about September 19, 1997 and waited at the southwest gate for an appointment.
2. A letter with notation, "Official Letterhead," and reading, "To Handsome, ." LEWINSKY sent a version of this joke letter to the President by courier. The letter was written on September 30, 1997. A reminder to throw the letter away was noted.
3. A draft of a letter sent to the President on March 2, 1996, along with a HUGO BOSS necktie. The letter began with, "Dear Mr. P:" These were sent by Federal Express.
4. A photograph of the President wearing a tie given to him by LEWINSKY.
5. A document entitled, "As your friend." LEWINSKY wrote this at home and did not mail it to the President. LEWINSKY did discuss the content with the President on December 17, 1997. LEWINSKY

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drafted the content in conversations with LINDA TRIPP on December 8, 1997.

6. A document stating, "This is going to be a long letter." It was a draft letter written on LEWINSKY's home computer. It was never sent. The actual letter sent was shorter than the above document. It was sent in response to learning from TRIPP that LEWINSKY did not get the job at the National Security Council (NSC) for which she applied. The date of the document was after October 6, 1997.
7. A card dated June 29, 1997, starting with, "Dear Handsome", and containing the phrase, "I feel disposable, used, insignificant," and, "I really need to discuss my situation." LEWINSKY stated that the writing on the card was hers, but the phrases and words were those of TRIPP. Some of TRIPP's writing may be on this draft. LEWINSKY would buy more than one of a particular card for draft purposes.
8. The final version of the above card (item seven) was sent to the President.
9. A document written on LEWINSKY's Department of Defense (DOD) computer. The document contains a list of things sent to the President, including an item named as "Gingko..." LEWINSKY did try to delete documents concerning the President from her DOD computer.
10. This document contains the statement, "It has been made clear to me that I cannot return to the White House." It is a closer version of the final version than item six.
11. This document was a short draft of a letter sent to the President. The letter contains the phrase, "...cannot do anything but accept that..."
12. This document contained LEWINSKY's own thoughts including the phrase, "It was so sad seeing you." It was not sent.
13. A photograph from October 23, 1996, taken at a

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fundraiser.

14. A photograph of LEWINSKY and her family taken with the President after the June 14, 1996 radio address.
15. A photograph taken on what LEWINSKY referred to as LOU FOX day.
16. A photograph which was a hand out photograph of the President signing a Department of Defense (DOD) bill. The President was wearing a tie given to him by LEWINSKY.
17. A photograph of the President on his birthday.
18. A photograph of LEWINSKY and the President, signed by the President, on what LEWINSKY referred to as "Dress Day." LEWINSKY is wearing the dark blue dress.
19. A photograph of the President wearing a tie given to him by LEWINSKY.
20. A black and white photograph of the President. LEWINSKY fell in love with the photograph.
21. A letter, dated June 16, 1997. LEWINSKY told her former attorney, WILLIAM GINSBURG about the letter in January 1998. The letter was to CURRIE but was not sent.
22. A letter dated November 2, 1997, was addressed to CURRIE beginning, "Hope you had an enjoyable weekend." LEWINSKY was not sure if the letter was sent.
23. This item was a draft note on a card with a heart on the top sheet. This heart page was not the inside of the card. The top sheet of the card should have a cat on it. LEWINSKY sent a card with a cat because CURRIE liked cats. The part of a card with a snowman on it was possibly a draft of a Christmas card sent to CURRIE. The above card was possibly sent to CURRIE on September 17, 1997.

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24. A card stating, "Dear Betty, I feel better after our talk." LEWINSKY may have sent the card after LEWINSKY's meeting with CURRIE at the HAY ADAMS hotel. The dates were around June 24, 1997 or June 29, 1997. MARSHA SCOTT was the main topic of the discussion between LEWINSKY and CURRIE.

LEWINSKY never contacted the President when he was in Bosnia, despite news reports. Not only was he with his family, but there exists no direct way to contact the President overseas.

LEWINSKY called the President by the following names:  
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LEWINSKY remained abreast of the President's schedule by referring to News Edge, a publication of the President's projected schedule. It was LEWINSKY's job to track the briefings from the White House. Sometimes LEWINSKY contacted CURRIE for the President's schedule. If LEWINSKY thought CURRIE was not telling the truth about the President's schedule, LEWINSKY would contact BAYANI NELVIS, a Presidential steward. LEWINSKY maintained she never asked the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) about the Presidential schedule.

LEWINSKY reviewed a schedule prepared of calls to and from VERNON JORDAN, over a period of time, from various individuals and locations including: the White House, LEWINSKY's residences, and JORDAN's office. LEWINSKY could provide no additional information regarding these calls. LEWINSKY made the observation that there appeared to be more telephone calls than she realized.

Before Thanksgiving 1997, and after LEWINSKY had a fight with TRIPP, LEWINSKY flew to Los Angeles. LEWINSKY called CURRIE and asked CURRIE to call JORDAN and prod along the job search. It was LEWINSKY's understanding that JORDAN was helping her at the behest of the President and CURRIE. Prior to LEWINSKY being subpoenaed on December 19, 1997, LEWINSKY did not know if JORDAN knew LEWINSKY was on the PAULA JONES case witness list.