

## **Tab 26**



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MONICA S. LEWINSKY was interviewed under the terms of an immunity agreement between the Office of the Independent Counsel (OIC) and her. LEWINSKY was interviewed at the Office of the Independent Counsel, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20004. Present for the interview were Associate Independent Counsel (AIC) MICHAEL EMMICK, AIC KARIN IMMERGUT, AIC JULIE MYERS. MYERS departed after the below-listed chart was discussed. Present representing LEWINSKY were attorney PRESTON BURTON and law clerk MATTHEW UMERHOFF. LEWINSKY provided the following information, beginning at approximately 2:20 p.m.

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LEWINSKY was shown a chart which documented her contacts and/or telephone calls with CLINTON. LEWINSKY suggested changes to the chart, as necessary, to more accurately reflect her contacts or telephone calls with CLINTON. (A draft of the chart, with the changes suggested by LEWINSKY handwritten by the writer, was placed in an FD-340, along with the original notes of this interview.) In addition to the changes made to the draft chart, LEWINSKY provided the following information:

August 9, 1995 was the first time she felt a "non-verbal" connection to CLINTON. In middle to late September of 1995, LEWINSKY's friend NATALIE UNGVARI was visiting LEWINSKY. LEWINSKY had what she described as an "accidental photo opportunity" with CLINTON.

LEWINSKY gave CLINTON a ZEGNA tie on November 20, 1995. LEWINSKY identified CLINTON as wearing that tie in three photographs she was shown by the OIC, taken on February 8, 1996, August 5, 1996 and January 23, 1997. LEWINSKY advised she gave CLINTON two ZEGNA ties, two HUGO BOSS ties, one CALVIN KLEIN tie and one FERAUD tie.

LEWINSKY advised she calls the second tie she gave CLINTON, a ZEGNA tie, his "birthday tie," as she gave it to CLINTON for his birthday. LEWINSKY advised it was the first tie, which was also a ZEGNA, she saw BAYANI NELVIS wearing at one of NELVIS's grand jury appearances. LEWINSKY said she may have seen

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a picture of NELVIS in the Washington Post or New York Times the day following NELVIS's grand jury appearance.

LEWINSKY advised she visited the White House on December 15, 1997 for the purpose of observing the swearing in of KATHY HAYCOCK.

LEWINSKY advised that at one time, CLINTON said that he would speak with BOB NASH about LEWINSKY's job opportunities at the White House. Later, CLINTON said he had spoken to NASH about LEWINSKY's job opportunities. Even later, CLINTON said that the "ball" had been passed to MARSHA SCOTT.

LEWINSKY advised she never called CLINTON directly, but rather always went through BETTY CURRIE.

LEWINSKY showed VERNON JORDAN a copy of her affidavit the same day she took JORDAN a tie and a pocket square. LEWINSKY assumes JORDAN told CLINTON about the affidavit.

As an intern, LEWINSKY worked in room 93 of the Old Executive Office Building (OEOB).

LEWINSKY may have called IRENE KASSORLA after July 4, 1997. LEWINSKY does not recall regular sessions with KASSORLA once LEWINSKY moved to Washington, D.C., but LEWINSKY did speak with her periodically.

FRANK CARTER told LEWINSKY to say if she was not sure about an answer to a question in a deposition, she should say so instead of answering yes or no.

LEWINSKY advised she had one conversation with WILLIAM GINSBURG prior to January 16, 1998. LEWINSKY called GINSBURG at home. LEWINSKY may have contacted GINSBURG after LINDA TRIPP had been subpoenaed in the JONES case. LEWINSKY called GINSBURG to ask him questions in a hypothetical fashion. LEWINSKY received GINSBURG's telephone number from LEWINSKY's step-mother.

LEWINSKY advised LINDA TRIPP of some of the things GINSBURG told LEWINSKY. GINSBURG said there was a difference between perjury in a criminal case and perjury in a civil matter. LEWINSKY also told TRIPP something about illegally obtained evidence. LEWINSKY was concerned about the JONES people breaking into LEWINSKY's apartment. LEWINSKY may have told TRIPP things LEWINSKY's attorneys did not tell her, but LEWINSKY may have attributed it to her attorney.

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LEWINSKY advised she does not recall leaving BETTY CURRIE or CLINTON a message to the effect of "I hope you drop dead." LEWINSKY may have said she said that when speaking with TRIPP, but would not have used those actual words when speaking to CURRIE.

LEWINSKY is not sure when, but at some time, CURRIE left a message on LEWINSKY's answering machine to the effect "we have some unresolved issues. I know you do not want to talk to him or me." LEWINSKY advised this may have been after July 1, 1997, it may have been November 13, 1997 or it could have been November 22, 1997.

LEWINSKY advised she called TRIPP numerous times at work. LEWINSKY did not call TRIPP twenty to thirty times a day. LEWINSKY advised she may have called TRIPP multiple times a day, because of call backs due to interruption. LEWINSKY advised she and TRIPP discussed numerous topics, not all of which were related to CLINTON.

LEWINSKY first became suspicious of TRIPP after July 14, 1997. LEWINSKY advised she was generally accurate when speaking with TRIPP, up until the time LEWINSKY found out TRIPP was on the witness list in the JONES matter. However, when speaking with TRIPP, LEWINSKY did not make things up about her relationship with CLINTON.

LEWINSKY advised prior to about December 22, 1997, LEWINSKY was truthful with TRIPP. LEWINSKY advised she was not always truthful with TRIPP later, however, such as when LEWINSKY advised TRIPP that her mom, MARCIA LEWIS, thought TRIPP should feign a foot injury to avoid testifying.

LEWINSKY advised she originated the idea of using nicknames when communicating with CURRIE and TRIPP. LEWINSKY advised she did so to avoid anyone in the JONES team from identifying her. LEWINSKY's mother or aunt came up with the name "GWEN" for VERNON JORDAN to help them remember his name.

LEWINSKY does not know why CURRIE placed telephone calls for CLINTON. LEWINSKY does not believe CURRIE logged in all the gifts LEWINSKY gave CLINTON. LEWINSKY thought it would not be a good idea to have a trail of any references between LEWINSKY and CLINTON.

Referring to the December 17, 1997 telephone call from CLINTON, LEWINSKY is 99.99% sure CLINTON said LEWINSKY can always

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say she was there to see CURRIE.

LEWINSKY spoke to MIKE McCURRY on occasions related to official business at the Pentagon.

CURRIE drove LEWINSKY to LEWINSKY's apartment from the White House approximately five times.

LEWINSKY took her blue GAP dress to New York sometime around December 30, 1997. LEWINSKY rolled the dress in a ball, put it in plastic and threw it in a closet in her mother's apartment in New York. When LEWINSKY's mother moved out of her New York apartment at the end of May, LEWINSKY moved the dress back to LEWINSKY's Washington, D.C. apartment.

LEWINSKY described her relationship with MAUREEN LEWIS as "semi-friendly." LEWINSKY did not tell LEWIS she fantasized about a sexual relationship with CLINTON.

LEWINSKY does not recall ever dating DENNIS LYTTON, or providing any information to TREY RAGSDALE, PAMELA REVEL, or JAY LESNER.

The interview ended at approximately 6:10 p.m.