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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, and AIC MARY ANNE WIRTH. Representing LEWINSKY was Attorney PRESTON BURTON and Law Clerk ANIE WULKAN of the law offices of PLATO CACHERIS. The interview was conducted in Suite 490 North, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. commencing at 10:37 a.m. LEWINSKY provided the following information:

LEWINSKY never gave TRIPP permission to take notes about her relationship with the President.

The incident where the President mouthed, "I miss you," occurred at the end of May, 1996, at an event where there was a rope line. This did not occur in an October video as alleged by LUCIANNE GOLDBERG.

LEWINSKY read a transcript of an audio tape recording of a conversation between herself and LINDA TRIPP. The transcript concerned the discussion of two different versions of a cassette tape that LEWINSKY prepared for the President on November 20, 1997. The two versions are very similar, but may have been edited again after the discussion with TRIPP. The purpose of the tape was to try a new approach with the President, since he was not responding to LEWINSKY's notes about a transfer back to the White House. The tape was sent to the President on November 21, 1997, before his trip to Vancouver. The President never mentioned to LEWINSKY that he had listened to the tape, and it was not discussed when they next had a meeting on December 6, 1997. The tape never accomplished its desired result.

LEWINSKY visited the White House on December 28, 1997, after entering the southwest gate; proceeding to the West Wing basement lobby; climbing the stairs near the Cabinet Room; proceeding into BETTY CURRIE's office; proceeding into the Oval Office; and then into the back study. LEWINSKY may have seen LARRY COCKELL near the Oval Office. After their meeting was over, the President startled LEWINSKY by giving her a big hug. It is unknown whether anyone observed this. LEWINSKY departed

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the Oval Office to CURRIE's office, past the Rose Garden and through the Palm Room.

LEWINSKY gave four ties to BAYANI NELVIS.

LEWINSKY gave six ties to the President:

1. The "telecom" tie; a ZEGNA tie with criss crosses of red and gold on a blue background; purchased at NEIMAN MARCUS in MAZZA Gallerie in northwest Washington on the weekend before November 20, 1995; asked BETTY CURRIE on November 17, 1995 if gift okay; given to President through CURRIE on November 20, 1995; received call from the President that night; received a note from President stating tie was beautiful; observed President wearing on November 21, 1995 in Oval Office photo; on December 5<sup>th</sup> in the presence of LEWINSKY, President signed photo of himself wearing this tie in Oval Office; observed President wearing on February 8<sup>th</sup> for signing of telecommunications bill, 1996 after speaking with him on February 7 and 8, 1996; picture in Time Magazine on July 22, 1996, with President wearing this tie; observed President wearing August 5, 1996 after speaking with him on August 4th, 1996; observed President wearing on January 23, 1997, with MADELINE ALBRIGHT; saw President from afar on January 23, 1997 at the New York Ball at KENNEDY CENTER and he mouthed, "Hi, I like your dress"; observed President wearing March 14, 1997, which was the day the President was traveling to North Carolina and Florida (when President hurt his leg); observed BAYANI NELVIS wearing tie at Grand Jury appearance; on the day LEWINSKY hurt her hand she asked President where he had gotten the tie and he responded, "Some girl with style gave it to me."

2. BLOOMINGDALE'S tie; HUGO BOSS tie that is blue, white and black; bought at BLOOMINGDALE'S at TYSON'S CORNER, Virginia; presented directly to President on March 31, 1996; observed President wearing at CLINTON/GORE political rally in Virginia in late October 1996, at which time LEWINSKY yelled to President, "Hey handsome, I like your tie"; observed President wearing the tie the day that RON BROWN died; photo of President wearing tie in US News and World Report, dated May 13, 1996; observed President wearing the week of April 8 or April 15, 1996; followed the next day with the "telecom" tie.

3. Birthday tie; ZEGNA yellow tie bought at NEIMAN MARCUS in TYSON'S CORNER, Virginia; sent to President via FedEx to BETTY CURRIE in "care package" prior to August 19, 1996; photo in Washington Times on August 31, 1996, depicting President wearing

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tie in Cape Girardeau, Missouri; worn in Florida September 5, 1996 during campaign, President telephoned LEWINSKY from Florida and said, "Good tie to wear in Florida;" observed President wearing last day of Democratic Convention in 1996; observed President wearing tie the day GEORGE TENET was nominated as CIA Director; wore tie December 3 or 4, 1996, after speaking with LEWINSKY on December 2, 1996; observed wearing tie August 16, 1997 after speaking with him on August 15, 1997; LEWINSKY believes this tie is the only one the President has worn "post-scandal".

4. Red tie; HUGO BOSS tie purchased at BOSS store on Wisconsin Avenue in Georgetown between March 3 and 9, 1997; sent via FedEx to BETTY CURRIE; tie had to be replaced on March 29, 1997, after President pointed out a large cut; worn day after Easter Egg Roll in 1997; worn to Governor's race rally in Virginia in the fall of 1997, the President said, "Did you see I wore your tie the other day?".

5. Olive tie; muted, olive colored, CALVIN KLEIN tie purchased at MARSHALL's in TYSON'S CORNER, Virginia; sent to President on October 21, 1997; never observed President wearing the tie.

6. FERAUD tie; purchased from small shop near HARROD's in London for 25 pounds; given to President on December 6, 1997; never observed President wearing. LEWINSKY identified this tie from a photograph as a tie turned over to OIC by the White House.

When LEWINSKY gave the President tie #6, she said, "Now you can wear all of my ties in one week." LEWINSKY also told the President that she liked it when he wore her ties because then she knew that she was "close to his heart." On occasion the President would ask LEWINSKY if she noticed that he had been wearing one of her ties at an event, and sometimes the President would assure LEWINSKY that he would wear one of her ties soon.

From a summary chart LEWINSKY confirmed details previously furnished concerning other gifts.

A gift not previously mentioned was an "IFOR" workout T-shirt purchased at the PX in Tuzla, Bosnia. LEWINSKY observed the President wearing the shirt on August 31, 1996. LEWINSKY advised that she also dropped off some zinc lozenges and ginkgo biloba to BETTY CURRIE for the President during the middle of the day on November 13, 1997.

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AIC WIRTH departed interview at 12:47pm.

LEWINSKY observed a grocery bag containing some of her gifts under the President's desk in the back study on July 4, 1997 and August 16, 1997. The bag contained the golf puzzle, the orange wooden "B", the BANANA REPUBLIC sport shirt, and an ugly cowboy shirt that LEWINSKY did not give the President. LEWINSKY asked the President whether he liked the gifts, since they were under his desk for a long period of time. The President responded that he did like them, but that he had not had time to take them upstairs.

On October 21, 1997, LEWINSKY gave a pair of sunglasses, the maker unknown, to the President. The sunglasses were purchased at the BARNEY'S outlet in the POTOMAC MILLS MALL, in Stafford, Virginia. The gift was the result of a long running joke about the President wearing "dorky" sunglasses. The President wore a "dorky" pair at a Coast Guard event in Florida in November or December 1997. LEWINSKY first observed a photo of the President wearing the gift glasses on the cover of a magazine in January, 1998, after the "scandal" broke.

LEWINSKY described the President's bathroom in the rear study as being white or very light colored. The walls had framed black and white political cartoons of the President from the Arkansas Democrat Gazette, two towel bars, a corner shelf with toiletries and jars of vitamins or supplements given to the President by a Congressman, a telephone on the wall, a sink with mirror above it, and a toilet bowl.

JUDY BALKIN is a woman from New York in her 40s or 50s, whom LEWINSKY met at the Spa in Connecticut in June 1997. They have had dinner together in New York and have exchanged telephone calls and E-mail. BALKIN and MARCIA LEWIS have a mutual friend. LEWINSKY never spoke with BALKIN about her sexual relationship with the President, nor did she discuss the PAULA JONES lawsuit with her.

LINDA TRIPP was acquainted with BETTY CURRIE, in that they worked in the White House at the same time, and TRIPP sent a condolence card to CURRIE. LEWINSKY is unsure whether she ever discussed LINDA TRIPP with CURRIE. LEWINSKY would not have told CURRIE about a fight LEWINSKY had with TRIPP.

LEWINSKY began seeing Dr. KASSORLA when LEWINSKY had an unpleasant experience at Santa Monica City College. LEWINSKY did not like going to school there, but her father would not pay for

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her to attend a more expensive college. LEWINSKY was not hospitalized, had no medication prescribed, and missed no classes as a result of this incident. LEWINSKY was not suicidal.

The names of several congressmen were provided to LEWINSKY. This was in regard to the congressman that spoke with the President on the telephone on November 17, 1997, during one of LEWINSKY's sessions with the President. LEWINSKY selected the name of Congressman H. L. "SONNY" CALLAHAN as the most likely caller to the President that night.

On either September 12 or 19, 1997, LEWINSKY went to the southwest gate in an attempt to see the President. LEWINSKY was crying and frustrated because MARSHA SCOTT had said that she had lost her detailee slot and it did not appear that LEWINSKY would be able to go back to work in the White House. LEWINSKY called BETTY CURRIE numerous times, but CURRIE said that the President was going to have dinner with CHELSEA. After about 45 minutes, CURRIE arranged to get LEWINSKY into the White House to visit CURRIE. CURRIE was sweet to LEWINSKY, but explained that sometimes neither the President nor CURRIE had direct control over jobs at the White House. CURRIE was traveling to Chicago the next day, but would try to set up a meeting for LEWINSKY and the President on Sunday when CURRIE returned. CURRIE's flight was late on Sunday and no meeting could be set up.

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[REDACTED]. LEWINSKY has had multiple conversations with LINDA TRIPP concerning WILLEY. LEWINSKY believes that some of the conversations may have been recorded by TRIPP. TRIPP gave different stories of the WILLEY incident. The President advised LEWINSKY on July 4, 1997 that NANCY HERNREICH said that she had been called by WILLEY, who had received a call from MIKE ISIKOFF. The President did not elaborate. LEWINSKY knows of no efforts by anyone to influence or discourage KATHLEEN WILLEY from cooperating in the PAULA JONES deposition. LEWINSKY does not know of any relationship between NATHAN LANDOW and the President. LEWINSKY is unaware of any information that LANDOW attempted to influence WILLEY's deposition in the JONES case.

On June 14, 1996, LEWINSKY, her father BERNARD, her stepmother BARBARA, and her brother MICHAEL attended a radio address given by the President. During the address the President inadvertently used the term "seduced," which was embarrassing. After the address, LEWINSKY introduced each member of her family to the President and a family photograph was taken with the

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President. LEWINSKY's father later remarked that the President looked at him as if the President was sizing him up as a prospective father-in-law. BARBARA LEWINSKY said that she had noticed that the President kept looking at LEWINSKY. LEWINSKY laughed but made no comment.

LEWINSKY has not shared many details of the relationship with her father, but she did tell him about giving the President a tie; receiving a signed photograph; that she was moving to New York; and that VERNON JORDAN and BETTY CURRIE were assisting LEWINSKY in finding a job. When LEWINSKY's father was interviewed by BARBARA WALTERS, he made a comment that his daughter was wonderful and, "Why wouldn't they help her?" LEWINSKY's father told her not to quit her Pentagon job until she had another job lined up; LEWINSKY told him that she had to leave because her boss had hired someone else. LEWINSKY did not tell her father about the July 3, 1997 letter that she wrote to the President, in which she stated that she would tell her parents about her relationship with the President. LEWINSKY asked FRANK CARTER if her parents could be present during her deposition to try to deter the JONES attorneys from deposing her. CARTER advised LEWINSKY not to have her parents present.

The July 3, 1997 letter was handwritten on unlined, white paper, 8 1/2" by 11". LEWINSKY wrote that she was forced to try to get a job in the White House by herself without the President's assistance; mentioned the lack of help from MARSHA SCOTT; said that she may tell her parents about her relationship with the President; requested a United Nations job; and ended by comparing her mother, MARCIA LEWIS, with the President, in that they both faced difficult issues with their heads in the sand. LEWINSKY pleaded that she and the President could work their relationship out. LEWINSKY did not consider this letter a threat.

When the President answered interrogatories in the PAULA JONES case on December 23, 1997, he did not discuss his responses either before or after with LEWINSKY.

In March or April 1995, LEWINSKY forged a letter at LEWIS AND CLARK COLLEGE in Portland, Oregon. LEWINSKY used the name of a college employee named DAVID BLISS in writing a letter to ANDY BLEILER, stating that BLEILER had a job waiting for him at the college. The letter was not delivered, and was returned to BLISS, who discovered the scheme. The motivation for the letter was so that ANDY BLEILER could show his wife KATE the letter and come to Oregon in advance of KATE and the children.

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This would make BLEILER available to continue their affair. In her apology to BLISS, LEWINSKY made up a story about using the letter to show that BLEILER had a job in Oregon, and that KATE could then obtain permission from the court to move the daughter of HARVEY LEHRER and KATE BLEILER from the state of California. This was merely a cover story for an illicit relationship.

While at LEWIS AND CLARK COLLEGE, LEWINSKY gave her father a false transcript to indicate better grades than she actually received.

LEWINSKY has never been arrested, but has received a few speeding tickets in Oregon. LEWINSKY has received many parking tickets, some of which she did not pay immediately. LEWINSKY has failed to return some rented videos and some library books.

LEWINSKY reported her credit problems when she filled out the questionnaire for her clearance at the White House. LEWINSKY had to pay off about \$800 in bad debts before she could get her clearance. Unpaid Oregon telephone bills were paid off by MARCIA LEWIS.

On one occasion while at the Pentagon, LEWINSKY made a copy of an unfavorable memo from CLIFF BERNATH to KEN BACON discussing a pay grade increase for LEWINSKY. LEWINSKY took the memo from BACON's desk and copied it so that she could later read it and know how to make a better case for a grade increase. BERNATH had cautioned LEWINSKY about spending too much time on the telephone and about making personal long distance calls. On a trip to Asia, LEWINSKY had a disagreement with a military officer named JEFF GRADIK.

On November 15, 1997, LEWINSKY wore bikini thong panties to work and pulled up her jacket in back to display the tops to the President when he came to PANETTA's office. No one else in the room could have seen this; this was something that LEWINSKY learned to do when she was having an affair with ANDY BLEILER.

During the telephone conversation with the President on December 17, 1997, LEWINSKY and the President discussed the fact that she was moving to New York and maybe the PAULA JONES' lawyers would be unable to find her with a subpoena. LEWINSKY figured that if she was residing with her mom in New York there would be no way to find her, since nothing would be in her name. This was more in the manner of "shooting the breeze" with the

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President than in making a plan.

In the meeting with the President on December 28, 1997, the move to New York was again discussed. LEWINSKY is now unsure who remarked that if she was in New York maybe they would not bother to bring her back for a deposition. LEWINSKY was reminded that her written proffer, previously submitted by NATE SPEIGHTS, has a statement indicating that the President was in favor of the New York move. LEWINSKY said that she has no specific memory of making that statement in the proffer. LEWINSKY said that discussion was not a strategy session, and that if she thought that she needed to get out of Washington quickly, she would have called VERNON JORDAN to make sure that something jobwise should happen immediately.

In regard to the box of gifts that LEWINSKY gave to BETTY CURRIE for safekeeping, LEWINSKY hoped to get the gifts back, but was not sure enough that they would be returned to put all of the gift items in the box. LEWINSKY had no specific thought, discussion, or plan to get the box back; however, LEWINSKY expected the box to be with CURRIE until the PAULA JONES case blew over.

In regard to the daily pages of the Filofax, LEWINSKY does not recall making any entries or notations about the President. LEWINSKY may have thrown the pages away, or they may have been taken in the consensual search of her apartment. The records are not embarrassing, nor are they well kept. However, LEWINSKY would consider it an invasion of privacy if she had to turn over the daily pages at this point.

In January and February 1996, LEWINSKY does not recall telling MAUREEN LEWIS, who worked for NANCY HERNREICH, any story about bringing pizza to the President when topless, or that she wanted to perform oral sex on the President. LEWINSKY did work late with LEWIS around the time that LEWINSKY began drafting the political letters. LEWINSKY would never tell LEWIS this, because LEWIS was too close to HERNREICH. LEWINSKY opined that HERNREICH may have told this to LEWIS based on rumors. LEWINSKY did talk to LEWIS about movies and other non personal things. LEWINSKY and LEWIS did not have a falling out. LEWIS attended LEWINSKY's birthday party at THE PALM RESTAURANT on July 23, 1996. LEWIS called LEWINSKY after the February 28, 1997 radio address and said that she had heard that LEWINSKY was moving out of the country. LEWINSKY probably told LEWIS of her affair with someone at the Pentagon during a telephone call after LEWINSKY left the White House. LEWINSKY never told LEWIS that she was attracted to

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NANCY HERNREICH, but she may have said that HERNREICH has maintained her sexuality, while most women at the White House have not. LEWINSKY did revere HERNREICH. LEWINSKY is not a lesbian or bisexual.

LEWINSKY describes the President as "a sweet little boy," affectionate, kind, warm, selfish, self-centered, self-righteous, incredible person who does what is in the best interest of the country.

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The President has a "Saturday night personality," where he gives in to his sexual desires and a "Sunday personality," where he is remorseful and goes to church. The President is a very sensual man, but has never discussed with LEWINSKY whether he has a sex problem.

The President has said such diverse things as, "My life is empty," and, "[REDACTED]"

In regard to his mother, VIRGINIA KELLY, the President said that she was "full of piss and vinegar," that he missed her, and that she was always with him. The President did not speak of her often.

The President felt awful and cried when the first soldier was killed in Bosnia and was very sad, lonely, and withdrawn when Admiral BOORDA committed suicide.

The President does not trust a lot of people.

The President can be humorous, i.e. when he imitated LEWINSKY's voice on her telephone recorder, and when he made the "good morning" remark while having phone sex with LEWINSKY.

LEWINSKY had a discussion with PAT GRIFFIN at his going away party where he said, "Be careful," and, "You're doing a good job there." LEWINSKY never had a one-on-one conversation with GRIFFIN at work and was never counseled by him at work.

