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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, D.C. 20004. Present for the interview were Associate Independent Counsel (AIC) MICHAEL EMMICK and AIC KARIN IMMERGUT. AIC ANDY LEIPOLD entered the interview room at approximately 1:07 p.m. and departed at approximately 2:00 p.m. AIC STEPHEN BATES entered the interview room at approximately 2:00 p.m. and departed at approximately 2:36 p.m. Present representing LEWINSKY was her attorney, PRESTON BURTON. LEWINSKY provided the following information, beginning at approximately 12:15 p.m.

LEWINSKY clarified the following points:

The United States Secret Service (USSS) never brought President WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON to LEWINSKY's apartment. LEWINSKY may have mentioned to KATHY ESTEP that the USSS was standing outside of her apartment, but they were there because Republican Presidential nominee BOB DOLE lived right next door to LEWINSKY at the Watergate Apartments. LEWINSKY certainly wanted CLINTON to come to her apartment, but he never did.

CLINTON did telephone LEWINSKY at the Watergate Apartments, sometimes as late as two in the morning.

LEWINSKY definitely went to the White House on January 7, 1996. LEWINSKY entered the White House compound using her blue pass.

LEWINSKY recalls seeing GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS at STARBUCKS on a few occasions. LEWINSKY recalls one occasion that was either immediately before or immediately after the 1996 Presidential election. LEWINSKY recalls mentioning something about Hawaii to STEPHANOPOULOS. LEWINSKY recalls that STEPHANOPOULOS recognized her as someone who worked at the Pentagon. LEWINSKY thought it was strange that STEPHANOPOULOS would know who she was. LEWINSKY advised that STEPHANOPOULOS probably recognized her face from when she worked at the White House, but she did not know how he knew where she currently worked.

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Because STEPHANOPOULOS had mentioned where LEWINSKY worked, LEWINSKY thought maybe STEPHANOPOULOS knew about her relationship with CLINTON. LEWINSKY therefore approached STEPHANOPOULOS and she may have mentioned something about CLINTON. LEWINSKY does not recall mentioning the term "leading on," but she may have said that she read how the President follows through on things. LEWINSKY was trying to see if STEPHANOPOULOS knew about the relationship. In addition, she was very anxious about the fact that CLINTON had not called her regularly. LEWINSKY did not tell STEPHANOPOULOS about her relationship with CLINTON.

LEWINSKY advised that, of all the people who worked at the White House, STEPHANOPOULOS knowing about her relationship with CLINTON would have concerned her the least, because of STEPHANOPOULOS's age and because of his relationship with CLINTON. LEWINSKY advised she always associated STEPHANOPOULOS with the relationship with CLINTON because it began in STEPHANOPOULOS's office.

LEWINSKY advised that when preparing her written proffer, she wrote one draft, which is in the possession of either NATE SPEIGHTS or her current attorneys. LEWINSKY advised the original draft was not much different than the final version, but it was messier and a lot less organized. LEWINSKY wrote the draft while sitting in a conference room at the COSMOS CLUB. LEWINSKY believes she started working on the draft at approximately 11:00 a.m. and finished at approximately 3:30 p.m.

LEWINSKY advised she took breaks while preparing the proffer. LEWINSKY advised she put into words what happened in her relationship with CLINTON, after her attorneys had received a four point memorandum from the OIC. LEWINSKY recalls being concerned about simply adopting the information in the OIC's memorandum, because she wanted to be as accurate as possible. LEWINSKY, therefore, spent time writing the proffer and tried to be very careful in doing so. LEWINSKY advised she wanted to give a general idea of what she would eventually testify to, but she did not go into all the details.

LEWINSKY advised that at that point, she was not clear about why the OIC was investigating this matter. LEWINSKY advised she felt the OIC was just "out to get" CLINTON and VERNON JORDAN, so LEWINSKY was very careful to make sure she was clear when she wrote things in her proffer.

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LEWINSKY did not expect the proffer to become an official document. LEWINSKY advised that on page 8 of the proffer, she tried to document the gist of what she told JORDAN. LEWINSKY advised that anything in quotes attributed to JORDAN is exactly what JORDAN said.

Paragraph 6 on page 6 of the proffer is LEWINSKY's best recollection of what happened. LEWINSKY advised that the proffer is an accurate document in which she was trying to tell the truth without implicating anyone unjustly. LEWINSKY recalls discussing the hatpin with CLINTON. LEWINSKY recalls bringing the subject up and CLINTON asking if LEWINSKY had told anyone about the hatpin. LEWINSKY told CLINTON she had not, even though she had. LEWINSKY told CLINTON that maybe someone saw her looking at it as she left the Oval Office after he gave it to her. CLINTON said that he was also concerned about the hatpin.

LEWINSKY assumes CLINTON told CURRIE to call LEWINSKY about picking up the gifts because she has no idea how CURRIE would know to do it.

LEWINSKY advised that she worked weekends as an intern only during the government shutdown. LEWINSKY advised she worked a lot of weekends while she worked at the Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA), including most every weekend CLINTON was in town. LEWINSKY also worked weekends when she did not intend on seeing CLINTON, to do work in the OLA.

LEWINSKY advised that she had an "SCI" (Specialized Compartmented Information) clearance, while working at the Pentagon. LEWINSKY had to attend a briefing and re-sign her White House clearance form to get this clearance.

During her December 17, 1997 telephone conversation with CLINTON, CLINTON told LEWINSKY she might not necessarily receive a subpoena. CLINTON told LEWINSKY she was on the witness list in the JONES case and LEWINSKY understood what that meant. LEWINSKY asked CLINTON if any of the other women on the witness list worked at the White House and CLINTON said no, the women on the witness list were all from Arkansas. CLINTON may have said MARSHA SCOTT was on the list.

CLINTON did not go into any detail explaining the nature of a subpoena and seemed to assume LEWINSKY knew what a subpoena was. LEWINSKY is not sure if she knew what one was, but she knows she had never seen one before. LEWINSKY does not recall talking about gifts during this telephone conversation.

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LEWINSKY and CLINTON did not discuss gifts called for by the subpoena until December 28, 1997.

LEWINSKY is not sure if CLINTON was in the White House Residence or in the Oval Office during this conversation. LEWINSKY advised that HILLARY CLINTON was in town that day. CLINTON told LEWINSKY to call BETTY CURRIE if LEWINSKY received a subpoena and he would figure out what to do about it. LEWINSKY does not recall CLINTON saying she should get a lawyer, because if he did, she would have started thinking about getting one then. LEWINSKY advised CLINTON may have said during this conversation that every woman he had ever spoken to was going to be on the witness list. LEWINSKY believes that he said this during one of their telephone conversations.

On December 22, 1998, LEWINSKY took the subpoena to the office of FRANK CARTER, who may have made a copy of LEWINSKY's subpoena, but LEWINSKY is sure she kept a copy or the original one for herself. LEWINSKY did not bring the subpoena with her on December 28, 1997, when she visited CLINTON. LEWINSKY was concerned about being on the witness list and explained this concern to CLINTON. LEWINSKY asked CLINTON if he knew how she got on the witness list. CLINTON said he did not know. LEWINSKY recalls talking about the gifts with CLINTON on that occasion.

LEWINSKY advised that CLINTON was sitting in the rocking chair in the Study. LEWINSKY asked CLINTON what she should do with the gifts CLINTON had given her and he either did not respond or responded "I don't know." LEWINSKY is not sure exactly what was said, but she is certain that whatever CLINTON said, she did not have a clear image in her mind of what to do next.

LEWINSKY advised that she is certain CLINTON did not say that she had to tell the truth about their relationship if she was deposed. LEWINSKY advised she would have remembered it if he had.

LEWINSKY advised that JORDAN was the first person she contacted after being served her subpoena on December 19, 1997. LEWINSKY then may have notified her mother and then LINDA TRIPP. LEWINSKY intentionally did not tell her friends about the subpoena. LEWINSKY is not certain she told CURRIE about the subpoena. LEWINSKY is not certain CURRIE knew about the subpoena as of December 28, 1997. LEWINSKY advised that if CURRIE knew as of that date, she probably would have been more explicit in her late afternoon telephone conversation that day with LEWINSKY.

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LEWINSKY called CURRIE on January 5, 1998, and told her that she needed to speak with CLINTON before she signed something. LEWINSKY hoped the message would persuade CLINTON to call her back. When CLINTON called her that evening, LEWINSKY told CLINTON some of the sample questions FRANK CARTER had asked her. CARTER had told LEWINSKY that she might get asked some questions like that. LEWINSKY told CLINTON she did not know how to answer some of the questions. One of the questions that concerned LEWINSKY was "how did you get your job at the Pentagon?" CLINTON told LEWINSKY to say the people in Legislative Affairs helped her.

LEWINSKY believes BETTY CURRIE put the book, The Three Tenors under her desk and did not give it to CLINTON. CURRIE said CLINTON had leafed through the book. CLINTON asked LEWINSKY if her mother had written a "tell all" book. LEWINSKY denied that it was a "tell all" book.

LEWINSKY advised JORDAN saw the first draft of her affidavit. LEWINSKY thinks CARTER prepared two or three rough drafts.

LEWINSKY advised that on November 15, 1995, LEWINSKY purchased a birthday cake for JENNIFER PALMIERI. LEWINSKY advised that CLINTON came to the birthday party and may have cut the cake. LEWINSKY and CLINTON spoke on this occasion and made eye contact.

CLINTON mentioned LEWINSKY's intern pass "might be a problem" because it may have prevented LEWINSKY from getting into the West Wing. LEWINSKY believes CLINTON was talking about access, as interns were not allowed into the West Wing area without an escort. In addition, LEWINSKY thought CLINTON might be referring to the impropriety of a relationship with an intern.

CLINTON laughed when LEWINSKY said she had a crush on him.

LEWINSKY believes HILLARY CLINTON called during LEWINSKY's first visit with CLINTON on November 15, 1995, but she may have called during LEWINSKY's November 17, 1995 visit. LEWINSKY thinks CLINTON had dinner with HILLARY CLINTON on the evening of November 15, 1995, but it could have been on November 17, 1995. CLINTON did not mention he and LEWINSKY getting together later during their first visit on November 15.

LEWINSKY advised that a member from Congress called

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CLINTON during one of her visits with him on November 15, 1995 and November 17, 1995. LEWINSKY advised the calls were brief.

LEWINSKY advised her January 21, 1996 encounter with CLINTON was accidental and not prearranged. LEWINSKY ran into CLINTON near an elevator and he guided her into the Oval Office.

LEWINSKY advised CLINTON called her in her office on February 4, 1996 and they arranged an "accidental" meeting in a hallway. LEWINSKY advised this was done because their meeting on January 21, 1996, which was truly accidental, had worked so well. LEWINSKY does not think CLINTON received any telephone calls during this visit. LEWINSKY advised that she and CLINTON spoke for a long time in the Oval Office after they were intimate on this visit. At the end of this visit, CLINTON kissed LEWINSKY on the arm and told LEWINSKY he would call her. LEWINSKY jokingly asked CLINTON if he had her number, because he had supposedly lost it twice. CLINTON recited her number from memory.

CLINTON later called LEWINSKY that day at her desk and said that he had enjoyed their visit and that he liked spending time with her.

LEWINSKY advised that on February 19, 1996, CLINTON called her at home. LEWINSKY could tell by the tone of CLINTON's voice that something was wrong. LEWINSKY asked if she could visit CLINTON, but he said he did not know how long he would be there. LEWINSKY went to the White House to see CLINTON. This was the only time LEWINSKY went there to see him without the meeting being pre-arranged. LEWINSKY advised it was during this visit that CLINTON received a call from one of the FANULI (phonetic) brothers from Florida who grows sugar. CLINTON cut the visit short so he could return the telephone call.

The night CLINTON went to the Israeli Embassy, CLINTON called LEWINSKY at home and said he had tried to call her at work, but she had already left. CLINTON said he had hoped to see LEWINSKY that night. LEWINSKY said she could come back in, but CLINTON said no, [REDACTED] was sick and he had to stay with her.

After LEWINSKY was transferred from the White House she recalls talking and having breakfast with WALTER KAYE. LEWINSKY advised she asked KAYE for help in getting a job at the White House. KAYE said he would talk to BETTY CURRIE on LEWINSKY's behalf.

LEWINSKY advised that during the event at RADIO CITY

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MUSIC HALL, LEWINSKY, who had paid \$250 for a ticket, got access to a cocktail party, through JENNIFER SCULLEY, which was reserved for people who had donated \$1,500 to the CLINTON campaign.

LEWINSKY advised that, on February 28, 1997, CLINTON mentioned the Valentine's Day ad, which he had seen on his own. CLINTON said he loved "Romeo and Juliet."

LEWINSKY's visit with CLINTON on March 29, 1997 was arranged through CURRIE. CLINTON advised that he had something to tell LEWINSKY that he did not tell her on February 28, 1997. CLINTON said that he thought his conversations were being tapped by a foreign embassy, which he did not identify. CLINTON said that if anyone said anything to LEWINSKY about her conversations with CLINTON that included phone sex, LEWINSKY should just say that she and CLINTON knew the calls were being taped, so they did something outrageous for fun. CLINTON said he could not call LEWINSKY for a while.

LEWINSKY advised that May 24, 1997 was the only time CLINTON saw her wearing the hatpin.

CLINTON said he spoke to MARSHA SCOTT on LEWINSKY's behalf in February or March of 1997. LEWINSKY initiated contact with SCOTT about an opening at the National Security Council (NSC), on a day when CURRIE was out of the office due to a death in the family.

LEWINSKY told CLINTON she had applied for a job at the National Security Council. SCOTT called her and said she would not like that job.

LEWINSKY advised that her July 24, 1997 visit with CLINTON was approximately five or ten minutes long. LEWINSKY went to pick up a photograph CLINTON had signed, from CURRIE. CURRIE had LEWINSKY wait in the Cabinet Room while CLINTON met in the Oval Office with BRUCE LINDSEY, or someone else. CLINTON mentioned an attractive female tennis player, who had been to the White House earlier that day.

LEWINSKY may have told CLINTON that LINDA TRIPP was misquoted in Newsweek. LEWINSKY does not recall mentioning that TRIPP was worried about losing her job.

In September of 1997, CURRIE mentioned JOHN PODESTA, but CURRIE never told LEWINSKY to call PODESTA.

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LEWINSKY told ANDY BLEILER she was having a relationship with CLINTON and she specifically recalls mentioning CLINTON by name. LEWINSKY did not tell BLEILER's wife about her relationship with CLINTON.

LEWINSKY does not think CLINTON typically wore the same tie in one week. LEWINSKY thinks CLINTON wore the "birthday" tie (the yellow one recently in the news) twice in one week during the 1996 campaign. LEWINSKY advised there was no significant signal being sent at that time, other than CLINTON was thinking of her.

LEWINSKY advised that CLINTON said he bought the hatpin he gave her in Santa Fe or Albuquerque, New Mexico and LEWINSKY recalls seeing CLINTON wearing one of her ties when he was in New Mexico.

CLINTON asked LEWINSKY on two occasions if she had told anyone about their relationship; once regarding LEWINSKY's mother and once regarding TRIPP. LEWINSKY said no each time.

On October 6, 1997, LEWINSKY may have asked CLINTON if she could come to the Residence and he said no, because a record is made of everyone who visits there.

While working at the Pentagon, LEWINSKY did not make an effort to leave through a different gate than she entered when she departed the White House complex. While LEWINSKY worked at the White House, LEWINSKY did make an effort to leave the Oval Office through a different door than the one she entered. This was LEWINSKY's idea.

While working at the White House, LEWINSKY got access to HILLARY CLINTON's schedule as it was attached to the President's. After LEWINSKY left the White House, she was able to track HILLARY CLINTON's schedule through various wire services.

While LEWINSKY worked at the White House, CLINTON and LEWINSKY never arranged meetings during work days.

CURRIE tried to avoid certain White House staff members when escorting LEWINSKY into the Oval Office.

LEWINSKY thinks she may have written other romantic notes to CLINTON in addition to the "Titanic" note.

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LEWINSKY talked to CLINTON about her other boyfriends. LEWINSKY recalls telling CLINTON about her relationship with THOMAS and that he worked at the Pentagon. LEWINSKY also told CLINTON when this relationship soured.

LEWINSKY always referred to CLINTON as "her" in her pages to CURRIE. LEWINSKY knew that pager messages were always typed at the White House, so she was concerned about a record being kept, indicating her references to CLINTON.

LEWINSKY has read stories that mention the fact that LEWINSKY saw GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS at STARBUCKS when LEWINSKY did not have her bra on. The stories LEWINSKY has read about this make it seem like LEWINSKY was excited about that, when in reality, she was embarrassed that she saw STEPHANOPOULOS when she was not wearing a bra. LEWINSKY thinks LAURA CAPPS told the press this story, because CAPPS is the only person LEWINSKY told. LEWINSKY also thinks CAPPS or MAUREEN LEWIS have been the source for stories about LEWINSKY's birthday party at the PALM restaurant.

LEWINSKY advised that MIKE ISIKOFF never called LEWINSKY.

The interview ended at approximately 3:05 p.m.

