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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) KARIN IMMERGUT and AIC MICHAEL EMMICK. Representing LEWINSKY was her attorney SYDNEY HOFFMAN. The interview was conducted at the OIC office, Suite 490 North, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D. C. 20004. LEWINSKY provided the following information:

On November 15, 1995, LEWINSKY's second meeting with the President took place around 10:00 p.m. LEWINSKY took off her underwear prior to this meeting.

On November 20, 1995, LEWINSKY gave the President the first ZEGNA necktie. The President's picture was taken while he was wearing the tie. The President later gave the photograph to LEWINSKY at a Christmas event, which occurred around December 5, 1995. The President told LEWINSKY that he liked the tie.

LEWINSKY did not remember a single conversation with LINDA TRIPP earlier in 1997, where they went over the whole relationship between LEWINSKY and the President from the beginning. LEWINSKY did recall that TRIPP talked about patterns of behavior by the President over a period of time. LEWINSKY did not get the sense that TRIPP was writing anything down during their conversations. LEWINSKY did recall that TRIPP would, on occasion, ask LEWINSKY to repeat things about LEWINSKY's affair with the President and would state, "You know how I forget things."

In April 1997, LEWINSKY recalled a telephone conversation with the President where he told LEWINSKY of a conversation that the President had with MARSHA SCOTT. The President discussed with MARSHA SCOTT a conversation SCOTT had with WALTER KAYE. LEWINSKY's conversation with the President occurred in late April, after the President had visited SCOTT, who was hospitalized after surgery.

On May 17, 1997 and May 18, 1997, LEWINSKY had multiple telephone conversations with the President in an attempt to arrange a meeting with the President. The President told

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LEWINSKY that he was experiencing difficulties in arranging the meetings due to the unavailability of BETTY CURRIE.

LEWINSKY said that the conversation with Ambassador RICHARDSON that was described in her deposition of August 26, 1998, on page 64, occurred in the middle of October 1997. However, LEWINSKY did not recall the exact date. The November 2, 1997 letter regarding Ambassador RICHARDSON, with the greeting, "Dear Betty," was not sent to CURRIE. LEWINSKY said she believed she eventually sent a shorter version of the letter.

In the days immediately preceding the visit by President ZEDILLO of Mexico to the White House on November 13, 1997, LEWINSKY was attempting to contact the President. LEWINSKY wanted to see the President on the Veterans Day holiday, because it would have been easier for the President to see her on a holiday when people were not around. LEWINSKY was angry when the President would not see her. At this point, LEWINSKY was frustrated and angry that the President would not see her, and because of the slow pace of the job search. LEWINSKY wanted to discuss both personal and job issues with the President. LEWINSKY added that in her conversations with TRIPP, TRIPP pushed and encouraged LEWINSKY to become even angrier at the President.

On December 28, 1997, in a conversation between LEWINSKY and the President, the hat pin given to LEWINSKY by the President was specifically discussed. They also discussed the general subject of the gifts the President had given Lewinsky. However, they did not discuss other specific gifts called for by the PAULA JONES subpoena. LEWINSKY got the impression that the President knew what was on the subpoena.

If CURRIE had not called LEWINSKY about returning the gifts received from the President, LEWINSKY would have probably left the gifts in her apartment. LEWINSKY would not have given the gifts to her mother or her friends. LEWINSKY did not want to cause trouble for any of these people by getting them involved. If TRIPP had threatened to tell about the gifts, LEWINSKY would have probably thrown them away.

On January 4, 1998, LEWINSKY delivered to CURRIE a letter for the President, which LEWINSKY referred to as the "Titanic letter." In a telephone conversation of January 5, 1998, the romantic portion of the letter was briefly discussed by LEWINSKY and the President. LEWINSKY told the President that she deserved to have sexual intercourse with him at least once, out of fairness to LEWINSKY.

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LEWINSKY's intern pass for the White House was pink.

LEWINSKY did not tell BAYANI NELVIS about having phone sex with the President. LEWINSKY may have mentioned receiving phone calls from the President. LEWINSKY did not go into detail about the nature of the calls.

LEWINSKY was shown a copy of a White House document entitled, "Memorandum for Security Interview," dated November 20, 1995. LEWINSKY was asked why she answered "none" to question number 16, "Please provide any other information that could be a possible source of embarrassment to you or the White House if publicly known." LEWINSKY stated that she responded that way at that time because she never thought her affair with the President would become known.

LEWINSKY was shown a document, dated November 21, 1995, where LEWINSKY answered "No" to the question, "Do you know of anything that could, would, or should prevent you from receiving a government clearance?" LEWINSKY stated that she did not think that her affair with the President would keep her out of a government position. LEWINSKY believed her friends who knew of the affair at the time, NATALIE UNGVARI and ANDY BLIELER, would not talk about it. It would be obvious to LEWINSKY's friends not to tell of LEWINSKY's affair with the President if they were interviewed as part of her security clearance. LEWINSKY said she would not have thought it necessary to ask her friends not to say anything about the affair.

LEWINSKY sent a version of a document which mentions "Gingko..." to the President. The document, marked MSL1249-DC-0139, is attached and made a part hereto.

