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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. QUINN: So then, I'll just say for the  
3 record that today is November 5th, 2021, and we're  
4 conducting the interview of [Former Staffer 5] by  
5 Zoom. [Former Staffer 5] is not represented today.  
6 Speaking is Sean Quinn, investigative counsel of  
7 the Office of Congressional Ethics. And I'm here  
8 with Annie Cho, also at the OCE. The witness has  
9 been given a copy of 18 USC 1001, and she has  
10 signed the acknowledgment and will scan and return  
11 it to me at her earliest convenience today.

12 BY COUNSEL FOR THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS

13 BY MR. QUINN:

14 Q And once again, [Former Staffer 5], thanks very  
15 much for your cooperation. I really appreciate  
16 you making yourself available on such short  
17 notice. And as we were talking about before, feel  
18 free to stop me at any point if you have any  
19 questions, or if you just need to take a break to  
20 get some water or to use the bathroom, that's  
21 always fine. We'll try to keep the interview  
22 pretty short. I'm hoping about 30 minutes and no

1 longer than an hour, but you let me know if you  
2 need a break.

3 A Uh-huh.

4 Q And then also, since we have a court  
5 reporter here today that's transcribing everything  
6 that we're saying, let's just do our best not to  
7 speak over each other. And then also instead of  
8 nodding or using sort of nonverbal cues, try to  
9 make responses a yes or a no, so they can be  
10 picked up by the transcript. Does that make  
11 sense?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. Great. Then, to begin, I just want  
14 to start with a little bit of background  
15 information. I understand that you used to be  
16 employed by Representative Mooney, both in the  
17 campaign and his official office; is that correct?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. And can you tell me how you started  
20 working for Representative Mooney?

21 A I started working -- the first time I  
22 started working for him? Was --



1 Q Yeah. Sure.

2 A -- in 2002, and he was a state senator in  
3 Maryland.

4 Q Okay. And how did you come to work for  
5 him in 2002?

6 A I had friends that knew him, and I  
7 interviewed for it as an executive assistant  
8 position with him.

9 Q Okay. And that was in his official office  
10 as a state senator?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Okay. Could you just take me through  
13 maybe your roles with Representative Mooney from  
14 2002 up until the time he started his federal  
15 House campaign?

16 A I worked for him from 2002 to 2008 in his  
17 -- as his executive assistant in his State office  
18 in Maryland. That's right. And in 2000 -- or  
19 2010, actually, he lost the state senate race, and  
20 then I moved on to other jobs. In 2000 -- I guess  
21 '11 or something -- I'm not exactly sure when he  
22 became chairman of the Maryland Republican Party,

1 but I went back to work for him in 2000-ish '13 or  
2 '14. I'm not really sure. It's been a while.

3 Q Yeah. And just to let you know, I know a  
4 lot of this stuff happened a long time ago, so if  
5 dates are approximate or you just need to, you  
6 know, ballpark something, that's fine. Just let  
7 me know that you're ball-parking a number.

8 A Okay. I'm ball-parking this. He was  
9 chairman of the Maryland Republican Party. I came  
10 back, and I was working just part time for the  
11 Party and for some delegates in Maryland, and I  
12 was finishing a college degree, so there's a lot  
13 going on. Anyway, he decides to resign as  
14 chairman of the Maryland Republican Party, and he  
15 moved to West Virginia and began a campaign for  
16 Congress around 2013. The election was in 2014.  
17 I'm from that area, so I moved back as well and  
18 started helping -- or working on the campaign.

19 Q Okay. So then --

20 A Then, that just moved into, he won the  
21 election and then was sworn into office, and I  
22 became -- my position in the office was assistant

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1 to the Chief of Staff.

2 Q And at that time, who was the Chief of  
3 Staff?

4 A Brian Chatwin.

5 Q And how long did you hold that position as  
6 assistant to the Chief of Staff?

7 A December -- till the end of December in  
8 2017.

9 Q Okay. And was Brian Chatwin the Chief of  
10 Staff that whole time or did that change?

11 A I know it changed. I don't remember  
12 exactly when Brian left. But Michael Hough, who  
13 is -- I think is still the Chief of Staff now,  
14 became the Chief of Staff. And I actually --  
15 actually, you know what? My title did change  
16 because I just became, like, a constituent  
17 correspondent in the Martinsburg district office,  
18 mostly because I had also gotten married and I was  
19 -- I was going to leave 'cause my husband's in the  
20 Navy, and we knew we were getting moved, so I was  
21 just kind of moving out of a role there, and I  
22 have a long history of constituent services. I

1 was the main constituent service person for --  
2 when I worked for him as the state Senator.

3 Q Okay. And just so I understand, do you  
4 mean that you were moving out of the role of  
5 assistant to the Chief of Staff because you  
6 couldn't do that if you moved, or you are moving  
7 as in all roles?

8 A Right.

9 Q Okay.

10 A Well, and I was moving out of all roles  
11 eventually.

12 Q Okay. Could you tell me really quickly,  
13 do you know why Brian Chatwin left the  
14 Congressman's office?

15 A He got a better job? I don't know. You  
16 would have to ask him.

17 Q Okay. And then from this period of time  
18 that you are -- so in 2015, when you took a role  
19 in the official office, were you also working on  
20 the campaign still at the same time?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Okay. And what were your -- let's just go

1 back to that time period that he started running  
2 for federal office for the House. What were your  
3 roles on the campaign during that time and then up  
4 until --

5 A Yeah. My main role was helping with the  
6 FEC reporting. Like, I would check the mail, get  
7 the deposits together, send the information to the  
8 people who wanted to know -- you know, Congressman  
9 Mooney. Brian Chatwin was also helping. He was  
10 also a consultant on that campaign. I don't know  
11 if -- I think he was a consultant or a chairman --  
12 you know, our fundraising people, so -- and I did  
13 enter those numbers into a database called  
14 Crimson. So -- and then I also helped volunteer  
15 -- with volunteers. I was like, I guess,  
16 volunteer coordinator. It was a pretty small  
17 operation. There were, like, three -- or two or  
18 three people at the beginning.

19 Q Okay. And so that's in 2013, 2014  
20 timeframe?

21 A Yeah.

22 Q Okay. And then how did your -- if it

1 developed at all or if your role expanded, how did  
2 it -- did it expand through the time that you  
3 left?

4 A It didn't really expand. I basically just  
5 did that -- because I lived in the district, and I  
6 would just check the mail, take deposits to the  
7 bank, send information, input it in Crimson.

8 Q Okay. So everything that you just  
9 described was kind of your roles and your duties  
10 up until -- I think you said you left in December  
11 of 2017?

12 A Yeah.

13 Q Okay. And then, who else was in the  
14 office at the time -- or sorry. Who else was  
15 working at the campaign at that time? You said it  
16 was a small operation.

17 A In 2014, our campaign manager was this  
18 young guy, Nick Clemens, Brian Chatwin, myself,  
19 Congressman Mooney -- oh, we had a consulting --  
20 some consultants. Mark Harris was one of the  
21 consultants, and he has people that work with him.  
22 I don't remember the name of his firm or group or

1 whatever. Dan Hazelwood has always -- was a  
2 consultant. But, I mean, they weren't in the  
3 office working. They just give advice. Sorry. I  
4 think that's all, but there are people coming in  
5 and out. We probably had interns.

6 Q Okay.

7 A But I don't --

8 Q Those are the main people?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And was Mike Hough involved at that time?

11 A Not officially. I mean, he would maybe  
12 come and help on the weekends, but he was not -- I  
13 think he was still a delegate in the House of  
14 Delegates at that time in Maryland, and he  
15 possibly might have become a senator by then, but  
16 I don't know.

17 Q Okay.

18 A I don't remember.

19 Q And then, did you just report directly to  
20 Representative Mooney or was there somebody that  
21 you reported -- somebody else that you reported  
22 to?

1           A No. I -- I reported to him and Brian  
2 Chatwin.

3           Q Okay. Okay. So then you said -- we'll  
4 talk a little bit more about the sorts of things  
5 that you did when you were working there, but just  
6 to keep on this point, just background information  
7 of getting a timeline down. So you said that you  
8 left in December of 2017. Can you tell me why you  
9 left?

10          A My husband was -- he is in the U.S. Navy  
11 and was reassigned to a language school in  
12 Monterey, California, so we moved to California.

13          Q Okay. So the Defense Language Institute?

14          A Yes.

15          Q I was actually born there. Okay. Great.  
16 So one of the things that we are interested in and  
17 looking into are some allegations concerning  
18 Representative Mooney that he was using staff for  
19 personal errands and lots of personal tasks, as  
20 opposed to just either official work with the  
21 House or campaign work. Did you ever experience  
22 anything like that, a feeling that you were being



1 asked to do errands that were more personal in  
2 nature as opposed to work related?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay. Let's -- I'll have some specific  
5 questions for you, but first, generally, you just  
6 kind of want to tell me your experience in that  
7 regard?

8 A I did personal things for Congressman  
9 Mooney. Some things I was compensated for doing,  
10 so I don't see that as a conflict per se because I  
11 was paid, as, like, a babysitter. But that was  
12 not during my working hours. I was also pretty  
13 close with his children and wife because I had  
14 been around so long.

15 So a lot of things I volunteered to do  
16 because I lived nearby, and it was just easy to  
17 run by and pick up some milk for my friend,  
18 basically, because his wife was like my friend and  
19 -- but -- yeah. So, I would guess I was asked to  
20 do some things, but I didn't feel like if I didn't  
21 do them, I was going to get punished.

22 Q Okay.

1 A If that makes sense.

2 Q Sure. Yeah, that does make sense. And  
3 I'll ask you some specific questions so that we  
4 can sort of suss that out. First, I just want to  
5 ask, so you said that you were compensated. Do  
6 you know who you were compensated by? Was it  
7 Representative Mooney personally? Was it  
8 compensated with campaign funds or like --

9 A No.

10 Q Okay.

11 A Not for the babysitting. I mean, he did  
12 personally pay me. That was, like, from his own  
13 personal money, or Grace would give me, like, 20  
14 bucks or whatever if I, you know, sat with the  
15 kids for an hour or two.

16 Q Okay. And so that was personal funds as  
17 far as you are aware?

18 A Yes. Well, it was cash, so it was not  
19 campaign funds because you don't really deal with  
20 cash in the campaign.

21 Q Okay. And when -- when did these sorts of  
22 requests start? I'm interested in -- in the --

1 just so you know, a couple different time periods.  
2 Less interested in the period before he had a  
3 federal campaign, and then also interested to know  
4 whether or not these tasks were done while you  
5 were also a part-time employee at the house. So  
6 maybe, let me know when those tasks started, and  
7 did they continue through the whole time that you  
8 were working for him?

9 A Yes. They started from the beginning to  
10 the end.

11 Q Okay. And then you also mentioned  
12 sometimes you would run errands, like  
13 grocery-related errands, picking up groceries for  
14 the Mooneys?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. How common was that?

17 A It was pretty common. Maybe -- I mean, if  
18 you consider just picking up a gallon of milk,  
19 picking up groceries, which I guess you would, it  
20 can be once a week.

21 Q Was it always pretty limited to just one  
22 or two items or were there occasions --

1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay.

3 A The only occasion where I would pick up a  
4 bunch of things usually was, I would pick up some  
5 stuff for them, but I also was buying stuff for  
6 the campaign for our office, like toilet paper,  
7 things like that, and for events, to feed  
8 volunteers, and stuff like that. But that was not  
9 for them. It was for our office -- our campaign  
10 office.

11 Q Okay. And when -- were you sometimes  
12 doing both of those things at the same time,  
13 picking up some personal items and then also  
14 campaign items?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. And when you -- when you did that,  
17 did you -- or how did you split the costs? How  
18 did that normally work?

19 A A lot of times I would pay for the  
20 personal items myself and get reimbursed. And I  
21 would pay for the campaign stuff with the campaign  
22 credit card that we had.

1 Q Okay.

2 A Alex would usually give me cash for the  
3 personal items.

4 Q Okay. Did you ever have the feeling or  
5 get the impression that Representative Mooney or  
6 his wife or any member of his family were putting  
7 personal items on the list of items for the  
8 campaign, so I mean using campaign funds to  
9 purchase groceries that were actually used in the  
10 house or for their personal consumption?

11 A No. Not intentionally.

12 Q Okay. And what do you mean when say not  
13 intentionally?

14 A So our campaign office for -- at the  
15 beginning of the congressional campaign, it was in  
16 the basement of his home, and so I -- if I bought  
17 toilet paper for our office, inadvertently, you  
18 know, I guess they could have used the toilet  
19 paper in that bathroom, paper towels in that --  
20 there was a kitchenette, maybe tissues. I mean,  
21 you know, it wasn't intentional. It was --

22 Q Right.

1 A It was --

2 Q Minor usage?

3 A Proximity of, like, house -- the office in  
4 the house.

5 Q Right. Okay. I'm going to run through a  
6 couple other different types of tasks that we've  
7 heard from other witnesses that they would have  
8 done for Representative Mooney or the Mooneys, and  
9 you can tell me if you ever had any similar  
10 experiences. I know we talked about babysitting.  
11 How about dog sitting or doing tasks related to  
12 the dog?

13 A Yes. I walked the dog.

14 Q Did you say you loved the dog?

15 A I loved the dog, and I walked the dog.

16 Q What -- what was the dog's name, by the  
17 way?

18 A Skippy --

19 Q Skippy.

20 A Skipper, it was. I don't even know if he  
21 is still alive. A Beagle dog they had.

22 Q So you walked the dog. Any other types of

1 tasks related to the dog?

2 A I would -- I stayed at their house and  
3 watched the dog overnight. I brought the dog with  
4 me places but because I loved the dog.

5 Q Okay. How about driving the dog to  
6 Representative Mooney's wife's parents' home?

7 A I don't know if I ever did that.

8 Q Okay.

9 A 'Cause -- wait. Say that -- can you  
10 repeat the question?

11 Q Sure.

12 A Did I drive the dog to Grace's parents'  
13 house? I don't remember. I may have. I don't  
14 remember.

15 Q Okay. How about, like, driving-related  
16 tasks? Did you frequently drive the Mooneys or  
17 family members places?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. And -- and, again, I want to  
20 clarify the difference between driving them to an  
21 official event versus driving them for what seemed  
22 like a personal errand or appointment.

1 A Yes.

2 Q Did you take them to personal appointments  
3 or for functions that seemed personal in nature?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay. And can you describe that generally  
6 for me?

7 A Yeah. I would drive the kids to different  
8 activities.

9 Q Okay. What sorts of activities, if you  
10 can remember? I know this was a while ago, but --

11 A I drove -- I don't remember exactly. I  
12 guess because they didn't go to school -- they  
13 were home-schooled -- but they would have extra  
14 things like -- I'm trying to think of one of the  
15 things. I don't know. Like, I would drive [REDACTED]  
16 to the library to, like, go to a class or  
17 something.

18 Q Okay.

19 A They have co-op classes with other kids,  
20 so I'd drop them off.

21 Q Okay. So to and from school-related  
22 activities. How about sporting events?



1           A   An actual sporting event?  I don't think  
2   so, no.

3           Q   If -- were they in any sports?

4           A   I don't really remember.  I feel like  
5   ██████ did some sports, but I don't remember what  
6   they were.

7           Q   Okay.  How about taking medicine for the  
8   Congressman or his family?  Do you ever recall  
9   doing that?

10          A   Yeah.

11          Q   And can you just tell me about that?  Was  
12   that a frequent task or --

13          A   I wouldn't say frequent, but I feel like  
14   there was at least one time where they were all  
15   pretty sick, and I brought them some medicine.  I  
16   don't even know what it was.  I don't remember  
17   what I bought, but I probably volunteered to do  
18   that.  I'm pretty sure I did, actually.  Like,  
19   your whole house is sick?  Of course, I'm going to  
20   bring you some medicine.

21          Q   Right.  Right.  Do you know Rainer Kissel  
22   -- or Rainer?  I may be saying the name wrong.

1 A Rainer? Yes.

2 Q Rainer Kissel. Okay. Was he also  
3 somebody that the family relied on to do these  
4 sorts of tasks -- driving tasks, tasks related to  
5 the children?

6 A Yeah. I think Rainer did drive the  
7 kids --

8 Q Okay.

9 A -- at some point.

10 Q Okay. Anybody else that you can think of  
11 that you know would have done these sorts of  
12 personal errands or tasks?

13 A Hannah Mansell. She was an intern and  
14 then worked with us at some point. I don't know  
15 when she became an actual official employee, but  
16 she started interning with us when she was in high  
17 school. Maybe Nick Clemens. I'm trying to think  
18 of other people that might've been -- I think  
19 that's -- there might be others, but I can't  
20 really --

21 Q Okay.

22 A -- say for sure.

1 Q And -- okay. As we've been talking about  
2 this, maybe your memory has been jogged a little  
3 bit. Any types of tasks that you remember doing  
4 for the family that we haven't talked about?

5 A Not specifically.

6 Q Okay. And then I want to talk a little  
7 bit about the period of time that you were both a  
8 part-time employee in the house and also assisting  
9 with the campaign. How did you split your time  
10 between your official position and your campaign  
11 position?

12 A It depended. It varied. I would drive  
13 Congressman Mooney to Washington. So the days  
14 that I drove him, those were kind of like -- those  
15 were not official days. If they didn't need me to  
16 be in DC for something, like a meeting or to drive  
17 him or whatever, I would stay back in the district  
18 where I lived and catch up on the campaign duties  
19 that I had.

20 Q Okay. So you didn't have specific  
21 assigned days, like Monday, Tuesday, campaign,  
22 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday --

1           A It was usually like -- usually Monday I  
2 did work on campaign stuff because they don't have  
3 to be in until later -- like session doesn't start  
4 until later, so in the mornings, I would work on  
5 campaign stuff. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays I  
6 could be in DC, and I would stay down there with  
7 friends and sometimes -- or come back, it  
8 depended. It's about an hour or  
9 two-and-a-half-hour drive, depending on traffic.  
10 So -- and, usually, I guess Fridays I would try to  
11 stay in the district if I could and then work  
12 again on the campaign.

13           Q Okay. And then focusing on the times that  
14 you would drive Representative Mooney to DC for  
15 session, did you claim mileage for that -- for  
16 those when you would drive him like that?

17           A No.

18           Q Okay. And did you basically -- were you  
19 the one that drove him most of the time or every  
20 week into DC?

21           A No. It was different all the time.

22           Q Okay. How frequently would you say?

1 Like, in a given month, how often you would drive  
2 him into DC?

3 A Well, I guess it could be once a week.  
4 Either I was driving him in or I was driving him  
5 home. But other people -- he would also have --  
6 Rainer, I think, drove him a lot. Ted Dacey, who  
7 worked in our office, would drive him some.  
8 Sometimes he'd just drive himself.

9 Q I was just going to ask.

10 A It was just very depending on what was  
11 happening. What was going on during that week --

12 Q Okay.

13 A -- and what he had going on in DC.

14 Q Okay. Understood. How would -- was it  
15 rare that he drove himself or was that pretty  
16 common?

17 A No. It was rare.

18 Q Okay. And do you know if other -- if  
19 other people were claiming mileage for driving him  
20 to and from DC?

21 A I don't know.

22 Q Okay. And just one more time, you said

1 you never claimed --

2 A Well, I don't remember.

3 Q Okay.

4 A Okay. I don't know if I never claimed it,  
5 but I don't think I typically claimed mileage.

6 Q Okay. Great. Yeah, that's all. I wasn't  
7 trying to pin you down on that. Just, generally,  
8 was it standard for you to claim mileage, and it  
9 sounds like it was, no?

10 A No.

11 Q Okay. I guess -- you know, not to hide  
12 the ball, I just -- I am interested in asking that  
13 because if Representative Mooney was claiming  
14 mileage for himself during that time, and it was  
15 frequently, I just wanted to know, was it more  
16 likely that somebody else was actually driving him  
17 to and from DC?

18 A Yeah. I honestly don't really remember,  
19 but I don't really think I claimed that much  
20 mileage, if I claimed any. Maybe I did, though.  
21 I'll be honest, I cannot remember. I feel like,  
22 though, Rainer did claim mileage. I don't know

1 why specifically him, but he -- for a while, he  
2 was driving the Congressman quite a bit, like  
3 maybe not to DC but in the district.

4 Q Okay. So let me just make sure that I  
5 understand, kind of sum it up and make sure. You  
6 can tell me if I'm understanding this correctly.  
7 In most cases when the Congressman was traveling  
8 to or from DC, somebody else was driving him, but  
9 in some kind of rare cases, he would drive  
10 himself.

11 A Yeah.

12 Q And was it always using your car when you  
13 drove him, or would you use one of his cars and  
14 drive him?

15 A I would use my car.

16 Q Okay. Great. And then just generally on  
17 the sort of personal tasks that we were talking  
18 about, do you know of anybody that had any  
19 difficulty in the office because they didn't want  
20 to do these sorts of personal tasks or refused to  
21 do them?

22 A Difficulty in, like, doing, like --

1 Q As in -- sorry. Go ahead.

2 A I'm not sure what you mean by difficulty.  
3 Like, they felt like they would get fired if they  
4 didn't do them?

5 Q Sure. Yeah. Either were reprimanded or  
6 maybe just were disfavored in the office generally  
7 because, you know, they were known as somebody who  
8 wouldn't do what the Congressman asked them to do,  
9 anything like that?

10 A There could probably -- people -- somebody  
11 might have felt that way. I don't actually know.

12 Q Okay.

13 A I was pretty close to the Congressman and  
14 his family so people might not have been honest  
15 with their opinions about them to me because I've  
16 been -- I was at their wedding. I was there when  
17 every child was born, so I don't know.

18 Q Okay. And then, in general, kind of our  
19 review is just looking into irregularities and how  
20 the Congressman ran his official office and the  
21 campaign. Are there any other sort of  
22 irregularities, either in -- I'll just leave it,



1 actually, in that general question. Any sort of  
2 irregularities that you noticed when you were  
3 working with the Congressman that you felt might  
4 be potential concerns?

5 A Not at the time. I did not --

6 Q Okay.

7 A -- know or think that it was irregular.

8 Q Okay. And now, is there something that  
9 you've realized since you left was an issue or was  
10 irregular?

11 A It's a little under (inaudible) now  
12 because I know -- I've read all these articles  
13 about him, and the -- the Chick-fil-A orders and  
14 Taco Bell orders. Most of those orders were  
15 actually for -- I mean, I don't know of all of  
16 them because I didn't have his campaign card. I  
17 wasn't with him all the time, but I would say  
18 90 percent of that actually was for volunteers. I  
19 bought so much pizza, Chick-fil-A, whatever,  
20 Burger King or Roy Rogers or whatever's there in  
21 Charlestown. But I know that that is -- from  
22 reading these articles that that was an issue. At

1 the time, I did not think that that was anything  
2 that was suspicious, or me driving him was  
3 suspicious, or any of this stuff, but apparently I  
4 guess it is.

5 Q Okay. So --

6 A That being said, I was 22-years-old when I  
7 started working for them, so pretty much I did  
8 anything he asked me to, and we had a good  
9 relationship, and I didn't think it was wrong at  
10 the time.

11 Q Okay. Got you. And so you left in  
12 December 2017 and moved out to California?

13 A Yes.

14 Q I understand you're back in Maryland now;  
15 right?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay. And do you -- are you still in  
18 contact with the Congressman or folks from the  
19 office?

20 A I actually have not spoken to Alex in a  
21 long time, up to possibly two to three years.  
22 It's unclear. I speak to other people -- other

1 staff people, like, former staff people but not on  
2 a regular basis. It's like, have a Merry  
3 Christmas kind of deal. It's -- just grew apart.  
4 There's no animosity or anything. Just  
5 everybody's moving on.

6 Q Okay. And is that the same for the  
7 Congressman? It sounds like at some point you  
8 were pretty close with the family, but that's no  
9 longer the case?

10 A Yeah. I mean, there's no animosity that  
11 I'm aware of. It just -- like, moving around --  
12 I've moved like five or six times in the last -- I  
13 moved twice in California and back across to  
14 Virginia Beach. It's just moving a lot. It's  
15 being a Navy spouse is more of anything, I think.

16 Q Okay. And so you haven't worked with his  
17 campaign -- or I guess, obviously not the official  
18 office, but you haven't done any campaign work  
19 since 2017?

20 A No. I think I did do some stuff in 2018.  
21 In 2018? Was that an election year? Yes.

22 Q Yes. I think so.

1           A I think I did help, but I was in  
2 California. But I came home because my parents  
3 are still -- all my family is on the East coast,  
4 so I would come home. And sometimes I did, like,  
5 help probably. But nothing like -- like, I would  
6 be, like, another volunteer just showing up to  
7 help.

8           Q Okay.

9           A Like, I wasn't in charge of anything at  
10 that point.

11          Q Right. Got you. Okay. So basically, the  
12 last thing that I want to talk to you about is  
13 there were -- from other witnesses that we've  
14 spoken to and folks that were in the office,  
15 allegations about your departure from the campaign  
16 that relate to either you obtaining campaign funds  
17 inappropriately or in a way that either upset  
18 Representative Mooney or obviously was  
19 inappropriate in some way. Are you aware of any  
20 of those allegations?

21          A No. This is the first time anyone has  
22 ever said that to me, ever.

1 Q Okay. That's interesting. And I'll give  
2 you a little more detail. But there -- I mean,  
3 just to be specific. The allegation from multiple  
4 staffers is that it is known in the office that  
5 when you left the campaign, you departed with  
6 funds that I think were probably -- or the vehicle  
7 for the -- for taking the funds was through the  
8 campaign debit card that Representative Mooney has  
9 discussed and Mike Hough has discussed having to  
10 cover this up with FEC reports, and essentially,  
11 hiding the trail of the missing money from that  
12 time. You've never heard of this before?

13 A No. Oh, my God.

14 Q Yeah. Is there -- can we go back to that  
15 time, December 2017, or the time that you left?  
16 Is there -- were there any other issues, maybe  
17 issues around missing funds from the campaign that  
18 you can recall?

19 A Missing funds? Like, no, I don't. No.

20 Q Okay. And nobody's ever spoken to you  
21 about these sorts of allegations? And not to --  
22 you know, not to put too much pressure on you, but

1 I just want to remind you that we talked about the  
2 False Statements Act, you know --

3 A No one has ever talked to me about this.

4 Q Okay.

5 A But, basically, you're saying that they  
6 are accusing me of stealing money?

7 Q Yes. The allegation, essentially, is that  
8 you left with something in the order of tens of  
9 thousands of dollars --

10 A Tens of thousands of dollars?

11 Q The figure I've heard is \$40,000, and that  
12 it is just generally known in the office that  
13 around late 2017 or 2018, one of the reasons for  
14 your departure was a controversy over missing  
15 campaign funds.

16 A No. That is not true. That is absolutely  
17 not true. No one has ever said this to me at all,  
18 and I did not steal any money from them.

19 Q Was there --

20 A I left -- they had a big party for me  
21 before I left. I came back and helped him on the  
22 campaign in '18 -- in 2018. No one ever said

1 anything to me about this. I took his -- this is  
2 not -- this is just a personal thing. It has  
3 nothing to do with the campaign, but Grace asked  
4 me to take [REDACTED], their daughter -- this is in  
5 2018 -- like, it might have been in the spring or  
6 fall. I can't remember because I went to New York  
7 City and it snowed. I can probably look up the  
8 dates. But I took her to New York City with her  
9 friend to go see Harry Potter.

10 Q Is there -- is there a possibility, you  
11 know -- I mean, it's certainly a possibility that  
12 you're a scapegoat in the situation. Do you  
13 recall any --

14 A Yeah. Well, obviously it sounds like  
15 that.

16 Q Do you recall any issues at the time that  
17 maybe are related to these allegations? Were  
18 there any concerns with other staffers or did you  
19 notice -- since you were involved in the FEC  
20 filings, did you notice any irregularities in  
21 those filings?

22 A Through -- say that again?

1           Q I guess, I'm just trying to identify --  
2 maybe since you're not aware of the allegations  
3 and you're denying them, which I understand, I'm  
4 hoping maybe you could give me some information or  
5 details that would put me in the right direction  
6 where what actually was going on. Did you ever  
7 notice any other issues or irregularities in FEC  
8 filings or missing funds that might actually be  
9 the true, you know, reason that these funds  
10 were --

11           A So missing -- they can't account for some  
12 money because they probably -- we didn't -- look,  
13 I'm not an FEC expert. I never was. I just typed  
14 in the things. And actually, Alex reviewed every  
15 single report. I would have to schedule meetings  
16 for him to go through and look at every single  
17 report I filed because I did file the reports.  
18 But it was basically typing in all of the  
19 information into the Crimson database.

20           He would look over it and Brian Chatwin  
21 sometimes -- or whoever was there would also look  
22 over it. But like, you know, that -- I don't know



1 why there would be -- there was no -- there was  
2 never money missing they can't account for because  
3 they probably just didn't keep the receipts -- or  
4 I don't know what's happened. I don't know  
5 exactly what time you are looking at. I don't  
6 know what's happened since I haven't been there.  
7 But I don't know that there was -- so they can't  
8 account for the money, so they're like, oh, we  
9 think [Former Staffer 5] stole it. What the hell? Sorry.  
10 Excuse me.

11 Q That's okay. There -- maybe, let's  
12 approach it this way. Who else had access to the  
13 campaign funds around the time that you were  
14 leaving, so late 2017?

15 A Yeah, the girl -- Hannah Mansell took over  
16 doing that too. Again, Hannah was just like me.  
17 We just -- we're not -- no one ever trained us. I  
18 trained her just to have -- this is how you put  
19 the stuff in, you know, make sure that you account  
20 for all the credit cards, all the checks. We  
21 didn't really deal much with cash. You know, you  
22 have to have the occupation -- you know, like,

1 employer stuff and -- but there was no, like, real  
2 running, like, budget or bank account balance.

3 I mean, we had one. We looked at it all  
4 the time, but none of us were bookkeepers or  
5 accountants, so we didn't really watch it, I  
6 guess, as closely as we should, obviously,  
7 because, like, here we are.

8 Q So Hannah would have had access to the  
9 funds. Who else at the time was able to spend  
10 money from the campaign accounts?

11 A Oh, spend money. Well, Alex, me,  
12 depending on the time, like -- I don't remember if  
13 any other -- if other people had credit cards.  
14 The campaign managers maybe had credit cards at  
15 some point, which was -- at the beginning, one of  
16 the campaign managers was Nick Clemens I  
17 mentioned. Ted Dacey was a campaign manager at  
18 one point. I don't think Brian Chatwin ever had  
19 any credit cards or anything like that. Hannah,  
20 as I was leaving -- when I left -- had a credit  
21 card. I mean, I guess you could ask the bank.  
22 Obviously they would know who had debit cards or

1 credit cards.

2 Q But you think the likely people, the main  
3 folks, would have been Alex, Ted Dacey, Nick  
4 Clemens and yourself would have had access to  
5 actually spending money from the account?

6 A Yeah, and Hannah.

7 Q And Hannah. Okay. When you left, were  
8 you paid any sort of severance or receive, like, a  
9 severance package or a buyout or anything like  
10 that?

11 A No.

12 Q Have you -- either at the time that you  
13 were there or since you've left, have you heard  
14 any allegations about anybody else involved in any  
15 sort of financial wrongdoing related to the  
16 campaign?

17 A No. Just the stuff I've read about the  
18 allegations towards the Congressman.

19 Q You mentioned that other -- that -- you  
20 haven't spoken with the Congressman in a while,  
21 but there are other folks from the office or the  
22 campaign that you stay in touch with for holidays

1 or birthdays. Can you tell me who those people  
2 are?

3 A Brian Chatwin, Nick Clemens. I haven't  
4 talked to Ted Dacey in a long time, but I do --  
5 his brother works with me. He works at MDOT, and  
6 I also work at MDOT, so I do talk to the brother  
7 and kind of hear about the family through him.  
8 That's pretty much it.

9 Q Okay. And then I just want to let you  
10 pause for a second and think about it, and then  
11 again just remind you of the False Statements Act  
12 again. I just want to make sure you can't  
13 remember any conversations with anybody having  
14 ever spoken to you about your departure being  
15 related to any sort of financial misconduct. This  
16 is the first you've ever heard of that?

17 A Correct.

18 Q Okay. If you don't mind giving me just  
19 five minutes. I just want to look for my notes  
20 real quick and you make sure I don't have anything  
21 else to talk to you about. And then also just  
22 give you a few minutes. I know that was probably

1 not the most pleasant thing to speak about or hear  
2 about those allegations. So if we can go off the  
3 record for five minutes, let's come back on, and  
4 I'll ask a couple wrap-up questions.

5 (A short recess was had.)

6 Q Last time you talked to the Mooneys was in  
7 2019?

8 A It looks like. Actually, they invited me  
9 to some kind of -- in May -- May 25th of this  
10 year, I was invited to his 50th birthday party, so  
11 apparently --

12 Q Well, I guess -- I guess that was one of  
13 the things I wanted to ask you about.

14 A I mean, I didn't talk to him, but I got an  
15 invitation. I did not go.

16 Q One of the things that I wanted to ask you  
17 about was, it does -- it seems like you were very  
18 close to them. You said you attended their  
19 wedding and were there for their children's  
20 births, but that don't have any contact with them  
21 at this point. Is there anything else that you  
22 think could explain that change in the

1 relationship?

2 A Well, I thought it was from moving around  
3 and just like, you know -- I can't really do  
4 anything for them anymore.

5 Q You said there was another time in 2019  
6 that you might have spoken to them?

7 A Yeah.

8 Q I just noticed you turned your camera off.  
9 Do you need a break for a minute? If you need to,  
10 we can take a break.

11 A Yeah, just a minute.

12 Q Why don't we -- we can talk about  
13 something else a little easier to talk about it,  
14 and we can come back to this later if you need a  
15 second to collect yourself. But I also just  
16 wanted to ask about some of the FEC reporting, and  
17 maybe if you could tell me who else was involved  
18 or who else looked at reports or reviewed reports?

19 A Sorry.

20 Q No, that's okay. I understand.

21 A Who else looked at reports? I mean,  
22 really just Alex. I mean, he had the final, like,

1 review of it.

2 Q Who -- did --

3 A I don't know.

4 Q When you would put in information into the  
5 Crimson system, did it then kick out, like, a  
6 filled out FEC report, expenditure report or a  
7 receipt report?

8 A Yeah.

9 Q Okay. And so what was the process when  
10 that would happen? You -- were you the one that  
11 had Crimson generate that report?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. And then what would happen after  
14 that sort of report was generated?

15 A Well, like the first couple times I would  
16 generate reports and go through them and look for  
17 -- to make sure that donations were reported  
18 correctly. Because sometimes people put credit  
19 card donations through, it would put, like -- it  
20 would just do it -- if somebody gave -- I forget  
21 the limits but, you know, whatever the limit is,  
22 it would give, like, one credit card transaction

1 the entire general and primary amount.

2 This is not the amount, but I'm just going  
3 to use it as an example. Say it's \$6,000 total.  
4 Well, it comes through as \$6,000, but you have to  
5 separate it out. So, \$3,000 goes to the primary  
6 and \$3,000 goes to the general. Because if you  
7 don't run the primary, you have to give the money  
8 back. So you have to make sure those are reported  
9 correctly, they have the occupation employers. So  
10 it's been, like, four years since I've done one,  
11 and I don't remember all the details. But make  
12 sure the names are spelled right, just the address  
13 is there.

14 Q So once you run the report --

15 A Stuff like that.

16 Q So once you --

17 A I would go through and do that, and then  
18 he would go through and just look at it too to  
19 make sure I guess I was doing, whatever -- I was  
20 doing it right.

21 Q Okay. And do you know who took over the  
22 FEC reporting when you left?



1           A It was supposed to be Hannah, but I don't  
2 know that for sure. I know she did at least one  
3 report because I helped her -- I helped, like --  
4 told her, like -- I gave her, like, oh, you should  
5 do -- so she knew how to do it. Like, try to help  
6 her because she was pretty young.

7           Q Okay. And then just another person that  
8 we haven't talked about that I know might have  
9 been around at that time. Do you know John  
10 Caddock?

11          A Oh, yeah, John. Yeah. He worked in our  
12 -- the congressional office. I think he was, like  
13 -- he was marked as maybe like a legislative  
14 correspondent and then moved up to LA at some  
15 point. I'm not sure exactly.

16          Q Okay. And then did he ever work on the  
17 campaign?

18          A I don't remember for sure. He -- we did  
19 not work together very long. Like, out of all the  
20 people I worked with in Alex's office, he was,  
21 like, he came on, like, right before I left, I  
22 think, or not far after that I, like, left.

1 Q Okay. And then when you had a campaign  
2 card, other than groceries that were for the  
3 campaign office or for campaign events, what sort  
4 of items would you frequently charge to the  
5 campaign card?

6 A Food the volunteers.

7 Q Okay. Anything else?

8 A That's probably the main thing. I can't  
9 think of anything now, but it doesn't mean there  
10 weren't other things.

11 Q Okay. And did you ever have anything that  
12 were personal charged to the campaign card? Did  
13 you ever use the card to purchase anything for  
14 yourself?

15 A No.

16 Q Okay. And, honestly, sometimes that just  
17 happens and folks reimburse the campaign. Did  
18 that sort of thing ever happen where maybe you  
19 used the campaign card for something personal that  
20 you later reimbursed the campaign?

21 A I don't think so, but it could have  
22 happened.

1 Q Okay.

2 A I don't remember it happening.

3 Q All right. Well, with that -- actually,  
4 I'll also ask, have you spoken to anybody else  
5 about this interview or told anybody that you were  
6 interviewing with the OCE?

7 A Yep, my husband.

8 Q Okay.

9 A My bosses because I'm using my boss's  
10 office now. My current boss -- my current two  
11 bosses.

12 Q Yep.

13 A My mother-in-law. Do you want the whole  
14 list of people?

15 Q Anybody that you spoke to connected to  
16 Representative Mooney or his constituent,  
17 campaign.

18 A No.

19 Q Okay.

20 A No. That isn't true. I talked to Brian  
21 Chatwin.

22 Q Okay. What did you talk to Brian about?

1           A I saw an article -- I've been seeing the  
2 articles about Alex, and we talked about that.  
3 And we talked about the upcoming election. And,  
4 actually, I asked Brian -- I was going to call him  
5 after this because I asked him if I thought this  
6 was going to happen, and it did, and he told me he  
7 didn't know. And --

8           Q Thought what was going to happen?

9           A I thought that someone would contact me  
10 about the campaign stuff and working for Alex  
11 because I saw the news articles that he had been  
12 under some -- under review, and I had talked to  
13 Brian about it. And I asked him if he had been --  
14 anyone had talked to him and he said no. And I  
15 told him that --

16           Well, at the time, nobody had contacted me  
17 except I got some e-mails from Michael Hough  
18 telling me not to destroy any records, which I  
19 didn't. I got two e-mails from him about it. But  
20 I mean, it wasn't personal -- I mean, they were  
21 personally to me, but they weren't personal in  
22 nature. It was just, like, oh, you're on -- this

1 is just the proceedings. You probably know. You  
2 probably read the e-mail somehow or gave him the  
3 language of, like, send this out to everybody in  
4 the office --

5 Q Okay. Got you.

6 A -- or something like that.

7 Q When was the conversation with Brian?

8 A Hold on. 10/28/21.

9 Q Okay.

10 A That was when I got the first e-mail from  
11 you. And then I asked him if they had -- if  
12 anyone had contacted him, and he said no. But  
13 then I found out that day that I had cancer, so  
14 that was the rest of the conversation.

15 Q Got you. I'm sorry to hear that,  
16 [Former Staffer 5].

17 A It's fine. It's not a big deal. It's  
18 going to be fine. It's something simple but --  
19 and then I wrote to -- I hadn't spoken to Alex in  
20 three years, which isn't true, but I guess I got  
21 e-mails from him.

22 Q Okay. Yeah. And that's what we had

1 started talking about. I think you mentioned that  
2 you had some contact with them in 2019 with  
3 Representative Mooney?

4 A Yeah. I was just going through my  
5 e-mails. Well, the last contact was the  
6 invitation to the party on May 25th, but I didn't  
7 really respond to that. And then in 2019, I wrote  
8 about -- actually, I guess he didn't actually  
9 respond to this, but I told a bunch of people that  
10 I used to work with about getting a new job. It  
11 was, like, January 1st -- or January 7th of 2019,  
12 but he didn't respond to that one.

13 I guess the last e-mail I have from him is  
14 from 2018, 11/4/2018. But -- and I don't have any  
15 -- I had erased all the text messages a long time  
16 ago because there was -- it was, like, just  
17 clogging up my phone.

18 Q Okay.

19 A And it wasn't just him. It was a bunch of  
20 people.

21 Q Okay. All right. Well, then, we're  
22 basically done except for, I just wanted to give

1 you one more opportunity. I know those are  
2 upsetting allegations to hear, and so I just  
3 wanted to give you another opportunity to maybe  
4 give us any more details that might help us figure  
5 out what actually was happening there. If you can  
6 think of anything that maybe was a red flag from  
7 that time or any other kind of irregularities that  
8 might point us in the right direction, then that  
9 would be helpful. I'll give you a second to think  
10 about that. But then also, you know, if anything  
11 comes to mind after this interview that you want  
12 to let me know, then feel free to reach out.

13 A I mean, I know Alex goes on these trips,  
14 like -- but they're for -- the Republican National  
15 Committee has those trips every year to, like --  
16 more than once a year. And I know he uses the  
17 campaign to pay for that. I did not know that  
18 Alex was illegal -- I mean, I don't think it is.  
19 I don't actually know. I don't -- I'm not versed  
20 in the law, which I guess is my own fault. But I  
21 can't think of anything that was obviously illegal  
22 or he shouldn't have been doing at the time, but

1     apparently -- obviously there was stuff going on,  
2     so --

3             Q   Okay. Well, I appreciate that and, you  
4     know, like I said --

5             A   I would also just like to say, if they are  
6     accusing me of stealing money, why are they  
7     sending e-mails still constantly every week? Why  
8     wouldn't they take me off their e-mail list? Why  
9     are they all still Facebook friends with me? I  
10    don't understand -- I don't understand why.

11            Q   Yeah, I understand. That's frustrating  
12    and upsetting to hear. Like I said, if you think  
13    of anything else that might point us in the right  
14    direction or anything comes to mind about any  
15    conversations you had before or after you left  
16    that might be related to these allegations, then  
17    feel free to let me know. But if you can't think  
18    of anything else right now, then I think we can  
19    finish the interview and conclude things there.

20            A   Okay.

21            Q   Okay. Well, one more time, thanks,  
22    [Former Staffer 5]. I appreciate your time this morning



1 and your quick response to my e-mail yesterday.  
2 And just be in touch if you have anything else you  
3 want to let me know.

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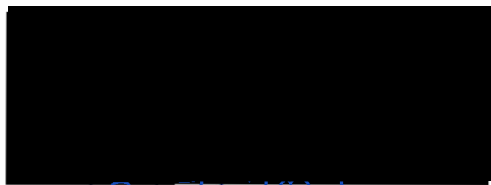
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## **Transcript of Interview of Current Staffer 1**

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EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE OFFICE OF  
CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS:

BY MR. QUINN:

Q And then just quickly for the record, on  
the -- the -- today is October 27th, 2021. And  
we are conducting the interview of [Current Staffer 1]  
by Zoom. [Current Staffer 1] is not represented  
today. Speaking is Sean Quinn, Investigative Counsel  
at the Office of Congressional Ethics. And I'm here  
with Annie Cho, also at the OCE. The witness has  
been given a copy of 18 USC 1001, and has signed  
the acknowledgment. [Current Staffer 1], first, just  
thanks very much for your time today. As I said, we  
appreciate your cooperation and any help that you  
can give us in -- in conducting this review. So  
thanks very much. And then also before we get  
into kind of our discussion and any questions, I  
just want to say first that I'm happy to answer  
any questions that you have throughout this  
interview or the process after the interview.  
So if you need to stop to ask me a

1 question, feel free to let me know, or just stop  
2 to take a break for the bathroom or some water,  
3 I'm happy to -- happy to do that as well for you.  
4 And then also if at any point you don't understand  
5 the question that I asked you or you just need me  
6 to reword it, happy to do that at any time as  
7 well. So with that, let's -- I'd like to start  
8 just with a little bit of background information  
9 about you, [Current Staffer 1]. Can you tell me  
10 how you came to work for Representative Mooney?

11 A Sure. I started as a district intern in  
12 January of 2020.

13 Q Okay. And what are your -- what's your  
14 current position with the office?

15 A Staff assistant.

16 Q Staff assistant. And -- and do you also  
17 hold a role on the campaign?

18 A Not at this point. No.

19 Q Okay. Can you take me from when -- have  
20 you ever had a role on the campaign?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And -- and was that a paid position?

1           A     Yes.

2           Q     Okay. Can you just take me from when  
3 you started as an intern in 2020 to now and tell  
4 me when you had -- when you had an official role,  
5 and what that role was, and then also at the same  
6 time when you had a campaign role?

7           A     Sure. So I started in January 2020 as  
8 an intern. I was an intern until the end of July  
9 of 2020. So August 2020, I started on the  
10 campaign as a campaign assistant, and then I was  
11 on the campaign work for the campaign through  
12 November, until the end of November. And then  
13 beginning of December, I actually went to Georgia  
14 to do campaign work until January. And then  
15 January 6, I believe, I came back as staff  
16 assistant. I'm not for sure on the exact day.

17          Q     Okay. January 6, 2021. And so -- so  
18 then you have not, at any time, held a campaign  
19 position and an official position at the same  
20 time?

21          A     Uh-uh.

22          Q     Okay. So one of the things that I want

1 to talk to you about today or -- or sort of the  
2 primary thing that we're going to discuss relates  
3 to the -- the sorts of duties that you have in  
4 your position as staff assistant. So if you could  
5 just generally describe to me your role in the  
6 office, that -- that would be great.

7 A Sure. So I assist with lots of office  
8 logistics, such as the ordering of supplies and  
9 the keeping of logs like when you get packing  
10 slips, checking the mail, logging the mail into  
11 our correspondence manager. I answer the phone  
12 calls and log -- and log those opinions into our  
13 system. I work on various projects, like for  
14 instance, you know, right now we're doing an  
15 academy nomination so I'm helping prepare a  
16 package for the review board for that. And then,  
17 of course, there's different projects that occur  
18 all throughout the session and district projects,  
19 like the art competition that I assist staff in  
20 those. If there's two events one day and the  
21 district rep has to, you know, attend one, I'll  
22 cover for the others. It's, you know, a memorial



1 or, you know, ribbon cutting or something like  
2 that. So yeah, it -- it really varies. I just  
3 assist with whatever projects are currently  
4 happening in the office.

5 Q Okay. And -- and where is your office?

6 A Charleston, West Virginia.

7 Q Do you have an office in DC at all? Are  
8 you in Charleston full time?

9 A I'm in Charleston full time. I've never  
10 been to DC for this one.

11 Q Okay. In -- in your role as staff  
12 assistant, do you know who preceded you?

13 A Yes, it is our current office  
14 coordinator, Jean Potter.

15 Q Okay. Okay. So the -- the -- the --  
16 the duties that you just described to me are --  
17 all sounded generally official in nature related  
18 to the congressman's work with constituents or in  
19 -- in the house. Do you ever perform any duties  
20 or have you been asked to perform any duties that  
21 are a little more personal in nature, so either  
22 assisting the member with family tasks or

1 assisting other members of Representative Mooney's  
2 family?

3 A Not on official resources, no. So in my  
4 personal time, if it was a volunteer thing, you  
5 know, to assist with the campaign --

6 Q Okay.

7 A -- but it was on official time.

8 Q Okay. So then off of official time, can  
9 you describe to me the sorts of tasks that you're  
10 doing to either help with the campaign or -- or  
11 help Representative Mooney's family?

12 A Sure. If it's in the evening, you know,  
13 the congressman may be -- may need driven to a  
14 county, you know, some sort of event. Or, you  
15 know, real -- I don't really do much for the  
16 family, but if the congressman is in, I mean, he  
17 has any campaign, you know, work that is not  
18 during my official time in the office, then I'll  
19 just assist in any way that I'm asked to, whether  
20 he's setting up for an event, or driving the  
21 congressman or, you know, whatever is really  
22 asked.

1 Q Okay. And have you ever driven the  
2 congressman to or from a personal event, something  
3 that wasn't campaign or official related?

4 A Not to my knowledge.

5 Q How about any other members of the  
6 family? Have you ever -- let's maybe start with  
7 Representative Mooney's children. Have you ever  
8 driven Representative Mooney's children anywhere?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Okay. And can you tell me about that.

11 A Sure. That's only happened to my memory  
12 on one occasion. And that was when the  
13 congressman was doing an official tour of the Clay  
14 Center here in Charleston. He met with the  
15 president of the Clay Center and then he met with  
16 the director of theater to discuss how COVID has  
17 affected the operations at the Clay Center and his  
18 daughter was with him. And then I just drove them  
19 to lunch after. So he did the tour, and then I  
20 drove the congressman to lunch after -- after the  
21 official event with the daughter in the car, both.

22 Q Okay. But the congressman was with you

1 when -- when that happened?

2 A Yes, sir. Yes, sir. I've never driven  
3 them alone, to my knowledge.

4 Q Okay. How about any other staff  
5 members? Do you know if any other staff members  
6 have performed those sort of duties, driving  
7 either Representative Mooney or members of this  
8 family to what seemed like a personal event?

9 A No, not to my knowledge.

10 Q Have you ever heard of members of -- or  
11 other members of the staff driving Representative  
12 Mooney's children to or from school?

13 A No.

14 Q I'm just going to go through kind of a  
15 laundry list of things that you might have either  
16 done yourself or heard of other staff members  
17 doing, and you can just kind of stop me and -- and  
18 tell me if you have some -- some detail to add.

19 But I'm going to start with just Representative  
20 Mooney's mother, Lala. Do you know Lala? Okay.

21 And --

22 TECHNICIAN: I'm sorry, [Current Staffer 1]

1 --

2 Q -- have you ever been contacted by Lala  
3 to help with any -- anything at all, I think, we  
4 can start with first?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay. What -- what kind of tasks or  
7 projects have -- has -- have you helped Lala with?

8 A For one, she was doing -- I think it was  
9 -- it was some sort of interview or something that  
10 the congressman was meeting with a reporter once  
11 and then talking about, I think Cuban relations,  
12 of which, of course, the -- you know,  
13 congressman's mother is a Cuban immigrant. So he  
14 was like, yeah, I'd love to get, you know, your  
15 mom's perspective on this, do an interview, and I  
16 just assisted in connecting the two for the  
17 interview. You know, I can't really think of much  
18 off the top of my head honestly.

19 Q Okay. If as we're talking you think of  
20 anything else that -- you know, that maybe you  
21 forgot previously, just stop me and -- and -- and  
22 we can add to those answers. How about Grace

1 Mooney, the congressman's wife? Do you ever --  
2 are you ever contacted by Grace to help with any  
3 sorts of projects or tasks?

4 TECHNICALIAN: I'm sorry, I have to  
5 interrupt, Mr. Quinn. A lot of your words,  
6 [Current Staffer 1], are not coming through and I  
7 want to make sure that the court reporter is getting  
8 a clean record of today. Do you have headphones by any  
9 chance?

10 THE WITNESS: No, not in my office, but  
11 I -- I can speak up if that would help.

12 TECHNICALIAN: And it's not when you're  
13 saying a full sentence, it's a quick no or yes.  
14 The Zoom is not pushing the audio through, but we  
15 can see your lips moving so we know what you're  
16 saying. The audio just isn't coming through.

17 THE WITNESS: Okay. Sorry about that.  
18 I will be more clear.

19 TECHNICALIAN: Not a problem at all,  
20 [Current Staffer 1].

21 BY MR. QUINN:

22 Q So sorry, just to ask you one more time.

1 You said -- I think you said that you haven't been  
2 contacted by Representative Mooney's wife to help  
3 with any tasks or projects; is that correct?

4 A Correct.

5 Q How about any other members of  
6 Representative Mooney's staff? Have you heard  
7 anybody talking about doing work, tasks, any sorts  
8 of projects for Lala or the Representative's wife?

9 A Not to my immediate knowledge that I  
10 know.

11 Q Okay. How about watching any of the --  
12 the congressman's children? Have you or have you  
13 heard of any other staff members helping the  
14 congressman watch the children?

15 A No. I have never been with the children  
16 without the congressman present.

17 Q Sorry. I'm just going to keep moving  
18 through this list. We just got a few things to  
19 check through. How about picking up the medicine?  
20 Have you ever picked up the congressman's medicine  
21 or heard of any other staff members picking up his  
22 medicine?

1 A No.

2 Q Okay. And how about groceries?

3 A No.

4 Q Okay. Are -- are you familiar with any  
5 of -- any of the work that Representative Mooney's  
6 wife does? So I -- I believe she might have a  
7 consulting business that's related to her medical  
8 practice. Are you aware of that?

9 A No.

10 Q Okay. Just another type of task. Have  
11 you ever heard of any staff members helping the  
12 Mooneys with tasks related to their personal  
13 vehicles? So I can be more specific, but if  
14 you've got a general idea --

15 A Could -- could you be more specific?

16 Q Sure. So some examples could be either  
17 helping Representative Mooney or his family get a  
18 private vehicle titled in West Virginia, maybe  
19 taking the vehicle for inspection, or having  
20 repairs done to a private vehicle?

21 A The only incident that I believe might  
22 fit for what you're looking for is a previous



1 staff member, you know, had helped in a couple of  
2 like, small scale auto repairs that was, you know,  
3 to get him to DC. But that would be the only  
4 instance that I can think of. I mean, no, nobody  
5 has gone to the DMV or anything.

6 Q And who -- who's that that would have  
7 helped with that?

8 A Rainer, R -- I don't know how to spell  
9 it, but I know it's Rainer.

10 Q Okay. I think for the court reporter, I  
11 believe it's R-A-I-N-E-R. And that's Rainer  
12 Kissell; right?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q Okay. And what -- can you just tell me  
15 one more time, what do you know of that -- what  
16 sort of work was Rainer doing on the cars?

17 A I know really no specifics at all other  
18 than I've heard him mention that, you know, the  
19 congressman was trying to get to DC. The car had  
20 an issue. So, you know, Rainer staffing him at  
21 the time, just -- he kind of used some West  
22 Virginia ingenuity to get it running again.

1 Q Okay. And then I just want to make sure  
2 I understood something previously you said. You  
3 said your office is in Charleston. You're in  
4 Charleston, not Charlestown; correct?

5 A Yeah. Charleston.

6 Q Okay. Okay. Got it. The capital.

7 A Yeah. That's usually --

8 Q Yeah. Sometimes I can't hear the  
9 difference and -- and people, you know --

10 A Yeah.

11 Q -- combine the two words. Okay. How  
12 about any tasks either that you've completed or  
13 heard of staff completing related to the  
14 congressman's dog, like, either dog sitting or  
15 traveling with the dog from point A to point B?

16 A No. You know, I'm coming up two years  
17 and I didn't know he had a dog to be honest with  
18 you. This is news to me, so --

19 Q Okay. And then how about the  
20 Congressman's laundry? Have you ever dealt with  
21 his laundry or-- or helped other staff deal with  
22 the laundry?

1 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry, I didn't catch  
2 that, sir. I couldn't hear you -- your response.

3 THE WITNESS: No.

4 THE REPORTER: I got it again. No.  
5 Okay. Thank you.

6 Q Did you ever work with Former Staffer 3 [REDACTED] ?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. In any of the sorts of tasks that  
9 we've just talked about, have you ever discussed  
10 any of those sorts of tasks with Former [REDACTED] or heard  
11 of Former [REDACTED] doing those sorts of tasks?  
12 [REDACTED] Staffer 3

12 A No.

13 Q Then another thing I want to talk about  
14 quickly is just a couple of different trips that I  
15 know the Congressman has taken, and I loved to  
16 know any details you know about these trips. The  
17 first one is a trip to Aruba in March of this  
18 year. Are you familiar with that -- that trip?

19 A No.

20 Q Okay. And then the other trip I want to  
21 ask you about is a -- it was an early August trip  
22 of this year, to Blennerhassett Island. I might

1 not be pronouncing that correctly. Does that ring  
2 a bell?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay. What was -- can you tell me the  
5 purpose of that -- that trip?

6 A I didn't have anything to do with the  
7 trip to Blennerhassett Island. That was, I  
8 believe, the Congressman's affairs. I was going  
9 because he had a media interview with the  
10 Parkersburg Times, I believe, or the local  
11 newspaper, and he also met with a small business  
12 owner in that area.

13 Q Maybe let's step back a little bit. I  
14 -- I understand it was a -- a multi-day trip where  
15 there were a couple events planned back-to-back;  
16 is that correct?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. To the extent you remember, can  
19 you tell me when the trip started and then just  
20 kind of take me through the events that -- that  
21 you can remember.

22 A Sure. I drove to Parkersburg. I

1 believe it was -- I got there around 9:30, I  
2 think, because I had some details worked out with  
3 the media interview. And then it was my first  
4 trip to Parkersburg so I had to orient myself with  
5 the area as I would be, you know, taking the  
6 Congressman through his destinations. So I drove  
7 to Parkersburg, ate breakfast, I went and visited  
8 the newspaper, and I drove to the Burger King to  
9 pretty much see where it's at, scouted out the  
10 location as is commonly done. And then I picked  
11 up the Congressman from the island, the parking  
12 areas, you know, city property outside of the  
13 Island. And we went to the Burger King from the  
14 small business meeting first and then to the  
15 paper, I believe.

16 BY MR. QUINN:

17 Q And do you recall what day this was?

18 A I don't -- I don't.

19 Q Sometime in early August, though?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And then you mentioned that you knew the  
22 Congressman had gone to Blennerhassett Island and

1 you picked him up from there, but you said, I  
2 think, and correct me if I'm wrong, you said that  
3 you weren't too familiar with that stop because it  
4 was the Congressman's affairs. Is that what you  
5 said?

6 A Yes. I believe I just -- I didn't go on  
7 the island or, you know, the boat ride, I didn't  
8 -- I don't really know anything about that.

9 Q Okay. But did you -- were you aware of  
10 any official stops or activities or -- or did you  
11 understand that to be a -- a personal stop?

12 A I wasn't aware of that portion of the  
13 schedule. I was just, you know, given the project  
14 of managing the interview stop and the Burger King  
15 stop and anything other than that will be the  
16 scheduling.

17 Q Okay. And then so you staffed him for  
18 the Parkersburg Newspaper; is that correct?

19 A Yes. There were there was an interview  
20 at Burger King, too, and then he also spoke to the  
21 employees at the franchise. And then, of course,  
22 he met with the owner or manager of the franchise

1 one, did the interview outside, and then we went  
2 to the Parkersburg Time, had a sit-down interview  
3 with the editor there. And then back.

4 Q Okay. Was the -- the interview at the  
5 Burger King was also with the newspaper, the same  
6 newspaper?

7 A No. No. So the Parkersburg Times was  
8 the -- the newspaper interview and the one at the  
9 Burger King was whatever the local cable affiliate  
10 is, WKN TV or something like that.

11 Q Okay. And is Parkersburg in the  
12 Congressman's current district?

13 A No.

14 Q Okay. Was that ever discussed or do you  
15 know why the Congressman was leaving his district  
16 for that trip?

17 A No, sir.

18 Q And do you know who -- who primarily  
19 plans -- let's actually take the -- the -- we'll  
20 take the newspaper and the small business meeting  
21 separately. Do you know who planned the small  
22 business meeting or who had that idea?

1           A     No.  So the person handling scheduling  
2     at the time just informed me to add to my planning  
3     for that event, that he would be meeting with the  
4     gentleman, you know, at the Burger King and that  
5     was it.

6           Q     Okay.  And -- and who was this -- this  
7     gentleman?

8           A     I know it was the owner of the Burger  
9     King.  I can't remember his name or anything or  
10    really anything else.  Oftentimes --

11          Q     Was it -- was it Matthew Herage  
12    (phonetic).  Does that ring a bell?

13          A     Yes.

14          Q     Okay.  Do you know -- do you know how  
15    the Congressman knows Matthew Herage?

16          A     No, other than Burger King.

17          Q     And then let's talk about the newspaper  
18    interview and -- and that meeting.  Do you know  
19    anything more about that?  Do you know who set  
20    that up or whose idea that -- that stop was?

21          A     No, I do not.

22          Q     And then lastly, are you aware of any



1 communications with the Ethics Committee related  
2 to this trip to Parkersburg?

3 A No.

4 Q Let's talk a little bit about some of  
5 the work that you do or have done for that  
6 campaign. Can you go back to telling me once  
7 again, and I know you already said that, just  
8 refresh my recollection. What was the period of  
9 time that you were working exclusively on the  
10 campaign?

11 A At the beginning of August to the end of  
12 November of 2012.

13 Q Okay. And then outside of that time or  
14 after November and currently, you said that you  
15 just help in your off time or volunteer in your  
16 off time with whatever campaign tasks come up at  
17 that time?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q Okay. So I may take those two  
20 separately. One, the period of time where you  
21 worked full time for the campaign and then -- and  
22 then currently and just kind of as you do one-off

1 tasks for the campaign. When you were working  
2 full time for the campaign, can you tell me what  
3 your primary duties were?

4 A Door knocking, I guess would be the  
5 primary thing that I did. I managed yard signage.  
6 So our yard signs, enlarge signs. I place those  
7 throughout the four counties that were  
8 coordinated. I represented the campaign at  
9 political events such as County Republican  
10 committee events or things like that. That --  
11 that was primary it -- primarily it, normal. And  
12 then again, there will be different, you know,  
13 sort of things. So if there's a parade coming up,  
14 then I would help kind of do whatever needs done  
15 for the parade or if, you know, there was the  
16 election day was coming up. I do some sign  
17 waiving. I just primary activity -- primary  
18 campaign activities.

19 Q Okay. Talking about the yard signs for  
20 a second. Can you tell me where the yard signs  
21 are stored?

22 A During the campaign, the majority were

1 -- for my area were in my garage. The rest are  
2 presumably in nation Panhandle.

3 Q Okay. Right. Because you were in  
4 Charleston. Got you. And then let's focus on  
5 sort of more present during that period of time  
6 that you were also employed by the official  
7 campaign. Can you describe the sorts of tasks  
8 that you do now for the campaign.

9 A Really nothing. I haven't really done  
10 anything recently that I can even remember. In  
11 the evening once, you know, I drove the  
12 Congressman to an event that was campaign oriented  
13 in the evening following my shift and that's it  
14 really.

15 Q And then moving on from -- from that  
16 topic, I wanted to ask you about a company that  
17 the Congressman and his campaign use for direct  
18 mailing services. So sending -- sending out mail  
19 to fundraising mail or -- or informational mail to  
20 constituents. Do you know what company the  
21 campaign uses for that -- for that service?

22 A No.

1 Q Have you ever heard of HSP Direct?

2 A No.

3 Q I also wanted to ask you about planning  
4 for the Congressman's birthday party this past  
5 year. Were you involved in that at all?

6 A In planning for the party?

7 Q Short planning or how about did you help  
8 staff the events or do any sort of work related to  
9 the Congressman's birthday party?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Okay. Can you tell me what you did?

12 A I was just there the day of and put up  
13 streamers and made sign-in sheets and kind of was  
14 just there.

15 Q Okay. And when was that event?

16 A June 6th, I want to say, but I'm not for  
17 sure.

18 Q Okay. Do you know if that was a weekday  
19 or weekend?

20 A It was certainly a weekend.

21 Q Weekend. Okay. It looks like June 6th  
22 was Sunday. Does that sound right? I'm sorry,

1 maybe I missed your response, I said it looks like  
2 June the 6th was a Sunday. Do -- do that -- does  
3 that sound right?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay. No problem. And so did you  
6 consider your assistance with that event to be  
7 volunteer tasks or was that related to your  
8 official duties?

9 A 100 percent volunteer.

10 Q Okay. Was that event also a fundraiser?

11 A I believe. Yes, it was.

12 Q It was, okay. How did you know that was  
13 a fundraiser?

14 A They were collecting money.

15 Q Pretty good indication that's a  
16 fundraising, I guess. Do you know who else was  
17 helping staff that event?

18 A No. I wouldn't say anyone was staffing  
19 the events.

20 Q Or volunteering just to staff the event?

21 A I can try. So I was there -- actually  
22 our -- hold on, I'm trying to remember. I'm

1     sorry.  They leave --

2             Q     It's okay.  Take your time.

3             THE REPORTER:  [Current Staffer 1], that --  
4     that entire portion of what you said didn't come  
5     through?

6             THE WITNESS:  I'm sorry.  I said --  
7     well, I said that I was thinking.  Then I said  
8     Blake.  Blake was the district intern at the time.  
9     Is it coming through now audiowise?

10            THE REPORTER:  It is.  Thank you.

11            A     Okay.  Yes.  So that was Blake.  I can't  
12     remember the last name.  Susie in our office was  
13     there but left practically after she arrived  
14     because she was ill.  She ended up being ill.  
15     Mike was there.  But I'm not sure he was  
16     volunteering.  I don't -- he might have just kind  
17     of been there, you know, at the party.

18            Q     Mike Hough?

19            A     Yes, sir, the chief.

20            Q     Okay.

21            A     I mean, who -- is there -- is there like  
22     a certain group of people you're looking for

1 because like the Congressman's mother was there,  
2 the Congressman's siblings were there.

3 Q I'm interested in either official staff  
4 or campaign staff that were doing work there.  
5 Like, so you described that you helped set up the  
6 party and I think that you said you were taking  
7 down names or -- or checking off guests that had  
8 arrived. Who else was doing that sort of work?

9 A Myself, Blake, Susie, but she left sick,  
10 Mike, that was -- that was it.

11 Q Okay. Was Former staffer 2 there?

12 A No.

13 Q Was she still working for the  
14 Congressman at that time?

15 A I do not remember.

16 MR. QUINN: Okay. Okay. Let's,  
17 actually, if we can take a break for just a few  
18 minutes, this might be a very quick interview. We  
19 might be pretty close to done. I just want to  
20 take a couple of minutes and go over some notes  
21 and see if we have anything else to talk about,  
22 but we might be getting pretty close. So let's

1 take -- let's take five minutes, actually a little  
2 more. Let's come back at 10:55. And then  
3 hopefully right after that, we can wrap up.

4 THE WITNESS: Okay.

5 MR. QUINN: Okay. So we can go off the  
6 record.

7 THE REPORTER: Yep. Off the record at  
8 10.48.

9 (Whereupon, there was a discussion off  
10 the record.)

11 THE REPORTER: Back on the record at  
12 10:56.

13 BY MR. QUINN:

14 Q Sure. Okay. One thing I did want to  
15 ask you about is mileage when you're driving  
16 either for the official office or for the  
17 campaign. And I want to take the official office  
18 or official work first. When you drive either the  
19 Congressman when he's in town or drive yourself  
20 for official work, how -- or -- or do you claim  
21 mileage for that driving?

22 A Yes, I claim it on my expense



1 reimbursement form, just by however many miles,  
2 you know. I list the to and from destinations and  
3 stuff, as well as the mileage and they reimburse  
4 me the following month.

5 Q Okay. And have you ever had the  
6 Congressman pay you personally for either gas or  
7 miles driven?

8 A No.

9 Q Okay. And is that the same for campaign  
10 mileage? How do you --

11 A I just -- I just --

12 Q -- pay for that?

13 A -- pay for gas with my card.

14 Q I'm sorry, say that one more time.

15 A I just purchase gas with the cards.

16 Q And like -- and which cards are you  
17 referring to?

18 A Like that's how I -- like if -- like for  
19 instance, if I was planning a parade and like any  
20 money I needed for the campaign to buy stakes or  
21 signs or if I had business cards or gas to get to  
22 an event, I just used like -- like a gift card but

1 for anywhere, I guess, that they just sent --

2 Q Like a pre --

3 A Yeah. And I just gave receipts --

4 Q Go ahead, I'm sorry.

5 A -- to Former staffer 3 and I would, like, mark  
6 down everything. So I drove -- where I drove to,  
7 what expenses I used. And then when the card was  
8 gone, like, you know, they usually come in small  
9 increments. I just send the card and the list of  
10 what I used and all the receipts back to Former staffer 3 at  
11 the time.

12 Q Okay. And that's like a -- like a  
13 prepaid Visa card or -- or something like that?

14 A Yeah.

15 Q Okay.

16 A I just -- I just didn't have a debit  
17 card and to prevent having to, like, deal with  
18 cash and everything, it was just easier, I guess.

19 Q Okay. And then were you involved at all  
20 in collecting documents or helping the Congressman  
21 respond to requests that my office had in the  
22 first review that was conducted and started in

1 March of this year?

2 A No. I mean, other than, I mean, I -- of  
3 course, I received things saying not to throw  
4 anything away, but I didn't help him prepare for  
5 anything.

6 Q When was that? When did you receive  
7 that notice?

8 A I'm not for sure. Let's say the first  
9 was in April, but that -- that's a loose guess.

10 Q Okay. And then, also, do you know or  
11 recognize the name Former Staffer 5 ?

12 A No.

13 Q Okay. And then, I think we're done with  
14 basically the substantive questions. I just want  
15 to ask you a couple of questions about anything  
16 that you did to prepare for the interview today.  
17 So did you review any documents in order to  
18 prepare for our interview today?

19 A No.

20 Q Okay. Did you speak to anybody to  
21 prepare for the interview?

22 A No.

1 Q Okay. So nobody in either the  
2 Congressman's office or any attorneys?

3 A No. I mean, not to prepare, no.

4 Q Okay. Did you speak to anybody else  
5 about this interview?

6 A I just, you know, made my immediate  
7 supervisor aware that that's why I'd be  
8 unavailable, but that's it.

9 MR. QUINN: Okay. All right. Got you.  
10 Then I think we are done here. Annie, unless you  
11 have any other questions?

12 MS. CHO: No, I'm good.

13 MR. QUINN: Great. Okay. And I'm glad  
14 I could make it on my promise to finish in an  
15 hour. But with that, we can go off the record.

16 (Off the record at 11:00 a.m.)  
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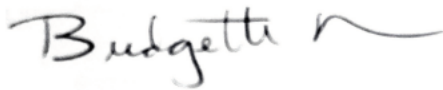
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