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The deposition of MARI ANDERSON, called
for examination by counsel for the Senate Judiciary
Committee in the above-entitled matter, pursuant to notice,
at Room 234, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington,
D.C., convened at 1:14 p.m., before Donald Jacobsen, a
notary public in and for the District of Columbia, when were
present on behalf of the parties:

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APPEARANCES:

On behalf of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

MICHAEL HIRSHLAND, ESQ., Majority Counsel
CHRISTINA RIOS, ESQ., Investigator
DAVID SCHANZER, ESQ., Minority Counsel

On behalf of the Deponent:

MARK A. SRERE, ESQ.

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WITNESS

EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE: DEFENDANT

MARI ANDERSON

BY MR. HIRSHLAND 4

EXHIBITS

ANDERSON DEPOSITION EXHIBITS:

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MR. JACOBSEN: For the record, I am Donald Jacobsen, I'm a notary public in and for the District of Columbia and my commission expires November 30th, 1998.

Whereupon,

MARI ANDERSON

was called as a witness and, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

MR. HIRSHLAND: I would like to note for the record that Ms. Anderson has voluntarily agreed to appear before the staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee and answer questions under oath.

Present right now are myself, Michael Hirshland, counsel to the Committee; to my right is Christina Rios, Investigator; to my left is David Schanzer, Minority Counsel.

MR. SRERE: Also present, representing Mari Anderson, Mark Srere of the law firm of Morgan, Lewis and Bockius, LLP.

MR. SCHANZER: Before you start, let me just make a statement for the record. We were not notified that there was going to be a sworn deposition, not that that matters, but we have consistently taken the position that in this investigation that our committee doesn't have deposition authority. We don't have authority to swear people in staff

1 interviews in a non-hearing context.

2 Whatever the legal significance of that is can be
3 determined elsewhere. But despite what the court reporter
4 said about his authorities, which I don't challenge, I don't
5 believe the committee has any authority to issue such oaths.

6 MR. SRERE: I note for the record that Ms.
7 Anderson is appearing voluntarily. I mean she is
8 cooperating with the committee as she has been from day one.

9 MR. HIRSHLAND: While we are at it, I would like
10 to note for the record that, of course, witnesses can always
11 volunteer to appear to testify under oath. I understand
12 from Mr. Srere that Ms. Anderson is willing to do so, has
13 taken the oath and, without further comments, we will
14 proceed.

15 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

16 BY MR. HIRSHLAND:

17 Q Ms. Anderson, could you just provide a brief
18 overview of your background, and why don't you start with
19 college and then professional experiences?

20 A I am a graduate of the University of Georgia, the
21 year, I can't remember exactly, sorry. From there worked in
22 a law firm; from there worked in Little Rock on the
23 Clinton/Gore campaign; from there worked on the Presidential
24 Inaugural Committee; from there worked in the White House.

25 Q Okay. Maybe I put too much emphasis on the