

Counsel?

A Again, attempting to ensure that all applicable State and D.C., or surrounding jurisdiction, and Federal was complied with; primarily contracts -- you know, there are a lot of vendors that provide services to the Inaugural. So it was largely a transactional type of lawyering.

Q And do you remember when you actually began working at the White House?

A Yeah, the first day. Whatever the day --

Q The 20th?

A Yes. Was that the day of the Inaugural?

Ms. Taylor. Yes.

The Witness. Yes. I think that was the day then.

BY MS. REMINGTON:

Q Do you remember how you came to obtain the position of Cabinet Secretary?

A Mr. McLarty hired me.

Q And did you report to Mr. McLarty?

A Yes, I did.

Q Did you report to anyone else?

A No, I did not.

Q Can you give me a general description of what the Cabinet Secretary does?

A Yeah. The Cabinet Secretary attempts to coordinate the various Cabinet officers and they are generally Chiefs of Staff or Deputy Secretaries, regarding administration-wide or multi-Cabinet initiatives, just making sure that all the right people were talking to each other and that initiatives are on track.

Q And who reported directly to you in that position?

A I had several staff people over time. I didn't start -- I started with one staff person or two staff people and then it expanded. But my staff, when I left, included Steve Silverman, who was the Deputy Cabinet Secretary; Jennifer O'Connor, who was a Special Assistant; Dana Hyde, who was a Special Assistant and Phil Kablan who was a Special Assistant, a couple of secretaries, some interns. Occasionally we would have -- FEMA reports to the Cabinet Secretary. We would have someone from FEMA rotate in during a disaster. So there was a variety of people.

Q While you were working on PIC, the Presidential Inaugural Committee, did you assist in finding positions in the administration for campaign workers or volunteers?

A Well, both during the campaign and during the Inaugural, there were dozens of people who asked if they could use my name as a reference and my general practice is to let people use my name as a reference unless I specifically have had a bad experience with them, and then I tell them that I probably would not be their best reference. So I am sure there were probably 30 or 40 people who used my name as a reference out of the campaign and the Inaugural.

Q Do you know if the Clinton/Gore team or transition team had set up a system for resumes to be sent in of volunteers?

A I know that after the fact, because of the press reporting, and I think there was a GAO investigation into Resunix or Resumix, or some sort of system that they had set up so I am vaguely -- I don't have any firsthand knowledge of it. I am aware through press reporting that there was some system in place and there was some criticism of that system that I recall.

Q Would using your name as a reference be similar to sponsoring someone?

A I don't think so.

Q Do you know what sponsoring someone would entail?

A I don't know. I don't think I sponsored anyone.

Q Do you know Craig Livingstone?

A Yes, I do.

Q Do you remember when you first met him?

A You know, I really don't know when I first met him. I know I knew him in '92. I think I knew him prior to that. Possibly in '88. I was at the '88 convention and I don't recall whether I met him there or shortly thereafter. But I have sort of known him, but I couldn't tell you when was the first time or in what context I ever met him.

Q Did you do any work for the Al Gore for President in '88?

A No, I did not.

Q Did you work on any other campaigns before the Clinton/Gore Campaign?

A Yes. In 1988, I worked on policy issues for the Democratic National Committee prior to the convention. And then after Dukakis won the nomination I did general volunteer work on different policy, drafting papers and educating people and that kind of stuff.

Q Do you recall if you ever worked with -- worked with Craig Livingstone in any capacity before the Clinton/Gore Campaign?

A I was the General Counsel of the Democratic National Committee for several years and he may have done advance work around committee meetings, but I don't have a specific recollection; not that I recall, I didn't work directly with him prior to the Inaugural.

Q Did you interact with him at all while you were both working on the Presidential Inaugural Committee?

A Yes, on occasion I would have interacted with him. There was one incident -- you probably don't know this. There was one incident where a vendor -- the Inaugural Committee was at the Southeast Navy Yard, which is very inaccessible, and at one point there was no cafeteria or the cafeteria hadn't opened. It was shut down. So we were bringing in food. We

were catering food in and there was an outbreak of food poisoning and everybody who ate got sick and he -- Craig was in charge of sort of logistics.

We also ran advance to get kids, volunteers back and forth to the closest Metro station, to the Inaugural Committee, and Craig was very helpful the day everybody got sick, kind of moving people, determining whether or not they wanted to go to an emergency room or just wanted to go home and, you know, kind of getting everybody sorted out. I have a very clear recollection of that day.

Q Okay. Did he ever assist in any of the advance projects that you might have been working on? Not that you were working on advance, but did he ever do advance work for any of your projects or anything you did?

A Yeah. After the Inaugural, we had a Cabinet meeting with the President, the Vice President and all the, you know, new Cabinet team, and he assisted on that. There were four or five people on that team and he was on that team.

Q Do you know what position he held while he was at PIC?

A Only from the newspaper reports that said he was the Director of Security. I didn't know that was his title.

Q At the time, were you basically aware of what duties he performed there?

A My recollection is that he did a lot of logistics. He set up the transportation, the vans. We did have IDs to get people in and out of the Navy Yard. The Navy Yard in itself is a secure facility and you have to present I.D. to get in and out in front of the Navy stations, and we had credentials or passes, whatever, I.D., to get in the other building. He worked on those; as I said, the incident when somebody was sick, all of that kind of stuff, a lot of logistical activity.

Q Do you know who hired Mr. Livingstone for his position at the Presidential Inaugural Committee?

A I don't. I don't have any idea.

Q Do you know who his supervisor was?

A I don't.

Q I am sorry. I don't recall if I asked you this, if you had known him while he was working on the Clinton/Gore Campaign?

A As I said, I don't recall when I first met him, but I am certain it was prior to '92. I don't have a specific recollection of seeing him on the campaign, but -- in the '92 campaign, but I was in Little Rock. I didn't travel. I didn't go out to events. With the exception of one or two events, I don't think he was at the events I was at. So I don't know if I had heard he was on the campaign or I knew he was on the campaign.

It wouldn't surprise me. He is someone who has done advance for years around the party, but I don't have a specific recollection of seeing him anywhere in '92, other than probably at the convention. He was probably around the convention but, again, I don't have a specific recollection of it.

Q Had you heard of him before that time, in the '92 time frame, for doing advance work?

A Yeah. He was generally known as one of the guys around town who did advance for Democratic Party stuff.

Q Do you know that from your work at the DNC?

A Yes.

Q Did there ever come a time when you discussed with Mr. Livingstone what jobs he might apply for at the White House?

A I know that he did talk to me -- I am not sure if he talked to me when he had already identified some jobs he wanted to apply for or if he was asking me if I knew about jobs, but I do know I did talk to him early. I don't recall sort of who initiated the conversation or whether it was about specific jobs. I know that I talked to him, but I couldn't tell you with any specificity.

Q Do you recall what the time frame was in which this -- these --

A It was probably early. I would imagine it was in January, February, March, sometime in there, early in the administration, early in '93.

Q Do you recall if it was before you had your permanent position?

Actually, when did you receive your permanent position at the White House?

A Well, right away. I mean, I was hired. I was announced in Little Rock on January 15th or 17th, when they did sort of, here is the White House staff announcement. I filled out my paperwork I think the day before the Inaugural, probably the 19th. And I think I had -- as I now recall, and as I have read recently in the newspapers, there was a system for issuing permanent passes where you got a temporary and then it would go to permanent. I think I was pretty quickly on to permanent, but I don't know. I think you would have to check the personnel records for me, but I think pretty quickly, as soon as the FBI finished, I was a permanent employee.

Q Do you recall if this discussion took place while you were at PIC or while you were at the White House?

A More likely while I was at the White House. At PIC, it was extraordinarily busy. I mean, there was not time to have those kinds of conversations.

Q Do you recall seeing Mr. Livingstone in or around the White House at this time frame, the January, February time frame?

A Yes, because he worked on a project that I was working on, so I definitely did see him.

Q The Cabinet?

A The Cabinet meeting with the Vice President and the President and all the new Cabinet Secretaries.

Q Do you recall whether you told him about the job in the Office of Personnel Security?

A I don't. I don't know whether he mentioned it to me or I