

A Then she might have done it. She might have walked me through my paperwork. I don't recall that, but that's a good point.

Q You described what Mr. Foster had told you was a lower-level clerical position.

A Right.

Q Did he tell you that Ms. Dannenhauer was making over \$70,000 in that same position?

A No.

Q If you had known what the position actually entailed, in reviewing background information and the FBI reports on individuals and adjudicating those files as to whether they were suitable for White House employment, would you have recommended Craig Livingstone for that position?

A I would have recommended a senior partner at a Washington law firm who had experience in those particular matters.

Q Did anyone approach you about Mr. Livingstone's suitability for the position which was described to you in that January to March time frame? You had said Mr. Kennedy approached you.

A I don't know when I talked to Kennedy. I don't know if it was January to March or April, May. I just don't know when it was, but it was subsequent to my initial conversations with -- or conversation with Vince.

Q Just as a time reference, we have been told by the White House that Mr. Livingstone was hired on February 8th for the position of Director of White House Personnel Security.

A Right.

Q If that helps you put everything in a time frame.

A Kennedy would have spoken to me after that. I mean, as I recall my one conversation with Kennedy, and I am not certain that -- I have one memory or recollection of walking

across West Executive Drive with Bill. We were coming out of the meeting or I bumped into him and we were crossing between the West Wing and the Old EOB. I think it was at that time that he asked me about Craig. I am not certain, but I do just recall one day, and it was a nice day. It was a pleasant day. It wasn't cold. I didn't have a coat on.

We were kind of laughing and joking, walking up the stairs, and at that point, I think that's when he said, you know, I need to check with you on Craig, and said he already talked to you. You know, you gave Craig a reference to Vince. And I said, right, I talked to Vince. I don't know when that was.

Q Do you recall the date of that Cabinet Secretary meeting?

A It was at the end of January.

Q So at the end of January, he still wouldn't have been in this position?

A No, I guess not. Only because you just told me that he was hired for this job on February 8th.

Q We have been told that he was hired February 8th.

A The meeting that we did was a big meeting. It was two working days. It was out-of-town and it was a lot of work to put it together, so I don't think anybody could have been doing a different job when we were getting ready for that meeting.

Q Did you ever speak to Bernard Nussbaum about Craig Livingstone?

A Not that I recall.

Q Did you ever speak with Cheryl Mills about Craig Livingstone as a Director of Office of Personnel Security?

A I know from press reports that Craig has said that I referred him to Cheryl or something. I have no recollection of that. I just have none.

Q Do you know Cheryl?

A I know Cheryl. She was an Associate at Hogan & Hartson.

I have known her for a long time. And I talked to her frequently, I am sure, at the beginning, but I have no recollection of talking to her about Craig.

Q Okay. Do you recall if Mr. Livingstone ever discussed with you the possibility of working in the Military Office in the White House?

A Again, I know subsequently -- I know recently that, from press reports, that he had an interest in working in the White House Military Office. I don't recall whether or not he spoke to me about that job, but I was fairly familiar with parts of that job and I believed at the time and still believe that the best person for that job was a former military officer. So if he did talk to me, it would not have been something that I would have likely encouraged him to go for, and I don't really recall ever having talked to him about it.

Q What was your understanding of what the Director of the Military Office would do?

A I work on a top secret, code word, cleared program. I continue to work on that program that's run out of that office, so I am familiar with one specific part of that office. It's very sensitive, and for that reason I think I would have -- I know I would have insisted that they put a former military person in it.

Q Did Mr. Livingstone ever tell you that he was not interested in the position of the office -- Director of the Office of Personnel Security?

A Not that I know.

Q Have you talked to Cheryl Mills recently about what has -- about Craig Livingstone?

A No.

Q Did you have a security clearance while you were working at the White House?

A Yes, I believe did.

Q Do you remember when it was granted?

A No, I don't.

Q Do you know how it was granted?

A No, I don't.

Q Were you under the impression that your White House pass acted as a security clearance?

A I believe that was my assumption.

Q Do you know whether your security clearance is updated periodically?

A I don't know. I have to tell you, I believe mine probably is because of the nature of the program I previously mentioned to you that I am involved in.

Q Do you know who granted your security clearance?

A No, I don't. I don't know who does it. The security clearer. I mean, I don't know.

Q It appears that no one at the White House can actually tell us how they got their security clearance. I think there was a lot of confusion at the beginning.

A At the time, it doesn't seem like confusion. You fill out all of your paperwork. You get interviewed by the FBI. Everything -- they go through your background, they check your references and when they are done with all of that, my understanding at the time and now is that your temporary pass is cleared to a final pass.

Now, as I understand it, there are different levels of security clearance and you may or may not know what level of clearance you had. I know in the program that I work in, I am responsible not to discuss that program with anyone that I have not been told by the administrator of the program doesn't have clearance for it. So whenever you handle material or information that is, for example, code word cleared, you are informed by the person administering the program who has clearance on that program and those are the only people you deal with. That's where all the paper goes.

You are very clearly instructed what to do with any paper that you get in relationship to the program.

There was a training -- I don't know who did it -- at the White House on how to handle classified documents, what to do with them when you are working on them and how to store them when you are not working on them and how to dispose of them. So no one comes to you, that I know of, and says you have received a security clearance, you are cleared for classified information, you are cleared for secret information or you are cleared for top secret information.

The way I understand security clearance, and this is more by osmosis, is that when you are participating, when you are working on something, you are responsible to find out who you may discuss or distribute any document to, who needs it and who has the clearance to get it. It's not sort of a bottom-up process. It's a very, as I understand it, top-down process.

Q Would what you have be referred to as a compartmentalized clearance?

A I believe so.

Q Did you have any interaction with the First Lady while on the campaign?

A On the campaign, not really. Occasionally, to say hello, or if she was in Little Rock, you know, or someone on her staff had a question about an event, but not very much.

Q How about while you were serving at PIC?

A No. I think she came once, that I recall, to the Inaugural Committee, kind of lift the spirits and give everybody a little pep rally and go over the plans. And I may have seen her when she was there once. I don't specifically recall.

Q Do you know whether the First Lady had any involvement in the hiring process at the White House?

A I don't know. I mean, she probably hired her own staff, but other than that, I'm not aware that she was involved.

Q Who did you interview with beyond -- did you interview

with anyone beyond Mack McLarty?

A I was interested in the job I had, that I wanted. I knew about the job. My 8-year-old's godmother, who is a Representative from California now, had the job in the Carter administration, so I was very clear on the function I wanted to serve, and I talked to Mr. McLarty about it. I probably talked to Mr. Ickes about it, who was working on the transition at that time.

Q Do you know whether the First Lady would recommend particular people for jobs at the White House for certain jobs?

A Well, clearly, I mean, I know in retrospect -- I don't know if I knew at the time -- that she was a law partner of Vince. She had worked with Bernie before. I believe, you know, the press accounts are that she had a lot to do with bringing them into those jobs. But other than that -- and I don't know that for a fact myself.

Q Basically, I am interested in your personal knowledge.

A I don't have any personal knowledge of that.

Q Okay. Did the FBI ever interview you during the course of investigating other White House employees?

A Yes.

Q Do you remember what staff members beyond your own staff they interviewed you about?

A I don't, although they interviewed me several times. I mean, there were a lot of people from the campaign and the Inaugural who came into the White House, so I talked to them several times.

Q We understand from the FBI that they interview the supervisor for anyone that they are investigating. So I guess my question was more of, did they interview you for anyone except your staff members?

A Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah.

Q Okay. Do you recall whether the FBI interviewed you in