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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		DIVISION	BRANCH
FILE TITLE		COMPLAINT NO.	ARREST NO.
USCP Use of Force (Service Pistol)		# [REDACTED]	
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BY Detective [REDACTED]		€	
DATE January 6, 2021		€	
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On January 8, 2021, [REDACTED] provided an audio-recorded statement to Agent [REDACTED] of the Internal Affairs Division (IAD). The following is a brief summary of Mr. [REDACTED] statement:

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that on January 6, 2021, there were a number of Members on the House Floor, to include the balconies debating the Electoral College. Mr. [REDACTED] recalled hearing several radio transmissions over the US Capitol officers' radios and then reported seeing several social media images coming over his mobile device. Mr. [REDACTED] then explained that a US Capitol Police Lieutenant approached the Speaker's area and gave an update on what was transpiring outside and then inside the US Capitol.

Mr. [REDACTED] then began hearing noises that sounded like someone was beating on the doors outside of the House Chamber. Mr. [REDACTED] reported that he then began assisting US Capitol officers with barricading the doors that led into the House Chamber. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he had some more conversations with the US Capitol officers and then he began to hear glass breaking. Mr. [REDACTED] explained that the rioters may have been using a "glass punch" to break the windows. Mr. [REDACTED] further explained that this sound can be misinterpreted as "gunshots."

Upon hearing the glass being broken, someone on the House Floor began yelling, "Shots fired," and a US Capitol police officer broadcasted that shots had been fired over the radio as well. Mr. [REDACTED] recognized that the sounds were not gunshots.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that as the rioters continued to bang and rattle the House Chambers doors, a plan was being devised to try and evacuate the remaining members from inside of the House Chamber. The House Chamber members were subsequently out into the Speakers Lobby and escorted down the west stairwell.

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Mr. [REDACTED] explained that shortly thereafter, he observed Lieutenant Byrd, who appeared to alone, in the Speakers Lobby utilizing a pillar as cover/concealment pointing his service pistol at the doors to the Speakers Lobby. This area was a main concentration of where the rioters were attempting to breach the House Chamber. Mr. [REDACTED] recalled hearing Lieutenant Byrd giving loud verbal commands, stating that he (Lieutenant Byrd) would "shoot." Mr. [REDACTED] stated that Lieutenant Byrd was giving other statements but he could not clearly understand what was being stated.

Mr. [REDACTED] related that he again heard the sound of glass breaking and then heard what sounded like two gunshots; however, he was not absolutely sure on the number of gunshots he heard. Mr. [REDACTED] felt that Lieutenant Byrd did everything he could do in an effort to protect the remaining Members who were trapped in the balconies of the House Chamber. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that in his opinion, Lieutenant Byrd saved a number of people's lives when he discharged his service pistol.

Mr. [REDACTED] explained that if Ms. Babbitt would have breached the Speakers Lobby, a number of other rioters would have followed Ms. Babbitt. Mr. [REDACTED] felt that if this had occurred the rioters could have easily taken Lieutenant Byrd's service pistol from him, and utilize the service pistol not only against him (Lieutenant Byrd) but the other Members who were still inside the House Chamber as well as additional rioters lives.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that after Lieutenant Byrd had discharged his service pistol, he was definitely visibly shaken.

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This transcript starts at Jan 10, 2021 4:17 PM -05:00 and is 29m 14s in length

Agent [REDACTED] This is agent [REDACTED] of the internal affairs division. Today's date is January the eighth, 2021. Your approximate time now is 1426 hours. I'm located at the Internal Affairs Division. I'm going to take a recorded statement from [REDACTED] is going to provide a statement in reference to the events that occurred at the United States Capitol on January 6th of 2021, on the phone with me is, uh, [REDACTED] sir. Thank you so much for reaching out to the Internal Affairs Division. Uh, can you first start by introducing yourself by your full name? Uh, you can, you can use [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] All right. [REDACTED]

Agent [REDACTED] Okay. And for the, uh, just for the purposes of the recording, uh, is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yeah. So [REDACTED] is preferable. We've called by.

Agent [REDACTED] How about, uh, can I just go with Mr. [REDACTED] Is that okay?

[REDACTED] Yes, yes, sir.

Agent [REDACTED] No problem. Um, so, uh, so what I'd like to talk to you about, or at least, uh, briefly you expressed to me that you got some information in regards to, um, officer, uh, excuse me, Lieutenant Byrd's, uh, discharge of a service pistol on January 6, 2021 while in the Speakers Lobby. So if you don't mind, can you just kind of tell me in your own words, how it is that you became involved in the events that led up to the discharge of a service pistol, what you saw and, uh, the, the actions that you, uh, engage in or what you had done prior to the discharge of, of, uh, the Lieutenant's service weapon?

[REDACTED] on a House Floor, and including in the balcony, obviously debating the Electoral College. Uh, you started hearing a lot of clamoring on the radio or ideas. I started hearing a lot and clamoring on the way you started figuring out something was wrong. And then in the course of phones for the lighten up with images off social media, um, uh, about that time, the Lieutenant had came to the, to the mic, uh, and the, uh, um, as we in the middle of the debate, uh, to tell people what was happening, sort of given some instructions on what needed to take place, you have something took place. Uh, then you started hearing the noise outside. Uh, you started hearing bit, uh, beating on the outer door. So there's two the doors before you actually get to the chamber.

██████ Uh, that locks is right as you come off of a Statuary Hall, there's a there's doors there, and then there's a short little hallway or a, or an entry point. And then the, the, the glass doors that actually come into the Chamber, or you started hearing them being on that immediately, uh, myself, uh, and, uh, some Capitol police and Sergeant of Arms ran to the door that has already locked, and we began to barricade it. Uh, we grabbed the desk. I mean, another officer grabbed a desk, threw it over, someone else, go to bench through it on top of that. Uh, ██████ came over there and not ██████ I'm sorry. The Lieutenant, uh, came over there and started, uh, uh, talking to us to some degree. Uh, he had encouraged myself to sit back down and I explained to him real briefly what I had done ██████

██████ Um, and, uh, uh, and then we had a real brief conversation at that time they started beating on the door, uh, you, or you heard what I would consider, um, a glass break. Uh, it is, or a glass punch. It's a, uh, it's a charged, um, device that will punch through glass, like with a CO2 cartridge. Uh, it sounded like gunshots that went off at that time. Uh, and, uh, people started yelling, uh, shots, shots, shots, uh, sort of, you know, people on the radio saying shots fired. Uh, I, I, I didn't immediately, but quickly recognized that I wasn't there. I started, I started thinking that not those aren't shots, no shots, no shots. Don't shoot don't shoot because, uh, the Capital Police and Sergeant of Arms did appropriately took the defensive positions that needed to, to drill the arms. Especially if you assume that shots were being fired.

██████ Um, they put themselves in harm's way, but yet, um, out of harm's way, the best they could. Uh, and, uh, at that time I actually engaged the, uh, the rioters and sort of asked them, is it worth it? Is it worth it? You almost got shot. They quit beating on the door at, uh, at that time. You still there I thought I heard a dial tone. I'm sorry. Uh, I, uh, at that time, um, the meeting has started, but then they started another agitator came to the door. He started shaking the door, things started getting pretty excited. Um, and at this time, ██████ and I are not ██████ I can't like you can't, you keep the Lieutenant. I interacted one more time. And I left an important part out there. We started talking about evacuating the, uh, all the members, or we didn't really have that conversation. We'd had a conversation beforehand because you gave him some instructions that I really didn't.

██████ Um, I didn't know if it was correct, and now I want to put this out there. The officers and, um, uh, Lieutenant was doing the best they could with the equipment. And I want to say this and emphasize this, the equipment and the training that they had. Um, it didn't appear to me there was a contingency plan that was in place for them to deal with a situation like this. Uh, there definitely wasn't a contingency plan on how to evacuate the Chambers. And most definitely not a contingency plan on how to evacuate the, the, the balcony and a case that scenario like this, but the, the, the Sergeant at Arms and the, and the Capitol Police did the absolute best they could without that proper training or proper protocols and, and the equipment that had at the time. Um, and so the Lieutenant and I had a really brief conversation.

██████ So when the shots were fired or we thought there were shots fired. In fact, he was just punching through the glass without believe was a glass, a glass break. They, um, they started evacuating all the members and, uh, ██████ the Lieutenant immediately, uh, told me he was going to secure the stairwell and that's

their only to take them out, which was what I call her by the men's restroom off the Speaker's Lobby. And that's what happened. The members started going, started flowing that direction. I kind of lost track of time. There really don't know how, how long it took them because of my focus and [REDACTED] his focus, [REDACTED] and the other member of Congress that was with me and the, um, the Capitol Police Sergeant at Arms that was at the door. There was only a few of us, was all focusing now on the door, because now there were rattling the door again.

[REDACTED] And, um, anyways, that process took place. They emptied the Chamber floor for the most part. And, uh, and then you started hearing noise again. Um, uh, the Lieutenant was over there by us and we're coming back and forth. He was done a back and forth. At some point, he went back to the, to the door, uh, to where the breach was about to take place. And you could hear them banging on the door. I spun around, saw the Lieutenant in a defensive position, um, by the pillar and I mean, a defensive deficient that position that wasn't in direct line. Uh, he was in the right position, in my opinion, he's in the right position to attempt to defend where he was at and ended up appeared that he was by himself. I didn't see anybody in my line of sight. Uh, all I could do was see from where I was at.

[REDACTED] All I could do was see his action in the corner of the Lobby door, with the doors that were open. Cause not all the doors were open to the Chamber, but some, and I could see him. He was yelling, he was giving commands. Um, he was saying, I will shoot. Uh, he was saying some other stuff. I couldn't clearly make out what he was saying, but he was definitely, uh, giving commands, no question about it. Uh, you heard the glass finally break and because you could hear them banging on it. And then, uh, and the doors, the doors allow, cause there were double doors and you could hear the door rattling and then heard the glass break. And just, just, just a little bit after that. Cause when I heard that the gun discharged, it sounded like to me two shots, but, um, I'm not a hundred percent accurate on that, but that's what it sounded like to me if I'm remembering correctly.

[REDACTED] And now I want to give my opinion on this one because, uh, I didn't see her enter or come through the door. I couldn't see that. All I could see was lieutenant's position. He, uh, he did everything he could do. You know, we, there wasn't many of us and we were outnumbered and it appeared to me. He was by himself, we were defending the front door and they were shaking the door. And it seemed like to me that they previously broach broke off to, um, to, to cause it, to cause us to have to defend to two positions, which we clearly didn't have the manpower and the, um, chamber at that time, not keep in mind. All the members on the floor for the most part were gone. I think there was only a few of us left, but in the balcony, the balcony hadn't been, um, evacuated yet.

[REDACTED] So there were still members and staff that were on the floor in a balcony and down laid down. So he, the Lieutenant still had to defend that position while we were defending the front, I was prepared to run forward and there with someone else with me, I don't know the person's name to run forward, to help the Lieutenant over there. But when he fired those two shots and my opinion he saved a lot of people's lives because he was given the commands. And if she would have breached, everyone would've followed. And if he wouldn't have discharged his weapon after saying he was going then those rioters could have easily taken the gun away from

him and use it against him and use it against all of us. And I will tell you without question, the man that I was with and the women that I was with at that front door, if those rioters would have came through there, there was no question on my mind.

██████████ They would also use deadly force. And there was a lot more people that would have been seriously injured if not killed at that point. Uh, but it, because of his actions, he stopped others from breaching. Unfortunately it did cost, uh, a young lady, her life, but it's also changed the lieutenant's life too, because I will believe too. I'll be willing to say he's probably never discharged his weapon in that manner before. And he was visibly shaken afterwards because I went over and I gave him a hug and a side hug, and I told him he did the right thing. And I believe in my heart, he did the right thing because he saved other people's lives too. And maybe ours, but definitely other rioters life too.

Agent ██████████ Okay. Now, uh, Mr. ██████████ let me, let me ask you this. Did you ever actually, prior to the shooting or to discharge of, of the service pistol, did you ever go out into the Speaker's Lobby?

██████████ No, I was, I, all my focus was a hundred percent on those front doors.

Agent ██████████ Okay. So, and you, you say the front doors that lead into the, the House Chamber?

██████████ Yeah, the front would I consider the front doors, if it's the doors that open up that walk that you can walk down a short hallway directly in the Statutory Hall.

Agent ██████████ Okay. So, um, so you're not talking about the doors of the House Chamber that lead out into the Speaker's Lobby. Is that correct?

██████████ No, sir. Not, not, I wasn't at those doors. I was at the middle, I guess you'd call the middle doors. The Speaker's Lobby is actually behind as you know, it was behind the, the diocese where the, where the Speaker interacts with inaudible a lot is behind that. I just know the front door is a door in the middle, in the middle aisle of the, uh, of the, uh, the, the seating that runs directly into an opens directly into, uh, the hall le that leads to Statutory Hall.

Agent ██████████ Now, when, when you were in the House Chamber, um, what door where you specifically at, where you were in a position to actually see Lieutenant beer? Um, excuse me, Lieutenant Byrd's, um, position. Um, was it like the first door in the Speaker's Lobby or was that the second door? Cause I think there's a couple of doors. If I remember correctly,

██████████ I was, I was still at, um, I was still at the front door, but I was standing in, um, in the role of the Chair. So I had an elevated position. So I wasn't looking over the chairs. I was looking at that. I was actually an elevated all the way to position to stand in between the first and second row of the back two rows. So I was standing in the, in the back row. Um, and I had to turn and face the Speakers Lobby I heard the commotion and I heard him yelling and giving commands. And that's what, and that's why I said, I couldn't see all I can do with, see, I could see him. And it appeared to

me that he was, he was buy himself at the time. There was, there was nobody in my, if there was anybody else there, there was nobody in my site line, in my eyesight.

Agent [REDACTED] Okay. So was the dose, so if I'm understanding, correct, I'm trying to visualize, and I'm not overly familiar with the areas as well as you are. I only spent a brief period of time in there Wednesday night after the incident, but we're one of the doors to the House Chamber out into the Speakers Lobby open. And that's how you were able to see them. Okay.

[REDACTED] Yeah, there is a majority of them were open, keep in mind that they had, they had locked it all up and then they had unlocked it for, uh, for members to evacuate the floor because the members were all over the floor. So I think members, members, and staff correct all over with all of the force. So they had locked the doors, um, to the Speaker's Lobby and then they locked it. So they locked the Chamber doors going into a Speakers Lobby. Then they locked the doors from the outside on either side. So the Speakers Lobby that, uh, that led into there, but when they started evacuating everybody, they got everybody out of the Chamber as quick as they could the mind when they were doing that, they thought shots had been fired because of the glass punch.

Agent [REDACTED] Okay. Uh, I'm starting to track with you now. Uh, Mr. [REDACTED] again, I was a little bit confused, but okay. I got you. So, and, and then, um, I, uh, am I correct in assuming that all the staff and Representatives were escorted out the West side stairwell, would that be correct?

[REDACTED] Well, I would have, I don't know my directions inaudible if I can be facing.

Agent [REDACTED] Yeah, you guys. So we're, we're the, where the discharge of the service pistol took place. We're considering that the East stairwell,

[REDACTED] I would say if you're considering that the east stair well, which is probably right, that'd be the East front steps. So I believe the majority went down the West. Now when the evacuation started taking place, I really don't know. I know that a lot of, you know, I say this not for political purposes. I'm just saying that I know a lot of Republican members because they would have, they would have been on the West side, went down that way because I know that's the direction they headed, but once everybody started evacuating my attention, 100% turned back on the front door. So I don't know if anybody used the East stairway or not. I was instructing them to use the West because the East side is also much closer, um, to the entry point, uh, downstairs that that would lead to possibly more trouble. Cause that could, that, that particular stairway will kick you out a little closer to, or if they were, I didn't, I wasn't for sure where they enter into the complex or into the Capital at that point, I wasn't straight. That's why I know I was in front of everybody that was looking at me going to the West side.

Agent [REDACTED] Okay. So now I, okay. So I understand now because the East side is, of course we're most of the demonstrators ended up, um, attempt to

[REDACTED] They, they, they weren't there at first. I don't, I don't believe they were there first cause they, that happened after I didn't hear the commotion and the

Lieutenant, um, didn't go there. Uh, when they, when we were the first place they attacked, the rioters attacked was that the front door, it took them a while. It may have been five minutes and maybe in 15 minutes it may have been 30 seconds. I don't know how long kind of lost track of time. Uh, but I don't know how long it took, but it wasn't immediate that they went through the, what you're calling the East side, um,

Agent [REDACTED] The Speaker's Lobby. Right. And the door that they attacked that you keep referencing the front door. Does that, does that door have a specific name or do you guys just refer to as the front door of the House Chamber?

[REDACTED] I don't know if the entry door I don't, I don't, I don't, I don't know if I'm sure it has everything you've got. I'm sure I'm not using it right now, but it's called the front door. That's just my, my, my reference.

Agent [REDACTED] I, I understand. And, uh, um, I'm, I'm just trying to get better vantage point of like what door they actually, you know, tried to attack. Um, but okay. Now, um, you, you said that you were in a position to see Lieutenant, uh, uh, Byrd, but you didn't see, uh, you didn't see, uh, Ms. McEntee. Is that, is that correct? Because of the way you were positioned in the House Chamber?

[REDACTED] Yes, I did not see, I could do not see her, but I did not see, I could hear him, but I was watching, but I was looking back and forth because we were really concerned that we were about ready to have, to have to confront two fronts at that point. And so we, we were, we, I was just, I was going back and forth cause the latter they got over there, the latter, they started beating on our front door.

Agent [REDACTED] Okay. And while you were still inside of the House Chamber and you had mentioned, um, uh, uh, the staff and some, uh, some other Representatives that were still, uh, um, kind of, uh, not trapped, but I guess they were kind of just stagnant in the balcony cause they had nowhere to really go.

[REDACTED] I would consider them trapped because the doors were still locked up there right after, right after Lieutenant, um, uh, had to discharge his weapon. Uh, and, and unfortunately, um, shoot, uh, the, the young lady he'd walked back over there to me because by then, then everybody else was around there. There was a, there were some other people running that way. Um, or they may have been over on the West side, so they don't know where they came from, but they came, there were some people I saw them, running in that direction fairly quickly towards [REDACTED] position. And uh, and then [REDACTED] came over, walked over where we were at. And I didn't leave where I was at. I was still right there when he did, I act, he was, he was, you could see him as physically, um, distraught. And I actually hugged him, I actually gave him a side hug and I said, I said, sir, you did what you had to.

[REDACTED] And I mean that, I, I truly believe his actions, saved a lot of other people's lives. Unfortunately it did take a young lady's life, but he did what he had to do. He stopped other people from breaching and it stopped that rioting from moving any farther from where he was at, uh, which, which, and, and so then that's when we also realized that we still had people on the front, there was a gentleman named [REDACTED].

He was up there and I recognized him and I recognized another name, the guy named [REDACTED] At that time, I was already hollering at them to get down, get out at night, to get down, but get out of there. He helped me to get out and they there wasn't for sure what door to go at.

[REDACTED] And I said, break a door, get out. And then they, there was a Sergeant that was up there and I don't know who hollered at him. He says, Sergeant, you have your keys. And he says, I need keys. He says, you have your keys. And then he started fiddling around in his pockets and he found his keys and they unlock the door. And then they, uh, exited, uh, they started going the wrong way. And, but they finally exited the right direction, went down the stairway and then they also went down the, as you were saying the Western stairway.

Agent [REDACTED] Okay. Now, when, when, when you saw an, and I know what you're referring to, what you would refer to [REDACTED] a couple of times, you're still referring to Lieutenant Byrd.

[REDACTED] I have a clue. I keep calling him that.

Agent [REDACTED] Uh, it's not an issue. I just want to be clear. I wanted to clarify, um, Mr. [REDACTED] could you see any other, were you in a position to see any of the other two Capitol police officers that were reportedly in the Speakers Lobby hallway with, with Lieutenant Byrd when he discharged his service pistol?

[REDACTED] No. As I said, from my vantage point, the only people I, the only person I saw was a Lieutenant, as I said, right after he discharged his, his, his weapon. I did see people running that way. That looked like Capital Police. Um, one person was carrying an assault rifle or, um, I could use a different name for that, but I'm just using that for personal understanding. . And, uh, and he was, he, he, he, I saw him clearly running that direction too, but I don't know where, I don't know where everybody else's position. I could see. It was just a narrow window. There's only a double door. So you don't have a full, you don't have a full view. You just see this, the doors are open, the doors that are open, you can see where he was at.

Agent [REDACTED] Okay. And then, um, in the position that you were in and you clearly could, uh, stay like you saw a Lieutenant Byrd, was there anybody else that you know of that was in a position to see him or see his actions? I have no idea. Okay. All right, sir. No problem.

[REDACTED] And I didn't talk to anybody else, talk to anybody else and ask them either. They're there. Things were moving very fluent at that time.

Agent [REDACTED] Now, after Lieutenant Byrd discharged the service pistol, what, what actions did he take afterwards? Cause you had mentioned at one point you had, you had a, you had a brief conversation with him. Did he come back into the house chamber or did you step out into the Speakers Lobby?

[REDACTED] No, no. At some point he walked over to me and I don't know the timeframe. I don't know the timeframe, but it was, it was shortly after that. I am, like I said, I had, no, I had no recollection of the time. It may have been maybe the five

minutes later with have 30 seconds later, but I don't think it was 30 seconds, like right. If it was, it was sometime after that.

Agent [REDACTED] All right. And then my final question for you, sir, and I know you're busy, I appreciate your time today. Um, is there anything differently and I'm asking you to speculate, but, um, is there anything differently that Lieutenant Byrd could have done during this situation?

[REDACTED] I, I don't, I don't think so. To me, it looked like he was by himself, but even if he had five other people with him, it doesn't matter how many people were there. Unfortunately, the young lady breached and when she was the first one through and he had already been giving commands there was no question he was giving commands. He was threatening to use lethal force. And if he wouldn't have done that, it would have put a lot more people's lives at risk. Because as I stated earlier, they would, if you're not willing to use it at that point after threatening and giving your command, there's a good chance your weapon is going to be taken away from you. And, uh, and so I don't see what other choice he had. I mean, what other choice did he have allowed him to breach and put everybody else's lives at risk? Uh, he was clearly stating what he was going to do and she was inaudible no one was better. She clearly wasn't paying attention.

Agent [REDACTED] Okay. And, and again sir uh, you can say with absolute certainty that you heard verbal commands about what he was prepared to do. If they, if his commands were not followed

[REDACTED] Without question, he was giving commands. Can I tell you exactly what he was saying?

Agent [REDACTED] I would actually, I would actually welcome that, sir, if you can, if you can recall verbatim or even close, I would actually,

[REDACTED] I can't, I can't recall what he was saying, but he was definitely, she was definitely screaming, shouting orders. There's no question about that.

Agent [REDACTED] Okay. All right then, um, Mr. [REDACTED]

Agent [REDACTED] One thing I want to add on this thing that no one has, I don't think you and I haven't talked about a thing that confused me on this whole situation is how they know the location, everything, because afterwards, when things calm down slightly, you guys, and we're trying to still secure the perimeter. Um, I went back to my office and I was sitting and I was confused about how would they have known where the Speakers Lobby was because to be quite frank, when I first came in as a [REDACTED] it took me a month to figure out that I could get into the chamber that way. I didn't know. I mean, I just, you know, you're, you're, you're new. You don't know that. And I didn't even my first time ever going to the Capitol, I sure the heck didn't know where the, where the Senate was or where the Chamber, where there were the, there were the chamber that, and, uh, that night I got a text message from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], I didn't know who the young lady was that had got shot at the time. And I was like, I questioned things. I just question one. And, um, and then it wasn't until the next day that I learned her name. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I said, well, she there. And he says, I believe she had been there several times.

[REDACTED] I would assume she'd been there. So thanks. Cause she didn't live in San Diego at that time. They lived in Washington, D.C. And so I say that because I don't think it was any accident that she knew where the Lobby was and it wasn't any accident that she was the first one through the, through the glass. Someone had to lead them over there until they were that was at.. And you're not going to accidentally be pushed to the front if you mean that was too crowded. And so I'm not, I'm just, I'm just opening a little bit, make it a little bit farther up. But I believe that, that there was a group of people that led them there. She, if she was one of them, I don't know. But to be in the front of the crowd you had, you had to be leading at some point.

Agent [REDACTED] Yeah. I mean, I guess, and it's, and again, this is just pure speculation on my part. It, there, there has been some conjecture about, did somebody actually lead them up there or was it just, and like you had mentioned, it's not by accident. Was it just plain dumb luck? And it, it, you know, the plain dumb luck just doesn't seem to fly. It almost seems like somebody was, and you're absolutely right. I wouldn't be able to find my way around there, you know, if I'd been there a month, but, uh, you know, it, appears like, you know, I, I can't imagine that they could have gotten that lucky. It almost appeared like someone did know, you know, the structure of the building and knew where to go, but you know, that's not really my purview.

[REDACTED] Well, I get that, but I do, there was, it was a purpose. They purposely though when they went over there, they purposely tried to make it a, um, they purposely were trying to make us defend two positions. They purposely was trying to go around the first place we had barricaded off and had successfully prevented them from coming in.

Agent [REDACTED] So while, while Lieutenant Byrd and correct me if I'm wrong, sir, a while Lieutenant Byrd was, was, was maintaining the Speakers Lobby doors. There were demonstrators that were still trying to get in what you refer to as the front door or the entry door,

[REDACTED] Oh, absolutely. In fact, at that point they had became, uh, even even more aggressive. Uh, and I think at one point, [REDACTED] was, uh, was visiting with at some point during that, through, I don't know if he was visiting with them during the time, but that, um, the lieutenants had a discharges with her or not. But I know, I know that [REDACTED] uh, inaudible was, was confronting them too because they became a lot more agitated.

Agent [REDACTED] Alright. Um, Mr. [REDACTED] I don't, uh, I don't have any, uh, I don't have any further questions for you, sir. I appreciate your time again. Say, taking time away from your ~~dad~~ family. I know you've been busy. Um, is there anything that you would like to add to your statement while the recording is still going, that you think will be relevant or helpful? Uh, regarding the events of January the sixth of 2021?

[REDACTED] No, sir. But if you need anything else from me I'm available. Yes, sir.

Agent [REDACTED] Um, okay. So if I can just ask you to stay on the line with me for 30 more seconds, I want to conclude your statement. Um, the current time now is, uh, 1455 hours. I'm going to go ahead and conclude the statement of, uh,

[REDACTED] Alright, stand, hold on, sir.