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I don't understand why the numbers are so low.

- It doesn't make any sense. - Turnout's bad.

I hear at Politico, they're concentrating mostly on Conway art.

Shut up or you're fired.

...division rivals.

The fighting was quite a spectacle

but, unfortunately for hockey fans,

that was just about the only action

to be seen in last night's game.

Will, Mark's here.

Hope you got some sleep.

No, not really.

Even went for a run, but...

You hungry?

Um, I just wanted to connect

before the rest of this day kicks in.

I spoke to Marshall.

No, I told him.

Things are looking good.

Very good.

I really want to thank you for everything. I mean, the ad and--

I had nothing to do with that ad.

No, of course, but...

to thank you for your support.

This is all you.

Listen...

I'm... choosing my words very carefully here.

You need to get ready.

Today's gonna be a good day.

You can sleep when you get to the White House.

Or maybe not.

Get yourself together, Will. I'll see you in a bit.

Are you ready...

to catch me?

Doug, LeAnn... do you have a moment?

Reporting live from the Piedmont Hotel,

the excitement is definitely in the air right now.

Better not let them see the name on your credentials.

Those folks out there love their president.

I love pound cake.

Doesn't mean it's good for me.

How are you doing, Seth?

- You got some foundation right here. - Oh, jeez.

And we call it the news.

I'm doing commentary.

Which means eventually someone gets to ask me

if my articles affected the president's loss.

Or his win.

I wish you the best, Seth.

You'll land somewhere.

You're that type.

We're going to have a great night tonight.

You don't have to spin me.

How shall I say this?

When I was single, I always picked the loser's party.

I met the last Mrs. Hammerschmidt drowning in tequila shots

at the Bob Dole ballroom.

And here I am... single again.

- You're not in Texas anymore. - Doug, please.

- Please what? - Don't think you know me.

Look, I just want to be sure that you're ready for--

Macallan will do what he has to.

I like to win.

Trophies, medals, staring contests. You name it.

You understand that, you understand me.

Hello, everyone.

Well, it's still early.

There's a lot more election to be had today.

And we just want to apologize that,

because we have a little more work to do,

we're not gonna be able to get over to the ballroom

as early as we would like to.

But once we do get there,

we are going to shake the hand of each and every one of you,

to thank you for all the extraordinary work

that you've done for us.

That's right, a round of applause all the way around.

And we'll see you all at the party a little later.

Better?

Yeah, a little.

First time I've fucked a president.

- Oh, don't say that. - Marshall said...

I'm not a president yet.

Almost.

I got to put on a suit.

- People will be here soon. - Will...

can't you let yourself feel it?

Almost.

- Ready when you are, sir. - Put the governor on, please.

- Hello. - Mitch, this is the president.

I understand you've been briefed.

Oh, Mr. President...

this is catching us all off guard over here.

State, local, we had no idea.

I understand.

I'm with the vice president, the Secretary of State Durant,

and on the line with us is Counterterrorism Director Green.

Governor, sir, I'm sorry, but we needed to act.

I contacted local law enforcement directly.

Well, it took a while to get to me.

Mitch, the Counterterrorism Director will be sharing information

that we must keep amongst ourselves.

We do not want to do anything that affects today's voting.

Forty-five minutes ago,

we raided the home of Muhammed Kalabi, sir.

On Deaderick Ave.

- Yes. - It's near the Coliseum.

The suspect was not in his apartment,

but we did find bomb-making material.

- Jesus, uh... - Now, Mitch...

the last thing we want is for you to panic.

You must know that you have the full support

of the federal government here.

Um, it... Well, what... what's next?

We believe his target is one of the voting centers.

We know you have soldiers in place,

security measures and checkpoints.

Director Green is on his way to you.

There will be a command center out of the FBI office in Knoxville

where we will coordinate.

My family voted at the Coliseum this morning.

Mitch, listen to me.

Whatever you need, we will provide.

How are the Ohio numbers?

It's hard to gauge with turnout this low.

That was kind of the point.

For the other side, not Democrats.

The governor's worried. Do you have any numbers?

No, just what we gave you.

I would think that the president

might have access to some numbers that we don't.

When I get them, you'll get them.

- We're worried. - Hang in there.

I'll touch base with you after the three o'clock wave.

If you could all just give me a moment, please. Thank you.

You better head over to the ballroom.

One of us should make an appearance.

Sir, the day has finally arrived.

Yes, and let's see just how long this day lasts.

Imagine my surprise when the NSA called me

about Muhammed Kalabi just...

moments before you did.

Situation is still unfolding.

On Election Day?

Francis...

it's been quite a journey working with you.

Kalabi slipped into the country,

and he's planning a terrorist attack

against a voting center in Tennessee.

And that is a terrifying proposition.

Well, I may need you to stay around

the White House a bit longer, Cathy,

until this situation is resolved.

Of course.

I was only saying...

it's been a good run.

As if she could ever get under my skin.

I don't need to get to the party just yet.

Sweaty palms, eager to pay me their last respects.

When what they really want to do to show their respect

is to empty their bullets in my body,

just to make sure that I'm dead.

Patti, I'm so sorry to keep you waiting.

Miss Harvey was just telling me

that there's been a change in the schedule.

Yes, unfortunately, we're in a bit of an emergency.

But I hope it will be resolved soon.

Tom, hello.

- You know Mr. Yates, don't you? - Yes,

we met at the convention.

So LeAnn will be at the hotel.

She can reach me

if you feel I need to be there sooner rather than later.

In case it's later...

I want you to think four years down the road.

- I'm sorry? - They trust you.

Four years is no time.

We have a car waiting.

So we're shaking hands today?

I think it's best we keep it like that.

Well, shake it like you mean it.

How's that?

So you want me to just head over to the ballroom?

No.

No.

I do like looking at you across a large room.

Victory.

This is for when you win.

I wrote a concession speech as well.

With increased security at polling places across the country,

will fewer Americans vote for the president this year

than in any election in recent memory?

Particular attention is being paid to typical battleground states,

Ohio and Pennsylvania,

where voter turnout has become a central issue

that could make all the difference in this historic election.

You know, if turnout is low in Philadelphia...

the Underwoods are going under.

You need a better in than that.

You look like you've been chewed up and shit out twice today.

Seems like you're having trouble focusing.

You ever see a doctor about that?

What?

Oh, 'cause I feel pretty comfortable diagnosing you

with too much on your fucking mind.

Let me get you something real. I'm celebrating.

Two Oban.

Celebrating what?

You know Tom Hammerschmidt's long lead team?

You're looking at the newest member.

That guy never gives up.

I tell you what he's up to, feed him things from you.

Don't you think it's a little late for quid pro quo?

The Underwoods could still win.

We'll see.

Either way, you still have a couple more months.

Yeah.

I'll land somewhere.

Your phone.

Can somebody give me a second today, you know?

Shit. Excuse me.

Hello?

...while reports are coming in

of a possible attack at a Knoxville voting center.

Now, let's take a live look...

Tennessee? What's going on in Tennessee?

...it's a very chaotic scene at the moment.

What?

...there's a lot happening right now.

Police are... are, of course,

trying to keep everyone calm and safe here.

And we will bring you...

Where the hell were you?

Tennessee. What the hell's going on in Tennessee?

Muhammed Kalabi,

the ICO guy from Syria who burned the effigy.

What's the plan?

I stand before you this evening as vice presidential candidate,

as the First Lady of the United States,

and most of all... as a citizen of this great country.

Despite the violent incident at the voting center in Knoxville,

which the president is attending to as we speak,

we want to assure anyone who's considering not voting

that it is not only safe to vote, it is your duty to do so.

It doesn't matter if you're a Democrat.

It doesn't matter if you're a Republican.

Our nation needs you to vote today.

Violence cannot beget apathy.

We must make our voices heard.

Seth!

Witnesses report an FBI and Homeland presence

at the Knoxville voting center.

Do you believe this is ICO-related?

Seth, please! Come on.

- And the FBI isn't talking. - Neither are you, Gina.

This isn't a presser, because I didn't schedule one.

- We're just trying to find out-- - That's two, Gina.

If you're looking for a strikeout, I'm happy to oblige.

No? Good.

There's no questions at this time.

The First Lady's statement stands as is.

I will have updates for you on Tennessee as I get them.

Is everyone clear? Thank you.

Seth!

I'm told everything just went wrong.

- The FBI had the bomb guys there... - But, Mitch...

...for crying out loud!

...injuries didn't go beyond scrapes and bruises.

Oh, I don't know about that, Shawna.

Twelve people were taken to the hospital.

Look, is there any status on Green's ETA?

- Secretary Stewart and I... - Yes. Just a moment, sir.

- ...cannot make a determination without-- - You need to take this.

What? What?

What the hell is this?

Hello.

Governor. Mark Usher here.

I think we met at the conference in Sun Valley.

Yes, that's right.

Well, I wish I were calling under better circumstances.

I wanted to know what you're going to need.

I can get some excellent people down there fast in case you...

you're feeling like you need the extra security or...

You there?

I'm right here, yeah.

I spoke to Shawna a few minutes ago,

and we agreed that we absolutely cannot disrupt this election.

You called my secretary of state?

Well, she called me.

She is a leader of the party in Tennessee. As are you.

Do I need to remind you, sir, that yours is a red state,

and every Republican in it is counting on you?

- Thank you, Mr. Usher. - Now, hold on.

Shawna just wanted to ask

what can be done and what can't be done.

She's like the rest of us, trying to figure this thing out.

Because of the scale of a possible threat

which we're still trying to determine,

and because of the importance of these, uh, voting centers,

we're asking the governor to declare

- a state of emergency... - Will, could you please sit?

...so that we can provide more...

I don't like it.

Three o'clock wave said Tennessee's locked up, no matter what.

...into the event that took place here...

Love, no one can see.

What the hell?

...be potentially disturbing.

They don't bark when there's a bomb.

What do you mean, "They don't bark"?

The canine units don't bark when there's a bomb, Mr. President.

Yeah, but the whole building heard it.

They're trained to sit down when they detect a bomb.

- So did they sit down? - No.

Then there was no bomb.

We think the barking was provoked.

Provoked? Director Green, that'll be enough.

These dogs are our last line of defense, sir.

I think ICO got in there today.

And thank God they didn't get a bomb off,

but whatever operative they got in there,

I think, was used to provoke the riot.

I said that is enough.

You think ICO got all the way in that building

and then just decided not to set off a bomb?

- Well, there are-- - We are not going to disrupt the voting.

Mitch, would you please talk some sense into him?

- I-- - If we don't suspend,

the Bureau cannot guarantee the safety of these centers.

Unacceptable. Find Kalabi.

The governor does not wanna

have to institute a curfew this late in the game.

- And, Mitch... - Uh, yes, sir.

...you are not closing the polls.

You think we should?

I can't weigh in on this.

I need to talk to Shawna.

How many scandals should the public be expected to endure

before they say, "Enough"?

Before they say, "I'm staying home"?

Before they lose complete faith in this democratic republic?

This is a trend that dates back at least

to when Nixon avoided jail time.

Okay, we're out.

- You're good. - I don't need fans, Sean.

Just genuine appreciation.

Would you like a drink? One is brown and one is not.

- It's gonna be a long night. - That's not what I hear.

So, Tennessee...

Is the question.

And?

My date knew nothing.

Are you making the rounds?

Crowd's a little older than I'm used to, but...

yes, they're a talkative bunch... that don't say much.

I'll take the brown one.

That's Patricia Whittaker over there. Chairperson of the DNC.

She slapped me once in a bar in Omaha.

For the life of me, I can't tell you why.

There's something wrong with Tennessee.

Your date is either lying or denying.

What did you mean by this?

On the back of the speech?

Nothing. Forget it.

"There's still time"?

There's still time for what?

What are you doing?

You and your husband.

Getting ready to win an election.

I see the way you're acting.

Do you realize we have every intention of winning today?

Sure.

But then what?

I used to go to this cabin... up in Maine.

The windows don't close properly.

You can smell the ocean all summer long.

I do think it's better you go to the ballroom.

If you have not voted, I assure you, you will get the chance.

But I cannot, in good conscience,

allow balloting to continue until I am satisfied that it is safe.

To that end, as nightfall approaches,

I am announcing an enforced,

state-wide curfew, effective tonight.

If you are not in your home by 8:30 p.m. central time,

or by 9:30 in the eastern parts of this state,

you will be subject to detention and possible arrest.

What the hell's going on?

What's going on is we're gonna win Pennsylvania and Ohio.

That puts you over 270.

The polls are still open. People are still voting.

My gut says they're ours.

That's 272 without Tennessee.

That asshole's suspending the vote.

That's up to his secretary of state, and she's on our side.

- She's gonna have a choice after this? - Governor, listen to me.

I mean, how long do we let Francis Underwood

get away with this kind of shit? Huh? How long?

He won't get away with it.

He won't.

That was Tennessee governor...

Trust me.

...announcing a state-wide curfew.

Bullshit.

Voting centers all across the state are being shut down,

and anyone not in their homes 8:30 central time,

or 9:30...

Five o'clock wave from Philly. I think we're home.

...detention and possible arrest. This announcement...

That Tennessee shit is crazy.

Crazy shit happens all the time.

This convenient?

Spare me the conspiracy talk.

The government's not that powerful... or competent.

A man can ask.

We're looking at 255 Underwood, 245 Conway.

Pennsylvania and Ohio?

Still too close, but it's almost six o' clock.

When we change Tennessee from Conway to undecided--

That brings Conway down

- to-- - Two thirty-four. Still way too close.

Yes, but we don't yet know

that he's locked in the western states.

Those states have been locked up for ten years.

Red, red, red and they'll be red again by the end of the night.

It's gonna come down to Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Conway needs both. You only need one.

Matthews?

He'll push back. He might even go public.

What about the other five states in play?

The lawyers are waiting.

We can generate lawsuits, argue suppression, but...

Still not enough.

Olmstead's losing in Ohio, and he's not taking it well.

I spoke with his chief of staff, Tanya, this morning.

He's getting clobbered in the northern part of the state.

Low turnout in Cleveland's not helping.

But he could still pull it out.

He's not going to win and he knows it.

How much time do we have?

Ohio closes in two hours. And most people voted this morning.

Some of these states are baked in already.

Claire and I need the room for a moment.

Yes, sir.

- LeAnn, we'll call you back. - Yes, sir.

Why did you ask him to leave?

Because I just wanted to look in your eyes one more time

before we do this.

Francis...

we're doing this.

He can't save us. He invented term limits.

Doug!

Get me LeAnn Harvey back on the phone.

Yes, sir.

Do what you have to do with Ohio.

I'm on it.

LeAnn, get the lawyers ready.

- I can't do this. - Yes, you can.

- No, no, no, no, no! - And it needs to be done quickly.

It's too sloppy.

Why are you here if LeAnn called me?

Do I really have to explain to you

what will happen if you don't do this?

I don't care if he loses.

I'm not talking about the election. I'm talking about you.

What will happen to you?

You have everything you need. The Pastebin link was sent to you.

Where's LeAnn?

She's not here, and I'm short on time.

Governor, I'm sorry, but there's only one way to play this.

We need you to pull your poll workers

and your machines from those three counties.

The Republicans would crucify me. They own that area.

But those are the precincts

that are most likely to be threatened.

"Likely to be"? Hey, what are you...

What are we talking about here?

Terrorist chatter.

Related to Tennessee?

Yes, sir.

Well, I'm gonna need more than your word on that.

Oh, I'm sorry, but the intelligence is classified, Governor.

Then read me in.

'Cause I'm not doing this

without seeing tangible proof with my own eyes.

You can tell Francis.

The other thing is, with Ohio turnout so low,

people could accuse you of engaging in voter suppression.

What?

The voting centers and the troops were the president's idea.

But you signed on to them,

and that's what matters.

You're losing your election, sir.

The signs are clear.

That'd be a real shame for the Democrats to be down a governor.

But here we have this confluence of events.

Your disappointing returns on one hand

and the chatter on the other.

I need proof. Otherwise, people will think--

That you shut down voting in Republican precincts

to guarantee your own win.

Now I'd say it's a good thing

that the NSA just picked up on some credible chatter.

This dangerous world left you no choice.

Thank you.

Governor, I was just handed the classified intel.

Are you on a secure server?

- Yes, I am. - Please hold.

I'm sending the files over right now.

You're doing the right thing, sir.

We don't want blood on our hands.

I don't care where they're taking the voting machines.

Just stay...

You chain yourself to one of them if you have to.

Good. I'm gonna find an Ohio judge.

Voting centers in Ohio have been closed for almost two hours.

And Conway's got a judge.

He's petitioning to reopen.

But even if they stay closed,

would Ohio get us there?

Other states might be in play.

Rumblings of suppression are out there, although...

Well, what else do we have?

Voter intimidation in Idaho.

What do you think?

Should I call them back and have them file?

I like it.

It has the most resonance with what's happened in Tennessee.

I also like an assemblyman we have in Georgia.

There's a congressman in Maryland.

That's one of the states that didn't request the troops.

But wait. Don't we need something coming from a voter?

There's a voter in Mississippi.

Said she was too scared to vote.

That TV essentially told her not to go.

Well, that sounds like a bit of a stretch.

That could be a plus for us, sir.

Really open things up.

If Ohio stays shut,

there could be a ripple effect.

This is all uncharted territory.

All right, let's put a pin in Georgia and Maryland,

and let's keep the Ohio voting centers shut down,

and see where that gets us.

Pennsylvania has gone to Conway.

Even if Ohio is still too close to call

and the President does well in the Northwest,

he can't counter Conway's gains in the South,

in what would typically be Underwood territory.

The people have spoken.

I can't believe this.

The President apologizes that he couldn't be here tonight,

but he wanted me to let you know that concession is inevitable.

All the states haven't been called yet.

The president still has time if he needs...

Guys, we fought a good fight.

But, unfortunately, this is the reality of the situation.

Jesus.

Well, I guess that's that.

Yeah, this is Will.

I wanted to be the first to tell you

congratulations, Mr. President-elect.

Well, thank you, Mr. President.

What? You think I learned nothing from Al Gore?

We kept them on the edge of their seats, didn't we?

I guess that means the system is working.

I guess it does.

You're about as tough an opponent as they come, Francis.

Well, I've had a lot of practice.

Now, you be sure to give my regards to Hannah and the children.

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm...

sure I'll be calling on you for advice in the very near future.

Well, I look forward to that.

He conceded?

Yeah.

We did it.

We did it.

Excuse me, sir.

General Brockhart is on his way over to the suite.

Thank you.

Sources are telling us that Francis Underwood

conceded to Governor Conway on the phone

only a short time ago.

I suspect their numbers are matching up with ours,

which would put Ohio in the Republican column.

Enough to make William Conway

the next president of the United States.

- Hello? - Tanya, put him on the line.

Hang on, let me see if I can get him.

He's my Secretary of State,

and he has the power to do it.

Well, then you need to tell him what to do.

He says he can reopen and extend the voting day into tomorrow.

Tell him it's not safe.

I've done that, Doug!

Obviously, he doesn't seem to care.

Underwood conceded already.

Do not trot out your Secretary of State.

Voting cannot resume.

Now, if you have any doubt,

you swallow it right now.

I'm worried about the party.

What this could do to the party.

Roger, this is so much bigger than the party.

I feel like I'm risking my entire career here.

You are.

And if you don't do what I'm telling you,

it's over for sure.

What?

How many hours is it gonna take him

to spit out the fucking words in public?

Screw this. Screw protocol.

I'm heading down there.

- No, you're not. - It's already tomorrow, Mark.

I mean, this is insane.

- I want to make my speech! - Ohio is still in play.

What?

What are you talking about?

...fear from continued terrorist threats

and the disturbing news coming out of Tennessee...

I was forced to close a number of our polling places.

Fuck me.

And in accordance with the Ohio secretary of state,

the vote is suspended until further notice.

Now, I know this may put our electorates in question...

...but I had no choice.

New Jersey might not certify.

There's been a variety of irregularities.

Same with Illinois.

Looks like Nevada's making noises, too.

I'm having déjà vu. You ever get that?

Are you seriously asking me about déjà vu?

Never mind. It's gone.

You never get déjà vu? Everybody does.

I don't.

Don't look so worried, Doug.

You just felt familiar for a second.

It's over.

Now, the presidency hangs in the balance.

At least six states will not have certified vote totals

on Election Night 2016.

Good evening.

I guess I should say good morning.

Will wishes he could be here himself...

but we've been advised that goes against protocol.

I know...

you're disappointed.

Are you okay with the word disappointed?

Shouldn't we acknowledge their outrage?

I'd say we should tread lightly.

For now, we're just asking for their patience.

Okay, let's do it.

Never a dull moment in this country.

Will wishes he could be here himself,

but we've been advised that would go against protocol.

I know you're disappointed

that the change you were hoping for...

...that you voted for,

has to wait a little longer.

And, finally, a night of electoral indecision,

with lawsuits being filed in nearly every state,

has ended with the mayor of Honolulu,

in the last state to close its polls,

refusing to honor the results of the election

and filing a lawsuit.

Was Hawaii one of ours?

No, I don't think so.

Claire, could you do me a little favor?

I have a splitting headache.

Could you rub my temples for a moment?

Of course.

No, actually the pain is right behind my eyes.

Could you just... rub my eyes for me?

But you hate that.

I know, but I think I'll like it this time.

You can do it harder.

Even harder than that.

There's no coming back from this.

I know exactly what we're about to do.

If we fail, it's on both of us.

I won't be able to protect you.

And what a relief that will be...

for both of us.

The American people don't know what's best for them.

I do.

I know exactly what they need.

They're like little children, Claire.

Children we never had.

We have to hold their sticky fingers

and wipe their filthy mouths.

Teach them right from wrong.

Tell them what to think

and how to feel and what to want.

They even need help writing their wildest dreams,

crafting their worst fears.

Lucky for them...

they have me...

they have you.

Underwood.

Underwood.

One nation...

Underwood.

Doug, LeAnn... do you have a moment?