

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA *
vs. * CASE NO. 2021-R-00494
21-cr-28
THOMAS CALDWELL, et al. *

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Grand Jury 21-1

United States District Courthouse
333 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

The testimony of [REDACTED] was taken in the
presence of a full quorum of the Grand Jury, commencing at
10:33 a.m., before:

KATHRYN RAKOCZY
Assistant United States Attorney

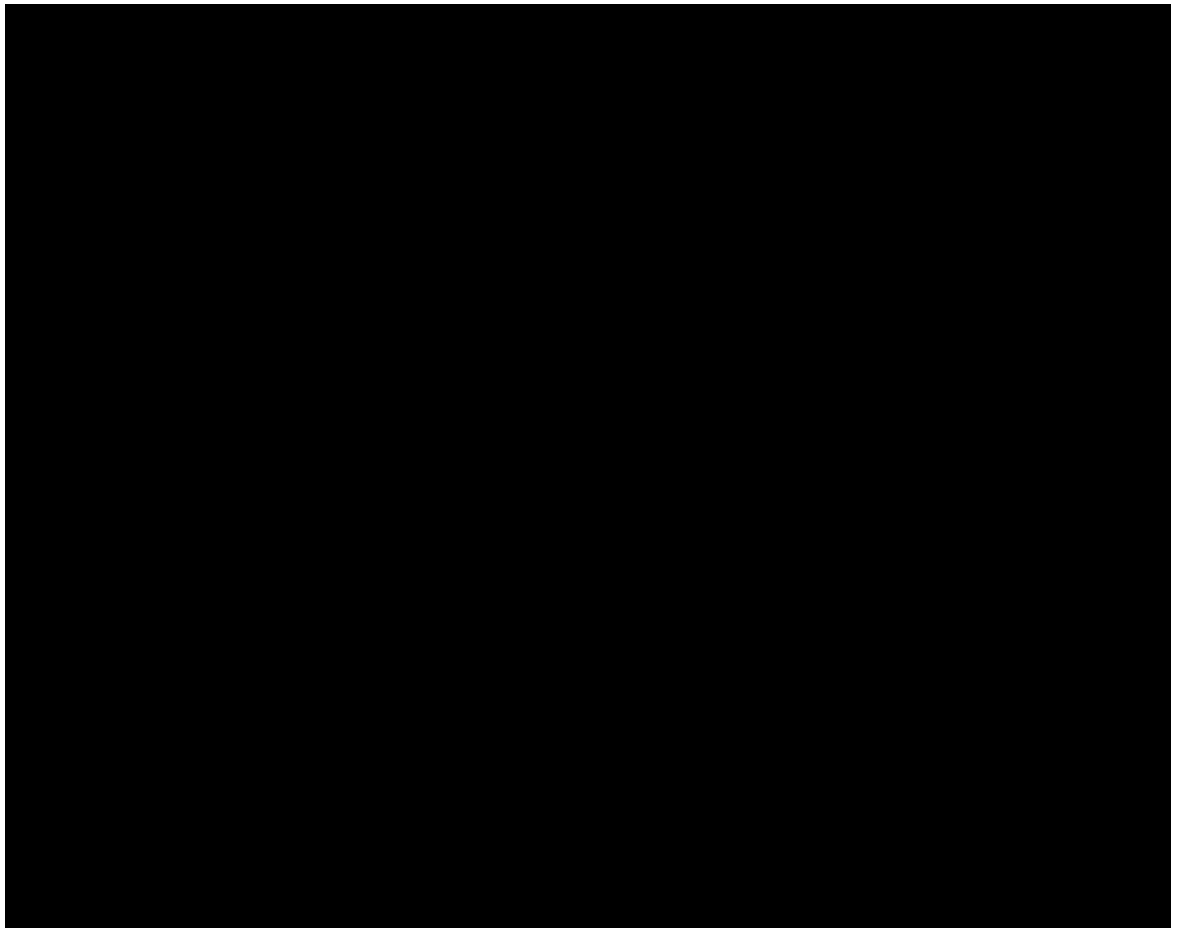
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Q. Okay. Do you know whether Mr. Vallejo brought any weapons?

A. They had firearms equipment bags. But I never saw their firearms.

Q. How many equipment bags did you see, if you remember?

A. Probably one each.

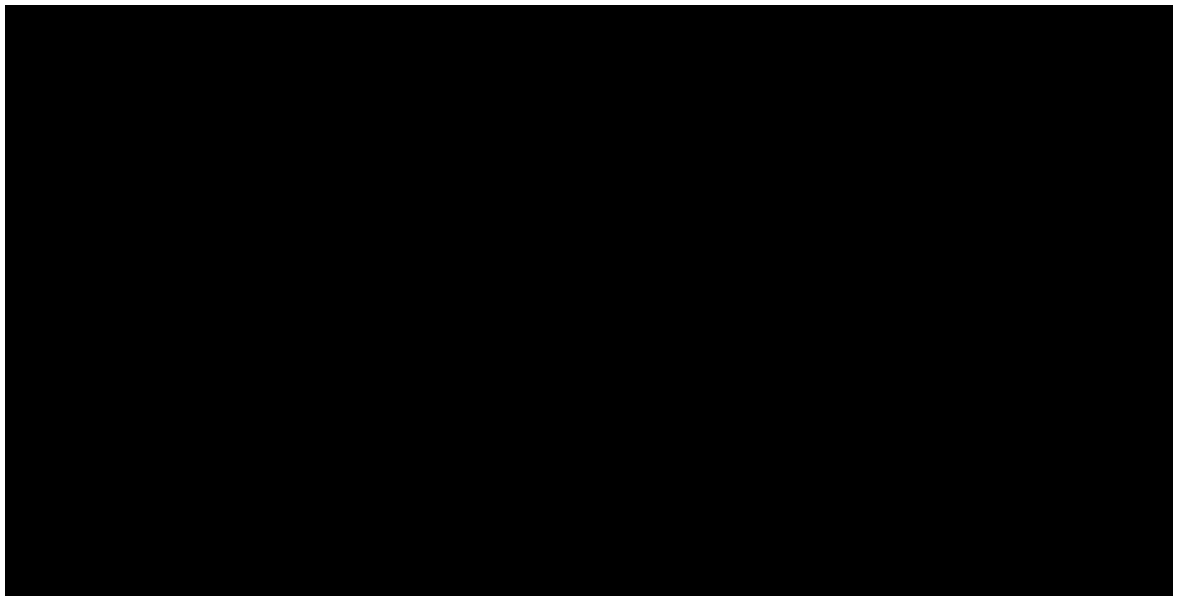
Q. Did Mr. Vallejo and [REDACTED] bring additional supplies?

A. Oh, yes.

Q. Can you describe that for us?

A. Mr. Vallejo took approximately 200 pounds of food

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Q. Have you heard the word Quick Reaction Force or QRF?

A. Yes, I have.

Q. Are you familiar with what that generally refers to?

A. My son calls it idiot's LARPing.

Q. Okay.

A. So --

Q. Where did you learn the term?

A. I heard it that day. Yeah, I heard it that day. It was on television actually I believe. They were mentioning that a bunch of I guess Oath Keepers were scary or something. And then I asked Ed about it, and Ed said, oh, that's a Quick Reaction Force is something that somebody's -- a campsite near yada, yada, yada. It's like I had no idea what he was talking about. I don't think he did either.

1 Q. So you think this was -- when you say that day,
2 the 6th --

3 A. The 6th.

4 Q. -- of January? So you said you heard something on
5 TV about it and then you talked to Mr. Vallejo about --

6 A. Right.

7 Q. -- a Quick Reaction Force?

8 A. That would be in the evening I spoke to him
9 because he was gone early in the afternoon of the 6th.

10 Q. And let me just unpack that a little bit.
11 Mr. Vallejo was familiar with the term Quick Reaction Force?

12 A. He knew what that meant, yes.

13 Q. And he told you there was a Quick Reaction Force?

14 A. Well, he said that that concept or, I guess, a
15 Quick Reaction Force was something that was in an area away
16 from Washington.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. And that they were, I guess, I don't know, looking
19 to be a Quick Reaction Force. Whatever that is.

20 Q. Who was looking to be the Quick Reaction Force?

21 A. I guess the Oath Keeping people.

22 Q. Do you know from -- did Mr. Vallejo say whether
23 the Quick Reaction Force would have weapons to assist their
24 mission?

25 A. I would assume that they did as opposed to a Quick

1 Reaction Force that was going to give hugs.

2 Q. Okay. Did Mr. Vallejo say anything though about
3 whether the Quick Reaction Force would have weapons?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Did Mr. Vallejo ever tell you that he thought he
6 was serving as a Quick Reaction Force?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Did [REDACTED] ever say --

9 A. No.

10 Q. -- anything about that?

11 A. Neither one of them thought that.

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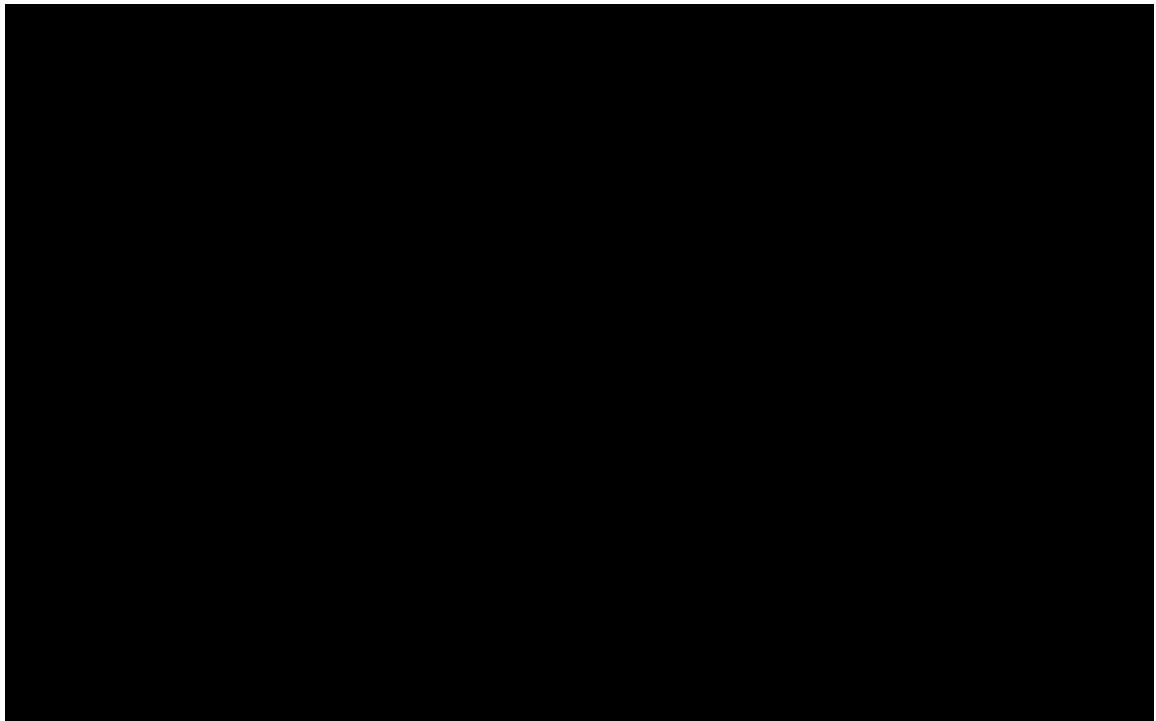
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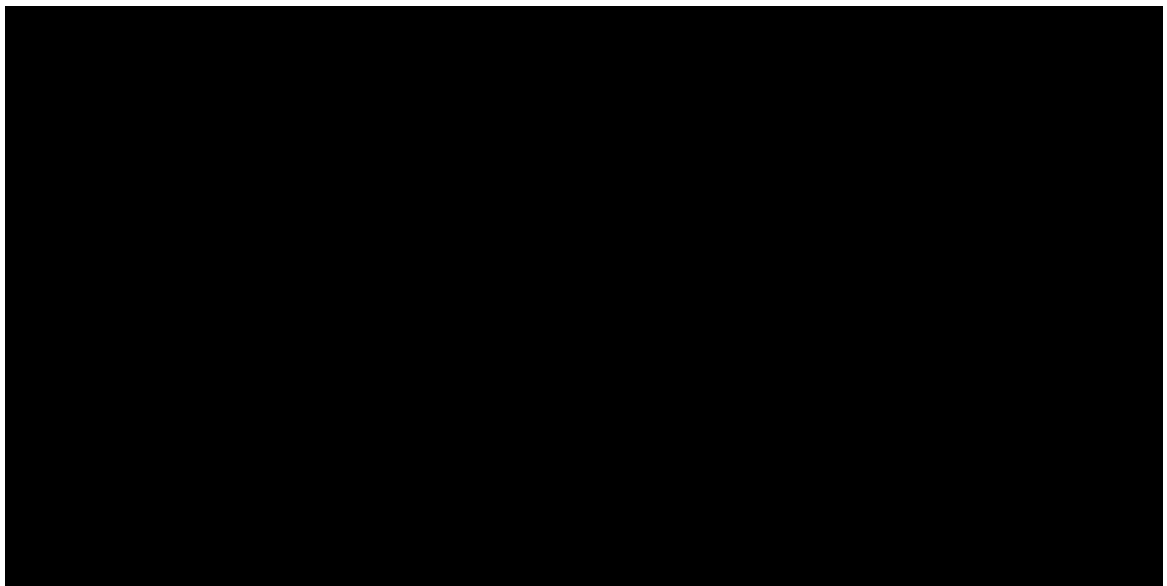


MS. RAKOCZY: I think the question is, if
Mr. Vallejo or [REDACTED] came back to the room and said, I'm
going to grab my gun --

WITNESS: Oh, no. Hell no.

MS. RAKOCZY: -- and go somewhere --

WITNESS: No. No, no, no. No, they never, ever
touched any of the firearms.



C E R T I F I C A T E

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript, to the best of our skill and ability, from my notes of this proceeding.

October 28, 2021
Date



Jacqueline Bryant
Transcriber

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