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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

INTERVIEW OF: THOMAS J. SOBOCINSKI

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Washington, D.C.

The interview in the above matter was held in room 2237, Rayburn House Office Building, commencing at 10:02 a.m.

Present: Representative Jordan.

1 conversation about, everything Ziegler and Shapley are saying is totally false, they're
2 making this stuff up?

3 A As you're probably aware that -- you know, I joined the FBI 25 years ago. I
4 joined for a reason: to protect the American people and uphold the Constitution. I've
5 been to war. My family's been in bad places. My kids have been evacuated from war
6 zones or quasi-war zones. I've been in some bad things.

7 Q This is --

8 A I've accepted that. No, no, this is important to me. And so when you ask
9 what I remember, what I not, I am solely focused on two things, and they're not mutually
10 exclusive. The first thing is, like every investigation, I want to get to a resolution in a fair,
11 apolitical way. The second thing, and it's becoming more important and more relevant,
12 is keeping my folks safe. And the part that I never expected is keeping their families
13 safe. So that, for me, is becoming more and more of a job that I have to do and take
14 away from what I was -- what I signed up to do, which was investigate and do those
15 things.

16 So when you talk about potential frustrations with communication, I am
17 personally frustrated with anything that places my employees and their families in
18 enhanced danger. Our children, their children didn't sign up for this.

19 Chairman Jordan. No, and we certainly appreciate that and your service to our
20 country. And there's no place for those kind of threats and that kind of thing. But I'll
21 just point out, [MAJORITY COUNSEL] has faced the same kind of thing when -- as ██████████
22 ██████████ a few years ago during the impeachment proceedings that Democrats brought
23 against President Trump. So no place for any of that. We appreciate what you do.

24 BY MAJORITY COUNSEL:

25 Q So again, you know, the question was, if Shapley and Ziegler are fabricating