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REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: We'll call to order this meeting of the House Special Investigative Committee on Oversight. Mr. Secretary, please call the roll.

SECRETARY CURCHIN: Barnes.

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Here.

SECRETARY CURCHIN: Phillips.

REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS: Here.

SECRETARY CURCHIN: Witter.

REPRESENTATIVE WITTER: Here.

SECRETARY CURCHIN: LaFaver.

REPRESENTATIVE LAFEVER: Here.

SECRETARY CURCHIN: Austin.

REPRESENTATIVE AUSTIN: Here.

SECRETARY CURCHIN: Rhoads.

REPRESENTATIVE RHOADS: Here.

SECRETARY CURCHIN: Pierson.

REPRESENTATIVE PIERSON: Here.

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Seven members being present. Everyone is here.

Good morning. Thank you for being here. Before we start, let me administer the oath as prescribed in the resolution creating our committee. Would you raise your right hand?
First, some preliminary questions. When did you --

counsel, if you'd like to note your presence for the record?

MR. ERNST: Thank you, Edwin C. Ernst, IV of
Sowers Ernst for Mike Hafner.

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: thank you.

Q. Mr. Hafner, when did you start working for
Eric Greitens?

A. I began work in January 2015 as a paid advisor
to Eric Greitens.

Q. Did you work for him at any point in time
prior to that in a consulting role?

A. I served as an informal advisor as a volunteer
basis throughout 2014. That relationship started in
December 2013.

Q. Can you describe that first year as an
informal advisor what was your job?

A. Essentially to introduce Eric network, help
his network among Republican donors, influencers,
appeal to a broad base of support. At the same
level, when we first met him, that kind of began the relationship. Like I said, we
first met in December 2013. He relied on us to help

he wanted to run for were -- it was always indicated to
us that it was either governor or lieutenant governor
and our conversations were geared towards him running
for a state-wide office, but my interaction with him it
was certainly a lot like how you would approach a
first-time candidate. With him it was a little bit of a
unique background because he had had a very, a very
great resume and profile for what you would want in a
candidate.

Q. Okay, let's go to the documents if you could,
just pull the one off the top, the one that has the
green sheet of paper on top labeled January 6, 2015. Do
you recognize this document?

A. Yes, that was an invitation for --

Q. Let me back up because I believe it's that the
document labeled Exhibit 3 in the bottom right corner

A. Yes.

Q. Page 1 of 24?

A. Yes.

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: For members of the
Committee, they're not labeled with numbers in your
books but they are labeled with dates.

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARNES:

Q. Do you recognize this page here of Exhibit
37?
Q. And how do you recognize this?
A. So this was a meeting that was set by Eric and his assistant. I was hired by Eric to help him with fundraising.

Q. Hold on a second. Is this a fair and accurate representation of the meeting notes you received?
A. Yes, it is.

Q. And was this sent, in fact, by Eric Greitens?
A. I do not know if it was sent by Eric. I can tell you it was either sent by Eric or his assistant.

Q. If his assistant sent it, was it sent at his direction?
A. Yes.

Q. Okay. And then the e-mail address at the top, egreitens@1@confluence.org, was that the e-mail address that Mr. Greitens used to communicate with you?
A. Not so much to communicate with me. All the meeting notices I believe came from The Mission. Continues e-mail address. He had a number of other e-mails that he communicated with. I don’t recall all of them, but there was at least a couple.

Q. Was this one of the e-mails used by Eric Greitens?
A. For the meeting notices, yes.

Q. Okay. And if Krystal Taylor set a meeting, would she have done so with the input and direction of Eric Greitens?
A. Yes.

Q. And what was Krystal’s job title?
A. I believe it was vice president. She -- When I first met Krystal in 2015 -- sorry, in 2014, I believe her job title was his personal assistant. At some point, I don’t know exactly when, she was made vice president of the Greitens Group.

Q. Can you explain how she operated -- I'm sorry. Let me back up. Did she operate as an executive assistant -- in sort of an executive assistant role to Mr. Greitens?
A. Yes. Setting the schedule, setting meeting times, phone calls, everything.

Q. Would you describe her as a free agent within the Greitens Group or as someone who worked at the direction of Eric Greitens?
A. At the direction of Eric Greitens.

Q. This meeting notice was sent out Tuesday, January 6 at 1:57 p.m. I want to direct you to page 2 of exhibit 3. Do you recognize this?
A. I do.

Q. And what is this?

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A. So this is one of the first e-mails that I was provided when I became an official paid staffer of Eric's, and I was supplied the four donor lists that they had that they presume had been using in some capacity.

Q. And who sent this e-mail? What e-mail address was this sent from?
A. Krystal Taylor's.

Q. Was that an e-mail address she regularly used to communicate with you and others?
A. Yes, I believe it is the only one she used to communicate with me and others.

Q. Did Mr. Taylor send this e-mail as a free agent or do you believe she would have sent that at the direction of Mr. Greitens?
A. At the direction of Mr. Greitens.

Q. Okay. And there are four attachments to these e-mails. Can you explain what each of those are?
A. Yes, so the first attachment, the All donors 2,000 total and up as of 5/1/16, that was provided to me and communicated that that was The Mission Continues list which was Mr. Greitens' former charity.

Q. Whose idea was it to use The Mission Continues list?
A. I don't recall exactly whose idea it was. I just know that -- I didn't know any of these lists existed. However, I was supplied them in one of the first days I was officially employed at Eric's or Mr. Greitens'.

Q. Was it your decision to use them?
A. It wasn't my decision. I know that was one of the main lists that we used to create a fundraising plan and call list for Mr. Greitens.

Q. Prior to this e-mail, did you have access to any list of donors to The Mission Continues?
A. I did not.

Q. There's a Danny Laub on this e-mail as well, who's Danny Laub?
A. Danny Laub was a political consultant that Eric had hired at some point in fall of 2014. I had known Danny from years prior. We went to the same college. He was a little bit younger than I was. We had a preexisting relationship before both working for Mr. Greitens, and he essentially was serving as Eric's campaign manager at the time.

In December, I set up -- he set up meetings with me to discuss the campaign and a potential role for me in Eric's campaign.

If I could state something really quick. The e-mail that -- obviously it says The Mission Continues
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1. I did not at the time know that that was direct
2. property of the charity. Even though it obviously says
3. it, I was unaware that that had -- I have no idea where
4. it originated from. The press reports say it was the
5. charity's e-mail list, but at the time I did not know
6. that that was direct property of the Mission Continues.
7. Q. Was it your idea to take the Mission Continues
8. list?
9. A. It was not my idea certainly to use it. I
didn't know it existed before this e-mail. It was an
e-mail list, a contact list that we utilized in the
first -- in January.
10. Q. By 'we,' who is we?
11. A. Mr. Greitens and myself.
12. Q. Was Danny Laub ever an employee of the Mission
Continues, to your knowledge?
13. A. To my knowledge, no.
14. Q. And briefly can you explain what the other
three attachments are?
15. A. So I believe the EG Finance Prospects -- so
the EG Finance Prospects and the fundraising tracker, I
don't recall exactly what was in those documents. I
believe one of those was just people Eric had met
throughout 2016, potential donors, some national people
that he had been referred to. I know one of those

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documents was that. I don't know exactly which one.
Q. Okay.
A. And I think one of the other fundraising
trackers -- to my knowledge, the other fundraising
tracker or the finance prospects was a list that was
created by a gentleman that Eric had been working with.
a national fundraiser named Mason Fink.

Q. Okay. The EG Finance Prospects, that's
the one that was Mason Fink's list. He supplied that to
the campaign. The fundraising tracker, yeah, that was
the list that had people that -- donors, influencers,
that just Eric had come across through different
contacts. The Schweich list, I don't know how they
acquired that list, but it was Tor Schweich's
fundraising list which had to be created internally in
the Schweich campaign, but I don't know how they
acquired it.
Q. To be clear for the record, these documents,
you provided these documents to this Committee pursuant
to a subpoena sent to you; is that correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And so these come from your own records; is
that correct?
A. Yes.
Q. They are records you used in the process of

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working for and at the direction of Eric Greitens?
Q. Ask you to turn to the next page which is page
3, Attachment No. 1 and then pages 4 through 24. If you
could take a moment to review these. So we're clear,
you sent this to the Committee in the form of an Excel
spreadsheet. We turned this on its side so that it
could all fit on one page.
A. Yes.
Q. Do you recognize this?
A. I do.
Q. And what is this?
A. This is what was described to me as The
Mission Continues list.
Q. Is it a fair and accurate representation of
what you were sent in that e-mail as the Mission
Continues list?
A. Yes. To clarify, the attachment No. 2 on page
16, that's part of the same list.
Q. That's correct. How many -- Do you recall how
many tabs there were?
A. There was three. There was one of Individual
donors which is the first attachment, and then the
document listed as attachment No. 2 is I believe the
foundation tab, and the last -- if there's another

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attachment in here, there was another tab of
corporations and companies.
Q. And do you recall anything about the meeting
on January 77
A. So there were two meetings that we had,
fundraising meetings in January, finance meetings. I
don't recall exactly which of those two meetings we went
through this list. It might have been both of them.
But at least in one of those meetings we went through
the list, the attachments from that e-mail except the
Schweich list, I don't recall ever going through the
Schweich list, but I worked with Mr. Greitens through
the list to identify donor prospects for him to contact.
Q. When you say the list, you mean -- restate
what you just said. You worked with Mr. Greitens
through The Mission Continues list to identify
donors to contact to donate to the political campaign.
A. Yes. And most of these donors -- I've been a
political consultant, worked on campaigns for a number
of years on the Republican side. Most of The Mission
Continues donors I was not familiar with. There was
some overlap with your general Republican donors, but a
lot of them I encountered for the first time on that
list. In those meetings Eric gave me notes on specific
donors. And of course, donors were selected based on
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1. their ability to give which is denoted in the list of
2. their lifetime giving history to The Mission Continues.
3. So there were specific names obviously that were
4. selected from that specific donor list that I received
5. notes on and further leads and people to reach out to
6. which came directly from Mr. Greltens.
7. Q. Did you -- Can you explain the notes that made
8. the notes in the far right-hand column? I presume this
9. was being sent to you, Do you know who made those
10. notes? So for example, on page 6 of 24, there's a note
11. that says family of [redacted] (phonetic spelling.)
12. A. Sure, it is -- it's possible --
13. Q. If you don't know who made that column,
14. A. I do not know exactly. Some of these I have
15. no recollection of. Now there's some other notes on
16. here that I possibly could have made at the time of
17. going through this list with Eric, but some of these
18. notes don't ring any -- I don't have any
19. recollection of making. Most of the notes that I took
20. regarding this list were taken on a notepad and then I
21. transferred them -- I typed them then on a computer.
22. Q. Okay. If you could tell those together in
23. order, we will set those to the side. Now, I want to
24. ask you about -- Are you on what's labeled January 19,
25. 2015?

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1. notes and action items from things I send them to my
2. inbox so I can organize them better. It's just
3. something that helps me. So they're notes that I took.
4. They're action items that I took from our meeting with
5. Mr. Greltens.
6. Q. And can you explain to the Committee the
7. second line what that is in regards to?
8. A. The second line, there was an individual.
9. Q. Let's state what the line says for the record.
10. Line says meeting with Lindsey Hedges and Kristy Taylor
11. regarding the contribution list. Meet with sometime
12. this week. What was that about?
13. A. So after going through the Mission Continues
14. donor list, at some point during the process Mr.
15. Greltens didn't recall a number of names from the list
16. and I was directed -- he directed me to set up a meeting
17. with Lindsey Hedges who was indicated that she was
18. either a current employee or a former employee of The
19. Mission Continues. And Eric indicated that she would
20. have more extensive information on many of the donors
21. from the list and that I needed to reach out to her to
22. go over the list with her.
23. I never met with Lindsey. I don't recall ever
24. reaching out to her, but it's possible I could have.
25. But to my knowledge, I don't think she ever came into

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1. A. Yes.
2. Q. If you could turn to the next page, I believe
3. that's labeled exhibit 4. Is that correct?
4. A. Mine is not labeled. It does have an exhibit
5. but it does not say 4.
6. Q. Let's label that one exhibit 4. If you have a
7. pen.
8. A. (The witness complied.)
9. Q. Okay. Do you recognize this?
10. A. I do.
11. Q. And what is this?
12. A. This was an invitation for another fundraising
13. meeting with Mr. Greltens.
14. Q. Was Mr. Greltens present in both the fundraising
15. meeting and the fundraising meeting mentioned in exhibit 3?
16. A. Yes.
17. Q. Okay. And did that meeting, in fact, occur on
18. January 19, 2015?
19. A. To my knowledge, yes.
20. Q. I'd like you to turn to page 2. Do you
21. recognize this and what is this?
22. A. I do. This is an e-mail that I sent to myself
23. on January 19. Just personally the way I organize
24. things it's all done through my e-mail. So on specific

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1. the office, and I certainly never met with her
2. personally to go over the list.
3. Q. Do you know why at this point in time?
4. A. I don't -- I don't -- I don't know why, why
5. that meeting was never set.
6. Q. Can you explain to the Committee the layout of
7. the office in which you were working with -- Did Kristy
8. Taylor work in the same office space?
9. A. She did.
10. Q. Did Danny Laub work in the same office space?
11. A. Yes.
12. Q. Did Eric Greltens work in the same office
13. space?
14. A. Yes.
15. Q. Was there anyone else who worked in that
16. office space?
17. A. There was --
18. Q. On a regular -- let me back up. Was there
19. anyone else who worked in that office space on a regular
20. basis?
21. A. There were two individuals that worked in
22. there on a regular basis. One who was solely doing
23. Greltens Group tasks, a gentleman by the name of Chris
24. Bobak. Then there was his father who also worked out of
25. the same space regularly, not everyday but multiple days
Q. Do that Mark Bobak?
A. Yes.
Q. Okay. Can you describe the set-up of this office space?
A. It was the first floor of a converted home in the central west end located on west pine. They had just moved in there sometime in the fall of 2014. They had access to the upper floors as well as the basement. And when you walked in the office to the right -- when you walked into the first floor from the street, there was a space between the left wall where danny and i worked in an office along with Mark Bobak. I'm sorry if i said that incorrectly. To the left was where danny and i worked out of an office and then also to the left was a conference room which is what Mr. Greitens worked out of.
Q. Okay. So this is on the first floor of the home. There's a common hallway between these spaces. Is this the type of space where if you needed something from another lawyer that basically others could hear your conversations in your office?
A. Yes.
Q. So it's a -- would you describe it as a sort of open office setting where everyone could hear.

Q. So is there a number on that exhibit?
A. There is not.
Q. If i could now direct you to -- if we could put that one away -- to January 28, 2015. And is there a number on that exhibit?
A. I do.
Q. What is this?
A. This was an email thread that started because i was working on building some call lists for Mr. Greitens and there was contact information that i needed that i didn't have, numbers and some other. you know, emails and maybe some notes that -- but basically just contact information, and sales force was the contact management system that Mr. Greitens used for the Greitens Group.
Q. Was this his account eric@greitensgroup.com?
A. To my knowledge, yes.
Q. Okay. And did you input information about the
time, correct? You used them in some fashion to create
something else, correct?
A. Yes.
Q. Okay. But what you sent us in response to our
subpoena are the documents as they were sent to you on
those particular dates and time?
A. Yes.
Q. And you did not alter them in any form or
fashion before sending them to us as they were received
by you on those dates and times?
A. I think I’m not sure how to exactly answer
that because those lists I would have saved on my own to
my computer. So if you can -- so in terms of that, they
were altered because they saved them.
Q. You saved them. Your alteration -- To the
extent that you were testifying that you altered them,
it was to the extent you pressed the save button on your
computer?
A. Yes.
Q. You did not insert new things into them?
A. No.
Q. You didn’t delete items from them?
A. No.
Q. Okay. You just hit the save button to your
own hard drive, correct?

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1 A. Yes. Now, as I said earlier on the specific
Mission Continues list, some of those notes it’s
possible but not likely that some of those notes were
mine in the column; but in terms of actually adding to
the list or deleting anything, that did not occur.
Q. I now direct you to February 2. I think that
has six pages. If you could put that to the side. And
if you could turn to the first page there. Does that
have an exhibit number on it?
A. It does.
Q. Okay. We’re going to remunerate. We’re on 6.
MR. ERNST: If I may. Give me just one second
to clarify something that you’re asking him. I think it
will make it go a little smoother.
BY REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Okay.
Q. Is that -- I’m sorry. Are we on 6? Can you
mark that as Exhibit 6. Do you recognize this?
A. Yes.
Q. And what is this?
A. This was a finance plan, a fundraising plan
for Mr. Greitens’ campaign that I developed based on the
lists that I received and also input from Mr. Greitens.
Q. Okay. I want to ask you about this paragraph.
Let me read the paragraph. It says it is more

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1 complicated than running a regular --
THE COURT REPORTER: I’m sorry. Could you
read a little bit slower.
BY REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Yes, I can.
Q. Let’s scratch where I started. I’ll go
slower. To whom did you send this e-mail?
A. To Danny Laub.
Q. And was this processed at the direction and
service of Mr. Greitens?
A. Yes.
Q. Okay. Now, here’s what the paragraph says,
and I quote; it is more complicated than running a
regular fundraising program because the majority of our
plan is based on engaging a whole new group of
non-traditional donors that I will only have a limited
background research on, hence why I need Mr.
c’s guidance one more time on these donors and then we can get
rocking. Can you explain what you mean by that long
sentence?
A. So Mr. Greitens coming from the background of
being the CEO of the Mission continues, as well as not
being familiar with many Republican donors in the state
or donors that generally would give to Republicans in
Missouri, he was engaging in a completely

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1 non-traditional group of donors and would rely on a
completely different group of donors than other
Republicans in his position running for a state-wide
office. And so what I meant by this paragraph was that
I really needed more background information on some of
the donors in order to put together a call list, a
solicitation list for Mr. Greitens to work through, and
many of these donors were people that he would only --
he would have known through the charity and so I needed
his first-hand knowledge of his relationship with other
pertinent information regarding these donors.
Q. Did you sit down with him with information
from the Mission Continues to go through these donors
and learn more about them?
A. Yes.
Q. How would you describe Mr. Greitens’ political
outlook at this time, at this time? By “at this time,”
I mean February 2015 and the months prior.
A. Sure. Still very new. He was occupied with
some other things at the time as well including a book
that he had just written that was planned for launch.
Q. Let me back you up because I think you heard
my question one way and I meant it the other. I’m going
to the non-traditional & donor part of your sentence, I
think you’re thinking of the question prognostication of

That's a major issue when you're going out to solicit

donors when you can't tell them why you're running in
the party that you're running in.

Q. What do you believe his motivations were at
the time based on your meetings with him and

conversations with him?

A. In terms of the office that he wanted to run

for or his ambition?

Q. In terms of what moved him to be in this race

and to hire you in the first place.

A. It was solely his ambition for the highest

office in the state for governor.

Q. How many candidates do you think you've worked

with over the last decade?

A. At least ten personally. In a much broader

scale, a lot more than that. I wouldn't know the exact

number. I worked for a consulting firm that advised

different party committees and things like that where I

worked with a number of candidates.

Q. In terms of candidates being driven by core

ideological beliefs, where would you rank Mr. Greitens

on the scale of every candidate you've worked for?

A. Very, very low on a scale, on an ideological

scale.

Q. Did you have a belief that he was a blank

slate in January or February of 2015?

A. I was extremely skeptical of his conservative

beliefs at the time.

Q. Are we on exhibit 67?

A. Whether he was a blank slate or not, again, my

previous experience with him, what I had heard and

knowing some of his background from other individuals

about him looking at running for office as a Democrat in

years prior, there wasn't a blank slate per se but I

believed up until the point he started talking to us and

talking about running as a Republican that he was a

Democrat.

Q. I'd like to direct you to page 7 of this

exhibit. This is also from February 2, 2015. This is

also to Mr. Laub, correct?

A. Uh-huh.

Q. It describes a list that's listed as Draft 1,

very creative name. We've attached that herein. Are

these fedr and accurate representations both of the

e-mails that you sent to Mr. Laub and of the attachment

you sent to him?

A. Yes.

Q. And did you create these?

A. Yes.

Q. In the course and scope of your employment for

Mr. Greitens and at the direction of Mr. Greitens?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. You state in the e-mail you weren't

sure if he had made calls from this list. Do you know

if he later made calls using this list?

A. To my knowledge, he did. There are some

documents that I believe have been withheld from the

committee that would indicate that he did make calls

using the list.

MR. ERNST: Just for the record, there is the

potential for attorney/client privileged documents as it

pertains to Mr. Greitens or his campaign. Out of an

abundance of caution because there are multiple

investigations ongoing, including with the Attorney

General's office and circuit attorney in St. Louis who's

conducting a criminal investigation, we have attempted

to segregate those documents out subject to further

review and determination about whether they are

privileged. We have no opinion about whether they're

privileged. Once that process plays out and if it's
determined that they're not privileged and you would

like further testimony from Mr. Hafner, we'll be happy

to provide it at that time. So he's going to stay away

from any topic that would require him to disclose

communications that may have involved attorneys
Q. If I could direct you to page 9 of this exhibit and the notes herein. It’s kind of cool to see George W. Bush’s name on this list. This note column, if you look at the second row.
A. Uh-huh.
Q. It says WMC $1,000 donor. And did you pull out that note column through -- in conjunction with review of The Mission Continues list?
A. Yes.
Q. Was it also in conjunction with conversations with Mr. Gretens?
A. Yes.
Q. That would be true of this entire column in this entire document, correct?
A. Yes, yes.
Q. Now direct you to February 5, 2015. If I could have you label this as Exhibit 7. And you describe what Exhibit 7 is.
A. It appears to be the first call list that I developed for Mr. Gretens.

A. No.
Q. Is this a fair and accurate representation of the e-mail as you sent it with the attachment as you sent it to Mr. Gretens?
A. Yes.
Q. You’ve not altered it in any form or fashion?
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Q. And that is data you pulled from the Mission Continues list, is that correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And at the request and working with Mr. Gretens?
A. Yes.
Q. And the same would be true of everywhere else in this database where it is listed as TMC and an amount?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you know approximately how much money was raised by the Gretens campaign from Mission Continues donors?
A. I do not know the approximate amount. I know it was substantial.
Q. Do you believe it to be over a million dollars?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you believe it to be around $2 million?
A. I don't want to speculate. I know that's what one of the press accounts said on it. I do not know.
Q. Of course the documents will speak for themselves. We have public records reports to do this. I'm going to hand you another exhibit. If you could

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and that is based on my knowledge of the fundraising of the Mission Continues charity which raised in excess of $10 million a year. And based on your first-hand experience, did the campaign receive the list from Daniel Laub?
A. No.
Q. In fact, your e-mail shows it was received from Krystal Taylor at the direction of Eric Gretens, correct?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you know why Mr. Laub would agree to state that he had given that contribution?
A. I can only speculate on that. I do not know the exact reason why.
Q. Have you spoken to Mr. Laub about it?
A. I have not spoken to Mr. Laub since March 2015.
Q. Do you know what Mr. Laub -- how long he lasted with the campaign?
A. I don't know the exact time of his separation with the campaign. It was in the fall of 2015.
Q. Do you have any idea where he worked after leaving the campaign?
A. I just know where he works now. I don't know what he did in between. I had heard that he had worked on a congressional race or something in Michigan, but I don't have any direct knowledge.
Q. You never talked to Mr. Laub after leaving the campaign; is that correct?
A. No. Last time I spoke to him was the day of our separation in March of 2015.
Q. And after leaving the Gretens campaign, did you work for any other campaigns in 2016?
A. Yes. I worked for John Brunner starting in August of 2015, and then I worked for Kurt Schaefer in 2016. I believe those were the only two campaigns I had a role on the rest of that cycle.
Q. Did you work for Mr. Brunner through the primary in 2016?
A. I did.
Q. And for Mr. Schaefer through the primary in 2016?
A. Yes.
Q. In those months between January and March, did you have any discussions with Mr. Gretens about how the campaign may conceal the source of donations?
A. not directly to that topic, but he directed me to have conversations with donors who intended to raise significant amounts of money and conceal the identity of those donors.
Q. Do you recall who those donors were?
   A. There was one in particular, an individual by the name of Monu Joseph. He was in California. To my recollection, I had two phone conversations with him. There was some e-mail traffic as well which has been withheld due to privilege from Mr. Greitens’ end. He contributed early to the campaign in the form of some LLCs that he had in California, and I discussed with Monu -- he wanted to discuss with me how the campaign was going to bundle contributions and conceal the identity of donors.

Q. Who is Monu Joseph? What’s the nature of his business? I assume he owns a business?
   A. I believe he does.

Q. Do you know what the nature of that business is?
   A. No, but I was led to believe it was something in real estate, and there were two contributions early on to Mr. Greitens campaign that came from Monu. One had an odd name like Gray Income LLC or Gray Income Property or something like that, but there were two early conversations -- there were two early contributions from him that didn’t have his name on it.
   They came from LLCs, but I don’t know the nature of those businesses.

Q. Where were those LLCs located?
   A. I believe they were located in California.

Q. Were they created for the purpose of making a contribution?
   A. I do not know.

Q. If you were provided with a campaign finance disclosure statement from the Greitens campaign for the first six months of 2015, do you believe you’d be able to identify the LLCs attached to --
   A. Yes.

Q. Okay, we may follow up.

A. Well, I think they might even be in this exhibit if this is from that time period.

Q. That is an amended period. So we’ll take a break at some point if you want to review those rather than have you look down as the Committee is staring at you, were there any other individuals with whom you had contact who were discussing ways to conceal donations?
   A. Yes. Again, I think the information on that would be withheld.

Q. Were there any other individuals with whom you had conversations who were not lawyers and there were not lawyers present in the room when you were having discussions about concealing the identity of donors?
   A. No.

Q. So you had conversations with Mr. Greitens, correct?
   A. Uh-huh.

Q. You’ve got to use yes or no.
   A. Yes.

Q. And that was about -- one of those conversations was about concealing the identity of a donor?
   A. It was about reaching out to specific donors who were intending to raise a lot of money and wanting to know how to do it.

Q. Okay. Mr. Joseph. Do you have any other names of donors who intended to do so through a route of concealment?
   A. There was one other individual named Alex Rogers. He was a gentleman I never had any direct conversations with him, but I was led to believe that he lived overseas. He was intending to raise a lot of money and wanted to know how to do it.

Q. From whom was he going to raise money?
   A. I don’t -- we didn’t get that far in conversations or anything. I never spoke to him directly, there was e-mail traffic that indicates all of that, but that would be withheld.

Q. Were there any conversations about receiving donations from foreign nationals?
   A. Yes.

Q. Were those conversations surrounding Mr. Rogers?
   A. Yes. I was led to believe that he was one of the people. There was another conversation with Monu that I had where Monu said that he had -- that he had a bunch of friends from Oxford. I believe that was Monu’s connection to Eric, that they had met while at Oxford, and Monu indicated that there was a number of people that would contribute to Mr. Greitens’ campaign.

Q. Were these British donors or do you know what nationality?
   A. No. I do not know.

Q. Where is Mr. Rogers’ neighborhood? I’m sorry, I couldn’t resist. I’m sorry.

Do you know what country Mr. Rogers is a resident of?
   A. I believe him to be British.

Q. Okay.
   A. I don’t know -- I do not know where he lived at the time. I knew he lived overseas, but I don’t recall where he was from.
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Q. Based on your work on that campaign, do you believe that, in fact, there was a strategy employed to conceal donors?
A. I believe that was an intention of the campaign's early on.

Q. Do you believe it was carried out?
A. Yes.

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: I believe I'll hand it over to my vice-chair. Do you want to take a short break to prepare?
REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS: Not to prepare.
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Let's take a short break. We'll come back in approximately ten minutes.
(RECESS WAS TAKEN.)
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Back from break.

Re: REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS: Thank you.
Questions by REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS:

Q. Don Phillips, State Representative of District 138 which is near Branson, Table Rock Lake. Why did you leave the Eric Greitens campaign?

A. I didn't hear that discussed at all. I'm not sure why you left.

Q. So a number of consultants that I have professional relationships with had indicated to Eric.

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Mr. Greitens, that if he ran for governor that they would not be -- they would not have a role on his campaign for governor. And because of my professional relationship with those consultants, in the days that they had that conversation with Mr. Greitens, Danny Laub asked me to come into his office when I got in in the morning and he said that they were severing -- they had made the decision to sever all ties with those consultants and that Eric was 100 percent focused on running for governor and he had ruled out any other potential office to run for and because of, as I said, because of my relationship with those consultants, they wanted to take a, quote, strategic pause on my relationship with Mr. Greitens and his campaign.

It was never indicated that a separation was permanent at the time. Danny Laub, Mr. Greitens' attorney and Mr. Greitens himself all told me that at some point if things changed, if the dynamics of the primary had changed they would love to bring me back on. Mr. Greitens himself told me that I would make a great employee in the governor's office some day. It was an amicable separation as it could have been.

Q. Okay. So in your mind was there a political conflict of interest on your part? Is that the way they saw it maybe?

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A. They saw a conflict of interest because the relationships I had with other consultants. As it was said earlier, I did end up going to work for John Brunner. That wasn't until months later in August of that year. In their mind, because I had had a relationship with other consultants that had known John and had worked with John, that there was a conflict in their mind but at the time I never had a conversation with John Brunner that I recall. I had no professional relationship with him or anything else.

Q. So you left on a good basis?
A. As good as it could have been, yeah.

Q. Now, when you worked for Brunner and Schaefer's campaign, did you experience the same procedures with them when it came to fundraising as far as hiding donors? Is that just typical in politics behind closed doors to try and hide donors? Did you experience that in the other two campaigns? Can you comment on that?
A. I did not experience that in either of the campaigns I had a role on. The candidates I've worked for I've not experienced that either.

Q. Okay. So this was unique to Greitens campaign as far as your knowledge goes?
A. Yes and no. In my experience with candidates and my personal experience, it was unique. There are other candidates that operate in that fashion.

Q. Okay, I was just curious about your part. Now, what's the purpose -- Educate me a little on the purpose of conceal donors. I mean why would a person want to do that running for a high profile job?
A. Sure, there's a number of reasons for it. I think from a candidate's perspective it's they don't want to be seen as being purchased by a particular donor if they're giving massive amounts of money. I know it's legal -- or it was legal at the time in Missouri, there weren't any contribution limits to give a million dollars to a specific candidate, but I think the exposure certainly is one both from the candidate side and from the donor side. They don't want to be seen as influencing a certain candidate. They might have business before the state. There might be a legitimate conflict. And I think there's a number of reasons for why you'd want to keep from a candidate perspective and from a donor's perspective. I'm not going to argue on the legitimacy or why you know, people should or should not operate in that manner.

Q. Do you have an opinion about why Eric Greitens particularly wanted to hide the donors?
A. Again, I don't really want to speculate on
something like that. I don’t know what his motivation specifically was.

Q. All right. There’s been a term tossed around called dark money when it comes to the Greitens campaign. Are you comfortable describing what you think dark money is?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. Would you describe that to me because I don’t know that I totally understand what it is, I’ve got an idea.

A. Sure. I believe it to be a way that donors exert influence in campaigns without having to conceal their identity — without having to disclose their identities. It happens for a number of reasons. I think yeah, I believe it’s an effort to not be transparent with who’s funding particular issues or candidates.

Q. So it’s fair to say it’s people that have a considerable amount of money and therefore they have some influence as well probably due to the amount of money that they’re putting into the fundraising efforts?

A. Generally. Yes. However, everyone has the ability to give to some of these ghost corporations and LLCs and other things that in turn can provide money to a state Little PAC like in Missouri or operate outside of the normal campaign finance structure. But yeah, you could give $50 or you could give $500,000 or $5 million.

Q. Were you ever aware of any conversations that specifically mentioned the Ethics Commission and not reporting accurately to them, trying to hide money from them specifically?

A. I don’t recall any conversations to that effect. No.

Q. Would you describe yourself as an honest person?

A. Yes.

Q. Would your acquaintances agree with that, as far as you know?

A. Yes. As far as I know, yes.

Q. Not just your friends but acquaintances as well?

A. I work in politics so everybody has enemies in politics.

Q. Broader definition, isn’t it?

A. Yes.

Q. My last question to you is what is your motive for providing us with this particular information, the emails, records of your emails, the records of the donors? What prompted you or what drives you to share that information with us?

A. I think a number of things. In campaigns, I do believe in transparency. On another level, I know what the truth is and I had always assumed that this issue would come back up when I saw the consent form from the SEC. It’s not easy for me to be here. I am a Republican campaign consultant, and I think this is a very serious and somber time for our state, but my motivation is — it’s not the money or anything else. I’m paying for my own attorneys. Probably the only — may be the only one that doesn’t have a defense fund on this. But my motivation is I believe in good government. That’s what drove me to get in politics in the first place. I believe in working for good candidates that align with my political philosophy and the same principles that I have.

Q. So you have no axe to grind with Eric Greitens? You’re not attempting to get back at him in any way or anything like that?

A. No. You know, it hurts me with some of my clients that I’m here if they knew I was testifying. I advise some pro-business PACs and I am a registered lobbyist. I lobby for a Senate right group that advocates for labor reform and other premarket reforms, education reform and some other things. Yeah, it probably — I mean it hurts me professionally if they know that I’m here testifying against the sitting governor of our party.

MR. ERNST: And I should also clarify for the record just so it’s clear. The documents that are provided and the testimony today were pursuant to a subpoena from this committee which compelled the production of those documents and his testimony.

REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS: Right, and I understand that, but I think there had to be some conversations prior to that than just occurred out of the clear blue. I think there had to be some agreement if there were documents available if a subpoena had ever been issued. Would that be fair to say?

MR. ERNST: I can’t speak to that. I don’t know how the committee determined that. Mr. Hafner, my client, should be subject to a subpoena. but again, it was in response to and as compelled by that subpoena that he provided the information.

REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS: All right. Thanks, thank you, Mr. Chair.

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Representative Witten.

QUESTIONS BY REPRESENTATIVE WITTEN:

Q. Good morning. I’m Gita Witten. I’m from St. Louis County. My district is the 83rd that represents both parts of St. Louis City and St. Louis County. Could you briefly describe your campaign experience?
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You said you've been in this business for a number of years, I don't necessarily need the whole candidates but, you know, how many years and in what roles?
A. Sure. I'll give you a quick 30-second rundown.
Q. The pitch.
A. I got my start with Governor Matt Blunt's campaign in 2004. In college took a semester off, worked for US Senator Jim Talent, worked for Sarah Steelman and the state party in 2008, state Republican party as coalitions director. I worked for a business civic group in St. Louis called the Regional Business Council for a year and ten months, and then I worked on a number of campaigns starting with then Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder in 2011-2012 and a number of other campaigns until 2015 when I worked for -- when I began work for Mr. Greitens.
Q. And in your role working for these prior candidates or campaigns, what would -- well, had you done fundraising for those prior campaigns?
A. Yes.
Q. How many years sort of fundraising? I'm going to get this question out one way or the other. How many years did you work as a fundraiser or perform that function for political campaigns prior to January 2015?

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A. My first experience in fundraising for a candidate was in 2008.
Q. Okay.
A. Since then, yeah, it's always been a role that I've had. Not the direct role that I've had but I've managed and directed every department of the campaign whether it's grassroots, fundraising, communications.
Q. Is it fair to say that starting in 2008 fundraising was at least one if not a primary component of your work as a --
A. Yes.
Q. -- political advisor throughout from 2008 to 2015 or '14?
A. Yes.
Q. Okay. Thank you. Then in your work when performing the fundraising aspects -- let me ask this first.
where you were hired by Mr. Greitens, was fundraising your primary role or was what was your role and what duties were encompassed in that title?
A. I was led to believe that I was brought on to coordinate fundraising for his campaign. In my experience, I was an adviser on numerous other issues, including policy development, some communications work, just general political stuff.

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Q. Right. Isn't it fair to say that even if your primary duty is fundraising, folks in that position would generally be involved in some of these other more policy?
A. Yes.
Q. Right?
A. Yes.
Q. Because part of fundraising is being able to provide a message to the potential donor?
A. Absolutely.
Q. In your fundraising experience outside of your work for Governor Greitens, was it traditional to pull from a charitable list?
A. No, that's not my experience with any candidates I've ever worked for.
Q. Is it fair to say the time from January to March of 2015 while you worked for Greitens, that's the only time in your political employment history in which you pulled from a list owned or maintained by a charitable organization?
A. Yes.
Q. Can you just sort of give a little bit of understanding about how does this work in that not necessarily for Mr. Greitens but, okay, I'm going to come and I'm going to do fundraising for you. The first thing we're going to do is pull some lists. What is sort of the traditional method by which you would pull lists or what expectations would you have from the candidate or campaign to support in that endeavor?
A. Sure. Well, for me personally you build a fundraising plan and you have a goal that's set based on how much money you need to win your campaign. From that you develop a plan. You select prospects for the candidate to solicit and build numbers around that. And selecting prospects is generally based on their ability to give, how you determine that is a lot from their previous donor history. You all know donors that have given to previous campaigns or active in politics are the ones that are likely to give in future elections and future candidates.
So it's a process of selecting those prospects, building the fundraising plan and then your direct outreach.
Q. Then making the calls?
A. Yes.
Q. Where do these lists come from? In other words, obviously the candidate or, you know, the candidate or the stakeholders to the campaign, they're going to start with their own Rolodexes and all that kind of stuff?
Q. Right. And it's not just the data, it's also the relationships?
A. Absolutely.
Q. That again is part of the value of hiring an experienced fundraiser is they're going to be able to bring to the campaign that data, those relationships and the general information about what the pitch looks like I guess would be the way to say it?
A. Absolutely. They'll have an understanding of what drives specific donors to give to a candidate or to a cause.
Q. Right. So if a fundraiser or campaign needed to reach beyond those networks, do you purchase lists?
A. I have never purchased a list, but that's certainly possible for some candidates.
Q. Do you know how one would determine the value of a list that was purchased?
A. I do not.
Q. So in your testimony earlier that the value of the Mission Continues list would be in excess of $600, what qualifies you to render that opinion I guess?
A. In my personal experience, a list that is developed and maintained over six years potentially, that involves a lot of staff work, a lot of just maintaining contact information, cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses, as well as providing a list, a lifetime contribution list. Most of the time we'll go through an NEC report and pull off but you still have to find contact information.
Q. Right.
A. Valuing it at over $600, I don't know what the exact value would be, but in my personal experience a list that raises in excess of millions of dollars a year, $10 million a year would be pretty valuable to me.
Q. Is it something that a lot of folks would want to get their hands on?
A. A lot of candidates, absolutely.
Q. Right. And also that value would be combined from again sort of the manpower of creating it, the manpower of maintaining it and whatsoever?
A. Sure, yeah.
Q. Would you say that a list like that is similar in value or operation to any business's list of clients or customers?
A. Can you ask that question again?
Q. Well, for instance, if I'm ABC Widget Company and I sell widgets to a thousand different businesses across the country, XYZ Widget Company might be very interested in knowing who my customers were, what the details of that relationship, the cost, the amount of sales I make, is a donor list sort of a similar function, donor list functions to a campaign similar to the way that a customer or client list would function to a business? Is that a fair assessment?
A. Yes, And I can give a good example of that. If a candidate like Jason Kander who had a military background had a list of people that were sympathetic to causes involving veterans and the military, I believe that a candidate like Jason Kander would really like to have a list like that available to him,
Q. Oh, I can imagine, that's certainly fair to say. Representative Phillips sort of touched on this as well, but it's your understanding that bundling is, or I'm calling it secret bundling, is or is not sort of a traditional thing to do or does it really just depend on the candidate?
A. Bundling is something that a lot of candidates do at the national level.
Q. Right.
A. A donor comes in with a pledge to raise $350,000. They have five other donors that are going to give 10,000. It is a general thing. But normally with federal candidates and with state candidates it's done in the open, it's reportable.
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1. Q. Right. So in other words, if I were to say
2. I'm going to raise, I'm trying to think of a candidate,
3. I'm going to raise $10,000 for Jay Nixon, we'll say
4. somebody that's not in the game, I just tell Jay, okay,
5. I got $1,000 from Sally and I got $5,000 from Joe and I
6. got another $2,500 from Missy and another $1,500 from
7. Karen and that's my $10,000 here. But it would be
8. reported to the FEC — stop that. That's what we mean
9. by bundling so that we're all clear about the
10. definition?
11. A. Yes.
12. Q. And, in turn, those checks would go to the Nixon
13. campaign from Sally and whatever, Karen?
14. A. Uh-huh.
15. Q. So that correct?
17. Q. And then in turn the Nixon campaign would
18. report to the Ethics Commission the $10,000 from Sally --
19. I've lost track of the names.
20. A. Yes.
21. Q. Each of those individual contributions, so
22. although the Nixon campaign would know that I was
23. responsible for collecting those donations or getting
24. them, it would be completely transparent to the rest
25. of the world by virtue of filing ethics campaign filings,

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1. A. Yes. Generally it's not -- yeah, it's a
2. freedom group.
3. Q. Is it another PAC?
4. A. Sure.
5. Q. That's not required to disclose -- I guess it
6. would have to be a state PAC. It would have to be a
7. federal PAC.
8. A. I'm not an attorney. I don't know how they do
9. it.
10. Q. I am an attorney and I don't get it honestly.
11. A. They do it in a way that conceals donors.
12. Q. Right. And the reason why I'm asking that is
13. because was that your understanding of what was going to
14. happen with Monu?
Q. You were calling it a call list as well. So that makes it easy, it says that ask for commitment in exploratory phase and Hong Kong schedule. Does that refresh your recollection as to where Mr. Rogers' neighborhood really was?
A. Yes. To my recollection, Eric was going to be in Hong Kong at some point and wanted to meet with Alex and there are some other e-mails along this line that have been withheld.
Q. Right. Then is it Mr. Bobak that's the attorney, Mark Bobak?
A. Yes.
Q. So were you an employee when you started in January '15 or were you an independent contractor?
A. I was always an independent contractor essentially, but I was paid by Eric either through him or the Greitens Group. I don't remember what his name was on the check.
Q. Then one of your e-mails, it's Exhibit 4, page 2. Let's see if I can get to that.
MR. ERSNIT: Should we put Exhibit 7 away?
REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: Pardon me?
MR. ERSNIT: Are you done with Exhibit 7?
REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: I am, yes. Thank you. I think I am. No guarantees I suppose.

Q. What is that building?
A. In the building that I worked out of from January to March 2015 was a converted home in the central west end, out of that office, out of that office building, office, housed the Greitens Group and eventually Greitens for Missouri. Now, I first met Eric in December of 2013 at the Greitens Group office which was then located at the Mission Continues office just south of downtown St. Louis. I don't know the exact address.
Q. I think that's probably why my confusion lies. So, in 2013 or in December 2013, the Greitens Group offered with the Mission Continues, but by 2015 the Greitens Group had found its own space separate and apart or physically separate from the Mission Continues?
A. Yes.
Q. And at the time that you started, the only entities operating out of that building in the central west end were the Greitens Group and then ultimately Greitens for Missouri?
A. Yes.
Q. And you don't remember if you were paid by Greitens, Greitens Group, or Greitens for Missouri?

Q. Exhibit 4, page 2 has you marked at Barklage. So were you also employed there or what was the -- why is there the Barklage logo and e-mail string even though it says from your Gmail account on this page?
A. Right. That was a company that I was affiliated with. I had been employed by that company from 2011 on. At this particular time, I was still affiliated -- I was not being paid by that company. I had my own clients. I was still affiliated -- they covered my health care and maybe my cell phone. I still had an e-mail address. I was not being paid by them at that time. But I was affiliated with them.
Q. Fair enough. You described the offices as this sort of renovated home in the central west end in January '15, and in this building, right. It was a whole building? Is that correct?
A. It was a three-story converted home.
Q. Right. There were employees of the Mission Continues that I believe was Ms. Knodell -- no, I'm sorry, Taylor?
A. There was -- you're referring to the Greitens Group offices that I worked out of, correct?
Q. That's what I'm trying to understand is who was Greitens Group, who was the Mission Continues? Who

A. I know the first month I was not paid for -- I was not paid by Greitens for Missouri. I was paid the last two months by Greitens for Missouri. The first month I do not recall if Eric gave me a check personally or if it came from Greitens Group.
Q. Okay. Do you know if Greitens for Missouri reported any payments to you made in January of 2015 as campaign expenditures?
A. I do not believe they did.
Q. Okay.
A. And as an additional point to that, there was another employee, Danny Lush, who I was led to believe was also being paid by Greitens Group. He was hired sometime before me. I don't know which month. I was led to believe he had been hired in November or December and I was led to believe that he was paid by either Eric personally or by the Greitens Group. He is a political consultant as well, we were brought on to do political oriented tasks.
Q. So speaking for yourself personally, did you ever do any work for the Greitens Group or was all of your work during the month of January 2015 affiliated with the Eric Greitens campaign?
A. There's only one task -- there's -- it's a little bit of a tough question to answer. There's a
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Q. Loading the books, right?
A. -- of his office. That wasn't a campaign thing. There's little stuff like that.
Q. Did it also fail through that your assistance with Mr. Greitens preparing a speech, even though the money was being funnelled through the Greitens Group, would also sort of fall into your role as a policy advisor to the extent that what the governor said in his speech impacts your ability to fundraise from a Republican donor list?
A. Yes, absolutely. The speech had some major donors that Eric was reaching out to around the same time period and it was a speech based on I believe it was veterans statistics. It would have been in some of the files I turned over. Yeah. It was a little memo that I developed.

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Q. TMC top 2007
A. The TMC donor list was donors that had given over $1,000 to supposedly the charity at the time.
Q. Go ahead.
A. To clarify, I did not know -- again, I did not know this was a direct property of the charity. The first time that I was indicated that it had come from the Mission Continues was when I was contacted by David Lieb from the Associated Press in October of 2016. He had gotten a copy of the donor list and my name was in the donor list as having accessed it. That was the first time he had apparently done some research on the list and looked in the metadata of the document, realized that it was created by a Mission Continues employee, and so the first knowledge that I had that it originated from Mission Continues was essentially from the reporter who called me and told me.
Q. Okay. Okay. So you start -- Ms. Taylor, right?
A. Yes. She's married. Her name is Krystal Proctor now. Yes.
Q. Ms. Taylor sends you an e-mail saying here, here's the four lists that we have, right; you take those lists, maybe take some of your own data, and the goal is to create one sort of master fundraising or

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Q. Right. But again, to the extent that what candidates say in public can impact —
A. Yes.
Q. -- their campaign and their fundraising, that role or responsibility as to a speech sort of has a dual purpose is that a fair assessment?
A. Yes.
Q. Okay. Do you know when Greitens for Missouri was actually formed?
A. I don't know the exact date. I know it was in late February. I always get it confused. I believe it was February 24 or February 25.
Q. Okay.
A. And I was directly involved in helping get the papers over to Missouri Ethics Commission.
Q. Okay. Now I'm trying to go back to notes that I really scribbled because I didn't understand some of the answers.
Q. It was to say that what happened as far as the fundraising lists go, okay, so looking at the e-mails and the exhibits, you know, that we've already marked and testified about, basically you received a list from the Mission Continues, those top 15 or top 1,000 -- can you help me what were those called?
A. It was donors that had contributed.

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donor list
A. Yeah.
Q. -- for this particular candidate and as we discussed earlier, sort of how this process works is that that comes from the candidate's own contacts and the value that you bring of data and relationships to the table and then possibly other lists; is that sort of -- that's how it works, right?
A. Yes, generally.
Q. Then you take all of these different lists and combine them into one, combine all of the information, all the contact information, there might be tidbits for lack of a better term or information about the donor that are in different sources. So say you've got John Doe is on the Mission Continues list as a $1,000 donor to The Mission Continues and you have some notes that he's very interested in veterans issues. John Doe might also be listed in the top 200 donor list and he's also interested in labor issues, and you take both entries for John Doe and you might know John Doe from your own personal experience and know that, you know, he likes unicorns and puppy dogs. You'll take those data points and combine them with one entry for John Doe, he gave to The Mission Continues, he's on the top 200 Republican list and he loves unicorns and puppy dogs so that then
when the candidate makes the phone call they can say thank you for your help with veterans. I support your labor issues and unicorns and puppy dogs are awesome. Is that a fair assessment of how it works?
A. Yes. Maybe not so much the unicorns and puppy dogs. Normally it's a kid's name.
Q. Trying to be charitable for lack of a better term.
A. Yes.
Q. Then in doing that process and coming up with this ultimate list or the ultimate list, let's call it that, or I think you refer to it as your campaign plan or your donor plan, you're constantly in contact with the candidate about hey, we have e-mails reflecting this, I need information. I need to sit down with him so that we can go through just what John Doe -- does John Doe still like unicorns or was my puppy dog information wrong or whatever? Is that a fair characterization?
A. Yes. It's a continual process where you need to get feedback from the candidate. It's having those conversations with the donor.
Q. Right. Or I heard from so and so that John Doe can't stand your opponent so we're going to add that data point or that information to the list?
A. Yes.

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computers, were those owned by the Greitens Group to the best of your knowledge or do you have any understanding of that?
A. Yes. The office equipment, the Internet at the time was certainly owned by Greitens Group. I was part of a furniture purchase --
Q. You don't own the furniture to me.
A. -- along with Danny Laub where they wanted to get a bunch of furniture to put in the second level, second and third level of the building, and I was involved in that. I believe those expenditures were made through the campaign committee because that was later on. But up until the committee was -- yeah, it was.
Q. It was really basically the first month or two months. Assuming that Greitens for Missouri was formed in late February of 2015, then from January 1 we'll say of 2015 until the end of February your day to day office expenses and perhaps your salary were paid for by the Greitens Group?
A. Yes. Until --
Q. When I say salary, I guess I should probably say compensation just because you were an independent contractor.
A. Until the committee was filed, yeah.

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everything would have been paid for, you know, desks, Internet, everything by the Greitens Group.
Q. Photocopies?
A. Obviously I departed before the April quarterly NEC report was filed so I had no role in that, and I haven't even looked through it to see if those expense --
Q. In kind expenditures were reported?
A. Yeah, which they should have been if they were used for the campaign.
Q. Right. So Mark Bobak was an attorney that was employed by the Greitens Group. Is that -- or do you know?
A. I do not know. My sense was that he was -- he was. He had a Greitens Group e-mail address, but I can't speak to his compensation or anything else.
Q. But he was there in the office building in the central west end?
A. Regularly. Many times per week. Not everyday but at the minimum two or three days a week.
Q. Okay. Did he have his own office or desk?
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: I think we're getting in the realm of -- if we're going to go down the attorney/client realm, I think that's a topic for a different day.
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1 REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: Okay, I'm just trying
to determine what his role was.
2 REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: I think we can get
there.
3 MR. ERNST: I'm okay with questions that don't
intrude on the privilege.
4 REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: Right, I'm not asking
about communications, just who is this guy, why is he
there.
5 MR. ERNST: We're not getting there yet. As I
said before, we don't have an opinion about whether it's
privileged just because he's an attorney. Out of an
abundance of caution, we're very clear. I'm comfortable
with your question. If I think it's a problem, I'll
voice my concern.
6 REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: Thank you.
7 BY REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN:
8 Q. So did he have Mike, you know, a desk, an
office, his own sort of workstation for lack of a better
term?
9 A. He had his own desk, I worked out of the same
office as him for the duration of this time.
10 Q. By office, do you mean the same room, physical
room?
11 A. Same room. Our desks were in the same room.

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And then we moved to the second floor sometime in I
think late February or maybe mid February. I don't
recall the exact date on that front. But yeah, I was
working in the same room as him.

Q. Okay. Did you ever have any understanding
that he was an attorney for the campaign?
A. I don't want to speculate. He was a personal
friend of Eric's too. I didn't know if he was a
volunteer advisor or if he was getting paid or exactly
what his defined role was, but he certainly was an
advisor to myself on political issues.

Q. But not legal issues?
MR. ERNST: I think we're now straying into
the gray area.

BY REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN:

Q. But he advised you about political issues?
A. And campaign related issues.

REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: Okay. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Representative Lauver.

REPRESENTATIVE LAUVER: Thank you, Mr. Chair,

QUESTIONS BY REPRESENTATIVE LAUVER:

Q. Thank you for being here and mine is probably
a list of random questions. So it won't be as
chronologically listed as the others might have been.

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When you started with Mr. Greetens -- let's back up.
There are four groups I think we're kind of dealing
with, we have the Mission Continues, we have the
Greetens Group, we have Greetens for Missouri, and
then a little bit later maybe appears New Missouri. So
what is your understanding of the purpose mission of the
Mission Continues?

A. Purely a (C) (3) charity, charitable
organization that helps veterans around the country.

Q. That's its sole purpose to help the veterans?
A. Essentially, yes. It's an organization that
helps returning veterans find ways to continue to serve
their communities.  

Q. Okay. And the Greetens group, what was its
purpose mission?
A. The way that I understand the Greetens Group
to be more of a PR, marketing, promotional company for
Mr. Greetens to help book speeches and sell his books.

Q. So would that have been more affiliated with
the Mission Continues than versus his political?
A. This might be an A, B, C or D question.

A. It's a hard question to answer because the CEO
of both was Mr. Greetens. So certainly there were areas
that overlapped within Greetens Group and Mission
Continues. For one example they were housed out of the
same office. And then during the campaign the Greetens
Group and Greetens for Missouri were located in the same
offices as well.

Q. Okay. So then let's go to Greetens for
Missouri. That purpose was what?
A. That was for Mr. Greetens' specific campaign
for governor.

Q. And did that overlap with Greetens Group in
any way like we were just discussing? Did it dovetail?
A. Certainly in terms of sharing resources and
yeah, sharing resources whether that's stuff or office
equipment.

Q. Okay. And then the New Missouri, I believe
that may have happened after you left or was there a
discussion about that when you were there?
A. No, no. There was -- That was well after I
had departed.

Q. Okay. So then is it fair to say that
there was a bit of overlap in all of these not really
definitively clear lines of where they would -- one
starts and one ends is that fair?
A. Yes. Generally, yes.

Q. Okay. Thank you. Thank you for walking me
through that. It gets a little confusing sometimes.
All right. So when you received on one sixteen -- I'm
Q. I’m sorry. It’s on page 4 of 24 on —
A. It was my understanding, yes. I did not know where it originated or how it was acquired.
Q. All right. And when you joined with Mr. Greitens, what was your understanding of the expectation
of your role? Was there a written list of your roles and responsibilities or what was your understanding?
A. There was no written list, but I had had more campaign experience than the person that he had working
for him whose name was Danny Laub and it was my understanding that I would come on to particularly help
with fundraising but also to assist in a lot of other areas having to do with campaign issues, political
issues, helping network, introducing Eric around,
setting up political meetings.
Q. So when you got the spreadsheet and the e-mail I
saying that it was The Mission Continues, that was your
understanding of what that spreadsheet was; is that
right?
A. Yes. Yes.
Q. Okay. In regards to the campaign, would
have been the one responsible for filing the reports to
Missouri Ethics Commission?
A. So I don't know the exact date but when Mr.
Greitens brought on an individual named Jeff Steurman,
Jeoff served as the campaign treasurer. Mr. Steurman was
working out of the office. I don't recall when he was
brought on. I believe it was in February but he was
brought on to put in a system of reporting procedures
and document retention policies and other things. He
was a former Edward Jones executive and was a personal
friend of Eric's and Mr. Greitens had brought him in to
help file the reports and do compliance work for the
campaign.
Q. Okay. Thank you. In your work with as we
talked about those other groups, more particularly The
Mission Continues and Greitens for Missouri, who was the
-- did you have direct contact with a key individual at
The Mission Continues?
A. No, I did not. Now, as I stated earlier in
my testimony, I was directed to reach out to somebody that
was -- that I was told was either a current employee or
former employee named Lindsey Hodges, but to my
recollection I never reached out to her. I certainly
never met with her.

Q. Greitens for Missouri. Okay. When the ethics
campaign came up, I believe most everybody has talked
about the 71st and it was shown that that may have been
an inappropriate use and there was a fine associated
with that, was there any discussion ever about any
money being returned to donors?
A. Not to my recollection.
Q. Okay. You mentioned that Mr. Rogers and
Mr. Joseph were overseas (individually)?
A. I was led to believe Mr. Rogers was overseas
somewhere, and from the notes it kind of jogs my memory
that he was in Hong Kong.
Q. And had Mr. Greitens been overseas regularly
to establish those relationships?
A. So he had built a number of relationships
based from his time at Oxford, and some of those was
utilizing for campaign purposes. I don't know the exact
people. If I went through all my notes, it would
probably jog my memory. But there was certainly a lot
of people from that, of course in his military work too
there would have been some officers and things like that
that had contacts overseas of course.
Q. And to your knowledge, were any of those
individuals, did they make donations outside of the
LLCs, and so forth, that we've talked about --
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1. -- the donor moneys went into Greitens for Missouri, then there was a shift of moneys from Greitens for Missouri into Greitens Group to help pay for your expenses and any other campaign expenses?
2. A. I don't believe so.
3. Q. Okay. You also talked about the transparency and that was something that you truly believe in and feel should be part of government. Were there any other issues during the time you were with Mr. Greitens that led you to believe that there were other parts that might not be transparent?
4. A. Yes. I think on a -- maybe not so much in terms of campaign finance but certainly some of his personal background, his history as a member -- or as somebody that wanted to run for office, a member of the opposing party, there's information like that I believe he wanted to have concealed.
5. REPRESENTATIVE LAUFER: I'll leave that to someone else to ask if they want to. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
6. A. THE WITNESS: I know I was paid by Greitens for Missouri in February and March of 2015. In January I just don't remember what the top of the check said. It was either from Eric personally or the Greitens group. I can go back through my bank records and find

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1. A. St. Louis University.
2. Q. And Danny Lamb was also a student at SLU?
3. A. He was. He was I think a couple years younger than me.
4. Q. Did you graduate from college?
5. A. I did.
6. Q. What was your degree in?
7. A. English and business.
8. Q. And how old are you now?
9. A. I am 32.
10. Q. And Danny is younger than you I assume since he was behind you in class?
11. A. Uh-huh.
12. Q. Is that yes?
13. A. Yes, he is. I don't know how old he is. I want to say he's at least a couple years younger than me.
14. Q. Okay. And you said you started with Eric Greitens as a paid advisor in January 2015?
15. A. January 2015 was the first month I was paid for my work for Mr. Greitens.
16. Q. And I think your testimony was is that Eric Greitens relaid -- needed help to introduce him to GOP donors and activists and relied on us. The question is that first did I get you right what you said? I X

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1. it. I know it wasn't from Greitens for Missouri. I remembered the moment when he handed me the check.
2. BY REPRESENTATIVE LAUFER:
3. Q. That was in January?
5. REPRESENTATIVE LAUFER: Okay. I appreciate your efforts to try and recall all this information. Thank you.
6. REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Gentleman from Greene.
7. REPRESENTATIVE AUSTIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
8. QUESTIONS BY REPRESENTATIVE AUSTIN:
9. Q. My name is Kevin Austin, District 336. It sounds to me like when you were reviewing your history that you spent your entire career in politics either for candidates or for groups or for individual companies; is that correct?
10. A. Correct. And for the last three years now I've been a registered lobbyist too for a number of clients, but I only have one lobbying client right now.
11. Q. It sounds like your career in politics actually started while you were still in college —
12. A. Uh-huh.
13. Q. -- with Matt Blunt; is that right?
15. Q. What college did you attend?
Q. Is your belief that because of your relationship with those consultants who are more direct with Mr. Greitens, Mr. Greitens then wanted to have less relationship with you?
A. That's how it was communicated to me by those three individuals.
Q. What three individuals was that?
A. Danny Laub, Mark Sobak and Mr. Greitens, and the specific phrase that they used was they wanted to take a strategic pause on our relationship, and I just remember that because I've never heard that phrase before.
Q. And that was in March of 2015?
A. Yes.
Q. And then you started to work for John Brunner in the fall of 2015, correct?
A. Yes. I started working for him as a paid advisor -- not fall. In August I believe I'm almost positive was the first month I was paid by the Brunner campaign.
Q. This may have been asked and I apologize if I'm bouncing around twice, but what did you do between March and August of 2015?
A. What was I involved with? So at that time I was doing a little bit of lobbying. So that would have

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health insurance and my phone for sure. I was certainly affiliated with them for the last, you know, the number of years before that. My relationship with them was kind of unique though. I would normally go and work on other campaigns and still be affiliated with that firm. So 2014 I went to work for Rick Stream who was running for county executive and I worked directly with Rick for that entirety. Our relationship was kind of -- was unique. I was always affiliated with that firm and people still ask, it's politics.
Q. It sounds like you're an independent contractor for a lot of different campaigns and organizations?
A. Yes.
Q. I'm not trying to do a bad comparison here but like somebody who does construction work?
A. Yes.
Q. You did a lot of work on a lot of different houses?
A. Yeah. I had my own LLC.
Q. Yeah. If you would, could you go to Exhibit 3 and page 2, back to these attachments. If I understand it right, the first attachment is page 4 through 15? Is that correct?
A. It's actually the full through 24. So

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been until May. And then there was some other clients that I had been working with, donor groups. There's a pro business PAC called the Lewis and Clark Group that I advised. I advise one of the groups now. At the time there were three of them in St. Louis and Springfield and I was doing a lot of work with those groups of donors. And there's a couple other clients that I -- obviously it was a big hit to my income at the time and I had intended to stay with Eric a little bit longer than March. So I had picked up some extra work with the consultants I mentioned earlier, Robert Knodell and David barklage, and I can't remember the other clients that I was working on. I know that there was something else, maybe a local government issue in St. Louis county. There were some other things that I was working for them.
Q. And this relationship with barklage and Knodell, you've been asked about it before because it's on one of your e-mails and one of your e-mails addresses in fact on Exhibit 3 has it and later it was a small. This was just referrals back and forth between you and barklage and Knodell as maybe happens with other consultants?
A. Yes. Again, at the time I wasn't employed directly by barklage and Knodell but they did cover my

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starting on page 36 it says Attachment No. 2 but this is the other tab.
REPRESENTATIVE BERNES: If I could, I can explain. This is a chairman error in copying. What are labeled there as Attachments 1, 2 and 3 are the sub tabs of Attachment 1.
BY REPRESENTATIVE AUSTIN:
Q. So truly what we have on pages -- thank you, Mr. Chair. Truly what we have on pages 4 through 24 is just The Mission Continues list?
A. Yes.
Q. But what also threw me off is it looks like tab number 1 is in alphabetical order because it ends with 0 or Z on page 15 then we have a second list looks like it starts in As.
A. So the second list was organized by -- it was foundations. So it was organized not necessarily by individual name, it was organized by the name of the overall foundation.
Q. Okay. Maybe I'll lead you there. A good idea. Looks to me like we have some tab differences in between individuals and corporations and that's why we have individual A to Z and then A to Z for corps?
A. Yes. There were three tabs in the document. One for individuals, one for foundations and one for
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down it says go to: Salesforce.com. What's
Salesforce.com?
A. It's a contact management tool that
businesses use to help manage their contacts and
it's a database system for managing your contacts.
Q. Software program of some sort?
A. Yeah, essentially. You can access it online
too. You can log onto Sales force from anywhere and get
your contact list.
Q. And if we can go to Exhibit 7, first page and
I may have missed this certainly too. It says GM call
1st. What does GM stand for?
A. Greitens for Missouri.
Representative Austin: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
Representative Phillips: Representative
Rhoads, are you ready to go or do we need to take a
break?
Representative Wittem: Representative Lauer
needs a break. I think.
Representative Phillips: We'll take a break,
go off the record for about ten minutes.
(A recess was taken.)
Representative Barnes: Back from break.
Gentleman from Howell.
Representative Rhoads: Thank you.
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1. faith agreements with those particular candidates.
2. Q. So were they -- The other good faith handshake
3. verbal agreements, were they with people that you're
4. more familiar with?
5. A. Generally, yeah, yeah.
6. Q. Okay. And I want to make sure that I'm clear
7. on this. Obviously you knew -- I'm assuming, you can
8. tell me yes or no, you were aware of what the Mission
9. continues does?
10. A. Yes.
11. Q. And you were aware that when you got the list
12. where it came from?
13. A. I was not positive where it originated or
14. where it came from or how it was acquired.
15. Q. No one explained to you?
16. A. It was listed in the, I forget which exhibit
17. it was.
18. Q. The one with the e-mails, correct?
19. A. It was listed as the Mission continues list.
20. When I mentioned with Mr. Gretlens to discuss it, they
21. all were Mission continues donors. In the first
22. instance that I knew that it originated or that I was
23. told it originated at the Mission continues was when
24. David Lich called me in October of 2016. He said in the
25. metadata of the document it was created by some Mission

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1. donors and gave me notes on specific donors, and then he
2. wanted me to meet with Lindsey Hodges who I don't know
3. who she was. I don't know if she was an employee there
4. or if she was a former employee. I was led to believe
5. she was development director at Mission continues for a
6. time when Eric was CEO of Mission continues. And that
7. directive was given so Lindsey and I could then go
8. through the list more extensively on donors that Mr.
9. Gretlens did not recall details of.
10. REPRESENTATIVE RODOS: I think that's it,
11. Mr. Chairman. Thank you,
12. REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Gentleman from St.
13. Louis County.
14. QUESTIONS BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERSON JR.: I:
15. Q. Good morning, I'm Tommie Pierson Jr., State
16. Representative of the 66th District in North St. Louis
17. County and City. Just a few questions. My questions
18. too may be a little out of sequence, but hopefully
19. you'll be able to enlighten me on some of them. Where
20. do most donor lists come from?
21. A. So generally campaigns if you’re starting from
22. the beginning they're created from a list of personal
23. contacts first from the candidate, maybe friends and
24. family. You add kind of a prospect list to that of
25. potential donors that you want the candidate to reach

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1. continues employee.
2. Q. So you weren't at any point, based on your
3. knowledge and experience in consulting, ever thought we
4. shouldn't be using this list?
5. A. No, it certainly crossed my mind. Again, I
6. did not know how it was acquired.
7. Q. Gotcha. Did you ever bring that up and say
8. hey, based on my training or my experience doing this,
9. you know, where did we get this from and we want to be
10. right in how we're doing this, did you ever bring that
11. up to Mr. Gretlens or Danny or whoever?
12. A. I did. -- To my recollection, no, I did not.
13. Certainly there were some directives given to me at like
14. reaching out to the employees of the Mission continues,
15. which I never did, because I was hesitant to reach out
16. to a charity or former employees of the charity to be
17. used for political campaign, but I never spoke to Eric
18. about using that list. In my mind, one, I did not know
19. how it was acquired and two, I knew that I would be
20. using that list to make another list to developing a
21. call list and a fundraising plan. So it was more of a
22. reference that I was using it for.
23. Q. Did they utilize the entire list or just parts
24. of it?
25. A. We went through the whole list and he selected

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1. out to or you reach out to. In a lot of campaigns and a
2. lot of higher level campaigns lists come from -- there's
3. only a few specific fundraising, professional
4. fundraisers in the state that do this sort of thing. So
5. lists are shared between different campaigns and among
6. candidates. Certainly a lot of state-wide candidates
7. have cultivated their lists, if they've come from a
8. lower office to a higher office, they've cultivated that
9. list over years over election cycles. To answer your
10. question more directly, they come from a number of
11. different sources.
12. Q. When you say "shared," does that often include
13. compensation? How does that process work?
14. A. Well, among political candidates, say a
15. fundraising vendor in our state or a fundraiser in our
16. state will have a couple clients each cycle. They will
17. have a master list that they work off of. Maybe they
18. just add another column on the side of it and that's for
19. a specific candidate and they work through that list
20. name by name and they're higher level donors or donors
21. that the candidate needs to solicit because they could
22. give at an increased level. For a fundraiser, they will
23. have cultivated a list like that over years over
24. election cycles and they'll work off of the same list
25. for multiple candidates. So when I say shared, that's
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1. kind of what I mean. Normally a candidate would not
give his or her own fundraising list to another
candidate that they don't know. A lot of that -- sorry.

Q. So if I were to hire you knowing your past
connections with past candidates, would I hire you
knowing that you would bring a list with you?
A. Certainly with the connections that I've built
with donors and others over time, that's why people hire
specific fundraising vendors, specific fundraisers in
the state. Yes, they bring along those connections.
That network. Along with that would come a contact list
normally.

To answer your question further, different
offices have a different donor base, of course. Many
donors that are interested in a state-wide state level
race wouldn't be interested in a federal race, vice
versa. There's different -- obviously, you know,
there's a million different reasons why people
contribute.

So in looking at a couple of the specific
lists, and I believe it's the list from Exhibit 3, page
2. If I start with the Schwell 1st list, you did not use
that list; is that correct?
A. I remember opening that file and reviewing it
at least one time, but no, I did not work off that list
with Mr. Greitens.
Q. And I believe you stated the principal reason
was just difficult to work with?
A. A little bit. It was a very, very extensive
list. It was kind of hard to read because there was I
do not know how many -- I mean tens of columns in it. It
was just kind of difficult to work off of. And I know
it was developed by a professional fundraiser. I don't
know who. And usually people have their own system when
they're working with lists. I have my own. I know
others do too. It just wasn't useful to us. Plus, at
the time Tom Schwell was running for governor too, and
obviously you don't want to have a candidate reach out
to donors of your opponent. It's just not a
professional thing to do. So I never utilized that list
when I was there.

Q. Do you know if anyone -- do you have any
knowledge of that Schwell list being used subsequently
by you?
A. I do not have any knowledge of that. It could
have been, but I do not know.
Q. Okay, do you know the origin of the Schwell
list?
A. I do not. I do not.
Q. One of the other lists is referenced as EG

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PACE Prospects?
A. Uh-huh.

Q. The source of that list was Mason Fink; is
that correct?
A. At the time that this was sent to me, to my
recollection I did not know who Mason Fink was. It was
later described that he was a Romney fundraiser from
2012, had a lot of national contacts and was helping
Eric in some capacity. The e-mail that you see that's
designated as Mason Fink's list, I was led to believe
that he created it; that I remember when opening it it
had a lot of donors that were viewed as national level
type donors that contributed to races across the board,
and I was led to believe that that was his personal
fundraising list. I don't know why -- but I don't know
when he gave it to the campaign or anything else. My
first contact with it obviously was when Krystal Taylor
e-mailed that list to me.

Q. But you wouldn't say it was a list of value?
A. Yes, absolutely.

Q. Did you know if there was compensation given
to Mason Fink for this list?
A. I do not no.
Q. Or do you know if there was or if it was given
in an in kind fashion?

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1. A. I do not know that.
Q. Lindsey Hodges, you stated you did not meet
with her; is that correct?
A. No. I never met with her regarding the list.
There was one person that came into the Greitens office
one time and I don't recall if it was her or not. I
want to say that it might have been, but I certainly
never met with her about fundraising or the Mission
Continues list which is what I was directed to do.
Q. So even though you were directed to perhaps
use her as a resource, you chose not to?
A. Yes. And I don't remember -- but I don't
remember the reason why I chose not to. I just don't
recall.
Q. Do you recall meeting anyone else directly
related to the Mission Continues?
A. Other than -- yes. There were a number of
levels. One, the individual that I was working with
through most of 2014, Dave Whitman worked out of the
Mission Continues office and the Greitens group office
and they were located at the same place. You could say
he was related.

Then there was board members, people like Tim
Noonan I believe. I was led to believe was a board
member at Mission Continues or was very active at...
Mission Continues. Tim was in the Gretiens office a couple of different times and I met him. So yes, I did meet people that were involved with the charity and I was led to believe were still involved with the charity.

Q. Do you recall where there was a meeting on January 7 where you went through a Mission Continues donor list, who was involved in that meeting?
A. So there were two meetings that we had specifically dealing with fundraising. I know the calendar invites are in the exhibits. Eric and I were involved in both meetings. I don’t recall the other people there. I would like to say Danny Laub was in at least one of those meetings too. I just know Eric and -- Mr. Gretiens and I were involved in both of those meetings.

Q. In those meetings there were specific Mission Continues lists that were reviewed?
A. Yes.

Q. Did you ever get a chance to look through the meeting notes?
A. At this time or in the past?

Q. Right. I know we had a little break. I didn’t know if you had a chance to go back and go through it.
A. Not really. I glanced through it a little bit.

Q. Do anything familiar jump out at you?
A. Certainly there’s some payments --

Q. REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Representative, you’re inquiring about Mona Joseph?
A. REPRESENTATIVE PIESON: Yes.

Q. THE WITNESS: Yes. There is an entry on 3/9/2015, two entries, one from Gray Arch Income Property and one from Mona Joseph. Both of those were from him. And there are documents proving that, but they’ve been withheld.

Q. By REPRESENTATIVE PIESON JR.: Do you know Alex Rogers was another person that we talked about. Were you aware of any LLCs that perhaps were set up by that individual?
A. I am not aware. I do know again there is some email traffic regarding involvement and how much he would raise, but those have been withheld.

Q. Krystal Taylor, when you first met her who did she work for?
A. The Gretiens Group.

Q. Do you know who she — anything about her former employment history?
A. Just from -- just from what I know from LinkedIn that she used to work at Mission Continues.

Don’t have any direct knowledge of her time in Mission Continues, though.

Q. So she’s a former employee of Mission Continues?
A. As I understand, yes.

Q. And it’s your understanding that after, I forget the gentleman’s name, I think — well, let me ask who was the person that she replaced at the Gretiens Group?
A. A gentleman named Dave Whiteman.

Q. That was the name. And she came on to the Gretiens Group around what timeframe?
A. I don’t know the exact dates. I do know she was present at a number of strategy meetings and other political meetings that we held with Mr. Gretiens in 2014. I don’t know the exact time that I met her, but I know she was present in a couple of those. And she, as I understand, took over Dave Whitman’s role whenever they separated -- whenever Dave Whitman and Mr. Gretiens separated sometime in the fall of 2014.

Q. And did you know Mr. Gretiens outside of the office?
A. In terms of?

Q. Just if you had a personal relationship with him?
A. Yeah. We’d grab lunch together. We never really hung out or anything, but we’d grab lunch together a number of occasions. Certainly I drove him down here for a series of meetings in January of 2015 to meet with elected officials and some other Republican activists. So yeah. I know him outside, certainly outside of the Gretiens Group office.

Q. What kind of person would describe him to be?
A. Extremely ambitious and driven. A guy that doesn’t like to lose at anything. Somebody that gives 100 percent and is very calculating and self-aware of how he comes across.

Q. REPRESENTATIVE PIESON: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
A. REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Just a few additional questions.

Q. Further questions by REPRESENTATIVE BARNES:
A. How much were you paid in January of 2015?

Q. REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: A. $4,000.

Q. Do you recall the name of the Mission Continues employee who created the list? You mentioned a couple times metadata. Do you recall the name of that employee?
A. I do not. The first time I heard the name was
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1. with the investigator from the MEC when I testified
2. there and she had asked if I knew this person. I don’t
3. recall the name.
4. Q. You testified earlier you believe the
5. computers were owned by the Greitens group. Do you have
6. first-hand knowledge of that or of who purchased those
7. computers? Were the computers there when you showed up
8. at the office?
9. A. At that time we only used our laptops. There
10. was other office equipment, printers and things like
11. that.
12. Q. Your own personal laptop?
13. A. I did.
14. Q. And Kristin Taylor’s computer, when you
15. arrived to work there, was her computer already there?
16. A. Yes.
17. Q. And you don’t know who paid for her particular
18. computer, do you?
19. A. No.
20. Q. Mr. Greitens, did he have his own computer at
21. the time you arrived?
22. A. Yes, it was a laptop, a Mac.
23. Q. You don’t know who purchased that particular
24. computer?
25. A. No.

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1. Mr. Brunner by the name of Jill Noble. Jill overheard a
2. lot of the contents of the first phone call between Mr.
3. Greitens and Mr. Brunner. In that phone call, according
4. to an affidavit that Jill had signed, Mr. Greitens was
5. extremely irate with Mr. Brunner, challenged him to come
6. down to his boxing gym and used some curse words. I
7. don’t recall the exact language of the affidavit, I can
8. certainly supply it if needed. But because of that
9. first phone call and Jill’s experience, the decision was
10. made and assume by her to record the second phone call
11. that Mr. Greitens made to Mr. Brunner.
12. That phone call ended up making its way to the
13. press by somebody in our campaign. And after that phone
14. call made its way to the press, Mr. Greitens went on the
15. Mark Reardon show on KMOX in St. Louis and said that
16. Mr. Brunner wasn’t taking responsibility for his
17. actions, that he lacked the courage to come here and sit
18. down with Mark and face him and address questions about
19. the situation. And what Eric said at that time was that
20. he was going to run a positive campaign; that the
21. campaign he was going to run was going to be transparent
22. that you could see his donors and that essentially he
23. was going to run a clean fully transparent campaign.
24. At that time, of course, I was under an NDA,
25. the first time I spoke about any of this was to Missouri

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1. Q. The campaign paid for furniture?
2. A. Yes.
3. Q. Is that an ordinary campaign expense?
4. A. Is what?
5. Q. Is that an ordinary campaign expense?
6. A. For a state-wide campaign I think you could
7. make the argument that it is.
8. Q. In your involvement with the campaign, did you
9. witness Mr. Greitens publicly promise to run an open and
10. transparent campaign?
11. A. Yes.
12. Q. Were there particular occasions on which?
13. A. Yes. A particular one that comes to mind in
14. late fall of 2015. Mr. Greitens was very upset that a
15. web video had been released. I don’t recall the topic
16. of the web video. But it was questioning his
17. conservative credentials. As a result of that, he made
18. a series of two phone calls to John Brunner when John
19. was in Kansas City for a campaign event. There was a
20. staffer who was with John Brunner at that time.
21. Q. Were you working for the Brunner campaign at
22. this time?
23. A. Yes, I was at that time.
25. A. There was a staffer who was in the car with

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1. Ethic Commission. Of course at that time when Mr.
2. Greitens had that interview, I knew that that wasn’t the
3. case at all because I had had conversations with people
4. associated with him in January and February and March
5. when I was employed and working out of that office that
6. I knew that I was led to believe that they were planning
7. -- that they were planning on concealing donors in some
8. way or having people associated with -- on their
9. campaign having staff associated with on their campaign
10. reach out and coordinate donors who would be operating
11. to the contrary of what Mr. Greitens told Mark Reardon
12. on his show.
13. Q. And I have one more question and I’ll allow
14. other members to ask additional questions as well if you
15. have some additional ones. You testified earlier that
16. Mr. Greitens in the course of meeting with you would
17. have to -- this is a quote I wrote down -- formulate
18. positions that were new to him. Can you explain that?
19. A. There was at least one session that we did
20. just a general Q&A about different questions that he
21. would probably get in a Republican primary, things
22. having to do with social positions, say pro-life issues
23. or guns, Second Amendment, or education. And during
24. that Q&A session there was at least one that I remember
25. in particular that he had to work through where he stood
on these particular issues, issues that you would get
with a lot of Republican primary voters.

Q. What do you mean formulated?
A. Come up with answers that would be -- come up
with answers that would be acceptable to a Republican
primary voter.

Q. Whose answers were they when they were
formulated?
A. Representative Laufer. I'm sorry?

FURTHER QUESTIONS BY REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS:

Q. I'm gathering you're a strong Republican?
A. Yes.

Q. I assume you have been all of your young life?
A. I've always been a Republican.

Q. As a contract political advisor, have you ever
worked for a Democrat?
A. No, never as a -- never as a paid.

Q. How were you approached by the Greitens people
about coming on board with them initially?
A. So I had a mutual friend who had known Eric
from a number of years ago. His name was Tyler Holman,
somebody I'm still friends with. At the time in 2013,
we had started to hear rumors that Mr. Greitens was
looking to run for office as a Republican. We weren't
totally sure which office he was planning on running
for. It was merely just rumors. Tyler had set a
meeting up between myself, David Barklage, Mr. Greitens
and Dave Whitman. He actually gave me -- I can't
remember how the initial meeting or initial outreach
happened. Either I contacted Dave or Dave contacted me.
From that initial meeting, from that initial outreach,
we met -- we then met at the Greitens group
office which was located where The Mission Continues
office was located and that was in December of 2013. So
the initial outreach happened because we had a mutual
friend, Tyler Holman.

And we had been told at the time that Mr.
Greitens was receiving advice from Ed Martin who was I
believe at that time the current Republican party
chairman. And again, we had been told then that Ed was
trying to engineer a deal with Mr. Greitens and himself
that Ed would provide support, network and help for Eric
in exchange for Eric agreeing to Ed that he would run
his governor's race in 2016. And we were led to believe
that Eric was very uncomfortable with that arrangement,
and that was kind of when we were brought into the
picture. And our first meeting occurred in December of
2013.

Q. Okay. So you were contacted by the Greitens
campaign. You didn't contact the Greitens campaign; is
that what your testimony is?
A. I don't recall the initial outreach whether it was
me to Dave Whitman or Dave Whitman to myself, but I
do know that Tyler Holman was the one that put us both
in touch.

Q. You being a long time Republican and an
interest in seeing the party succeed and having
knowledge that Mr. Greitens was a Democrat for an
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apparently good while, why in the world would you go to
work for him? I don't understand your desire to even be
employed by him.
A. well, certainly when you come across a
candidate that had a resume that he did make for a
powerful narrative. It was a great candidate profile.
Somebody who had served in the military that ran a
respectable organization, and on the surface paper it
is certainly -- it certainly presents itself as a great
profile for a potential candidate for office.
I wanted to believe -- A lot of candidates
have conversations in beliefs, and I certainly wanted to
believe that his was sincere. And at the time I didn't
know what his true intentions were. Later on in 2014 it
was always kind of -- we were always kind of led to
believe that he was looking at either governor or
lieutenant governor. At the time I had done a lot of
work for lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder. In a very,
very small circle I had known that the lieutenant
governor wasn't going to run for re-election. I had no
idea that he'd end up running for governor. At the time
I knew that he wasn't planning on running for
re-election. I did believe that Eric could have made
great lieutenant governor for the state, and it's a job
that gives him a natural segue into Republican party
politics because of his veteran's background and the
Lieutenant governor is veteran's advocate and so he could
use that office to kind of prove that he had these
conservative credentials that he said he did and also
help build the party and network and make sure that he
was building these relationships with people around the
state. Obviously that advice wasn't heeded at all.
But I went to work for him because I believed
in him. I believed that the conversion was sincere and
I didn't -- I also didn't know at the time the extent of
how he met with senior democrat officials in Washington,
D.C. in 2008 or 2010; that he actively tried to get them
to recruit him to run for office at that time.
I didn't know about the web domains he took
out in 2008 or 2010; the Greitens for President and the
Greitens for America, the Greitens for Governor. I had
no idea about any of those web domains. A lot of that I
learned later on. Initially I certainly believed in him
and that's why I wanted to help him.
Q. Barrer I think you testified that you were
doubtful that, I'm putting that word in the sentence, I
don't think that's exactly what you said. I think what
you meant was you were doubtful about the odds of him
becoming governor is that right?
A. Yes, yes, yes, he was a virtual unknown to
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Republican party donors.
Q. He's a rising star in a resume, but yet you
knew that the odds of him becoming governor were slim
and then you knew on day one, if I understood your
testimony right, when you first met with Governor
Greitens that you were very skeptical then about whether
or not he truly was a Republican is that right?
A. Maybe the right word isn't very skeptical, but
certainly I approached the meeting with some skepticism
because up until this point we didn't --
Q. From the Republican candidates that you had
worked with in the past, he was vastly different. I
think we all agree on that.
A. Yes.
Q. So I guess the part that I'm wondering about
is why again would you stay there? Why wouldn't you bow
out early if you sensed this is not going to work out?
you don't even have to answer that one.
but how long of a span was there from the time
you departed Greitens campaign and became involved in
the John Brunner campaign? How many months was that or
weeks?
A. The first time it was August when I first was
paid by John Brunner, the first time I did any sort of
substantial work. There might have been some things --

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I knew the people that were running his campaign. There
were some guys out of Springfield who had been in charge
of it. There really wasn't much that I would have done
before August, though. August was when I started full
time.
Q. Were you in communication with his campaign at
anytime while your were -- his campaign or him or his
people while you worked for Eric Greitens?
A. I was not involved. I was not in
communication with John Brunner at all. I had met him
briefly a couple times before that but had never spoke
to him about employment or anything else. Now, the
people that I was associated with, some other
consultants, which is why the separation between
Mr. Greitens and myself happened, they were in
communication with John on some issues but it wasn't me
directly with John Brunner, but I don't know and I'd
have to -- I don't just don't know and I don't know if they
were -- I don't think they were getting any at that
time either Mr. Brunner. I think, as consultants do
a lot, I think they were in communication with a number of
different candidates. The people I mentioned, Robert
Knodell and David Barklage. I know David had a number of
conversations with Catherine Hanaway too. That's just
kind of a, yeah, standard operating procedure for some

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REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: I’m good. Thanks.

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Representative Lauer.

REPRESENTATIVE LAUER: Yes, sir. Just a few questions. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

FURTHER QUESTIONS BY REPRESENTATIVE LAUER:

Q. When were you talking about his demeanor about being controlling and ambitious and self-aware, and so forth, what was he like as I will use the term office manager? working with him in the office, what was that like?

A. Very structured. I didn’t really meet with him. There were times that I would come into the office to ask him a question or something like that. I didn’t meet with him to discuss a particular issue unless there was a scheduled time on the calendar to. So extremely very structured.

Q. You spent four days a week in the office, is that right, that was part of the agreement?

A. Yes. And maybe some weeks it was just three days. Generally our agreement was four days and most weeks it was.

Q. During the time you were there, even though you may not have had contact with him, was there any sort of indication as to how he might be managing that?

A. So at the time he was also -- he also had a book launch that he was preparing for. Mr. Greitens is somebody that’s, like I said, is very structured and, you know, he was a motivational speaker, motivational leadership speaker as well. A lot goes into that especially with him. There’s a lot of rehearsals and things like that he goes through. There’s a process to everything that he does.

Q. So when you were working with him as part of the Greitens Group do you assume, were you involved in any of the initiatives regarding his book or The Mission continues as far as veterans, the book, the PR things? How did that all work?

A. That was very, very limited of what I was involved with. They invited me to the book launch that they had in St. Louis and they wanted me to invite a bunch of political people to it, which I did.

Q. What was the purpose of that?

A. It was the release of his latest book called Resilience, and there was an event at the St. Louis...
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FURTHER QUESTIONS BY REPRESENTATIVE AUSTIN:

Q. So you had an NDA with Eric Greitens, correct?
A. I did.

Q. Did you have an NDA with John Brunner?
A. No.

Q. Have you ever signed an NDA with any other candidate you worked for?
A. To my knowledge, no.

Q. You testified that Jill Noble signed an affidavit. Under what circumstances would she be signing an affidavit or asked to sign one?
A. There was a situation. It was -- I believe it was the same interview that Mr. Greitens had with Mark Heardon, and in that interview Mark Heardon said that he, in terms of the Brunner campaign, said that there was an earlier phone call that precipitated the phone call that ended up in the media. Eric, after Mark said that, said that is a lie from then. I don’t know the exact quote. He said that is a lie from then. Mark, that is an absolute lie. The reason the phone call was recorded in the first place was because the first phone call was of a pretty threatening nature. I guess the calculation was made in the car at the time that they wanted to have a record of the second phone call. And from that phone call John, I

think if I remember correctly, Jill had sent the phone call to John. John then sent it to a group of campaign people and it got out. I was not the one that leaked it. Kevin McDermott from the Post called me when I was in Troy, Missouri and said he had a copy of it and then I had to deal with it. It was not a fun thing because it made both candidates look really bad.

Anyway, the affidavit was signed as a response to Mr. Greitens’ claim that we were lying about that, and we issued the affidavit plus produced John’s phone records showing the phone calls made from Eric to John.

Q. And regarding the documents that are the subject of the subpoena you received from this Committee, why did you keep those documents?
A. So it’s really just a personal thing. I save a lot of stuff. I organize it in my files and up until the subpoenas -- obviously the donor lists and a lot of this information I never gave to the Brunner campaign. I was still under an NDA until the MEC subpoenaed me on a lot of this information, but why I held onto it, obviously it wasn’t used politically in the primary for John. I doubt they knew any of this stuff even existed. But I held onto it just because it’s something I do, I catalog stuff. I save it. And if there’s documents

that I create, like I say, a fundraising plan, I’ll copy that as a template and use for other candidates.

Q. Can you say the same for other campaigns you’ve worked on, you’ve kept their documents too? Is that what you’ve done?
A. Yes. Obviously I never expected them to be subpoenaed and produced to many different agencies and everything.

Q. Okay.
A. Yes, I generally save and organize a lot of files that I work on for other candidates.

Q. You would have documents from the Brunner campaign when you worked on that. You’d have documents from — and I forgot who else you said you worked for.
A. Kurt Schaefer.

Q. Yeah, Kurt Schaefer. You’d have documents from their campaigns too?
A. Absolutely. Nick Steam, Peter Kinder, yeah, a lot of local candidates I worked on as well.

REPRESENTATIVE AUSTIN: Thank you.

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Representative Rhoads.

REPRESENTATIVE RHoads: Nothing else.

REPRESENTATIVE PIERSON: Nothing, Mr. Chair.

FURTHER QUESTIONS BY REPRESENTATIVE BARNES:

Q. One final question. Do you believe it’s in your financial interest to be here today?
A. No, not at all.

Q. The opposite?
A. Yeah, as I said, my clients don’t know that I’m here, and I’m here to produce the documents under subpoena. Yeah, it’s not my decision to be here.

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Thank you. Thank you for your testimony. Can we excuse this witness? Thank you.

(Witness excused.)

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Let’s take a short break while they go to the door.

We’re back. So the first motion I will make is to send notice of a meeting for — to close a meeting scheduled from Friday, March 23 in this location at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Secretary, please call the roll.

SECRETARY CURRIE: Chairman Barnes.

REPRESENTATIVE METTEN: Wait a second. So we’re going to do 10:00 a.m. on Friday?

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Unless you want to be here at 8:00 a.m. on Friday.

REPRESENTATIVE METTEN: I have an 8:30 a.m. appointment. I’ll see if I can reschedule that.

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Let’s do noon. Let’s do noon. That’s easier for everyone. 10:00 a.m. makes
you leave at 6:00 a.m. Actually let’s do 12:30 so
everyone can eat lunch someplace other than here.
REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: I now move to close
the hearing for 12:30 p.m. next Friday, March 23, at
this same location. Mr. Secretary, please call the
roll.
SECRETARY CURCHIN: Chairman Barnes.
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Aye.
SECRETARY CURCHIN: Representative Phillips.
REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS: Aye.
SECRETARY CURCHIN: Representative Mitten.
REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: Aye.
SECRETARY CURCHIN: Representative Lauer.
REPRESENTATIVE LAUER: Aye.
SECRETARY CURCHIN: Representative Austin.
REPRESENTATIVE AUSTIN: Aye.
SECRETARY CURCHIN: Representative Rhoads.
REPRESENTATIVE RHoads: Aye.
SECRETARY CURCHIN: Representative Pierson.
REPRESENTATIVE PIerson: Aye.
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: By your vote seven
aye, zero no to close the meeting next Friday, 12:30
p.m. I now move that the Committee authorize a
subcommittee of myself, Representative Austin and

Representative Mitten to interview Mr. David Whitman who
is currently located at the federal penitentiary in
Springfield, Missouri and for whom recording devices are
not allowed into those interviews except with special
permission of the warden which I believe we can get but
I think that’s somewhat lengthy process. At this
point in time I think it would behoove us to go have a
conversation first before deciding whether it makes
sense to have a court reporter there to take it down.
Any discussion on that motion?
REPRESENTATIVE LAUER: So it cannot be
recorded in any fashion?
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: You are prohibited
from -- unless you have special dispensation from the
warden, you are prohibited from being recording devices
into the facility.
REPRESENTATIVE LAUER: How would that be
recorded?
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: We will come back to
the Committee with a summary of what he tells us in that
meeting and potentially if he has relevant information
for our Committee then we will follow up with a recorded
statement of some sort if not --
REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: A request for special
dispensation.

declaration on the day that we go down there. Further
discussion on said motion?
REPRESENTATIVE PIerson: And he will be, of
course, under oath?
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: When we have him
without the special dispensation, he’s not going to be.
REPRESENTATIVE PIerson: So he’s not under
oath without the special dispensation?
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: This is just an
initial meeting to see if he has information relevant to
the investigation.
REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: An informal interview.
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: It is an informal
interview to determine whether we need a formal
interview to go through the process of getting a court
reporter into the federal penitentiary in Springfield.
REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: But it’s also possible
-- Mr. Chairman, if I might just reiterate. I think
think it’s also possible that if the subcommittee
believes that there is some information that could be
obtained by way of a sworn affidavit that we could just
get then and there, that’s another possibility.
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Yes. Our intent is to
report back to the committee rather than go through this

lengthy process where we have to get the warden’s
special permission and then -- I don’t know if all of us
could even get in there for this purpose. My
understanding from speaking to the public information
officer in the facility is that they’ve never had
anything like this done which should not be surprising.
There’s never been a committee of the Missouri House to
interview a witness at the federal penitentiary in
Springfield, Missouri.
REPRESENTATIVE AUSTIN: They’ve had lawyers
there depose.
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: They’ve had lawyers
there. But the question is there are so many of us.
They’re nine people to come in, bring a recording
device. That presents a different sort of thing that
they’ve never done before.
REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: Something they’re not
logistically prepared for,
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: They’re not
logistically prepared for. So I now move that the
Committee grant permission to Representative Austin,
myself and Representative Mitten and I believe
Mr. Curchin is going to be with us for said interview on
Friday. So I now move.
SECRETARY CURCHIN: Chairman Barnes,
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REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Aye.
SECRETARY CUCHIN: Phillips.
REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS: Aye.
SECRETARY CUCHIN: Witten.
REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: Aye.
SECRETARY CUCHIN: Lauer.
REPRESENTATIVE LAUER: Aye.
SECRETARY CUCHIN: Austin.
REPRESENTATIVE AUSTIN: Aye.
SECRETARY CUCHIN: Rhoads.
REPRESENTATIVE RHoads: Aye.
SECRETARY CUCHIN: Pierson.
REPRESENTATIVE PIERSON: Aye.
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Finally, there is some question about this Committee's authority to issue a subpoena to force either a Mr. Dan Laub or anyone associated with The Mission Continues in Manhattan to appear before us here in Missouri. One potential solution to that is to take a deposition. There's a statute that authorizes the speaker to deputize a member or even a non-member to take a deposition for any purpose to be used in the House of Representatives. So I want the Committee to vote on said authorization if necessary to interview Mr. Laub or someone from The Mission Continues for that limited purpose.

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1. REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Yes. And my inclination it would be myself and perhaps another member of the Committee if someone else would choose to do so. The same is true for Mr. Laub who I believe is in Virginia at this point.
2. REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: I just want to make sure I know what I'm voting on. Aye.
3. REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: That was an aye. Was that an aye?
4. REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: Yeah.
5. SECRETARY CUCHIN: Lauer.
6. REPRESENTATIVE LAUER: Yes. Indeed.
7. SECRETARY CUCHIN: Austin.
8. REPRESENTATIVE AUSTIN: Aye.
9. SECRETARY CUCHIN: Rhoads.
11. SECRETARY CUCHIN: Pierson Jr.
13. REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: By your vote of seven ayes, zero nos, you have approved the motion. That ends today's hearing.
14. (off the record.)

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REPRESENTATIVE LAUER: He would not be able to come here.
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: We don't know the answer to that question yet. It's if he would not come here, refuse to come here. I want to offer up the possibility that if they deem that to be too costly and time consuming, then we will say fine, we will come to you so that there's no great excuse not to speak with us. Further discussion of the motion? Seeing none I so move. Mr. Cuchin, please call the roll.
SECRETARY CUCHIN: Chairman Barnes.
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Aye.
SECRETARY CUCHIN: Phillips.
REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS: Aye.
SECRETARY CUCHIN: Witten.
REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: I'm sorry. But what are we voting on here?
REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Let's back up.
REPRESENTATIVE MITTEN: We're basically saying that the chair -- that should the New York witness refuse to come to Missouri that we would -- we're authorizing the Committee or the chair to either travel to New York to interview or deputize somebody else -- travel to New York for a deposition or deputize somebody in New York to take said deposition: is that what we're voting on?