

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*

v.

* **Case No. 1:21CR00166 (TFH)**

ROBERT MAURICE REEDER

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MEMORANDUM IN AID OF SENTENCING

The Defendant, by and through his attorney, Robert C. Bonsib, Esq. and the law office of MarcusBonsib, LLC, hereby submits this Memorandum in Aid of Sentencing and, in support thereof, states as follows:

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On June 23, 2021 the Robert Reeder ("Reeder") appeared before the Honorable Thomas F. Hogan and entered a guilty plea to count four of the criminal information in which he was charged with a violation of 40 U.S.C. 5104(e)(2)(G) - Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol Building. The Court ordered a Pre-Sentence Report ("PSR")

Sentencing in this matter is presently scheduled for August 18, 2021.

II. PRE-SENTENCE REPORT

Reeder reviewed the PSR and, with the exception of the following comments, otherwise has no requested additions or modifications the PSR.

Paragraph 20: Reeder entered and remained in the Capitol ground without lawful authority. Contrary to what is reported in Paragraph 20, Reeder's actions did not include "violent and disorderly conduct which impeded or disrupted the orderly conduct of Government business or official functions." He did enter the Capitol Building and engaged in conduct which he

accepted responsibility for and that is fairly characterized as meaning the statutory definition of "parading."

Paragraph 23: Reeder engaged in conduct that violated the statute to which he pled guilty - to the extent that when this paragraph states that Reeder's role "was instrumental in the commission of the instant offense" refers to his parading or demonstrating in the Capitol Building - he agrees. To the extent that this paragraph is intended to refer to some other "offense" - Reeder disagrees.

Paragraph 24: Reeder objects to his being included in a crowd that is described as "a large crowd of individuals who gathered outside the US Capitol and ultimately forced entry inside the building. Those individuals' actions included breaking windows and assaulting members of law enforcement as others in the crowd encouraged and assisted those acts to gain entry into the US Capitol.

Reeder's conduct was individual and significantly and substantially different from many others in the "crowd." He did not engage in "forced entry," did not participate in "breaking windows and assaulting members of law enforcement" and was not one who "encouraged and assisted those acts to gain entry into the US Capitol."

While there were others who damaged the US Capitol, not only did Reeder not engage in such conduct, it is clear, as is discussed in more detail in other portions of this sentencing memorandum, that Reeder took action to discourage others from damaging the Capitol and its contents. Reeder's conduct is more accurately and specifically described herein.

The United States Probation Office has recommended a term of 24 months of probation as an appropriate sentence in this matter.

III. REEDER'S CONDUCT AND ACTIVITY ON JANUARY 6, 2021 AND THEREAFTER

Overview

Robert Reeder is a fifty-five year old man who began January 6, 2021 sitting in his home in Maryland watching TV. He saw on TV that there was going to be a rally in D.C. near the White House where President Trump was to speak at 11 am.

Having nothing better to do and believing that the rally would be an interesting event to attend, he left his home and boarded the Metro and headed by himself into D.C. where he arrived around 11:30 when the rally was already in progress.

At the rally it was difficult to hear, and Mr. Reeder did not even hear Mr. Trump's speech, After going to the Mall, Reeder had intended to go visit several of the monuments and memorials while in D.C., however, he changed his plans when he heard people talking about going to the Capitol and that Trump was coming with them. He decided to also go, but did not walk with the main crowd on Constitution Avenue, and instead walked by himself with a different and smaller crowd on the Mall.

The atmosphere in the crowd was initially festive, with mothers pushing babies in strollers and people waving flags and proclaiming their love for America.

When he got near the Capitol building, he started taking pictures and videos of the crowd and walked towards the bandstands where he was suddenly exposed to tear gas. In an effort to find water to wash out his eyes, he went to the entrance of the Capitol building, where 5-6 police officers were standing alongside the doorway with the doors wide open. He asked for directions to a bathroom or water fountain. The officers were standing near the walls and neither verbally nor otherwise attempted to keep Mr. Reeder from walking into the building.

Once inside the Rotunda, Mr. Reeder, who had never been in the Capitol before, was struck by the awe and the beauty of the Rotunda and began taking pictures and videos. As he followed a few people into Statutory Hall, he is heard on video repeatedly yelling to those present "don't destroy anything" because he saw people posing next to the statues for pictures.

He remained in the building for brief period of time and when he noticed that too many people had begun to yell and not act with respect inside the Capitol Building, he looked for a way out of the building. With the help of a Capitol Hill policeman, he was able to leave the building. He only entered the Rotunda and Statuary Hall and never entered any offices or restricted spaces and did not touch or vandalize anything while he was in the Capitol building.

Once Mr. Reeder was able to leave the Capitol building, at approximately 4:15 pm he headed back to the Metro, and took the subway back home in Maryland and was back by approximately 5:15 pm. Once home, he turned on the TV and then realized the full extent of the riotous behavior that was occurring at the Capitol and was disgusted and horrified at what he was watching live on TV.

Mr. Reeder is not politically active, is not and has never been a member of any right-wing or anti-government or extremist group and has, unfortunately, been publicly grouped with many others who views he abhors. Mr. Reeder is a registered Democrat, and was not a Trump supporter, although he did like the patriotic spirit that he believed that President Trump was trying to instill in Americans.

Mr. Reeder had never attended a political rally or protest prior to January 6th. He has since suffered much as a result of his conduct on January 6th including the loss of his employment, as well as the loss of friends, neighbors, co-workers, and many acquaintances, He has been alienated by disappointed family members, including his son. He has endured

irreputable damage to his reputation; all because of a spur of the moment decision and regrettable mistake to attend a Trump rally and follow what he thought was peaceful group of individuals to the Capitol to make their political views known. He does not want to be remembered as or considered one of the unlawful or violent protestors that assaulted the Capitol that day.

From the beginning of the January 6th investigation, Mr. Reeder has fully cooperated with law enforcement, and was among the first to voluntarily provided his personal pictures and videos of what he observed and experienced, and provided any information in his memory and possession to help in the investigation [Reeder video provided to the Court as Exhibit A of the government's sentencing memorandum]. He thought that the videos and pictures he took would help explain his actions at and inside the Capitol building.

He has accepted responsibility for his bad judgement in entering the Capitol building by pleading guilty to unlawfully parading inside the Capitol building.

Timeline

January 6, 2021

@10:00 am

Reeder is at home watching TV and sees that there is going to be political rally on the Mall in the District of Columbia at which then President Donald Trump was expected to speak. Reeder thought it might be last time to hear Trump speak so decided to go to the rally.

Reeder went to the Metro and got off at Metro Center and walked to area of the rally.

When Reeder got to the rally he could not really hear the speakers. Those present were peaceful.



Reeder heard people say they were going to the Capitol. He originally did not follow the crowd and walked to the Mall but as he was nearing the Air & Space museum, which was closed, he decided to go toward the crowd gathering at the Capitol. The crowd he was walking with was peaceful. There were families, women pushing children in strollers and otherwise engaging in normal political speech.

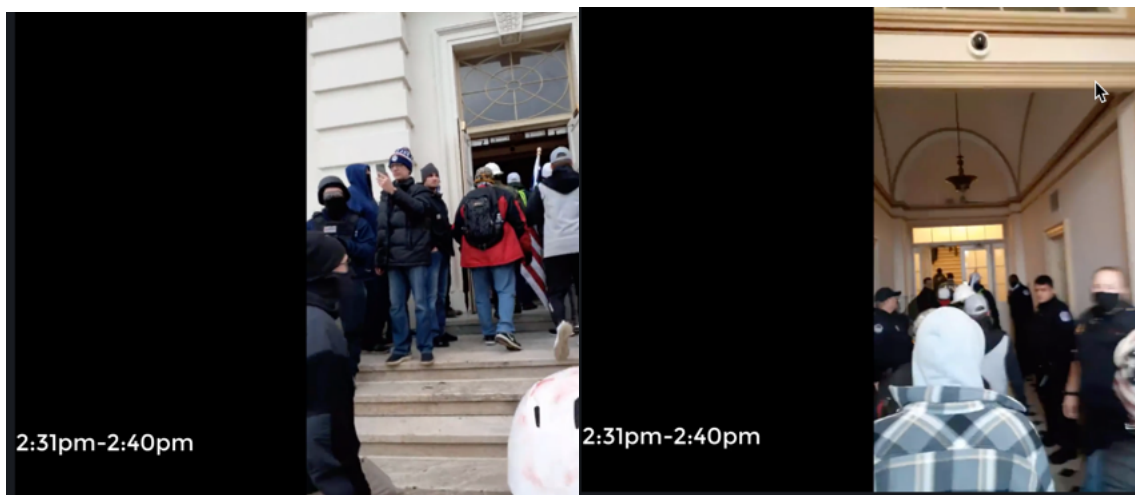




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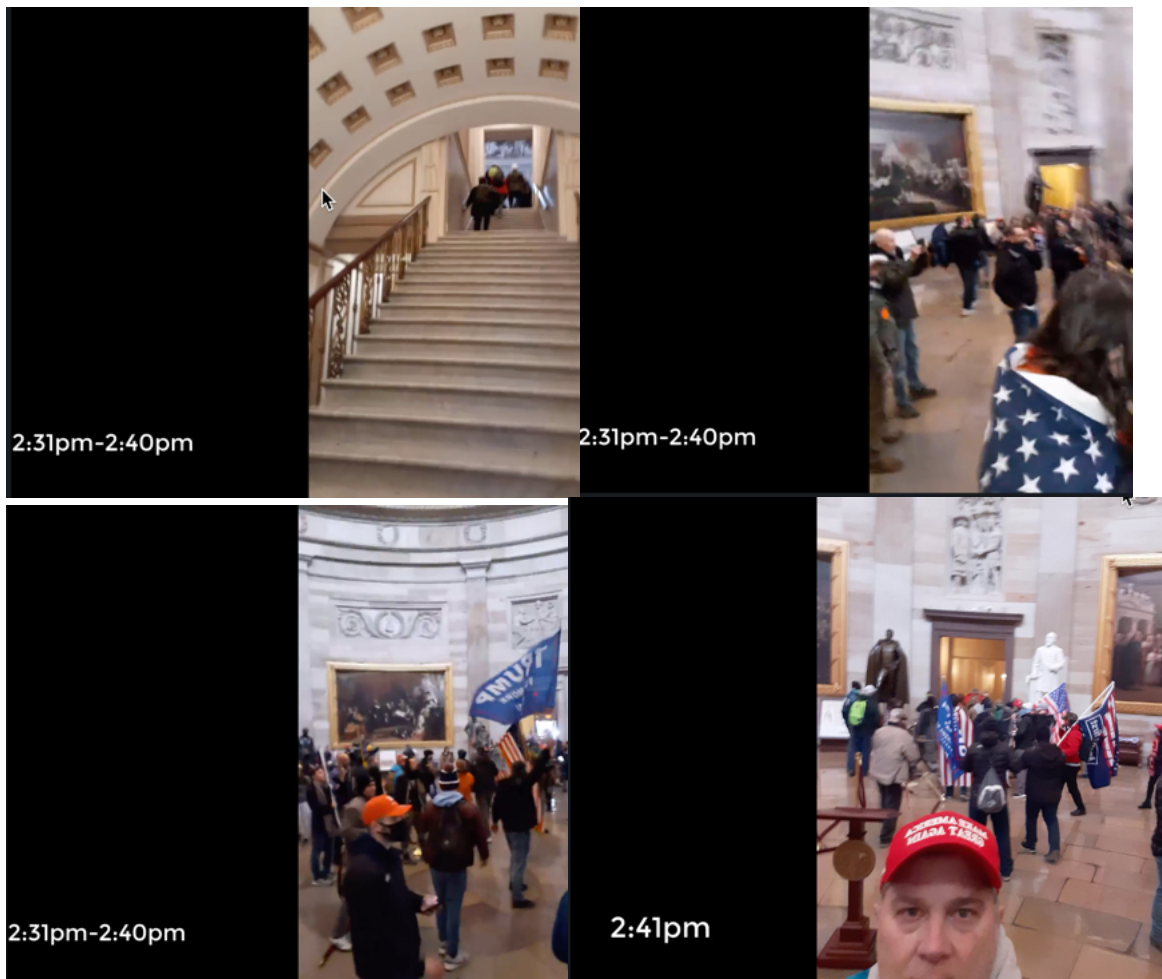
Reeder is observed on his video walking into the Capitol Building. Capitol police

officers are observed standing by as Reeder passes through the open door. He asks the officers if there is a water fountain available. While outside the Capitol he suffered the effects of tear gas that had been blown in his direction and he was attempting to find water to wash the tear gas from his eyes.



As Reeder entered the building, he did not "breach" the entry. He walked through an open door and no one attempted to stop him or advise him that he should not enter the building. Many others had already entered the building and were calmly walking in the building.

Reeder is seen walking up the stairs and in the Rotunda. The activity observed at that time was that of individuals mulling around. No evidence of violent activity or destructive activity. To the contrary, what is most observed are individuals taking pictures.



@2:41

Reeder is walking calmly through the Rotunda and Statuary Hall area only taking pictures and is heard repeatedly yelling "do not destroy anything, do not destroy anything."



[Reeder can be heard on the video saying "Do not destroy anything"]

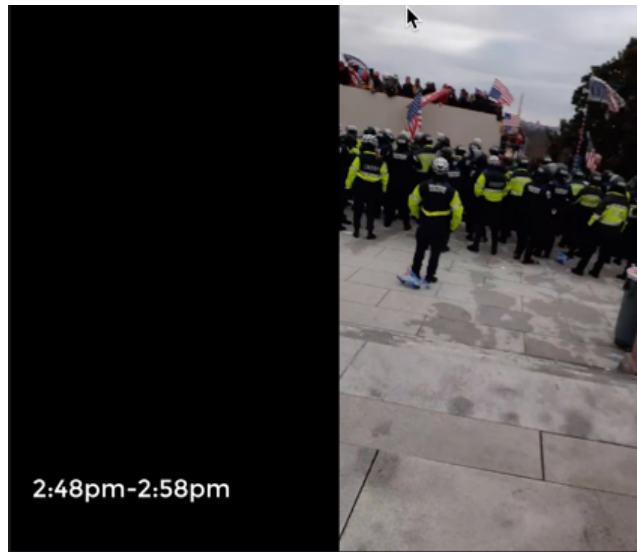
While the crowd is large and at times verbally loud and displaying Trump and other flags there was no destructive or violent activity at this time and at this location.

@ 2:45

Reeder is now on the outside of the building taking pictures of the crowd in the direction of the Mall. He is not involved in any activity at this time other than taking pictures and recording the activities below and beyond his position.

@2:48

Reeder is seen walking outside the Capitol Building and is asking for directions as to the way out. He is told by a police officer that he cannot continue in the direction he was going - a path that he thought would lead him away from the Capitol Building. His exit path was blocked by the large line of police officers, he reverses course and starts walking in the other direction. Reeder asks the officer why he was told to go the way that another officer tells him he cannot go that way. Reeder is heard say "we are trying to get out."



[Reeder outside building asking for the "quickest way out"]



[Police officer tells Reeder "you're not coming this way" - Reeder asks "why did they tell us this

way?" and says "We are trying to get out of here."]

@3:03

Reeder is now on the front steps of the Capitol.

@3:10.

Reeder is outside the Capitol where video records the crowd chanting "USA - USA." He is not one of the crowd doing the chanting.



@3:10 - 3:38

Reeder has now re-entered the Capitol Building. The crowd has grown and is tightly packed. There is pushing and shoving. Reeder is seen in his video and in the distance you can see the exit from the Capitol. Reeder is trying to work his way to the entrance but because of the press of the crowd - he is not able to make progress towards the exit.

People can be heard saying "let us out." A number of people are trying to get out but because of the press of the crowd - the crowd is jammed together in the doorway on the way to the path to exit from the Capitol.



[Reeder is heard telling a police officer that there is a man laying there with a broken hip.]

It is at this point that some in the crowd are chanting "Fight for Trump - Fight for Trump." Reeder is not heard joining the chant. Most of the time Reeder is sitting quietly on a bench in the entryway behind the police line waiting for the doors to open and the crowd to leave.

After the crowd inside was able to leave the Capitol, Reeder is able to leave the Capitol with the assistance of a Capitol police officer.





[When Reeder is recording events after he is able to exit the building, in a crowd of what appears to be hundreds - someone yells out - without warning - "Hang Mike Pence." Reeder had been recording events prior to this unexpected outburst and was not recording to capture that particular statement - as it was unexpected]

Once Reeder gets outside - there is a very large crowd. Someone or some persons in the crowd are heard saying "hang Mike Pence - hang Mike Pence." There is absolutely nothing in this portion of the video to connect Reeder to this chant. In fact, in what appears to be a huge crowd, the voice heard making that chant appear to be an isolated few. Reeder cannot arbitrarily be associated with those few.

From the point that Reeder leaves from the Capitol Building and for the remainder of his video he is simply videotaping what is going on. He is not heard to chant and he is not involved in any violent or destructive behavior - and at no point up to this point has he engaged in any such conduct.



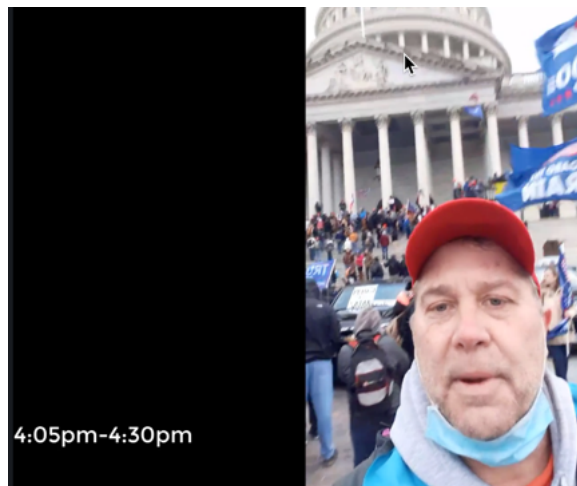
@3:43

Reeder has now worked his way further away from the Capitol Building.



@4:05 - 4:30

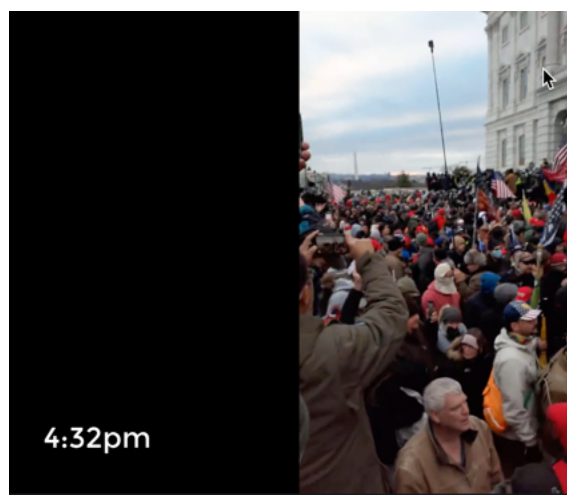
Reeder videotapes himself in front of the Capitol Building - but at some distance from the building and says "I am leaving now but I got tear gassed at least four times. I walked by the lady who got shot. It is completely crazy in there."



In the next clip Reeder records himself saying "Just left the Capitol. I was one of the last people out [unintelligible]. I got gassed several times inside the Capitol, many times outside the Capitol. Got shot with pepper balls. Had to battle with the police inside. It was crazy. Absolutely insane." This comment was discussed by Reeder when he met with FBI agents and explained that the words were poorly chosen and he was not speaking personally about his actions. See Reeder interview statement excerpts, *infra*]

@ 4:32

Reeder is outside the Capitol videotaping the crowd that is mulling around, waving flags and generally making noise. Shortly thereafter Reeder leaves the Capitol Building area and goes to the Metro station and arrives home between 5 and 6 pm.



Once home, Reeder turned on the TV and sees for the first the full extent of the riotous behavior that was occurring at the Capitol. When interviewed by the FBI during his first interview, Reeder expressed to the agents that when he was watching on TV what was going on at the Capitol that "it made me sick."

January 15, 2021

Reeder contacts undersigned counsel and tells him of his involvement during the January 6th incident.

January 19, 2021

Reeder is advised by a neighbor that the FBI was outside his residence today. Reeder sends undersigned counsel the contact information for the FBI agent.

Undersigned counsel, with Reeder consent and concurrence, contacts Assistant United States Attorney ("AUSA") Thomas Windom to advise that Reeder was prepared to present himself for service of any charging document that may have been issued for him.

From: [Windom, Thomas \(USAMD\)](#)
To: [Robert C. Bonsib](#)
Subject: RE: "Persons of Interest"
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 8:07:45 PM

Hi Bob – just saw your text and wrote you back. Yes, I am a POC on all this.
tw

From: Robert C. Bonsib <robertbonsib@marcobonsib.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 7:11 PM
To: Windom, Thomas (USAMD) <twindom@usdoj.gov>
Subject: "Persons of Interest"

Thomas – are you handling the “persons of interest” on the FBI flyers who may live in Maryland? If not – can you advise who in your office is?

Thanks

Bob

January 20, 2021

AUSA Windom contacts undersigned counsel and is advised that no warrant has been issued for Reeder and that the agents just wanted Reeder to make himself available to be interviewed. Undersigned counsel advises that Reeder has a cellphone that will document his activities on January 6th and will make it available for inspection by the government.

Undersigned counsel further advises that a composite video has been prepared from the videos and photos on Reeder's cellphone to assist in documenting Reeder's activities on January 6th and offers to make that available to the government to further facilitate their understanding of

Reeder's activities on January 6th.

The composite video is emailed to AUSA Windom.

1 file • 862.9 MB total • Shared on 01/20/2021

Your files have been delivered to the following recipient:

thomas.windom@usamd.gov

"Thomas - this is a composite that we put together from the photos and videos from Reeder's phone. The time stamp we put on the composite to try to put the still photos and the videos in chronological order based upon what we saw as the time stamps on the videos and still photos in the phones data. Mr. Reeder will try to drop his phone off to my office in the am so hopefully it will be available for the agent to pick up tomorrow afternoon or anytime thereafter. Bob"

AUSA Windom places a call to undersigned counsel later in the day and advises undersigned counsel that he will have an FBI agent contact undersigned counsel to make arrangements to pick up Reeder's cellphone.

From: [Robert C. Bonsib](#)
To: [Windom, Thomas \(USAMD\)](#); [Thoman, Alexandria \(BA\) \(FBI\)](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 8:32:05 PM

Thanks Thomas

Lexi – I am expecting to have Mr. Reeder's phone by sometime early afternoon tomorrow.

Please let me know when you might like to pick it up – he plans to drop it off around 1 pm

I'll be in the office until at least 5 pm tomorrow and most of the day on Friday

Bob

From: Thomas Windom <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 8:29 PM
To: Robert Bonsib <[REDACTED]>, "Thoman, Alexandria (BA) (FBI)" <athoman@fbi.gov>
Subject: <no subject>

Bob/Lexi –

Putting the two of you together to arrange for picking up the phone. Thanks.

tw

January 21, 2021

Reeder drops his cellphone off at the law office of MarcusBonsib, LLC with the understanding that Special Agent Alexandria Thoman will pick up the cellphone at the law office of MarcusBonsib, LLC.

Later in the day, Special Agent takes possession of Reeder's cellphone at MarcusBonsib, LLC.

February 24, 2021

Undersigned counsel receives a telephone call from AUSA Joshua Rothstein informing undersigned counsel that a criminal complaint has been filed and that Reeder could voluntarily surrender the next morning. (NOTE: At this time no effort had been made to follow up on Reeder's offer to voluntarily meet with agents)

February 25, 2021

Reeder presents himself to agents as instructed, has an initial appearance and is released on his own recognizance with reporting requirements.

March 9, 2021

Telephone call with AUSA Rothstein who advised that a criminal information had been filed in the United States District Court. Undersigned counsel again advised that Reeder was prepared to assist in moving the matter forward and resolve the case and was willing to meet with the government whenever the government wished to speak to him.

April 13, 2021

Undersigned counsel in telephone call with AUSA Rothstein advises that Reeder is prepared to resolve case early on and that the government does not need to be concerned about providing extensive discovery in this matter as Reeder is prepared to acknowledge his responsibility for his conduct in this matter.

Undersigned counsel emailed Special Agent Thoman with suggested times for agents to interview Reeder

April 20, 2021

Reeder meets with FBI agents at the FBI office in Baltimore for almost two hours in a recorded interview.

June 23, 2021

Reeder appears before the Honorable Thomas F. Hogan and enters a plea of guilty to count four of the criminal information in the above matter. Sentencing is scheduled for August 18, 2021.

July 1, 2021

At the request of FBI agents and federal prosecutors, Reeder again meets with agents at the FBI office in Baltimore.

V. ROBERT REEDER'S PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Reeder is fifty-five years of age.

Until 2018, Reeder spent much of the last 18 years acting as a caregiver for his elderly sick and dying parents while they were living in Maryland.

Reeder is a registered Democrat. He did not care much for President Trump, although he favored some of President Trump's policies and he was not a strong supporter of his Democratic opponent in the election. He was not a member of any organized political group and had no advance plans to attend the January 6th rally. It was a last minute, spur-of-the moment decision. He did not attend as part of any organized group. He had no prior intention to be part of a group that was going to march to the Capitol. To the contrary, it had been his plan to attend the rally and then spend the remainder of the day visiting the museums and monuments on the Mall.

The government had possession of his cellphone and did a forensic download of the contents of his cellphone. Nothing was discovered that would suggest that he was part of any group that was planning to attend the January 6th rally nor was anything discovered that suggested he was otherwise involved in any organized political action group or organization.

VI. DIRECT CONSEQUENCES OF REEDER'S ACTIVITIES ON JANUARY 6, 2021

(i) Loss of employment

At the time of his arrest, Reeder was employed as a driver for FedEx Corporation and had been so since 2018. As a result of his arrest in this matter, he has been placed on administrative leave/has been terminated. He has not been able to secure steady employment since being charged in this matter.

(ii) Widespread publicity

As a consequence of his arrest in this matter, Reeder has been the subject of a number of media accounts lumping him with others involved in the January 6th incident. These inflammatory and inaccurate accounts will continue to appear in the internet whenever anyone searches the name Robert Reeder.

Unfortunately, another consequence of this media and internet publicity, Reeder's 14 year old son, who is also named Robert Reeder, will likely for a long suffer the consequences of Reeder's conduct in this matter, most likely in some circumstances where he will never know who has searched his background and disqualified him from advancements or opportunities because he is confused with his father.

(iii) Loss of reputation

Reeder has been vilified and his personal character and reputation will, if not forever, will for the foreseeable future be tarnished by his involvement in the activities at the Capitol on January 6th.

VII. GOVERNMENT'S SENTENCING MEMORANDUM

The tone, analysis and recommendation contained in the government's sentencing memorandum are troubling and hard to understand and square with the facts in this case. Reeder came forward early, provided evidence, much of which was relied upon by the government to support its criminal complaint and statement of facts in support of his guilty plea. Reeder twice met with the government agents - first to fully explain and discuss his presence and activities on January 6th and on the second occasions to assist FBI agents and an AUSA as they attempted to identify individuals captured in photos and videos obtained from other sources. Reeder

voluntarily appeared on both occasions. The second occasion was after his guilty plea and was not required as part of any pre-plea debriefing requirement. He did so voluntarily and without hesitation - just had he offered to do as far back and mid-January.

Despite his overwhelming and continuing cooperation with the government, the government now seeks to minimize Reeder's acceptance of responsibility because he does walk "in lock step" with the government's theory regarding each and every fact and the reason for each and every action of Reeder on January 6th. The government's position hardly sets an example for those in the future who would seek to "do the right thing" by offering to cooperate and plead guilty in a matter such as the instant one.

The government, in its sentencing memorandum, states as follows:

"This Court, in determining a fair and just sentence on this spectrum, should look to a number of critical factors, to include: (1) whether, when, and how the defendant entered the Capitol building; (2) whether the defendant engaged in any violence or incited violence; (3) whether the defendant engaged in any acts of destruction; (4) the defendant's reaction to acts of violence or destruction; (5) whether during or after the riot, the defendant destroyed evidence; (6) the length of the defendant's time inside of the building, and exactly where the defendant traveled; (7) the defendant's statements in person or on social media; (8) whether the defendant cooperated with, or ignored, law enforcement; and (9) whether the defendant otherwise exhibited evidence of remorse or contrition."

Let's consider each of these factors:

(1) whether and how the defendant entered the Capitol building

Reeder walked into the Capitol building, through an open door and, after engaging in conversation with police officers, walked by them without violence - without destroying anything - without threats or without any other aggressive conduct. This entrance was confirmed by the video recorded by Reeder. This was Reeder's first time in the Capitol building.

Reeder second entrance occurred after he attempted to exit the Capitol area by following the direction of a police officer and only after his exit path was blocked. While his second entrance was not recorded, there is no evidence to suggest that his re-entry, while unauthorized, was either violent or destructive.

(2) whether the defendant engaged in any violence or incited violence

There is no evidence to suggest that Reeder engaged in any violence or incited violence by others and, as noted in his interview with the FBI agents, he condemns the violence and destruction that occurred.

(3) whether the defendant engaged in any acts of destruction

Not only did Reeder not engage in any acts of destruction, he affirmatively and repeatedly exhorted others not to engage in any destruction - a fact recorded in the video provided to the government.

(4) the defendant's reaction to acts of violence or destruction

See #3 above.

(6) the length of the defendant's time inside of the building, and exactly where the defendant traveled

Reeder was present in and around the Capitol building for approximately 2:30 to around 3:40 pm. He traveled only in public areas of the Capitol. He did not enter

either Chamber of Congress nor any Congressional offices or other private areas.

From his video it appears that Reeder was actually inside the Capitol building on the first occasion from approximately 2:30, left the building seeking to exit the area and then re-entered the Capitol building around 3:10, again leaving the Capitol building around 3:40

(7) the defendant's statements in person or on social media

Reeder recorded himself on his private cellphone. Once he returned to his residence on January 6th and after he became sickened by what he observed on TV what was going on at the Capitol the last thing he was interested in doing was posting anything on social media. Reeder did not post anything after January 6th and deleted his Facebook account shortly thereafter. Unlike others who during or after the events of January 6th who posted comments or videos or pictures on social media boasting of their presence or activities on social media, Reeder recognized the mistakes he made in participating in the events at the Capitol and was embarrassed and remorseful for his involvement and had no interest in boasting or justifying his presence at the Capitol once he had returned home and fully understood what was going on at the Capitol building.

(8) whether the defendant cooperated with, or ignored, law enforcement

Early, consistently fully and often - that is the only way to fairly characterize Reeder cooperation with law enforcement. Did anyone else make their presence known to law enforcement and offer to cooperate as early as did Reeder? Did anyone not only volunteer, before being asked, to turn over to law enforcement a composite video evidencing their personal activities on January 6th to assist in the government's

investigation?

(9) whether the defendant otherwise exhibited evidence of remorse or contrition

How many others offered to plead guilty as early as Reeder? In his interviews with the FBI agents, undersigned counsel observed the emotion exhibited by Reeder as he recounted his activities and the acknowledged the wrongful nature of his conduct.

On both occasions when Reeder met with FBI agents, agents commented on how Reeder stood out amongst those that they interviewed, both as to his early cooperation, but also as to how the agents did not have to "pull" information from him - but he willingly sought to be as helpful as possible during his interviews with the FBI agents.

An analysis of Reeder's conduct, using the government's own standards, does not support in any manner to the government's recommendation for a custodial sentence. Other comments in the government's sentencing memorandum are equally inapplicable to Reeder and cause one to wonder if this is a template sentencing memorandum and one not prepared to address the specific individual characteristics and conduct of Reeder.

Statements such as:

"the Defendant purposefully joined a large group of rioter intent on interfering with the nation's electoral process"

"chanting "Fighting for Trump" [Reeder did not so chant]

"the Defendant had many opportunities to extricate himself and abide by the law, but never chose to do so" [Reeder's video confirms he sought assistance in removing himself from the Capitol building area and was blocked in that effort and only thereafter re-entered the building]

"the Defendant consistently chose to be part of the riotous mob"

"not only did the Defendant choose to violate the law, he was intent that the world should see his contribution to the mayhem"

"the Defendant chose to leave the rally and walk 1.7 miles from the Ellipse toward the U.S. Capitol building, filming the first steps in the breach of the Capitol. The Defendant had almost two miles to change his mind and decide to turn back. But instead he chose to press forward". [pictures of walking - many have paraded to Capitol etc]

"the Defendant chose to be a lawless rioter rather than a peaceful protestor"
[rioter]

"the Defendant chose to be part of the desecration of the Capitol rotunda."

"unlike many of the other rioters, the Defendant chose to leave the Capitol and then illegally re-enter the building from the eastern front of the building" [earlier said never left]

"the Defendant chose to stand among the crowd and record as they yelled "Hand Mike Pence."

These statements are not supported by the evidence in this case as has been demonstrated in this memorandum.

In a gross understatement the government memorandum barely tips its hat in Reeder's favor with its brief comment that "the government notes that from the outset, through his attorney, the Defendant expressed a desire to plead guilty and promptly resolve this case. When recommending an appropriate sentence, the government gives significant weight to the defendant's early resolution of this case." This memorandum more fully and accurately reports the full nature and extent of Reeder's cooperation and, by his conduct, his acceptance of

responsibility for his actions on January 6, 2021. Through his counsel in early offers to plead guilty, in his interview with the FBI agents, before the Court and in his interview with the probation officer - he has fully accepted responsibility for his wrongful conduct in this matter.

VIII. REEDER'S ---- INTERVIEW WITH FBI AGENTS

In the government's sentencing memorandum, it includes excerpts from Reeder's interview with the FBI agents. A review of the entire interview presents a different picture than that suggested in the government's sentencing memorandum. In the statement Reeder consistently acknowledges his responsibility for his conduct and the wrongfulness of his actions. Attached to this memorandum is a transcript of the entire interview.

Significant portions of the interview include the following excerpts:

REEDER'S INITIAL ENTRY INTO THE CAPITOL BUILDING & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE WRONGFULNESS OF HIS ACTIONS

Reeder: ...say or relate to. It is just everyone was kind of, you know, the..., the gate was open and all the cattle went..., went...,

Thoman: Right.

Reeder: ...went out.

: (Whispers). Yeah.

Thoman: Like I..., I'm not trying to minimize what happened and...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...what you did that day, um, but what I can tell you is that we are having this conversation...

Reeder: (Whispers). Yeah.

Thoman: ...with many, many, many people...

Reeder: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman ...so I know this is weighing very heavy. It.., it's clear to me it's just "weighing very heavy on you...,"

Reeder: Uh huh.

Thoman: ...um, and I can feel that from you.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: Um.., again, I just wanna impress upon you that we are having this conversation with many, many, many people...

Reeder: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...and...

Reeder: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...we appreciate your candor...,

Reeder: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...um.., and just asking you c.., again...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...continue being truthful with us...

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: ...so...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...it.., it's a lot, you know? (Slight laugh in voice). I mean you were there with so many different people seeing this all together and.., and...

Reeder: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...um.., again, I just appreciate you being...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...truthful with us and I can see that this is, you know, been...

: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: "...weighing heavy on you" so...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...again, all I ask when I do ask some tough questions, um, ah, there are questions I have to ask you...

Reeder: When I back up all this stuff.., (takes a breath).., and I think about it..,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ..so many times....,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and it's import... This is very important.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: I'm not a victim t... I., I don't wanna claim to be a victim of anything.

Locke: Yeah.

Reeder: Nothing. I'm a victim of my own stupid choices...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...and.., and actions....

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...that I deeply, deeply regret...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...'cause it has changed my life forever.

REEDER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE RALLY AND PRESENCE

AT THE CAPITOL WAS A SPUR OF THE MOMENT DECISION

Reeder: But that's not really why I was down there.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um, I was just own there to, you know..,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...be part of the crowd and then...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...my r..., in my original plan was after the..., the Trump speech...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...was to walk towards either the Lincoln Memorial or towards the Jefferson Monument...

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and just have a good day because it was a nice day.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um, but then again, I made that decision.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: It was kind of penned in with all the fences and stuff...

Locke: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and I don't wanna use those as an excuse but everyone was walking down Constitution Avenue you said it was...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Ah, yeah.

Reeder: ...and I was just following. I just figured, okay, well...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I'll either break away...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and go to the Smithsonian or walk around the mall and then go to the Smithsonian Metro...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...or go down to the Capitol and go to the Union Station Metro.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um.., so I decided to follow the crowd stupidly.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

REEDER TOOK STEPS TO PROTECT THE INTERIOR OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING
AND DID NOT DESTROY ANYTHING OR ENTER ANY PRIVATE OFFICES

Reeder: ...you know, when I was in the.., inside the Capitol, I didn't touch anything. You heard me yelling...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...you know, don't destroy anything and I'll get to that in a second 'cause I heard someone else sayin' somethin'..,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and I felt a need to like shout out...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...to everyone like don't...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...destroy anything 'cause...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...we were in that ah., hall of statues I think it's called.

Thoman: Rotunda?

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...I find myself in like one of the most beautiful places I've ever been...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah.

Reeder: ...and I'm literally there just spinning in circles with my camera in disbelief checking...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...the place out...

Thoman: Did you go into anybody's offices?

Reeder: No, no offices. No. I didn't go anywhere that I wasn't supposed to.,

Thoman: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...didn't touch anything. I didn't even touch ah.,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...the walls while I was in there.

EARLY ON REEDER TRIED FIND A WAY OUT OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING

Reeder: ...and I went back to the Rotunda and they had closed the doors I believe at that point...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and people were like they've trapped us in here...

Locke: Yeah. (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so I was like oh God, so I saw a...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...Capitol Hill Police guard go down this hallway and I went after him and I was like hey, can you...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you know, tell me how to get out of here?

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: I just wanna get out of here.., I just wanna get out of here.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Reeder: So he led me down the long hallway.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: This is the...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...spiral staircase from the Rotunda...

Locke: Hmph hmph. Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...down... There's a long hallway that goes I guess the length of the Capitol...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...and lets out at...

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...whatta we gonna call it, the South Entrance?

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: That's when you were taking a video out..,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...when you were outside?

Reeder: No. Well...

Thoman: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: So he led me down the hallway.., this long hallway...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and about...

Thoman: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...half way down..,

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...he got a call on his thing and he said...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...I gotta go. He's like see that h.., that door right down there? It was about...
(Sighs). I guesstimate a hundred feet away....

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and it was a door leading to the outside.., to the outside...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and see that door out there...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...just keep heading for it and.., and go out that door and I said okay, thank you very much...,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so he turned around...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and he left and as I was walking down that...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...hallway...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...I saw a large group of police officers appear...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...just in front of that door. They..., they came from a side hallway...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...appeared at that door.,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so I paused for just a moment and I was like well I gotta get out..., I can't go back...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...so I kept on walking down that hallway and as I walked, that ah...,

Reeder: Um., so I walked out the door immediately and I proceeded around the Capitol...

Locke: (Unintelligible). (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ..to get back to the Mall to try and..., I was thinkin' like go home., go back to my friend or go home...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...whatever., just go...

Thoman: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and as I walked around, there was a whole, ah, group of police officers probably...

Locke: (Sighs).

Reeder: ...fifty of them or so...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and this is what I'm filming...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and um.., I just wanted to get back to the mall and they said no, you can't come this way and I said well how do you get out of here. They told me to come...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...this way and all that stuff. He said well...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: And then...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I think an undercover officer...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...said here, I'll take you guys with... There's like someone else with me...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...I believe...

Reeder: ...and um.., when I asked the police like how to.., you know, I just wanna go back to the mall.., they said no, you gotta go back the other way...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and I said well they.., they said that, you know, I was supposed to come this way and they said just go back...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then a guy said I'll.., I'll take you.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I think that's on the video...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...or somethin' like that...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and um..,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...when I turned.., we started walkin'.., there was another...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...person, you know, random person or somethin' there I guess...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and they started walkin' with us and then he said, you know, just go towards the ambulance...

THE SECOND ENTRY

Reeder: Why I went back in because that's what, you know..,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...my friends and...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...my lawyer said why'd you go back in? I mean that's the (Unintelligible)...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and it's like I don't know.

THE "BATTLE WITH THE POLICE" STATEMENT

Reeder: ...I'm leaving the Capitol now...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and all this stuff and...

Locke: (Takes a breath).

Reeder: ...I., I...

Thoman: So...

Reeder: ...mistakenly said the word "did battle...

Thoman: (Slight Laugh).

Reeder: ...with the police" which was...

Thoman: Well I was., I was gonna ask you about that.

Reeder: Completely stupid choice of words.

Thoman: So what did you mean when you said that?

Reeder: Ah..., (sighs)...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I just meant that it was...

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: The., the police and the protesters were in the., the "crush," you know...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and that's kind of what I meant by bowels and um..., it was whatever., but I didn't., I didn't push or get, you know.,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...battle with any of the police...

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um...

Thoman: So what...

Reeder: S...

Thoman: So to be clear, when you said we did battle with the police, what do you mean by that?

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I just meant... (Sighs). (Whispers). Gosh. Nothing that means probably what at face value that statement on...

Locke: (Whispers).

Reeder: ...paper would..,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...would mean.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: I really don't know ah.., ah... It just meant that we got in.., in...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I don't wanna say a pushing match.., which is what happened. It was a..., it was just a...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...very bad choice of words. It means that um...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...the protestors...

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...were in., in conflict with the poli... I., I...

Thoman: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...really don't know...

Thoman: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...what to say...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um...,

Locke: If you... I mean you're...

Reeder: It's not... Ah., ah., you...

(Sighing Noise).

Locke: In answering the question, you need to focus on the time you made the statement, not now...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Locke: ...trying to figure out...,

Reeder: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Locke: ...'cause if you don't know why you said it., you just said it in the spur of the moment., you don't know why., there's a reason why...,

Reeder: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Locke: ...you know, whatever it is., just try to go back...

Reeder: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Locke: ...and., and...

Reeder: It., it was just a poor...,

Locke: ...think about what you been thinking about...

Reeder: ...it was just a poor choice of words and again.,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...I was so physically exhausted and...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...from the., from that “crush...”

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then everything, you know, happening...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...I was like I think that, that’s when I started to realize that it wasn’t, you know.,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...ah, that this was a part of history and that’s why I did that. Like I’m leaving the Capitol now.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um.,

Locke: All right.

Reeder: ...you know, I mean I...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: You just... (Sighs). I., I don’t know how to answer that question except that I didn’t mean it...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...the way that I said it.

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible). So you...

Reeder: I didn't mean that like I was doing battle...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...with the police. I didn't.,

Thoman: Right.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I didn't mean... It was a very poor choice of words.

Thoman: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: At that time, I wasn't again thinking...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible). (And/or taking a breath).

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...right. I was um...

Thoman: Because you don't...

Reeder: Uh huh.

Thoman: ...strike me as a violent person...,

Reeder: Hmph hmph (no).

Thoman: ...um..., so., and having gone through everything, ah., having gone through your phone., having reviewed the Capitol footage...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Thoman: ...and ah...,

Reeder: Uh huh.

Thoman: ...talking to you now, I., that...

: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...brings..., still “rings true to me” that you’re not a violent person...

LEARNING ABOUT THE DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR UPON HIS RETURN HOME

Reeder: I jumped on the Metro train., I went back to my house.

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um, it only took like...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...forty, forty-five minutes to get back home.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um...,

Thoman: (Sighs).

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...I got in the house...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and turned on the T.V....

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...and they were showing pictures of what was happening at the Capitol.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: It made me sick. Okay, there’s a (Unintelligible) here or whatever you wanna call it...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...but I felt sick and I’m like I hope the police get those guys, you know, and...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...arrest them and jump...,

REMORSE ; ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY;
PERSONAL CONSEQUENCES OF INVOLVEMENT AT THE CAPITOL

Thoman: But that's ah., and again, you've been incredibly cooperative through this whole process. I've., I worked with Mister Bonsib before. It... Everything has been incredibly...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Thoman: ...professional on um., from both of you and I hope that you have felt it's been the same way from us.

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: All we care about is the truth, um, so we really appreciate you being forthcoming with providing your phone., providing those videos...,

: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...um., because that makes our.,

: (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...our jobs a lot easier.

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Thoman: ...um., but again, just sheds light on...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...what happened and that's why we're asking these questions is...

Reeder: Yeah. There's...

Thoman: ...we...

Reeder: Okay.

Thoman: That's what we're here for...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...is to figure out what happened...

: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I don't wanna be part of that in remembering..., remembrance...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: 'Cause that's not, you know, who I am or what I was there for...

Locke: (Whispers). Okay.

: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and I made some stupid, stupid decisions...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and ah...

Locke: (Slight Laugh).

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: To say that it's the biggest mistake of my life is an understatement. Um, it's...

Reeder: Starting with listening to news then deciding to go down there...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...on a whim that morning...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and ah..., it's just the biggest mistake in my life and...

Locke: (Whispers).

Reeder: ...I'm not saying that I'm not innocent, um, but I just don't wanna be lumped in with those other people...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...that I want you guys to go and get and...,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...you know, prosecute.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: This., this whole ordeal has cost me (slight laugh) more than you can imagine. (Slight laugh in voice). When we started out, you said, you know, I can imagine how you feel or what...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: I have lost my job...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...I've lost the ability to coach...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...and scouts which was really meaningful to me. Um, I don't even wanna go back to my church which is...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...one of the largest in Maryland. Um...,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...I used to have my son all the time...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...but my son's name is Robert Reeder...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...(begins to cry) so my son who had nothin' to do with this..., is known to feel the effects and he's now staying with his mother (snorts) and um...

Locke: (Sighs).

Reeder: ...(sighs) I don't see him much anymore because she doesn't and he doesn't wanna, you know...

Locke: (Makes unintelligible sounds).

Reeder: ...because of this disgrace...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and it's gonna follow him around too because of his name.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um..., my neighbors won't even talk to me anymore and we had great relationships but they all talk and found out and, you know...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...be walking out to my car and see them ah..., and I'll say hi and they won't even say hi back and that..., that hurts... (Slight cry in voice).

(Background Noise).

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(Sighs or whispers).

Reeder: ...and it's changed the way that I live my life.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um...,

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(Unintelligible Noises).

Reeder: ...you know, early on, Bob just said stay off social media..., stay low...,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...all that stuff. I don't want...

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(Unintelligible Noises).

Reeder: One of my cures is not to watch the news. I mean I don't even know what the weather's gonna be.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: Um...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: And yeah, I can't... What...

Reeder: But I don't do anything. Someone that was so active in Scouts and coaching, soccer and baseball and church and everything and, and working..., (snorts)..., my whole life has been changed.., turned upside down because of this stupid...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...stupid mistake that I made...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and ah.., it's gonna follow me for the rest of my life. I'm gonna have to live with it and I don't know what that's gonna mean so far as getting a.., a new job. (Snorts). Um..., I don't (slight laugh in voice) think that, that's.., you know, what I apply to somewhere, somebody in Human Resources is just gonna Google my name...

Locke: (Whispers). Oh yeah.

Reeder: ...and this is gonna pop up...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...so...,

Locke: (Sighs).

Reeder: ...um.., it's frightening in that way...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...to know...

Thoman: I... When I said earlier that I can imagine...

Reeder: (Sighs).

Thoman: ...it's like.., and what I meant is I can't imagine...,

Reeder: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...um, 'cause I haven't "been in your shoes" and...

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Thoman: ...what I can tell you though...,

Reeder: (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...is that of all of the...

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Thoman: ...Capitol investigations...

Reeder: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...that we have...,

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Thoman: ...um.., you are the only one...

Reeder: (Unintelligible).

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...for us that has tried to get out ahead of this that got legal representation...,

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...that...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...has been extremely cooperative...,

Reeder: Uh huh.

Thoman: ...um.., out of the gate...

Reeder: Uh huh.

Thoman: ...and I think that says a lot about your character, um..,

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...and I do believe that you've been truthful here today even when we're asking the tough questions....

Reeder: (Snorts).

Thoman: Again, we ah.., part of it is..., I'm just going through our list...,

Reeder: (Sighs).

Thoman: ...um.., and you're doing all the right things to... You know, you can't change the past...

Reeder: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...but impact the future and you're doing all the right things to get yourself there.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: Um, this interview is...

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(Background Noise).

Thoman: ...hopefully gonna be one of the last steps...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...to keep the legal process rolling so...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Thoman: ...you.., you know, you can put that behind you.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: Um...

Reeder: (Unintelligible). Um, thank you for saying that. I'm... And I mean I wanna say (clears throat).., it's like I wanna say I didn't do anything wrong (takes a breath) but I know that I did. I was there. I went into...

Locke: (Sighing Noise).

Reeder: ...the Capitol without permission. I should have known better...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...but again, this whole not thinking and just walking in like..., like it was okay to..., like no one stopped me...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...um...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I said I... I wanna say I didn't do anything wrong but..., but I know that I did.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...with us, um, and I appreciate...

: (Unintelligible sound).

Thoman: ...you coming in today and, again, this is just something I wish that...,

: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...um, and you will find this out..., that not most ninety-nine percent of the interviews that I do are not like this (slight laugh in voice) and...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...it's refreshing to me for what it is worth.

Reeder: Well thank you for saying that.

IX. CONCLUSION

For each and all of the foregoing reasons it is respectfully submitted that the Court should sentence the Defendant to a term of probation, with such terms and conditions as the Court

deems appropriate and, consistent with the plea agreement, order that the Defendant pay restitution in the amount of five hundred dollars. Reeder's request for a probationary sentence, supported by the recommendation in the PRS, is both an appropriate and reasonable sentence in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was served this 11th day of August, 2021 *via* CM/ECF to: Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Rothstein.

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Robert C. Bonsib

**REEDER SENTENCING MEMORANDUM
EXHIBIT NO. 1**

**TRANSCRIPT OF REEDER'S APRIL 20, 2021
INTERVIEW WITH FBI AGENTS**

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AMT:glwm
H Drive

Date of Conversation: April 20, 2021

Participants: 1. SA Alexandria M. Thoman = Thoman
2. SA Hunter Locke = Locke
3. Robert Bonsib, Attorney = Bonsib
4. Robert Reeder = Reeder

Type of Conversation: Taped Interview

A transcription of the above-described conversation is as follows:

Thoman: Hmph.

Reeder: Bob, you don't happen to have a Kleenix do you?

Bonsib: I don't.

Reeder: All right.

Bonsib: I'm sorry.

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: Ah, we could grab some tissues out of the restroom if you'd like some for you sir.

Reeder: Um, (Unintelligible)... Nah, I just...

Bonsib: (Whispers). Nah.

Thoman: (Sighs).

Reeder: I just (Unintelligible)...

Locke: Just let me know if.., if at any point, let me know, I'll.., I'll step out and get it.

Reeder: All right. Gotcha.

: (Unintelligible).

Thoman: All right. So I'm just going to start a preamble.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: Ah, so my name is Special Agent Alexandria Thoman. I am here with Special Agent Hunter Locke. If you both wouldn't mind stating your names for the record.

Reeder: Robert Reeder.

Bonsib: Robert Bonsib. (Spells out last name). B-o-n-s-i-b.

Thoman: Great. And so the date is Tuesday, April 20th. The time is 10:40. And just...

Reeder: (Sighs).

Thoman: ...make sure we have. (Sighs). Good coverage there. Ah, just to check a box for us, show you my creds...

Reeder: (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...so you know that I am who I say I am.

Locke: And as well.

Reeder: Ah, hmph hmph.

Thoman: All right, so I envision this interview being a conversation.

Reeder: Okay.

Thoman: Um, I...,

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...we're really trying to paint the picture of..., you know..., there's so many people there..., how every individual...

Reeder: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...found their way there, obviously..,

Reeder: (Whispers). Yeah.

Thoman: ...um..., partaking in a first amendment protected protest is not what we are concerned about..., that is first amendment protected activity., um..., and is encouraged and...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...we encourage it.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Thoman: Um, what we're concerned about is what led people into the Capitol building.

Reeder: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...um., on the sixth so if you wouldn't mind just starting out and., and "painting that picture" for us on...

Reeder: (Whispers). Uh huh. Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...what brought you to...

: (Background Noise).

Thoman: ...D. C. on the sixth, um.,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...and again, just walk us through the timeline of everything.

Reeder: Okay, um... (Sighs). Well first, I'd like to start off with that...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I've never been to a., a., a protest or anything like that before in my life. Um., I (sighing noise) decided to go to the..., the., the., the gathering at the White House...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...um., early in the morning., that morning actually., so...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I had had someone ask me...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...ah, the night before if I was gonna go or if I was interested in going. I said no... not at all.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Sighs).

Reeder: Ah, watching the T. V...

Locke: (Whispers). Okay.

Reeder: ...and...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...um., in the morning (background noise) when I woke up...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...um., just hearing about how large the crowds were gonna be the last time that you might be able to see President Trump...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...um., what all was going on...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...um...,

(Background Noise).

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...for lack of a better reason, I just didn't have anything better to do and I enjoy going down to D. C. all the time.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I go there quite frequently...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...just to walk around or bike...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...around. I take my bike down to the...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...ah, mall via the Metro...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...by the (Unintelligible) near Metro Station...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...um..., just watching the T.V. kind of...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...inspired me to go that morning so I was like what the heck, I'll go and check out the crowd mostly. I didn't think I'd get, you know, to see President Trump...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...or anything because...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...I didn't leave my house until...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...probably ten o'clock...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and they said that his speech was supposed to start around ten or eleven...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...so I didn't even think I'd make it but I'm close to the Metro Station.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I jumped on the Metro and went down to the Mall...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and ah., walked over there., walked through the crowd...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...um..., and that's when I started taking...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...pictures.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um, that's I guess something that other people do...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and I was doing the same things...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...as you can tell by all the pictures...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...that I just was documenting...,

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...you know, the..., the crowd. You can see that probably the first twenty pictures is just...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and videos are of me just doing three-sixty's...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and just showing the crowd.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um...

Thoman: So how did you get down there? Wh... How did you get there? Did you...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...drive to Metro Station..., did you walk?

Reeder: I., I live three blocks from the Metro Station...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...so I got on the Metro and went down to...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I think it was Metro Center. I'm not sure which one it was...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...um.., it's out near ah.., the theaters...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and I walked down um..,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...to the end of the Ellipse where everyone was ga..., gathered from there...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and ah.., when I got there...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...they still had ah.., some guest speakers speaking. I couldn't hear 'em because the P.A. system was really bad and I was too far away...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...um..,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and I just walked through the crowd just to be part of it, you know, um...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...experience being in a.., in a big crowd like that.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um..,

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...the only other crowd that I had experienced like that was probably...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...4th of July...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...down on the Mall.

Thoman: (Slight Laugh). Oh man, I., to that., I've lived in D. C. for seven years and I did that one time and I said never again.

: (Laughs).

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: That's too m., too much crowd for me but... (Laughs).

Reeder: So it was., it was., it was interesting. It was very peaceful, nice people...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...um., and President Trump got up to ah., speak. I got kind of close enough to see the., the bandstand but couldn't see him.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Oh yeah.

Reeder: Um.,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you couldn't hear his speech...

: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...but just sort of ah.,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...just stood there and., with everybody else...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...trying to hear...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...ah., the., what he was saying but I., I couldn't hear.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um, after it was all over and people were all sayin' that everyone was headed to the Capitol...,

Thoman: (Sighs).

Reeder: ...ah, building...

Thoman: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and um..., so that's where everyone was going...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so stupid me...

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(Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...followed the., the herd.

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um, actually as they walked down...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...that street... Is it Independence or Constitution Avenue? I don't know.

Thoman: Cons., Constitution prob...

Reeder: Constitution.

Thoman: ...probably if that's...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um..., I didn't wanna be with the crowd anymore so I actually took a right and went out to the Mall 'cause they were walkin' down the., the street so I went out to the Mall...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...and started walking down the Mall, um, over there by the art gallery...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and um...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...there was still a lot of people...

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...walking down the Mall area but it wasn't the main group that was walking down there...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and I got in front of the reflecting pool in front of the Capitol...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and took some more pictures...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then I walked around the Botanical Garden side of the reflecting pool...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and up to...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...the main one which is where it seems like everyone was going to ah., meet on the main lawn of the Capitol...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...the Mall., the Mall side.,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and um.,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...started taking pictures...

Bonsib: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...there from...

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...below the tower that was erected., the., the T.V. tower...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and from both sides of the grandstands..,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...um.., again just kind of observing everything that was going on..,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then...

Thoman: So at this point, are you...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...in front of the initial police barrier.., are you past it?

Reeder: No, I'm not.., I'm not past it yet.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: So...,

Locke: Ah...

Reeder: ...um..,

Locke: (Sighs). (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...but I recall...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...was that um...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I did see.., I didn't see any, you know, news cameras there so I was tryin' to get.., you know, good...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...elevation...

Thoman: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...to see what was goin' on because I saw that the police and the protestors...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...started to, you know, push against each other at the., at the ah., the., the gate.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: I tried to get up higher to...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...video that and then I guess...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...the barriers...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...fell down...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and people started to pour through there...,

Locke: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...um., and saw the., the Capitol Police...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...officers...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah.

Reeder: ...(sighs).., lack of a better word., retreat...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...backwards...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and everyone moved...,

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...ah., into...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...the grandstands...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...ah., for the ah...,

Thoman: If you don't mind me interrupting, what can you tell us about...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...what you saw there at that initial...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...altercation with the police, were you...

Reeder: (Sighs). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...with that crowd?

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: Were you behind it? Can you just describe where you were?

Reeder: No, I was., I was., I was well...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...behind it.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um., I saw...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: I think when I first, ah, was there, everything...

Locke: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...was., was peaceful...

Locke: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and then when I moved into another position, I saw them...,

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...the.., the protesters and the police kind of struggling at the barricade pushing back and forth...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

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(Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and then you saw the pepper spray...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and that's why I was tryin' to ah.., film... My.., my phone sometimes didn't work very, very well.

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: Um.., the...,

Locke: (Sighs).

Reeder: ...the police and the protestors were pushing against each other...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and so...

Thoman: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...I think I went to another area to try and get a better view of it...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and that's when the barriers I guess fell...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and people started movin' in.

Locke: (Whispers). Oh yeah.

Reeder: Um, I didn't move in with that initial...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...crowd right away but I kind of followed in...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...stupid me., herd mentality. I've gone through this a million times...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...in my..., my mind as to what I was doing there and what ah., why., what I was doing.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um., (sighs)...

Thoman: Like I'm not...

Reeder: This., this., this., this word., this., this., this term "herd mentality..."

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...is the only thing that I could...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...say or relate to. It is just everyone was kind of, you know, the., the gate was open and all the cattle went., went...,

Thoman: Right.

Reeder: ...went out.

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(Whispers). Yeah.

Thoman: Like I..., I'm not trying to minimize what happened and...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...what you did that day, um, but what I can tell you is that we are having this conversation...

Reeder: (Whispers). Yeah.

Thoman: ...with many, many, many people...

Reeder: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman ...so I know this is weighing very heavy. It., it's clear to me it's just "weighing very heavy on you...,"

Reeder: Uh huh.

Thoman: ...um, and I can feel that from you.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: Um., again, I just wanna impress upon you that we are having this conversation with many, many, many people...

Reeder: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...and...

Reeder: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...we appreciate your candor...,

Reeder: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...um., and just asking you c., again...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...continue being truthful with us...

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: ...so...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...it., it's a lot, you know? (Slight laugh in voice). I mean you were there with so many different people seeing this all together and., and...

Reeder: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...um., again, I just appreciate you being...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...truthful with us and I can see that this is, you know, been...

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Thoman: "...weighing heavy on you" so...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...again, all I ask when I do ask some tough questions, um, ah, there are questions I have to ask you...

Reeder: Uh huh.

Thoman: ...that are... Some of them are standard questions and we're asking everybody. All I ask is that you're truthful with us so...

Reeder: Yeah.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Thoman: Um, again, thank you for.., for being here and for talking with us, so...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: Ah, were you involved in any of the physical a..., altercations...

: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...with the police at this point.., at that barrier.

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: No, I don't think so. I., um., maybe when...

Thoman: (Whispers). No.

Reeder: ...I was just with the., the herd...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...pushing towards...

Bonsib: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Not., not the herd...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and not pushing., I just kind of followed them up onto...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...one of the bandstands. I think the one on the right...

Locke: Yeah.

Reeder: ...I took pictures from first...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...um., and then when everything...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...was kind of more people had flowed into...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...the main area...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...there and the bandstands and all of the bandstands I moved back across to the other side...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...of the bandstands to take more pictures...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...um.,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...of what ah., you know, the views looking back...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...at the., the tower., the T. V. tower...,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...the ah., the., just the., the crowd of people that were there.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um., as I got higher...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...on bandstand, um, that's when I heard the first flashbang grenade...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...or a um.,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...tear gas grenade.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I don't know w., which it was.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: Yeah, they've got...

Reeder: Um...

Thoman: ...to be pretty.,

Reeder: ...and...,

Thoman: ...pretty loud.

Reeder: ...and so...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...um., when I was up there.,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I got the whiff of tear gas...

Locke: Right.

Reeder: ...and if you've ever had tear gas.,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you know what it feels like. The eyes, the.,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...choking, stuff like that. I have asthma.

Locke: Hmph hmph. Uh huh.

Reeder: Um, that's when I recorded like the tear gassing people here.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: That's in the video.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um., and then people kept on moving up instead of down...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so I kind of followed them up and I wound up on the I guess what you call the mezzanine...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...of the Capitol...,

Locke: (Whispers). Oh yeah.

Reeder: ...um, to try to get away from the., the tear gas...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and there was a ton of people up there...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...and I walked away from where all the stuff seemed to be happening...

Thoman: By stuff...

Reeder: ...along...

Thoman: ...you mean., by stuff you mean like...

Reeder: Ah, like the., the tear gas...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and where the people were all in line.

Thoman: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um, so I walked along the mezzanine towards the center of the Capitol...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and there was a door open there...

Thoman: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...um., where people were going in and out. You can see that in the video.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um, I kind of hesitated.

Thoman: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: Um., I wanted water for my eyes and ah., to drink.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: I saw people going in there...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so I kind of hesitated at first but then I turned on the video and I went in 'cause I thought...

Thoman: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...there's a bathroom in there.,

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...there's water in there.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah.

Reeder: So I walked in, um...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...there were., there's at least one Capitol Hill police officer outside and then I think...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...five or six just inside the front door on either side of the wall...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Locke: (In background). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and I asked one of them...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you know, is there a bathroom in here and he replied no sir.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um, I guess he said outside. I didn't catch that until we do the video but...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah.

Reeder: ...I was kind of like of course there's bathrooms in here...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and where are all these people going so...

Locke: (Whispers). Oh yeah.

Reeder: ...I expected when I walk through that door that...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...um..., there was some kind of a security check...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...like kind of like you have here...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...you know, magnetometers and all that stuff or...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...was somewhere...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...but I just wanted to get away and..., and water and clear up my eyes...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...from all the tear gas...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so...

Thoman: So...

Reeder: ...um...

Thoman: ...ah., real quick, at that door, you said...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph. Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...when you came up upon the door, the door was already open or did you see any kind of altercation when you were at the door?

Reeder: No, no altercation.

Thoman: Okay.

Reeder: There were...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...people freely walking in and out probably about ah.,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...ten people as you can see on my video and again, there was a guard outside, the doors were wide open.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I walked up., I kind of hesitated. I., I took I think three videos.

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: So I was kind of hesitant but they were just standing there on...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...either side..,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...you know, just letting people walk in. They didn't say...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...no, don't come in here or you gotta leave...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...or it's restrict..., whatever...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...so...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...um.., I walked in..,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...asked him that and then I opened up the doors...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...and I just saw a hallway and I saw people up at the top there so I walked up the.., the staircase alone.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

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Reeder: Um.., and.., and by the way, I went down there alone to D. C.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um...

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Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: I kind of like to backtrack.

Locke: Yeah.

Reeder: I'm not a Trump fan. I don't know if you.., you know..,

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and you probably saw on my social media...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I have stuff that I cut and, you know..,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...whatever, repost, whatever, on Fa...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: But you can tell that...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and I mean if it goes... Did you meet... You know that I'm not...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...like a member of any kind of radical group organization, um, political group, anything like that. To this day, I don't even know...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...what Q'Anon is...

Thoman: (Slight Laugh).

Reeder: ...or...

Locke: (Slight Laugh).

Reeder: I don't even wanna know what it is.

Thoman: So s...

Reeder: I'm not a Trump fan.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: I was., I was...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...concerned about the elections based on what was...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...being said on T.V. and not just, you know.,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...Fox and CNN.

Thoman: S..., so since we're on...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...this topic and it's something that I was going to get to later.,

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: ...um., after we "painted the picture" of what...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...you want for that day and what you saw.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: Um, what would you describe your ideology? Obviously, again, to., complete caveat.,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...even people that ardent Trump supporters., like that is not...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Thoman: ...why we...

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Thoman: ...are talking to anybody...,

Reeder: Okay.

Thoman: ...right? You can be...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...affiliated with ever.., whatever political party.., have whatever beliefs...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...you have and that's completely fine.

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: We're...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Thoman: ...tryin' to figure out why people...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...were inside the building that day. We're looking...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

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Thoman: ...particularly at um..,

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...you know, conspiracies...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...to breach the capital...

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: ...um.., and all of that.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: So when I ask a question why were you there and what is your ideology, I'm just talking broadly, how would you describe yourself?

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: So...

Locke: (Makes unintelligible sound).

Reeder: ...um..,

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: I would say contribu... I'm..., I'm..., been a registered Democrat for m..., you know, my whole life pretty much and um.., I... (Slight Laugh).

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: I've said this so many times to my friends. I did.., I don't like the man Trump...

Locke: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...but I like what was happening in America. I like the message of "Make America Great Again."

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: People believing in our country instead of...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...you know, hating it.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: Um, so I like that. Um.., I I...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I thought that...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...it wasn't him doing a good job, it was the people that he hired did a good job for our country.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um, in contrast, I didn't..,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...particularly like my party's nominee...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and what he could possibly do...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so um..,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you know, ah...,

Locke: (Takes a breath).

Reeder: When I back up all this stuff., (takes a breath).., and I think about it.,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ..so many times...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and it's import... This is very important.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: I'm not a victim t... I., I don't wanna claim to be a victim of anything.

Locke: Yeah.

Reeder: Nothing. I'm a victim of my own stupid choices...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...and.., and actions....

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...that I deeply, deeply regret...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...'cause it has changed my life forever.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um..,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

(Background Noise).

Reeder: But I don't...

Locke: Nah. (Sighs).

Reeder: (Sighs).

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: The... So I don't wanna blame the media but I think that, that's...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...where it all started was watching the news.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: From moths and months prior to the election and everything and then on Facebook, people bantering..., you know..,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...back and forth.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Reeder: All my friends are.., are also Democrat and liberal.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um, so there was that...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...kind of ah, banter back and forth but...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...in retrospect, and.., and looking at things..,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah.

Reeder: ...I watch too much news.

Thoman: (Laughs).

Reeder: I do...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and so when you asked that question..,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...like what.., what...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: It was listening to the news and having this belief and knowledge of what was going on...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and kind of being frustrated and.., and questioning was the election stolen, ah, you know, because at that time, it was...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...all that.., that's was..,

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: "...the heat of the thing" and I think that's what...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...brought a lot of people there so when you asked that question..,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...I think a lot of people were there...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...and when I was in the kind of ellipse people were talking about, you know, oh, the election was stolen...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...or.. or, you know, Trump is still our President..., all that stuff.

(Background Noise).

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: So...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...um...,

Thoman: Do you believe the election was stolen?

Reeder: No.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: No. No.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um., at this... Ah... Now I don't.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Back then I had my doubts based on., and., and I..., I watch majority CNN actually. You know, I don't watch...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...Fox News. I watch CNN or OAN or...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...ah, local news.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um, but they had called into enough question...,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...um., was it stolen.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: At that point. Now I don't think that it was.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um..,

Locke: (Sighs).

: (Unintelligible).

Thoman: So a skeptic maybe is a good word or...

Reeder: I was skeptical but...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...ah.., that's based on the news feeding.., telling me this stuff.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um, and.., and I believed it, you know, but I was contrasting...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...what I heard, you know, on CNN versus OAN or...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...or even ah.., you know, the.., the Fox thing.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Reeder: But that's not really why I was down there.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um, I was just own there to, you know..,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...be part of the crowd and then...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...my r..., in my original plan was after the.., the Trump speech...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...was to walk towards either the Lincoln Memorial or towards the Jefferson Monument...

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and just have a good day because it was a nice day.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um, but then again, I made that decision.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: It was kind of penned in with all the fences and stuff...

Locke: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and I don't wanna use those as an excuse but everyone was walking down Constitution Avenue you said it was...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Ah, yeah.

Reeder: ...and I was just following. I just figured, okay, well...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I'll either break away...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and go to the Smithsonian or walk around the mall and then go to the Smithsonian Metro...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...or go down to the Capitol and go to the Union Station Metro.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um., so I decided to follow the crowd stupidly.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um, (slight laugh).

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: I just..., you know, I had heard of “herd mentality” before but I never...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...really thought of the definition...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...until I became part of that.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: So if I were to ask a question like what was your intent on going, what would.., how would you answer that?

Reeder: To be part of the.., the crowd and then to have.., have.., have a nice walk...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...down in D. C.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: Um.., I didn’t know there were plans on marching to the Capitol.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: Um, I didn’t hear that on the news that morning.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um, you know, that morning I was just making my coffee...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and just had the T.V. on...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and in the background was saying oh, the...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...you know, they're saying that there would be a half a million or...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you know, a million people there or...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...you know, and all this stuff last time...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...but you'll see Trump and...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, so...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...I thought that I was gonna miss it but I'd get down there at the end. That's why I wasn't..., didn't have any plans to get there early...

Thoman: Yeah.

Reeder: ...so...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...ah...

Thoman: Did you tell anybody else that you had decided to go down? I know you said you had talked to a friend...

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: ...about going together but you said you went by yourself. Did you tell anybody that morning hey...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...I wanna go down to D. C.

Reeder: Yes.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah.

Thoman: And who...,

Reeder: Yes.

Thoman: ...who did you tell?

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Ah, the same guy. Hi., his name is Bob. I don't know his last name. He's just a client from... I work at Fed Ex...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...as a driver...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and um., I was always delivering packages, ah, to his house and stuff like that...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...so just...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...friendly, you know, conversation like hey, how's it goin', you know, oh, beautiful daughter...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...type thing.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: So um.,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph. (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...he had asked me um., if I was going down to see the Trump rally and I was like no, no.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: It totally...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...didn't wanna go...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...or anything but that morning, I decided to go so I called him up and I said hey, are you going down to the Trump rally...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and he's like nah, I don't think so and I said okay, well I just see it on the news so he's like why, do you wanna go...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and I said well I was thinkin' about goin' down and checkin' it out and then goin', you know, to other places around in D. C..., walk around 'cause it's a nice place. I do it...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...all the time.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: So he said well if you're goin', I'll, you know, maybe I'll meet you down there so...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you know, we met down there and that's...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: I have pictures of...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...him and I together.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I., I haven't talked to him since.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...the ah... No, I., I did talk to him once since...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...ah, but didn't talk-talk to him.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um, I just called him up...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I think after ah., I saw my picture I think...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and I said...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...hey, yeah, ah., they have a picture of me in the Capitol...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and stuff like that...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: Hmph hmph. So...

Reeder: So he's like well he didn't go and he wasn't there, you know...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and stuff like that...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so...

Thoman: Where did...

Reeder: ...he didn't have anything to worry about.

Thoman: Where did you meet up with him?

Reeder: Um, the Metro Station...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...down..., down there...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and he...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: Him and I got separated on the walk back to the Capitol...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...because I., I went to the ah., the reflecting pool part...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then that's pretty much...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...the last time that I saw him...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: Gotcha.

Reeder: ...until...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...when I left I called and was headed back to the ah., Union Station...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and I called to see...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you know, where he was...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so um... Anyway...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: Um, did he... And you said that he did or did not go inside the Capitol?

Reeder: He did not.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: No. He did not so um.., I don't know...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I didn't even know I talked to him where.., where he went...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I.., but he said that he wasn't..,

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...you know, in any part of that mess or...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...mob or go into the Capitol or anything like that.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: So since we are on the topic, do you know anybody else that was inside?

Reeder: No, no.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I didn't talk to anyone...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: When I was down there, the only person that I., I talked to was him for just b., brief moment at the., at the ah., thing...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then maybe walking down there, you know, I don't even remember...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder:harmless conversations or anything like that.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Nothin' pro-Trump or anything.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Ah, but I didn't talk to anyone.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: I didn't see anyone else that I knew.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you know, when I was in the., inside the Capitol, I didn't touch anything. You heard me yelling...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...you know, don't destroy anything and I'll get to that in a second 'cause I heard someone else sayin' somethin'..,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and I felt a need to like shout out...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...to everyone like don't...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...destroy anything 'cause...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...we were in that ah., hall of statues I think it's called.

Thoman: Rotunda?

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Ah, no, it was the one right, right next to it.

Thoman: Oh yeah, yeah.

Reeder: Yeah.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: And um...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: So I heard say., someone say somethin' like they...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Get up on that statue and I'll take a picture of you and I was like, you know, this place is sacred.

Locke: (Lower voice). Hmph hmph. (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: Have you., have you been in The Rotunda?

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(Whispers). (Unintelligible).

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No.

Reeder: Okay, so...

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Hmph hmph. (Or a background noise).

Reeder: ...when I walked up the stairs...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...um., I thought there was gonna be some kind of security check or anything like that.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: Um, instead...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I find myself in like one of the most beautiful places I've ever been...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah.

Reeder: ...and I'm literally there just spinning in circles with my camera in disbelief checking...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...the place out...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and ah., the people... I think this was very early on. Ah...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I don't know how...

Locke: (Whispers). Oh yeah.

Reeder: ...all those people got in there.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: Um, they said they.. they got in the front door., that they were let in the front door of the Capitol where I came in the back door of the Capitol...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...'cause when I came in the Rotunda...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...there was probably about fifty people...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...already in there.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um..,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: So I got to the top of the stairs...,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...um., I was completely blown away by the Rotunda and everything so I stayed in there for several minutes taking ah, pictures...

Locke: (Whispers). All right.

Reeder: ...and then um., I headed...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: (Sighs). This part I can't remember.

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um..,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph, hmph, hmph.

Reeder: ...I think I asked the., a Capitol Hill police officer...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ..um., um., w..., if there were any..,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...where the bathrooms were.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: He said I don't know and he just kept on walkin'. I was walkin' with him...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and we walked from The Rotunda right next-door into that um..,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...hall of statutes in... There's a video of me, you know, filming that as I...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...walk in...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and the Capitol Hill police officer's (s) right in front of me...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...walking...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and we come down to the hallway where it gets crowded and I'm looking at all the people down there...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...and apparently, that's where...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ..the doors like lead down the hallway towards the House Chambers is...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...but they were closed. People backed up. I took ah..,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...ah.., a video there...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...really quick and a couple pictures...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then I left and I went back to the Rotunda...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and went the oppo...,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...tried to go the opposite way but soon as I got...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...to the door of the Rotunda...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...going towards the Senate side.,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...you could see all this gas...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and stuff...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...and that's what I filmed...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and said...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...they're..., they're gassing in the Capitol or tear gassing in the Capitol...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...and stuff. I didn't..., you know...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...go down that hallway. I.... It., it., it's me going back...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...into the Rotunda...

: (Background Noise).

Reeder: ...and then I believe from there...,

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...I walked out and I saw two police officers. The officers walked down...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...a hallway...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and I walked in after...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...them and I asked them where a bathroom was...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and they said, ah, there wasn't one here...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then I had to go back the other way...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...go back around the other way so went back...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...into the Rotunda...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then back down another hallway...

Locke: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and that's when I saw...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...Nancy Pelosi's room. Said "Speaker of the House" on the thing...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...so I took a picture of it but I didn't go near it.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I was standing in the hallway and I never went within fifteen feet of that...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...ah, go in...

Thoman: Did you go into anybody's offices?

Reeder: No, no offices. No. I didn't go anywhere that I wasn't supposed to..,

Thoman: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...didn't touch anything. I didn't even touch ah..,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...the walls while I was in there.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph, hmph, hmph.

Reeder: Um..,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so I took a picture...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...and then I went back towards where those guards were...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...ah, before and.., to ask them but...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...there was a girl that had walked...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...out of this door..,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...this doorway that led out to the balcony of the Capitol...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...so.., and she had said somethin' like, you know, ah..,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...great view from there.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: So I looked and I went through the doors...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and I took some pictures from the balcony of the crowd and the police...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and everything that was happening..., ah.., video and, and police...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then I left there...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and I went back to the Rotunda and they had closed the doors I believe at that point...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and people were like they've trapped us in here...

Locke: Yeah. (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so I was like oh God, so I saw a...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...Capitol Hill Police guard go down this hallway and I went after him and I was like hey, can you..,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you know, tell me how to get out of here?

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: I just wanna get out of here., I just wanna get out of here.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Reeder: So he led me down the long hallway.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: This is the...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...spiral staircase from the Rotunda...

Locke: Hmph hmph. Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...down... There's a long hallway that goes I guess the length of the Capitol...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...and lets out at...

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...whatta we gonna call it, the South Entrance?

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: That's when you were taking a video out.,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...when you were outside?

Reeder: No. Well...

Thoman: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: So he led me down the hallway., this long hallway...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and about...

Thoman: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...half way down.,

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...he got a call on his thing and he said...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...I gotta go. He's like see that h., that door right down there? It was about... (Sighs). I guesstimate a hundred feet away....

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and it was a door leading to the outside., to the outside...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and see that door out there...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...just keep heading for it and., and go out that door and I said okay, thank you very much...,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so he turned around...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and he left and as I was walking down that...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...hallway...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...I saw a large group of police officers appear...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...just in front of that door. They., they came from a side hallway...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...appeared at that door.,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so I paused for just a moment and I was like well I gotta get out..., I can't go back...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...so I kept on walking down that hallway and as I walked, that ah.,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and got about twenty feet from the door., twenty-five feet from the door...,

Locke: (Whispers). Oh yeah.

Reeder: ...ah, the group of police officers there., I looked down...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and I saw...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...the ah., woman that had gotten shot...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and she was laying there on the ground..., um...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and they were tending to her and then...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I kind of could see...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...you know...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...that she was not doing well.

Locke: (Makes unintelligible sound).

Reeder: Um., so I walked out the door immediately and I proceeded around the Capitol...

Locke: (Unintelligible). (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ..to get back to the Mall to try and..., I was thinkin' like go home., go back to my friend or go home...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...whatever., just go...

Thoman: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and as I walked around, there was a whole, ah, group of police officers probably...

Locke: (Sighs).

Reeder: ...fifty of them or so...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and this is what I'm filming...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and um., I just wanted to get back to the mall and they said no, you can't come this way and I said well how do you get out of here. They told me to come...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...this way and all that stuff. He said well...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: And then...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I think an undercover officer...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...said here, I'll take you guys with... There's like someone else with me...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...I believe...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...ah.,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...like walking near me.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: Did you know that person or where's the (Unintelligible)?

Reeder: No, no, no, they weren't even in the building with me.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I think they were...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Like when I walked out the building here, I think they were...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...kind of like just kind of walking behind me...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and um., when I asked the police like how to., you know, I just wanna go back to the mall., they said no, you gotta go back the other way...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and I said well they., they said that, you know, I was supposed to come this way and they said just go back...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then a guy said I'll., I'll take you.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I think that's on the video...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...or somethin' like that...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and um..,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...when I turned.., we started walkin' .., there was another...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...person, you know, random person or somethin' there I guess...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and they started walkin' with us and then he said, you know, just go towards the ambulance...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...and around that way...

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(Background Noise).

Reeder: ...so I went back around...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...the Capitol and that led me um..,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...past the... I saw...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...the.., them bring the woman out on a.., on a gurney...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and put her into the ambulance...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and...

Locke: (Sighs).

Reeder: ...so there's a whole...

Locke: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...mess of people over there...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...but as I looked at the front of the Capitol, I kind of... I thought everyone was on the back side of the Capitol but there was a whole bunch of people...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ..I started takin' pictures. You see from the corner, ah, of the Capitol.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: I started taking...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...pictures of the people up on the steps...,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...as they keep on walking around..., then I go to the front steps...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and I'm taking pictures of the masses of people...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...that are gathered up on the steps in front of the capital...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and to get a better picture, I go up half way up the steps...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and I take pictures looking back on the front Capitol lawn, um, or the., the., the front of the Capitol I guess you call it.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um., so I'm just taking pictures right and left...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and I get up higher and people are...

Locke: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...in there. Um...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...at the., at the door...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and they're chanting things like let us in and USA, USA.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Reeder: By the way, um, so I read the report...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and it said that I was heard chanting "Fight for Trump..."

Thoman: Hmph hmph. (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...and that was not me.

Thoman: Okay.

Reeder: Okay? I mean I have the thing up and you hear someone I think is passing by and they s f... They yell "Fight for Trump..."

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and then they say it again...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...but it's obvious they're farther away.

Thoman: So you're sayin' that was someone else?

Reeder: That was someone else.

Thoman: All right.

Reeder: That I...

Thoman: Was that someone with you or was that...

Reeder: No, no, no, no, I wasn't with anybody.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Ah, this was after the ah., the tear gas and the bandstand when I got on...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...the mezzanine. That's right when I got on the mezzanine...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...for...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...even the bandstand so...

Locke: (Whispers). Okay.

Reeder: ...um., that was just someone else that was walking by yelling that that fit with the crowd.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: Um., so...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...I'm up on the steps and I'm recording all these people. Again, there's no T.V. cameras or anything.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I'm kind of feeling...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: And.., and I know that these people.., they're.., they're..., I read the stories about people saying like oh yeah, I was taking pictures like (Unintelligible).., they're a reporter...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...somethin' like that.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I'm not claiming anything like that.

Thoman: (Laughs).

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: I was just dealing with, you know...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...anyone else does. So...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um...

Thoman: Yeah, we all... I mean we all walk around with computers in our pockets nowadays.

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: It's pretty incredible that...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Thoman: I mean I'm dating myself but I, um, I only got a smart phone when I was in college...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...and I'm talking.., it's like my little cousins who are in high school..., they can't believe...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...what a flip phone was or...

Locke: Hmph.

Thoman: ...the idea that they don't have...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: The idea that...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...we didn't walk around with cameras in our., you know, high quality digital cameras in our pockets and video cameras like showing them what a VHS tape looked like, right.,

Reeder: (Laughs).

Thoman: ...a VHS recorder. Um...

Reeder: A rewinding machine.

Thoman: (Slight laugh in voice). Right, exactly. (Laughs).

Reeder: I.,I have the... I have a meme that explains it perfectly...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and that is...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...it's a crowd of people all holding up their cell phones...

Bonsib: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...and in the distance in the sky, it's a giant meteor streaking in...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and the meme...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...says what people will be doing at the end of the earth...

Thoman: (Laughs).

Bonsib: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...on the last day of the earth.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: I believe that. (Laughs).

Reeder: 'Cause they're gonna be filling that, you know?

Thoman: Yeah.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah.

Thoman: And (Unintelligible)...

Reeder: So...,

Thoman: ...so...

Reeder: ...so I was filming that...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...um..., and...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Bonsib: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...they were chanting let us in, let...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and doors open up...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and everyone., you can see it on my videos., everyone's clapping and cheering. Yay, yay, yah, so they're lettin' everyone in...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: Who is...,

Reeder: This...

Thoman: ...who is they?

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: You said they're letting ever... Who is they (Unintelligible)?

Reeder: I guess the Capitol Police opened up the doors again. You saw...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...on the pictures and videos is closed and then..,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...ah, they're chanting "Let us in..."

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and the doors open upo...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and people start...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...floodin' in again.

Thoman: But did you actually see who opened up the doors?

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: No, no, I was...

Thoman: Okay.

Reeder: ...too far away. Um...

Thoman: No., no problem, just verifying.

Reeder: So that., that's true. It could have been...

Thoman: Yeah.

Reeder: ...the protesters...

: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...yanking open the doors.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: Um., so um., this (sighs) is going to sound probably the weirdest of all to you and...

Thoman: I've., I've seen and heard...

Reeder: ...I've told my lawyer...

Thoman: ...many weird things...

: (Unintelligible sound).

Thoman: ...so (laughs)...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah.

Reeder: So...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...if there's anything that I'm... (Sighs). Really want (slight laugh in voice) you to believe me on.,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...is., is that I didn't know that Congress was in Session., that there was any kind of vote going on...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...or anything like that.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: I had no idea even at that point...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ..that...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...that was like the goal was...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...for., for people was to try and stop that process....

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and so I had no idea...

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...that any of that was going on.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: That's how dumb I was.

Locke: (Sighs).

Reeder: So the doors opened up and I get caught in the...

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: "...herd mentality..."

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...but literally, this is more of a...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Now people are like kind of pushing...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...shoulder to shoulder. It's kind of...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...more tightly packed.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: People are going that way. So I'm kind of following.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: I'm actually hesitating and....

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...I think in the video, you can see it's um.., I'm...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...pointing my video camera out.., and not.. not inside the Capitol but back...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...but I'm kind of being pushed back, back farther, farther...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...as I turn around...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...and stop and I go...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...back into the Capitol with everybody else.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um...

Thoman: So what made you go back inside after fighting.., ah..., it.., and..,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: Fighting is probably a strong word but finding your way out..., making a point to find your way out.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: There was no reason.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I just um., the “herd mentality” I found myself back in the... I was just with the crowd and people were...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...going in and I’m just videotaping it...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...that’s all.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...I don’t know why. I wish... I real wish that I could answer that..., at least...

Thoman: (Slight Laugh).

Reeder: ...for myself.

Thoman: (Slight laugh in voice). Sorry.

Reeder: Why I went back in because that’s what, you know.,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...my friends and...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...my lawyer said why’d you go back in? I mean that’s the (Unintelligible)...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and it’s like I don’t know.

Thoman: Right.

Locke: Can you describe which entrance ah, it was? There was a lot of movement... After you came out, ah...,

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Locke: ...there was a lot of movement around...

Thoman: (Whispers). Right.

Locke: ...and then there was this new door that it seemed to have not yet been opened. Ah, wh., where was that to?

Reeder: That was the main., the front main...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...ah, entrance...

Thoman: (Whispers). Oh.

Locke: Okay.

Reeder: ...to the Capitol., the., the dead center one at the top of the stairs.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: The main entrance.

Locke: On the east or...

Thoman: On., on the east or the west side?

Reeder: Ah, that... The...

Thoman: Towards the mall or...

Reeder: The...

Thoman: ...on the other side?

Reeder: Other side. The Capital (Unintelligible).

Thoman: The east..., the east side?

Locke: Okay.

Reeder: No, the Supreme Court side.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: Okay.

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um., so between the pushing and everyone just kind of pushing in.,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I., I went in the foyer, kind of stepped aside...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...to all the stuff...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...but then the crush and., and please look at the video. You can see that it's actually...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...being...,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I'm being pushed towards into the Rotunda...

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Locke: Yeah.

Reeder: ...by people behind...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...because they close the doors...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and everyone coming behind...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...but then the police had formed...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...in the Capitol now...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...ah, the Rotunda.

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: (Sighs).

Reeder: So as I get pushed into there...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...um..., ah..., people are literally being crushed...

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Reeder: ...and this is what I call "the crush."

Locke: Right.

Reeder: I don't know if you've seen that...

Thoman: Yeah, I...

Reeder: ...they're probably...

Thoman: Yeah, the... I mean but..., but both of us have...

Locke: Hmph hmph. The people are coming out of the Rotu... Yeah, people are going...

Thoman: (Slight Laugh).

Locke: ...out of the Rotunda and in., and in the ah.,

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Locke: ...from the outside like you're describing it in slow time.

Reeder: Yeah.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph. Hmph hmph.

Thoman: We've.,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...as you can imagine, we've gone.,

Reeder: So ah...

Thoman: ...we both have seen many hours of video (Unintelligible).

Reeder: So you've heard of people getting crushed to death, trampled at concerts...,

Thoman: Yes.

Reeder: ...and some other like that?

Thoman: Right.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Again, that's something that you just hear.

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: I was in that type of thing that was absolutely life-threatening. I...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Two girls were panicking. One had passed out. The guy...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...was yelling...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...um., for his girlfriend or whoever, wife, I don't know.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Ah, she had passed out and he was holding her up.,

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...another one was passed...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: I felt dizzy and was passing out.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Reeder: So there's this push back and forth and I'm trying to., ah., videotape that.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Now it said in the thing that I videotaped the ah..., ah..., assault on the officer...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...but was, you know...,

Bonsib; Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...I yelled "Retreat." If you look at the video, I'm standing next to the officer...

: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...but I'm telling the people in front...

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...that are pushing our way...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah.

Reeder: ...to retreat. I'm not telling the...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...cop...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...or the police officer...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...to retreat. I'm telling the people that's in front that's crushing him because he's like okay, you know..,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...and.., and...,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...we were close to the point of...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...passing out at that point.

Thoman: So to be clear, when you say you need to re... You say in the video...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...quote "You need to retreat," you're talking to the crowd...

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: ...or the officer?

Reeder: In front of us. ..

Thoman: Okay.

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...because...

Thoman: The crowd of...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: The police ah..,

Thoman: Protesters.

Reeder: ...protesters.

Thoman: Okay.

Reeder: Yeah. And I guess, you know..,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: So...

Thoman: 'Cause you were.., you were right up on.., you know.., you were right up there with the police officer and I can...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: ...fully... I can't.., I can't imagine what...

Reeder: Shoulder to shoulder.

Thoman: ...I can't imagine what that felt like. Again, I don't do...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: Like I eluded to.., for... I don't do crowds.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: That's like my worst nightmare... (Laughs).

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...to be in that kind of environment where you can't control the people around you.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: Um.., how did you find yourself that close to the officer...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Thoman: ...um..., particularly...

Reeder: He had some help push...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...through I guess the police line. He was down...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: At this point...,

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...this was a matter of almost panic and survival for.., for...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...anyone that was there whether it was...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...the police officer next to me... Everyone was getting crushed.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I mean I couldn't breathe. That's...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...you know, this is., we can., the., where people die...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...type of thing just getting crushed...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and so we couldn't go anywhere. There w... The door was closed.

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: The police were in the Rotunda pushing us., crushing us...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...towards the front door...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...but there were people...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...that., I think there were police on either side in the ah., what's called the atrium between the front door and the Rotunda.,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...there's an atrium.

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: There are police officers on either side...

Thoman: (Whispers). Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...crushing the people this way...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so we couldn't get out and this was...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: It felt for., like forever...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...being the., the crush and then there was some relief...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and I was able to slip into the atrium...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah.

Reeder: ...and um.,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I had my video on and they., a guy was yelling in pain because he had broken his leg...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and he fell down on the floor and I was telling the police officer that's in the video that the guy had broken his leg...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and stuff like that...

: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and he said we'll take care of it.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um., I felt like I was gonna pass out so I., I.,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Bonsib: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...asked the officer and he said can you please let me through? I., I., I need to sit down or somethin'...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and he's like are you okay sir?

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: I said no, I., I'm gonna pass out. He's like are., are you sure?

Locke: Yeah.

: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: He said., I said I'm gonna pass out if you don't...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: So the guy said let this guy through and he helped me through...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and he took me...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...behind the police line and sat me down on a bench and I sat there...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...for probably...

Locke: (Sighs).

Reeder: ...ten or fifteen..., at least ten., probably fifteen minutes, ah, on the bench...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...just sitting there behind the police line that we're crushing people and ah...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...vent., eventually, they got the front door open...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and they were able to push...

Locke: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...those fifty, sixty, seventy, eighty people...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...out the door...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and soon as they...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...got just about the last of 'em, the..., ah., one of the police officers said you gotta go now...

Thoman: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and I said no problem so I got up...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...went out the door and soon as I got out the door, I turned on the.. my camera again., the video camera., and videotaped...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...everyone there...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...um., mast outside the front door.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um., it took me a while..., I think you can see that in the video.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: Took me a while to squeeze...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...my way because everyone is still packed...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and I go there...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...to get...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...out...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then I went and I sat down on the... Soon as I got clear and on the steps, I went about half way down the Capital stairs...

Thoman: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...and sat down and ah.., at there and rested...,

Thoman: Right.

Reeder: ...caught my breath...,

Thoman: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...um.., for maybe ten minutes...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...or so...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...um.., and ah... (Slight Laugh). I saw that in the guy with the Buffalo hat...

Thoman: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...out there...

Locke: (Slight Laugh).

Reeder: ...on the steps...

Bonsib: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...with the., with the speaker...

: Right.

Reeder: ...yelling whatever...

Locke: (Sighs).

Reeder: ...but I ah., (sighs).., I was just physically exhausted from being crushed...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...so then I went down...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...to the ah., bottom of the stairs. I think I took another page or two.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: That's when I took that video saying., two videos saying...

: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I'm leaving the Capitol now...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and all this stuff and...

Locke: (Takes a breath).

Reeder: ...I., I...

Thoman: So...

Reeder: ...mistakenly said the word "did battle..."

Thoman: (Slight Laugh).

Reeder: ...with the police" which was...

Thoman: Well I was.., I was gonna ask you about that.

Reeder: Completely stupid choice of words.

Thoman: So what did you mean when you said that?

Reeder: Ah..., (sighs)..,

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I just meant that it was...

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: The.., the police and the protesters were in the.., the "crush," you know...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and that's kind of what I meant by bowels and um..., it was whatever.., but I didn't.., I didn't push or get, you know..,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...battle with any of the police...

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um...

Thoman: So what...

Reeder: S...

Thoman: So to be clear, when you said we did battle with the police, what do you mean by that?

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I just meant... (Sighs). (Whispers). Gosh. Nothing that means probably what at face value that statement on...

Locke: (Whispers).

Reeder: ...paper would..,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...would mean.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: I really don't know ah.., ah... It just meant that we got in.., in...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I don't wanna say a pushing match.., which is what happened. It was a..., it was just a...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...very bad choice of words. It means that um...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...the protestors...

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...were in.., in conflict with the poli... I., I...

Thoman: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...really don't know...

Thoman: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...what to say...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um...,

Locke: If you... I mean you're...

Reeder: It's not... Ah., ah., you...

(Sighing Noise).

Locke: In answering the question, you need to focus on the time you made the statement, not now...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Locke: ...trying to figure out...,

Reeder: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Locke: ...'cause if you don't know why you said it., you just said it in the spur of the moment., you don't know why., there's a reason why...,

Reeder: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Locke: ...you know, whatever it is., just try to go back...

Reeder: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Locke: ...and., and...

Reeder: It., it was just a poor...,

Locke: ...think about what you been thinking about...

Reeder: ...it was just a poor choice of words and again.,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...I was so physically exhausted and...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...from the., from that "crush..."

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then everything, you know, happening...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...I was like I think that, that's when I started to realize that it wasn't, you know.,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...ah, that this was a part of history and that's why I did that. Like I'm leaving the Capitol now.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um..,

Locke: All right.

Reeder: ...you know, I mean I...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: You just... (Sighs). I., I don't know how to answer that question except that I didn't mean it...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...the way that I said it.

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible). So you...

Reeder: I didn't mean that like I was doing battle...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...with the police. I didn't..,

Thoman: Right.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I didn't mean... It was a very poor choice of words.

Thoman: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: At that time, I wasn't again thinking...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible). (And/or taking a breath).

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...right. I was um...

Thoman: Because you don't...

Reeder: Uh huh.

Thoman: ...strike me as a violent person...,

Reeder: Hmph hmph (no).

Thoman: ...um..., so., and having gone through everything, ah., having gone through your phone., having reviewed the Capitol footage...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Thoman: ...and ah...,

Reeder: Uh huh.

Thoman: ...talking to you now, I., that...

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Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...brings., still “rings true to me” that you’re not a violent person...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...but I can only imagine where you’re..., when you were in that position., in the “crush” or just caught in a crowd that...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...you know, you can gut instinct react to something. At any point when you were inside...

Reeder: (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...or outside, did you physically have an altercation with the Capitol Police?

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: So I’ll., I’ll get to that in just a moment.

Thoman: Okay.

Reeder: Um...,

Locke: (Sighs).

Reeder: ...you know, I love my country...,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...um., I've always supported the police. I have family in law enforcement. A lot of my friends are in law enforcement like you guys, not just police.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um, I support our police one hundred and ten percent. I...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: I am a scout master.

Locke: Uh huh.

Reeder: I've been doing stuff in Boy Scouts...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...for...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...al..., almost ten years. I actually have positions on the National Capillary of the whole District while I'm thinkin' on that.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: Um., ah., District Roundtable Commissioner and I have an at large seat., been on the camping chair for the entire District...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...which oversees thirteen thousand boys.

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I coach., I've coached baseball...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...for several years...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...um.,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...coached soccer..., two different leagues, including the championship thing.,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...very involved in my church.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: All that has gone away since this. All of it has gone away.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um.,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I still support our police one hundred and ten percent. You know.,

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I think the police and...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and teachers should get a pay raise...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...type of stuff.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: So no, I'm not violent towards any police.

: (Sighs).

Reeder: When I left the (sighs) area there., like after I took that...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...video, I immediately left...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and I wanted to go back so as I was leaving the ah., the Capitol...,

Thoman: To go back., you mean go back home?

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Yeah.,

Thoman: Okay.

Reeder: ...go back home. Um., I called up, ah, that guy Bob...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...to ah., see if he was still around. He answered. He said that he was still...

: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...nearby.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: He was headed towards...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...Union Station but he would come back and meet me somewhere...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so I said well I'm headed towards Union Station.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: So as I'm walking towards there.,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...I see the side of the Capitol building...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...is blocked off so I don't know how to get around that way...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and I'm like oh, do I have to go back towards the Supreme Court and go that way...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...but I saw the crowd there...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...so I started taking pictures...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...again and I think one video...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...um., and so that's where people were on the side door. I guess you'd call the north entrance to the Capitol., the., the., I would think.

: (Unintelligible).

(Background Noise).

Reeder: Um, took some video there. People were...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...getting pepper sprayed out the door.

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um..., that's when I saw that, you know, it., it started to get violent...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...at that door.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um..., what happened was that um..., I...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...saw the...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...this...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...police..., like these police came out the door...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and there was a cop that was hitting this woman....

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and she was.., I think bloodied...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and he threw her down the stairs...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and I was like come on, are you kidding me, a woman? You're.., you had to beat up on a woman..,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and I'm yelling at the guy...

Thoman: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and you.., you'd probably find the videos of this...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...but he lunges towards me and he knocks me down...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...on the ground...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and so I'm..,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I'm flat on my back...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...people came from behind him...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and pushed him down...,

Thoman: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...like he was comin' back up on top of me...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...but I was...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...down on the ground in a fetal position...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph. Yeah.

Reeder: ...and I just pushed him back up.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Didn't kick or anything like that.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Just helped him back up...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and he got., got up...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and he kind of got absorbed (background noise) by the crowd...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then someone...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...grabbed me from behind and yanked me up and picked me up...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and at that point, I was like...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...I'm..., I., I need to get out of here no matter what. So I couldn't get past that police line going back towards the mall...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh. (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...so I headed back...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...towards the front of the Capitol. I...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...had to... There were so many people that I got up on the lower wall...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...and I stopped there and I took two last pictures...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...jumped off the., the wall...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and went down the sidewalk off the Capitol grounds and s., directly...

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(Background Noise).

Reeder: ...to Union Station.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I jumped on the Metro train., I went back to my house.

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um, it only took like...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...forty, forty-five minutes to get back home.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um...,

Thoman: (Sighs).

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...I got in the house...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and turned on the T.V....

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...and they were showing pictures of what was happening at the Capitol.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: It made me sick. Okay, there's a (Unintelligible) here or whatever you wanna call it...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...but I felt sick and I'm like I hope the police get those guys, you know, and...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...arrest them and jump...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then I realized., wait a second.,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph. Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I was there an hour ago.,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you know?

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: So...

Thoman: So I wanna back up real quick....,

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: ...but ah.., before we lose the thread.., so that altercation...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...with the officer...,

Reeder: Uh huh.

Thoman: ...I just wanna make sure that, ah.., I have this right. So...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...he was punching or.., or were otherwise physically harming this woman, you said come on, it's a woman or something along...

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: ...those lines and then um.., he came at you and pushed you over.

Reeder: Yes.

Thoman: Did you, at any point, engage with the officer punching back?

Reeder: No, no, no.

Thoman: Okay.

Reeder: No, no, no, I went down on.., on the thing and I...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I think...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...that...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I mean I don't think that he lunged on t... I think...

Thoman: Think he got pushed?

Reeder: Pushed...

Thoman: Okay.

Reeder: ...by people behind him on top of me and as he fell on me..,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...like I had just like caught him...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and just did this kind of thing and helpin' him back up.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: He got up...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and tried to just disappear..,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you know, like he got absorbed by the crowd or he went in front of the crowd...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...um.., and then someone...

Thoman: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...yanked me up and that's when I was like this is...,

Thoman: Did he...,

Reeder: ...this is..,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...you know..,

Thoman: Right.

Reeder: ...not worth... What am I doin' here? I'm...

Thoman: Did you have any other altercations with any other officers or...

Reeder: No.

Thoman: ...any other people there at any point?

Reeder: No. Nope.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Nope.

Thoman: Okay.

Reeder: Didn't talk to anyone.

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Like I said to him...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...have any other altercation.., um...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...I would..., I don't even know.., 'cause it happened so fast.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Ah, he..., he (Unintelligible)...., he.., he might not have even like...,

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...you know, meant to push me or somethin' like that. Like it could have been someone pushin' him...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Oh yeah.

Reeder: ...um., so all I know is that I went down on the ground...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then I believe someone...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...people pushed him on top of me.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: That was it.

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Locke: When you., when you started., when you started yelling at him., ah., for hitting her, did he say anything in response?

Reeder: No.

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Not that I remember. He could have but...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I don't remember.

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Locke: How close were you...

Reeder: I (Unintelligible)...

Locke: ...to the building? Curious.

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: So he came from up...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: I..., either out..,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...out the doors.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: I assume that he was throwing this woman...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...out of the building...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...so he physically was like taking her out of the building...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and then, you know, pretty much threw her down the stairs...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...or he came down the stairs...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...or he was pushed down the stairs towards me...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...um.., and that's when I yelled like come on, it's a woman...,

Thoman: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...whatta you doin', you know, hittin' on a woman?

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: How far would you say that was from.., from the entrance.., from...

: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...the door that he was at?

Reeder: Um., (sighs).., well just based on the picture, um, (sighs).., thirty feet may... I mean he was down the stairs.

Thoman: Okay.

Reeder: So he came out the door...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and down the stairs. He..., he had somehow come down the s., the stairs.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: When I noted.., when I first noticed it...,

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...he was like pushing the woman down the stairs...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...from the top...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...so um., and I don't know what happened to her...,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...um.,

Thoman: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...so.. but again, when I got up, I was like I'm out of here and just...,

Thoman: Right.

Reeder: ...I was tryin' to lo., look for the fastest way out...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Reeder: ...and couldn't go past the police line that had formed on the mall side...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Reeder: ...so I was tryin' to get.., but it was too packed. I got up on the low wall...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and was walking along the low wall as much as I could...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...um., and then I took the pictures and then jumped off and just hit...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...that sidewalk and went straight., straight to ah...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...Union Station.

Thoman: Did you bring any., a., any equipment with you that day...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...weapons, shields, radios?

Reeder: Water. No, no, no.

Thoman: What did you bring with you?

Reeder: Just water.

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Just water.

Locke: I guess that's why you needed a bathroom.

Thoman: (Slight Laugh).

Locke: (Laughs).

Reeder: Yeah, well I., I was drinkin'...

Locke: No.

Reeder: ...because there was no...

Locke: I'm just kidding.

Thoman: (Whispering).

Reeder: You know, there was zero port-o-potties or bathrooms outside the Capitol.

Locke: Right.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: No water fountains or anything like that...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Locke: All right.

Reeder: Um... You know.

Thoman: Yeah, you think that they would have had that...

: (Whispers). Uh huh.

: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...down to a better science by now.

Reeder: (Unintelligible).

Thoman: I feel like there's never enough bathrooms.

Locke: Hmph hmph (no).

Reeder: So it's., it's kind of weird because... (Slight laugh in voice). I think that people that went there with plans to whatever Congress or the., stormed the Capitol.,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...um., that did engage in violence...,

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and stuff like that...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...I think that they should be prosecuted.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um..., now unfortunately, I was there so where does that leave me besides saying that I was kind of the accidental tourist with a phone trying to document everything...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and um...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...but I kind of stand firm on that. I think that...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...people that went there, you know, members of...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...organizations that planned...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...nefarious...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...things to do...,

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph. Yeah.

Reeder: ...um..., or, you know, did some bad things, yeah, I., I., I think that they should be prosecuted.

Locke: I'm sure you've s..., as we all have, I'm sure you've seen a lot of that come out in the last few months when you were... Sin... From what you've seen since then.,

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Locke: ...and then when you think back to your experience there that day that we just talked about..,

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Locke: ...did you see anyone that indicated to you that they were a part of a group like that?

Reeder: Down there?

Locke: Yeah, while you were there.

Reeder: So this is the weird thing that I was telling ah.. um..,

Locke: (Makes unintelligible noise).

Reeder: ...on my ride from the...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...FBI field office to the Booking place.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um..,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...I saw two different crowds between the Ellipse and the Capitol.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: I never saw...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...anyone wearing helmets, goggles, gas masks, gears, elbow pads, knee pads...,

Thoman: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...bullet proof vests...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: I saw none of that and I walked around a lot as you can tell at the.., at the Ellipse part.., the early on stuff.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, right.

Reeder: Everyone was peaceful, you know, Trump flags.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah.

Reeder: Um...

Thoman: You saw none of that down at.., on the mall?

Reeder: I saw none..,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...none of that. Um...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you know, Jesus saves and lots of American flags, lots of Trump flags...,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...all that stuff.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Ah, by the way, that Trump hat that I got..., someone gave me (laughing) at the Metro Station...

Thoman: (Laughs).

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...um.., for free.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um, so.. and I shouldn't even worn that but it didn't say Trump, okay? If it didn't say Trump...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I wouldn't have wanted it..., okay, but there was the Make.., and...

Thoman: Yeah.

Reeder: ...(Unintelligible) went down.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um...

Locke: (Sighs).

Reeder: So I'm sitting there at home and I have the T.V. on...

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(Unintelligible).

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(Sighs).

Reeder: ...and...

Locke: (Sighs).

Reeder: ...it made me sick to my stomach to see what I was., I was watching and I was like no, no, don't, you know.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: I couldn't believe what., what I was seeing and the battering and breaking the windows...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and., and all this stuff so...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...um, I didn't know that the woman had gotten shot...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...until...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I had...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...gone out on the Capitol steps to.., to rest.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: So.., and I was like...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: I didn't believe it at first 'cause someone said somethin'...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...and I was just listening and I was like no, they.., that woman wasn't shot. Thi..., this is more of ah..,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...you know, jump to conclusions type of thing...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so I didn't know that she was shot or.., or killed.

Thoman: Did you realize that, that was...

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...who that was that you had seen?

Reeder: Yeah, at that point...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: So I was like no, that woman probably just got billy-clubbed or somethin' like that...

Thoman: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...or punched or.., or somethin' and she was just...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...knocked out and.., and stuff like that.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: But then when you heard....

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...the people actually talking around there like no, she's dead, she's, you know, shot and dead all that stuff.,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah.

Reeder: ...and then ah., and ah, five minutes later when I walked out and I., I did that video where like they had walked past the woman that they...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...shot and killed...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um, so...

Thoman: So did you..., did you have any prior knowledge of any groups that were intending to...

Reeder: No.

Thoman: ...go down and cause any kind of violence...

Reeder: No mam.

Thoman: ...or disruption?

Reeder: No mam. No, no, no. And if you look at any of my postings.,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I mean the only thing that I'm.,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...that I was (Unintelligible) Facebook a long time (Unintelligible).

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I'm banned for life from them so...

Thoman: (Laughs).

Reeder: ...I don't have any problem with...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...stayin' off that...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...um.,

Locke: Yeah.

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and I don't watch the news... (Slight laugh in voice).

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...much anymore either.

Thoman: And a lot of these are like the., the... I had mentioned earlier, the broad questions that we were asking everyone and it's a lot of times for us to "cover our bases" and make sure that we had...

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Thoman: ...um., ask everyone a., again this could be something that...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...you didn't think was anything before until now.

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: You're looking at hindsight's twenty-twenty.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Thoman: Um, any of...,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...the Facebook groups or chatter or anything like that...,

Reeder: No.

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...that didn't mean anything to you before but then now looks like oh maybe they were planning to do something?

Reeder: No, no. Um.,

Thoman: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...I didn't..., I don't... If., if you looked on my (Unintelligible)...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...Facebook, I don't belong to any ah....

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I don't subscribe or like or...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...any of those groups. I don't belong to any political organization or...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...militias or whatever you call them.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Anti-Government groups.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um.,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so there was nothing about that even the night before I don't believe.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I don't remember.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I mean...

Locke: Yeah...,

Reeder: S... Ah...

Locke: ...and just ah.., like to bolster what you said...

: (Background Noise).

Locke: ...at the beginning like...

Thoman: (Whispers). Yeah.

Locke: ...a lot of stuff you just described, it wouldn't be...

Reeder: Uh huh.

Locke: ...a problem if you were, that's personal protected activities.

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Locke: You know, now that...

Reeder: (Whispers). Yeah.

Locke: ...a lot of that boiled over to those big criminal act and it's a huge...

Thoman: Yeah.

Locke: ...investigation, that's why we asked the question so that...

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Locke: ...if there's things...

Reeder: Right.

Locke: ...that you were a part of that is not a problem., it's not an incrimination...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: No.

Locke: ...or a., or anything but it helps us...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: ...paint the picture, ah, and that...

Reeder: (Unintelligible).

Locke: ...would be helpful...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Locke: ...but...

Reeder: No, the worst.., the worst that I'd do is probably, you know, type somethin' back to my friend...

Thoman: (Slight Laugh).

Reeder: ...saying you're an idiot or a moron for...,

Locke: Right.

Reeder: ...for believing that, you know?

Thoman: S., so where and who did..,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Thoman: ...did you share those videos and photos with...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...um, that you had taken that day?

Reeder: Um, I...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: So one of the pictures.., you see that tall tower outside of Capitol Hill..,

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I couldn't get any reception so I was trying to...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...like post whatever that I was there at the Ellipse.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um...,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...it...

Thoman: You're trying to post it to...

Reeder: I don't know whether I was trying to..,

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...um., (sighs) text it...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...or post it to Facebook...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...um, but it wasn't... It kept on sayin', you know...,

Thoman: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...failed, failed, failed.

Thoman: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um., I don't know...

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: I texted my...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...girlfriend...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...my ex-girlfriend now because of this.

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Lost a lot of stuff in my life.

Locke: (Sighs).

Reeder: Um...,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...she asked like where I was..., I., I forget., and...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I said I'm down D. C. but not at the Capitol...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and that was., you know, I have...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...been at the Capitol. I was...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...at the reflecting pool, um, when I said that I believe...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and um..., 'cause I know that she would...

Thoman: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: "...flip out" if she knew that I was down there.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um., and then um., I shared it with...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...um., an old friend of mine.

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Reeder: Name's Brian Harbin (phonetic) and um., I asked him not to share whatever I shared with him.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I don't know what I shared with him because ah., you know, just looking at videos...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and stuff but ah.., I didn't...

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...post anything to Facebook I believe or it was successful...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...um...

Thoman: So you may have tried to post things and it just never went...

Reeder: Yeah, yeah.

Thoman: ...because of the reception.

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: Okay.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um..,

Thoman: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Yeah. And he saw...

Locke: (Makes unintelligible sound).

Reeder: I had a Twitter account but I think I posted one thing on it in the last five years.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Two things maybe (Unintelligible).

Thoman: So it...

Reeder: (Unintelligible).

Thoman: That is another general question that we have been asking everybody is what social media did you use before and after., what did you use on the day of...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...through Facebook obviously...

Reeder: Hmph, no Twitter. I've., I've..., I wish... Yeah, I mean I wish you had that., that information 'cause I don't know 'cause...

Thoman: (Laughs).

Reeder: ...I don't...

Locke: (Laughs).

Reeder: So I signed up for Twitter like whatever...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...four or five years ago...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and I never use it.

Thoman: Yeah, I care less about things that you just had signed up for and didn't actively use but besides...

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: ...like your Facebook account, um, are there any other social media...

Reeder: No.

Thoman: ...applications that you use...

Reeder: Ah...

Thoman: ...frequently?

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Parler., but I wasn't... Act... I had just s..., you know, signed up for it because of...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you know, Facebook and all that stuff so I went and checked out Parler...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and didn't like it., like how it reacted or I realized I didn't know anyone on there...,

Thoman: (Slight Laugh).

Reeder: ...you know, type of thing.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers/Sighs).

Reeder: So um., I didn't use that really for posting but I might have post one or two things., I can't remember., but it wasn't...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...at that, you know.,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...time. I wasn't following anyone...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...about the., you know, meeting, you know. There was not., nothing...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...pre-planned or...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: I didn't know ah., about the truck rally except for the news, you know, it said oh, he's doin' this or whatever but...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...you know, I didn't... I., I wasn't receiving any messages from anyone because I'm not...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...a member of any organization or had any of those type of things on my Facebook that would automatically...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...when you sign on, it pops up and says...,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you know, hey, we're with...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you know, whatever...,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...Pro-Trump, you know, or Trump 2020 or whatever...

Locke: (Whispers).

Reeder: ...so I wasn't getting that type of stuff from.., on Facebook.

Thoman: Ah, can you just describe to me ah.., (Unintelligible).., what you were wearing that day? I know that you were wearing like the blue jacket and the red hat...

Reeder: Uh huh.

Thoman: ...that...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...you say you got (slight laugh in voice) for free at the Metro...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: ...as a souvenir. (Laughs).

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: Um.., were you wearing any.., any kind of...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...clothing that...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...belonged to a particular group or anything like that?

Reeder: No, no, no, no, no.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I had a...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...um..., ah, sweatshirt on and my jacket...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and jean pants.

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: That's it.

Thoman: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: No messages. No messages...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...on the...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah.

Reeder: I don't have any...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: I don't have a Trump shirt. I don't have...

Thoman: (Slight Laugh).

Reeder: ...any political shirts at all...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ..in my house.

Thoman: (Unintelligible). It's another one of those...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...kind of standard questions that we've been asking everyone...,

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...um, 'cause after the fact, we're finding that we.,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...we are finding that...

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(Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...people are affiliated groups...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...and how they would synchronize what they were wearing so...

Reeder: No, feel free to look...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...back into...

Thoman: (Laughs).

Reeder:everything and you will...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: See one of the things was ah., and like, you know..., um, Bob and I had quickly agreed on is that...

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...ah., the., the photos on my phone., vi., videos that would help prove my innocence...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...whereas in now, you know, my, my brother or friends that do know about it, only a couple know about this though.,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...are like, you know, you gave them the rope to hang yourself...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...you know, with. They're gonna use that to, you know, against you...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and that wasn't my intention, you know...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...I mean my intention was to show...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...clearly that I didn't., wasn't with anyone..., I wasn't engaging in anything., I wasn't...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: Right.

Reeder: You know, I mean I wasn't., didn't have any battle gear...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...like you said. There was...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...ah., um...

Thoman: And that's...

Reeder: The., the only other thing that was in my backpack was two protein bars...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...so...

Thoman: (Whispers). Oh yeah.

Locke: Yeah.

Thoman: But that's ah.., and again, you've been incredibly cooperative through this whole process. I've.., I worked with Mister Bonsib before. It... Everything has been incredibly...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Thoman: ...professional on um.., from both of you and I hope that you have felt it's been the same way from us.

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: All we care about is the truth, um, so we really appreciate you being forthcoming with providing your phone.., providing those videos...,

: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...um.., because that makes our..,

: (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...our jobs a lot easier.

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Thoman: ...um.., but again, just sheds light on...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...what happened and that's why we're asking these questions is...

Reeder: Yeah. There's...

Thoman: ...we...

Reeder: Okay.

Thoman: That's what we're here for...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...is to figure out what happened...

: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...and, in particular, like you are the subject of this particular investigation...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...to see I'm asking questions about violence because...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...at the end of the day, like...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...we care about that.., care about...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...you know, these trespassing charges, as well, but...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...really "drilling down" to see who there's.., who those bigger actors were that we're...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...conspiring to...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...um.., attack the Capitol.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: Um..,

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...and as I say it I will say moving forward..,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...if you do hear or see anything...,

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Thoman: ...just going about your daily life that indicates that someone...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...you knew or s., you see a post online was involved in the violence...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...like that's something that we would, um, really hope...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...that you would come forward with because at the end of the day, that's...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: What happened is., on the sixth..., is a very complicated thing and there are a lot of people like you...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...who went inside the building...,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Thoman: ...um., and didn't engage in violence...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...but then there were a lot of people on the other end of things, as well.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

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Reeder: And if I can., and if my phone pictures can help you guys in any way, I'm., I'm.. I'm glad that, that., that would, you know, help you guys in any kind of...

Locke: Yeah.

Reeder: ...prosecution or figuring out...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...you know, more of what., what went on that day...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...but I went down there alone..., I., and just... I didn't have any political agenda.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I didn't wanna do., no violence, no...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...no harm or anything. I didn't even know., like I said, the., those people are in Session...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...for a vote on., on anything...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and...,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...(sighs), you know, (sighs), I just don't wanna be...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...known or remembered as someone that took part in., in that part of the thing 'cause...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...I wasn't a member of that., those people. I didn't...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: I'm not affiliated... I don't wanna...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Reeder: ...be associated with those people that went there to., with a plan to do harm...

Thoman: Yeah.

Reeder: ...or create violent..., or whatever it was...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: I don't wanna be part of that in remembering., remembrance...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: 'Cause that's not, you know, who I am or what I was there for...

Locke: (Whispers). Okay.

: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and I made some stupid, stupid decisions...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and ah...

Locke: (Slight Laugh).

Thoman: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: To say that it's the biggest mistake of my life is an understatement. Um, it's...

Thoman: So I guess this is probably a good time for me to ask this question. Is there anythi..., is there anything.., any questions...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...that we haven't asked you...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...or anything that you feel like you need to tell us...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...um.., and that again, that's completely open-ended. It could be something that...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...you saw that day...

Reeder: Uh huh.

Thoman: ...that you feel like you.., you...

Reeder: (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...should let us know about...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...or just is there anything...

Locke: (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...that we haven't asked...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...that you feel like you would wanna tell us today?

Reeder: (Whispers). No. This is my personal feeling is that., you know., if those guards had just said somethin' like you can't come in here sir or no...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...this is, you know, closed building or, or you gotta exit now.,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...or anything like that...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...I wouldn't have gone in the...

Thoman: Uh huh.

Reeder: ...building...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and I would have been home and we wouldn't even be having this conversation.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: Um..., I'm not saying it's their fault...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...but I just wish that they had kind of...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...said something instead of standing there on the side, you know, six Capitol and door wide open lettin' people in. They had...

Thoman: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...the ability to stop or close the doors...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and say you're not allowed in here or.., or somethin' like that.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Um..,

: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: But it's almost like they wanted us to come in there and they closed the doors and then they have their sound bite for the news, you know...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...like oh...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...Trump supporters came in...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Reeder: ...and stormed the Capitol and stuff like that.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: I think.., and this is just my feeling because of, you know, they said that they let people in the front door too..,

Locke: (Whispers).

Reeder: ...that, that was kind of a plan to allow people in and then drop them and then, you know, demonize the Trump people. Um...,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...that's just a personal opinion and feeling but I don't.., I mean they talk about how secure the Capitol...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh. Yeah.

Reeder: That's...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Those guys...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...didn't do their job...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...by letting people in freely. I mean I walked in there like I was a Congressman almost, you know.,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...and that's why I kept on like ah...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...where's the security point?

Locke: Uh huh.

Reeder: Um..., I just regret being down...,

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...the., the whole thing...

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...listening...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...starting with listening to the news.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh. (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: Starting with listening to news then deciding to go down there...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...on a whim that morning...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and ah., it's just the biggest mistake in my life and...

Locke: (Whispers).

Reeder: ...I'm not saying that I'm not innocent, um, but I just don't wanna be lumped in with those other people...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Reeder: ...that I want you guys to go and get and...,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...you know, prosecute.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: This., this whole ordeal has cost me (slight laugh) more than you can imagine. (Slight laugh in voice). When we started out, you said, you know, I can imagine how you feel or what...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: I have lost my job...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...I've lost the ability to coach...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...and scouts which was really meaningful to me. Um, I don't even wanna go back to my church which is...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...one of the largest in Maryland. Um...,

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...I used to have my son all the time...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...but my son's name is Robert Reeder...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...(begins to cry) so my son who had nothin' to do with this..., is known to feel the effects and he's now staying with his mother (snorts) and um..,

Locke: (Sighs).

Reeder: ...(sighs) I don't see him much anymore because she doesn't and he doesn't wanna, you know..,

Locke: (Makes unintelligible sounds).

Reeder: ...because of this disgrace...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...and it's gonna follow him around too because of his name.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um.., my neighbors won't even talk to me anymore and we had great relationships but they all talk and found out and, you know...,

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...be walking out to my car and see them ah.., and I'll say hi and they won't even say hi back and that.., that hurts... (Slight cry in voice).

(Background Noise).

: (Sighs or whispers).

Reeder: ...and it's changed the way that I live my life.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um..,

: (Unintelligible Noises).

Reeder: ...you know, early on, Bob just said stay off social media.., stay low...,

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...all that stuff. I don't want...

: (Unintelligible Noises).

Reeder: One of my cures is not to watch the news. I mean I don't even know what the weather's gonna be.

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: Um...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: And yeah, I can't... What...

Reeder: But I don't do anything. Someone that was so active in Scouts and coaching, soccer and baseball and church and everything and, and working..., (snorts)..., my whole life has been changed..., turned upside down because of this stupid...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...stupid mistake that I made...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: ...and ah..., it's gonna follow me for the rest of my life. I'm gonna have to live with it and I don't know what that's gonna mean so far as getting a..., a new job. (Snorts). Um..., I don't (slight laugh in voice) think that, that's..., you know, what I apply to somewhere, somebody in Human Resources is just gonna Google my name...

Locke: (Whispers). Oh yeah.

Reeder: ...and this is gonna pop up...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...so...,

Locke: (Sighs).

Reeder: ...um..., it's frightening in that way...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...to know...

Thoman: I... When I said earlier that I can imagine...

Reeder: (Sighs).

Thoman: ...it's like., and what I meant is I can't imagine...,

Reeder: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...um, 'cause I haven't "been in your shoes" and...

: (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...what I can tell you though.,

Reeder: (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...is that of all of the...

: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...Capitol investigations...

Reeder: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...that we have...,

: (Coughs).

Thoman: ...um., you are the only one...

Reeder: (Unintelligible).

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...for us that has tried to get out ahead of this that got legal representation...,

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...that...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...has been extremely cooperative.,

Reeder: Uh huh.

Thoman: ...um., out of the gate...

Reeder: Uh huh.

Thoman: ...and I think that says a lot about your character, um..,

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...and I do believe that you've been truthful here today even when we're asking the tough questions....

Reeder: (Snorts).

Thoman: Again, we ah..., part of it is..., I'm just going through our list...,

Reeder: (Sighs).

Thoman: ...um., and you're doing all the right things to... You know, you can't change the past...

Reeder: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...but impact the future and you're doing all the right things to get yourself there.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: Um, this interview is...

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(Background Noise).

Thoman: ...hopefully gonna be one of the last steps...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...to keep the legal process rolling so...

Locke: (Whispers). Right.

Thoman: ...you..., you know, you can put that behind you.

Locke: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: Um...

Reeder: (Unintelligible). Um, thank you for saying that. I'm... And I mean I wanna say (clears throat)..., it's like I wanna say I didn't do anything wrong (takes a breath) but I know that I did. I was there. I went into...

Locke: (Sighing Noise).

Reeder: ...the Capitol without permission. I should have known better...

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: ...but again, this whole not thinking and just walking in like..., like it was okay to., like no one stopped me...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...um...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Reeder: I said I... I wanna say I didn't do anything wrong but., but I know that I did.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: These... Ah..., but these... The... I., I... I can't make heads or tails of these charges saying that, you know, like I was, you know, protesting inside the Capitol yelling, ah, things and it's like...

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Reeder: ...only thing I yelled inside was "Don't destroy anything."

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: Um, violent entry or, you know what I mean...,

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...you know...,

Locke: Just., just remember though, a lot of those charges have a lot of subcomponents to it...

Reeder: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Locke: ...and just because they're labeled...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Locke: ...at the top one thing doesn't mean that your conduct...

Reeder: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Locke: ...is what all of those charges cover so at the end of this process...,

Reeder: (Unintelligible).

Locke: ...as you already know, the prosecutor has indicated that they're prepared to try to resolve this at the lowest possible...

Reeder: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Locke: ...level...

Reeder: (Snorts/sniffs).

Locke: ...that's not gonna involve those kinds of charges so if this goes well...

Reeder: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Locke: ...and we've answered their other questions, that ah...,

Thoman: Hmph hmph.

Locke: ...your., your conduct...

Reeder: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Locke: ...is going to be ah, dealt with at the level that you have described it today so...

Thoman: And for.,

: (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...for us sitting on this side of the table...,

Reeder: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...you know, we...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...are just the investigators.

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: We are just the ones...

Reeder: (Sniffs).

Thoman: ...that look at the facts and., and present the facts to the prosecutor...

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: ...so...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Reeder: What's...

Thoman: Um., I know that...

Locke: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...you have been in contact...

Bonsib: (Whispers). Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...with him and he's explained to you as...

Bonsib: Right.

Thoman: ...things have been ruling so...

Bonsib: No, I understand. Right.

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Bonsib: He's gotta check the box and...

Thoman: Yep. (Slight Laugh).

Bonsib: ...you gotta do your due diligence.

Thoman: Um...

Bonsib: That's why we're here.

Thoman: And again I., I...

Locke: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: Do you have any other questions?

Locke: I don't have any other questions so...

Thoman: No.

Locke: Thanks.

Thoman: Ah...

Reeder: So I., ah.,

: (Unintelligible).

Reeder: ...I mean I do understand the trespassing charges but I just don't understand the other one.

Bonsib: That's.., that's for you and me...

Reeder: Yeah. Okay.

Bonsib: ...and the prosecutor...

Reeder: Okay.

Bonsib: ...to talk about.

Reeder: Okay.

Bonsib: That's not (Unintelligible)...

Thoman: So...

Bonsib: ...(Unintelligible) about that.

Reeder: Okay.

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(Unintelligible sound).

Thoman: But again, it's...

Reeder: Okay.

Thoman: ...a lot of times, um... Yeah, unfortunately...,

Reeder: Yeah.

Thoman: ...that's just where we're at is...

Reeder: (Sighs).

Thoman: ...we look at the ev., you know, we., we find the evidence and we., and we bring it forward and...

Reeder: (Whispers). Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Thoman: ...the onus we have is what, you know, you've provided us...

Reeder: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...what we have found on our end of things and I believe that you've been truthful...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...with us, um, and I appreciate...

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(Unintelligible sound).

Thoman: ...you coming in today and, again, this is just something I wish that...,

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(Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...um, and you will find this out..., that not most ninety-nine percent of the interviews that I do are not like this (slight laugh in voice) and...

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...it's refreshing to me for what it is worth.

Reeder: Well thank you for saying that.

Thoman: So...,

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Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...um, again, I will say that ah., as we move forward, if you do think of anything, um.,

Reeder: Hmph hmph.

Thoman: ...that you think would be helpful to us, ah, if you could have...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...ah, Mister Bonsib "reach out" to us and pass that information along. It could be, again, anything that you see...

Locke: (Whispers). (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...in passing...

Reeder: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...or anything that you look back...

Reeder: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...and you're like huh, maybe they would wanna know about this thing that I saw...

Reeder: (Whispers). Uh huh.

Thoman: ...whether it's online or ah..., or that day.

Locke: (Whispers). Yeah.

Thoman: Um, I., again, I just leave that as an open-ended... I'm not "fishing" for anything. Just if you see something you feel like we should know about, please do "reach out" to us. Um...,

Reeder: (Unintelligible).

Thoman: ...really appreciate that...

Reeder: Okay.

Thoman: ...so...

Bonsib: Okay.

Thoman: Ah, you have any...

Reeder: Nope.

Thoman: ...questions or anything? All right. (Unintelligible) end the recording.

(Cuts off).

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