

1 the State Department was a couple of months later in my
2 office.

3 MR. WITTMANN: So we'll turn to that right now.

4 Will, this is Tab 3, and, Mr. Blinken, this is Bates
5 No. 48.

6 MR. BLINKEN: Yes. Thank you.

7 [Blinken Exhibit No. 2 was
8 marked for identification.]

9 MR. SU: And, Scott, while we're turning to that
10 exhibit, I think just for the record, I think Beau's passing
11 was on May 30th of 2015.

12 MR. WITTMANN: Thank you.

13 Will, could you please scroll down so we can see the
14 beginning of the next email? That's good, right there.
15 Thank you.

16 So, Mr. Blinken, this goes off of what you just stated.
17 Based on the calendar, Hunter Biden--or the schedule,
18 rather, Hunter Biden is listed on your schedule for 12:00
19 p.m. for July 22nd, 2015. Did you meet with Hunter Biden on
20 this date?

21 MR. BLINKEN: Yes, I did.

22 MR. WITTMANN: And what was discussed at this meeting?

23 MR. BLINKEN: This is actually lunch. He came to have
24 lunch with me in my office at the State Department. This
25 was about two months after his brother Beau had passed away,

1 and, gosh, I guess a few weeks after the funeral and
2 services and memorial. And we talked about his brother,
3 about the effect the passing of his brother was having on
4 the family, the effect it was having on then Vice President
5 Biden. It was all about the loss the family had suffered
6 and how they were coping with it.

7 MR. WITTMANN: I'm certainly sorry to hear that.

8 And just for the record, Will, could you--and I'm
9 sorry. I think I need to officially say that I'll enter
10 this as Exhibit 2, and then for Exhibit 3, I'll enter in the
11 next document.

12 Will, could you go to Tab 22?

13 [Blinken Exhibit No. 3 was
14 marked for identification.]

15 MR. WITTMANN: Mr. Blinken, this is the document that
16 we received from your attorney.

17 MR. SU: The calendar, the calendar entry that we
18 provided. Okay?

19 MR. BLINKEN: Oh, yes. Okay. Understood.

20 MR. WITTMANN: Which--and I just wanted it to be
21 entered into the record to show, as you mentioned, that you
22 met with Mr. Biden for lunch on that day.

23 Will, could you scroll down, please, just so Mr.
24 Blinken can see that in the calendar?

25 MR. BLINKEN: Yes.

1 MR. WITTMANN: So, Mr. Blinken, obviously, it sounds
2 like the topic was very somber at this meeting, but as you
3 mentioned, this was a reschedule from a previous meeting--

4 MR. BLINKEN: Mm-hmm.

5 MR. WITTMANN: --back in May, prior to Beau's death.
6 Do you know what Mr. Biden originally wanted to speak to you
7 about?

8 MR. BLINKEN: I do not.

9 MR. WITTMANN: Did any other topics besides Beau's
10 passing come up at this lunch?

11 MR. BLINKEN: The only thing I remember was talking
12 about Beau, talking about the impact on the family. It's
13 kind of seared into my--into my memory--

14 MR. WITTMANN: Sure.

15 MR. BLINKEN: --even how raw that was.

16 MR. WITTMANN: Sure, sure. I can understand.

17 So you mentioned earlier that this was the only meeting
18 that you had with Mr. Biden at the State Department.

19 MR. BLINKEN: Mm-hmm.

20 MR. WITTMANN: Did you have other meetings that were
21 scheduled at different locations with Mr. Biden?

22 MR. BLINKEN: I did not.

23 MR. WITTMANN: Okay. I want to turn to our next
24 document, which I will enter into the record as Exhibit 4.

25 [Blinken Exhibit No. 4 was

1 marked for identification.]

2 MR. WITTMANN: This is the document that ends with
3 Bates No. 37, Mr. Blinken.

4 MR. BLINKEN: Yes, I see it. Thank you.

5 MR. WITTMANN: Mm-hmm.

6 MR. BLINKEN: We're talking about Tab 4, right? Yeah.

7 MR. WITTMANN: Will, this is Tab 4. And could you just
8 scroll down a little more, Will, please. Thank you. That's
9 good.

10 Mr. Blinken, on February 4, 2016, William Russo sent
11 you Hunter Biden's tweet regarding Mr. Biden's recent trip
12 to Jordan and Lebanon with the World Food Program USA. Mr.
13 Russo wrote, "Thought you'd want to know in case you see him
14 around and have the chance to chat. I'll keep an eye out
15 for anything we might want to highlight that he puts out."

16 Who is William Russo?

17 MR. BLINKEN: Mr. Russo was on my staff in the Office
18 of the Deputy Secretary. He was my communications advisor.

19 MR. WITTMANN: Okay. That might help to answer my next
20 question, which is why was Mr. Russo sending you Hunter
21 Biden's tweets, or this tweet?

22 MR. BLINKEN: Mr. Russo, among other things,
23 established me on Twitter, so he was a voracious Twitter
24 user and somehow brought me into the 21st century. Why he
25 flagged this for me or sent this to me I don't know, but his