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          [Telephone number dialed.]
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          [Telephone ringing.]
         Kavanaugh Staff. Judge Kavanaugh's chambers.
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                    Hi, this is
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    Judiciary Committee. We are calling to speak with Judge
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    Kavanaugh.
         Kavanaugh Staff. Okay. I'll transfer you. One
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    moment, please.
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                     Thank you.
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          [Brief pause.]
         Judge Kavanaugh. Hello?
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                     Hi, Judge Kavanaugh. This is
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       calling from the Senate Judiciary Committee.
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    Apologies for the slight delay. I'm here with several
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     colleagues, so I will let them introduce themselves before
    we get started.
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     Chairman Grassley.
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                     Hello, Judge.
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                     Hi, Judge.
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Member Feinstein.

- Hi, Judge. , also with Ranking
- 2 Member Feinstein. Before right?
- 3 Correct.
- Gets started with her questioning, I just
- 5 want to make a brief statement. As we mentioned yesterday,
- 6 we'd like to make clear that the Democratic members have
- 7 asked the FBI to investigate these allegations. They
- 8 believe an FBI investigation is necessary for fairness and
- 9 a fair process. The Democratic members do not believe it's
- 10 appropriate for staff to be discussing allegations with you
- 11 that have not yet been investigated by the FBI.
- 12 In addition to Ms. Swetnick's sworn statement, the
- 13 committee received today a letter from Roberta Kaplan. She
- 14 is representing Elizabeth Rasor and affirms that Ms.
- 15 Rasor's statements in The New Yorker article were truthful.
- 16 Ms. Rasor has also expressed her desire for an FBI
- 17 investigation, but is willing to testify. So, in addition
- 18 to Ms. Swetnick's claims, there are more witnesses. And to
- 19 be clear, these are not anonymous individuals, but women
- 20 who have come forward, identified themselves, and confirmed
- 21 their willingness to cooperate with an investigation of
- 22 these matters.
- The Democratic members strongly object to moving
- 24 forward in this manner. At a minimum, we need to hear from
- 25 all parties and gather all additional evidence. And,

- 1 again, we want to reiterate that the Democratic members do
- 2 not believe that this is a fair or sufficient process, and
- 3 this is not how the committee usually handles these kinds
- 4 of allegations. Thank you.
- The chairman's position is is we can have
- 6 these political arguments between the offices and not waste
- 7 the witness' time with political arguments now. Our job
- 8 right now is to try to find the facts and so we can move
- 9 forward.
- 10 All right. And just for a more full
- 11 introduction, I'm and I am one of the
- 12 special counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee.
- 13 Judge Kavanaugh, you've already done two of these --
- 14 Judge Kavanaugh. Can I just interrupt? I'm here with
- , my counsel.
- Thank you, Judge.
- 17 Thank you. Judge Kavanaugh, you've
- 18 already done two of these calls, so you're familiar with
- 19 the process, but I'd like to say a few words before we
- 20 begin. This call is part of the Senate Judiciary
- 21 Committee's investigation of new allegations raised against
- 22 you, the nominee for a vacancy on the Supreme Court. The
- 23 committee is gathering evidence in the form of your
- 24 testimony today. For your awareness, this conversation is
- 25 being transcribed.

- 1 In speaking to the committee, you are speaking under
- 2 penalty of felony. 18 U.S.C. 2001 applies.
- 3 1001.
- 4 1001, apologies. 1001 applies. We plan
- 5 to discuss two allegations today. The first allegation
- 6 comes from Ms. Julie Swetnick, a woman represented by
- 7 Michael Avenatti. The second is from someone who goes by
- 8 "Jane Doe." She submitted a letter to a senator's office
- 9 last week. Judge Kavanaugh, you previously answered a few
- 10 questions about Ms. Swetnick's allegations when her
- 11 attorney, Mr. Avenatti, made some general statements on
- 12 Twitter. Now that we have Ms. Swetnick's declaration, we
- 13 would like to follow up with a few additional questions.
- Judge Kavanaugh, Michael Avenatti has publicly posted
- 15 allegations from Ms. Julie Swetnick. Do you know Ms.
- 16 Swetnick?
- Judge Kavanaugh. No, don't know her.
- 18 Okay. Ms. Swetnick raises several
- 19 specific allegations related to house parties that occurred
- 20 in the Washington, D.C. area from 1981 to 1983. I'm going
- 21 to ask you about some of her claims.
- 22 Ms. Swetnick claims that she observed you being overly
- 23 aggressive with girls during these house parties. Did you
- 24 ever become abusive or physically aggressive with women at
- 25 house parties between 1981 and 1983?

- 1 Judge Kavanaugh. No, and she's lying. She was
- 2 supposedly at Gaithersburg High School. I don't know. I
- 3 don't know her. I don't know anyone like her. This is
- 4 just total B.S.
- 5 She also alleges that you fondled girls
- 6 without consent between 1981 and 1983. Did you fondle
- 7 girls without consent between 1981 and 1983?
- 8 Judge Kavanaugh. No, she's lying. I don't know her.
- 9 I didn't -- we didn't hang out. I didn't know people from
- 10 Gaithersburg High School, which is way out 270. This is a
- 11 joke. She supposedly -- how old is she? She's supposed --
- 12 like class of '80? Give me a break. This whole thing is a
- 13 farce.
- 14 Okay. Moving on to some of her additional
- 15 allegations. Did you grab girls without consent at parties
- 16 between 1981 and 1983?
- 17 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- 18 Did you press girls against your body
- 19 without their consent between 1981 and 1983?
- Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- 21 Did you attempt to shift a woman's
- 22 clothing to expose her breasts or genitals without her
- 23 consent at a party between 1981 and 1983?
- Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- 25 Did you attempt to remove a woman's

- 1 clothing to expose her breasts or genitals without her
- 2 consent?
- 3 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- Did you make statements designed to demean
- 5 female partygoers between 1981 and 1983?
- 6 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- 7 Did you make statements designed to
- 8 humiliate female partygoers between 1981 and 1983?
- 9 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- 10 Did you make statements designed to
- embarrass female partygoers from 1981 to 1983?
- 12 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- 13 Ms. Swetnick makes reference to Beach Week
- 14 in her allegations. Did you engage in any abusive conduct
- 15 toward women at Beach Week?
- 16 Judge Kavanaugh. No, and obviously she -- you know,
- 17 it seems very likely that she saw my calendars, which I
- 18 submitted last night. I mean, give me a break. But "no"
- 19 is the answer to your question.
- Ms. Swetnick also makes allegations
- 21 related to drugging women at these parties, so I'm going to
- 22 ask you a few questions related to those allegations. At
- 23 any time, did you attempt to add grain alcohol to punch at
- 24 parties in an effort to take advantage of women?
- Judge Kavanaugh. No.

- Did you attempt to add drugs, including
- 2 Quaaludes, to punch at house parties in an effort to take
- 3 advantage of women?
- 4 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- Have you ever given Quaaludes to a woman?
- 6 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- 7 Did you ever take part in the gang rape of
- 8 an inebriated woman?
- Judge Kavanaugh. No. By the way, can I just ask that
- 10 you make part of the record the letter that was sent today?
- 11 I think it was by about 60 people or so, men and women who
- 12 knew me in high school and said this is nonsense and this
- 13 needs to stop for the good of the country. I'm
- 14 paraphrasing that last part. But can you make sure that's
- 15 part of the record of this proceeding? They put that
- 16 together, like, an hour after seeing this nonsense today.
- Judge, have the Department of Justice
- 18 submit it to the committee, and we will ensure that it is
- 19 part of the record.
- We will make sure that happens.
- 21 [The information appears in the appendix.]
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- 23 All right, a few additional questions.
- 24 Going back to these allegations of gang rape, did you ever
- 25 line up outside a bedroom to await a turn raping an

- 1 inebriated woman?
- 2 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- 3 Did you observe men taking part in the
- 4 gang rape of an inebriated woman?
- Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- Did you ever observe men at a party lining
- 7 up for the purpose of gang raping an inebriated woman?
- 8 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- 9 Did you ever know about gang rapes taking
- 10 place at a high school party?
- 11 Judge Kavanaugh. No. I mean, in the whole country,
- 12 that question is -- I've heard about allegations, you know,
- 13 around the country, but not anything -- so I just want to
- 14 be careful in her phrasing. Have I ever read about that
- 15 occurring somewhere else is -- so just be careful in the
- 16 question there. But "no" is the answer to anything I ever
- observed, saw, knew about with me or my friends.
- 18 So, did you ever attend a party and hear
- 19 about a gang rape taking place at that same party?
- Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- 21 All right, and those were the questions
- 22 that I had related to Ms. Swetnick's allegations. I'll
- 23 open it up to anyone else in the room if they had
- 24 questions.
- 25 Does the minority have any questions of

- 1 Judge Kavanaugh?
- No.
- Judge, I just want to get your general
- 4 reaction to these allegations.
- Judge Kavanaugh. I'm amazed in the United States that
- 6 you can get the amount of attention for a totally bogus,
- 7 B.S. charge that this received, just made up about me and
- 8 friends of mine, too. And, you know, this is just a --
- 9 it's a disgrace. It's a circus. I don't know where this
- 10 ends, but, you know, I always said I'm on the sunrise side
- 11 of the mountain, optimistic, see the day that's coming.
- 12 You know, this -- I fear for the future. That's it.
- Thank you, Judge. We're going to discuss
- one more allegation, and will go through that.
- 15 Judge Kavanaugh. Can you hold on one second?
- 16 Yes.
- 17 [Brief pause.]
- 18 Judge Kavanaugh. Okay. Okay.
- All right, moving on to the next
- 20 allegation. Judge Kavanaugh, we received another anonymous
- 21 allegation against you that we would like to address.
- 22 These allegations regard behavior by you and an unnamed
- 23 friend when you offered to give a woman, who is going by
- 24 "Jane Doe," a ride home from a party. According to her
- 25 allegations, you were driving, the woman was in the

- 1 passenger seat, and your male friend sat behind her. Have
- 2 you ever given a woman a ride home from a party with a
- 3 friend and committed any form of sexual assault, attempted
- 4 rape, or rape against her?
- 5 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- Have you ever kissed a woman against her
- 7 will when driving her home from a party?
- 8 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- Have you ever put your hand on --
- 10 Judge Kavanaugh. Well, can I just ask a question? I
- 11 don't think I've even seen this letter.
- 12 Yeah, this is I don't believe
- 13 we have seen this allegation or know the form in which it
- 14 came.
- Do we have the letter?
- Judge Kavanaugh. What is this thing?
- 17 This -- Judge, this is an anonymous letter
- 18 that came -- that went to Senator Cory Gardner's office.
- This one was Kamala Harris.
- Judge Kavanaugh. This is the Colorado thing?
- I apologize. I'm confused. There are so
- 22 many --
- Judge Kavanaugh. Yeah.
- 24 -- anonymous allegations flying around,
- 25 I'm getting them mixed up. I apologize. This is an

- 1 anonymous letter that we received from San Diego -- San
- 2 Diego, California. Senator Harris' office in San Diego,
- 3 California received a letter, and Senator Harris -- Senator
- 4 Harris received this letter and passed it along to the
- 5 chairman and ranking member to do our due diligence.
- 6 Judge Kavanaugh. Is there -- is there a date, a
- 7 place, anything?
- There is not, but we will -- we will read
- 9 the letter to you in its full -- in its entirety. It is --
- 10 it is a --
- Judge Kavanaugh. How long is it?
- 12 It is a handwritten two-and-a-half page
- 13 letter from an anonymous.
- 14 Judge Kavanaugh. I don't -- I don't need the whole
- 15 thing. You can just ask the questions.
- 16 Could you please send a copy of it to me,
- 17 though?
- We will. I apologize. I thought that we
- 19 sent you a copy ahead of time, and so, I apologize.
- Judge Kavanaugh. Okay.
- 21 It was -- it was a little bit fast moving.
- 22 All right.
- 23 why don't you -- why don't we do
- this so we establish a record? Read the letter.
- Okay. "Dear, Senator Grassley, et al.

- 1 The current situation regarding the accusations made by Dr.
- 2 Ford against Brett Kavanaugh have prompted me to write you
- 3 today. I have moved on with my life since he forced
- 4 himself on me as well. The times were so different, and I
- 5 didn't expect to be taken seriously, embarrass my family,
- 6 be believed at all.
- 7 I was at a party with a friend. I had been drinking.
- 8 She left with another boy, leaving me to find my own way
- 9 home. Kavanaugh and a friend offered me a ride home. I
- 10 don't know the other boy's name. I was in his car to go
- 11 home. His friend was behind me in the backseat. Kavanaugh
- 12 kissed me forcefully. I told him I only wanted a ride
- 13 home. Kavanaugh continued to grope me over my clothes,
- 14 forcing his kisses on me and putting his hand under my
- 15 sweater. 'No,' I yelled at him.
- 16 The boy in the backseat reached around, putting his
- 17 hand over my mouth and holding my arm to keep me in the
- 18 car. I screamed into his hand. Kavanaugh continued his
- 19 forcing himself on me. He pulled up my sweater and bra
- 20 exposing my breasts, and reached into my panties, inserting
- 21 his fingers into my vagina. My screams were silenced by
- 22 the boy in the backseat covering my mouth and groping me as
- 23 well.
- 24 Kavanaugh slapped me and told me to be quiet and
- 25 forced me to perform oral sex on him. He climaxed in my

- 1 mouth. They forced me to go into the backseat and took
- 2 turns raping me several times each. They dropped me off
- 3 two blocks from my home. 'No one will believe if you tell.
- 4 Be a good girl,' he told me.
- 5 Watching what has happened to Anita Hill and Dr. Ford
- 6 has me petrified to come forward in person or even provide
- 7 my name. A group of white men, powerful senators who won't
- 8 believe me, will come after me. Like Dr. Ford, I'm a
- 9 teacher, I have an education, a family, a child, a home. I
- 10 have credibility. Just because something happens a long
- 11 time ago, because a rape victim doesn't want to personally
- 12 come forward, does not mean something can't be true.
- Jane Doe, Oceanside, California."
- 14 And read the envelope for him that was
- 15 sent to Senator Harris' office.
- The envelope has the word "urgent" across
- 17 the top. It is addressed to Kamala Harris, Senate
- 18 Judiciary Committee, 600 B Street, Suite 2240, San Diego,
- 19 California, 92101. And it is postmarked from San Diego,
- 20 California on September 19th, 2018.
- I just want to establish a couple things
- 22 because Judge Kavanaugh has not seen this letter because of
- 23 Chairman Grassley's staff mistakes, so I apologize again
- 24 about that. Just to be clear, there -- there is
- 25 no date on this letter. Is that correct?

- 1 That is correct.
- 2 And there's no return address anywhere on
- 3 this letter. Is that correct?
- 4 That is correct.
- And there's no contact information on this
- 6 letter anywhere. Is that correct?
- 7 That is correct.
- And there's no date of the allegation. Is
- 9 that correct?
- There is no date of the allegation.
- Okay. So, now you can proceed with your
- 12 questions.
- 13 Judge Kavanaugh. Nothing -- the whole thing is
- 14 ridiculous. Nothing ever -- anything like that, nothing.
- 15 I mean, that's -- the whole thing is just a crock, farce,
- 16 wrong, didn't happen, not anything close.
- 17 Okay. I'm going to go through a few of
- 18 the specific allegations just to have your responses. Have
- 19 you ever kissed a woman against her will while driving her
- 20 home from a party?
- Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- 22 Can you repeat that answer?
- Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- Have you ever put a hand under a woman's
- 25 sweater while your -- while your friend put his hand over

- 1 her mouth or held her arm?
- 2 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- Have you ever put your hand under a
- 4 woman's sweater after she told you she only wanted a ride
- 5 home?
- 6 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- Have you ever put a hand under a woman's
- 8 sweater after she yelled "no?"
- 9 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- 10 Have you ever had a friend silence a woman
- 11 while you were engaged in a physical encounter with her?
- 12 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- 13 Have you ever used fingers to penetrate a
- 14 woman's vagina against her will?
- 15 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- 16 Have you ever slapped a woman and told her
- 17 to be quiet while forcing her to perform oral sex on you?
- 18 Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- 19 Have you and a friend ever taken turns
- 20 raping a woman?
- Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- Have you ever told a woman you assaulted
- 23 "no one will believe if you tell, be a good girl?"
- Judge Kavanaugh. No.
- Those are the questions that I have

- 1 related to that allegation. I'll open it to anyone else in
- 2 the room.
- 3 Does the minority have questions?
- We don't. We would just repeat the
- 5 statement that we made at the start of the call.
- And I would repeat my response. Judge, do
- 7 you have any further reaction to any of these allegations?
- 8 Judge Kavanaugh. I think I've covered it.
- 9 And I just want to note for the record
- 10 that separate from Dr. Ford's allegations, we now have
- 11 these six allegations that have been made against Judge
- 12 Kavanaugh very late in the proceedings. And this is after
- 13 the FBI has conducted six full field background
- 14 investigations going back 25 years to 1993. We've had --
- 15 we've had 60 -- Judge Kavanaugh has had 65 meetings with
- 16 senators. He has had numerous staff investigator
- 17 interviews with the chairman and ranking member staff. He
- 18 has denied all of these allegations.
- 19 We have had 4 days of a public hearing with 32 hours
- 20 of testimony from Judge Kavanaugh. We had a closed session
- 21 where sensitive matters could've been raised. These issues
- 22 were not raised then. We've had 1,300 written questions
- 23 submitted to Judge Kavanaugh after his hearing. He has
- 24 responded to those questions. This is more questions and
- 25 answers than all prior Supreme Court nominees combined.

- 1 It is -- we have a hearing set up. Day 5 of this
- 2 hearing is set up for tomorrow where we are going to hear
- 3 from Dr. Ford and Judge Kavanaugh tomorrow at the hearing,
- 4 and I just wanted to note where we are in the process. Do
- 5 you have anything further to add, Judge?
- Judge Kavanaugh. No, thank you.
- 7 Thank you.
- 8 Public release.
- 9 One more question for you, Judge.
- 10 Judge Kavanaugh. Yes.
- 11 This is -- this call is not part of the
- 12 FBI background investigation because we received these
- 13 allegations outside of the FBI background investigation.
- 14 But we want to just find out from you, do you object to the
- 15 public release of what you have said today on this phone
- 16 call, including the public release of the transcript?
- Judge Kavanaugh. I do not object.
- Thank you, Judge.
- 19 Thank you so much for taking part in this
- 20 call.
- Judge Kavanaugh. Thank you.
- 22 [Judge Kavanaugh and disconnected call.]
- All right, thank you, guys.
- I didn't say this on the call, but you can
- 25 say that this is a political discussion that has to happen.

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     his time suggesting that my 2-minute statement was wasting
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     his time. I really -- that's just -- that's --
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