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18 **BERRY:** This is IPR Investigator, ERIC BERRY. Today's date is Tuesday, June 7th, 2016. The time is approximately 1300. I'm present at an IPR conference room for an interview on 2016-B-0014. Also present in the room are mayoral staff, SARA HOTTMAN, and IPR Investigator DEIRDRE PEREZ. Ms. HOTTMAN, are you aware that I'm recording our conversation?

19 **HOTTMAN:** Yes.

20 **BERRY:** Excellent. Thank you very much. You heard me stumble on mayoral staff. What is your official job title there?

21 **HOTTMAN:** Communications Director.

22 **BERRY:** Okay. Thank you. And there is so much we don't know about how a mayor's office functions. Can you just give us an idea of what your job entails?

23 **HOTTMAN:** Right. I oversee all incoming and outgoing messaging from the mayor's office and so that includes answering media inquiries, assisting in responding to public inquiries or constituent concerns. That's writing speeches and talking points for the mayor. It's overseeing consistent messaging and consistency in policy, documents that, you know, ultimately are reflected in talking points and all of the digital presence from social media to website.

24 **BERRY:** Seems like the field of communications has changed so much over the past 20 years. I bet you someone doing your position 30 years ago would've had to supervise a lot of different messaging platforms compared to what you have now.

25 **HOTTMAN:** Yeah. It is – it's very interesting. So I actually came from newspapers and so –

26 **BERRY:** Oh, really?

27 **HOTTMAN:** Yeah. So I was on the other side so I got to see how, you know, in the – even just 10 years ago, how communications directors managed messaging –

28 **BERRY:** Yeah.

29 **HOTTMAN:** – versus now which, obviously, when you're working with Reddit and Twitter where people are breaking news before we even know about it or, you know, something like that, then that's really interesting so I do a lot of like watching Twitter to see what reporters are going to be asking me about.

30 **BERRY:** Oh, my gosh. Yeah. It seems like it would've been an easier job some time ago. Now, there are a bunch of different channels you got to watch out for.

31 **HOTTMAN:** Yeah. Well, and the relationships with like reporters was a lot different because it wasn't so cutthroat. Right. So now everybody wants to get that first Tweet out, so now it's a little bit more contentious and less built on relationships.

32 **BERRY:** I never thought about that. So you feel like there's an emphasis now on making the deadline or making the scoop –

33 **HOTTMAN:** Um hmm.

34 **BERRY:** – versus like developing a relationship or cultivating a source or –

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49 **HOTTMAN:** Yeah. And sort of the – my relationships sort of hinge on the scoops that I give people or the
50 – how quickly I give people information –
51 **BERRY:** Um hmm.
52 **HOTTMAN:** – so I've, you know, gotten nasty remarks from reporters who felt like they should've had the
53 scoop and I'm like unless I send an email to all of you, like somebody's going to get it first.
54 **BERRY:** Yeah.
55 **HOTTMAN:** So yeah, it's pretty interesting.
56 **BERRY:** It's pretty interesting. In the course of your work, how often would you say you have contact with
57 the mayor?
58 **HOTTMAN:** Multiple times a day.
59 **BERRY:** Multiple times a day? Okay.
60 **HOTTMAN:** Yeah. In our – the way I run communications, I want the mayor to have some ownership
61 over it so I, you know, run any statements or quotes by him for editing and make sure that it's what he
62 wants to say and the way that he wants to say it.
63 **BERRY:** Seems like a good approach.
64 **HOTTMAN:** Yeah. Yeah. I mean, not all offices run that way so we never want the elected to be surprised
65 by what he said.
66 **BERRY:** Well, as part of that job, how much contact – or do you have contact with PPB?
67 **HOTTMAN:** Yes. Usually through PETE SIMPSON, their PIO.
68 **BERRY:** Okay.
69 **HOTTMAN:** Very occasionally, I'll have meetings with some other staff like, for instance, when we were
70 doing the budget, I had a briefing from an AC and a sergeant about sort of the fundamental issues with
71 staffing so they took me through all of the numbers and the timelines and everything, but that's rare.
72 Usually, it's only with Pete.
73 **BERRY:** Okay. Well, how often would you say you interact with DEANNA up on the mayor's staff?
74 **HOTTMAN:** Daily.
75 **BERRY:** Daily?
76 **HOTTMAN:** Um hmm.
77 **BERRY:** Do you have like a regular meeting or anything scheduled?
78 **HOTTMAN:** No. Usually she just pops into my office and lets me know what the latest thing is. There's
79 always a thing.
80 **BERRY:** There's always a thing.
81 **HOTTMAN:** So I – the way we do communications, I really like to know everything that's happening and
82 everybody's portfolios –
83 **BERRY:** Um hmm.
84 **HOTTMAN:** – so that way, I'm not taken by surprise when a reporter calls me about something. You
85 know, if they found something in a public record or like heard a rumor or something, it's both embarrassing
86 and not useful when I don't know what's going on, so everybody tries to pop in as soon as something
87 happens and let me know so I can sort of keep track of everything.
88 **BERRY:** And do you have a sense of who else in the mayor's office has any kind of contact with PPB or
89 PPB issues? The mayor. I can think of him.
90 **HOTTMAN:** Yeah. The mayor, JOSH, TERA, the deputy chief of staff, especially on budget items.
91 **BERRY:** Oh, yeah.

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92 **HOTTMAN:** She's the point on that, but I think JOSH has the most regular communications as far as, you
93 know, being on a first-name basis with folks in the PPB.

94 **BERRY:** And then DEANNA too?

95 **HOTTMAN:** Yeah, DEANNA.

96 **BERRY:** Okay.

97 **HOTTMAN:** And actually NICOLE GRANT, the policy analyst.

98 **BERRY:** Oh, yeah.

99 **HOTTMAN:** She also – but she's more of – because her role is more policy analyst, she's working on sort
100 of high-level stuff rather than like the on-the-ground PPB stuff, so like policy and legislative agenda items
101 and stuff.

102 **BERRY:** And I think you were pretty clear about this already. But with the exception of PETE SIMPSON,
103 can you think of anyone else in PPB where – that you have regular contact with?

104 **HOTTMAN:** Not regular contact.

105 **BERRY:** Yeah. Just kind of the issue-related contact that you mentioned?

106 **HOTTMAN:** Um hmm. Exactly.

107 **BERRY:** All right. And you talked about there always being an issue to talk about. Obviously, there are
108 almost always ongoing administrative investigations involving different police personnel. Do you have any
109 role in keeping the mayor updated on the status of those investigations?

110 **HOTTMAN:** No. That's DEANNA. DEANNA will let me know if there's one that's particularly salacious,
111 I guess.

112 **BERRY:** Yeah.

113 **HOTTMAN:** Knowing that – or sensational, I guess. Something that media might pick up on but
114 otherwise, she is for the holder of that information.

115 **BERRY:** Oh, okay. So she'll come to you if there's – she feels like there's going to be a media break or if
116 there's an especially sensational detail?

117 **HOTTMAN:** Um hmm. Exactly.

118 **BERRY:** And that's similar to what you talk about people popping in to keep you updated on what's going
119 to break?

120 **HOTTMAN:** Um hmm.

121 **BERRY:** All right. Can you think of a time where you've ever advised the mayor or kept him aware of a
122 criminal investigation involving a PPB member? Do you need me to describe criminal versus
123 administrative?

124 **HOTTMAN:** No. I know the distinction, but I don't think so. I can think of times when DEANNA again
125 popped in and let me know that something might be happening or that somebody's getting disciplined in
126 some way because once they get disciplined, you know, then media might pick up on it.

127 **BERRY:** Yeah.

128 **HOTTMAN:** And so being prepared for that. But otherwise, no. That would be DEANNA's role and then I
129 would just be informed just in case I get inquiries.

130 **BERRY:** Well, I appreciate your bearing with me for that. It's helpful to us to understand who talks to who
131 and who does what because it's all very far above our pay grade.

132 **HOTTMAN:** Yeah.

133 **BERRY:** Do you remember – how did you first learn of the O'DEA shooting incident?

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134 **HOTTMAN:** The mayor called JOSH and I into his office on a Monday morning before staff meeting and
135 told us about it. He had talked to the chief on the phone that morning and he just briefed JOSH and I, told
136 us what – or his understanding of what happened and that's it.

137 **BERRY:** All right. So it's yourself, the mayor and JOSH?

138 **HOTTMAN:** Um hmm.

139 **BERRY:** And that's in the mayor's office?

140 **HOTTMAN:** Correct.

141 **BERRY:** Okay. And what did the mayor tell you about the incident?

142 **HOTTMAN:** He said that the chief was camping with some friends and that he had accidentally shot one
143 of his friends and that the friend was okay and that the chief was just really torn up about it, and then he
144 mostly talked about how distraught the chief was that he had hurt his friend and then he said that the media
145 – the reason I was being informed was he thought that Max at the Oregonian would probably break the
146 story in a couple days and said I should probably be thinking about a statement from him as far as, you
147 know, how to – his response to the incident.

148 **BERRY:** Other than yourself and JOSH and the mayor, do you know who else was informed of the
149 incident in the mayor's office?

150 **HOTTMAN:** I don't. No.

151 **BERRY:** Okay.

152 **HOTTMAN:** And I should say, in – later, I found out that nobody else was informed.

153 **BERRY:** Okay.

154 **HOTTMAN:** But that was on May 20th when Willamette Week broke the story.

155 **BERRY:** Okay. Well, I appreciate you clarifying that. It gets tricky to ask people about an incident where
156 there's been a lot of media coverage because it's important to draw a distinction between what you knew
157 and then what you later found out reading the paper, so thank you.

158 **HOTTMAN:** Um hmm.

159 **BERRY:** So it sounds like the mayor directed you to prepare a statement for him?

160 **HOTTMAN:** Yes.

161 **BERRY:** Okay. Other than getting ready – and is that press release that you brought in today?

162 **HOTTMAN:** Unfortunately, I went into the staff meeting and I did not – ended up not preparing a
163 statement. I walked out and – so that came much later.

164 **BERRY:** Oh, okay. Oh, and that's the admin leave announcement. Right. Okay.

165 **HOTTMAN:** Yes. So this is me on the record admitting that I dropped the ball.

166 **BERRY:** That happens.

167 **HOTTMAN:** I walked into staff meeting and it kind of just went out of my head. Usually in that
168 circumstance, I would've followed up with PETE and we would've, you know, talked about what should be
169 included in the statement so, you know, PPB would have theirs and I would have mine, but I just forgot and
170 so I didn't prepare anything and then that was prepared later on.

171 **BERRY:** Okay. I forget stuff all the time. If I don't write it down, I'm not going to do it. So it sounds like
172 there's some discussion preparing a statement, didn't get it done at the time and then events kind of
173 continued?

174 **HOTTMAN:** Um hmm. Yeah. Our thought was like within a couple days, I would probably have a media
175 inquiry and so getting just – you know, getting something down ahead of that so we would have it
176 immediately, but I think I walked into a three-hour staff meeting and then did not walk out with that
177 instruction in my head.

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178 **BERRY:** You're lucky you remembered your name after a three-hour meeting.
179 **HOTTMAN:** Yeah.
180 **BERRY:** Other than preparing a statement, can you think of any other action the mayor directed you to
181 take?
182 **HOTTMAN:** No. There was no discussion, no mention of the incident at all until May 20th.
183 **BERRY:** Okay. Believe it or not, we're making good progress. Do you have any idea if the mayor directed
184 any other staff to take action?
185 **HOTTMAN:** No. And when he first told JOSH and I about this, he didn't mention any other actions. He
186 just said, like I said, to prepare a statement and that was it.
187 **BERRY:** Okay.
188 **PEREZ:** Did he instruct you to keep it confidential?
189 **HOTTMAN:** No. He said we'll keep it close but to me, that would mean like senior staff instead of talking
190 about it casually with like another commissioner's office or something.
191 **BERRY:** So you mentioned finding out later that DEANNA wasn't told about the incident.
192 **HOTTMAN:** Um hmm.
193 **BERRY:** Do you have any idea why she wasn't told?
194 **HOTTMAN:** From – so I learned later –
195 **BERRY:** Learned later.
196 **HOTTMAN:** – that the mayor opted not to tell her. I'm not sure why. Usually the chain of command
197 would go if JOSH knew about it, then he would tell DEANNA. As a chief of staff, he would tell his policy
198 director. I'm not sure why that decision was made. Typically, the policy director, obviously, is looped in on
199 all policy items that are under their purview –
200 **BERRY:** Yeah.
201 **HOTTMAN:** – so that was a fluke.
202 **BERRY:** In the conversation you had with the mayor, did the mayor talk at all about Portland conducting
203 an administrative investigation regarding the incident?
204 **HOTTMAN:** He said there would be an investigation and I didn't ask specifically who would be
205 investigating. I assumed it would be the county that – where the incident occurred.
206 **BERRY:** Okay.
207 **HOTTMAN:** That was the assumption that I think JOSH and I both had and neither of us had – were
208 savvy enough to ask any further, unfortunately.
209 **BERRY:** Well, you described being asked to prepare a statement. Did you have any sense of how else the
210 city was going to respond to this incident?
211 **HOTTMAN:** No. So usually the way these things would happen is PPB would go through its procedures
212 so like with any sort of officer incident, you know, we've had officers involved in DUIs – actually, that was
213 on duty. But we've had officers, for instance, get in fights or something off duty, right, and so –
214 **BERRY:** A little bit of everything, yeah.
215 **HOTTMAN:** It's always something. And so we've had – so PPB is point on the response because, of
216 course, they have their own investigations and processes –
217 **BERRY:** Yeah.
218 **HOTTMAN:** – and then from the mayor's office, it would be a statement in response to that, if anything.
219 I've only prepared a statement once in response to PPB behavior and that was after the FRASHOUR
220 decision. Once that was finalized, then we had a statement in response to that but otherwise, I haven't
221 actually prepared responses because usually it's a personnel thing and we don't comment on those so just –

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222 but, of course, the FRASHOUR thing was pretty high profile and significant and, you know, the city's
223 operation and so felt appropriate for the mayor to respond to that.

224 **BERRY:** Yeah, that did get a lot of attention. Now, I don't want to keep bringing it up, the initial press
225 release or statement that the mayor asked you to prepare. Did you have any further conversation or contact
226 with him about what was going to be in that statement or what not?

227 **HOTTMAN:** No.

228 **BERRY:** No.

229 **HOTTMAN:** Unfortunately – again normally what would've happened is I would've touched base with
230 PPB and then provided him a draft statement to look at –

231 **BERRY:** Yeah.

232 **HOTTMAN:** – but it just, like I said, kind of fell through –

233 **BERRY:** Didn't happen.

234 **HOTTMAN:** – the cracks, very unfortunately, and so there was no follow-up at all. Actually, I don't even
235 know if I wrote it down like to do it. Do you mind if I look really quickly to see if I even wrote it down?

236 **PEREZ:** Yeah, that is fine.

237 **BERRY:** Yeah. That's a – that book is full of a lot of - a lot of entries.

238 **HOTTMAN:** A lot of scribbles. So – sorry, should've looked this up beforehand but I didn't think about it.

239 **BERRY:** Oh, no. I appreciate you checking.

240 **HOTTMAN:** So yeah, it looks like I did not write it down. Yeah, so I didn't even write it down.

241 **BERRY:** Did you have an expectation that the city was going to make this incident public ever?

242 **HOTTMAN:** I guess I had an assumption that it would be. Again, assuming that a reporter would be
243 asking me about it within a couple days but I didn't – it didn't occur to me to do follow-up to ensure it was
244 made public, you know.

245 **BERRY:** Yeah.

246 **HOTTMAN:** Again, A, because media usually dig these things up so a lot of times the city is sort of in
247 reaction mode rather than proactively putting out information as we ended up being this time but much
248 later, but also PPB would usually put out some sort of statement that says, you know, this investigation is
249 happening and can't comment on it further until the investigation closes. So I guess there was that
250 assumption but not an assumption that the mayor's office would be point on it.

251 **BERRY:** Other than your expectation that a reporter would be contacting you about it and your expectation
252 that PPB would eventually release some kind of statement about it, did you have an expectation of any
253 other action the city was going to take?

254 **HOTTMAN:** This sounds foolish but no.

255 **BERRY:** (Inaudible).

256 **HOTTMAN:** I didn't think about it much after that and –

257 **BERRY:** Kind of on to the next?

258 **HOTTMAN:** Yeah. A little bit in my defense, I come from an area in rural Oregon where accidental
259 shootings aren't uncommon –

260 **BERRY:** Right.

261 **HOTTMAN:** – and so it didn't strike me as particularly shocking that that occurred and so I guess when
262 other people found out about it, they were like oh my god –

263 **BERRY:** Yeah.

264 **HOTTMAN:** – and that, I guess, wasn't – that wasn't my initial reaction so I – they started calling me the
265 hick interpreter because I was like I don't know – a lot of – so yeah, I guess I didn't find it as shocking and

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266 in hindsight, I certainly should have especially since obviously the chief is a high-profile person but since
267 his friend was okay, I didn't really think about it much beyond that.

268 **BERRY:** Well, so I understand we've all read a lot in the newspaper articles about what happened.

269 **HOTTMAN:** Um hmm.

270 **BERRY:** From the time that you learned of the incident but before the Willamette Week article came out
271 and became public, did you have any other contact with the mayor about this issue that you know of? No.

272 **HOTTMAN:** No. Nor anybody else.

273 **BERRY:** Or anybody else. Thank you.

274 **HOTTMAN:** Um hmm. Yeah. The first time that I thought about it again was when DEANNA got a text
275 from the chief saying that Willamette Week would be calling and she was like I got a call about this and I
276 was like oh yeah and I said something and she was like what, and I realized that she didn't know and so we
277 told her about what had happened and –

278 **BERRY:** Oh boy.

279 **HOTTMAN:** – then she had a lot of questions for me that I couldn't answer because I was foolish enough
280 not to ask any follow-up questions.

281 **BERRY:** And I think you've been real clear about this. From that time from when you first learned about it
282 to when it was publicized, did you have any changes in your directed tasks or anything like that?

283 **HOTTMAN:** No.

284 **BERRY:** All right. So let's step forward. Can you describe what the heck happened after that Willamette
285 Week article came out?

286 **HOTTMAN:** Yes. So we – so the mayor was very clear that, you know, investigations were open and just
287 the way we do with anybody, we don't comment on open investigations for various issues. You know,
288 potentially like if he's exonerated and we get out ahead of our skis and say something that's accusatory,
289 then obviously that can be as harmful as, you know, standing by him if he isn't exonerated.

290 **BERRY:** Right.

291 **HOTTMAN:** So we just said nothing and the mayor, because he did – had talked to O'DEA and realized
292 how upset he was about this, he wanted his statement to be that he understands that the chief is heartsick
293 about this and we, you know, support him as he, you know, grapples with this issue and are waiting to see
294 what investigations show.

295 **BERRY:** I wanted to thank – or compliment somebody on that adjective choice, heartsick. I thought that
296 was good. Whose word was that?

297 **HOTTMAN:** That was the mayor.

298 **BERRY:** All right. It's a good job. All right. So it sounds like DEANNA learned of it that day, May 20th,
299 when the article came out?

300 **HOTTMAN:** She learned about it from me in the kitchen –

301 **BERRY:** Okay.

302 **HOTTMAN:** – in the mayor's office and then I think she might have called O'DEA and started making
303 some calls to figure out what was going on and then she read about it in the Willamette Week, but it was
304 the same day.

305 **BERRY:** Same day.

306 **HOTTMAN:** Yeah.

307 **BERRY:** Just earlier before it came out?

308 **HOTTMAN:** Um hmm.

309 **BERRY:** Okay. Thank you. Any idea when PETE SIMPSON learned about it?

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310 **HOTTMAN:** From my understanding, he learned about it from Willamette Week.
311 **BERRY:** Oh.
312 **HOTTMAN:** Again, that's that embarrassing thing as a com person when the reporter breaks news to you,
313 so my understanding is that he heard about it from Willamette Week.
314 **BERRY:** All right. And kind of like I asked you about DEANNA earlier, do you have any understanding
315 of the reason for not looping in SIMPSON?
316 **HOTTMAN:** Looping in SIMPSON?
317 **BERRY:** Yeah.
318 **HOTTMAN:** I have no idea why he wasn't included. Typically – I'm not sure how – so in a lot of offices,
319 the coms director isn't necessarily looped in on everything. It's sort of need-to-know and I don't know if
320 that's the way the Police Bureau works –
321 **BERRY:** Yeah.
322 **HOTTMAN** – but some – that is like a method of managing communications, so possibly I would
323 speculate that could be it.
324 **BERRY:** Well, and be clear, SIMPSON's a Bureau employee so –
325 **HOTTMAN:** Um hmm.
326 **BERRY** – it doesn't sound like you're regularly advising him on issues to talk about with the –
327 **HOTTMAN:** Right. Normally, when we touch base, we're talking about more what our idea of an
328 approach is on an issue so like – so I'd say, you know, the mayor wants to talk about this, homelessness for
329 instance, that's when we touch base a lot so, you know, the mayor is going to comment – talk about the
330 policy and remind people like these are the guidelines and remind people that police are understaffed and
331 so they'll respond to livability calls as they can but their priority is emergency calls and then he'll say okay,
332 we'll sort of echo that message at the bottom of the press release that talks about the incident at the top, so
333 we can sort of reinforce the messaging about some of the – helping people understand some of the barriers
334 that we're facing but we wouldn't necessarily advise each other or, you know, in this case tell him not to
335 provide information that normally the Police Bureau would provide.
336 **BERRY:** Yeah. Have you had any contact with any of the assistant chiefs about this matter?
337 **HOTTMAN:** No. Not about this matter.
338 **BERRY:** Okay. And just specifically, have you had any contact – I wanted to ask about DONNA
339 HENDERSON particularly because she was an AC and now she's an acting C. Have you had any contact
340 with her about this?
341 **HOTTMAN:** No.
342 **BERRY:** No? All right. Will you describe the contact that you have had with PETE SIMPSON about this?
343 **HOTTMAN:** Yeah. So on – as things were unfolding, we exchanged some text messages and he was sort
344 of asking to explain the mayor's logic behind his decisions and then also exchanged emails about like the
345 latest developments on their end. So when Harney County released their press release – like I never got it
346 and so he sent that to me as an FYI and when the communication restriction order was handed down, sent
347 that to me as an FYI, so asking for clarification and then exchanging information.
348 **BERRY:** You had a lot of contact with the media about this?
349 **HOTTMAN:** Yes. But yeah, the response has consistently been that the mayor doesn't talk about open
350 investigations and then from the mayor outside of the talking points, he has been very firm that the chief is
351 very upset about this and we need to support him through this difficult time and wait to see – that he's been
352 a good chief and wait to see what the investigations show.

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353 **BERRY:** All right. I wanted to back up just a moment. I forgot to ask you two questions. You're describing
354 the chief describing to you the incident that the chief described to him. During your conversation with the
355 mayor then, did the mayor mention the chief talking about alcohol at all?

356 **HOTTMAN:** No.

357 **BERRY:** No? Okay. And similar or same conversation, you listened when the mayor described what the
358 chief said happened, you described it as a camping trip. Did the mayor mention hunting at all or shooting at
359 sage rats?

360 **HOTTMAN:** No. It was just – he said camping trip and the accidental shooting. He didn't have any further
361 details and again I'm from the country –

362 **BERRY:** About what they were doing.

363 **HOTTMAN:** – and so I assume that they would have their guns if they were out and –

364 **BERRY:** If they're out camping?

365 **HOTTMAN:** Yeah. Out camping.

366 **BERRY:** All right. Well, you put with up us asking a lot of nosey questions. Is there anything you want to
367 add or you think is important or you want to make a note of while we're talking?

368 **HOTTMAN:** I think we covered everything. I'm trying to think if there was anything. I think we covered
369 everything.

370 **BERRY:** Okay. Investigator PEREZ, is there anything you want to –

371 **PEREZ:** I just have one. Are there any instances where the mayor's office approaches the media with
372 information about an ongoing story before it's made public?

373 **HOTTMAN:** Yeah. I've – I'll give scoops to reporters so just reporters who have been covering a topic or
374 who have expressed interest to me about a topic and then something happens and so I will provide them
375 information first and then sort of let the rest of the media follow. One very recent example is Dirk at the
376 Mercury. He follows city hall very closely and so we gave him the scoop on the chief of staff leaving.

377 **PEREZ:** Okay.

378 **HOTTMAN:** And so that's – you know, that's sort of a big story and people really follow that.

379 **BERRY:** Oh, yeah.

380 **HOTTMAN:** It sounds fairly boring but that was a big scoop that we gave him and then another example
381 is Brad Schmidt at the Oregonian. He covers PDC closely so when we were ready to announce the PDC
382 commissioner, I arranged to give him the information first and set up an interview with her so he could
383 have that information first.

384 **PEREZ:** Okay. But there weren't any scoops delivered to certain reporters about the O'DEA case or
385 O'DEA being placed on leave?

386 **HOTTMAN:** No.

387 **BERRY:** No O'DEA-related scoops, okay.

388 **PEREZ:** I think that's all I have.

389 **BERRY:** Excellent. All right. Well, the time is approximately 1:31 p.m. Stopping the recording.

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