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Subject: Lisa Carpenter

Bill: My name is Bill McBean; it's March 25, 2014. I'm in the executive office of the state capital. I'm with Lisa Carpenter. Lisa, do you know that this conversation is being recorded?

Lisa: Yes.

Bill: Is that okay with you?

Lisa: Yes.

Bill: I'm also with David Spector, the council for the governor. David, is it okay if this is being recorded?

David: Yes, Bill.

Bill: Lisa, let me make sure that I understand what your role is here in this office. Would it be fair to describe you as Allen's right hand woman?

Lisa: Yeah, I think that would be fair to say, yes. I'm also the staff director for the policy office.

Bill: Second in command, basically? What did you understand the purpose of the trip to Aspen to be?

Lisa: There were three policy panels that the governor was speaking on, so that's what we prepared him to speak on.

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- Bill: I understand that there were several other policy panels up there besides just the governor's policy panels?
- Lisa: There were three policy panels on that Saturday, then I believe the governor's will get that Aspen Institutes it was at the round table of governor's event. I don't remember if that was Saturday or Sunday.
- Bill: I've spoken to other people who were there. They remember Francis going to something on oil and gas?
- Lisa: There was an energy policy conference. Energy and economy I think was I remember correctly.
- Bill: Was that something you put together?
- Lisa: I don't actually break the words on the breeze necessarily. Sometimes I do but I'd make sure everything is in the correct format. That all the information is there.
- David: I'm sorry, I was a little confused. When you say a policy conference, the energy briefing on the policy conference. Was that at DGA or a different one? I just wanted to make sure quickly.
- Lisa: That was at DGA.
- Bill: It just seems to me ... I guess when I'm talking to various different people. There were some pretty incredible variety of discussions going on out there. Not just the three panels that seem to be in the discovery, but really a wide variety of discussions about the environment and global warming and heaven forbid. Just a lot of different oil and gas and a lot of different things.
- Apparently, strung out of what you did or ... I don't understand. If you told me that you're ... the policy stuff you put together was ... I want to say straightforward or simple, but just not as complex as what I'm hearing people or talking about the amount out of these seminars.

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- Lisa: We don't script the governor, we provide sort of an outline of priorities of the administration that match with the topic of the panel. Just things to sort of remind him of his budget process, or numbers on the economy for Colorado things like that, so we don't script him.
- Bill: Did any of the other governors who came to this conference bring material with them?
- Lisa: I don't know, but I'm sure that they did.
- Bill: Maybe they help the policy discussions as well?
- Lisa: I think the governors were all on these panels together with members of the private sector. They all sort of structure these kinds of things normally where the governors and the guest speakers are sort of at the table and then the audience members watch.
- Bill: You weren't there?
- Lisa: I wasn't there, I'm not.
- Bill: [Inaudible 00:04:26] of a wrong person about this. I should have thought of this question to ask before, but I didn't know to ask it before.
- David: You'll ask the governor tomorrow.
- Bill: I guess. Thank you. Do you know what I think about how the governor was made share of DGA for this event?
- Lisa: I did not know.
- Bill: Ask the governor tomorrow. When you were preparing policy materials did you have [Inaudible 00:05:12] 29 [Inaudible 00:05:13]?
- David: That's amount of 40 watt [Inaudible 00:05:16].
- Lisa: I know about [Element 00:05:19] 41, but we were just doing policy briefings which we would have done, and we do for any event that the governor is speaking of, so it didn't really apply.

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Bill: You thought it was apples and oranges?

Lisa: It's doing a policy briefing and [Element 00:05:41] 41, yes to me are two different things.

Bill: You didn't think about the fact that there was a policy briefing at a fund raising event?

Lisa: It was a policy briefing for a policy conference.

Bill: Has anybody suggested to you that the policy part was window dressing for the fund raiser?

Lisa: No.

Bill: Do you think it might have been?

Lisa: Window dressing for fund raising?

Bill: Yes.

Lisa: That's not my job to pay attention to that sort of thing. My job is to make sure that the briefings that go to the governor are complete and accurate.

Bill: Good answer. Do you recall your first discussion with Mr. Salazar about the DGA event?

Lisa: The first discussion was right on.

Bill: Who first told you about DGA? Do you remember?

Lisa: When we set and scheduling meetings which we do once a week, we go about a month out on a governor's calendar. I make sure that the policy staff knows what the governor is doing.

Bill: They don't first [Inaudible 00:07:00] do about it.

Lisa: The scheduler.

Bill: The scheduler? That would have been?

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Lisa: Beth.

Bill: Beth.

David: There is Anthony with her tomorrow.

Bill: What was said about what was going to be done?

Lisa: The governor would be traveling to Aspen that the policy conferences during his time there. He had a full day in Grand Junction on Friday that we'll prepare briefings for. I can't remember Saturday, or Sunday, or Monday, but I'm sure there are things that we prepare from them too.

Bill: How much time do you think Val spent on the conference?

Lisa: I have no idea; she gets information from various places and put stuff on the schedule.

Bill: How much time do you think he spent on the phone with Laura Warner about this whole thing?

Lisa: I would have not talked Laura Warner about this.

Bill: Not at all?

Lisa: No, she may had forwarded me to schedule for the DGA event, but from DGA that would include who's speaking on the panels and that sort of thing. That would have been ... I don't like talking on the phone.

Bill: That obviates my second question which is ... Why don't you meet with her in person?

Lisa: She attends her scheduling meetings.

Bill: Why is Laura scheduling meetings?

Lisa: Because she knows what the schedule is like, it's hard to have sort of so many fast of a team around one person. We all sort of have to know physically where he's at and what he's doing to do our job.

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Bill: Okay, that makes sense. That will do it, thank you.

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