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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Bombshell Hearing; Ex-White House Aide Gives First-Hand Account of January 6]

ROBIN ROBERTS: A former top White House aide describing Trump in a rage on January 6th.

CASSIDY HUTCHINSON: The President said something to the effect of, "I'm the f-ing President. Take me up to the Capitol now."

ROBERTS: Cassidy Hutchinson testifying Trump tried to grab the steering wheel of his vehicle to go to the Capitol and lunged at the lead Secret Service agent.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; Bombshell January 6 Hearing; Former Aide Describes How Trump Wanted to Go to the Capitol]

WHIT JOHNSON: We have a lot to cover this morning as well. We begin with that extraordinary hearing of the January 6th committee. Cassidy Hutchinson, an aide to Donald Trump's chief of staff, testifying that Trump was enraged, out of control, revealing an allegation that the former President at one point lunged at a Secret Service agent, grabbing the steering wheel of his vehicle when they wouldn't take him to the Capitol.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; Bombshell January 6 Hearing; Former Aide Describes How Trump Wanted to Go to the Capitol]

MARY BRUCE: She's breaking with her former boss, describing in vivid detail what she witnessed on January 6th, describing how the President himself tried to lead the armed mob here to the Capitol to overturn the will of the American voters. Under oath, Cassidy Hutchinson, a top White House aide, painted a chilling picture, detailing how the President wanted to go to the Capitol himself on January 6th. Something she said she learned from Trump's lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, four days before the attack.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; Bombshell January 6 Hearing; Former Aide Describes How Trump Wanted to Go to the Capitol]

BRUCE: When he finished speaking and got in the motorcade, she says Trump expected to join his supporters. But Hutchinson says lead secret service agent Robert Engel refused saying it wasn't safe. Hutchinson says she saw Engel and deputy chief of staff Tony Ornato shortly after they returned to the White House, describing Engel as looking discombobulated and lost.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; Bombshell January 6 Hearing; Former Aide: Trump Tried to Grab Steering Wheel, Lunged at Secret Service Agent]

HUTCHINSON: The President said something to the effect of, "I'm the f-ing President, take me up to the Capitol now" to which Bobby responded, "sir, we have to go back to the West Wing." The President reached up towards the front of the vehicle to grab at the steering wheel. Mr. Engel grabbed his arm, said, "sir, you need to take your hand off the steering wheel. We're going back to the West Wing. We're not going to the Capitol." Mr. Trump then used his free hand to lunge towards Bobby Engel and when Mr. Ornato had recounted the story to me, he had motioned towards his clavicles.

BRUCE: Hutchinson said it wasn't the first time the President exploded in rage, describing the ketchup she saw dripping down the wall after Trump learned his Attorney General, Bill Barr, had publicly rejected Trump's false claims of election fraud.

HUTCHINSON: The valet had articulated that the President was extremely angry at the attorney general's AP interview and had thrown his lunch against the wall.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; Bombshell January 6 Hearing; Former Aide Describes How Trump Wanted to Go to the Capitol]

BRUCE: This morning, we are hearing from some members of Trump's inner circle who are disputing some other portions of Hutchinson's testimony, including one of Trump's former White House lawyers.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; Secret Service to Testify Under Oath? Agents Dispute Claims Trump Tried to Grab the Steering Wheel]

MICHAEL STRAHAN: And now, let's bring in our chief Justice correspondent Pierre Thomas and, Pierre, the Secret Service has already issued a statement in response to Hutchinson's testimony.

PIERRE THOMAS: Michael, good morning. That's right. That statement says that agents are prepared to give sworn testimony in relation to these new allegations. Two sources familiar with the investigation tell me that when President Trump returned to his motorcade after giving that speech on January 6th, he requested that agents take him to the Capitol. Those sources told me that Robert Engel, one of the agents in the car, said something to the effect of that being unwise or dangerous and that the motorcade was going to return the President to the White House. A source close to the Secret Service tells me that President Trump was apparently not happy with the answer but the agents in the car would push back against any allegation of an assault by President Trump and the allegation that he reached for the steering wheel, Whit.

JOHNSON: We'll have to wait for more information on that. Pierre, thank you.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Right Now; High-Stakes Hearing]

JOHNSON: Hutchinson claiming how Trump wanted to go to the Capitol.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Bombshell Hearing; Stunning January 6<sup>th</sup> Testimony]

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ROBERTS: A former top White House aide describing Trump in a rage on January 6th. Cassidy Hutchinson testifying Trump tried to grab the steering wheel of his vehicle to go to the Capitol and lunged at the lead Secret Service agent. The fallout this morning.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; Bombshell January 6 Hearing; Former Aide Describes How Trump Wanted to Go to the Capitol]

BRUCE: And now, she is describing in vivid detail what she witnessed, describing an unhinged Donald Trump willing to do anything to hold on to power and overturn the will of the voters. Under oath, Cassidy Hutchinson, a top White House aide, painted a chilling picture, detailing how the President wanted to go to the Capitol himself on January 6th. Something she said she learned from Trump's lawyer, Rudy Giuliani four days before the attack.

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