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GAYLE KING: The suspect, we have learned, is a teacher from Los Angeles — a Los Angeles suburb — Torrance, it is called — with no previous criminal record.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Exclusive; Trump Talks to 60 Minutes About WHCD Shooting]

NORAH O'DONNELL [on CBS's *60 Minutes*, 04/26/26]: The so-called manifesto is a stunning thing to read, Mr. President. He appears to reference a motive. In it, he writes this, "administration officials, they are targets." And he also wrote this, "I am no longer willing to permit a pedophile, rapist and traitor to coat my hands with his crimes." What's your reaction?

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP [on CBS's *60 Minutes*, 04/26/26]: Well, I was waiting for you to read that because I knew you would. Because you're — you're — you're horrible people. Horrible people. Yeah, he did write that. I'm not a rapist. I didn't rape anybody.

O'DONNELL [on CBS's *60 Minutes*, 04/26/26]: Oh, you think he was referring to you?

TRUMP [on CBS's *60 Minutes*, 04/26/26]: Excuse me, excuse me. I'm not a pedophile. You read that crap from some sick person, I got associated with all the stuff that has nothing to do with me. I was totally exonerated. Your friends on the other side of the plate are the ones that were involved with, let's say Epstein or other things. But I said to myself, you know, I'll do this interview, and they'll probably — I read the manifesto. You know, he is a sick person, but you should be ashamed of yourself reading that, because I'm not any of those things.

O'DONNELL [on CBS's *60 Minutes*, 04/26/26]: Mr. President, these are his words.

TRUMP [on CBS's *60 Minutes*, 04/26/26]: And I was never — excuse me, excuse me. You shouldn't be reading that on *60 Minutes*. You're a disgrace. But go ahead, let's finish the interview.

MAJOR GARRETT: Norah O'Donnell joins us now. Norah, it's a question you had to ask the President.

O'DONNELL: That's right, and I think the President's responses were certainly newsworthy. In fact, within the first minute of our interview, he brought up this so called Manifesto by the alleged gunman and these are important questions about what happened and why it happened.

You know, the President told us he thought that the gunman was a lone wolf. But there are real questions about the state of America — political violence and extremism. What is driving that? That certainly was part of our conversation last night. You know, in that Manifesto, he signs it “friendly federal assassin.” And so, all of this is part of the reason that as soon as this attack happened on Saturday night, Major, you and I were not far from each other. We had *60 Minutes*, and CBS News immediately began e-mailing The White House and asking for an interview with the President of the United States to find out what he knew, what he was being briefed on and to get that information and share that as quickly as possible. This could have been the third attempted assassination against President Trump within two years. As you know, there were so many high-level Cabinet officials there, and so that was part of the discussion. One other area that I asked him about, Major, is what is developing online right now, and these unfounded theories about that this attack was staged. Listen to what he said. [TO TRUMP] [on CBS’s *60 Minutes*, 04/26/26] I hesitate to ask you about this, but as you know, these conspiracy theories out there on the left and the right that the event was staged or that it didn’t happen.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: What? Last night didn’t happen?

O’DONNELL [on CBS’s *60 Minutes*, 04/26/26]: That — yes, that it was because it was your first time there, or that Butler didn’t happen. These conspiracy theories that are gaining traction on the internet.

TRUMP [on CBS’s *60 Minutes*, 04/26/26]: Well, that October 7 didn’t happen, and World War II didn’t happen, and the Holocaust didn’t happen, and many things didn’t happen. Yes, no, I hear it. I don’t know. I think they’re more sick than they are con people, but there’s a lot of con in it, too. I haven’t heard that last night didn’t happen. Well, it usually it takes a little bit longer.

O’DONNELL [on CBS’s *60 Minutes*, 04/26/26]: Yeah.

TRUMP [on CBS’s *60 Minutes*, 04/26/26]: Usually, they wait about two or three months to start saying that.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Gunman Was Targeting Trump Admin. Officials]

MATT GUTMAN: You mentioned those writings, he expressed deep anger at the administration, and said he was targeting administration officials from the highest ranking to the lowest.

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GUTMAN: Law enforcement sources tell CBS News, the suspect is 31-year-old Cole Allen, a teacher from Southern California who was awarded Teacher of the Month at a College Prep Academy in December of 2024. He left for Washington from Los Angeles by train last Tuesday, checking into the Washington Hilton on Friday, just a day before the dinner.

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GUTMAN: According to law enforcement sources, just minutes before the shooting, he posted what they described as a manifesto, writing that he was targeting Trump administration officials “from highest ranking to lowest.” He also appeared shocked by the security protocol, writing in part, “I expected security cameras at every bend, bugged hotel rooms, armed agents every 10 feet, metal detectors out the wazoo. What I got is nothing.” He also wrote, “Apparently, no one thought about what happens if someone checks in the day before.”