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Lisa Wilkinson &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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David Sharaz <[REDACTED]>  
To: Lisa Wilkinson <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Jan 19, 2021 at 10:40 AM

Hi Lisa,

I hope the writing is going well. I don't envy you with the March deadline.

I was just wondering how you were looking today for a quick phone chat. It's a pretty detailed story but I'm sure I can explain it all in no more than 10 minutes.

The journalist who will cover this is also a good friend of mine, Samantha Maiden, and is meeting with Brittany on Thursday. Sam has the details, knows it's a story and wants to write it, but please keep that detail between us. Our plan is a March publication with hopefully an interview with you done the day before so Brittany can then leave Canberra and be with her dad in QLD.

Brittany knows this will blow up her life, she's terrified of the party, but she wants to make sure no other woman is assaulted within Parliament House. It's the only reason she's speaking, and it's driving her.

Kind regards,

David

[REDACTED]

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On 18 Jan 2021, at 12:16 pm, Lisa Wilkinson &lt;[REDACTED]&gt; wrote:

Great. I'm just in a slightly noisy cafe at the moment working on my autobiography (yes, I'm finally doing it, with a deadline of March 1st for the manuscript - eek), so could I possibly call you at 3PM to discuss?

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On 18 Jan 2021, at 12:12 pm, David Sharaz &lt;[REDACTED]&gt; wrote:

Thanks Lisa,

I'm on [REDACTED] these days and am free to chat whenever you are.

Cheers,

David

On 18 Jan 2021, at 12:11 pm, Lisa Wilkinson &lt;[REDACTED]&gt; wrote:

Hi David,

So lovely to hear from you, although I am saddened by the story of your friend. I hope she is OK. Thank you too for thinking of me, and trusting me with such a sensitive topic.

Of course, I would be very keen to look into it further with you. Let me know when would be a good time to chat. My number is [REDACTED]

Warmest regards, and hoping all is well in your world.

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Lisa.

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On 18 Jan 2021, at 10:13 am, David Sharaz  
<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Lisa,

I hope you're well.

I've got a sensitive story surrounding a sexual assault at Parliament House; a woman who was pressured by the Liberal Party and female cabinet minister not to pursue it. She's asked me to be the one to get the story told this year.

She's still working for the party but will be relaunching an official police investigation over the next few months, and is using this time to prepare to leave as she knows she won't be able to stay while this is going on. It's sad, but there's no way she could remain working in that place while fighting this.

To limit the pressure on her, and the stress of telling the story too many times, we've spoken about doing one major print and television interview only. I've already got the print journalist on board, and it's someone I know you'd respect.

I've shown her your stuff regarding family violence and explained our shared past, and how nice you were to me, and she wants you to be the person who does the television interview when the time comes.

I can tell you more later, but I just wanted to gain your interest on this before giving you all the facts. The girl has been through a lot, and I'm deeply protective of making sure this is done right, given going after the Liberal Party machine is no easy feat. (She'll only get one pull of the trigger before they try to discredit and shut the story down. My experience in politics and sky sadly gives me that insight.)

I can say this, it's the first time something like that has happened under Prime Minister Scott Morrison's watch. He can no longer use the excuse: "This is a bubble" issue, or "this was before my time".

I appreciate this is a sensitive matter, and I've always admired your journalistic integrity and sensitivity around such issues which is why I suggested you to my friend.

Thanks so much.

Much love,

David Sharaz

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