

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5b

Statement of: HULBERT, TIM

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation:

This statement (consisting of 5 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

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Date: 20/11/2013

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named person who resides at an address disclosed to Police. I wish to refer to in this statement my time with the Home Office in London at 50 Queen's Anne's Gate. Prior to joining the Home Office I was a principal officer in Community Services at Leicestershire County Social Services Department, where I worked from 1971 to 1977. After joining the Home Office I was employed as a Consultant in the Voluntary Services Unit (VSU). From my recollection I recall I believe that Jim CALLAGHAN was the Prime Minister and that Labour were in power, my actual employment date was the 3rd October 1977. At the time Merlyn REES was the Home Secretary and at that time or at least under the next year or so I believe that the under Secretary was a Civil Servant called Dennis PEACH, who was responsible for the Community Programmes Division. The Head of the VSU a gentleman called Clifford HINDLEY. The Principal at the time was Brian CHAPLIN, who I believe would have been in his 50's at the time. Brian left in I think 1979, I'm unsure whether he retired or moved on. My role as a consultation was to make recommendations whether a grant was still applicable and relevant for continuous funding. At the time there was a renewable cycle of grants – some would be short term in duration, where others maybe on a 3 or 5 year cycle and some such as the Women's Royal Voluntary Service (WRVS) were permanent grants. My colleague at the time and fellow consultant was Muriel SMITH, who would have been in her 60's. Muriel was very involved in areas involving the black community and housing. When I started my employment I replaced a chap called Colin BALL, who would have been the same age as me (33) at that time. Colin had been very interested in youth activities and went onto join I believe OUTSET and I think became a Lecturer. Both Muriel and I were on a 2 year contract that was extendable to 5 years.

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you realise PIE was funded by the Home Office". I digested what Peter had said, but called him back on the 11th November 2013 to confirm what his motivation was, as I had thought on reflection that he may have been Member of the Press. The whole matter has brought back to me the circumstances of the events that made to call the BBC in regards to information I had gained from my time at the Home Office.

Firstly PIE is an XXXX of the Paedophile Information Exchange; this is the group I was referring to when I called the BBC after the Secret Life of a Paedophile. Although I cannot be specific about dates I do recall some sort of tip off, by way of viewing a spreadsheet that I believe was showed to me by Alan DAVIS, XXXX I believe he had in his hand. I can recall visualising this document and that at the tip of the spreadsheet near to a line referring to the WRVS was a column or line that had PIE on it. I was aware at the time that PIE, was an organised XXXX involves the exchange of information between paedophiles in a secure manner. At that time there were absolutely no other groups that received grants or funding that used these initials.

Within a day or so I went into Clifford HINDLEY to ask him why the hell we were funding this type of organisation. From a vague recollection I think that the amount of grant may have been £30,000. I do remember that I went to his office to speak with him. When I spoke with him I told him of my concerns and Clifford responded by saying that it was nothing to do with me, and I was to have nothing to do with it. The impression Clifford gave was that the funding was in fact at the request of Security Services in order to give them some sort of access to PIE. I therefore backed off and retracted from progressing the matter. It was subsequently after viewing the film regarding the Secret Life of a Paedophile, that my feelings were still so strong regarding the subject that I contacted the BBC, although I cannot now recall the full content of my telephone call to them.

At no time during my time at the Home Office did I see or have access to any file regarding PIE, or accessed any cabinets or drawers that contained any material regarding PIE. I am absolutely certain of the fact that I saw material that states PIE received Home Office funding. Unfortunately I cannot recall the date I saw the spreadsheet, but I believe it to be 1980. I have today handed an original exhibit TH/201113/2 – leaflet listing organisations receiving grants from the Voluntary Services XXXX published around 1980. I would also like to add that I have had a very brief conversation in relation to outline matters with Tom WATSON.

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