

<p>1 Wednesday, 6 March 2019</p> <p>2 (10.00 am)</p> <p>3 THE CHAIR: Good morning, everyone. Welcome.</p> <p>4 to Day 3 of this public hearing. Mr Altman?</p> <p>5 MR ALTMAN: Chair, the first witness this morning, already</p> <p>6 sitting in the witness box, is Howard Groves.</p> <p>7 MR HOWARD GROVES (sworn)</p> <p>8 Examination by MR ALTMAN</p> <p>9 MR ALTMAN: First of all, Mr Groves, give us your full name,</p> <p>10 if you would, please?</p> <p>11 A. Howard Groves.</p> <p>12 Q. Mr Groves, let me ask you, first of all, something about</p> <p>13 your career in the police force. When did it begin?</p> <p>14 A. 1980. 6 October 1980.</p> <p>15 Q. 1980?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. Where did you begin your police career?</p> <p>18 A. Canon Row, which at the time was A District, so</p> <p>19 West End.</p> <p>20 Q. What did A District cover?</p> <p>21 A. It would have been the West End.</p> <p>22 Q. The West End?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. I'm looking at your inquiry statement, which, if you</p> <p>25 want to refresh your memory, Mr Groves, the panel will</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 1</p>	<p>1 find it behind the first tab in their bundle. In your</p> <p>2 first paragraph, you go through your career. Tell us</p> <p>3 a little more? Police constable, A District, Canon Row.</p> <p>4 A. Correct.</p> <p>5 Q. Where from there?</p> <p>6 A. From there, I remained in A District to start with</p> <p>7 because I was in uniform for the first two years during</p> <p>8 my probationary period.</p> <p>9 Q. As a police constable?</p> <p>10 A. As a police constable. Then I joined what was then</p> <p>11 called the crime squad. It was the lead-up to being</p> <p>12 a detective, you'd have to be in the crime squad for</p> <p>13 a few years.</p> <p>14 Q. Just slow down. Do you see these ladies here tapping</p> <p>15 away, Mr Groves?</p> <p>16 A. My apologies.</p> <p>17 Q. You're not going to make friends with them if you speak</p> <p>18 as quickly as you do. So let's just slow down.</p> <p>19 In preparation for the crime squad -- yes, that's</p> <p>20 what you were doing?</p> <p>21 A. Correct.</p> <p>22 Q. Then my question was, you said something about being in</p> <p>23 preparation for the crime squad you were doing</p> <p>24 something?</p> <p>25 A. Yes. Before you joined the CID at that time, you'd</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 2</p>
<p>1 normally have to be on the crime squad.</p> <p>2 Q. Did you eventually make the crime squad?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. When was that?</p> <p>5 A. That would have been about 1983.</p> <p>6 Q. From there, where did you go from there?</p> <p>7 A. I then became a detective constable, and I would have</p> <p>8 moved -- my first posting was Kilburn as a detective</p> <p>9 constable.</p> <p>10 Q. From then, you climbed up the ranks, eventually becoming</p> <p>11 a detective chief inspector?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Where was that?</p> <p>14 A. My last posting was a detective chief inspector on the</p> <p>15 Homicide and Serious Crime Command, of which you are</p> <p>16 familiar.</p> <p>17 Q. I am. When did you retire?</p> <p>18 A. I retired in 2014, July.</p> <p>19 Q. Now, going back to when you were a young police</p> <p>20 constable, did you work on an operation -- I think</p> <p>21 initially you struggled when you made a statement in</p> <p>22 2015 to remember the operational name. At first you</p> <p>23 thought it was Broadsword, but eventually you came to</p> <p>24 realise that it was Operation Circus?</p> <p>25 A. That is correct. I can explain the reasoning behind</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 3</p>	<p>1 that, if you so wish.</p> <p>2 Q. Well, yes, in a sentence or two?</p> <p>3 A. I remember dealing -- being part of at least two</p> <p>4 investigations involving indecency with young boys, and</p> <p>5 I remember one of them specifically, which was</p> <p>6 Broadsword, and, for whatever reason, I had assumed at</p> <p>7 that point that Operation Circus -- I was referring to</p> <p>8 Broadsword as Operation Circus.</p> <p>9 Q. Right. But eventually you came to realise that it was</p> <p>10 Operation Circus that you were speaking about, and, in</p> <p>11 general terms, as you remember it now, what was the</p> <p>12 remit of Operation Circus, or at least the part of</p> <p>13 Operation Circus that you were involved with?</p> <p>14 A. My understanding, that they were dealing with</p> <p>15 allegations of indecency with boys and that a large</p> <p>16 quantity of photographs had been recovered during</p> <p>17 a search, and I had been seconded onto that team in</p> <p>18 order to look -- identify venues and possibly victims</p> <p>19 based on the photographs that had been recovered. That</p> <p>20 was my sole role, along with other officers.</p> <p>21 Q. So let's just think about this. You were still a PC at</p> <p>22 Canon Row at the time?</p> <p>23 A. No, I was on the crime squad -- yes, as a PC.</p> <p>24 Q. The crime squad at this time. But which station were</p> <p>25 you working out of?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 4</p>

1 **A. Rochester Row.**
 2 Q. So your function at the time was to presumably go
 3 through a batch of photographs which had been seized by
 4 other officers?
 5 **A. No, my recollection is we didn't actually go through the**
 6 **batch. We were actually handed photographs and say, "Go**
 7 **and identify who these boys are or where these**
 8 **photographs may have been taken". We weren't privy to**
 9 **actually physically deciding which ones we were going**
 10 **to --**
 11 Q. No, but presumably it was more than just you doing this
 12 task?
 13 **A. Yes, of course.**
 14 Q. Therefore, presumably you, Mr Groves, were handed
 15 a certain amount of photographs and your colleagues --
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 Q. -- however many other individuals --
 18 **A. They were part of actions that we --**
 19 Q. That's what I meant by a batch. You were handed
 20 a number of photographs and asked to go through them and
 21 you were asked to go through them with a view to
 22 identifying victims --
 23 **A. Victims --**
 24 Q. -- the boys --
 25 **A. -- and venues.**

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1 **A. Correct.**
 2 Q. You were working on that inquiry for around six months?
 3 **A. To the best of my recollection, that is correct.**
 4 Q. You went through, in your inquiry statement, so if we go
 5 back, please, to the first tab where it is in the
 6 bundle, for the chair and the panel, you went through,
 7 at paragraph 2 on the second page, what you did and the
 8 people you remember working with, including, at the end
 9 of paragraph 2, a Detective Constable Phil Marshall?
 10 **A. Phil Marshall, that is correct.**
 11 Q. If we want to look at some other names that you
 12 remembered, if we go back, please, to the typewritten
 13 version of the 4 August 2015 statement, you mention him
 14 on the first page in the fifth paragraph?
 15 **A. Yes.**
 16 Q. DC Marshall, "I remember him as 'Phil'". You describe
 17 him. You also mention in the next paragraph Dave Lloyd,
 18 another senior detective, whom you referred to as
 19 "Granddad", presumably because of his seniority?
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 Q. And also a senior detective by the name of Alan Findel?
 22 **A. Correct.**
 23 Q. Now, the photographs which you and your colleagues had
 24 been asked to examine, they had been seized at an
 25 address in Ealing by other officers on the

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1 Q. -- who were involved in them, the locations in which
 2 these indecent incidents had taken place?
 3 **A. Correct.**
 4 Q. As well as, presumably, potential offenders?
 5 **A. Yes.**
 6 Q. Without going into any graphic detail, the nature of
 7 the photographs were what?
 8 **A. They were photographs of boys in compromising positions.**
 9 Q. With adults?
 10 **A. Yes.**
 11 Q. Adult men?
 12 **A. Yes.**
 13 Q. When we look -- and if you want to look with me, you
 14 can, at a statement you made on 4 August 2015. The
 15 panel will find this statement behind their third tab.
 16 This is the typewritten version. The typewritten
 17 version is actually dated 4 April 2015. It should
 18 be August?
 19 **A. That is correct.**
 20 Q. You've got the handwritten version there. We don't need
 21 to look at that, but it is 4 August --
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. -- 2015. If you look to the third paragraph, in terms
 24 of dating, this tasking that you had, you estimated then
 25 in 2015 it was between 1983 and 1985?

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1 Operation Circus operation?
 2 **A. That is correct.**
 3 Q. The reason you are here, Mr Groves, is because you have
 4 a recollection about a briefing that was given to
 5 officers, when you were a police constable, about what
 6 should happen in the event that prominent members of
 7 society should be encountered during the course of your
 8 tasking, presumably. I want to ask you, please,
 9 a little about that.
 10 If we go to your statement, if we have it still
 11 open, the 2015 statement, and we go to the second page,
 12 we can see what you said in 2015 at the top:
 13 "At some point during the investigation, we were
 14 briefed by a senior officer, the salient point from
 15 briefing was that: if we identified any prominent
 16 members of society ...", and you say, "... I took this
 17 to mean MPs, royalty or other distinguished individuals,
 18 the enquiry was to cease. I cannot recall who gave the
 19 briefing, where it took place or who else was present.
 20 At the time, I thought the decision was strange, but as
 21 a junior PC, I went with it at the time, throughout my
 22 time on the enquiry I was not aware of any prominent
 23 people being identified."
 24 First of all, do you remember now where this
 25 briefing took place?

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<p>1 A. No. I couldn't be specific. I knew it happened during 2 the realms of being on that enquiry. 3 Q. Presumably in a police station? 4 A. More than likely, but not necessarily. Because 5 sometimes -- if I think long and hard about it, a lot of 6 times those investigations would have taken place 7 somewhere away from the actual police station. 8 Q. So it was away from the police station? 9 A. More than likely, yes. 10 Q. Why do you say that? 11 A. Because that is my vague recollection, that it wouldn't 12 physically have been at a police station, it would have 13 probably been at an HQ or something like that. 14 Q. But police premises -- 15 A. Police premises, yes. 16 Q. -- is what you have in mind? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. Am I right in thinking that, over all the years, you 19 have not been able to put a name to the officer who gave 20 the briefing? 21 A. No. As you can appreciate, this happened some 30-odd 22 years ago. 23 Q. What about his seniority? 24 A. No. 25 Q. I assume it was a male officer?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 9</p>	<p>1 A. More than likely at that -- during that time. 2 Q. What sort of seniority? 3 A. It could very well have been a sergeant or above. 4 I genuinely can't remember. It would be wrong for me to 5 say it was a sergeant or it was an inspector. I cannot 6 recall. 7 Q. Let's have a look at what you said in your -- I call it 8 the enquiry statement, it has an MPS reference, but it 9 is your 2019 statement, on pages 2 and 3, paragraph 4. 10 Have you got that, Mr Groves? 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. "I can remember being briefed by a supervisor or manager 13 in relation to a confidential investigation dealing with 14 allegations of indecency involving young boys. This 15 could have been a sergeant, but I cannot remember any 16 specific briefings or how many I attended. I cannot 17 remember whether the briefings were held daily or 18 weekly. I cannot recall how long I was on the operation 19 for." 20 Is this the briefing you're talking about, or is 21 this just in general terms? 22 A. Well, in general terms, we -- I -- it's highly unlikely 23 that there would have been that many briefings that 24 I would have attended. The chances are, a lot of 25 information would have been fed back to us by whoever</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 10</p>
<p>1 was supervising us. But I was certainly at a briefing 2 at some point, and this is the bit that I shall take my 3 time and try and explain as best I can: I have been 4 grappling with this for many years, and I can 5 remember -- although it may not have been said 6 explicitly, "It will stop", there was certainly an 7 inference that if we had identified anyone of 8 prominence, that that could be a possibility. 9 Q. Let's just look at paragraph 5: 10 "I can, however, remember someone saying that the 11 operation would cease if prominent people were 12 encountered. I cannot remember who said this or when 13 exactly during the operation this was said." 14 Then you deal with what it was that triggered your 15 recollection about it? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Can I ask you this: what was it about what was said to 18 you or what you inferred from what was said to you that 19 "prominent people" meant MPs, royalty or other 20 distinguished individuals? 21 A. My recollection was, there had been a discussion after 22 that briefing, and the view from others that I'd spoken 23 to was that they were referring to MPs or persons of 24 note, for a better word. 25 Q. Did it include celebrities?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 11</p>	<p>1 A. Possibly, but I can't say specifically. 2 Q. When you say there was a discussion after the briefing, 3 do you mean literally after the briefing ended or at 4 some other point in time? 5 A. Some other point in time, yes. 6 Q. Amongst, what, officers who attended the briefing or 7 other officers? 8 A. People who were at the briefing and others who possibly 9 were not at the briefing at the time. 10 Q. Now -- 11 A. Sorry for interrupting you -- 12 Q. No, no, not at all. 13 A. -- but as I'm trying to explain, it is something that 14 for years -- at the time, I thought -- even though it 15 was back in the day, and some people may have said back 16 in the '80s things like that may have been said or done, 17 I thought it was still very strange even then, back in 18 the '80s, for such a comment to have been made. 19 Q. When the comment was made, Mr Groves, did you make your 20 views plain, that you felt it was strange? 21 A. No, not at that -- I certainly didn't, no. 22 Q. Because -- 23 A. I was junior in service, and I don't want to add other 24 things to it, but I didn't think it was my place. Being 25 a black officer, I was not going to raise my head above</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 12</p>

1 **the barrier.**
 2 Q. Was it a question, if you don't mind me asking, of your
 3 inexperience and your lower ranking that made you not
 4 report it --
 5 **A. Yes.**
 6 Q. -- to anyone, or was there the racial --
 7 **A. No, no, it was more my rank at the time. I'm just**
 8 **saying, at that time, I would have been one of very few**
 9 **black officers in the Met at that point, and if anybody**
 10 **can remember back to the 1980s, it was a difficult time.**
 11 Q. Yes.
 12 **A. At that junior in service, I didn't have the confidence**
 13 **at that point to say something. If it was said years**
 14 **later, I most certainly would have.**
 15 Q. Did you think, in general terms, there was a culture of
 16 deference among junior police ranks towards those in
 17 seniority in the 1980s?
 18 **A. Very much so.**
 19 Q. Did that culture of deference -- so I'm not talking
 20 about deference to people in prominent positions --
 21 **A. Positions, yes.**
 22 Q. -- I'm talking about deference within police ranks?
 23 **A. Yes.**
 24 Q. Did that deference continue to exist over the years that
 25 you were in the force up to the time of your retirement,

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1 we all do now, it is a long time ago, how many officers
 2 were there?
 3 **A. I can't remember how many were there.**
 4 Q. Give us a for instance?
 5 **A. If you push me, 10, 15 officers.**
 6 Q. And all junior ranks or some senior ranks?
 7 **A. The likelihood, they would have been of varying ranks.**
 8 Q. Did anybody raise an objection or a query to the officer
 9 giving this briefing, "Well, why on earth should we
 10 cease this operation which we are all working very hard
 11 on if we come across a person of public prominence?"
 12 **A. As I said earlier, from my recollection, it wasn't**
 13 **a question that the person said, "If this happens, if we**
 14 **find anything about anybody -- an MP, for instance --**
 15 **that this will stop", no, it wasn't as straightforward**
 16 **as that. It was a -- sort of an implied suggestion that**
 17 **that could be a possibility.**
 18 Q. Of course, we weren't there and you were.
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 Q. But, presumably, whoever was giving the briefing had to
 21 utter the words to make it plain to the rank and file
 22 who were on the operation that if they were to encounter
 23 MPs, royalty, or other distinguished individuals during
 24 the course of this operation, that the operation would
 25 cease or that the investigation into those individuals

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1 or did it dissipate?
 2 **A. No, it dissipated, but in the early days, in the early**
 3 **'80s, you would salute senior officers, they would look**
 4 **at your shoes and criticise you and you knew exactly**
 5 **where they were coming from. But as the years went on,**
 6 **it was far less. It became less of a disciplined**
 7 **service, for a better word.**
 8 Q. So you didn't question what you had been told in the
 9 course of this briefing?
 10 **A. No. But, as I said before, I thought -- I felt that**
 11 **that was not right.**
 12 Q. What about your colleagues of similar rank to you? Did
 13 you discuss with your colleagues and friends in the
 14 force and those who had been at the briefing that you
 15 didn't think that this was right?
 16 **A. I most certainly did, but, to be perfectly candid with**
 17 **you, it wasn't something that became the focus of my**
 18 **attention or anybody else on the team. I would be -- it**
 19 **was -- I certainly commented on it to other officers,**
 20 **but it wasn't something that we kept going back to. We**
 21 **just got on with the job. I was a young constable who**
 22 **found myself on a very sensitive investigation at a very**
 23 **early stage of my career and I just got on with the job**
 24 **that I was asked to do.**
 25 Q. At this briefing, Mr Groves, appreciating, as I am sure

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1 would cease. What was it?
 2 **A. The investigation would cease.**
 3 Q. Into that individual?
 4 **A. Yes.**
 5 Q. So whichever way it was couched during the briefing,
 6 during the course of the briefing, you, in particular,
 7 came away from that briefing in no uncertain terms
 8 realising that if, going through the photographs, you
 9 were to come across somebody you recognised as an MP or
 10 a peer or a member of the royal household, for example,
 11 that no investigation would continue into that
 12 individual?
 13 **A. That was the likely outcome.**
 14 Q. Explain this, Mr Groves: let's say that had exactly
 15 happened. Let's say that you were examining
 16 a particular batch of photographs and you came across
 17 a photograph of a well-known MP in the 1980s. What
 18 would you have done about it?
 19 **A. I'd have given it to the sergeant and whatever enquiries**
 20 **he would have done and handed it to him and that would**
 21 **have been it. I was not in a position of influence or**
 22 **power to make any decision around what happened next,**
 23 **and, can I also add that, with the greatest respect, in**
 24 **the '80s, you did what you were told to do. You**
 25 **mentioned about the nature -- the culture at that point.**

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1 **You're not going to stand there in that meeting and**
 2 **argue with a senior officer what you're going to do and**
 3 **what you're not going to do. That just would not**
 4 **happen. This is not 2015, '16 or '17. This was 1983.**
 5 Q. Three months pass, having given that photograph to your
 6 sergeant, and nothing happens, and you speak to your
 7 sergeant in the police canteen and say, "Sarge, what
 8 happened, by the way? Do you remember that photograph
 9 I gave you with that well-known MP doing unspeakable
 10 things to that rent boy?", and he says, "Well,
 11 I couldn't take it any further because I was told from
 12 up high not to investigate that individual?"
 13 **A. I think you've got it wrong, Mr Altman. That would not**
 14 **have happened. Because we were attached or seconded to**
 15 **that team. Those officers would have been from possibly**
 16 **some other part of the West End Central. I would have**
 17 **gone back to Rochester Row and I would have had no**
 18 **contact with that sergeant or anyone in the future.**
 19 **That's just the way it was. The scenario you paint**
 20 **would have been great, but that's not the reality.**
 21 Q. Perhaps you have taken it a bit literally. Let's just
 22 imagine, Mr Groves, that looking at these photographs
 23 you come across a photograph of an MP and the photograph
 24 has been passed up for investigatory purposes and you
 25 discover that nothing's happened?

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1 Q. What about by your colleagues?
 2 **A. I have no information or recollection of anything like**
 3 **that happening. If it did, and I was aware of it,**
 4 **I would have remembered it and you would have been**
 5 **hearing about it now.**
 6 Q. Tell us about this: the photographs that you did see,
 7 which must have involved rent boys, or at least a term
 8 that's been used, boys who prostituted themselves --
 9 **A. Yes.**
 10 Q. -- what sort of ages were the boys that you were saw in
 11 these photographs?
 12 **A. They would have been as young as 11/12, a bit older some**
 13 **of them.**
 14 Q. Help us with this, certainly as far as you're concerned,
 15 on whether there was any policy on the Operation Circus
 16 team that, if you had been able to identify any of those
 17 boys, what would have happened? What would you have
 18 done?
 19 **A. We would have written that up on the action sheet, what**
 20 **we identified, and, as I said, that would have gone**
 21 **straight in to the sergeant in charge of what we would**
 22 **call the major incident room, and then they would take**
 23 **that information and they would decide what happened.**
 24 **We wouldn't be able to decide to do our own work, as you**
 25 **see on television, "So we'll go off now and do an**

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1 **A. I wouldn't have known what had happened. To be**
 2 **perfectly honest with you --**
 3 Q. Would you not ask?
 4 **A. No, because we were just there to carry on and do**
 5 **a particular task. Once we had completed our actions,**
 6 **we would have written it up -- for instance, there would**
 7 **have been occasions where we had an action to go to**
 8 **Barrow-in-Furness or to Loughborough University, which**
 9 **are two particular areas I remember us going to.**
 10 Q. Because of, what, the locations in the photographs?
 11 **A. Yes, because of the photographs and other documentation**
 12 **which supported some of those photographs. So we would**
 13 **have gone to Loughborough University. We went to one of**
 14 **the dormitories and we identified a particular room**
 15 **based on the wallpaper. We would have completed our**
 16 **action, handed it to the desk sergeant who would have**
 17 **been in charge and that would have been it. We would**
 18 **have no influence or decision-making about what happened**
 19 **next. We wouldn't ask any questions because, as far as**
 20 **we were concerned, we've done our bit, we have handed it**
 21 **over and that's it.**
 22 Q. As far as you're concerned, certainly from what you
 23 viewed among the photographs, no people of public
 24 prominence were identified?
 25 **A. No.**

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1 **investigation to try to find this victim". We would**
 2 **write it up, we'd provide supporting information to say**
 3 **why we have -- how we identified this person. We would**
 4 **hand it back into the enquiry team and then they would**
 5 **then decide on actioning it to somebody else. We were**
 6 **just solely there looking at those photographs and**
 7 **trying to progress that line of enquiry; nothing more.**
 8 Q. Do you know from anything that you were told at the time
 9 or understood whether, if a boy, or boys, were
 10 identified, particularly ones who were children, other
 11 agencies would become involved, such as Social Services,
 12 or whether they would be taken off the street or helped
 13 or any other welfare?
 14 **A. No, I had no clue what happened next.**
 15 Q. You have no clue?
 16 **A. No, no. In a lot of investigations back in the '80s,**
 17 **they are completely different from my experience as an**
 18 **SIO. When you have investigations now -- for instance,**
 19 **a murder -- you would sit down with your team at an**
 20 **office meeting and you would go through all the actions**
 21 **that people have done and what information has been**
 22 **gathered. So everybody on the team has a better**
 23 **understanding of what's happening with that**
 24 **investigation. Back in the '80s, you were working in**
 25 **silos. You would do your bit, but you had no clue what**

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1 other people were doing because you were never part of
 2 that structure which allowed you to have a better
 3 understanding of the case, and that was the failing,
 4 I would suggest, back in the '80s as compared to now.
 5 We had many officers -- most of my colleagues who were
 6 constables did not really have a good understanding of
 7 what was actually happening under that investigation.
 8 That was just the way business was done back in the
 9 '80s.
 10 Q. Let's fast forward to the time at which you retired from
 11 the force. Looking back at the tasking you had at the
 12 time, do you think that would look very different today?
 13 A. Very much different now.
 14 Q. In what sense? Would you know much more about the
 15 policy of the operation that you were just a part of and
 16 would you understand what was happening in the
 17 investigation generally, even those parts which you
 18 weren't directly involved in?
 19 A. Well, I was a senior investigating officer, I was the
 20 person in charge, so I led from the front, but I made
 21 sure that we had regular briefings and I would ask
 22 people questions on the state of certain actions, that
 23 they had been done, and everybody in that room would
 24 have an understanding of where the investigation was and
 25 where we were heading, what lines of enquiries we were

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1 enquiry, based on Operation Circus, but, yes, it would
 2 look completely different.
 3 Q. What triggered, as I understand it -- you said this in,
 4 as I call it, your inquiry statement, at paragraph 5 --
 5 your memory about this briefing was the fact that in
 6 2015, and I'm looking at paragraph 5, you were watching
 7 television, you thought, or you read about
 8 Dolphin Square, and that triggered your memory about all
 9 those years ago on Circus?
 10 A. That is correct.
 11 Q. As a result, you spoke to, amongst others, a Detective
 12 Superintendent John Sweeney, Detective Inspector Smith
 13 and others about your concerns?
 14 A. Yes. I remember -- the chances are, there was something
 15 on the television about Dolphin Square, and I remember
 16 ringing another colleague of mine who had retired. But
 17 when -- back in 1983, he would have -- he was also based
 18 at Canon Row, and I remember him saying something to me
 19 which I think is slightly relevant, and I know you're
 20 likely to come to this.
 21 There was a senior officer called
 22 Trevor Lloyd Hughes, and the comment --
 23 Q. This is Mike Ward?
 24 A. Sorry?
 25 Q. Are you talking about Mike Ward?

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1 going to progress and which ones we weren't for
 2 a particular reason, and I would have a decision log and
 3 everything would have been recorded in the decision log.
 4 Everybody was familiar with the investigation, which is
 5 completely different in the '80s.
 6 Q. Is this your personal style of case management or is
 7 this something that was common currency in the Met
 8 amongst all SIOs dealing with cases --
 9 A. Common policy throughout the Met, the murder teams.
 10 That's how business was done. And I joined the murder
 11 team in 2007, having not been -- having only done
 12 secondments two or three times prior to that, and that
 13 was the system that I inherited and that's the system
 14 that I made sure continued.
 15 Q. We are not talking about murder here --
 16 A. I know, but it's still an investigation, a major
 17 investigation.
 18 Q. Mr Groves, so there is no possibility of confusion, my
 19 real question is: if you were the SIO of an operation
 20 like Circus taking place at the time of your retirement,
 21 would the PC doing the job that you did back in the '80s
 22 on Circus look very different to the job that was done
 23 then?
 24 A. Yes, that is correct, based on what I have just said how
 25 I do business, but I appreciate -- it's still a major

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1 A. No, no.
 2 Q. Who are you talking about?
 3 A. The colleague is somebody who used to be a sergeant at
 4 that time at Canon Row, years ago, when I joined.
 5 Q. Give us his name?
 6 A. His name was Gordon Cannon. I remember him saying to
 7 me -- I said to him about Dolphin Square and I mentioned
 8 my experience, which we were talking about, and he said
 9 something which I thought was quite stark. He said,
 10 "I thought it was strange that Trevor Lloyd Hughes
 11 was" -- and he used the expression -- "the fox with the
 12 keys for the chicken coop", and I thought -- and I said
 13 to him -- and he said, "Well, don't you know what he was
 14 like?" And I said, "Yeah, I heard the rumours", and
 15 I thought that was a stark thing to have said at that
 16 point, that he was a senior officer who has been given
 17 the keys as a fox with all the chickens in the coop.
 18 I thought that was quite stark for him to say that.
 19 Q. Did you know what he was actually saying by that?
 20 A. Yes.
 21 Q. What was he saying?
 22 A. Because at that point, with the greatest respect -- and
 23 I know Mr Lloyd Hughes has passed away, but the view at
 24 that point was that he was -- not that it is wrong, but
 25 he was homosexual and had relationships possibly even

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1 **with officers.**
 2 Q. So during that conversation, this brother officer back
 3 from the 1980s put into your head, what, that
 4 Trevor Lloyd Hughes --
 5 **A. No, he didn't put it in my head. I was aware of that.**
 6 **But it was a Dolphin Square issue that I saw on the**
 7 **television and I thought, "Rent boys, this whole thing**
 8 **is coming up again". That triggered me. I remember**
 9 **discussing it with my wife and saying, "This has been**
 10 **something I've been, you know, mulling over for years**
 11 **and years and years and years", and she said to me,**
 12 **"Well, if it's bothering you so much, then you need to**
 13 **do something about it". Hence the reason, when I went**
 14 **into work, I remember walking straight into the**
 15 **inspector's office, my DI's office, and I closed the**
 16 **door and I said, "Look, boys, I need to explain**
 17 **something to you because this has been nagging me for**
 18 **years", and I relayed to them that discussion, and they**
 19 **then said to me, "Well, you need to speak to someone".**
 20 **Hence the reason why I then spoke to John Sweeney and**
 21 **relayed my account of events to him.**
 22 Q. So you were still a serving officer, you had two years
 23 left at that point?
 24 **A. Correct.**
 25 Q. But it was something that, as you have just told us,

1 you'd been mulling over for years and years, and it was
 2 clearly something that had bothered you, by the sound of
 3 it?
 4 **A. Yes. Without putting a finer point on it, the three**
 5 **things in my service that have kind of stuck: that**
 6 **incident and, years later, when an officer challenged my**
 7 **position as an inspector, I was at Hillingdon Borough,**
 8 **and it was a murder investigation, and I was the first**
 9 **senior officer at the scene, and when an officer from**
 10 **the murder team arrived, he asked, "Who is in charge?",**
 11 **and the person -- my colleagues, my junior officers,**
 12 **pointed to me and said, "He is", and he said, "Who,**
 13 **he?", with reference to my colour. So those are the two**
 14 **things that have stuck with me for years.**
 15 **So for those who may think that I'm making this up,**
 16 **those two things have stuck with me for all of my**
 17 **service.**
 18 Q. All right. I do have to ask you this, Mr Groves, not
 19 about the second --
 20 **A. No, I appreciate that, but what I'm trying to say to you**
 21 **is, those two incidents have left an indelible mark on**
 22 **me as a police officer.**
 23 Q. But the first of them begs this question, Mr Groves,
 24 which I ask for an answer: if that first incident had
 25 stuck with you for all of those years from the 1980s,

1 why was it 2012 was the first time you mentioned it to
 2 anyone? You could, you will accept, have gone to the
 3 police complaints board or the police complaints
 4 authority which it became or the IPCC, which it still
 5 was in 2014. Why didn't you do any of those things?
 6 **A. Because through the early years of my service I was not**
 7 **going to bring something like that to the attention of**
 8 **anybody. I just wanted to get on with the job. I just**
 9 **wanted to do what I wanted to do, was be a police**
 10 **officer. In 2012, I was a lot older, I was a lot wiser,**
 11 **probably a lot more uglier, but I felt confident at that**
 12 **point that I had to get that off my chest. That's the**
 13 **sole reason.**
 14 **When you're a young PC, there's a lot of things --**
 15 **if you put four or five officers in here, I'm sure they**
 16 **can recount things that they look back over a period of**
 17 **years and think, "Maybe I could have dealt with**
 18 **something slightly different, maybe I could have**
 19 **challenged somebody about something". But, like most**
 20 **people, you just want to get on and do your job, and**
 21 **that's what I felt I did. But at some point, partly**
 22 **because of this Dolphin Square thing, it kind of**
 23 **triggered me and I thought, "You know what, I'm**
 24 **confident enough now to say to my colleagues, "This is**
 25 **something that I don't want to leave the service and not**

1 **mention it and then regret it when I've left the service**
 2 **and then say, "Well, I want to tell somebody about it**
 3 **afterwards"". I felt, at that point, a need and**
 4 **a desire to get it off my chest, for a better word, and**
 5 **hence the reason why 2012. If I had my chance to do it**
 6 **all over again, maybe I would have probably done it**
 7 **slightly sooner, but not in the early years, certainly**
 8 **not in the first five/ten years of my service, because**
 9 **I would have been concerned about how that may have**
 10 **impacted on me. Now I'm not really bothered about what**
 11 **people may think as to why I did or didn't, because**
 12 **I know I've done the right thing by mentioning it.**
 13 Q. You accept, Mr Groves -- I'm not criticising you -- it
 14 is something you could have done --
 15 **A. Yes.**
 16 Q. -- as you climbed up the ranks? You were no longer
 17 a junior, inexperienced officer. It is something -- if
 18 it did bother you for all of those years, as you tell us
 19 it did, then it is something you could have done in the
 20 intervening years?
 21 **A. I could have done.**
 22 Q. Now, can we look, please, and I am sure you have,
 23 yourself, had made available to you, two closing reports
 24 by the IOPC. The first one I would look you to look at
 25 is Operation Osier, which is behind tab 4 in the chair

<p>1 and panel's bundle.</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. Can I ask you, please, to go to paragraph 20, which is</p> <p>4 on page 4 of 7.</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Now, here in this part of the report, Mr Groves, the</p> <p>7 IOPC were summarising the account which you had given,</p> <p>8 which is the account that we see in your statement</p> <p>9 of August 2015. At paragraph 20, it says:</p> <p>10 "Groves said he was unable to recall the identity of</p> <p>11 the senior officer who gave the briefing. He was</p> <p>12 questioned about his knowledge of Trevor Lloyd Hughes</p> <p>13 and asked if Lloyd Hughes could have been the officer</p> <p>14 that gave the briefing. Groves recalled Lloyd Hughes</p> <p>15 and believed that he may have had overall responsibility</p> <p>16 for the investigation. He did not recall any specific</p> <p>17 actions or decisions taken by Lloyd Hughes, or if he was</p> <p>18 the senior officer that gave the briefing. He was</p> <p>19 unable to recall where the briefing took place or the</p> <p>20 identity of other persons that were present."</p> <p>21 That was your state of mind, at least according to</p> <p>22 the Osier report, and that appeared to be your state of</p> <p>23 mind certainly in 2015 when you made a statement?</p> <p>24 A. That is correct. I couldn't say that he gave the</p> <p>25 briefings. His name was mentioned to me when I was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 29</p>	<p>1 doing my statement, and I then said that it was likely</p> <p>2 that he would have been in charge of the investigation,</p> <p>3 but I have no recollection of any contact with him or</p> <p>4 him delivering that particular briefing or the comments</p> <p>5 made, which I have suggested.</p> <p>6 Q. If we look, while we have it open, please, at the final</p> <p>7 page of the Osier report, without going through all of</p> <p>8 the detail. This report has been adduced in evidence</p> <p>9 and therefore it is available to be looked at. But</p> <p>10 under the heading "Analysis" on the final page:</p> <p>11 "It has been established that Howard Groves was</p> <p>12 seconded to Operation Circus, which commenced in 1984</p> <p>13 under the direct supervision of Detective Superintendent</p> <p>14 Colin Reeve."</p> <p>15 I will come back to him in a moment, but is that</p> <p>16 a name that meant anything to you: Reeve?</p> <p>17 A. No.</p> <p>18 Q. Is that a failure of memory, that you are saying he</p> <p>19 wasn't the officer in overall charge, or you just don't</p> <p>20 recognise the name?</p> <p>21 A. I just don't recognise the name, and, to be honest with</p> <p>22 you, at that point in my junior service, the names</p> <p>23 wouldn't have meant an awful lot to me.</p> <p>24 Q. No:</p> <p>25 "Groves initially thought that his inquiry was named</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 30</p>
<p>1 Operation Broadsword but recanted when he was reminded</p> <p>2 of Operation Circus. An examination of</p> <p>3 the Operation Circus files confirmed this and Groves</p> <p>4 agreed that this was the investigation to which he was</p> <p>5 referring."</p> <p>6 The next paragraph:</p> <p>7 "Operation Circus has been investigated under</p> <p>8 a separate IOPC managed enquiry named Operation Jordana.</p> <p>9 "Howard Groves was visited on completion of this</p> <p>10 investigation and, despite his recollection of events at</p> <p>11 a briefing, he understands that this is not supported by</p> <p>12 the testimony of other police witnesses. Howard Groves</p> <p>13 was satisfied that a proportionate investigation had</p> <p>14 been undertaken in this matter and he accepts the</p> <p>15 outcome."</p> <p>16 Pausing there, is that a fair reflection of your</p> <p>17 attitude towards the investigation?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Paragraph 36:</p> <p>20 "None of the witnesses interviewed as part of this</p> <p>21 investigation and Operation Jordana have any</p> <p>22 recollection of the events as described by Groves."</p> <p>23 I'd like to turn, if I may, please, to Jordana,</p> <p>24 which is, for the panel and for you, Mr Groves, behind</p> <p>25 tab 5. We focus on the first paragraph:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 31</p>	<p>1 "Operation Jordana was set up in 2014 to investigate</p> <p>2 allegations that a confidential police operation in 1984</p> <p>3 targeting rent boys in and around Piccadilly Circus had</p> <p>4 been closed down early and evidence was suppressed to</p> <p>5 protect persons of prominence. The confidential</p> <p>6 operation, which had become known as 'Operation Circus',</p> <p>7 commenced in the spring of 1984 ..."</p> <p>8 And therefore that gives us, as it were, a touch</p> <p>9 point of when Operation Circus began, the spring of</p> <p>10 1984:</p> <p>11 "... and was initially conducted by a small group of</p> <p>12 local police officers based in the West End of London.</p> <p>13 The actions of those officers led to a large number of</p> <p>14 arrests, charges and subsequent convictions of offenders</p> <p>15 involved in child sexual abuse."</p> <p>16 We can go, perhaps, to page 39, without going</p> <p>17 through all of the nitty-gritty, but I will come back to</p> <p>18 a couple of paragraphs. At paragraph 212, it deals with</p> <p>19 you, because there were a number of other officers,</p> <p>20 former officers, who gave evidence to Jordana. But as</p> <p>21 far as you were concerned:</p> <p>22 "The concerns put forward by [you] Groves regarding</p> <p>23 a briefing given by a senior officer cannot be given any</p> <p>24 provenance [is the way the report reads]: no other</p> <p>25 officers interviewed support this statement, leaving the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 32</p>

<p>1 matter beyond further proportionate investigation (fully 2 dealt with in Operation Osier)."</p> <p>3 In fact, I think, if I have got my statistics 4 right -- have you got the right page, Mr Groves? I'm 5 looking at page 39 of Jordana?</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Have a look at paragraph 212.</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. "... no other officers interviewed support this 10 statement, leaving the matter beyond further 11 proportionate investigation (fully dealt with in 12 Operation Osier)", which is what we just looked at. 13 If I have it right, 17 other officers were 14 interviewed and none of them recalled any such briefing. 15 You accept that, presumably?</p> <p>16 A. If that's what they say, but that doesn't detract from 17 my recollection of what happened.</p> <p>18 Q. You maintain the position that this is what happened?</p> <p>19 A. Yes, 100 per cent. 100 per cent.</p> <p>20 Q. Can I go within the report, please, to paragraph 91, 21 just to look at what the command hierarchy was in 22 Operation Circus. Page 18, paragraph 91.</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. This was in the interview by Jordana of a man called 25 Stephen Kershaw -- does that mean anything to you? --</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 33</p>	<p>1 the Vine Street probationer in 1982?</p> <p>2 A. Yes, the name Steve Kershaw, I vaguely recall it.</p> <p>3 Q. Did you work with him?</p> <p>4 A. I don't remember working with him on that particular 5 investigation, but I believe at some point in my service 6 I may have worked with him, yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Paragraph 91:</p> <p>8 "He identified the command structure of 9 Operation Circus as Inspector John Hoodless being in 10 operational command; Mike Platt as hands-on supervisor. 11 He also recalled Laurie Young; Terry Lawlor; Alan Smith 12 and DC Vince Payne. He identified Detective 13 Superintendent Colin Reeve as being in overall charge 14 and the senior management team link into Vine Street." 15 Now, do any of those names mean anything to you?</p> <p>16 A. No. As I said, even over the years, those names don't 17 mean anything. It was certainly -- at the time of that 18 enquiry, as I said, I was junior in service. A lot of 19 those people, I would not have any clue who they were.</p> <p>20 Q. Can we go back, then, please, to pages 14 and 15 of 21 the Jordana report. Page 14 is the beginning of 22 the interview Jordana had with John Hoodless, the 23 erstwhile inspector. If we look at paragraph 69: 24 "Prior to starting, Hoodless recalled getting 25 together with the team socially in a pub where they</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 34</p>
<p>1 loosely discussed tactics. When asked, he said they did 2 discuss the prospect of encountering high-profile people 3 and believed that to do so would potentially endanger 4 the operation, possibly getting it shut down. They 5 wanted to focus on what he referred to as the 'street 6 rats', the children victimised in the process by adult 7 suspects.</p> <p>8 "He was asked to clarify his position on the 9 discussion regarding high-profile suspects and what he 10 would have done should one of the team have encountered 11 such a situation. Hoodless said that he would have 12 discussed it with the team and also Colin Reeve so that 13 a collective decision could be made.</p> <p>14 "He was asked to consider whether their first 15 meeting in the pub, when high-profile suspects were 16 considered, may have unwittingly created a policy 17 decision not to pursue high-profile persons. Hoodless 18 said ..."</p> <p>19 And this is quoted:</p> <p>20 "We agreed we would not go for high-profile people 21 because we were worried that we might have been shut 22 down, as it might not have been in the public interest 23 if we were to come up with politicians' names or people 24 at Buckingham Palace, so we didn't do it. We were aware 25 that we had a number of suspects to target and wanted to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 35</p>	<p>1 focus on what we called the "street rats" ... that said, 2 we never came across any high-profile people during the 3 operation, not one."</p> <p>4 The report adds, at paragraph 72:</p> <p>5 "His statement makes it clear he had concerns about 6 taking on establishment figures and the potential risks 7 this may have added to the operation. He added that he 8 did not have any direct experience that such encounters 9 would be problematic, but considered the prospect as 10 a commonsense probability. He went on to confirm that 11 no high-profile suspects were ever identified in the 12 operation."</p> <p>13 Is there any possibility it was Inspector Hoodless 14 who gave the briefing that you are talking about?</p> <p>15 A. No, I couldn't say.</p> <p>16 Q. Were you one of the officers at the pub?</p> <p>17 A. No, most certainly -- I would have been too young in 18 service to be sitting with the older detectives.</p> <p>19 Q. Not to have a drink with them?</p> <p>20 A. No, no, I would be making the tea or something like 21 that. That would not happen.</p> <p>22 Q. The interesting thing is, you note in paragraph 71, 23 where he says, "We agreed we would not go for 24 high-profile people because we were worried that we 25 might have been shut down as it might not have been in</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 36</p>

1 the public interest if we were to come up with
 2 politicians' names or people at Buckingham Palace", and
 3 do you remember when I asked you earlier, and this
 4 appears in one of your statements, that your
 5 understanding of prominent people in the briefing you
 6 say you attended was just that, MPs and royalty?
 7 **A. Yes.**
 8 Q. So do you think there is any possibility that this was
 9 a kind of lore and the culture, perhaps, in these teams
 10 at the time?
 11 **A. Yes.**
 12 Q. But you're still sure it was a briefing and nothing that
 13 you picked up, perhaps, from canteen talk?
 14 **A. My recollection is that we were in a briefing, and that**
 15 **was sort of implied. It was more a question of, "If you**
 16 **find anything, we need to know about it", but that's no**
 17 **different if we came across any other suspect, they**
 18 **would need to know about it. And my take from that was,**
 19 **the next bit was along the lines of, "and it may shut**
 20 **down", and I just thought -- as I said, it's back in the**
 21 **'80s, but I just thought, hang on a minute, I just**
 22 **thought it was strange for the comment to be made. It**
 23 **would have been mentioned by myself and other**
 24 **colleagues, and I'm surprised that no-one else has**
 25 **actually said yes, but it's there. It was mentioned.**

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1 **that was said. I vividly remember that bit.**
 2 Q. When you say "meeting", is that different to a briefing
 3 or is it the same sort of thing?
 4 **A. It's the same sort of thing.**
 5 Q. Go back, please, to page 13 of the Jordana report.
 6 I just want to ask you about a couple more paragraphs,
 7 59 and 60 on page 13. This is what the overall man in
 8 charge, Michael Colin Reeve, had to tell Jordana:
 9 "[He] was specifically asked whether there had been
 10 a strategy in place to deal with prominent persons if,
 11 or when they came to notice. He said there had not been
 12 a strategy for this because the operation had focused on
 13 a group of known suspects kept under surveillance over
 14 a period of time. He said the suspects were
 15 successfully arrested, charged and put before the
 16 courts. Reeve also said if any persons of prominence
 17 had come to notice they would have been dealt with in
 18 the same way as any other suspect.
 19 "When asked about the briefing described by [you],
 20 he said he did not give such a briefing and felt it
 21 unlikely that anyone else would have done so, given that
 22 he [Colin Reeve] was the SIO. He said that he did not
 23 recall an officer by the name of Groves [in any event]."
 24 Any comments about that, Mr Groves?
 25 **A. No. No, I think you've made a valid point:**

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1 **It may not have been from on high, but it was certainly**
 2 **an inference that was given to staff that this may**
 3 **happen if we come across. I have nothing to suggest**
 4 **that anything -- any prominent persons were identified**
 5 **and that it was covered up. I am not suggesting that in**
 6 **a million years. But it was implied that that was**
 7 **a possibility if we did come across anyone.**
 8 Q. Mr Hoodless and his team were involved in the initial
 9 phase of Circus; you weren't, you came in on Circus
 10 later than that?
 11 **A. We came in simply because of the sheer volume of**
 12 **photographs that they had to wade through.**
 13 Q. My question is really about this: if what we just read,
 14 John Hoodless had told his team in a social gathering,
 15 and the question being asked, do you think you might
 16 have just created a sort of policy decision which
 17 perhaps filtered outwards, do you think there is any
 18 possibility that when you came in on Circus after what
 19 we have just looked at that, really, what was being
 20 filtered down to you, whether at a briefing or at
 21 some -- in some other environment, was really what
 22 John Hoodless had said during that period?
 23 **A. I appreciate where you are coming from, but my**
 24 **recollection, it was -- the environment that I was in at**
 25 **the time, it was really in the setting of a meeting, and**

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1 **briefing/meeting, play on words, for a better word. But**
 2 **that comment or that sort of implied suggestion as to**
 3 **what could happen, I would not have been present with**
 4 **any of the "senior officers" or experienced detectives**
 5 **having a drink and having a chat. That's not the way**
 6 **business was done then. To the best of my recollection,**
 7 **it was in the setting of a meeting/briefing, and that**
 8 **was implied. Of that I have -- I am positive about.**
 9 Q. If you go back to paragraph 13, I think the final
 10 paragraph, page 5, we can actually see what the team was
 11 in the initial phrase of Operation Circus. Because the
 12 officer in overall charge, as we saw, was Detective
 13 Superintendent Reeve, but under him was a sergeant by
 14 the name of Platt. Inspector Hoodless is there, but
 15 a number of PCs, including Stephen Kershaw, whose name
 16 you recognised --
 17 **A. Yes.**
 18 Q. -- and a DC Vince Payne. So it wasn't senior officers?
 19 **A. No.**
 20 Q. This gathering appears potentially to have been the
 21 team, which included some PCs. But you say you
 22 definitely weren't at that social gathering?
 23 **A. No. Back in the day, it was very much a question of**
 24 **senior officers used to always have their people that**
 25 **they would call upon to be part of the team, and that**

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<p>1 would have probably been the main protagonists, the ones 2 who would decide what happens next, and everybody else 3 that followed after that would just be instructed as to 4 what to do next. So I wouldn't have been privy to any 5 of the discussions that they would have had. We would 6 have just been informed what to do from on high, for 7 a better word.</p> <p>8 Q. I think the final thing, Mr Groves, the final tab, tab 6 9 in your bundle. We see a news article which I am sure 10 you are familiar with. Perhaps we can put it up on 11 screen, INQ004076. The headline: "Scotland Yard 12 detective: I was told to ignore 'meat rack' VIPs during 13 paedophile probe. 14 "Former chief inspector Howard Groves was told to 15 ignore paedophile VIPs. 16 "Inspector investigated West End paedophile ring 17 with alleged links to MPs. 18 "Boys supplied to men in Piccadilly Circus in area 19 known as 'the meat rack'. 20 It is written, or it is co-authored, this article, 21 by Martin Beckford and Paul Cahalan for the Mail on 22 Sunday. If we turn to the second page, we can see at 23 the top a date, 23 January, and it was updated in the 24 early hours of the next day, in 2016. How did this 25 article come about, Mr Groves?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 41</p>	<p>1 A. I'm trying to remember. Somebody obviously approached 2 me. 3 Q. Why do you say "obviously"? 4 A. Because I wouldn't have approached the press. Most 5 certainly I wouldn't have gone to them. 6 Q. You mean -- when you say, "I certainly wouldn't" -- 7 A. The Mail. I did not approach The Mail. My recollection 8 is somebody contacted me. One of the issues for me is 9 it makes it sound as if I was told directly. Obviously, 10 I wasn't spoken -- I was spoken to within a group 11 setting. So I'm not particularly impressed with the way 12 in which it has been sort of drafted, but that's 13 sensationalism for you. 14 Q. Can we just look very briefly at what it actually says 15 and let's see what you agree with and what you don't: 16 "A Scotland Yard detective claims he was told to 17 ignore VIPs during a paedophile probe now being 18 investigated by the police watchdog." 19 Of course, in 2016, you were no longer 20 a Scotland Yard detective? 21 A. That's correct. 22 Q. And the police watchdog, presumably the IOPC or the IPCC 23 at the time? Is that what the reference is? 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. "Former chief inspector Howard Groves, who served in the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 42</p>
<p>1 murder squad during a distinguished 34-year career, was 2 investigating a West End paedophile ring with alleged 3 links to MPs and TV stars in the 1980s." 4 I expect on no account would you say that you were 5 investigating -- 6 A. No. 7 Q. -- a VIP or a West End paedophile ring? 8 A. No. 9 Q. "Detectives found that boys as young as 14 were being 10 supplied to men in Piccadilly Circus in an area known by 11 the boys as 'the meat rack'. 12 When you were doing the limited work, but important 13 work, on these photographs, as your part of 14 Operation Circus, had you heard the term "the meat 15 rack"? 16 A. To be perfectly honest with you, I have only heard -- 17 I have only noticed that -- because I didn't see the 18 article when it was done. That comment, or that remark, 19 is not one I'd have used, it's not one I've heard of. 20 Apart from today, it's the first time, to be perfectly 21 honest with you, I've heard that expression being made. 22 Q. A rather nice photograph of you, Mr Groves. Was that 23 one you supplied to the Mail or one was taken by a Mail 24 photographer? 25 A. No, I didn't supply it to them. I think they probably</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 43</p>	<p>1 found it on the internet. That looks like one that was 2 done when I was at Hillingdon Borough some years back. 3 I certainly didn't provide them with it. I think you'll 4 find it's on the internet somewhere. 5 Q. On the fourth page of this article: 6 "Mr Groves, now 58, told the Mail on Sunday: 7 'I remember that we were called to a meeting and told by 8 a senior officer that if we found any establishment 9 figures involved, the investigation would be stopped'. 10 Did you say that to the authors of this article? 11 A. When they say we were called to meeting and told by 12 a senior officer, it depends if you are talking about -- 13 I wouldn't have used the words "senior officer", I may 14 have said a supervisor or a senior officer. 15 Q. It's in inverted commas. Do you accept that you must 16 have said -- 17 A. Words to that effect. 18 Q. "Names of MPs, celebrities ..." 19 That's why I asked you about celebrities earlier? 20 A. No. I don't recall using that word "celebrities". 21 I just said "persons of note". MPs most certainly. 22 Q. It reads, and this is not in quotation marks: 23 "Names of MPs, celebrities and businessmen did 24 surface during the inquiry -- though Mr Groves, who 25 retired in 2014, wasn't privy to them ..."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 44</p>

1 Which would be right?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. "... and 25 men were convicted.

4 "The operation was led by Met Commander Trevor Lloyd

5 Hughes, who died in 1986 amid claims of soliciting male

6 prostitutes."

7 I'm sure you've read this article before: was it

8 being suggested by the Mail that it was

9 Trevor Lloyd Hughes, who died in 1986 amid claims of

10 soliciting male prostitutes, that the --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. That was about him and his private life?

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. "Mr Groves said [again in inverted commas]: 'The command

15 not to investigate establishment figures was relayed by

16 a senior officer and I believe must have come from

17 [Trevor] Lloyd Hughes.'"

18 I would like to ask you about that. First of all,

19 do you accept that you said that?

20 **A. No, I would not have said it came from him, because I --**

21 **to be honest with you, I could not recall who was**

22 **actually in charge of the investigation at that point.**

23 Q. The sentence, or the quotation, as it appears to me, can

24 mean one of two things: it either means that

25 Trevor Lloyd Hughes gave the briefing or, perhaps more

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1 "Mr Groves' claim is one of 31 allegations of Met

2 corruption relating to child sex offences that the

3 Independent Police Complaints Commission [as it was] is

4 investigating."

5 The numbers went up. But that was right certainly

6 at the time of this article?

7 **A. Correct.**

8 MR ALTMAN: Thank you, Mr Groves. Thank you very much.

9 Chair, do you have any questions or any of the panel

10 members?

11 THE CHAIR: Yes, we do. Ms Sharpling first?

12 Questions by THE PANEL

13 MS SHARPLING: Thank you, Mr Groves. Just a couple of

14 questions, if I may.

15 When you were seconded to what you now know to be

16 Operation Circus, were you given an indication or any

17 instructions of what it was actually all about? What

18 were its terms of reference or objectives?

19 **A. No. My recollection is, we were -- I had arrived at the**

20 **police station in Rochester Row one morning and I was**

21 **told later on, "You are now seconded to an enquiry", and**

22 **I was told where to go. When I arrived there, we were**

23 **just given actions and said, "This is what you need to**

24 **do". But nothing as specific as you're asking, no.**

25 MS SHARPLING: Did you understand roughly what it was about?

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1 likely, that it was a senior officer who remains

2 unidentified but the order to give that briefing came

3 from Trevor Lloyd Hughes, "I believe must have come

4 from". But you say you're not responsible for having

5 said this to the Mail on Sunday?

6 **A. I don't recall actually giving his name per se, no.**

7 Q. Is it possible you said this? It is some years ago, but

8 is it possible you said that, Mr Groves?

9 **A. Well, if that were the case -- it may have been**

10 **mentioned to me that he was in charge of**

11 **the investigation, and I may have said, "Well, if he was**

12 **in charge, it possibly could have come from him".**

13 Q. Because, of course, certainly in 2015, when you

14 mentioned Trevor Lloyd Hughes, you didn't associate him

15 with that briefing at all, did you --

16 **A. That's correct.**

17 Q. -- in any way --

18 **A. No, I think --**

19 Q. -- directly or indirectly?

20 **A. No, I think my recollection is it may have been brought**

21 **to my attention that he may have had some involvement**

22 **and I would have said, well, if that were the case, then**

23 **maybe he would have been the person who probably would**

24 **have done that.**

25 Q. Then this:

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1 **A. Yes, I understood that it was an investigation into**

2 **indecentcy with boys, and that they were trying to**

3 **identify some of those victims as well as the venues**

4 **where those photographs may have been taken, and that**

5 **was as much as we were told.**

6 MS SHARPLING: In your search to identify victims from the

7 photographs, were you given any instruction as to what

8 you should do should you come across a boy who was in

9 the photograph?

10 **A. We would write up our actions to that effect, giving**

11 **information as to how we identify those boys, and we**

12 **would put it back through the supervisor in charge of**

13 **what we would in those days call the MIR.**

14 MS SHARPLING: You weren't given any instructions as to what

15 should happen straight away if you were to come across

16 one of those boys?

17 **A. I can't remember specifically whether that was --**

18 MS SHARPLING: I see. Thank you.

19 THE CHAIR: Sir Malcolm?

20 PROF SIR MALCOLM EVANS: Thank you very much, Mr Groves.

21 Just for clarification, you said that you originally

22 made your comments following the media broadcasts in

23 2012; is that correct?

24 **A. Yes, that's the Dolphin Square, yes.**

25 PROF SIR MALCOLM EVANS: I just notice that in the

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1 Operation Osier, it suggests that you made them in 2015.
 2 So it was 2012 that you made the original complaint or
 3 you raised the issue?
 4 **A. 2015 ... I'm trying to work out when I retired. I'm not**
 5 **quite sure. To my recollection, it was 2012 that the**
 6 **article or something in the press around Dolphin Square,**
 7 **and then sometime after that I reported it to a senior**
 8 **officer.**
 9 PROF SIR MALCOLM EVANS: Yes. It is just that in
 10 paragraph 2 of the Operation Osier closing report it
 11 mentions that you made contact with the service
 12 concerning concerns in March 2015. So I was just
 13 wondering --
 14 **A. That may very well be the case, but in answer to you,**
 15 **I can't remember that.**
 16 PROF SIR MALCOLM EVANS: Nothing has been said,
 17 understandably, about Operation Broadsword, which you
 18 originally thought that you were concerned with. Could
 19 you just say a little about what Operation Broadsword
 20 was actually about?
 21 **A. Yes. Operation Broadsword -- at the time, I was**
 22 **a detective constable in Brent Borough, which covered**
 23 **Wembley, Kilburn, Willesden, North-west London. We were**
 24 **told by the detective chief inspector at the time, whose**
 25 **name was Roger Gaspar, who then -- I think he retired at**

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1 **Could I just go back to one question that was asked**
 2 **earlier on? You were talking about the processes that**
 3 **were supposed to be employed during Operation Circus.**
 4 **Because I was young in service, the officer that was**
 5 **with me, DC Phil Marshall, he had much more experience.**
 6 **So if there were any issues around identifying victims,**
 7 **it would have been more than likely he would have been**
 8 **the officer who would have progressed any inquiry at the**
 9 **time. I was junior in service, and I would be looking**
 10 **to him for advice as to how we deal with things.**
 11 PROF SIR MALCOLM EVANS: Okay. Thank you very much.
 12 THE CHAIR: Thank you. We have no further questions.
 13 MR ALTMAN: Thank you very much for coming, Mr Groves. You
 14 are free now to go.
 15 (The witness withdrew)
 16 MR ALTMAN: Chair, looking at the time, that might be a good
 17 time to take our break.
 18 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr Groves. We will return at
 19 11.25 am.
 20 (11.11 am)
 21 (A short break)
 22 (11.30 am)
 23 MR ALTMAN: Chair, the next witness is Andrew Surplice.
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1 **the rank of commander, and they were doing an inquiry**
 2 **into allegations that there were minors, particularly**
 3 **boys, attending a particular address in Kilburn.**
 4 **My understanding is that there was a proactive**
 5 **investigation done where there was surveillance being**
 6 **done on a particular address and, on a Friday evening --**
 7 **myself and other colleagues weren't part of it, we were**
 8 **just aware that this was happening. Persons were**
 9 **arrested. We had -- I think we probably brought some of**
 10 **the boys that were actually arrested at the venue with**
 11 **a particular individual back to the police station. We**
 12 **were told, "Thank you very much. You can have your**
 13 **weekend off", and that was it.**
 14 **I then got a phone call on the Saturday and was**
 15 **asked to come back in, and I was surprised: "Why do they**
 16 **want me to come back in?" It transpired that one of**
 17 **the victims had actually run out of the police station**
 18 **because he was being spoken to in a less sympathetic**
 19 **manner by certain officers, and myself and another**
 20 **officer were tasked to go and find this individual,**
 21 **bring him back, dust him down, deal with his needs and**
 22 **everything like that, so that the investigation could**
 23 **carry on.**
 24 **So that's why I remember Broadsword, because it was**
 25 **a similar element about indecency with boys.**

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1 MR ANDREW SURPLICE (affirmed)
 2 Examination by MR ALTMAN
 3 MR ALTMAN: Your full name, please?
 4 **A. Andrew Surplice.**
 5 Q. Mr Surplice, I would like to ask you, please, about your
 6 career in policing. You have in front of you a file,
 7 and perhaps we can follow it and you can refresh your
 8 memory from it if you need to do so. Behind tab 1 is
 9 a statement which you made in November, or at least
 10 signed in November, of last year, and paragraph 1, just
 11 take us through that, please, your career?
 12 **A. I joined the police in 1979 as a police constable.**
 13 **I was posted to Acton Police Station --**
 14 Q. Can you just turn towards the microphone? Just look at
 15 me. Do you see you have microphones either side of you.
 16 Just amplify your voice, because you are dropping your
 17 voice.
 18 **A. Sorry, I had an ear infection last week.**
 19 Q. Just keep your voice loud and clear, if you can, please?
 20 **A. I joined the police in 1979 as a police constable at**
 21 **Acton Police Station, which was a substation of Ealing.**
 22 **I served my two-year probationary period there, and then**
 23 **I was posted on to the District crime squad, and that**
 24 **later amalgamated with three other crime squads, as**
 25 **a larger team in West London, covering Southall,**

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1 **Uxbridge and Ealing. I was a uniform PC at a time.**
 2 **I then was -- successfully joined the CID, did my CID**
 3 **course and was posted to Hammersmith in 1985. I was**
 4 **there for a couple of years. I took my sergeant's exam**
 5 **and moved to Kennington as a police sergeant. I was**
 6 **there until 1993. And then I moved to Scotland Yard**
 7 **where I stayed until 1997 and moved to Heathrow for**
 8 **a year. I passed my inspector's exam and was an**
 9 **inspector at Staines for the next two years. Then I did**
 10 **a year at the National Criminal Intelligence Service**
 11 **until 2001. I briefly did a job at Directorate of**
 12 **Professional Standards and then I moved as a DI to**
 13 **Scotland Yard in 2002 and then served in the Coroner's**
 14 **Officers Service until my retirement in 2009.**
 15 Q. Thank you, Mr Surplice. I would like to ask you then
 16 about some police operation that you were at least
 17 indirectly involved with. Operation Circus, did that
 18 mean anything to you?
 19 **A. Well, it did, yes, at the time, because there was lots**
 20 **of talk about it.**
 21 Q. Were you directly involved in Circus?
 22 **A. No.**
 23 Q. You weren't?
 24 **A. No.**
 25 Q. But were you part of a team who found itself at a flat

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1 Q. That's because, what, you've been sitting here --
 2 **A. It's because I read the papers. I thought it was in**
 3 **that patch there because I was in two different crime**
 4 **squads covering Ealing at the time, but, yeah, that**
 5 **fits.**
 6 Q. You joined the force in 1979. you became, as
 7 I understood you, or at least joined the CID --
 8 **A. After this.**
 9 Q. After this.
 10 **A. Yes.**
 11 Q. What was your rank at the time?
 12 **A. I was a police constable.**
 13 Q. Still a uniformed police constable?
 14 **A. Yes, that's correct.**
 15 Q. Did you understand what the general remit of the part of
 16 the operation that you were indirectly involved with
 17 was?
 18 **A. Well, as I remember it, it was a rush job.**
 19 Q. A rush job?
 20 **A. A really rushed job. So we were called out at the last**
 21 **minute. My understanding was the arrest had taken**
 22 **place, a large number of photographs, no-one really knew**
 23 **what was going to happen, are a lot of people going to**
 24 **turn up to the address to participate, to buy, victims,**
 25 **what? But the fact that it was -- as I believe it,**

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1 in Ealing where some photographs, indecent photographs,
 2 of children were found?
 3 **A. Yes. My recollection was that I think it must have been**
 4 **on the Friday. There must have been an arrest of this**
 5 **photographer at an address in Ealing. A load of**
 6 **photographs, indecent photographs, were discovered, and**
 7 **we had our weekend annual leave cancelled -- our weekly**
 8 **leave cancelled and about five or six of us were posted**
 9 **there in shifts, so a shift of five or six people**
 10 **replaced by another shift of five or six people, and our**
 11 **job was to see who turned up, basically.**
 12 Q. Can we just rewind a little? Did you understand that
 13 the volume of photographs that were recovered from that
 14 flat or seized from that flat were -- and you give
 15 a figure for it in your 2018 statement -- 20,000?
 16 **A. That's what stuck in my memory.**
 17 Q. Did you, yourself, see any of the imagery?
 18 **A. No.**
 19 Q. But of course, in those days -- and I am going to ask
 20 you when those days were -- we are not talking about
 21 digital imagery, we are talking about physical
 22 photographs?
 23 **A. That's correct, yes.**
 24 Q. Can you year-date this for us?
 25 **A. We now believe it is '84/'85.**

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1 **anyway, it was a weekend, it would have cost them a lot**
 2 **of money because it would have been what we called**
 3 **a "less than 8", so we get our rest day back plus we get**
 4 **time and a half, but they have abolished them nowadays,**
 5 **at a time when overtime was in short supply, that shows**
 6 **the seriousness of it, or the seriousness of how it was**
 7 **taken, so that, yeah, it was to play it by -- in**
 8 **a sense, to play it by ear. As far as I remember, there**
 9 **was no documented written briefing of, "This is going to**
 10 **happen, we are going to do this. We are going to do**
 11 **this". My memory is, we would go there and we'll see**
 12 **what happens, but people were going to get arrested. We**
 13 **clearly expected quite a lot of people to come.**
 14 Q. Let me come back to that. In addition to what you
 15 estimated to be 20,000 indecent images recovered --
 16 **A. That's what I was told -- that's what I heard, that's**
 17 **what I remember.**
 18 Q. -- in this flat. Did you also understand that seized
 19 from the address had been an address book?
 20 **A. Again, that's something I was told.**
 21 Q. By?
 22 **A. The detective in charge. Because the things I remember,**
 23 **I remember him saying there was an address book and it**
 24 **would have been photocopied and it had names of lots of**
 25 **people in it.**

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<p>1 Q. The DC in charge, when he told you, as I understand your 2 evidence, that there were the names of lots of people in 3 it, what was the nature of the people, or some of 4 the people, whose names, according to him, appeared in 5 this book? 6 A. Well, we all -- again, this -- all sorts of people from 7 all sorts of walks of life. 8 Q. What about -- 9 A. I don't know whether he'd actually read it or not. 10 Q. Let me -- 11 A. But it was certainly the suggestion that there were 12 powerful people in there. 13 Q. That's what I want to ask you. When you say "the 14 suggestion", where did you get that from? Somebody had 15 obviously put in your head, because this isn't the first 16 time you've said it, that powerful people -- or the 17 address book contained the names of powerful people. 18 Let's just look at what I am looking at, which is your 19 paragraph 4 of your 2018 statement behind tab 1. Do you 20 see paragraph 4: 21 "At some stage during the operation, I was told that 22 the photograph had an address book containing details of 23 clients and I believe the detective constable in charge 24 mentioned it, that it contained the names of 'powerful 25 people'. I don't recall the exact words used, but it</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 57</p>	<p>1 brought to my mind people in positions of authority and 2 power. I didn't see the address book and I wouldn't 3 have expected to and I was not told any specific names." 4 A. That's correct, yes. 5 Q. Doing your best, you had understood from something you 6 were told by the man in charge all those years ago that 7 the address book contained names of powerful people? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. But nothing more was said to you about it? 10 A. No. 11 Q. By anyone? 12 A. No. 13 Q. So you were left to your own imagination as to what 14 "powerful people" meant? 15 A. Well, it was just the people in the flat talking, yes, 16 but there were no names speculated on at all. 17 Q. As you say, you never saw the address book -- 18 A. No. 19 Q. -- and wouldn't have expected, in your position at the 20 time, to have done so? 21 A. No. 22 Q. So wherever that address book has gone, you never saw 23 it? 24 A. No. 25 Q. Now, as you said, this was a rush job. You and some</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 58</p>
<p>1 other officers were posted at the flat in order to 2 arrest anyone who turned up, and the idea was, if they 3 did, you would take them to the police station and 4 discover their role? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. That's what you say in your paragraph 5, I think it is. 7 But no-one did? 8 A. No. 9 Q. You were stationed there, you thought it was a weekend, 10 so, what, on the Saturday? 11 A. I was definitely there the Saturday. When I came back 12 on the Sunday, I think that's when the bloke from the 13 flat above came down. 14 Q. So the only person who did turn up was somebody else who 15 lived in the building? 16 A. That's what I was told. 17 Q. And you understood that he had some connection to 18 a newspaper? 19 A. He was -- again, what I was told was, he was a deputy 20 editor, he had two children who he allowed to visit the 21 downstairs flat, which, you know, we all thought was 22 very strange, because certainly I wouldn't have allowed 23 my kids to, knowing that the person downstairs was 24 a paedophile. He was the only person, and he was let 25 go.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 59</p>	<p>1 Q. So putting him to one side, because it appears he lived 2 in the building, no-one else turned up? 3 A. No. 4 Q. And you say in your paragraph 6 of your 2018 statement 5 that you and the other officers felt that this was 6 unusual "because there was a lot of us and we had 7 expected people to attend the flat"? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. Had you been given any briefing about what was 10 anticipated in terms of numbers? I mean, did anybody 11 say, "We're expecting lots of men to turn up" -- 12 A. No. 13 Q. -- or were you told, "We just don't know, just be 14 there"? 15 A. I can't remember that. What you can go on is, the fact 16 there were so many of us in such a small place says that 17 we were expecting a lot of people to turn up. You know, 18 normally, you'd have a couple of officers doing a job 19 together, but to have basically three teams plus another 20 three teams coming on later on is a lot. 21 Q. It was because of the numbers that you assumed a few 22 people, a few men, should be turning up to this flat? 23 A. Yes. We definitely had high expectations that there 24 would be lots of work for us. 25 Q. And any men that would arrive were there, what, to buy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 60</p>

1 photographs --

2 **A. Well, we didn't know what.**

3 Q. So you were there all of that Saturday, presumably. How

4 long would the shift have been?

5 **A. I think it was about 12 hours.**

6 Q. A 12-hour shift. With the same other, what, five or six

7 other officers?

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. And if we are right and it was a weekend, and the next

10 day was a Sunday --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- did you return to the flat?

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. Did anybody turn up on that day?

15 **A. No.**

16 Q. What happened on that second day?

17 **A. It got cancelled --**

18 Q. Means?

19 **A. -- abruptly.**

20 Q. Which means, what?

21 **A. Well, we got stopped and sent home.**

22 Q. Had you done a full 12-hour shift or --

23 **A. I don't think so, no.**

24 Q. -- was it during the course of the shift?

25 **A. I think it was during the course of the shift we were**

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1 **do this particular piece of work, but it could have been**

2 **anybody in that wider chain of command. I just don't**

3 **know. What I can say is I don't ever remember having**

4 **a debrief afterwards as to why or any reasons or**

5 **anything.**

6 Q. Is that unusual in itself?

7 **A. I would have thought so, but, again, I think in those**

8 **days you just went on to the next job. You were toy**

9 **soldiers, in a sense.**

10 Q. In your earlier statement, if we can go to that, please,

11 which I think you will find in the second tab, this is

12 your 2016 statement. Let's look at how you dealt with

13 it there on the final page:

14 "My recollection was that our part of the operation

15 was cancelled very quickly and we were surprised as

16 I recall we expected a lot of work from it. I don't

17 recall how we were told, but I think it was at the end

18 of my second shift at the address. I don't recall how

19 the conversation came about, but I recall that there was

20 some suggestion that it was called off because

21 high-powered people may have been involved. I'm not

22 aware that any other people or property being removed

23 from the property or our operation."

24 It probably should be "on our operation":

25 "I'm not aware of any of the people who were

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1 **told to go. And I remember we had a discussion about**

2 **why and, again, the person in charge at the time said**

3 **something about powerful people. Now, whether that's --**

4 Q. Well, let's have a look at what you said in your

5 paragraph 9 of this statement:

6 "I believe that on the second day of the operation

7 it was cancelled suddenly. I cannot recall how we were

8 told, but I believe that the second day was cut short.

9 This struck everyone as unusual because, as I mentioned,

10 they had spent a lot of money on the operation and, as

11 far as we were aware, nothing had come of it. At the

12 time, I recall somebody said that someone 'high up' had

13 called off the operation, but I cannot recall who said

14 this and I do not know for definite whether this was the

15 case. The implication, or suspicion, was that the

16 people who were named in the address book were being

17 protected."

18 First of all, is that your recollection?

19 **A. Yes, sir, yes.**

20 Q. "Someone 'high up' had called off the operation". Did

21 that mean in the police or beyond the police?

22 **A. Oh, in the police, I imagine, but -- I mean, we had**

23 **a structure, so we had a DC, we had sergeants above us**

24 **and we had a detective inspector in charge of the squad.**

25 **But obviously we had been tasked by Operation Circus to**

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1 arrested in Operation Circus. I believe that the link

2 to the high-powered people may have come about as their

3 names could have been in the address book that was

4 seized, although I have never seen the address book or

5 any copy of it."

6 **A. That's correct, yes.**

7 Q. "In my email I suggested two questions ..."

8 Because I think you'd emailed somebody on the IOPC

9 or a Met police officer on professional standards,

10 something like that?

11 **A. Something, yes.**

12 Q. Someone by the name of Roberts, perhaps, was it? Don't

13 remember?:

14 "Why didn't the expected people turn up?", "Why was

15 our operation stopped?" I think this is a fair question

16 as throughout my service I have been aware of instances

17 where people may have passed on information that could

18 have compromised an operation. The operation may have

19 been stopped because of the suggestion that high-powered

20 people may have been involved, although I have no direct

21 evidence to support that. I have not been involved in

22 any other aspect of Operation Circus."

23 Then you were asked about how the operation was

24 documented.

25 So, in terms of your knowledge of other instances,

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1 were you sort of, in 2016, looking back at your
 2 experience over all of those years? Because what you
 3 were implying here is there must have been some form of
 4 tipoff?
 5 **A. It certainly felt like it at the time, because we were**
 6 **all geared up to a lot of work, and all of a sudden --**
 7 **and a lot of expense went into it, which was unusual.**
 8 **I think it's -- you know, thinking back on the time,**
 9 **there was stricter controls of overtime, so budgets were**
 10 **tighter. So for somebody to put the operation together,**
 11 **for that expense at that time, the most expensive time**
 12 **of the week, it was important, and you wouldn't have**
 13 **done it unless you were going to expect a result out of**
 14 **it. And for that result not to occur and it just to be**
 15 **curtailed felt strange, felt wrong. It felt -- it just**
 16 **left questions hanging there.**
 17 Q. And all these years afterwards, by 2016, you're making
 18 a statement and you say that you are really aware,
 19 effectively, through your service, of instances where
 20 people may have passed on information. So were you
 21 looking back?
 22 **A. Looking back, yes, and even at that time, on that**
 23 **particular crime squad, you know, you get things, pub**
 24 **raids, where there's nobody in the pub. Somebody has**
 25 **clearly made a phone call.**

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1 **that seemed very strange.**
 2 Q. When did this concern of yours first really come to
 3 mind? Was it --
 4 **A. Well, when we got cancelled, because we discussed it**
 5 **there.**
 6 Q. When was the first time you reported it?
 7 **A. When I saw on the BBC that this inquiry was going ahead,**
 8 **and I thought maybe this is going to corroborate**
 9 **somebody else and be of some relevance to it.**
 10 Q. You accept, I'm sure, Mr Surplice, that in the
 11 intervening period, if you had wanted to, you could have
 12 reported it to the Police Complaints Board, the police
 13 complaints authority, the IPCC as it was?
 14 **A. Do you seriously think they would have taken anything**
 15 **from that?**
 16 Q. That's not for me to answer, but it's something you
 17 could have done?
 18 **A. I could have done, yes, but nothing would have happened.**
 19 **There's no evidence; it's only opinion, isn't it?**
 20 Q. Well, there is evidence, because we are listening to it
 21 now. But you retired in 2009, and therefore you didn't
 22 have any particular direct loyalty to the
 23 Metropolitan Police. Don't you think you might have
 24 reported concerns then?
 25 **A. No. I think at the time you were doing -- you know, you**

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1 Q. What I want to be clear about is, when you came to the
 2 view that there must have been a tipoff, was this in
 3 2016, looking back, or at the time when, as it were, you
 4 were with your brother officers outside this flat and
 5 the whole thing was called off, nobody having turned up.
 6 Did you --
 7 **A. I think that's probably later. Because I think at the**
 8 **time the feeling was strongly that somebody senior had,**
 9 **for whatever reason, just said, "Stop", and that didn't**
 10 **feel right. That left -- yeah, it didn't feel right.**
 11 Q. There's a possibility that the whole operation was
 12 called off because nobody turned up and it was --
 13 **A. It could have been, yes. I mean, there's loads of**
 14 **reasons, isn't there? But that includes also other**
 15 **things.**
 16 Q. Such as?
 17 **A. Well, that somebody in a position of power and authority**
 18 **has decided, "This is getting too close to the truth and**
 19 **we don't want to go through it". I think particularly**
 20 **as we had been told there was an address book that had**
 21 **people's names in it and we thought -- and this**
 22 **suggestion that there was powerful people in there, you**
 23 **were expecting some result from that, you were expecting**
 24 **some flak from it, some interest, some -- you know, it**
 25 **to lead on to other things. And when it didn't happen,**

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1 **were a young officer in a structured, organised,**
 2 **disciplined service. You are told that job's finished**
 3 **and you move on to the next thing. I had no evidence of**
 4 **corruption. I had a feeling that something wasn't**
 5 **right, and that was it.**
 6 Q. Can I ask you this, then, moving away from that, and
 7 some questions that we have been asked to ask you by
 8 others. Looking back, and based on your years of
 9 experience, thinking about the address book for the
 10 moment, what do you say, from your experience, should
 11 have happened to the address book seized from the flat
 12 where thousands of indecent images had been recovered?
 13 **A. It would have been photocopied page by page --**
 14 Q. Even in those days?
 15 **A. Yes, as a working copy. Then the book itself would have**
 16 **been sealed and locked away securely in the property**
 17 **store.**
 18 Q. But somebody would have presumably gone through it?
 19 **A. Well, they'd have gone through the copy.**
 20 Q. And to look at the names?
 21 **A. Yes.**
 22 Q. Who would have conducted that operation or that
 23 investigation at that time?
 24 **A. The arresting officers.**
 25 Q. Let's say there were the names of high-powered people in

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1 that address book. How would that, or should that, do
 2 you think, have been investigated?
 3 **A. My understanding is, if it's a proper investigation,**
 4 **investigation team setup, then somebody would have been**
 5 **appointed to go through the book and assign leads to**
 6 **other people. So, as you've already heard, people would**
 7 **be given actions to follow up various different bits and**
 8 **pieces.**
 9 Q. Let's say one of the high-powered names in that address
 10 book, or several, were MPs and peers associated with
 11 Westminster. How should that have been handled, do you
 12 think?
 13 **A. On the squads that I was on at the time, the person who**
 14 **would be -- the office manager would be doing the --**
 15 **assigning the actions, in conjunction with the senior**
 16 **investigation officer, and that would -- so you have**
 17 **a detective sergeant, normally, doing the actions, and**
 18 **him and the senior investigating officer, they would**
 19 **make the decision on what would happen.**
 20 Q. Would you have expected -- if, in that address book,
 21 there appeared the name or names of such prominent
 22 people, do you think they would have been spoken to?
 23 **A. Yes, they should have been. The whole thing is without**
 24 **fear or favour, isn't it?**
 25 Q. Might that have led to arrests of those people, if there

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1 **confidential, then you wouldn't, it should be kept**
 2 **within the people that need to know.**
 3 Q. But as far as you're concerned, if there was such an
 4 address book, whatever became of it, we don't know?
 5 **A. No idea. I mean, I certainly believe it existed because**
 6 **we were told it existed and there's no reason to be told**
 7 **that otherwise.**
 8 Q. The final thing, please, Mr Surplice, from me: in the
 9 final tab of your bundle, you will see something I have
 10 already referred to with the officer who came before
 11 you, Mr Groves, and we can see as part of
 12 Operation Jordana, if you go to -- let's put it up on
 13 the screen. If we go to page 3 of IPC000842, under your
 14 name, do you see those two bullet points?
 15 **A. Yes.**
 16 Q. You are one of four officers mentioned within
 17 paragraph 4 as being one of the four sources for the
 18 impetus underlying Operation Jordana:
 19 "Surplice recalled he was based on a crime squad at
 20 Ealing when he was tasked along with other officers to
 21 police an address in the Ealing area. He remembered it
 22 was the home of a photographer arrested in
 23 Operation Circus, where a large quantity of photographs
 24 and other correspondence had been seized earlier. He
 25 understood his role was to deal appropriately with

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1 was sufficient evidence to support it?
 2 **A. Absolutely, yes. Yes.**
 3 Q. Would there have been an intelligence side to this?
 4 Would there have been an intelligence operation before
 5 any such arrests were made? Or do you think it would
 6 have been handled on a purely evidential basis?
 7 **A. You go on the evidence you have.**
 8 Q. From your experience, and if you can't tell us, please
 9 say that it's not within your experience to do so, would
 10 any other agencies have been involved with this, if
 11 a person of public prominence had appeared in that
 12 address book, would the police have liaised with other
 13 agencies, other partner agencies?
 14 **A. I have no idea. I mean, I've never arrested anybody who**
 15 **is prominent.**
 16 Q. But I take it from your evidence, because you didn't see
 17 the address book, and although it appeared as if the
 18 name of powerful people might have appeared in this
 19 book, if they did, you never heard of any of the names?
 20 **A. No, but it would be inappropriate for people to bandy**
 21 **them about, wouldn't it?**
 22 Q. It might be, it might not be. It depends on what goes
 23 on in an organisation like the Met at that time and
 24 whether people were talking to each other?
 25 **A. Well, if it was something that needed to be kept**

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1 whomever turned up at the address; either customers for
 2 photographs, or boys to be photographed."
 3 So it wasn't just customers, looking at that; it
 4 could also have been --
 5 **A. Victims.**
 6 Q. -- victims, themselves?
 7 **A. Yes.**
 8 Q. Pausing there, can I ask you this: if any victims had
 9 turned up, what were you to do with them? Say
 10 a 14-year-old boy turned up by himself, expecting to be
 11 photographed indecently by the photographer, whether for
 12 money or otherwise, what instructions did you and the
 13 team have about what you were to do with him?
 14 **A. I don't remember the instructions, but what would have**
 15 **happened, they would be taken to a place of safety, ie,**
 16 **the police station, and they would be treated as**
 17 **a victim and we'd find out from them what's going on.**
 18 **It was an investigation.**
 19 Q. Would they be passed on to other Social Services --
 20 **A. If they had been at the police station, Social Services**
 21 **would have been contacted and stuff like that, yes.**
 22 Q. But none did?
 23 **A. None did.**
 24 Q. Then the second bullet point, you "expressed concern
 25 that nobody attended the address as expected, implying

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<p>1 that they may have been 'tipped off' about the police 2 operation. He was also concerned and surprised that his 3 part of the operation was stopped quite quickly and he 4 suspected that this may have been because prominent 5 people could have been involved." 6 Really, that's based on the account -- 7 A. That's based on what we was told when it was cancelled. 8 Q. And the account that you have already given us? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. If we go towards the back of this report, please, to 11 page 30, we don't have to read it, but you can see this 12 is where the report from paragraph 159 onwards set out, 13 in effect, the account that you have already given us, 14 concluding at paragraph 166. I am not going to go 15 through it. Then at page 39, please, where we see what 16 the conclusion of Operation Jordana is, as far as you're 17 concerned, at paragraph 213: 18 "The concerns raised by Surplice that 'punters' may 19 have been tipped off about the police raid at the 20 photographer, Dean's, address have only been raised by 21 him. No evidence has been uncovered that provides any 22 insight into the expected amount of traffic at the 23 photographer's address. No details exist of operational 24 briefings given to the officers policing the address." 25 An aspect of that you just told us:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 73</p>	<p>1 "This aspect is therefore difficult to assess. The 2 lack of 'punters' could have any number of explanations. 3 Surplice's suspicion that his part of the operation may 4 have ended because of the possible link to high-profile 5 persons discovered in documents seized is personal to 6 him. No evidence has been uncovered that supports his 7 suspicions; he also admits he had no evidence himself. 8 With the lack of available information to properly 9 assess this aspect, it lies beyond further proportionate 10 investigation." 11 So, as far as Jordana is concerned, that's an end of 12 the road, as it were, to what you have to say. But 13 having looked at everything, and you have seen this 14 closing report, Mr Surplice, do you change your mind? 15 Do you allow for the possibility that perfectly 16 legitimate explanations could exist for why the 17 operation was cancelled, or do you have still have that 18 nagging suspicion that there could have been a tipoff to 19 explain the absence of any visitors to the flat? 20 A. The feeling at the time was something -- it was unusual 21 and it was untoward and it left a bad taste. So, 22 therefore, something -- it wasn't a normal cancellation. 23 Q. Is that bad taste still there? 24 A. Yes, sir. 25 MR ALTMAN: Thank you, Mr Surplice. I will see if the chair</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 74</p>
<p>1 and panel have any questions. 2 THE CHAIR: We have no questions. Thank you, Mr Surplice. 3 MR ALTMAN: Mr Surplice, thank you very much for coming. 4 (The witness withdrew) 5 MR ALTMAN: Chair, the next witness will be Robert Glen. 6 MR ROBERT IAN CLIVE GLEN (sworn) 7 Examination by MR ALTMAN 8 MR ALTMAN: Mr Glen, give us your full name, please, first 9 of all. 10 A. My full name is Robert Ian Clive Glen. I'm a retired 11 superintendent, Metropolitan Police. 12 Q. Thank you, Mr Glen. You have made a couple of 13 statements and you have a file in front of you. You may 14 not need it. But if you go to the first tab, you will 15 see there is a statement that you made to this inquiry 16 in January of this year, and there must be about 17 20 lines of history of your career, Mr Glen? 18 A. That's right. That's correct. 19 Q. Just give us a potted outline, if you wouldn't mind? 20 A. Without wishing to bore the inquiry too much, I joined 21 the Metropolitan Police in March 1963, served some time 22 in South London before moving on to Scotland Yard, 23 where, as a sergeant, I was undertaking operational 24 research in a branch called A2(1). From there, I took 25 promotion and became an inspection and transferred from</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 75</p>	<p>1 Scotland Yard to Bow Street Police Station. 2 In August 1977, I transferred from Bow Street to 3 Clubs Office at West End Central and remained for some 4 nine months to a year, undertaking a variety of duties 5 involving obscene publications and vice. From then, 6 I moved on back to Vine Street and back to 7 Scotland Yard, where, again, I was undertaking 8 operational research. Then I eventually went to 9 Marylebone as an inspector, promoted to chief inspector, 10 and served at Clapham. I then served at Brixton as the 11 complaints chief inspector, and then moved on from there 12 back to Scotland Yard, where I was discipline chief 13 inspector in a branch called CIB3. 14 Q. Yes, Complaints Investigation Bureau? 15 A. Yes, I was -- I did complaints -- I was the complaints 16 chief inspector at Brixton and then moved on from there 17 to Scotland Yard doing purely discipline, disciplining 18 police officers. 19 Q. CIB3 in particular, what was its remit? 20 A. Its remit really was we received all the bundles, all 21 the files, for investigations into police officers where 22 it was believed that there was either criminal action 23 required or, in fact, discipline action was required. 24 We had two chief inspectors. I was one of the chief 25 inspectors undertaking, basically, prosecutions against</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 76</p>

1 **police officers.**
 2 Q. Was it limited to corruption or misconduct in public
 3 office, that kind of --
 4 **A. It was a wide range of things. Certainly sometimes**
 5 **corruption, a whole range of things.**
 6 Q. So you retired as a superintendent --
 7 **A. I retired as a superintendent.**
 8 Q. -- in 1994?
 9 **A. In 1994, that's correct.**
 10 Q. I'd like your help, please, with the Clubs Office. You
 11 have already mentioned it, but I would like to
 12 understand something about how it operated. The
 13 reference I am really looking at is in your inquiry
 14 statement at paragraph 5. I'd like to know, please,
 15 first of all, what the Clubs Office dealt with and where
 16 it was located?
 17 **A. Well, Clubs Office was a specialised office set up at**
 18 **West End Central dealing with a whole range of aspects**
 19 **that basically uniformed officers didn't deal with.**
 20 **Now, we were -- the officers in Clubs were uniform**
 21 **officers operating in plain clothes, and you principally**
 22 **had two sections. One was dealing with obscene**
 23 **publications --**
 24 Q. Can I just ask you, Mr Glen, to just slow down a smidge,
 25 because I'm detecting you're going a bit quick.

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1 **A. Inspector.**
 2 Q. Was there any particular reason for that, its
 3 uniqueness?
 4 **A. Not that I know of, no.**
 5 Q. Did it have any logical explanation that you can think
 6 about?
 7 **A. No.**
 8 Q. But it was unusual?
 9 **A. It was unusual. It was unique. I had never come across**
 10 **a setup like that before.**
 11 Q. How many -- so there was, what, the one chief
 12 superintendent?
 13 **A. We had one chief superintendent, we had two inspectors.**
 14 Q. Two inspectors?
 15 **A. And then you had possibly five or six sergeants**
 16 **operating within the two halves, and then there were**
 17 **constables, PCs, operating.**
 18 Q. When you say "the two halves", obscene publications and
 19 vice?
 20 **A. Obscene publications and vice, that's correct.**
 21 Q. And presumably a number of PCs?
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. Where did it operate out of, the Clubs Office?
 24 **A. Out of West End Central.**
 25 Q. Which was where?

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1 **A. I do beg your pardon.**
 2 Q. Because these poor ladies have to type everything that's
 3 being said.
 4 **A. Okay. One -- the Clubs Office was divided into two**
 5 **halves. One section was dealing with obscene**
 6 **publications within the West End -- bookshops, cinemas,**
 7 **a whole range of different other aspects; and the other**
 8 **half was dealing with vice. Now, vice was viewed as**
 9 **living on immoral earnings, prostitution, gaming,**
 10 **overseeing supervision of clubs, and a lot of other**
 11 **aspects that basically uniform officers didn't deal**
 12 **with, we dealt with in Clubs Office. That's principally**
 13 **the main aim of Clubs.**
 14 **But it was uniform officers operating in plain**
 15 **clothes.**
 16 Q. I am, again, still looking at your paragraph 5 of your
 17 inquiry statement. So the statement you made earlier
 18 this year. Who was it, first of all, headed by, in
 19 terms of rank?
 20 **A. I think it would be safe to say it was unique. We had**
 21 **a chief superintendent in charge, but the next rank down**
 22 **were inspectors. There was no superintendent, there was**
 23 **no chief inspector.**
 24 Q. So headed by a chief superintendent, and so the next
 25 rank down was an inspector?

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1 **A. Savile Row.**
 2 Q. During your time -- again, I'm looking at your
 3 paragraph 5 -- who was the chief superintendent?
 4 **A. The original chief superintendent, when I first joined**
 5 **Clubs, was -- we had a new guy who had arrived called**
 6 **Tom Parry. I think he had come from Liverpool.**
 7 **Obviously as a chief superintendent you're in charge of**
 8 **both halves of the office.**
 9 Q. So he was in charge, he was the overall command?
 10 **A. Yes, he was the overall command, that's correct.**
 11 Q. And you remembered that there was a time -- and we have
 12 to remember that you were within the office, you told
 13 us, from -- what was it, August 1977?
 14 **A. That's right.**
 15 Q. For about nine to 12 months?
 16 **A. That's right.**
 17 Q. So sometime during that period, August 1977, when you
 18 were there for nine to 12 months, Tom Parry disappeared
 19 off to Hong Kong for a few weeks?
 20 **A. Yes, he did, that's correct.**
 21 Q. Was that a posting or --
 22 **A. I don't know, but he went -- whether it was a holiday or**
 23 **not, I don't know, but I distinctly remember him going**
 24 **to Hong Kong.**
 25 Q. While he was away, did a temporary chief superintendent

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1 come in and you will remember his name?
 2 **A. That's correct, Neil Diver.**
 3 Q. Neil Diver. He'd come in from Vine Street?
 4 **A. He'd come in from Vine Street. He had previously, prior**
 5 **to my time, been Chief Superintendent of Clubs and he**
 6 **had left -- obviously Mr Parry had come in to take up**
 7 **the post, and, as it was in those days, you went back to**
 8 **your original posting and he went back as Chief**
 9 **Superintendent Vine Street. But what happened was the**
 10 **fact that when Mr Parry was away, Neil Diver was asked**
 11 **basically to keep a watching brief and supervise.**
 12 Q. So, thinking back now, what's your impression of how
 13 long Neil Diver was around? I will come back to when he
 14 left and why he left, but in your mind's eye, how long
 15 was he around?
 16 **A. Are we talking about Clubs Office --**
 17 Q. While you were working in the Clubs Office as the
 18 incoming chief superintendent taking over from
 19 Tom Parry?
 20 **A. He was -- I would say about three weeks, three to four**
 21 **weeks, no more.**
 22 Q. So a fairly short period of time?
 23 **A. Yes. But if I could add to that, he was also the**
 24 **divisional chief superintendent running Vine Street, so**
 25 **he was merely ad hoc, coming in from time to time just**

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1 **supervising.**
 2 Q. Does that mean he was still running operations at
 3 Vine Street?
 4 **A. Yes, that's correct.**
 5 Q. So he had a dual role?
 6 **A. Yes, he did.**
 7 Q. Did you -- before I come on, but I just want to ask
 8 a general question about the kind of work that you might
 9 have been involved with or knew about when you were in
 10 the Clubs Office. Were you aware of Piccadilly Circus
 11 and the "meat rack", as it was called?
 12 **A. Yes.**
 13 Q. The "meat rack", was that a term, or the "chicken rack",
 14 a term that you had heard at the time?
 15 **A. Yes, I knew about it. The terminology is a bit odd, but**
 16 **I'm afraid, yes, it's where rent boys, as we knew it,**
 17 **gathered.**
 18 Q. In general terms -- I'm not going to ask you about this
 19 specifically, perhaps apart from one further question,
 20 or two, but what was the sort of age of the boys who
 21 would prostitute themselves in the Piccadilly Circus
 22 area?
 23 **A. I think a lot of people think that the "meat rack", as**
 24 **it was referred to, was a Dickensian type of place where**
 25 **young lads ran around. It wasn't like that at all,**

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1 **actually. The majority of the boys that I knew about**
 2 **were either mid teens to late teens, and I would add**
 3 **that I was a duty officer at Vine Street prior to going**
 4 **to Clubs Office and I had what we called a relief, which**
 5 **is a shift, of about 18 to 20 officers, and one of**
 6 **the beats we had was around by Piccadilly Circus.**
 7 Q. You're a uniformed PC at the time?
 8 **A. As a uniform inspector, I was a duty officer at**
 9 **Vine Street, and that was just around the corner -- it's**
 10 **a little road off Swallow Street; it possibly doesn't**
 11 **exist. We would regularly have officers bring in young**
 12 **boys they had found, possibly they'd run away from home,**
 13 **in the area of Piccadilly Circus, and they were brought**
 14 **in to Vine Street. It was quite common.**
 15 Q. What was the youngest that you remember?
 16 **A. I don't know. I can't -- they certainly weren't**
 17 **tremendously young, but I suppose you were talking**
 18 **about, you know, 13-, 14-year-olds, something like that,**
 19 **who had possibly run away from home.**
 20 Q. Do you remember -- it is a question I have asked other
 21 former officers -- when boys of mid teens, even to late
 22 teens, were brought in, having been perhaps plucked from
 23 that area in Piccadilly Circus, were Social Services
 24 engaged?
 25 **A. Occasionally, yes. Yes.**

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1 Q. And occasionally, because ...?
 2 **A. Because these children were in need of care.**
 3 Q. What circumstances would there be when there was no need
 4 for Social Services to be involved?
 5 **A. Where there was straightforward -- where they had run**
 6 **away from home, for example. It could be another police**
 7 **service involved, where, you know, we'd check and find**
 8 **that the child or young person is wanted, and we would**
 9 **contact other police services or contact parents and**
 10 **they would come and collect them.**
 11 Q. But they wouldn't be allowed back onto the street?
 12 **A. No. No, no, no, because you had to provide a safe**
 13 **place, a safe environment, really.**
 14 Q. Remind us, if you would, so that I am clear, and
 15 everybody else is, what was your rank in August 1977
 16 when you joined the Clubs Office?
 17 **A. Inspector.**
 18 Q. You were an inspector?
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 Q. Now, Cyril Smith, you obviously know about him. I want
 21 to ask you this, please: when you were on the Clubs
 22 Office, did he come within your area of operations?
 23 **A. Yes, as far as the Vice Unit was concerned.**
 24 Q. Right. Can we try and date this. Is this within that
 25 window of nine to 12 months?

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1 **A. Yes. I joined in August of '77, so I suppose we're**
 2 **looking at -- I did four to five months in the Obscene**
 3 **Publications and then I transferred -- it was**
 4 **basically -- the inspectors would just go back to their**
 5 **stations, so I took up the place of one of the other**
 6 **inspectors who had gone back to ordinary duty. So**
 7 **I would imagine it must have been maybe January/February**
 8 **time of '78.**
 9 Q. At which time Cyril Smith was an MP in parliament?
 10 **A. Yes, that's correct.**
 11 Q. What was the nature of the operation into him?
 12 **A. We were, certainly one of my teams, conducting covert,**
 13 **very much covert, observations on Cyril Smith -- and**
 14 **I think certainly other people were involved -- as far**
 15 **as their involvement with small boys.**
 16 Q. You said "one of your teams". Were you ever involved in
 17 any of the observations?
 18 **A. If there was a problem, I'd go out. But invariably, no,**
 19 **because I was there to supervise all the teams. But, as**
 20 **I say, if there was difficulty or there was something**
 21 **that I needed to see, then I would go out.**
 22 Q. What was the nature of the covert inquiry? Was it
 23 observation?
 24 **A. Yes, observations, follows and evidence gathering,**
 25 **basically.**

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1 Q. So static, you have officers, to use the parlance,
 2 plotted up on a location and observing what's going on,
 3 and a follow is, if the subject, the target, moves, you
 4 move with it?
 5 **A. That's correct.**
 6 Q. As you recall it now, how many of your officers did you
 7 have involved in individual observations of that nature?
 8 Would it be a team of two or several teams or what?
 9 **A. It would be a team of -- as far as I can recall, one**
 10 **sergeant and two PCs. It might have been at the time**
 11 **just one -- depending obviously on the size and nature**
 12 **of the operation.**
 13 Q. Observing on foot or from cars or a bit of both or what?
 14 **A. Both.**
 15 Q. At the same time?
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 Q. Can we forget about North London for the moment, because
 18 we will hear about that tomorrow.
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 Q. I want your memory, to the best of your ability.
 21 **A. Yes.**
 22 Q. What do you remember, when you were the inspector and
 23 you were in charge of these surveillance teams, what was
 24 Cyril Smith observed to be doing?
 25 **A. If I could just add to that, it was the policy of**

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1 Q. Whereabouts were these surveillance operations? Where
 2 in London?
 3 **A. I was aware of the observations certainly in and around**
 4 **the West End, and I seem to recall -- and I -- obviously**
 5 **I'm now aware -- I seem to recall it was somewhere in**
 6 **North London, they were particularly interested in**
 7 **premises in North London. But I couldn't exactly recall**
 8 **where. But having read other statements, I'm now aware**
 9 **it was Kilburn.**
 10 Q. What you are referring to, I suspect -- and I want you
 11 to be careful about this, so that, as it were, you have
 12 perhaps not taken something from what someone else has
 13 said --
 14 **A. Precisely.**
 15 Q. -- and, as it were, substituted your own memory for it?
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 Q. Or had it substitute your own memory for it. You are
 18 referring to statements that you have been permitted to
 19 read of Paul Holmes and Malcolm Sinclair?
 20 **A. That's correct, yes.**
 21 Q. Put those to one side for the moment, though, because we
 22 will be hearing from them tomorrow. But the operations,
 23 the covert operations, you said they involved what,
 24 presumably static surveillance and mobile surveillance?
 25 **A. Yes.**

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1 **the inspector in charge of the teams to obviously meet**
 2 **up with the teams at regular intervals to see what work**
 3 **they were doing, what evidence they'd gathered, and**
 4 **I met up with the team who was undertaking the**
 5 **observations as far as Cyril Smith was concerned.**
 6 **I particularly remember meeting up with them and looking**
 7 **at the evidence they had, and it was quite clear there**
 8 **was good evidence to suggest that Cyril Smith was**
 9 **involved in some form of obscenities with young boys.**
 10 Q. What does that mean?
 11 **A. In other words, he was seen going into -- he was seen in**
 12 **the company of young boys, seen entering property -- and**
 13 **I say, I mustn't mention what other people have got in**
 14 **their statements, but this is the evidence that was**
 15 **relayed to me.**
 16 Q. Can we be clear: did you, yourself, ever see Cyril Smith
 17 on any observation?
 18 **A. No.**
 19 Q. So we are reliant, of course, on what other officers
 20 told you that they had seen --
 21 **A. That's correct.**
 22 Q. -- when you debriefed them?
 23 **A. That's correct.**
 24 Q. As you mentioned it in passing, Paul Holmes and
 25 Malcolm Sinclair, before you read the statements, had

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<p>1 you ever actually known them?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. Were they on your team?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. So there is that link, at least --</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. -- that, if they were on your team, what they will tell</p> <p>8 us tomorrow could be related to what you are telling us</p> <p>9 now?</p> <p>10 A. If they remember me, yes.</p> <p>11 Q. If they remember you. But you remember them?</p> <p>12 A. I remember them, yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Malcolm Sinclair was a sergeant?</p> <p>14 A. Yes, he was.</p> <p>15 Q. Paul Holmes was an experienced vice PC?</p> <p>16 A. Very experienced.</p> <p>17 Q. And Sergeant Sinclair, as he was, came on the team and</p> <p>18 I think he says, and you will have read this, that he</p> <p>19 found Paul Holmes's experience invaluable?</p> <p>20 A. Yes, that's correct.</p> <p>21 Q. And that Paul Holmes was someone with a photographic</p> <p>22 memory?</p> <p>23 A. That's correct.</p> <p>24 Q. We will probably hear that from them tomorrow. But your</p> <p>25 takeout from what your team was telling you, and this</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 89</p>	<p>1 includes, do we understand, Holmes and Sinclair?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. They were on the team, they were the observation team,</p> <p>4 that they had seen Cyril Smith engaged, I think you</p> <p>5 said, in obscenities with -- did you say young boys, or</p> <p>6 small boys?</p> <p>7 A. Certainly -- you know, it's some 40 years ago.</p> <p>8 Q. Of course.</p> <p>9 A. Very difficult. Certainly, as far as I can recall, it</p> <p>10 was young boys. Now, how young, I don't know. I can't</p> <p>11 comment any further on that.</p> <p>12 Q. Can you tell us any more about the nature of</p> <p>13 the evidence that was presented to you? Was it, for</p> <p>14 example, Cyril Smith picking up boys in cars or was it</p> <p>15 anything more direct than that, or what?</p> <p>16 A. I can't honestly say. It may well have been. I don't</p> <p>17 know.</p> <p>18 Q. But there came a point where you felt that the team's</p> <p>19 observations were sufficient to justify the application</p> <p>20 for an arrest warrant?</p> <p>21 A. Yes. There was evidence there, clearly -- I gained from</p> <p>22 the team that there was evidence there that would</p> <p>23 justify the arrest of Cyril Smith.</p> <p>24 Q. And in order to make that application, was it something</p> <p>25 you, as an inspector, could do by running off to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 90</p>
<p>1 Bow Street yourself, or did you have to get</p> <p>2 authorisation?</p> <p>3 A. I would need, bearing in mind the sensitive nature of</p> <p>4 this particular arrest, then I certainly would have</p> <p>5 consulted the chief superintendent beforehand.</p> <p>6 Q. And who was the chief superintendent at that point?</p> <p>7 A. It was Neil Diver.</p> <p>8 Q. So because of what you understood to be the evidence</p> <p>9 against Cyril Smith, did you go and see Neil Diver?</p> <p>10 A. Yeah, just to enlighten you on this, every Monday</p> <p>11 morning, both myself, as the vice inspector, and the</p> <p>12 obscene publications inspector would meet with the chief</p> <p>13 superintendent, and we would discuss the various</p> <p>14 operations we had running, how advanced they were,</p> <p>15 whether there was any other work we were going to take</p> <p>16 on. It was a general kind of management meeting,</p> <p>17 really, with two inspectors and the chief</p> <p>18 superintendent.</p> <p>19 Q. Did you take that opportunity, or the opportunity of</p> <p>20 seeing him after a briefing?</p> <p>21 A. I did. I asked to see him alone.</p> <p>22 Q. What did you say to him?</p> <p>23 A. I told him that we had -- bearing in mind that he was</p> <p>24 there on a temporary basis, we had this operation</p> <p>25 running. It must have been running quite a few weeks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 91</p>	<p>1 As far as I was concerned, as the vice inspector, there</p> <p>2 was sufficient evidence there for me or one of the team</p> <p>3 to go and lay information before the chief magistrate at</p> <p>4 Bow Street to obtain a warrant for the arrest of</p> <p>5 Cyril Smith.</p> <p>6 Q. What was his reaction to that?</p> <p>7 A. Incredibly annoyed.</p> <p>8 Q. How did he show his annoyance?</p> <p>9 A. Really, he was angry, because he turned around and said</p> <p>10 to me that we should never have got involved in it, and</p> <p>11 it was of a far too political nature, it would cause</p> <p>12 political upheaval if we went ahead with the arrest of</p> <p>13 Cyril Smith, and we were told to stop.</p> <p>14 Q. So he was, as you put it in your paragraph 6 of your</p> <p>15 inquiry statement, bitterly opposed?</p> <p>16 A. Yes, he was, certainly.</p> <p>17 Q. What was your reaction to his reaction?</p> <p>18 A. Very, very annoyed.</p> <p>19 Q. Because?</p> <p>20 A. A tremendous amount of police time had gone into this.</p> <p>21 There was good evidence here. If it was anybody else,</p> <p>22 there was -- we would have gone out and obtained</p> <p>23 a warrant. But because he's an MP, there seemed to be</p> <p>24 this great reluctance to go any further, and that --</p> <p>25 I was very, very annoyed, and not only I was annoyed,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 92</p>

1 **because I went back and briefed the team, they were**
 2 **equally annoyed.**
 3 Q. And the team included Holmes and Sinclair?
 4 **A. Yes.**
 5 Q. Any other names that you remember?
 6 **A. Now I know -- yes. I couldn't remember who they were,**
 7 **but it was Holmes and Sinclair.**
 8 Q. Sinclair was a sergeant?
 9 **A. Yes.**
 10 Q. Holmes, as I have said already, was a constable?
 11 **A. Yes, that's right.**
 12 Q. What other sergeants do you remember by way of names?
 13 **A. There was Peter Lamb, Dick Griffin.**
 14 Q. We will come across some names later.
 15 **A. Shepherd. Yes.**
 16 Q. Checkley, perhaps, or --
 17 **A. Dave Checkley was an inspector.**
 18 Q. He was an inspector?
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 Q. You have seen Neil Diver. He has shown his annoyance
 21 and opposition --
 22 **A. That's correct.**
 23 Q. -- to the operation continuing, and you come away with
 24 the message, "That's the end of it"?
 25 **A. Yes.**

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1 Q. I think then you went, effectively, over Neil Diver's
 2 head?
 3 **A. I had to, yes.**
 4 Q. You spoke to a commander who I am not going to ask you
 5 to name.
 6 **A. I spoke to a commander. Bearing in mind to say that the**
 7 **structure of the office was such that I had nobody else**
 8 **I could turn to, apart from a commander.**
 9 Q. So we understand it, a commander, what rank is
 10 a commander, or was that commander?
 11 **A. Well, as far as counsel was concerned, assistant chief**
 12 **constable.**
 13 Q. The commander, who shall remain nameless, that you saw,
 14 he wasn't a Clubs Office officer?
 15 **A. No.**
 16 Q. Where was he? In Scotland Yard?
 17 **A. Each division had a commander in charge, and this**
 18 **particular individual was in charge of C Division.**
 19 Q. Presumably, you didn't get to see him on the same day as
 20 Neil Diver's decision?
 21 **A. No.**
 22 Q. Did you have to make an appointment?
 23 **A. I think I spoke to his clerk.**
 24 Q. When you saw the commander, did you tell him what had
 25 transpired?

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1 Q. What do you do? Who do you go to?
 2 **A. Due to the hierarchical structure of the Clubs Office,**
 3 **it was very difficult, because I would normally --**
 4 Q. I'm just going to stop you, because there is a name of
 5 an individual that I am not going to ask you --
 6 the commander, I am not going to ask you to name him.
 7 **A. I will just say --**
 8 Q. Before you do, did you go and speak to Dick Griffin? If
 9 you look at paragraph 7 of your inquiry statement at
 10 page 3 --
 11 **A. Yes, I've got it. Dick Griffin -- I thought Richard was**
 12 **in charge of that team. I couldn't remember who was in**
 13 **charge of the team. But it wasn't. It was obviously**
 14 **Malcolm Sinclair.**
 15 Q. What you said in your inquiry statement was:
 16 "Having been instructed by Mr Diver to shut the
 17 operation down, I contacted the sergeant responsible,
 18 who I think was Richard Griffin ..."
 19 **A. Yes, it wasn't. That should read "Malcolm Sinclair".**
 20 Q. On the basis that it was Malcolm Sinclair rather than
 21 Richard Griffin, what was the point in seeing him?
 22 **A. Well, because I think, as his supervisor, he had to be**
 23 **told that the operation had to be shut down.**
 24 Q. What was his reaction to you telling him that?
 25 **A. Equally annoyed as I was.**

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1 **A. Yes.**
 2 Q. What was his reaction to that?
 3 **A. His reaction, as far as I can recall, was that this is**
 4 **something that I needed to sort out with Mr Diver.**
 5 Q. Did he decline to get involved?
 6 **A. Yes.**
 7 Q. Was your impression that he didn't want to get involved?
 8 **A. Yes.**
 9 Q. Because Neil Diver had made his decision, and the
 10 commander wasn't going to intercede, was that the end of
 11 the line for the investigation?
 12 **A. Basically, yes, it was. The investigation finished.**
 13 **Having said that, of course we retained all the notes,**
 14 **all the evidence.**
 15 Q. What became of that?
 16 **A. Filed. It would be filed.**
 17 Q. Filed where?
 18 **A. Within Clubs Office.**
 19 Q. Did the Clubs Office continue, or did it ever shut down?
 20 **A. Clubs Office continued, I think, for some years. How**
 21 **long for, I don't know.**
 22 Q. But the records, if they exist, should have been
 23 somewhere within the Met's archives?
 24 **A. Yes, records in those days were kept for five to six**
 25 **years, the same as pocket books, and if there was no**

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1 **specific reason for retaining them, they would be**
 2 **destroyed.**
 3 Q. So, on the assumption that the operation had been shut
 4 down, certainly as far as Cyril Smith is concerned, and
 5 presumably nothing else had happened for five or six
 6 years, they would have been destroyed?
 7 **A. That's correct.**
 8 MR ALTMAN: Chair, I have been asked to pause the live feed
 9 for a moment.
 10 It is not your fault, Mr Glen.
 11 We will ask you to make a restriction order over the
 12 past few minutes, and the usual process will apply. So
 13 I will just wait.
 14 THE CHAIR: I will do that, Mr Altman.
 15 MR ALTMAN: All of this then happens during that short
 16 period when Neil Diver was the chief superintendent also
 17 in charge of the Clubs Office.
 18 **A. That's right. That's correct.**
 19 Q. Did Mr Parry return to his post after his few weeks in
 20 Hong Kong?
 21 **A. He eventually did, yes.**
 22 Q. Did you ever tell him what had happened?
 23 **A. Actually, I can't recall.**
 24 Q. Is it something you're likely to have done?
 25 **A. I might have done, yes. Yes.**

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1 Q. I think you've made it clear, Mr Glen, that your
 2 position is he deserved no special treatment?
 3 **A. No, exactly. He was a member of the public, like**
 4 **everybody else.**
 5 Q. You've mentioned Cyril Smith. Are there any other names
 6 of individuals who cropped up in that investigation?
 7 **A. Certainly there's names I read within statements --**
 8 Q. I don't want you to --
 9 **A. -- but not that I was aware of at the time, no.**
 10 Q. That's why I'm asking you the question.
 11 **A. Not that I was aware of at the specific time.**
 12 Q. So at the time that you were the inspector on the Clubs
 13 Office, the other names -- we will come to these
 14 tomorrow -- apart from Cyril Smith's --
 15 **A. Were unknown to me.**
 16 Q. -- were unknown to you?
 17 **A. Yes.**
 18 Q. All right. I'm on paragraph 9 of your inquiry
 19 statement, just to get your eye in, as it were, Mr Glen.
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 Q. I want to ask you, please, about another investigation,
 22 this time at the Hilton Hotel in Park Lane?
 23 **A. That's correct.**
 24 Q. Did you have an operation running which involved
 25 observations at the rooftop bar at the hotel?

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1 Q. But you have no recollection --
 2 **A. I can't recall.**
 3 Q. You say his name was Tom Parry?
 4 **A. Tom Parry, yes. He had transferred from Liverpool.**
 5 Q. You said. If the operation hadn't been shut down and
 6 had it gone in the way that you would have wanted, you
 7 would have applied for a warrant for the arrest of
 8 Cyril Smith?
 9 **A. Yes, it was my intention to go and get a warrant that**
 10 **week, to go to Bow Street, lay information before the**
 11 **chief magistrate and obtain a warrant.**
 12 Q. What would the nature of the charge have been and what
 13 would the nature of the information that you would have
 14 laid been?
 15 **A. Certainly, the warrant was based on indecency with**
 16 **children.**
 17 Q. But as general as that or more specific?
 18 **A. I don't know. I think it may well have been more**
 19 **specific. But I can't recall how specific.**
 20 Q. Had you successfully arrested him, would you have
 21 interviewed him under caution?
 22 **A. Certainly, yes, he would have been interviewed under**
 23 **caution.**
 24 Q. And decisions would have been made based on that?
 25 **A. Yes.**

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1 **A. That's correct.**
 2 Q. The prime focus of interest being the manager?
 3 **A. Yes.**
 4 Q. Observing him, because you'd received information that
 5 he would provide high-class escorts or prostitutes for
 6 clients and guests at the hotel?
 7 **A. That's correct.**
 8 Q. Had the team become aware that rooms were being kept
 9 vacant on the floor immediately below the bar in order
 10 to make them available for escorts and their clients?
 11 **A. That's correct.**
 12 Q. The information was, the manager was clearly involved?
 13 **A. Yes.**
 14 Q. If not running the show, presumably?
 15 **A. That's correct.**
 16 Q. Was this series of observations being conducted during
 17 Mr Diver's tenure as temporary chief superintendent of
 18 the Clubs Office while you were there?
 19 **A. Yes, it was.**
 20 Q. So, as you say in the last line of paragraph 9, both
 21 incidents -- the Cyril Smith incident and this
 22 incident -- were in that tiny window?
 23 **A. That's correct.**
 24 Q. What you say is, in your paragraph 10:
 25 "Again, either that week or the week after the

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1 Cyril Smith investigation had been shut down, in the
 2 Monday briefing, Mr Diver told the team that [you] must
 3 close the [Hilton Hotel] investigation immediately."
 4 You thought in this instance the sergeant on that
 5 case was Peter Lamb?
 6 **A. Yes. Again, I may well have got the name of**
 7 **the sergeant wrong.**
 8 Q. He was annoyed, whoever the sergeant was, because time
 9 and effort had been spent on that investigation?
 10 **A. Yes. What we used to do, as far as observations are**
 11 **concerned, you'd -- if we had information come in or**
 12 **a complaint, then we'd go and do what's called**
 13 **a provisional observation, and it might be based over**
 14 **two or three days, it might be based over a longer**
 15 **period, depending on what we're dealing with. And you**
 16 **looked at it from a provisional point of view.**
 17 **Once you thought, yes, there's a job here, then you**
 18 **actually went in and did the specific job, and you were**
 19 **there for possibly a week or two weeks, making your**
 20 **notes and putting everything together so we had**
 21 **sufficient evidence to support a case.**
 22 Q. In the case of the Hilton, that two or three days was,
 23 what, a provisional observation?
 24 **A. Yes, I think it was provisional.**
 25 Q. While you've got it in mind, in the Cyril Smith case,

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1 Q. Did you discover something from the sergeant, whether it
 2 was Peter Lamb or another sergeant --
 3 **A. Yes.**
 4 Q. -- about a relationship Mr Diver may have had with the
 5 Hilton Hotel?
 6 **A. What I did -- I'd add to that and say that, having told**
 7 **the sergeant that the observation must be closed down,**
 8 **he asked if -- and it must have been provisional -- if**
 9 **he could continue and finish the provisional observation**
 10 **so at least we would have evidence to put away that we**
 11 **could come back to at a later date, and I went basically**
 12 **against what I was told and I told him, yes, "It's going**
 13 **to last" -- I think it was another two or three days,**
 14 **"Finish it, put it away, leave it", and that's the**
 15 **instructions I gave.**
 16 Q. So Mr Lamb and/or officers under his command continued
 17 a few more days' observations, going behind --
 18 **A. Yes, without the knowledge of the chief superintendent.**
 19 Q. Yes, going behind Diver's back?
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 Q. As a result of that, did Mr Lamb or whoever the sergeant
 22 was tell you something pretty irregular that they'd
 23 seen?
 24 **A. Yes. I was in the charge room at West End Central in**
 25 **the early hours of the morning. I think I'd arrested**

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1 have you any sense now of how long the observations had
 2 taken in that investigation?
 3 **A. I don't know. I've got a funny feeling it was over**
 4 **quite a long period. It wasn't just provisional. It**
 5 **was the actual observation itself. They'd gone past**
 6 **the provisional stage. Whereas the Hilton, as far as**
 7 **I can recall, it was still provisional.**
 8 Q. Did Mr Diver give you any reason why he was shutting
 9 down the Hilton Hotel operation?
 10 **A. Not a reason that would satisfy me, no. Basically,**
 11 **I think we were told that there was far more important**
 12 **work to get on with, something like that -- it was**
 13 **basically an excuse -- and we should leave the work and**
 14 **leave that particular job and go out and get some other**
 15 **assignment. It was something like that. It was a very**
 16 **wishy-washy reason for closing it down.**
 17 Q. In relation to Cyril Smith, you told us he was angry?
 18 **A. Yes.**
 19 Q. And bitterly opposed?
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 Q. Was his reaction similar or not in relation to --
 22 **A. Not quite as bad, no --**
 23 Q. Not as bad.
 24 **A. -- but clearly it was very pointed to the fact that we**
 25 **had to stop the observation.**

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1 **a man for living on immoral earnings. I was confronted**
 2 **in the charge room by the sergeant, who said he needed**
 3 **to speak to me urgently. I remember having -- getting**
 4 **somebody to look after the prisoner and going outside,**
 5 **and I was told that they had continued the observation**
 6 **in the roof bar at the Hilton and, while they had been**
 7 **sitting there at the back, Chief Superintendent Diver**
 8 **had come in and was in conversation, quite a lengthy**
 9 **conversation, with the rooftop -- with the bar manager,**
 10 **who was our prime suspect.**
 11 Q. Which, of course, would lead to certain suspicions?
 12 **A. Yes.**
 13 Q. Do you know what time of day that observation was?
 14 **A. Early hours of the morning. It must have been -- it**
 15 **could have been between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning.**
 16 **The majority of our work in Clubs Office operated around**
 17 **late at night and the early hours of the morning.**
 18 Q. And of course Mr Diver would have thought that the
 19 observations had finished?
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 Q. Because that's what he ordered you to do?
 22 **A. Precisely.**
 23 Q. From your experience of Mr Diver, did he have
 24 a nocturnal existence outside the police station?
 25 **A. Yes.**

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<p>1 Q. Without perhaps being too unkind, what did that involve?</p> <p>2 A. I think it would be safe to say he was very alcohol</p> <p>3 dependent.</p> <p>4 Q. Did he disappear from the police station in the</p> <p>5 evenings, from your experience, and turn up in the early</p> <p>6 hours?</p> <p>7 A. One of the things, as a superintendent or chief</p> <p>8 superintendent -- in the majority of divisions, and</p> <p>9 whether it goes on now, I don't know -- in the</p> <p>10 Metropolitan Police, is that every night we had a late</p> <p>11 senior duty officer, and it could be a superintendent,</p> <p>12 it could be a chief superintendent. And you worked</p> <p>13 between the hours of 6.00 pm to 2.00 am, and you were</p> <p>14 there to deal with major incidents or any problems that</p> <p>15 occurred in your division. You were purely there as</p> <p>16 a consultant, basically: they could come to you and ask</p> <p>17 advice.</p> <p>18 It was the kind of routine for Mr Diver to leave the</p> <p>19 station possibly about 7.00 pm in the evening when he</p> <p>20 was late senior, not in uniform but in plain clothes,</p> <p>21 and would disappear.</p> <p>22 Q. You say in your statement at paragraph 14:</p> <p>23 "It is a great shame, as I believe Chief</p> <p>24 Superintendent Diver, when sober, was a very competent</p> <p>25 officer ..."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 105</p>	<p>1 A. Yes, I had worked with him in the past.</p> <p>2 Q. And you had worked with him in the past?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. But at this point in time, when he shut down the</p> <p>5 Cyril Smith operation, how was your relationship at that</p> <p>6 point?</p> <p>7 A. Pretty poor.</p> <p>8 Q. Up to that point, how was it? In other words, was it</p> <p>9 the Cyril Smith thing that made the relationship poor or</p> <p>10 was it -- had it already become poor?</p> <p>11 A. I think it would be reasonable to say we had quite</p> <p>12 a good working relationship from an</p> <p>13 inspector-cum-chief superintendent point of view.</p> <p>14 Q. Are you saying it was the Cyril Smith event which</p> <p>15 changed the nature of that relationship?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. Had you been friends or was it just a professional</p> <p>18 relationship?</p> <p>19 A. No, professional relationship.</p> <p>20 Q. Now, in paragraph 13, you actually date when you left</p> <p>21 the Clubs Office as being 23 February --</p> <p>22 A. 23 February.</p> <p>23 Q. -- '78?</p> <p>24 A. Yes, that's right.</p> <p>25 Q. So that accounts for the August -- so</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 106</p>
<p>1 August 1977/February 1978?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. So that's our window for when you were there. You</p> <p>4 returned to Vine Street as a uniformed inspector?</p> <p>5 A. That's right.</p> <p>6 Q. And of course Mr Diver, because he had this dual role,</p> <p>7 was still the chief superintendent there or not?</p> <p>8 A. I don't think he had a dual role then because another</p> <p>9 chief superintendent would have taken over.</p> <p>10 Q. Parry?</p> <p>11 A. Whether George Parry was still there or not, I don't</p> <p>12 know.</p> <p>13 Q. You called him George?</p> <p>14 A. Sorry, Tom Parry.</p> <p>15 Q. It's interesting you say that, because there is</p> <p>16 a George Parry?</p> <p>17 A. Sorry, Tom Parry not George Parry.</p> <p>18 Q. Did he have a middle name?</p> <p>19 A. No, I don't know. I knew him as Tom Parry.</p> <p>20 Q. I've seen reference to a George Parry. Are they one and</p> <p>21 the same person?</p> <p>22 A. I don't think so. I'm convinced his name was Tom Parry.</p> <p>23 Q. So he had left the Clubs Office by February 1978. He</p> <p>24 was back at Vine Street doing his full-time --</p> <p>25 A. Chief Superintendent Diver was then chief superintendent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 107</p>	<p>1 at Vine Street, and his role -- his participation in</p> <p>2 Clubs Office was finished.</p> <p>3 Q. Was he still behaving in the way that you described</p> <p>4 a little earlier?</p> <p>5 A. I think it would be safe to say him and I didn't get on.</p> <p>6 Q. What about in terms of his nocturnal disappearances in</p> <p>7 plain clothes?</p> <p>8 A. Well, that went on -- that used to go on quite</p> <p>9 regularly. You know, it was -- to the point of</p> <p>10 embarrassment.</p> <p>11 Q. Embarrassment to whom?</p> <p>12 A. Embarrassment to myself, certainly my staff in the</p> <p>13 police station, because he regularly used to come back</p> <p>14 drunk.</p> <p>15 Q. Now, at paragraph 15 of your inquiry statement, please.</p> <p>16 You then deal with events in July 1979. You say you</p> <p>17 transferred from Vine Street back to A2(1)?</p> <p>18 A. A2(1), yes, field office.</p> <p>19 Q. Remind us, what was A2(1)?</p> <p>20 A. We used to do -- it was operational research looking at</p> <p>21 new methods of policing, new equipment, police radios,</p> <p>22 for example, new types of cars, no methods of policing</p> <p>23 which possibly may be experimental, and that's what we</p> <p>24 used to operate.</p> <p>25 Q. You say there it was within a matter of weeks that you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 108</p>

1 received a call from the inspector of Vine Street, whose
 2 surname was Jones --
 3 **A. I think it was Jones.**
 4 Q. And you believed his first name to be Les?
 5 **A. I don't know -- I thought his name might be Les, but --**
 6 **I know he was -- he was quite -- in service, quite**
 7 **a senior inspector.**
 8 Q. There's another Jones whose name I have seen, an
 9 Eddie Jones. I suspect it is not him?
 10 **A. No, superintendent. He was a superintendent.**
 11 Q. So Les Jones is what you have in your mind?
 12 **A. I seem to think it was a fellow called Les Jones, but**
 13 **bearing in mind, again, it is 40-odd years ago, it is**
 14 **quite difficult to remember quite who it was.**
 15 Q. We understand. Let's not worry so much about his name
 16 or first name. What was it he told you?
 17 **A. Basically, he told me that Mr Diver, when he had been**
 18 **late senior, in other words, late senior duty officer,**
 19 **had -- he had -- in fact, the inspector had received**
 20 **a call while he was duty officer to the Regent Palace**
 21 **Hotel.**
 22 Q. Pause there. The Regent Palace Hotel at the time, that
 23 was right on top of Piccadilly Circus --
 24 **A. Yes.**
 25 Q. -- where the meat rack --

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1 **A. Neil Diver.**
 2 Q. Was he in the company of anyone?
 3 **A. According to the information I had, yes. He'd entered**
 4 **the reception area with a boy that they thought had come**
 5 **from the "meat rack".**
 6 Q. Now, you played no part in any of that?
 7 **A. No part whatsoever.**
 8 Q. So this was all information you received from --
 9 **A. It was all pure hearsay.**
 10 Q. -- Mr Jones?
 11 **A. Yes.**
 12 Q. When he told you it, was it face to face or on the
 13 phone?
 14 **A. On the phone. I was in the field office at the Yard.**
 15 **I remember receiving the phone call.**
 16 Q. So, in a sense, it had nothing to do with your present
 17 environment at work?
 18 **A. No, nothing whatsoever.**
 19 Q. But it was, perhaps, interesting information for you?
 20 **A. Yes, it was.**
 21 Q. Did you hear what became of Mr Diver?
 22 **A. Mr Diver was, so I understand, transferred overnight to**
 23 **Battersea.**
 24 Q. If the facts as told to you by -- let's assume it was
 25 Les Jones, were accurate, and Mr Diver had been caught

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1 **A. Yes, very close.**
 2 Q. What did he tell you?
 3 **A. He told me that, in the early hours of the morning, he'd**
 4 **received a call, a radio call, basically saying that**
 5 **there was a man detained in the Regent Palace Hotel and**
 6 **it was either for theft -- believed to be theft of**
 7 **a cheque or trying to pass a forged cheque. He attended**
 8 **together, I think, with the section sergeant. He may**
 9 **well have gone with the section sergeant.**
 10 **He went there. He saw the receptionist at the**
 11 **Regent Palace Hotel, and the receptionist related**
 12 **this -- the story of how this individual had come into**
 13 **the Regent Palace Hotel, tried to book a double room --**
 14 **I've forgotten what the name was, but certainly it**
 15 **wasn't the name of Diver, it was something else. In**
 16 **places like the Regent Palace Hotel, you had to pay**
 17 **upfront because they had so many people running off**
 18 **without paying, so you had to pay for the room before**
 19 **you actually got it. He wrote or attempted to write**
 20 **a cheque out, giving a false name, totally forgetting,**
 21 **of course, his name was printed on the chequebook.**
 22 **The receptionist or the reception staff called**
 23 **security and this individual was detained and held in**
 24 **the Regent Palace.**
 25 Q. Who was the individual?

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1 in such compromising circumstances, what ought to have
 2 happened to him?
 3 **A. Well --**
 4 Q. Not least because, although you had -- you certainly
 5 have had experience of CIB --
 6 **A. His conduct within the Force Discipline Code was conduct**
 7 **likely to bring disgrace upon the force. Basically, he**
 8 **should have been suspended and an investigating officer**
 9 **appointed.**
 10 Q. And it should have taken its course?
 11 **A. Yes.**
 12 Q. Certainly on a disciplinary level?
 13 **A. Yes.**
 14 Q. And on the face of what you were told by Mr Jones, there
 15 was potentially a criminal offence, or at least one?
 16 **A. Potential, yes.**
 17 Q. For using a forged cheque --
 18 **A. Yes.**
 19 Q. -- or forging a cheque?
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 Q. And whatever other offence might have dropped out of
 22 the circumstances in which he was trying to --
 23 **A. That's correct.**
 24 Q. -- book the room at the hotel?
 25 **A. Yes.**

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1 Q. In your paragraph 16, Mr Glen, you know that other
 2 officers haven't corroborated the allegations that you
 3 have made?
 4 **A. That's right.**
 5 Q. And you say, "I don't know why that would be", but you
 6 say:
 7 "The chain of events stick vividly in my mind, given
 8 how angry he was and how upset", talking about the
 9 Cyril Smith incident:
 10 "If others cannot remember, that is their position
 11 but at the time we worked in a culture where we did as
 12 we were told and you were not encouraged to question
 13 operational decisions made by senior officers."
 14 **A. No, I was an inspector and he was duty superintendent.**
 15 **If one rocked the boat too much, it would be very much**
 16 **viewed upon that you were there to cause trouble.**
 17 **But what I would add to that is that, you know, I've**
 18 **said here that, you know, people don't recall. The**
 19 **problem was, I couldn't recall Malcolm Sinclair and**
 20 **Paul Holmes. If I had remembered those, they may well**
 21 **have remembered me.**
 22 Q. Can I ask you to look at the document which I think is
 23 in your file behind tab 3, and I will ask for it to go
 24 up on screen, OHY005078.
 25 **A. Yes.**

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1 a couple of weeks of preliminary observations on more
 2 than one address and a further two weeks of more
 3 concentrated observations ..."
 4 Pausing there, that answers the question about how
 5 long this operation was?
 6 **A. Yes, it does. I know it ran for some time. It wasn't**
 7 **just one of these things where we did a 10-day**
 8 **observation on it.**
 9 Q. "... and as a result of having seen the surveillance
 10 logs and photographs, he was content that there was
 11 sufficient evidence that Smith was involved with
 12 underage boys, aged around 13/14 years, to apply for
 13 a warrant."
 14 **A. That was the case, yes.**
 15 Q. So it wasn't just observation logs, but there were also
 16 photos?
 17 **A. I seem to recall there were photos, yes.**
 18 Q. You will remember I asked you whether you had seen
 19 Cyril Smith yourself -- and I am not criticising you --
 20 but do you remember now whether there were photographs
 21 that you had seen of him, as it were, in flagrante
 22 delicto?
 23 **A. Certainly there were photographs of the observations.**
 24 **Exactly what they amounted to, I can't remember. All**
 25 **the photographs did, really, was reinforce the evidence.**

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1 Q. This is the note of a meeting that you had, it looks
 2 like with Operation Yewtree. Does that make sense to
 3 you, in 2012?
 4 **A. Yes, it does, yes.**
 5 Q. So this is 2012. If we can just expand the middle
 6 section, beginning "Approximately April/May" -- if you
 7 have a look on screen, it may be easier, Mr Glen.
 8 **A. Yes, okay. Yes.**
 9 Q. "Approximately April/May 1978, Inspector Glen authorised
 10 surveillance on Cyril Smith (member of
 11 the Liberal Party)."
 12 Now, can that date be right, in light of the fact
 13 that you left the Clubs Office on 23 February of that
 14 year?
 15 **A. No, I think the date is wrong. I have got to say,**
 16 **I can't -- I can't remember vividly kind of authorising**
 17 **this. I know the operation was running. Whether**
 18 **I authorised it or not, I don't know, but certainly the**
 19 **date would have been wrong.**
 20 Q. It can't be April/May 1977 either, can it, because you
 21 didn't start at the Clubs Office --
 22 **A. No, I didn't start until August.**
 23 Q. Beneath that, it reads:
 24 "Mr Glen cannot recall the provenance of
 25 the original intelligence, but states that after

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1 **That's why I felt there was sufficient evidence there to**
 2 **justify applying for a warrant.**
 3 Q. How did it come about, this interview with
 4 Operation Yewtree in 2012?
 5 **A. I saw something in the press that an investigation,**
 6 **I think, was being contemplated, and I phoned -- who did**
 7 **I phone? I phoned somebody involved in setting up the**
 8 **investigation and said, "If I can be of any assistance,**
 9 **because I've got some evidence that might be useful".**
 10 Q. What was it you saw in the press?
 11 **A. Oh, it was just a -- I don't know. What drew my**
 12 **attention to it was a photograph of Cyril Smith.**
 13 Q. Was the --
 14 **A. A photograph of Cyril Smith, and there was basically**
 15 **various allegations being made and the fact that there**
 16 **was -- it's very difficult. I can't recall exactly what**
 17 **it said, but I have a funny feeling it was something**
 18 **about the possibility of setting up some form of inquiry**
 19 **or investigation.**
 20 Q. Can I ask you this question, which I am sure you will
 21 feel is a fairly obvious one, but between, let's say,
 22 1978, when the Cyril Smith operation was shut down, the
 23 Hilton Hotel incident occurred under the supervision,
 24 let's say, of Neil Diver, and all of these years pass
 25 until 2012, when potentially you saw an image of

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1 Cyril Smith, and Operation Yewtree speak to you, why
 2 didn't you report these clear concerns you had about the
 3 shutting down of two operations, one in relation to
 4 a person of public prominence, in the intervening years
 5 to any of the independent bodies as they, as it were,
 6 evolved into the IOPC over all those years?
 7 **A. I think you are quite right, and hindsight is**
 8 **a marvellous thing. Yes, looking at it now, I should**
 9 **have done. But I just felt that people weren't**
 10 **interested.**
 11 Q. I mean, for example, you retired in 1994?
 12 **A. Yes.**
 13 Q. So you had nothing to lose?
 14 **A. No, that's right. Perfectly correct.**
 15 Q. After your retirement.
 16 **A. Yes, I could have done, but I felt it was water under**
 17 **the bridge. It was such a long while ago that nobody**
 18 **would be interested.**
 19 Q. With that by way of background, and coming then to 2012
 20 and your approach to Operation Yewtree, what had
 21 changed?
 22 **A. What had changed was that it had been brought to public**
 23 **attention. Prior to that, even -- you know, colleagues**
 24 **didn't really want to know.**
 25 MR ALTMAN: Thank you, Mr Glen. It is 1.00 pm. I am not

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1 the Hilton Hotel incident, where you were told that
 2 Mr Diver had been seen speaking to the manager?
 3 **A. That's correct.**
 4 Q. Then, in the last four lines, you say:
 5 "I recall contacting the CIB, the Complaints
 6 Investigation Bureau, and speaking to someone there
 7 raising my concerns about Mr Diver's behaviour and
 8 activities, but being told that, without very clear
 9 evidence, it was unlikely they could take anything
 10 further against a senior officer."
 11 Now, is that right? You did speak to CIB?
 12 **A. That's correct.**
 13 Q. Was it in relation just to the Hilton Hotel incident?
 14 **A. Yes.**
 15 Q. Did you mention the Cyril Smith investigation being shut
 16 down?
 17 **A. Not that I can recall, no.**
 18 Q. It was about Mr Diver's personal behaviour?
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 Q. All right. Thank you very much. Now, right at the back
 21 of your bundle, you will find the closing report for
 22 Operation Beech, and you will have had an opportunity,
 23 I expect, of having read through this, Mr Glen?
 24 **A. That's correct.**
 25 Q. Can we go to page 5, and put it up on the screen,

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1 finished with you quite yet. Hopefully not too much to
 2 go, but with the chair's permission, we will rise now
 3 for lunch and probably return at 2.00 pm.
 4 (1.00 pm)
 5 (The short adjournment)
 6 (2.00 pm)
 7 MR ALTMAN: Chair, before I continue with Mr Glen's
 8 evidence, you will remember during the course of his
 9 evidence I asked you to stop the live feed and invited
 10 you to make a restriction order, which you were minded
 11 to do. Can I undo all of that? It was out of an
 12 abundance of caution. We are not going to invite you to
 13 make a final restriction order and, therefore, there
 14 will be no redaction of the transcript or the live feed
 15 or the recording of these proceedings.
 16 I don't know if this is a sleuth by Mr O'Connor, but
 17 we has just told me that the live feed is not
 18 functioning momentarily, so I suspect I have to be stand
 19 here and wait to be told that it is working again. We
 20 are okay.
 21 Mr Glen, before I move on to ask you a few questions
 22 about the Operation Beech closing report which you will
 23 have seen, can I ask you to turn back to your inquiry
 24 witness statement, which is behind the first tab, and go
 25 to paragraph 12. You were there talking about I think

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1 IPC000838. You will see, if you are at the right page,
 2 the name "Richard Griffin"?
 3 **A. That's correct.**
 4 Q. He was one of the sergeants you mentioned originally in
 5 your statement, but you now think it was Sinclair?
 6 **A. Yes, I couldn't remember, but I strongly suspect it was**
 7 **Sinclair.**
 8 Q. Because if it was Mr Griffin or Sergeant Griffin, as he
 9 was, as we see in paragraph 23, in the last three lines,
 10 he stated categorically that he had never been involved
 11 in any such investigation or surveillance involving
 12 Smith --
 13 **A. That's correct.**
 14 Q. -- going on to say that he had not been aware at the
 15 time of any rumours or allegations involving him. He
 16 remembered you fondly as a colleague and a friend of
 17 whom he had immense respect, but he had nothing more to
 18 say, by the look of it.
 19 Peter Lamb, if we scroll down to paragraph 26,
 20 halfway down paragraph 26, was specifically asked if he
 21 recalled a police investigation that involved
 22 surveillance on Smith, or any investigation linked to
 23 a paedophile gang, while he was based at West End
 24 Central, and he said he wasn't aware. Does that
 25 surprise you, that he wasn't aware, if it was

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<p>1 Malcolm Sinclair who was involved?</p> <p>2 A. The nature of the operation I think was very covert, and</p> <p>3 it certainly was not passed around the office.</p> <p>4 Q. So would the information about it have been kept pretty</p> <p>5 tight?</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. In other words, the people who were privy to what was</p> <p>8 going on --</p> <p>9 A. That's correct.</p> <p>10 Q. -- that would have been kept tight?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. Then we see other names. At the foot of the page,</p> <p>13 David Biddle. Does that name mean anything to you?</p> <p>14 A. Yes, it does, yes. David Biddle was an inspector.</p> <p>15 Q. Would he have had any knowledge about this</p> <p>16 investigation? If you look at the foot of 29, if we can</p> <p>17 go to the top of the next page:</p> <p>18 "He was asked if he had ever been engaged in any</p> <p>19 operations whilst at West End Central that involved</p> <p>20 Members of Parliament and corruption and, more</p> <p>21 specifically, any MPS surveillance operations that</p> <p>22 focused on MPs. Biddle confirmed he was not aware of</p> <p>23 any investigations concerning politicians or</p> <p>24 corruption."</p> <p>25 A. He might not have been directly, but I've got</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 121</p>	<p>1 a recollection of confiding in somebody as to what had</p> <p>2 happened --</p> <p>3 Q. Of your rank?</p> <p>4 A. Yes, and speaking to my colleagues. Now, whether that</p> <p>5 was David Biddle, I can't remember.</p> <p>6 Q. What about David Stockley at paragraph 30? Does that</p> <p>7 name mean anything to you?</p> <p>8 A. Yes, it does.</p> <p>9 Q. What was his rank?</p> <p>10 A. David Stockley was an inspector as well.</p> <p>11 Q. Paragraph 31:</p> <p>12 "... asked if he remembered any investigations</p> <p>13 concerning prominent members of society and more</p> <p>14 specifically ... Cyril Smith ... responded that he did</p> <p>15 not have any knowledge of any investigations run by the</p> <p>16 Clubs Office relating to Cyril Smith or other prominent</p> <p>17 members of society."</p> <p>18 Again, would he necessarily have known, if you</p> <p>19 hadn't confided in him?</p> <p>20 A. No, he wouldn't.</p> <p>21 Q. Then there is someone by the name of</p> <p>22 Richard Whittington.</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. Did you know him?</p> <p>25 A. Yes, I know Richard Whittington.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 122</p>
<p>1 Q. What was his rank?</p> <p>2 A. Superintendent.</p> <p>3 Q. Would he have necessarily known of your operation?</p> <p>4 A. I can't comment on that. I don't know.</p> <p>5 Q. Let's have a look at what he said at paragraph 34:</p> <p>6 "... asked about his time in the Clubs Office and</p> <p>7 specifically if he recalled an investigation into</p> <p>8 child abuse linked to ... Cyril Smith ... He stated</p> <p>9 categorically that he had not worked on such an</p> <p>10 investigation, or any investigation, or inquiry that</p> <p>11 involved Smith. He further stated that he did not know</p> <p>12 of any investigation concerning Smith."</p> <p>13 At 35, he recalled working with you, Bob Glen. Did</p> <p>14 people know you as "Bob"?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. "... working at NSY [New Scotland Yard] when attached</p> <p>17 to ... A2(1)."</p> <p>18 A. Yes, that's correct.</p> <p>19 Q. At the bottom of that page, David Checkley, another</p> <p>20 inspector?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. Said he knew you, halfway down paragraph 40:</p> <p>23 "... could have worked [with you] when posted to</p> <p>24 [that] division in or around 1977."</p> <p>25 He described you as intelligent and articulate, but</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 123</p>	<p>1 never worked together directly?</p> <p>2 A. I have a strange feeling I'm going to add to that that</p> <p>3 David Checkley, when I left Clubs Office, took over from</p> <p>4 me, because I recall David being in Clubs Office at some</p> <p>5 stage.</p> <p>6 Q. What, as the inspector?</p> <p>7 A. As the inspector, yes.</p> <p>8 Q. But, like the others, Mr Checkley said he'd never dealt</p> <p>9 with and had no knowledge of any child abuse allegations</p> <p>10 regarding Smith or anyone else?</p> <p>11 A. No, he wouldn't.</p> <p>12 Q. Let's go to the next page, page 8. Do you remember</p> <p>13 I asked you about George Parry?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. You have been talking about a man called Tom Parry. In</p> <p>16 the first line of paragraph 42, it says:</p> <p>17 "Glen identified George Parry as the senior officer</p> <p>18 in charge of the Clubs Office when Diver had returned to</p> <p>19 Vine Street."</p> <p>20 Have we been talking about the same man or two</p> <p>21 men --</p> <p>22 A. It is the same man. I can't say definitely whether his</p> <p>23 name was George or Tom -- I've got a funny feeling his</p> <p>24 name was Tom, actually. I don't know. But certainly</p> <p>25 his name -- it was Chief Superintendent Parry.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 124</p>

1 Q. But he says in paragraph 43 that he identified that
 2 Clubs Office efforts were mostly directed at immoral
 3 earnings, pornography, monitoring casinos and late-night
 4 clubs and doesn't recall any mention of child abuse or
 5 any hints of corruption:
 6 "Parry said he was not at the Clubs Office very long
 7 before he was relieved by Chief Inspector Brian Sparkes.
 8 Parry makes no mention of Glen or Diver in his
 9 response."
 10 Brian Sparkes, did that name mean anything to you?
 11 **A. Yes, I know Brian Sparkes, or knew Brian Sparkes.**
 12 Q. Is it right that Brian Sparkes followed Parry into the
 13 office?
 14 **A. I don't know. I can't recall that.**
 15 Q. But it appears, if we look at the last few lines of
 16 paragraph 45:
 17 "From the information gathered, there is no
 18 suggestion that Sparkes would have known about the
 19 matters referred to by Glen. Glen does not identify
 20 Sparkes in any context and, based upon what is known,
 21 a decision was taken not to contact Sparkes in this
 22 inquiry."
 23 Presumably, that would be because either you didn't
 24 name him or he wasn't there during your time?
 25 **A. I knew Brian Sparkes, the chief superintendent, but his**

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1 would take the matter further on the officer's behalf.
 2 Importantly, he said that, as a commander, he would not
 3 have been in a position to take such a decision about an
 4 MP. He said he would have taken the matter further up
 5 the chain of command, indicating it would have been
 6 dealt with at a very senior level, almost certainly
 7 involving the commissioner and possibly Special Branch."
 8 So the effect of what he says, if we just go back to
 9 48 on the previous page at the bottom --
 10 **A. If I can answer this, my consultation with the commander**
 11 **lasted, I think, three or four minutes. Basically, what**
 12 **I wanted him to do was consult with the chief**
 13 **superintendent as to possibly why we've reached this**
 14 **situation, and he wouldn't do it. Basically --**
 15 **I remember distinctly basically saying, "It's something**
 16 **that you've got to sort out with the chief**
 17 **superintendent". I wouldn't quite say he was washing**
 18 **his hands of it, but as good as damn it.**
 19 Q. If we look at what he said to say to Operation Beech all
 20 these years after, probably the last two lines, he
 21 didn't recall you --
 22 **A. No.**
 23 Q. -- and said he didn't recall being involved in or
 24 consulted on any allegations involving Cyril Smith.
 25 **A. Yes.**

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1 **involvement in Clubs, I can't recall.**
 2 Q. Then there's a man called Denis Laurence. Does that
 3 name mean anything?
 4 **A. Yes. I seem to think it was Denis Laurie, as opposed to**
 5 **Denis Laurence, but ...**
 6 Q. He's identified as an officer who had been posted to
 7 West End Central attached to the Clubs Office sometime
 8 between 1974 and 1978, but it appears, looking at the
 9 last three lines:
 10 "... also asked if he recalled any suggestion that
 11 investigations were 'covered up' or 'not proceeded with'
 12 for corrupt purposes. He responded that he did not
 13 recall anything of that nature."
 14 **A. That's correct, yes.**
 15 Q. Then we deal with the unnamed commander. If we look,
 16 perhaps, at paragraph 49 and paragraph 50:
 17 "[He] recalled that Smith was a well-known MP at
 18 that time and always in the media. He said that, had
 19 such circumstances ever occurred, he would not have
 20 dealt with them in the 'cavalier way suggested by
 21 Glen'.
 22 I will come back to that in a moment:
 23 "He was asked to speculate on such circumstances and
 24 he said that in such a case he would have advised the
 25 officer to return to his duties, telling him that he

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1 Q. Do you think it is likely something somebody would
 2 forget?
 3 **A. I don't know. But certainly I take umbrage that he**
 4 **suggests a "cavalier way". It was far from cavalier,**
 5 **I can assure you.**
 6 Q. Let's come back to that, because if you look very
 7 carefully back at the paragraph in which it's quoted,
 8 paragraph 49, the sentence, or the report sentence,
 9 reads this way:
 10 "He said that, had such circumstances ever occurred,
 11 he would not have dealt with them in the 'cavalier way
 12 suggested by Glen'.
 13 What appears to be suggested is that you're saying,
 14 "I went to see him. He didn't want to get involved and
 15 suggested I go back to Diver and sort it out with him"?
 16 **A. Yes, precisely.**
 17 Q. Those are the circumstances, presumably, that this
 18 commander was saying to Operation Beech is not the way
 19 he would have dealt with the matter. In other words,
 20 that would have been cavalier, which leads to
 21 paragraph 50, when he was asked to speculate on those
 22 circumstances and how he would have acted, he would have
 23 advised, he says, you to return to your duties, that he
 24 would take the matter further on your behalf, and that,
 25 as a commander, he wouldn't have been in a position, in

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<p>1 any event, to take such a decision about an MP and would 2 have taken it higher up, to the commissioner and/or 3 Special Branch. 4 From your perspective, does that sound likely or 5 what that officer ought to have done? 6 A. It might be likely, but that's not what happened, I can 7 assure you, because I remember it. I remember speaking 8 to him. 9 Q. Mr Mahaffey, the former temporary detective 10 superintendent who has worked with the IOPC for many 11 years, or the IPCC as it was, gave evidence to us 12 yesterday, and when he was asked about these paragraphs, 13 he said that his interpretation of what the commander 14 was actually saying is to the effect of, "We needed to 15 think this through", and he also added, "I think perhaps 16 the commander's comments, he's thinking to himself, 17 'Well, hang on a minute, you know, we need to find out 18 a bit more about this. We need to understand fully what 19 we are doing', that's all". 20 Do you agree, from having read this, that that is 21 the effect, or was the effect, of what was going on 22 between you and the commander? 23 A. I certainly would have liked that to have had that 24 effect, but it didn't. 25 Q. Looking at what the commander said to Beech in</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 129</p>	<p>1 paragraph 50, he is suggesting to Beech, "This is what 2 I would have done if I had been approached with what 3 Bob Glen says I was approached with". You have no 4 doubt, you tell us, that you made this approach to him. 5 It was a short meeting, and he said what he said to you? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. Did any part -- 8 A. A very short meeting. 9 Q. So did any part of what he suggests he would have done 10 in paragraph 50, had he been approached, feature in the 11 discussion you had? 12 A. No. 13 Q. On the same page, Mr Glen, do you see under the heading 14 "Additional allegations", this deals with, first of all, 15 the Hilton Park Lane Hotel issue in paragraph 51. Then 16 at 52: 17 "Glen referred to an additional allegation that 18 Diver had been detained by security staff at the Regent 19 Palace Hotel whilst trying to gain access with a male 20 prostitute. Glen said he received this information from 21 an inspector at Vine Street Police Station by the name 22 of Les Jones. Jones could not be identified in this 23 inquiry. The receptionist at the hotel at the time of 24 the incident was Caroline Parfitt (now/nee 25 Tourell-Harris) who happened to be, by the look of it,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 130</p>
<p>1 an ex-police officer. 2 "Tourell-Harris was interviewed by the investigation 3 team and a statement was made. She recalled the 4 circumstances described and remembered that a police 5 warrant card had been produced. She was unable, 6 however, to identify Diver at any time as the suspect." 7 She recalled that some 12 months later, she was 8 contacted by a DI Alistair McClean from Professional 9 Standards who had asked her about the incident: 10 "She was unable to provide him with any further 11 details." 12 On the assumption she was talking about all those 13 years ago, does DI Alistair McClean from Professional 14 Standards mean anything to you? 15 A. I know the name, but Professional Standards are -- 16 I mean, we were CIB and Professional Standards didn't 17 exist when I was there. 18 Q. Are you saying that there was no such department as 19 Professional Standards -- 20 A. No -- 21 Q. -- it was all under the head of CIB? 22 A. -- it was all under the head -- it was CIB1 to CIB3. 23 Q. Paragraph 54: 24 "McClean was contacted and he confirmed he 25 remembered Diver being a chief superintendent at</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 131</p>	<p>1 Vine Street. He recalled being told about an incident 2 involving him at a hotel whilst in the company of 3 a young black boy ... said he had not been involved in 4 the incident and could offer nothing more. McClean 5 referred to retired officer Anne McDaid as a potential 6 witness. She was contacted and had no knowledge of 7 the hotel incident." 8 So we have a bizarre situation where the 9 receptionist at the time, who didn't identify Diver 10 herself but was actually involved, herself had been 11 a former -- or became a former police officer, it is not 12 entirely clear, but according to her, a year later she 13 is contacted by an officer from Professional Standards 14 and when that officer is contacted, he says he knows 15 nothing about it. I suppose you can't help us with any 16 of that? 17 A. I can't. I mean, my last dealings with this were when 18 I was in A2(1) at New Scotland Yard and having 19 a conversation on a telephone and that was the finish. 20 I took no further part in it whatsoever. 21 Q. If we go over the page, Mr Glen, to 55, then a man by 22 the name of Ian MacDonald makes contact with the Met 23 regarding the incident at the hotel and his statement is 24 obtained. It is not made clear how and why he made 25 contact, but he did. He identified that he knew Diver</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 132</p>

1 when Diver had been a superintendent at Battersea, so
 2 that's where he was shipped out?
 3 **A. Yes, he went back to Battersea as chief superintendent.**
 4 Q. Between '77 and '80. He was also aware that
 5 Tourell-Harris had been a uniformed police constable at
 6 Battersea. He was aware that Tourell-Harris had
 7 subsequently left the police service and took up
 8 a position as a receptionist at the Regent's Park Hotel.
 9 So by the time she's a receptionist --
 10 **A. Regent Palace. It says "Regent's Park".**
 11 Q. Yes, it should be "Regent Palace"; it reads
 12 "Regent's Park". The curiosity is, by the time she
 13 became a receptionist at that hotel, she had by then
 14 given up her occupation as a police officer, but she had
 15 worked at Battersea, which is where Diver went?
 16 **A. Went to as chief superintendent when he was transferred.**
 17 Q. He added, Mr MacDonald, that although he had worked at
 18 Battersea at the same time as Diver and Tourell-Harris,
 19 he didn't know either of them personally. But he
 20 recalled sometime between 1977 and 1987, while at
 21 Battersea, becoming aware of a rumour relating to Diver
 22 and Tourell-Harris. He didn't recall how or from whom
 23 he first heard it, but his recollection of the rumour
 24 was that she had been working in the reception at the
 25 "Regent Palace", it should read, Hotel when Diver had

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1 **overnight. Now, that does not normally happen. A chief**
 2 **superintendent normally has about a month's notice if**
 3 **they are going to be posted. He was posted overnight.**
 4 **And somebody must have been aware of that situation to**
 5 **actually -- at a high level to undertake this. There**
 6 **was no IO appointed, no investigating officer**
 7 **appointed --**
 8 Q. When you say "IO", investigating officer?
 9 **A. Yes, he was merely transferred. From a CIB3 point of**
 10 **view, he would have, depending on the circumstances,**
 11 **been suspended and a commander would be appointed as an**
 12 **IO. There would always be an officer one rank above.**
 13 Q. If there had been disciplinary proceedings, do you
 14 expect you might have been called as a witness or at
 15 least --
 16 **A. Certainly I wouldn't have been, because it's purely**
 17 **hearsay. But whoever was the duty officer who actually**
 18 **went to the Regent Palace Hotel, and it may well have**
 19 **been a CID involvement as well, but whoever went to the**
 20 **Regent Palace Hotel would certainly be called as**
 21 **a witness.**
 22 Q. Remind us, Les Jones who you remember telling you about
 23 this, did he say he had actually gone there or just
 24 witnessed it on CCTV?
 25 **A. No, he'd gone there. I recall, actually, because this**

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1 attended together with a Moroccan-looking rent boy and
 2 tried to secure a hotel room with a payment card, not
 3 chequebook, that didn't match the booking and that the
 4 hotel security staff were called. He said he didn't
 5 know if police were called or whether there was any
 6 subsequent investigation. He said he didn't speak to
 7 Diver or Tourell-Harris about the events, and concluded
 8 that he had no further knowledge of the events other
 9 than his belief that Diver had retired shortly after.
 10 And it looks as if a search was conducted on the DPS
 11 Tribune database to trace any records relating to
 12 Neil Diver's discipline records. None was found
 13 relating to him. It's said you couldn't provide any
 14 direct evidence of the circumstances described:
 15 "The only former officer who actually witnessed the
 16 incident and one similar to that described,
 17 Caroline Parfitt ..."
 18 Or Tourell-Harris, as she became known:
 19 "... did not identify Diver as the officer at the
 20 hotel. The other officers referred to above cannot
 21 corroborate the allegation to any meaningful degree."
 22 Because Les Jones couldn't be identified, a blank
 23 was clearly drawn?
 24 **A. If I may come in there and say that clearly somebody**
 25 **knew about this because he was transferred literally**

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1 **was on a Monday afternoon. He'd been night-duty duty**
 2 **officer that weekend because he'd come back on duty at**
 3 **3 o'clock and that's when he called me. It was on**
 4 **a Monday afternoon because he'd been night-duty duty**
 5 **officer.**
 6 Q. So we have the analysis of Operation Beech which begins
 7 on page 12, if we can go to that. I'm not going to go
 8 through it, other than to look at paragraph 67 on
 9 page 13:
 10 "There is a clear conflict between the evidence
 11 provided by Glen and that of other officers who worked
 12 with or alongside him; not one other officer recalls an
 13 investigation involving Cyril Smith. From the evidence
 14 of Parry, who had been in charge of the Clubs and Vice
 15 Office and also Whittington, it seems clear that the
 16 offences referred to by Glen would not have been within
 17 the remit of the Clubs Office; at that time, offences of
 18 sexual abuse would have been investigated by the local
 19 CID."
 20 What do you say about that?
 21 **A. My response to this is, unfortunately, I couldn't**
 22 **remember who the officers were engaged. I can only**
 23 **recall certain officers and I think I mentioned earlier**
 24 **this morning that the officers actually involved were**
 25 **Paul Holmes and the sergeant.**

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1 Q. Sinclair?
 2 **A. Sinclair, yes.**
 3 Q. So in one sense, although you may have assisted Beech
 4 with all the names that you could remember, if none of
 5 them had any dealings with the operation, they weren't
 6 likely to know?
 7 **A. I do apologise, because I -- you know, it's some**
 8 **40 years. I knew some of the names, but I couldn't**
 9 **remember everybody.**
 10 Q. But, in any event, what you have told us is,
 11 necessarily, the information would have been kept tight?
 12 **A. Yes, it would have been.**
 13 Q. The other thing I want to ask you about, though, is
 14 perhaps of a little more interest rather than just the
 15 names. It is the last bit of 67. According to the
 16 author of this report, it seems clear that "the offences
 17 referred to by Glen would not have been within the remit
 18 of the Clubs Office; at that time, offences of sexual
 19 abuse ..."
 20 Which is what Cyril Smith was effectively being
 21 investigated for:
 22 "... would have been investigated by the local CID."
 23 What's your take on that?
 24 **A. That wasn't the case. That wasn't the case. There was**
 25 **a tendency at times, I think, to use Clubs Office as**

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1 the investigation?
 2 **A. No, because it was policy within Clubs Office to -- as**
 3 **evidence built up, you assessed the evidence to see how**
 4 **much more we needed before you took any action as to**
 5 **whether or not a case was weak or there was strong**
 6 **evidence, or whatever it may be. On this particular**
 7 **occasion -- I can't recall exactly how much there was,**
 8 **but the evidence, as far as I was concerned, it seemed**
 9 **to me that the evidence was good enough to put before**
 10 **a magistrate to ask for a warrant for his arrest.**
 11 MS SHARPLING: Yes, I understand that. I was really
 12 enquiring as to the timing of your briefing to the
 13 senior officer, why perhaps it couldn't have been done
 14 at the beginning to alert the senior officers that this
 15 was a matter of some sensitivity.
 16 **A. Well, as far as Chief Superintendent Diver was**
 17 **concerned, he was there on a very temporary basis. It**
 18 **may well have been that when Chief Superintendent Parry**
 19 **had gone off to Hong Kong, you might not see a chief**
 20 **superintendent for days, and suddenly you would get**
 21 **Mr Diver appear because he was -- as I say, he was the**
 22 **chief superintendent at Vine Street at the time, so he**
 23 **was running a division, but from a temporary point of**
 24 **view he was also overseeing Clubs Office. So it**
 25 **might -- I can't recall, but it might have been the**

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1 **a bit of a dumping ground. I mean, they specialised in**
 2 **vice within the West End.**
 3 **Whether this allegation involving Cyril Smith MP**
 4 **came in as a result of a complaint or some form of**
 5 **observation picked up by one of the teams, I don't know,**
 6 **I can't remember, but certainly clubs Office were**
 7 **involved in an investigation, definitely.**
 8 Q. So you understand they're saying the remit would have
 9 taken it outside the Clubs Office?
 10 **A. No, it didn't. It didn't take it outside. It was**
 11 **investigated by officers from Clubs Office.**
 12 MR ALTMAN: I think that's all I've got to ask you, Mr Glen.
 13 I will see if the chair and panel have any questions for
 14 you.
 15 THE CHAIR: Yes. Ms Sharpling?
 16 Questions by THE PANEL
 17 MS SHARPLING: Thank you, Mr Glen, just one question from
 18 me, if I may. You briefed the temporary chief
 19 superintendent about the Cyril Smith investigation
 20 towards its conclusion because you wanted a warrant for
 21 Mr Smith's arrest --
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 MS SHARPLING: -- and in order to conduct an interview with
 24 him. Was there any reason why you couldn't have briefed
 25 the senior officer at an earlier stage of

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1 **earliest time I could have actually briefed him.**
 2 **I can't recall exactly how often I saw him before that.**
 3 MS SHARPLING: Thank you.
 4 THE CHAIR: We have no further questions. Thank you,
 5 Mr Glen.
 6 MR ALTMAN: Thank you very much for coming, Mr Glen. Thank
 7 you.
 8 (The witness withdrew)
 9 MR ALTMAN: Chair, the next witness is Paul Foulston. He is
 10 already in the room.
 11 MR PAUL VICTOR FOULSTON (sworn)
 12 Examination by MR ALTMAN
 13 MR ALTMAN: Mr Foulston, your full name, please.
 14 **A. Paul Victor Foulston.**
 15 Q. Mr Foulston, you have made two witness statements -- one
 16 a police statement in January 2015 and the other to this
 17 inquiry in January of this year. If you can find,
 18 please, your inquiry statement behind tab 1, and just
 19 look at paragraph 2, because I want to ask you, as
 20 I have others, just to help us, give us a potted history
 21 of your time in the police force?
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. Help us with when you started and when you finished?
 24 **A. Yes, I joined Thames Valley Police around 1971, after**
 25 **leaving the Merchant Navy as an officer, and I joined**

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<p>1 the Thames Valley Police and, after serving my 2 probationary period, I applied to join CID and was 3 appointed as a temporary detective constable to Slough 4 Police Station. 5 Q. That was in 1975? 6 A. 1975. 7 Q. You say that in 1977 you passed the detective training 8 course, this at West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police 9 Academy in Wakefield and, on your return, you were 10 appointed a substantive detective constable; is that 11 right? 12 A. That is correct. 13 Q. You served at various Thames Valley police stations; is 14 that right? 15 A. That's correct. 16 Q. Eventually retiring in March 1988 on medical grounds? 17 A. That's correct. I had a serious police car accident. 18 Q. I want to ask you about events which we know through 19 records actually took place on 19 May 1976. From what 20 you have just told us, you weren't a fully-fledged 21 detective constable in May 1976? 22 A. Correct. 23 Q. What was your rank at the time? 24 A. I was a temporary detective constable. 25 Q. So it wasn't until you'd done your training that you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 141</p>	<p>1 became a full-time detective constable? 2 A. Not until I passed the various qualifications in law, 3 got the correct mark. 4 Q. I want to ask you, then, about events on 19 May 1976. 5 At that time, were you involved in a murder 6 investigation which had happened in the Thames Valley 7 area, I think in Pangbourne? 8 A. Pangbourne-on-Thames. 9 Q. It was a murder of a man called Jack Wood. On the day 10 after the murder, were you and a detective sergeant, now 11 deceased, by the name of Vallis, seconded to the murder 12 incident room based at Pangbourne? 13 A. Correct, yes. 14 Q. Were you given, you and Mr Vallis, several actions to 15 complete? 16 A. Yes, they refer to it as trace, interview and eliminate 17 various people that had been identified by the 18 intelligence officer. 19 Q. TIE? 20 A. Correct. 21 Q. Of the actions which you received and one of the TIE 22 actions -- trace, interview and eliminate -- did that 23 relate to an inmate at a remand centre or a Borstal, as 24 it turned out, in Feltham? 25 A. Correct.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 142</p>
<p>1 Q. On the day in question, I think you remembered -- I'm 2 simply picking this up from a statement -- the earlier 3 of the two statements you made, the one in 2015, which, 4 Mr Foulston, if you want to refresh your memory from it 5 at any time, please do -- perhaps let's turn it up, so 6 that if we need it, we have it available. If you go 7 behind divider 2 of your bundle -- you will see a tab. 8 Do you have it? 9 A. I have it. 10 Q. The chair and panel can turn it up as well if they wish. 11 I'm on the second page, 2 of 6, or the inquiry reference 12 number has a page 3, but I'm looking at the internal 13 pagination, page 2 of 6. At the time you believed it 14 was Ashford? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. I think there was a remand centre at Ashford at the time 17 but there has been a long-standing, what's now known as 18 a young offenders' institution. 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. It was probably a Borstal in those days? 21 A. Yes, I was incorrect in my -- obviously due to the 22 passage of time. 23 Q. Yes. 24 A. Also, whilst I'd been a uniformed officer, I'd also 25 escorted prisoners to both establishments. So it was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 143</p>	<p>1 a lapse of memory. 2 Q. No-one is criticising, Mr Foulston. But it is Feltham. 3 You remembered having picked up Sergeant Vallis in 4 a car, prior to which you had visited the incident room 5 for a briefing to receive your actions that day? 6 A. Yes, the process was that, at the briefing, you 7 discussed what had happened in the inquiry the day 8 before, and then you were handed a number of actions to 9 actually investigate during that coming day. 10 Q. This was one of the actions that you -- 11 A. This was one of the actions. 12 Q. -- and Mr Vallis were seeking to resolve? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. So you arrive in the car park at the Borstal, and you 15 remembered -- this might take some of us of a certain 16 vintage back -- in a Hillman Avenger? 17 A. Absolutely correct. 18 Q. The young people don't know what we are talking about, 19 Mr Foulston, but it was a car that police drove in those 20 days, presumably? 21 A. A small, economical family saloon. 22 Q. You remembered it was a bright, clear day, and let me 23 take it then from your memory. I assume you still have 24 a reasonable memory about all of this and what happened 25 in the car park?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 144</p>

1 **A. Absolutely clear.**
 2 Q. Let's see how we go. What happened, as you were in the
 3 car, parked in the car, about to -- were you about to
 4 get out of the car?
 5 **A. We were sitting down discussing this action and going**
 6 **through the -- it was the first opportunity we'd really**
 7 **had to read up on the background of the inmate that we**
 8 **were going to interview. So we were actually apprising**
 9 **ourselves as to what we were going to ask and just**
 10 **understanding some background on the person that we were**
 11 **about to interview.**
 12 Q. Let's be clear: as far as you were concerned, you were
 13 only interviewing this inmate about his whereabouts
 14 around the time of the murder?
 15 **A. Correct.**
 16 Q. This is a huge question, Mr Foulston: do you remember
 17 what the date of the murder was or the date that you
 18 were interested in in relation to when you saw him? You
 19 saw him on 19 May 1976. Or at least the month in which
 20 it occurred?
 21 **A. I can't -- not at this very moment, no.**
 22 Q. We may get a bit of a clue from a document I will show
 23 you later.
 24 **A. Okay.**
 25 Q. As you sat there going through the papers, just, as it

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1 cards?
 2 **A. Correct.**
 3 Q. What was the purpose of their being there?
 4 **A. They appeared to know the person that we were there to**
 5 **interview.**
 6 Q. And they clearly knew that you were there to interview
 7 him?
 8 **A. Absolutely.**
 9 Q. What did they say to you?
 10 **A. They advised us that to interview this person was not in**
 11 **the national interest.**
 12 Q. Did they say why?
 13 **A. They didn't expand on it. They just said -- they**
 14 **prevailed on us that to interview the person wasn't in**
 15 **the national interest.**
 16 Q. Are those the words that were used, "national interest",
 17 or --
 18 **A. I remember specifically it was "national interest".**
 19 Q. I just want to try and see if your memory is different
 20 to something you said a few years ago. Have a look at
 21 the second internal page of the statement, Mr Foulston.
 22 Do you see it says "Page 2 of 6"?
 23 **A. Yes.**
 24 Q. I will ask you about their manner in a moment, but do
 25 you see the capitalised words:

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1 were, familiarising yourself with the whole point of
 2 the interview, what happened?
 3 **A. We had -- something drew our attention, and I think now**
 4 **that it was a knock on the window, and I think it was on**
 5 **my side.**
 6 Q. You were the driver?
 7 **A. I was the driver, yes.**
 8 Q. So you've got Mr Vallis in the front passenger seat,
 9 you're in the driving seat?
 10 **A. And there's a knock on the window.**
 11 Q. A tap on the window. And what happened?
 12 **A. There were two men dressed in suits, and they were**
 13 **obviously quite keen to talk to us. I can't remember**
 14 **whether I opened the window or opened the door, but**
 15 **a conversation took place where they introduced**
 16 **themselves as Metropolitan Police Special Branch**
 17 **officers.**
 18 Q. Did they show you any cards?
 19 **A. Yes, they did.**
 20 Q. Did the warrant cards identify them as
 21 Metropolitan police officers or Metropolitan Police
 22 Special Branch officers?
 23 **A. I'm unaware that there's any difference in the warrant**
 24 **card.**
 25 Q. So they certainly had what looked to be legitimate

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1 "The Special Branch officer's manner was officious
 2 in their request. We did tell them the name of
 3 the prisoner we were going to interview whereupon they
 4 said interviewing that prisoner would not be in the
 5 public interest."
 6 **A. I'm incorrect.**
 7 Q. No, no, you are correct and incorrect, and you will see
 8 why in a minute:
 9 "At which point, Sergeant Andy Vallis became
 10 extremely angry and told them how dare they attempt to
 11 interfere in the investigation of a murder as it clearly
 12 had precedence over any national interest."
 13 So we have two words, "public" and "national"
 14 interest. What word do you think they used?
 15 **A. I remember -- what stuck in my mind is "national**
 16 **interest", because -- I think later on we discussed the**
 17 **reason, that a public -- a public figure would be**
 18 **mentioned, and perhaps I -- that's the reason for some**
 19 **confusion that we're switching between "national**
 20 **interest" and "a public figure".**
 21 Q. But the effect of what was being said is that this was
 22 a matter of national security?
 23 **A. Correct.**
 24 Q. In that statement, you said that the officer's, the
 25 Special Branch officer's, manner was officious. Was it

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1 one or both of them doing the talking?
 2 **A. I believe one.**
 3 Q. A little earlier you said that they advised you not to
 4 interview. "Advised" is a rather perhaps neutral way of
 5 looking at it. Did you take it as advice or was the
 6 tone a little more demanding than that?
 7 **A. We were being treated as a couple of provincial police**
 8 **officers and effectively being spoken down to.**
 9 Q. Did they ever tell you what the national interest was in
 10 not interviewing this inmate?
 11 **A. Absolutely not.**
 12 Q. Did they ever indicate any subject matter which might
 13 arise if you interviewed this inmate that was a matter
 14 of national security or national interest?
 15 **A. Not at all.**
 16 Q. So that was the conversation: "You're not to interview
 17 him. It is a matter of national interest"?
 18 **A. That's correct.**
 19 Q. We can tell from what you said in the 2015 witness
 20 statement that Mr Vallis became angry. What decision
 21 did you make?
 22 **A. Andy Vallis made it perfectly clear that they were not**
 23 **going to prevent us carrying out the interview, but**
 24 **I think we agreed at some sort of compromise that we**
 25 **would restrict our questioning to our interview**

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1 well have read, and we have an excerpt, but I don't
 2 think I need to put it up, he talks about this incident
 3 being "the squealing of tyres, as the Special Branch" --
 4 just out of another programme that the young people
 5 won't remember or know about, but called "The Sweeney",
 6 which I'm sure you do, where police officers seemed to
 7 be burning rubber wherever they went. Was it anything
 8 like that?
 9 **A. Absolutely not. Number one, I have never read the book;**
 10 **and, number two, the interaction between the Met**
 11 **Special Branch officers was I have described and not --**
 12 **nothing more dramatic than as I have described.**
 13 Q. If Mr Danczuk wrote about "the squealing of tyres, as
 14 the Special Branch officers drove into the car park",
 15 that's a little dramatic licence he allowed himself the
 16 luxury of?
 17 **A. If that's what was written in the book, I'd say it**
 18 **doesn't reflect what actually happened.**
 19 Q. Let's go, then, please, to the interview itself. But
 20 before I do, let me just ask you about this. At the
 21 foot of page 2 of 6 -- have you got the statement? The
 22 last few lines.
 23 **A. Yes.**
 24 Q. "Having agreed the compromise, they told us the person
 25 we would be interviewing would mention a public figure

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1 **regarding the murder, and nothing further.**
 2 Q. Was that a compromise the Special Branch officers were
 3 willing to accept?
 4 **A. Yes, we carried out the interview, so they conceded on**
 5 **that basis.**
 6 Q. But there's an oddity about this, in one sense,
 7 Mr Foulston, isn't there? Because if they had never
 8 turned up, you would never have known there was any
 9 issue, and you would have carried on asking the same
 10 questions that you compromised with the Special Branch
 11 officers you would ask anyway?
 12 **A. Absolutely.**
 13 Q. So there was no real point to it, in one sense?
 14 **A. No, I have to agree with you. We were still -- we were**
 15 **taken completely by surprise by what happened.**
 16 Q. Fast forwarding just for a moment, because I want to ask
 17 you about this, but I don't have to dwell on it too
 18 much, years later I think you were in touch with
 19 Simon Danczuk, who was then an MP --
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 Q. -- who wrote a book called "Smile for the Camera" and
 22 was instrumental in a Dispatches programme which you
 23 appeared in?
 24 **A. That's correct.**
 25 Q. We will come back to that. In his book, which you may

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1 and they asked us not to pursue any discussion in
 2 relation to that person."
 3 Do you remember that now?
 4 **A. Yes, I do.**
 5 Q. So they did go a little further. They did say that the
 6 name of a public figure might crop up?
 7 **A. Correct.**
 8 Q. It was in relation to that public figure that you were
 9 not to ask any questions?
 10 **A. Correct.**
 11 Q. Did they tell you who the public figure was?
 12 **A. Absolutely not.**
 13 Q. So it's clear that the Special Branch officers knew
 14 about the inmate; that they knew the inmate would say
 15 something about a public figure; and they knew that you
 16 and Mr Vallis were turning up to interview him,
 17 presumably about a murder?
 18 **A. I have to assume that.**
 19 Q. Having arrived at the compromise, and having had the
 20 discussions you did, did the Special Branch officers
 21 stay or did they go or did you just go into the
 22 establishment and leave them behind?
 23 **A. We took our papers, and we remember them returning to**
 24 **their car and they remained in their car until we'd**
 25 **signed in.**

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<p>1 Q. Inside the establishment, do you remember being taken to 2 an interview room where the inmate was already waiting 3 to see you, and was there anyone else there that you 4 remembered? 5 A. Yes, there was -- it's quite normal for a prisoner to 6 elect to have a member of prison staff present. It's 7 his right during any interview. What did surprise me 8 is -- and this is -- normally, it's a uniform prison 9 officer. In this case, it appeared to be a senior 10 prison officer, because the -- I've been thinking about 11 this, and the officer there was in civilians, civilian 12 clothes. He wasn't a uniformed officer. 13 Q. He was an assistant governor, perhaps? 14 A. That was the assumption we made afterwards. 15 Q. Did you get his name? 16 A. No. 17 Q. If I gave you the name, can we see if this jogs a memory 18 or not: either John Bishop or Simon Bishop or 19 Simon John Bishop? 20 A. No. It's too long ago. 21 Q. All right. So you go through the interview. 22 Sergeant Vallis -- and I'm looking at the third page on 23 the internal pagination of your statement, 24 Sergeant Vallis outlined the reason for your being 25 there, and you say:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 153</p>	<p>1 "He conducted the proceedings during which it soon 2 became very evident that the prisoner could be 3 eliminated from the enquiry as he had been in custody at 4 the time of the murder." 5 So that would be a pretty solid alibi, presumably, 6 Mr Foulston? 7 A. Correct. 8 Q. "The continued presence of the prison officer, on 9 reflection [you say] must have had some bearing on the 10 subject's alibi, because I did think it was unusual, 11 looking back on it, for the prison officer still to be 12 present during our interview." 13 A. Correct. 14 Q. You say: 15 "The process took about 10 minutes and then, without 16 further questioning by Sergeant Vallis or [yourself], 17 the prisoner launched into a dialogue regarding 18 a relationship he had had with a Member of Parliament 19 named Cyril Smith." 20 So that was completely volunteered by him, out of 21 the blue? 22 A. It was completely out of the blue. We had finished our 23 interview, and this -- he just exploded. 24 Q. I'm not going to go through all the graphic detail, 25 because there was a bit of it --</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 154</p>
<p>1 A. Thank you. 2 Q. -- but can you simply confirm that in your statement you 3 said he appeared to be angry about the fact that, 4 despite having had what he thought was an ongoing 5 physical relationship, Smith had dumped him in favour of 6 a younger boy? 7 A. Correct. 8 Q. As far as this inmate is concerned in 1976, what was 9 your assessment or knowledge about his age? 10 A. He was in his mid teens. Because of the type of 11 institution he was in, he would be in his mid teens. 12 Q. Which means? 13 A. I think he was probably about 16, maybe 17. Around that 14 sort of age. But obviously -- no, I'll let you finish. 15 Sorry about that. 16 Q. No, no, not at all. When was he saying this 17 relationship had existed between him and Smith? How far 18 was he going back? 19 A. He appeared to be talking about the immediate time when 20 he was -- before -- when he was still at large, before 21 he was actually in an institution. 22 Q. Do you remember now how long he'd been inside at the 23 point you saw him? 24 A. No. I'm afraid I don't. 25 Q. You've said, although clearly, if he had been in</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 155</p>	<p>1 a sexual relationship with Cyril Smith, there was 2 a possibility it was an exploitative relationship, 3 probably a certainty, but you said in the statement 4 there was no indication that the relationship he claimed 5 to be having was anything other than consensual? 6 A. That's absolutely correct. There was no complaint -- 7 the very basis of the complaint was that he'd merely 8 been dumped for somebody younger. At no time did he 9 complain about Smith's conduct per se; he complained 10 about the fact he'd been dumped. 11 Q. And you said: 12 "We made no attempt to question him regarding these 13 allegations as this was outside the scope of our 14 enquiries", as well as you were respecting the request 15 made by the Special Branch officers? 16 A. That's correct. 17 Q. For the avoidance of doubt, you make clear in this 18 statement that you had no doubt that he was referring to 19 Cyril Smith MP? 20 A. Absolutely. 21 Q. In 1976, Cyril Smith was an MP? 22 A. That's correct. 23 Q. When you left the building, having interviewed him, 24 first of all, how long do you think you'd been there? 25 A. Probably no more than about half an hour.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 156</p>

<p>1 Q. Had the Special Branch officers gone?</p> <p>2 A. The car had left.</p> <p>3 Q. You remembered -- I'm looking at the fourth page of your</p> <p>4 six-page statement -- you and Mr Vallis sat in the car,</p> <p>5 debriefed each other about what had happened, and did</p> <p>6 you say that Andrew, which is a reference -- I'm looking</p> <p>7 at the top, Mr Foulston, of page 4 of 6.</p> <p>8 A. I have it.</p> <p>9 Q. The second paragraph. In the car, debriefing each other</p> <p>10 as to what had occurred in the interview, and Andrew,</p> <p>11 that's Vallis, decided he'd inform the senior</p> <p>12 investigating officer about the actions of</p> <p>13 the Special Branch officers?</p> <p>14 A. That's correct.</p> <p>15 Q. Is that right?</p> <p>16 A. Yes, that's correct.</p> <p>17 Q. The SIO, was that a Detective Superintendent</p> <p>18 Brian Romaine?</p> <p>19 A. That's correct.</p> <p>20 Q. Then you say this, skipping over the next line, because</p> <p>21 you didn't recall the name of the inmate, and I'm not</p> <p>22 going to ask you for his name, but you say:</p> <p>23 "I am sure that the following morning during the</p> <p>24 briefing, Andy or I would have recounted the</p> <p>25 intervention by Special Branch and the allegations</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 157</p>	<p>1 regarding Cyril Smith."</p> <p>2 Then you say:</p> <p>3 "The persons likely to have been present and still</p> <p>4 alive are as follows ..."</p> <p>5 And you list them: Bryan Warren, Geoff McKinnie,</p> <p>6 Andrew Wise, John Shanahan, Michael Shelton and</p> <p>7 Philip Busby, all of them detective constables,</p> <p>8 detective sergeants and one detective inspector.</p> <p>9 Is that a memory, or is that just, when you made</p> <p>10 this statement in 2015, an assumption that you must have</p> <p>11 told somebody else about it?</p> <p>12 A. They were members of the inquiry, the murder inquiry,</p> <p>13 that would normally have been there, particularly</p> <p>14 Detective Inspector Warren, because he was the -- he was</p> <p>15 effectively the resident inspector back at Pangbourne</p> <p>16 who was always present during the briefings.</p> <p>17 Q. Can I invite your attention to the document behind</p> <p>18 tab 4. We can put it up on the screen, OHY005568.</p> <p>19 A. I have it.</p> <p>20 Q. These are the names I have run through because of</p> <p>21 the fact that these are the names that you mentioned in</p> <p>22 the 2015 witness statement. We can see that each of</p> <p>23 them, without going through them all one by one, but</p> <p>24 each of them, apart from Mr Romaine, who has since</p> <p>25 passed away, but each of them who was willing to say</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 158</p>
<p>1 anything didn't recall anything like what you remember,</p> <p>2 apart from Geoff McKinnie, who didn't wish to make</p> <p>3 a statement, but replied by letter. Can you help</p> <p>4 explain why it might be, if you or Mr Vallis or both of</p> <p>5 you at the briefing the next morning mentioned this</p> <p>6 occurrence, that none of them -- those who are able to</p> <p>7 say, or have said, don't remember anything like it? It</p> <p>8 is not something you're likely to forget, is it,</p> <p>9 Mr Foulston?</p> <p>10 A. No, I have to differ. We used to sit down in the</p> <p>11 morning and go through each other's actions, and, for</p> <p>12 example, there were something like about ten teams</p> <p>13 working on this, and I can't remember -- nothing that --</p> <p>14 everyone spoke about their experiences with interviews</p> <p>15 on the previous day, and I can't remember anything being</p> <p>16 mentioned by any of those teams either. So it's an</p> <p>17 awful long time ago, but also, we were -- we weren't too</p> <p>18 troubled about what was recounted by the other teams</p> <p>19 unless it was relevant to the murder inquiry itself, the</p> <p>20 direction of the inquiry. So I'm actually not that</p> <p>21 surprised.</p> <p>22 Q. Except, I'm sure you will agree, that having a chinwag</p> <p>23 with other officers about the actions, that they had</p> <p>24 resulted in a murder inquiry, is one thing, but being</p> <p>25 told by an officer that, "We turned up to interview an</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 159</p>	<p>1 inmate about the murder, to be confronted by</p> <p>2 Special Branch officers saying it was in the national</p> <p>3 interest not to ask questions about a public figure, and</p> <p>4 then, when you embark on the interview, the inmate</p> <p>5 launches into a tirade about a sexual relationship with</p> <p>6 Cyril Smith MP", that's pretty unusual and exceptional</p> <p>7 and not likely to be forgotten for a long time, don't</p> <p>8 you think?</p> <p>9 A. The environment we worked under was one of absolute</p> <p>10 focus. I can actually say that we -- Brian Romaine was</p> <p>11 a very tight boss, and our focus, our entire focus, was</p> <p>12 the actual murder inquiry itself, and it does sound</p> <p>13 strange in this environment that we were so focused on</p> <p>14 the murder inquiry that such a thing was almost an</p> <p>15 irrelevance.</p> <p>16 Q. But can I just ask you to look at something you said in</p> <p>17 your 2015 statement? It's the one I have been asking</p> <p>18 you to look at. If you go, please, to the very last</p> <p>19 page, page 6 of 6, the very final paragraph deals with</p> <p>20 a TV programme in which you appeared. But it is the</p> <p>21 last two lines, really:</p> <p>22 "It had bothered me over the years ... that his</p> <p>23 allegations had been believed by me, but we were not in</p> <p>24 a position at that time to pursue his complaint."</p> <p>25 I think what you are saying is -- perhaps tell me if</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 160</p>

1 I misunderstand what that sentence is about. Were you
 2 saying that the boy that you saw, the complaint he made,
 3 is that what you are talking about?
 4 **A. No, I don't know – I probably – that was badly worded**
 5 **by me.**
 6 Q. What does it mean?
 7 **A. It means that he'd made a complaint, he may have made --**
 8 **told his story to others and, if I can explain, my**
 9 **motivation for contacting Simon Danczuk's office was**
 10 **that shortly after Smith's death, his brother appeared**
 11 **in the news --**
 12 Q. Norman Smith?
 13 **A. I assume so. His brother appeared. I can remember him**
 14 **saying, "There is no evidence to support these**
 15 **allegations that are being made", and it was when -- it**
 16 **was at that point that I remembered, because the**
 17 **Pangbourne murder was never detected, the files to**
 18 **a murder inquiry are never destroyed, and I hoped if**
 19 **I recounted this, then there would be some evidence to**
 20 **support what I'd -- what was my experience.**
 21 Q. Was it an appearance on television by the brother or
 22 something you read in the papers? You have said both
 23 things in both statements. Nobody is going to criticise
 24 you for that, but what do you remember?
 25 **A. I just remember I was somewhat angered by his statement**

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1 of Busby and Shanahan, which are two of the names we saw
 2 of those you thought you might have mentioned it to at
 3 the briefing the next day?
 4 **A. Correct.**
 5 Q. But clearly it was you and Mr Vallis who were asked to
 6 take up this action, and not them?
 7 **A. Correct.**
 8 Q. "Nature of enquiry.
 9 "Please interview and obtain statement from below
 10 named who was an absconder from HM Borstal Feltham ..."
 11 And some dates are given in 1976. His name is given
 12 but it's been redacted and ciphered.
 13 At the bottom, it was resulted:
 14 "See statement of WM-A12 ..."
 15 That's our inquiry cipher for the name of the inmate
 16 you saw:
 17 "... and Sergeant Vallis."
 18 We can see the date is 19 May 1976, which, by the
 19 work that's been done by the IOPC, is the date, it
 20 appears, on which you went to interview this inmate at
 21 Feltham.
 22 If we go to the next page, under the same reference,
 23 it is hard to read, but we are looking at -- this is the
 24 statement referred to that Detective Sergeant Vallis
 25 made. We can see the date of it, at the foot of

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1 **to say there's no proof of what's been said.**
 2 Q. So you hoped that, it having been a murder inquiry,
 3 what, that the officers you thought you'd mentioned it
 4 to in the briefing may have recorded what you had told
 5 them?
 6 **A. Not the officers. I hoped there'd be some documentary**
 7 **evidence in the action that we'd completed or there'd be**
 8 **some note that was still existing on the file.**
 9 Q. We can actually look, and that's a good, as it were,
 10 segue, Mr Foulston, into the action. Can we put up on
 11 the screen IPC000862. You have actually got a paper
 12 copy, I suspect, Mr Foulston, in your file behind tab 8.
 13 You will see that there is one of our inquiry references
 14 at the bottom, OHY005569. Can you see -- where you see
 15 the pagination 003. It is up on -- it is the third
 16 page, please. Forgive me, I have given the wrong
 17 reference. It is my fault. OHY005569_003. I gave the
 18 wrong reference. Here is the action. If you look on
 19 the screen, Mr Foulston, you might find it easier?
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 Q. Can you see that that's a Thames Valley action sheet.
 22 Can you see the number? It is 1033 on the right-hand
 23 side?
 24 **A. I have it, yes.**
 25 Q. The action was originally given to officers by the name

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1 the page, is 19 May 1976. It is signed "Andrew Vallis".
 2 If we can go back to the substance of it, again to the
 3 top. Do you see it refers to action number 1033? So we
 4 have closed the circle?
 5 **A. Yes.**
 6 Q. The action number was 1033, it refers to the statement
 7 Mr Vallis made and this is the statement. It reads:
 8 "At 11 o'clock on 19 May 1976 with Temporary
 9 Detective Constable Foulston I interviewed ... born ..."
 10 I think we can just about make out the year of
 11 birth, 1957. So in 1976 he would have been about 19?
 12 **A. Yes.**
 13 Q. "... at Feltham. He failed to return from leave to the
 14 Borstal and was at large until [some date] 1976. There
 15 was nothing in our interview to suggest he could be
 16 connected in any way with the murder of Jack Wood.
 17 "He is/was a homosexual and it proved impossible to
 18 tie him down to exact whereabouts/addresses."
 19 Two things: there is nothing about an alibi. Do you
 20 remember you told us that the assistant governor or the
 21 prison officer who was in the interview with him said it
 22 couldn't be him because --
 23 **A. Sorry, I don't think I said it was the prison officer.**
 24 Q. Who said it?
 25 **A. I thought from our action -- there was something in the**

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1 **discussion we had that put him outside of the scope of**
 2 **our investigation.**
 3 Q. Just to remind you, what you said in the 2015 statement
 4 is:
 5 "Mr Vallis outlined the reason for your attendance,
 6 that was in the course of the interview, and he
 7 conducted the proceedings, during which it soon became
 8 very evident that the prisoner could be eliminated from
 9 the inquiry as he had been in custody at the time of
 10 the murder. The continued presence of the prison
 11 officer, on reflection, must have had some bearing on
 12 the subject's alibi because I did think it was unusual,
 13 looking back on it, for the prison officer still to be
 14 present during our interview."
 15 So it looks as if the fact that he had an alibi and
 16 his alibi was he was in custody was made apparent during
 17 the course of the interview, and somehow -- we will look
 18 at this in another way shortly -- the prison officer who
 19 was present had some bearing on that discovery?
 20 **A. No.**
 21 Q. You don't think that's what you are saying?
 22 **A. No, I don't agree with that. If I conveyed that**
 23 **impression, that's wrong.**
 24 Q. So where did it come from, the alibi?
 25 **A. I assumed over the -- because we -- there was something**

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1 "He is/was a homosexual and it proved impossible to
 2 tie him down to exact whereabouts/addresses."
 3 How was Mr Vallis in a position to make a statement
 4 like that? A sort of general statement, but nothing to
 5 do with Cyril Smith or any of the information and the
 6 anger which he exhibited during the course of
 7 the interview which you have described in your 2015
 8 statement?
 9 **A. I can't really answer -- I can't answer that.**
 10 Q. It's not complete, is it?
 11 **A. No.**
 12 Q. It makes no mention of the Special Branch occurrence?
 13 **A. No. I had hoped it would. But it obviously didn't.**
 14 Q. Would you expect an evidential statement like this,
 15 though, to include the occurrence of Special Branch
 16 officers turning up?
 17 **A. Possibly not.**
 18 Q. If we go back to the action on the previous page,
 19 likewise, there is absolutely no mention of
 20 Special Branch officers turning up and the occurrence
 21 that you've mentioned. Do you agree with that,
 22 Mr Foulston?
 23 **A. I do.**
 24 Q. There is no reason why, in an internal police document,
 25 that couldn't have been entered in the "Results" section

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1 **in the discussion we had that made both Sergeant Vallis**
 2 **and I come to the conclusion he could be eliminated from**
 3 **our inquiry, and that -- probably during that 2015**
 4 **interview I, in the absence of having this information**
 5 **now, but -- I remember quite clearly he -- we came to**
 6 **the conclusion that he didn't even know -- one of**
 7 **the things that stands out, he didn't even know where**
 8 **Oxfordshire was, and there was something that came up**
 9 **during the interview that made it very clear to us that**
 10 **he couldn't be -- he could be eliminated as a suspect,**
 11 **but because of the passage of time, I can't remember**
 12 **what caused us to reach those conclusions.**
 13 Q. I thought you'd agreed earlier that it was because he
 14 was in custody at the time, or not?
 15 **A. That was one of the assumptions one would make. There**
 16 **was something that was very clear-cut that enabled us to**
 17 **eliminate him. I'm very sorry that I can't remember**
 18 **that, but there was something -- we didn't have any**
 19 **problem whatsoever in saying, "That's one we can tick**
 20 **off the list". The reasons for that, I can't help you**
 21 **with.**
 22 Q. We will come back to that in another guise, probably
 23 after our break, but can we put the document back up on
 24 the screen, please? The second paragraph of Mr Vallis's
 25 statement, where he says:

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1 of the action sheet, is there?
 2 **A. We took it in turns to complete the action sheets, and**
 3 **if I'd have completed it, I would have.**
 4 Q. Can you think of any reason why Sergeant Vallis -- he,
 5 after all, was angry that he was being spoken down to
 6 and told what he could and couldn't ask this individual.
 7 Can you explain why it might be Mr Vallis didn't enter
 8 those details, that information, on this action sheet?
 9 **A. Without being flippant, I suspect that, knowing Chief**
 10 **Superintendent Romaine well, Brian Romaine may have**
 11 **dismissed that as an irrelevance and said, "You should**
 12 **keep your focus on the inquiry we are currently on and**
 13 **stop mentioning irrelevants".**
 14 Q. Is it likely that Mr Romaine would have intervened in
 15 order to prevent that information being entered onto the
 16 action sheet?
 17 **A. No, absolutely not, but Andrew Vallis, having worked**
 18 **with Brian Romaine before, may have kept the information**
 19 **he was putting down strictly to the terms of our brief,**
 20 **and his experience may have led him to believe that**
 21 **adding things such as that wouldn't be approved of.**
 22 MR ALTMAN: Chair, I am going to be a while longer -- not
 23 too much, but I'm not going to finish within the next
 24 five or ten minutes. So if you would like to take your
 25 break now, and we will finish with Mr Foulston, if

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1 that's all right with you, shortly afterwards.
 2 THE CHAIR: Yes. We will return at 3.30 pm.
 3 (3.15 pm)
 4 (A short break)
 5 (3.31 pm)
 6 MR ALTMAN: Can we put back up on screen OHY005569_005.
 7 This is very tricky to read, Mr Foulston, but this is
 8 the statement of the inmate that you visited. We can
 9 see in fact he gave his age as 18 at the time. I am not
 10 going to read through all of it, but if we go towards
 11 the bottom, the last substantive line:
 12 "I cannot remember where I was on the 2nd or the 3rd
 13 of March 1976 ..."
 14 Does that give us a clue as to the period you were
 15 interested in?
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 Q. Then over the page:
 18 "... but I was in the London area. I have never
 19 been to Reading and have never even heard of Pangbourne.
 20 I have not heard of a bookmaker ..."
 21 And the name is given:
 22 "I know a man [whose name is redacted] who works for
 23 a car hire firm, he is gay and I spent quite a bit of
 24 time with him. I have stayed at his flat several times.
 25 "Detective Sergeant Lloyd of Vine Street Police

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1 you approached Simon Danczuk. Up to that point in time,
 2 and after this occurrence in 1976, did it ever occur to
 3 you that you ought to report this to any of
 4 the independent bodies that regulate police?
 5 **A. Not at all.**
 6 Q. Because it just didn't enter your head, you'd forgotten
 7 it or it didn't matter or what?
 8 **A. The relevance of it was long forgotten. I met**
 9 **Andrew Vallis several times. He'd retired from the**
 10 **police and become head of Shell Security and I was in**
 11 **industry, and we met quite frequently until his death,**
 12 **and we never actually even discussed it again.**
 13 Q. It just wasn't an issue?
 14 **A. It was never on the radar again.**
 15 Q. As you said a little earlier, the reason it came to the
 16 fore again was Cyril Smith's brother saying there was
 17 nothing to prove the allegations and, as far as you were
 18 concerned, there was nothing, it's what this boy had
 19 told you?
 20 **A. I had hoped there'd be something on the documentation**
 21 **for the Pangbourne murder that would prove his brother**
 22 **incorrect.**
 23 Q. But we have looked at what there is, and there is
 24 nothing to help, is there?
 25 **A. Absolutely not.**

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1 Station possibly vice squad knows me and I gave him
 2 information about the 'gay' scene. I have known him
 3 a couple of years."
 4 Then there is something which can't be deciphered:
 5 "I used an alias while I was on the run and most
 6 people knew me as ..."
 7 Then there is something else which is difficult to
 8 read. It is signed and dated 19 March and countersigned
 9 by Mr Vallis. So it rather suggests that that statement
 10 was taken from him during the course of your visit?
 11 **A. Correct.**
 12 Q. He mentions the gay scene in London, but makes no
 13 mention of Cyril Smith in this statement. Can you
 14 explain that omission?
 15 **A. No.**
 16 Q. Is it something that should have appeared there, do you
 17 think?
 18 **A. No, because the outburst appeared to come after we'd**
 19 **completed our business. They appeared to be two quite**
 20 **compartmentally -- this was -- this business was**
 21 **complete.**
 22 Q. Including the statement?
 23 **A. Including the statement. And this appeared to just**
 24 **follow on.**
 25 Q. I see. Now, you mentioned a little earlier why it was

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1 Q. I think you recalled contacting Simon Danczuk in
 2 2012/2013?
 3 **A. That would be correct.**
 4 Q. You contacted his office, I think, by email. But for
 5 reasons you have just given, you didn't report this to
 6 anybody else in the intervening years?
 7 **A. It was only -- all that prompted my reporting it was**
 8 **this statement to say there's nothing to be proven, that**
 9 **nobody's got any evidence, and I just thought, no,**
 10 **you're wrong, there's just the possibility that that**
 11 **incident is recorded somewhere.**
 12 Q. And you agreed to go on the Dispatches programme?
 13 **A. I did.**
 14 Q. That went out, if my memory serves me, I think on
 15 12 September 2013, and you gave a full interview,
 16 I think, to the production team, but they didn't put all
 17 of it out during the broadcast; is that correct? So
 18 there was only a limited part of your interview that
 19 actually went up on the documentary?
 20 **A. That's right.**
 21 Q. We have a clip here, Mr Foulston, and let's remind you
 22 of what you said.
 23 (Video played)
 24 MR ALTMAN: Presumably, you stand by that, Mr Foulston:
 25 protecting Cyril Smith, not investigating him.

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<p>1 A. I do.</p> <p>2 Q. Help us with one other feature of the programme. During</p> <p>3 the course of the making of it, did you meet a man</p> <p>4 called Tony Robinson?</p> <p>5 A. I did.</p> <p>6 Q. He was a former Special Branch officer?</p> <p>7 A. He was a former Special Branch inspector.</p> <p>8 Q. Inspector. When you spoke, did he say to you that</p> <p>9 Special Branch would flag inmates in custody?</p> <p>10 A. I was always -- since the incident, I'd always wondered</p> <p>11 how the mechanism worked whereby an inmate could be</p> <p>12 flagged -- would result in the meeting we had with</p> <p>13 Special Branch, and he viewed it as quite a normal</p> <p>14 process and explained just how it happened and how they</p> <p>15 could do it.</p> <p>16 Q. So that was a normal occurrence, what, to flag inmates</p> <p>17 who may have or be of interest to Special Branch and</p> <p>18 their remit?</p> <p>19 A. Correct.</p> <p>20 Q. That would explain, at least, why they turned up at the</p> <p>21 time they did on the day that you and Mr Vallis were</p> <p>22 going to interview this inmate?</p> <p>23 A. Correct.</p> <p>24 Q. The final subject I'd like you to help us with, please,</p> <p>25 relates to a report, an IOPC report, Operation Sycamore,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 173</p>	<p>1 behind tab 6. It is a draft report only, although the</p> <p>2 conclusions I think are unlikely to change. Have you</p> <p>3 had an opportunity of reading that report?</p> <p>4 A. No, I haven't. I have made a point of not doing any</p> <p>5 pre-reading.</p> <p>6 Q. Let's see how we go. If we can put it up on screen,</p> <p>7 it's IPC000862. Go to page 7 at paragraph 41, down to</p> <p>8 paragraph 43. The investigators for Operation Sycamore,</p> <p>9 amongst other things, spoke -- in fact, it was</p> <p>10 Operation Clifton, which was, in general terms, a remit</p> <p>11 to look into allegations about Cyril Smith, and it was</p> <p>12 an operation conducted by Greater Manchester Police, and</p> <p>13 in relation to this individual, clearly now an adult,</p> <p>14 they spoke to him on two successive days</p> <p>15 in November 2014, as we can see in paragraph 41, on the</p> <p>16 second day of which, having interviewed him, they took</p> <p>17 a witness statement.</p> <p>18 We can see in paragraph 42 that he "confirms he was</p> <p>19 an inmate at [the relevant establishment] and was there</p> <p>20 around 1975, although he could not confirm the exact</p> <p>21 dates."</p> <p>22 This is what he had to say:</p> <p>23 "While I was in Feltham, I was visited by two police</p> <p>24 detectives from Thames Valley Police, who informed me</p> <p>25 that they were working on a murder enquiry. As I was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 174</p>
<p>1 a minor, I was interviewed by the two detectives in the</p> <p>2 presence of Mr John Bishop (assistant governor). I was</p> <p>3 asked about the murder and they asked where I was on</p> <p>4 a particular date (I can't remember what this date was).</p> <p>5 Mr Bishop, who was present, answered the question and</p> <p>6 confirmed that I was actually in custody at Feltham</p> <p>7 Borstal and that was the end of the interview."</p> <p>8 So what he was saying is that the prison officer by</p> <p>9 the name of Bishop who was present is the one who</p> <p>10 alibied him?</p> <p>11 A. That would explain why Andrew Vallis and I -- thank you</p> <p>12 for filling in that gap.</p> <p>13 Q. Except that in his witness statement he tends to suggest</p> <p>14 that at the time of the murder, which if it is</p> <p>15 2 or 3 March 1976, that he might have been on the run.</p> <p>16 So it is slightly confusing.</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. But certainly what he was telling Operation Clifton in</p> <p>19 2014 is that it was Mr Bishop who confirmed he was in</p> <p>20 custody and therefore had a rock solid alibi. He went</p> <p>21 on to state, if you go back, please, to paragraph 42:</p> <p>22 "As soon as the interview concluded, the two police</p> <p>23 detectives promptly left. I definitely did not have</p> <p>24 a conversation in relation to Mr Cyril Smith at all with</p> <p>25 the police officers. I can categorically say I have</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 175</p>	<p>1 never met Cyril Smith whilst I was living in London or</p> <p>2 had any kind of relationship with him at all. I do know</p> <p>3 of Mr Cyril Smith as an MP, but that is as far as it</p> <p>4 goes."</p> <p>5 Then paragraph 43, to complete what he had to say:</p> <p>6 "In the record of interview with him, the</p> <p>7 Operation Clifton officers said that he was probed and</p> <p>8 questioned at length regarding his 'rent boy' lifestyle</p> <p>9 in London and the interview at Feltham Borstal, but at</p> <p>10 no time did he mention Cyril Smith."</p> <p>11 So you can see on the face of that, Mr Foulston, all</p> <p>12 these years after, there is a direct conflict between</p> <p>13 what you have told us and what he told the</p> <p>14 Operation Clifton officers. What's your take on that?</p> <p>15 A. The officers spoke to me because -- just prior to</p> <p>16 interviewing the person. They said they'd traced him,</p> <p>17 was there anything else that I could remember that may</p> <p>18 help them, and they spoke to me afterwards and said it</p> <p>19 was complete denial, and my response to that was,</p> <p>20 "I have discharged my responsibility. I have said what</p> <p>21 I heard", and it actually gave me a great feeling of</p> <p>22 relief, because I'd conveyed what I'd heard and he</p> <p>23 claimed that it hadn't happened, but I'd discharged my</p> <p>24 responsibility, so I actually came away feeling an</p> <p>25 immense feeling of relief.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 176</p>

<p>1 Q. Does this link with that last sentence of your statement 2 of 2015 about what had bothered you for all of those 3 years? 4 A. Mmm. 5 Q. Not the end of the story, I'm afraid, because Mr Bishop, 6 the erstwhile assistant governor, was spoken to, if you 7 look at paragraph 44 and paragraph 45. He was spoken to 8 in February of the following year, 2015, by 9 Operation Clifton. A record of interview was taken and 10 a statement obtained. At paragraph 45: 11 "He confirmed he was employed at Feltham as an 12 assistant governor and retired ... July 1989. States 13 that he returned to Feltham Borstal for a brief period 14 before moving to Maidstone in the autumn of 1976. 15 Recalled an inmate at Feltham making allegations against 16 MP Cyril Smith. In his statement he stated, 'I recall 17 one inmate specifically who complained many times that 18 he had witnessed occasions where Cyril Smith MP and 19 others held homosexual and physically abusive sessions 20 and who even claimed that someone had been killed at one 21 of these sessions. However, he did not name any other 22 names or give more data to me'. Mr Bishop reported 23 these allegations to P4 which is now known as the 24 Ministry of Justice." 25 He also recalled:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 177</p>	<p>1 "I cannot remember exactly how contact was made to 2 the police, either by P4 or myself, but as a result ..." 3 And note these words: 4 "... a Scotland Yard detective ..." 5 And that's not what you were, you were 6 Thames Valley: 7 "... as a result, a Scotland Yard Detective came and 8 interviewed the inmate who I believe had the surname 9 Foley. I was not present during the interview and heard 10 nothing further from the police, P4 or the 11 authorities." 12 Paragraph 47: 13 "... I believe these allegations were made between 14 1972 and 1976, but I cannot be certain ... whilst at 15 Feltham Borstal, I was the only serving staff member 16 with the surname Bishop. The inmate, who I believe was 17 called Foley, was the only person who made specific 18 allegations about Cyril Smith." 19 Paragraph 48. In his interview Operation Clifton 20 officers comment: 21 "The description and personality of the inmate Foley 22 is entirely consistent with that of ..." 23 And that's the cipher for the inmate that you 24 actually interviewed with Mr Vallis, WM-A12: 25 "... who states that when he was interviewed by</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 178</p>
<p>1 Thames Valley Police in relation to a murder enquiry, he 2 states a Mr John Bishop (assistant governor) was present 3 during the interview and it was the prison officer who 4 was able to alibi him who apparently had been in custody 5 at the time'. 6 "Operation Clifton made enquiries to trace Foley 7 through police records [and others] which proved 8 negative. Operation Winter Key [the overarching police 9 investigation into these allegations] were also unable 10 to trace any records concerning [presumably him]." 11 So we have the conundrum that we have the assistant 12 governor by the name of Bishop, the only Bishop in the 13 establishment at the time, who says that he was not 14 present during any interview with Foley at all, 15 certainly not one of the descriptions that you give, and 16 that the only person he remembers saying anything about 17 Cyril Smith made multiple complaints about Smith to him 18 which he reported up to the Ministry of Justice, as it 19 was, as a result of which a Scotland Yard detective came 20 along to interview him but he took no part in it. 21 I don't suppose you're going to be able to help, are 22 you? 23 A. Not at all. 24 Q. But you can see -- granted it is after all these years, 25 but you can see, when Operation Clifton took your</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 179</p>	<p>1 account to both the inmate himself and the man who was 2 present, although you don't name him, a complete blank 3 is drawn. 4 So the result of all of that is, if we go to page 9 5 of this report, and it will go up on screen, 6 Mr Foulston, but page 9, if you have the hard copy, 7 right at the bottom, "Analysis of the evidence": 8 "Mr Foulston alleged that the intervention by the 9 two Metropolitan Police Special Branch officers in the 10 Thames Valley Police murder investigation was an attempt 11 to cover up child sexual abuse committed by Smith." 12 Over to the next page, please, paragraph 58: 13 "In his original statement made to Operation Clifton 14 officers, WM-A12 stated he did not have a conversation 15 with the two ... officers about Cyril Smith, never met 16 [him] while he was living in London and never had any 17 kind of relationship with him. He knew Cyril Smith was 18 a member of parliament but that was all. 19 "Mr Bishop, an assistant governor ... who according 20 to [the inmate] was present when he was interviewed by 21 the officers ..." 22 And you confirmed somebody was present: 23 "... does not recall WM-A12 making any allegations 24 against Cyril Smith. Mr Bishop does remember an inmate 25 making allegations against Cyril Smith but believes his</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 180</p>

1 name to be Foley. Mr Bishop believes the allegations
2 from Foley were passed by him to the
3 Ministry of Justice and then to the police, although he
4 cannot be certain."
5 But to the extent he was, he said it was
6 a Scotland Yard detective.
7 Then paragraph 60, they make the point that you
8 provided names of Thames Valley officers who were on the
9 same investigation and were likely to recall you or
10 Mr Vallis mentioning the Special Branch intervention,
11 and you've seen that those who were spoken to and
12 prepared to speak had no recollection of it. So,
13 unhappily, it is all unverifiable. But, Mr Foulston,
14 when we come back to you, and the panel have seen you
15 and can assess you, as far as you're concerned, it
16 absolutely happened?
17 **A. It did.**
18 MR ALTMAN: Thank you. That's all I have to ask you, and
19 I will see if the chair and panel have any questions?
20 THE CHAIR: No, we have no questions. Thank you.
21 MR ALTMAN: There we are. Thank you very much, Mr Foulston.
22 (The witness withdrew)
23 MR ALTMAN: Chair, there are a couple of statements which
24 Mr Henderson is going to now formally adduce.
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1 Witness statement adduced by MR HENDERSON
2 MR HENDERSON: Chair, you will recall yesterday during
3 Commander Roper's evidence you heard about an operation
4 called Operation Larch which was carried out by the
5 Metropolitan Police department called Professional
6 Standards. We have obtained a statement from
7 Ms Sue Simpson, who was the person who made the
8 allegation in that case, and if we could bring them up,
9 the witness statement we have from her is MPS003528.
10 Ms Simpson is a retired police officer. She was
11 posted to Bow Street Police Station between 1979 and
12 1984. She recalls being told in an informal way by
13 colleagues in the early 1980s that an operation
14 investigating male prostitution in and around
15 Piccadilly Circus had been stopped because high-profile
16 people were involved. She's now aware, having given
17 this information to the Operation Larch team and to the
18 inquiry, that that operation was Operation Circus. In
19 this statement, she gives her account of what she heard.
20 You will of course see, chair, the links between
21 this and the other evidence you have heard today.
22 So we would ask you to formally adduce that
23 statement, and, again, it will be published on the
24 inquiry website.
25 We will also add the original statement given by her

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1 to Operation Larch, that's OHY005521. There's no need
2 to bring that one up. Thank you, chair, that's all for
3 now.
4 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr Henderson.
5 MR ALTMAN: Chair, that's all the evidence for today.
6 Tomorrow, Mr Sinclair, Mr Holmes, who you heard mention
7 of today, an officer from Wiltshire Police and
8 Commander Jerome.
9 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr Altman.
10 (3.57 pm)
11 (The hearing was adjourned to
12 Thursday, 7 March 2019 at 10.00 am)
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