

<p>1 Thursday, 25 September 2014 2 (10.30 am) 3 MS DOLAN: Good morning, sir. The next witness is Mr Quinn. 4 MR DEREK QUINN (sworn) 5 Questions from MS DOLAN 6 MS DOLAN: Good morning, Mr Quinn. I know you were in court 7 yesterday so you know I am asking questions on behalf of 8 the coroner. 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. Mr Quinn, can you give us your full name please? 11 A. My name is Frederick Quinn known as Derek Quinn. 12 Q. I think in January 2013 you were employed by BP at 13 In Amenas? 14 A. That's correct. 15 Q. What was your role there? 16 A. My role was project services manager. 17 Q. How long had you been working there? 18 A. At In Amenas for around eight years. 19 Q. That would have been since about 2005? 20 A. It was February 2005. 21 Q. What does project services manager mean in terms of your 22 role? 23 A. Well, the majority of personnel at site are operations 24 personnel who are responsible for day-to-day running of 25 the plant, producing gas, report to the operations</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 1</p>	<p>1 with Petrofac in London so I changed fairly late on to 2 go and travel on the Wednesday. 3 Q. When you were living at the plant where was your usual 4 accommodation? 5 A. For a few years I was in the BdV. I had stayed in the 6 company camp but at different times during my stay there 7 but I was in the BdV at that time. 8 Q. Whereabouts in the BdV? We have heard about a VIP villa 9 was that you or? 10 A. No, I was -- if you had the map I could show you, 11 but ... near the -- 12 Q. We don't need the map. 13 A. -- the eastern side, towards the eastern side of one of 14 the blocks. 15 Q. In your working day would you generally travel much 16 between BdV and the CPF? 17 A. Every day. We travelled, as most people did. Our 18 office was down at the CPF end of the business, so in 19 the morning down, back up at lunchtime, back down again 20 and then back in the evening. 21 Q. Were you one of the people who brought a car inside the 22 integrated camp or -- 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. -- would your vehicle be outside in the car park area? 25 A. Well --</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 3</p>
<p>1 manager but there is also an ongoing programme of 2 modifications or new bits of equipment or infrastructure 3 and that's handled by a projects team who look after the 4 engineering procurement and construction of these 5 projects and they are headed up by a project manager and 6 I report directly to the projects manager. Projects 7 services look after planning, cost control, contract 8 administration, document control, that sort of thing. 9 Q. I think one of the people that worked with you and your 10 team is Kenny Whiteside? 11 A. Kenny Whiteside worked for me as planning engineer, as 12 did Mark Grant, whose name was mentioned yesterday, as 13 a contract engineer. Peter Battram also did work for me 14 although he was terminated some months before the 15 incident as a contract engineer and Fred Buttaccio, an 16 American, who was killed also. 17 Q. When did you start your rotation that was in place 18 in January? 19 A. I came out in between Christmas and New Year. I was on 20 the same flight out as Kenny Whiteside. I can't recall 21 the exact date. I'm sure it was a Friday in between 22 Christmas and New Year. 23 Q. By January 16 had you finished your rotation? 24 A. Yes, I was due to finish on the Thursday. I was going 25 off one day early because I planned to attend a meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 2</p>	<p>1 Q. We have heard that some vehicles, very few, came into 2 the integrated camp? 3 A. No, we were in the car park. So inside the first gate, 4 if you like, inside the car park is where the vehicle 5 was parked, yes. 6 Q. And how often during the day would you pass through the 7 gate into the car parking area? 8 A. Normally the four times that I describe. For example, 9 Mark Cobb's office was up in the company camp area so to 10 attend meetings and stuff necessary we'd maybe come up 11 at various times during the day if required. 12 Q. At the peak times during the day what was your 13 experience of how the gate was when you approached the 14 gate into the car parking area, I call that the external 15 gate? 16 A. The external gate would be open. The sliding gate would 17 be open. The barrier may well be down, may well be up. 18 It just depends if there was a flow of traffic or not. 19 There was occasions when it seemed to be more in place 20 that the barrier would be down and we would do checks 21 before allowing the next vehicle went through but that 22 came and went. Generally that was open. You still had 23 to be stopped as you moved into the camp and going out 24 of the camp. 25 Q. What you are describing there is in a flow of traffic,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 4</p>

<p>1 so I am right to imagine there would be a queue of cars 2 which are blocking the road in any event at that stage? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. What about the occasions when there wasn't a flow of 5 traffic if you came from a meeting with Mark Cobb at his 6 office and it wasn't in those peak times, what was your 7 experience of the gate position? 8 A. I would say more often it was open. There was occasion 9 when it was closed and certainly if you were for any 10 reason maybe late at night working in the office, 11 working a bit later and came up, then the gate would 12 probably be closed. I was one of the people that tended 13 to go to work early in the morning, pretty early, so if 14 you were really early the gate would be closed until the 15 first sort of set of people started to leave and then it 16 would be open after that. 17 Q. But outside those peak times when you are saying more 18 often it would be open is that times when -- 19 A. During the -- 20 Q. -- there isn't another car in front of you so there 21 isn't anything blocking the road in front of you? 22 A. That is what I recollect to be honest. 23 Q. Would the barrier be up or down, the wooden barrier? 24 A. Down probably. 25 Q. That recollection, because of course we have heard there</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 5</p>	<p>1 Q. -- the base. What was the standard procedure on the day 2 you were leaving the base? 3 A. Normal procedure was to, we heard yesterday the time of 4 the bus departing had changed but irrespective of that 5 the normal procedure was to arrive at the bus which was 6 parked in the car park, arrive at the bus at least 7 15 minutes before departure to allow you to get your 8 bags on the bus, have your name checked off the 9 manifest, get on board, everybody's on board so the bus 10 could leave promptly on time and because most people are 11 leaving then there's no problem there. People are 12 always there on time generally. So on that particular 13 morning I was there about 5.15. 14 Q. Had the bus departure time changed recently? 15 A. Yes, I mentioned already, it changed roughly about 16 a week, maybe a bit longer but certainly quite recently 17 had changed from a 6 o'clock departure to 5.30. 18 Q. So on that morning I think you said you would have got 19 up and you were at the security building? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. Tell us about then the process for the bus leaving the 22 parking area -- sorry, is the bus at the parking area? 23 A. The bus is at the parking area very close to that 24 security search building and there is also one of our 25 4 by 4s there. Normally our Algerian liaison guy would</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 7</p>
<p>1 was a change in liaison management, it went over to the 2 Algerian company. Your recollection of the gate more 3 often being open, is that in the recent times, from 4 summer 2012 onwards or -- how does that reflect for the 5 rest of the times you were there for the previous years? 6 A. I think there was a spell where it was more rigorous 7 after there had been reports of suicide bombers in some 8 other facilities somewhere of driving a vehicle into 9 a camp to try and blow it up. I don't know where it was 10 exactly but there had been reports of that and I think 11 during that or after that, following that things were 12 a bit more rigorous. But as you can expect during peak 13 times, like lunchtime especially, that resulted in a big 14 long queue of vehicles trying to get into the camp to 15 get lunch. So that went on for quite some time but then 16 it kind of got a bit more relaxed after that. 17 Q. So the way you are describing it it sounds like there 18 was a time of much more firming up of the gate closure 19 when there was a concern about suicide bombers but you 20 don't seem to be relating to that to a particular change 21 in summer 2012 with the change of management? 22 A. No, no, I'm not. It may be but I didn't relate the two 23 things, no. 24 Q. As you said on the 16th you were leaving -- 25 A. Yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 6</p>	<p>1 drive as part of the escort, both inside the gate, in 2 the car park. So we're on the bus, we're checked off. 3 Paul, because he was going to leave was travelling, he 4 decided to travel in the 4 by 4 as opposed to the bus. 5 The two pilots are normally in the escort, sometimes 6 they travelled in that vehicle but for some reason that 7 day they travelled in the bus also. So Paul did come on 8 the bus before we departed, said a few things to people 9 and -- because people on the bus, there was a mixture of 10 people going on leave and people who were just going in 11 to In Amenas town to have fingerprints done. 12 Q. Can you push the microphone a little bit closer to you. 13 I am struggling occasionally. You have a very soft 14 voice. 15 A. There was a mixture of people on the bus, some people 16 going on leave and some people were going into In Amenas 17 town for fingerprinting for their work permit. 18 Q. How many people were on the bus? 19 A. There were 12 passengers on the bus plus the driver plus 20 the Relex person who coordinates the travel and ticks 21 your name off the manifest. 22 Q. You are said there were pilots on the bus. Why were 23 pilots at the In Amenas site? 24 A. Well, the normal procedure for travelling home is to 25 travel to In Amenas airport. It's a small 18 seat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 8</p>

<p>1 aircraft from there up to Hassi Messaoud to then catch 2 the big charter and that small plane is parked overnight 3 at In Amenas airport. The pilots then come to the base, 4 spend the night there and we take them back in the 5 morning. So they are the pilots who would take us to 6 Hassi.</p> <p>7 Q. We understand it is about an hour's drive to In Amenas 8 town?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. Any understanding why the pilots don't stay in In Amenas 11 town?</p> <p>12 A. Well, that firm Air Express are contracted by the JVs 13 In Salah Gas and In Amenas, so effectively they are 14 working for the JV I guess. So maybe for security 15 reasons they decided that that was the best place for 16 them to accommodated.</p> <p>17 Q. So you said you spoke to Paul Morgan?</p> <p>18 A. Well he came on the bus and just said hello and asked me 19 personally, "are you going to leave or are you just 20 going to get fingerprints?" I told him I was going to 21 leave and he said a few sort of niceties and that was 22 it. The bus then and the vehicle I think pretty much on 23 time, 5.30, departed. So moves out of the car park 24 through the gate, through the chicane. Moves on to the 25 road and then pulls off the road and sits there outside</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 9</p>	<p>1 quite elevated. There are big luggage compartments 2 underneath the bus. I was sitting probably two to three 3 seats behind the driver so looking at the front I would 4 be on the left-hand side. It was a left-hand drive so 5 I had a fairly, not a very good view but out of the 6 large windscreen of the bus.</p> <p>7 Q. Do you recall how the convoy formed up, or at least the 8 part you could see?</p> <p>9 A. As far as I remember the bus -- the vehicle that Paul 10 was in and the liaison guy was right in front of the bus 11 and then I believe two military vehicles in front of 12 that, so there's three vehicles in front from what 13 I remember and some vehicles behind which I didn't see.</p> <p>14 Q. And your recollection was it was two Gendarme vehicles 15 then Paul Morgan's then the bus?</p> <p>16 A. I believe it's two, yes.</p> <p>17 Q. How sure are you about that recollection now?</p> <p>18 A. Well, I'm sure that Paul's vehicle was in front. 19 Whether it was two or maybe three in front of the 20 military vehicles, I would say two, but I'm not 21 100 per cent certain on that.</p> <p>22 Q. And of the particular order of the vehicles, how sure 23 are you about that?</p> <p>24 A. Well, I'm very sure about the order. The military, or 25 the Gendarme vehicles were in front, Paul's vehicle then</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 11</p>
<p>1 the camp, outside the gate, but alongside the road 2 awaiting on the military to turn up with their vehicles 3 to form the actual escort. That particular morning, as 4 it were, most mornings they were a bit late so they 5 weren't there at 5.30 so we waited maybe 5 to 6 10-minutes. It didn't seem that long. Vehicles did 7 turn up. Took their position to make up the convoy.</p> <p>8 Q. Can I ask you about the vehicles? Can you describe the 9 vehicle Paul Morgan was travelling in?</p> <p>10 A. It was a white Toyota 4 by 4.</p> <p>11 Q. And the Gendarme vehicles?</p> <p>12 A. Toyotas also.</p> <p>13 Q. And the same colour?</p> <p>14 A. I believe so.</p> <p>15 Q. The Gendarme vehicles turned up too. Do you recall how 16 many Gendarme vehicles there were?</p> <p>17 A. I think four, I'm not really sure. I saw the ones that 18 pulled in front of the bus but some of them actually go 19 behind the bus so I didn't see these vehicles at all. 20 I was sitting quite near the front of the bus.</p> <p>21 Q. You say sitting near the front. Where were you and how 22 good was your view?</p> <p>23 A. Well, it's a fairly modern designed bus where the 24 driver's quite low down and the great big windscreen. 25 The actual passenger section is a few steps up so it is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 10</p>	<p>1 the bus and then Gendarme vehicles behind.</p> <p>2 Q. Some others have described the order being the Gendarme 3 vehicle, then Paul's vehicle, then another Gendarme and 4 then the bus, a slightly different order?</p> <p>5 A. Yes. No, I would have said I was definite until you 6 said that.</p> <p>7 Q. People have different recollections. So that convoy is 8 formed up?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. And do you recall about what time you actually set off 11 for VCP1?</p> <p>12 A. Yes, it seemed, well not the exact time, it would seem 13 to me we were about ten minutes late so roughly about 14 5.40-ish give or take a few minutes either way the 15 convoy set off towards the VCP1.</p> <p>16 Q. And what happens as you approach VCP1 usually?</p> <p>17 A. Usually you would drive up, it would be a fairly slow, 18 because VCP1 is not far away from where we'd parked up 19 so it is a fairly slow drive along there and the bus 20 would normally stop, the convoy would normally stop 21 there as the guy raises the barrier and then you would 22 drive off.</p> <p>23 Q. Is that a momentary stop or is it with any --</p> <p>24 A. Pretty much, yes.</p> <p>25 Q. And on that day what happened?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 12</p>

1 **A. On that day we left off, we were going fairly slowly, as**
 2 **I said, and it seemed like the vehicle that was at the**
 3 **very front of the convoy, I was looking out the front**
 4 **not really paying much attention because it was just**
 5 **like normal business but it seemed like that first**
 6 **vehicle was almost at the barrier when the bus started**
 7 **to shudder. I heard noise as if, well I looked out the**
 8 **front as well and it seemed like a really violent hail**
 9 **storm, it was streaks flying through the air into the**
 10 **headlights. It was still dark at that time of the**
 11 **morning, in the winter time. So in the headlights you**
 12 **could see the stuff hitting the bus. You could feel it**
 13 **hitting the bus, shuddering. It was at that moment that**
 14 **something hit me on the leg quite hard.**
 15 **Q. Which leg was that?**
 16 **A. My right leg. And it was -- a lot of things happened**
 17 **very quickly but it was -- it took, it seemed to take**
 18 **forever to understand what was actually happening. So**
 19 **we were going from a normal drive to the airport to, you**
 20 **know, what the hell is happening here? So my immediate**
 21 **reaction was to feel my leg, it felt like someone had**
 22 **hit it with a hammer although I felt no pain at that**
 23 **time. I realised there was bleeding. I had looked out**
 24 **the front and saw the doors of vehicles. This was**
 25 **a glancing look out the front. I didn't spend time to**

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1 **look at the front. I saw doors of vehicles opening and**
 2 **people diving out of vehicles in front of the bus and**
 3 **all the time this noise and stuff hitting the bus. I**
 4 **tried to get down low, which was just a natural**
 5 **reaction, tried to get down in between the seats but**
 6 **realised that I wasn't getting low enough. I wanted to**
 7 **get down and twisted round and threw myself onto the**
 8 **aisle of the bus.**
 9 **Q. Pause there. You say you saw people getting out of**
 10 **vehicles?**
 11 **A. Yes.**
 12 **Q. Are you able to say now which vehicles you saw people**
 13 **getting out of?**
 14 **A. It was -- you know, what I saw was just a glance to be**
 15 **honest. For sure I saw people getting out. In my mind**
 16 **I see Gendarmes getting out. You can -- because the**
 17 **headlights are on from the bus so you can actually see.**
 18 **In my mind, I don't know why, because Paul was wearing a**
 19 **white shirt that particular morning, or a kind of light**
 20 **coloured shirt, I thought I saw Paul get out of the**
 21 **vehicle because he would be coming out of that**
 22 **right-hand side, but I don't know if I did or not.**
 23 **Maybe the headlights made it look that way. I saw**
 24 **people dive out of the vehicles left and right but**
 25 **mostly to the right because that was where my -- I was**

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1 **pointing. Then I was down on the floor so I didn't see**
 2 **anything after that.**
 3 **Q. And when you are saying in your mind you think you saw**
 4 **Paul get out the vehicle --**
 5 **A. Yes.**
 6 **Q. -- are you expressing some doubt about it? It must be**
 7 **very difficult to remember after such a traumatic event**
 8 **to put these things together.**
 9 **A. Yes, I don't know if I did. I couldn't say I definitely**
 10 **saw him. I just saw people getting out of vehicles and**
 11 **I did think I saw a white shirted person, that is what**
 12 **I thought I saw. It is probably a doubt in my mind**
 13 **because after the event speaking to someone they told me**
 14 **that that wasn't him because he was in the vehicle when**
 15 **he was killed.**
 16 **Q. We'll come back to what you heard about afterwards,**
 17 **Mr Quinn, at the time. You said you could see what you**
 18 **described as or what you thought was hail initially?**
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 **Q. And obviously was bullets?**
 21 **A. Yes.**
 22 **Q. What direction was it coming from?**
 23 **A. If you think of a clock, the forward was 12 o'clock then**
 24 **I would say initially it was coming from between 1 and**
 25 **2 o'clock. So towards the front but to the right-hand**

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1 **side of the bus, coming in from that angle initially.**
 2 **Q. From when those bullets first came in did the bus move**
 3 **forward at all?**
 4 **A. No, the bus, a lot of things happened in that early**
 5 **instant. The driver shouted out, I thought he had been**
 6 **hit because things were coming through the windscreen**
 7 **which I believe because that's what hit me, something**
 8 **had come through the windscreen. He shouted out.**
 9 **I thought he had been hit. I believe he opened the door**
 10 **of the bus, there was a door at the front and there was**
 11 **a door in the middle.**
 12 **Q. The doors are on the right or left side?**
 13 **A. On the right side because it was a left-hand drive. So**
 14 **he opened that door, that is the door he was getting**
 15 **out. There's no driver's door, he goes in and out of**
 16 **the passenger door. He opened the door I believe at**
 17 **that point but he was still in the bus. So what was the**
 18 **question?**
 19 **Q. The question was did the bus move forward?**
 20 **A. No, the bus came to a halt really. The whole convoy was**
 21 **almost coming to a halt in any case so it just came to**
 22 **a halt.**
 23 **Q. Can I just ask you to look at one of the aerial**
 24 **photographs we have?**
 25 **A. Sure.**

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1 Q. And it is NAS 23. If you turn to the second page.
 2 **A. Yes.**
 3 Q. It might not be a picture you have been shown in this
 4 form before so take a moment to orientate yourself
 5 around it.
 6 **A. No, that's okay.**
 7 Q. But it seems to us in the top right corner of that
 8 picture, is that VCP1?
 9 **A. That's correct, yes. That's VCP1 and the sort of car**
 10 **parking area beyond.**
 11 Q. And you say there is the car parking area?
 12 **A. Yes.**
 13 Q. And then off the road one can see a white oblong, can
 14 you help us with what that is?
 15 **A. Well, that would be the building at VCP1.**
 16 Q. That is actually the building, the checkpoint building?
 17 **A. Well there was a Portakabin of some description there.**
 18 Q. If you move to the left of that about 2 centimetres down
 19 the road it appears that that might be a bus, but does
 20 that fit with your --
 21 **A. Yes, I would say that's it. Because -- I guess we will**
 22 **come to it later but when we left the bus we sort of**
 23 **gathered in that small depression that you see to the**
 24 **right of the bus. It looks like a track or something**
 25 **that crosses the road there, yes, so that's about the**

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1 **position, yes.**
 2 Q. Thank you. So you were describing that the driver had
 3 opened --
 4 **A. Yes, the driver had opened the door. He had shouted out**
 5 **but then we were down on the floor, the driver then**
 6 **someone shouted for him to get to the back of the bus**
 7 **I believe or he decided himself to get to the back of**
 8 **the bus because I remember him walking over or running**
 9 **over my back certainly to get towards the back of the**
 10 **bus. So he was at the back. There was then a pretty**
 11 **severe firefight for want of a better word. The**
 12 **Gendarmes that had exited the vehicles were outside**
 13 **probably using the bus as cover I guess or under the**
 14 **bus, I don't know where they were, but the noise from**
 15 **their guns was extremely loud and you can feel the power**
 16 **of the guns going off and you could hear the fire coming**
 17 **in, whether it was still from the same angle or had**
 18 **changed it was difficult to say when you're down on the**
 19 **floor but that kind of firefight went on fairly fiercely**
 20 **for, it is to say difficult to say, people say different**
 21 **times, nobody was looking at their watch, but**
 22 **20 minutes, half an hour, maybe longer but it seemed**
 23 **a very long time.**
 24 Q. Were you looking at your watch at this time?
 25 **A. No, no one was looking at their watch I don't suspect.**

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1 Q. Understandably.
 2 **A. But people have different estimates of how long that**
 3 **was. It seemed like an eternity but I don't know.**
 4 **I would say 20 minutes to 30 minutes. It seemed to be**
 5 **fairly fierce gunfire going out and coming in. Still**
 6 **dark. After that initial period it seemed to quieten**
 7 **slightly. I remember, I can't remember when it was**
 8 **exactly, but I remember looking up, my head was away**
 9 **from the front, I remember looking out the windscreen**
 10 **I saw a couple of streaks going across high up and**
 11 **I know someone mentioned flares yesterday but I've no**
 12 **idea if it was flares or rockets or anything like that**
 13 **but it didn't look very good whatever it was.**
 14 Q. Just to ask you about that what way were those streaks
 15 going, were they going horizontal or vertical?
 16 **A. Horizontal, across the bus somewhere.**
 17 Q. So whatever they were did they look to you like warning
 18 flares of the type one might assume --
 19 **A. I didn't suspect they were flares to be honest.**
 20 **I thought there were something more sinister than flares**
 21 **but I'm not an expert.**
 22 Q. Apart from obviously the gunfire that's going on around
 23 you what else could you hear at that time?
 24 **A. I guess there was shouting from Gendarmes I believe but**
 25 **nothing that I could comprehend whatsoever, so gunfire**

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1 **was the predominant thing that you could hear. There**
 2 **was a bit of a lull after that initial period. I did at**
 3 **some stage hear either gunfire or some explosions quite**
 4 **distant towards the CPF side which I couldn't think what**
 5 **that would be.**
 6 Q. Do you know how long after the incident started you
 7 heard these sounds at a distance?
 8 **A. It's very difficult, maybe 30 minutes but I'm guessing.**
 9 **All during this time and fairly quickly after it started**
 10 **the alarm did go off, the intermittent alarm did go off**
 11 **in the camp which we were fairly close to so we could**
 12 **hear it. It is a very, very loud alarm.**
 13 Q. Again you said fairly quickly after. Can you recall?
 14 **A. It seemed like just minutes, you know, almost**
 15 **immediately it seemed. But that wasn't something that**
 16 **we were particularly worried about. We knew there was**
 17 **a problem anyway so it wasn't a concern of ours. The**
 18 **gunfire was an immediate concern.**
 19 Q. But it wasn't after 20 minutes or as long as that?
 20 **A. No, and it went on for quite a long time before it just**
 21 **went quiet.**
 22 Q. I think Mr Edwards was on the bus with you and he
 23 received a text or got a text from somebody in the camp?
 24 **A. Yes, I'm not sure of the time. It was probably in that**
 25 **kind of lull after the initial firefight that**

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<p>1 I mentioned that he'd sent a text I believe to Mark Cobb 2 and he passed on a message back from Mark to say that, 3 I'm sure he'll give you the exact words, but the camp 4 had been breached by terrorists. At that time in my 5 mind I had no concept of the magnitude of what was going 6 on. We thought it was the bus that was being attacked. 7 Even when I heard that the camp had been breached by 8 terrorists, I thought maybe that's a terrorist trying to 9 get away and he had run into the camp. I didn't realise 10 the attack was so large at that point in time. That 11 only became more apparent as time went on.</p> <p>12 Anyway, we knew the camp had been breached. Again, 13 during that kind of lull then someone came on the bus 14 with a gun initially we thought well is this a good guy 15 or a bad guy? He didn't speak English to my knowledge. 16 He probably spoke Arabic but he looked in and he 17 obviously saw the faces looking round at him. He had 18 a bit of a look of surprise on his face. I didn't know 19 what he was expecting to see but he looked surprised 20 initially was my feeling. He then said something in 21 Arabic which turned out to be something to do with the 22 driver. He wanted the driver back down at the front of 23 the bus. The driver did go back down the front. He got 24 the driver into the driver's seat. He clearly wanted 25 him to start the bus and drive away. The driver tried</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 21</p>	<p>1 pretty much pulled him off the bus, took him out and 2 left us again on the bus.</p> <p>3 Q. And then this heavy gunfire went on for how long about? 4 A. It didn't seem as long as the first time. But this time 5 I kept looking up, hoping that light would come up, that 6 this would seem better if it was light, you know, rather 7 than dark and it was starting to get lighter at that 8 time. And again, that kind of died off a bit and it 9 became more intermittent. Gunfire we'd hear now and 10 again. The light did come up and then at some point 11 I remember looking out the front and saw vehicles coming 12 along the road quite in the distance coming towards 13 VCP1.</p> <p>14 Q. So they would be coming from outside? 15 A. From In Amenas direction. 16 Q. From the town direction? 17 A. Which I was glad about because I suspected and rightly 18 so that they were reinforcements coming from In Amenas 19 town to support the Gendarmes at site. 20 Q. Do you recall what time that was? 21 A. I don't. I would imagine roughly about an hour, an hour 22 or so after it started. It is an hour's journey to 23 In Amenas. That is if you stick to the speed limits, 24 which the Gendarmes probably wouldn't do in that 25 particular circumstance.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 23</p>
<p>1 that, but there was no -- the bus wasn't going to move 2 anywhere. The bus was not going to work.</p> <p>3 Just at that point in time the driver's in his seat, 4 the Gendarme, who I believe was a Gendarme anyway, was 5 standing beside him when more heavy or heavier gunfire 6 started and this time from more the kind of 5 o'clock, 7 4 o'clock, 5 o'clock position, so coming from the 8 direction of the camp it seemed to be.</p> <p>9 This was quite different in sound. It was 10 definitely heavier than machinegun fire we had heard 11 earlier. That started -- the Gendarme then, I saw him 12 grab the driver and they exited from the door and were 13 gone. So again we were subjected to another period of 14 pretty intense kind of gunfire and fighting going on.</p> <p>15 Q. Was that gunfire hitting the bus or -- 16 A. It's hard to say. I don't believe it was. I believe 17 this was pretty heavy stuff. If this had hit the bus we 18 would really have felt it I think. But I could be wrong 19 because I'm no expert in munitions or anything. I don't 20 believe so. Was it aimed at the bus? Clearly the 21 Gendarmes thought so. They were firing back at this so 22 I believe they did. I have no idea.</p> <p>23 Q. So at this point did the Gendarme take the driver off 24 the bus as he left as you described? 25 A. Yes, he grabbed the driver, as far as I recollect,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 22</p>	<p>1 Q. When you gave your witness statement you thought that 2 was about 7.30 which would be more than an hour later. 3 Are you able to -- or is it just a guesstimate? 4 A. It is just a guess, but that's more realistic, yes. 5 Q. That is more realistic, 7.30? 6 A. The time they were informed and got themselves mobilised 7 and actually there then that is probably more realistic. 8 Q. You are still on the bus at this point? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. What happens after you see those reinforcements arrive? 11 A. The light had come up then and you could sort of look 12 out a wee bit just to see what was going on. There was 13 a lot more Gendarmes going around. There was occasional 14 gunfire and I don't know where it was coming from but 15 then they'd all drop down and take cover and stuff but 16 things had quietened down quite a bit and I remember 17 looking at my watch at one time and I believe we were on 18 that bus, it seemed almost two hours to me, maybe just 19 short of two hours, that someone came on the bus again, 20 another Gendarme, and again didn't speak English but 21 made it clear that we were going to get off the bus. 22 They didn't want to take us out the sides, the door, 23 where the doors are because that was towards the camp. 24 They wanted to take us out of the other side so that we 25 exited through the driver's window.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 24</p>

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1 Q. Can I just pause you again there. When you wrote your
 2 witness statement you thought that was about 3-hours
 3 rather than 2-hours after events. Are you able to help
 4 now with what's more likely?
 5 **A. Erm ...**
 6 Q. Your witness statement was written on 22 January?
 7 **A. Okay.**
 8 Q. Not long after events but of course --
 9 **A. All right. Three hours seems a bit long, but ... it is**
 10 **hard to say now.**
 11 Q. All right. That's fine.
 12 So you said the Gendarme came and indicated for you
 13 to leave the bus?
 14 **A. We were all going to leave the bus via the driver's**
 15 **window which is quite high up but we got out.**
 16 **A Gendarme was standing outside the bus.**
 17 Q. So you are getting out the left-hand side of the bus?
 18 **A. The left-hand side so away from the camp, the safer side**
 19 **in their view, so we all got out the bus window and**
 20 **grouped in that small depression that I mentioned**
 21 **earlier on.**
 22 Q. That you can see just in front of the bus on the map?
 23 **A. That is a small sort of culvert if you like. So it is**
 24 **down below, if you lie down there you're down below the**
 25 **level of the road. So we grouped there, everyone off**
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1 **the bus. Everybody was off and in that group and then**
 2 **we were told to keep low but make a dash for VCP1 where**
 3 **by that time there was military vehicles parked in that**
 4 **parking area that you see there.**
 5 Q. When you are doing that did you see any of the cars that
 6 had been in the convoy with you?
 7 **A. I saw the cars but didn't see anybody in the cars.**
 8 Q. What about the car that Paul Morgan had been travelling
 9 in?
 10 **A. I saw the car but I didn't see anybody in the car.**
 11 Q. How sure are you it was Paul's car rather than
 12 a Gendarme car?
 13 **A. Because I'm pretty convinced I knew where Paul's car**
 14 **was, in front of the bus.**
 15 Q. So it was because of its location?
 16 **A. Location, yes.**
 17 Q. Rather than any feature of the vehicle?
 18 **A. Yes.**
 19 Q. Were the vehicles all the same then?
 20 **A. From my recollection, yes.**
 21 Q. So which car was this in terms of position that you
 22 think was Paul Morgan's car?
 23 **A. The one directly in front of the bus.**
 24 Q. And were there still two more cars in front of that?
 25 **A. Yes.**
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1 Q. Then I think you were taken away from that scene on a --
 2 **A. Yes, we grouped at the VCP1. The driver, the bus**
 3 **driver -- our bus driver had joined us by that time.**
 4 **I don't know where he had been when he had been taken**
 5 **off the bus but he joined us then. He noticed I had**
 6 **been injured. He spoke to someone so I was taken**
 7 **briefly into, I guess it was the back of a military**
 8 **ambulance, and a guy put a dressing on my leg and then**
 9 **we were all there, bundled into a military vehicle of**
 10 **some description and a couple of armed Gendarmes in the**
 11 **vehicle and then driven fairly quickly to In Amenas town**
 12 **to the Gendarmes base. It was -- when the driver joined**
 13 **up with us again, the driver had been at site for a long**
 14 **time and I didn't know him personally but I knew the**
 15 **guy, I knew their faces. It was him that told me that**
 16 **Paul had been killed at that point.**
 17 Q. Did he tell you any more?
 18 **A. No, he spoke in French. He was clearly very upset and**
 19 **he just told me that fact and I passed it on to other**
 20 **people on the bus.**
 21 MR GARNHAM: I am terribly sorry, that is quite important
 22 and the voice was dropped and I couldn't hear. Could we
 23 have that again?
 24 **A. Yes, the bus driver had joined us by that time at VCP1**
 25 **and just either prior to it or as we went on to this**
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1 **military vehicle that was going to take us away he then**
 2 **sort of pulled me to one side and just said that Paul**
 3 **had been killed or his words were "Paul is dead" in**
 4 **French.**
 5 MS DOLAN: Did anybody ask him for any more detail?
 6 **A. No.**
 7 Q. Then I think you were taken to In Amenas and then given
 8 treatment for your injury?
 9 **A. Yes, we were taken to the Gendarme base at In Amenas.**
 10 **I don't think they knew exactly what to do with us when**
 11 **we got there but we stayed there a bit. Someone looked**
 12 **at my leg there and also Kolbjorn, the Statoil guy, had**
 13 **an injury to his thigh --**
 14 Q. Sorry, I missed, even I missed that an I am very close
 15 to you.
 16 **A. Kolbjorn Kirkebo, he's a project manager. So they took**
 17 **both of us to In Amenas hospital and the rest of the**
 18 **people stayed at the Gendarme base and we joined them**
 19 **quite a few hours later. They kept us at the hospital**
 20 **for quite some time.**
 21 Q. I think when you did return to the Gendarme base in
 22 In Amenas and met up with some of your other colleagues
 23 you saw Mark Cobb?
 24 **A. Yes, by the time we returned to the Gendarme base**
 25 **Mark Cobb was there. Bjarne, the Statoil maintenance**
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1 guy was there who had escaped and a few other people had
 2 started to turn up also at that point in time.
 3 Q. Did you have any discussion with Mark Cobb about
 4 Paul Morgan?
 5 A. I don't recall that, no.
 6 Q. And I think you also met one of your Norwegian
 7 colleagues Bjarne there?
 8 A. Yes.
 9 Q. And did you have a conversation with him about?
 10 A. Yes, he was relating his story of how he managed to
 11 escape and --
 12 Q. The inquest haven't heard any of that from Bjarne yet.
 13 Can you give us the account he gave you?
 14 A. Yes, certainly. He had been down at the admin building,
 15 down at the CPF. He was Statoil. But they all started
 16 work, went down to work fairly early and I think there
 17 was four Statoil guys in the admin building, including
 18 Tore Bech the operations manager and they sort of got
 19 together most mornings I believe for a cup of coffee and
 20 a bit of a chat before work started. So four of them
 21 were together, Tore Bech, can't remember the other two,
 22 doesn't matter, Bjarne was one of them. The -- I don't
 23 know what the timing was but the alarm went off, the
 24 power went off because of this generator problem. They
 25 were on their way out of the building to see what was

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1 going on when the terrorists were coming in. So they
 2 took the four of them immediately. They strapped them
 3 up with cable ties, these nylon cable tie things and
 4 strapped their wrists up and they were trying to find
 5 out who was in charge. Tore Bech told them he was the
 6 operations manager and they said they were -- they
 7 wanted to start the plant, the plant had gone down by
 8 that time because of the generator problem. They wanted
 9 to start the plant because, well, we believed they
 10 wanted to blow it up so they wanted the plant to be
 11 running when they blew it up. So they wanted Tore Bech
 12 and these guys to show them how to start the plant.
 13 Tore was trying to explain it is not as simple as
 14 pressing a button and away you go. They took the four
 15 of them into the CPF on the back of vehicles and they
 16 drove into the CPF and the vehicles were loaded up with
 17 explosives and stuff according to Bjarne, they drove
 18 into the CPF and they bundled them off and they were at
 19 Train 3 saying "What do you do? Do you press this
 20 button? What do you do?" They were desperate to find
 21 out how to start the plant. It is still dark obviously
 22 at this time. Bjarne realised when they put the cable
 23 ties on his hands they had done it the wrong way round
 24 so he knew if he pulled hard he could break that. They
 25 were at some pump or other and they were poking and

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1 prodding Tore and trying to get information out of him.
 2 He realised attention was off him right at that point in
 3 time and just decided to make a break for it. So he
 4 tore his wrists apart and ran through Train 3 with
 5 terrorists chasing him with a gun saying they were going
 6 to shoot him unless he stopped and he just kept running.
 7 Ran north out of the plant. Came up against a fence at
 8 the back. He didn't stop to wait to see who was chasing
 9 him. He just kept running. He hit the fence, went
 10 along and tried to find a bit where he could get over
 11 the first fence. He managed to get over. He said he
 12 fell off at one point and hurt himself but he got over
 13 the fence, over the second fence and just ran into the
 14 desert and just ran until he could run no further. It
 15 was dark so he stayed there for quite a bit to make sure
 16 nobody was following him. Nobody did. So he kind of
 17 waited again until the light came up and moved round and
 18 eventually made his way up to I guess the VCP1 area
 19 eventually until he met some Gendarmes who were in the
 20 area at that time and then they brought him into
 21 In Amenas town.
 22 Q. I think the following day in the morning after your
 23 rescue you were with -- you know Mark Cobb took a phone
 24 call?
 25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Were you with him when that phone call was taken?
 2 A. No.
 3 Q. Or did you just --
 4 A. No, I wasn't with him. He was close by and I knew there
 5 was a phone call and he kind of went to one side
 6 I believe to take the phone call. I heard what the
 7 phone call was about. It was from Nick Hitch I believe.
 8 Q. And what did you learn about that phone call?
 9 A. I learned that Nick was telling him that the request was
 10 for the military to back off or he would be killed
 11 within half an hour or thereabouts.
 12 Q. Do you know what Mark did after receiving that phone
 13 call, did you observe him?
 14 A. Well, I believe he tried to get in touch with other
 15 people to see what they could do, Andy Collins and
 16 people like that.
 17 Q. I think you were taken to the airport?
 18 A. Yes, we were taken to the airport mid-morning-ish, yes.
 19 Q. What did you see at the airport?
 20 A. We were hanging about the airport for quite some time,
 21 we were trying to get a flight organised to take us to
 22 Hassi Messaoud. While we were there a very large
 23 military plane landed. One with the big door that opens
 24 at the back and there was literally hundreds, well guys
 25 got off the back, simply in clothes, but presumably

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<p>1 these were military personnel who were being transported 2 to that area. 3 Q. Did you assume they were troops? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. Were there any other aircraft at the airport at that 6 time? 7 A. (The witness shook head) 8 Q. Did you see helicopters? 9 A. I saw the helicopters who are normally there but I don't 10 remember seeing them that particular day. 11 Q. I think when you wrote your witness statement back 12 in January you wrote "I also saw three military 13 helicopters which had been based at the airport since 14 the Libyan uprising." 15 A. Yes, they were in place normally at the airport but that 16 particular day I can't now recall if they were sitting 17 there or they were in the air somewhere, but they were 18 normally based there, yes. 19 Q. I think also there was a time when you spoke to what you 20 thought was an Indonesian chap who had been involved in 21 the events, do you recall that? 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. And what did he tell you? 24 A. Well, he had -- I can't recall his name even but he told 25 us he'd been out in the open when this attack started.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 33</p>	<p>1 terrorists, some of them certainly, were dressed in what 2 looked like Gendarmes uniforms. 3 Q. But on discovering he was a Muslim they let him go? 4 A. Yes, he said they weren't interested in him. 5 Q. Was he specific about the uniforms? Was he giving you 6 the impression they were actually Gendarme uniforms or 7 people in military fatigues of some sort? 8 A. He used the term Gendarme uniforms I believe. He 9 believed they were, yes. 10 MS DOLAN: Thank you, Mr Quinn. I don't have any other 11 questions for you but there will be from others. 12 Questions from MR GARNHAM 13 MR GARNHAM: Good morning, Mr Quinn. 14 A. Good morning. 15 Q. My name is Garnham. I represent the families of 16 Garry Barlow, Carson Bilsland, Paul Morgan and Kenneth 17 Whiteside. I just have a few questions for you by way 18 of clarification of some of what you have told us. 19 You told us that Paul Morgan got on to the bus 20 before it had set off? 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. And that he was, you understood, travelling home that 23 day? 24 A. Correct. 25 Q. But he was not going to travel down to In Amenas on the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 35</p>
<p>1 He was inside the camp at the time. He was walking 2 either to the canteen or from the canteen but he was in 3 the open when it all started. 4 Q. Which part of the camp was that? 5 A. In the BdV area. And he'd kind of lay down but out in 6 the open. And he saw some of the terrorists. They sort 7 of took him, if you like, but he told them he was 8 a Muslim so they let him go. They told him he was free 9 to go. 10 Q. I think when you wrote your witness statement he told 11 you he had been walking across spare ground towards the 12 car park? 13 A. Yes, between the canteen and the car park, in that open 14 ground, yes. 15 Q. Did you understand which car park he was talking about? 16 Is this the car park outside the -- 17 A. Yes, the car park that virtually everybody used, yes. 18 Q. And he had been walking towards that? 19 A. Towards that from the canteen then, yes. 20 Q. And he had been walking in that direction when the 21 shooting started? 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. And then he told you he had seen two Gendarmes walking 24 towards him? 25 A. That's right, he did say that -- his view was that these</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 34</p>	<p>1 bus, he was going to go in the 4 by 4? 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. And he would then be travelling in the company of the 4 operations liaison assistant? 5 A. That's correct. 6 Q. A man called S? 7 A. That's correct. 8 Q. Was there anyone else apart from those two men in that 9 vehicle? 10 A. No. There wasn't. Sometimes, I think I said earlier, 11 the pilots would choose to drive -- ride in that vehicle 12 in the back but on this particular day, no, they were on 13 the bus so there was no one else in that vehicle. 14 Q. You had a conversation with Paul Morgan whilst he was on 15 the bus. You nod but that won't be recorded so I need 16 you to answer. 17 A. Well, very, very brief, yes. 18 Q. Do you recall what you talked about? 19 A. It was "you're going to leave" was the sort of gist of 20 the question. He was asking was I going to leave or was 21 I one of the guys just going to get fingerprints because 22 he was going to leave. 23 Q. So he told you he was going to leave? 24 A. I knew he was leaving. I don't know if he told me that 25 particular day but I knew that he was going to leave.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 36</p>

<p>1 Q. Did you have an understanding of why he was leaving?</p> <p>2 A. I just reckoned that was his normal rotation leave day.</p> <p>3 THE CORONER: Some people were going to get their</p> <p>4 fingerprints done, other people were going to leave in</p> <p>5 the sense of leave the country. I think what you are</p> <p>6 being asked about is when you say you knew he was going</p> <p>7 to leave did you think he was going to leave the company</p> <p>8 or just on rotation?</p> <p>9 A. No, on rotational leave, yes. No, I didn't know he was</p> <p>10 going to leave the company at all.</p> <p>11 MR GARNHAM: You didn't know what he was going to do, did</p> <p>12 you? Apart from the fact that he was going to go to</p> <p>13 In Amenas town with a view to leaving the country then</p> <p>14 and there you didn't know what his long-term plans were?</p> <p>15 A. No, absolutely not.</p> <p>16 Q. You were sitting on the left side of the bus you told</p> <p>17 us?</p> <p>18 A. Looking forward, yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Looking forward, two or three rows back from the driver?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. So your view would have been over the driver's head --</p> <p>22 A. No, well, yes, but --</p> <p>23 Q. -- as you sat there?</p> <p>24 A. Yes, but as I say, it is a modern sort of bus, the</p> <p>25 driver is in quite a low position and so -- yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 37</p>	<p>1 Q. Do you have any recollection of how many people were</p> <p>2 travelling in each of the Gendarme vehicles? How many</p> <p>3 Gendarmes were with you?</p> <p>4 A. I believe 12. I could be wrong. That assumption was</p> <p>5 four armed Gendarmes per vehicle, 12 or 16, depending if</p> <p>6 there was three or four vehicles. So a driver plus 4.</p> <p>7 Q. You think it was a driver plus four?</p> <p>8 A. I think so, yes.</p> <p>9 Q. How confident are you about that?</p> <p>10 A. 90 per cent.</p> <p>11 Q. Other witnesses have told the inquest that there were</p> <p>12 three armed Gendarmes plus each driver?</p> <p>13 A. Yes, okay.</p> <p>14 Q. But you would disagree?</p> <p>15 A. I don't know why I've arrived at that conclusion. That</p> <p>16 was just my belief.</p> <p>17 Q. You have told us how the firing started towards the bus?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. You described hearing and feeling bullets strike the</p> <p>20 bus?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. You have told us that it was dark outside?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. Can I take it from that that you couldn't see who was</p> <p>25 firing the weapons?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 39</p>
<p>1 Q. You were able to see forwards through the front</p> <p>2 windscreen?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. And to either side through the side windscreens?</p> <p>5 A. I guess, yes, to a certain extent.</p> <p>6 Q. But it was dark at the time?</p> <p>7 A. It was dark, yes.</p> <p>8 Q. And there was no external lighting?</p> <p>9 A. Not at VCPI, where they stopped, no.</p> <p>10 Q. The liaison vehicle in which Paul Morgan was travelling</p> <p>11 also began its journey inside the BdV?</p> <p>12 A. Yes which was normal practice.</p> <p>13 Q. And departed the camp with the bus?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. Immediately in front of the bus?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. And parked up near the car park with the bus?</p> <p>18 A. Parked up on the -- alongside the road outside the fence</p> <p>19 line, yes.</p> <p>20 Q. The Gendarme vehicles then came to join the collection</p> <p>21 of the bus and the 4 by 4?</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 Q. And you describe the way in which you recollect them</p> <p>24 being arranged?</p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 38</p>	<p>1 A. I could not see who was firing.</p> <p>2 Q. Were you able to see what the Gendarmes did immediately</p> <p>3 upon that attack beginning?</p> <p>4 A. The only thing I saw was, as I mentioned earlier,</p> <p>5 people, Gendarmes exiting vehicles, so that could be</p> <p>6 a mixture of Gendarmes and drivers or whatever, but</p> <p>7 people in the vehicles in front of the bus exited their</p> <p>8 vehicles. Doors were opened and they dived out.</p> <p>9 Q. Did you see any of the interior lights on any of the</p> <p>10 4 by 4s come on?</p> <p>11 A. I couldn't say that at all.</p> <p>12 Q. In particular, did you see an interior light come on in</p> <p>13 the 4 by 4 in which Paul Morgan was travelling?</p> <p>14 A. No.</p> <p>15 Q. When you say "no" are you saying you can't recollect or</p> <p>16 you are confident that it did not?</p> <p>17 A. I can't -- in the time that I glanced out it was just</p> <p>18 a split second.</p> <p>19 Q. I understand.</p> <p>20 A. I wasn't looking for interior lights, I wasn't looking</p> <p>21 for anything. It was just a glancing look and all I saw</p> <p>22 was movement of people leaving vehicles, whether a light</p> <p>23 was on or not I would never be able to tell you.</p> <p>24 Q. At any stage during that period of the events did you</p> <p>25 see any of the vehicles, the 4 by 4s ahead of the bus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 40</p>

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1 drive off?
 2 **A. No.**
 3 Q. Was it possible to drive 4 by 4s on the desert on either
 4 side of the road?
 5 **A. I guess so. I mean normally -- there was that small**
 6 **depression that we ended up going into which a 4 by 4**
 7 **could negotiate.**
 8 Q. And we can see various tracks on the photograph which
 9 look as though they are capable of carrying a 4 by 4?
 10 **A. Yes.**
 11 Q. Did you see S, the driver of the vehicle, carrying
 12 Paul Morgan at any stage after the attack began?
 13 **A. I didn't see him specifically, no.**
 14 Q. And your one recollection that you think may have been
 15 Paul Morgan was someone in a white shirt or a light
 16 coloured shirt?
 17 **A. It looked that way.**
 18 Q. But you didn't see which?
 19 **A. I believed it was the vehicle in front but the glance**
 20 **that I took was very, very brief.**
 21 Q. You told us about seeing white streaks?
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. And you told us you thought they were coming
 24 horizontally?
 25 **A. Correct.**

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1 Q. From where?
 2 **A. I recollect that they were coming from, looking out the**
 3 **front of the bus from left to right.**
 4 Q. From left to right. Can you give us on a clock face
 5 their apparent source? You are describing 9 o'clock are
 6 you or 10 o'clock on a clock face?
 7 **A. When I saw these I was looking out of the windscreen**
 8 **which is the front of the bus. So I saw them going**
 9 **across horizontally, so you know, whether they came from**
 10 **10 o'clock, 9 o'clock, it is impossible for me to tell**
 11 **at that point in time but they were going from left to**
 12 **right which is, I believe.**
 13 Q. You then describe the intensity of the gunfire falling
 14 away?
 15 **A. Yes.**
 16 Q. There being something of a lull I think you said?
 17 **A. Yes.**
 18 Q. And then there was sporadic gunfire after that?
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 Q. From where did that appear to be coming?
 21 **A. There appeared to be gunfire more in the distance**
 22 **towards the camp and I can't recall now the exact timing**
 23 **of the noises I heard which seemed to be coming from the**
 24 **CPF, whether that was earlier on or later, but there was**
 25 **noises in the distance from the CPF site but mainly from**

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1 **the camp site.**
 2 Q. Could the white streaks or whatever made those have been
 3 coming from the camp?
 4 **A. Say that again?**
 5 Q. Could it be that whatever it was that made the white
 6 streaks that you saw passing horizontally, was their
 7 apparent source such that it could have come from the
 8 camp?
 9 **A. No.**
 10 Q. On the way to the VCP when you are out of the vehicle
 11 you passed the 4 by 4 you say that Paul Morgan had been
 12 travelling in?
 13 **A. Yes.**
 14 Q. You appear to be reasonably confident about that
 15 although that vehicle was not noticeably distinctive
 16 from the other 4 by 4s, is that fair?
 17 **A. Yes.**
 18 Q. The inquest has heard some evidence that that vehicle
 19 may have been driven away soon after the attack began,
 20 but you saw nothing to support that?
 21 **A. No.**
 22 Q. Did that vehicle appear to have moved at all from where
 23 you saw it stop?
 24 **A. I don't recall any vehicles moving, no.**
 25 Q. And it looks as though it was in the same place that you

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1 thought it had come to rest?
 2 **A. That's my recollection, yes.**
 3 Q. When you passed that vehicle did you look inside it?
 4 **A. I looked at the vehicles, I wasn't --**
 5 Q. You had other things on your mind?
 6 **A. Yes, clearly I had other things on my mind at that time.**
 7 **We thought we were still going to come under fire at**
 8 **that point of time so I looked at the vehicles but there**
 9 **was nothing at all obvious to me to take note of to be**
 10 **honest in any of the vehicles, nothing.**
 11 Q. Sorry, you dropped your voice.
 12 **A. There was nothing obvious in any of the vehicles that**
 13 **I took notice of.**
 14 Q. Are you able to say "yes I looked in those vehicles and
 15 there was no one in there" or "I can't be sure whether
 16 there was anyone in there or not"?
 17 **A. I looked at the vehicles and saw no one.**
 18 Q. But that could be either because there was nobody in
 19 there or because the view you got didn't enable you to
 20 say one way or the other?
 21 **A. Clearly.**
 22 Q. Did you notice any bullet holes in the vehicles as you
 23 passed them?
 24 **A. No.**
 25 Q. Any smashed windscreen for example?

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<p>1 A. I didn't notice, no.</p> <p>2 MR GARNHAM: Thank you very much.</p> <p>3 Further questions from MS DOLAN</p> <p>4 MS DOLAN: Sir, it is my error. I recalled we have some</p> <p>5 open source photographs of the bus which I probably</p> <p>6 should have asked Mr Quinn to look at and see if it</p> <p>7 assists his memory at all.</p> <p>8 THE CORONER: All right. Do that and, Mr Garnham, if you</p> <p>9 wanted to ask anything arising if it would help of</p> <p>10 course you must.</p> <p>11 MS DOLAN: Mr Quinn, we are going to show you clips from an</p> <p>12 open source, from an Arabic TV station. It is still at</p> <p>13 the moment on the screen. It can play through as</p> <p>14 a clip. What I suggest is we get our tech guys to play</p> <p>15 it through once and we go back to the beginning and go</p> <p>16 back more slowly with pausing. So we'll play it through</p> <p>17 once so you see what the entire footage is.</p> <p>18 (video clip played)</p> <p>19 That is the entire clip. Now, we'll go back to the</p> <p>20 beginning. Just pause it there. First of all, can you</p> <p>21 help us with what we are looking at here?</p> <p>22 A. Clearly that's the bus and the 4 by 4.</p> <p>23 Q. Now, that's the bus that you were on and that 4 by 4,</p> <p>24 what does that appear to be to you? Can you tell the</p> <p>25 difference between the car Paul Morgan was travelling in</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 45</p>	<p>1 A. Pretty much.</p> <p>2 Q. And still looks in the position you thought it was in</p> <p>3 relation to the VCP. Of course we can't see the VCP on</p> <p>4 this.</p> <p>5 A. The VCP is I guess almost where the -- it has been taken</p> <p>6 from, yes.</p> <p>7 Q. The photographer. If the photographer was standing at</p> <p>8 the VCP would that fit with your recollection of all</p> <p>9 those locations?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. You have the advantage on all of us that you have been</p> <p>12 there and can recognise the terrain as well.</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. If we can just play the clip on a little bit further</p> <p>15 because I think the bus then goes out of shot. Pause</p> <p>16 again. Then there appears to be a second vehicle.</p> <p>17 Again, can you help us with what you think that vehicle</p> <p>18 is?</p> <p>19 A. That could be a Gendarme vehicle, but I don't know.</p> <p>20 Q. Do you recall seeing a vehicle in that position when you</p> <p>21 left the bus?</p> <p>22 A. I don't recall. I didn't pay attention to that. If it</p> <p>23 was there I didn't see it in that position. I don't</p> <p>24 recall seeing it in that position.</p> <p>25 Q. I am not trying to persuade you that this is what you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 47</p>
<p>1 and a Gendarme car?</p> <p>2 A. No.</p> <p>3 Q. Does seeing these pictures help with your memory at all</p> <p>4 of what you saw? I have to say we don't know when these</p> <p>5 pictures were taken and of course nobody can say whether</p> <p>6 things have been moved or not.</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. So really it is whether it gives you any assistance with</p> <p>9 your recollection at the time.</p> <p>10 A. It maybe just the appearance, the bus looks closer to</p> <p>11 the camp than I would have expected but that could be</p> <p>12 just deceptive.</p> <p>13 Q. The bus looks closer?</p> <p>14 A. To the camp.</p> <p>15 Q. Can we pull out a little bit on that picture and see?</p> <p>16 A. This may be just the perspective of the photograph.</p> <p>17 Q. It may be. Shall we pull -- run it forward with the bus</p> <p>18 still in the photo but pull away up the road. And pause</p> <p>19 there.</p> <p>20 A. Yes, it looks better there to be honest, yes.</p> <p>21 Q. I realise you are looking at this probably for the first</p> <p>22 time and trying to take in a lot of information.</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. Looking at that now does that bus look like it's in the</p> <p>25 position you left it in?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 46</p>	<p>1 should be recalling because nobody knows if things have</p> <p>2 been moved.</p> <p>3 A. I have no idea if that was there in that position or</p> <p>4 not.</p> <p>5 Q. Then just play on.</p> <p>6 A. But there was certainly more vehicles than you see there</p> <p>7 at the time.</p> <p>8 Q. Right. Then this appears to be a vehicle which appears</p> <p>9 to be that one which was pulled off the road with the</p> <p>10 doors open?</p> <p>11 A. No, I wouldn't ...</p> <p>12 Q. Thank you. Do you need to see that again or have you --</p> <p>13 A. No.</p> <p>14 MS DOLAN: Does any of that help you with your recollection</p> <p>15 of what you saw as you left the bus?</p> <p>16 A. No, it doesn't really change anything for me.</p> <p>17 MR GARNHAM: Sir, if I may just one or two.</p> <p>18 THE CORONER: Of course.</p> <p>19 Further questions from MR GARNHAM</p> <p>20 MR GARNHAM: I wonder if I can have the clip taken back to</p> <p>21 the beginning and stopped at the first frame, please.</p> <p>22 When you got out of this bus were you conscious of</p> <p>23 whether or not the vehicles that had followed the bus</p> <p>24 were still there? Were you aware of there still being</p> <p>25 vehicles behind you?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 48</p>

<p>1 A. I wasn't aware of it, no.</p> <p>2 Q. Is it possible that the bus was passed by any of those</p> <p>3 vehicles so that a different 4 by 4 came to be in front</p> <p>4 of the bus?</p> <p>5 A. I don't believe so.</p> <p>6 Q. Could we run on to the end of the clip, please. Are you</p> <p>7 able to say with certainty that the vehicle we see</p> <p>8 parked at right angles to the road and off the road was</p> <p>9 not the one in which Paul Morgan travelled?</p> <p>10 A. I can't say that with certainty.</p> <p>11 MR GARNHAM: Thank you very much.</p> <p>12 Questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS</p> <p>13 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Mr Quinn, my name is Owen-Thomas and I ask</p> <p>14 questions on behalf of David Green, the father of</p> <p>15 Stephen Green.</p> <p>16 A. Okay.</p> <p>17 Q. Can I start by asking you, did you know Stephen Green?</p> <p>18 A. No, I'd been introduced to him once some time ago but</p> <p>19 I can't say I really know him in person.</p> <p>20 Q. I understand that you flew back to the UK with Iain</p> <p>21 Adamson, is that right?</p> <p>22 A. I flew back to the UK with -- no, I flew back to the UK.</p> <p>23 I met Iain Adamson in the UK. I flew back to Scotland</p> <p>24 with Iain Adamson.</p> <p>25 Q. I see. Did Mr Adamson mention Stephen Green to you at</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 49</p>	<p>1 whilst you were working, at all?</p> <p>2 A. I mean normally my workplace was down at the CPF but on</p> <p>3 occasion we'd do field trips out to well sites or</p> <p>4 pipelines or whatever and during those field trips there</p> <p>5 was need to get an escort so you would interface with</p> <p>6 the military at that point to pick up an escort from</p> <p>7 VCP2 for example.</p> <p>8 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Thank you, Mr Quinn, that is all I have to</p> <p>9 ask.</p> <p>10 Questions from MR RITCHIE</p> <p>11 MR RITCHIE: Mr Quinn, I ask questions on behalf of Carlos</p> <p>12 Estrada's family. It sounds from your evidence that the</p> <p>13 attack on the bus started at about 05.45?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. And the first attack lasted for 20 to 30 minutes?</p> <p>16 A. That's my recollection, I'm sure others will have</p> <p>17 a different timescale.</p> <p>18 Q. With gunfire coming from 1 to 2 o'clock in effect on --</p> <p>19 A. Initially, initially from there. It may have been moved</p> <p>20 once we were down on the floor.</p> <p>21 Q. And then there was a lull?</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 Q. During which time it may be that the terrorists were</p> <p>24 driving from a 1 to 2 o'clock position past the bus</p> <p>25 towards the BdV because the next burst of gunfire you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 51</p>
<p>1 all?</p> <p>2 A. No.</p> <p>3 Q. Can I now just ask you some more general questions about</p> <p>4 your time at In Amenas?</p> <p>5 A. Sure.</p> <p>6 Q. During your normal daily commute I assume you travelled</p> <p>7 along the tarmac road to get from the BdV to the CPF?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. Whilst you did that did you ever come to notice vehicles</p> <p>10 that were driving not on the tarmac road?</p> <p>11 A. On occasion. During the project construction phase back</p> <p>12 in 2004/2005 the tarmac road had not been completed and</p> <p>13 there was a dirt track road to the left of that looking</p> <p>14 north and that road was still there and that served then</p> <p>15 as access to different camps along the way. So that</p> <p>16 road was still there and sometimes used by people, so</p> <p>17 not on the tarmac but they would sometimes use that</p> <p>18 road.</p> <p>19 Q. What about further away from the tarmac road within a</p> <p>20 sort of 2 to 3-kilometre distance? Did you ever see</p> <p>21 vehicles in that sort of area?</p> <p>22 A. Not normally, no. I wouldn't say so unless there was</p> <p>23 some construction activity going on in that particular</p> <p>24 area.</p> <p>25 Q. How frequently would you have contact with Gendarmes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 50</p>	<p>1 hear is at about 4 or 5 o'clock?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. I will face the same way as you. If you are looking</p> <p>4 forwards and they start attacking you from 1 to</p> <p>5 2 o'clock after the lull they seem to have passed the</p> <p>6 right-hand side of the bus towards BdV and then they are</p> <p>7 at 4 to 5 o'clock?</p> <p>8 A. That is a possibility, yes.</p> <p>9 Q. Did any additional Gendarmes turn up in the first 20 to</p> <p>10 30 minutes after the attack started? Did you see</p> <p>11 vehicles turn up, new men arriving, shouting or any such</p> <p>12 commotion that could indicate that?</p> <p>13 A. Nothing to indicate that. They may well have done but</p> <p>14 I've no way of verifying that at all.</p> <p>15 MR RITCHIE: Thank you very much. That's all the questions</p> <p>16 I have.</p> <p>17 Questions from MS GERRY</p> <p>18 MS GERRY: Mr Quinn, I ask questions on behalf of Sebastian</p> <p>19 John's family. Can I ask first of all did you know</p> <p>20 Sebastian at all?</p> <p>21 A. Sebastian had joined In Amenas quite a few months</p> <p>22 earlier. He had only managed to get to site I think</p> <p>23 about a week before the incident. He was going to</p> <p>24 become or he was part of the projects team so he didn't</p> <p>25 report to George. I spent the afternoon before the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 52</p>

<p>1 incident -- we talked before that but he wanted to spend 2 a bit of time to go through what his plan was, he was 3 going to be there for some time and he wanted to learn 4 as much as he could and he had a plan of all the things 5 he wanted to learn and I spoke to him for maybe up to 6 two hours trying to help him speak to the right -- he 7 was going to devise this plan, who he would speak to and 8 contact the right people. So I spent a bit of time with 9 him but other than that, you know, he was only there 10 a week.</p> <p>11 Q. Were you in any way his line manager or supervisor of 12 him?</p> <p>13 A. No.</p> <p>14 Q. Were you aware he was coming to the camp?</p> <p>15 A. Yes, he was destined to come some months early but he 16 was held up I believe for visa problems and then this 17 whole driver strike problem had created an issue as 18 well. So he was working in an engineering contractor's 19 office in London I believe to wait until it was time for 20 him to actually come on rotation.</p> <p>21 Q. During your time from at In Amenas did you know anyone 22 else from the Challenger programme, the graduate 23 programme, come out to In Amenas?</p> <p>24 A. Yes, there was a few, probably three that I remember. 25 I can't recall the names right now but I remember three</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 53</p>	<p>1 at the guardhouse, so probably the rising barrier was 2 closed and that was opened to allow the bus to get out 3 but the gate was open to my knowledge.</p> <p>4 Q. Did you notice whether it was open at the time when you 5 arrived to get on the bus. I think you said you arrived 6 early, promptly?</p> <p>7 A. No, I didn't notice because the bus is quite a bit away 8 from the actual gates so I didn't notice that.</p> <p>9 Q. When you were giving your evidence you stated that you 10 thought you had seen somebody in a white shirt which is 11 what made you think it was Paul Morgan?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. You then went on to say that there has been a doubt put 14 in your mind after hearing what others had said?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. So is it the case that you only began to doubt that when 17 you spoke to other people about their recollections?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. And who were those people who you spoke to that made you 20 begin to doubt whether you were right about that?</p> <p>21 A. It was at Paul's funeral and I was speaking to one of 22 his colleagues, the other liaison people who hadn't been 23 on site at the time but it was a colleague of Paul and 24 he told me that he had been killed in the vehicle.</p> <p>25 Q. So the person that told you that was not someone who was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 55</p>
<p>1 coming out at different times. A girl was one who was 2 in contact with me after the incident. She left fairly 3 recently. Her name escapes me right now.</p> <p>4 Q. Thank you. Then moving on then to the events. Just in 5 relation to driving between BdV and the CPF, it is 6 right, is it, that you were allowed to drive alone in 7 the car so without an escort but only during daylight 8 hours and there are curfews at other times, is that 9 right?</p> <p>10 A. Almost right I guess because it depends. Wintertime 11 especially it does start to get dark quite early and in 12 the morning it's still dark when you drive to work. So 13 the daylight thing isn't quite right. It is between 14 certain hours.</p> <p>15 Q. So the timings you are given for the curfew?</p> <p>16 A. In the evening it is 6.30 but it is dark. In the 17 wintertime it gets dark quite a bit before that.</p> <p>18 Q. How long does it take for you to drive from the BdV to 19 the CPF?</p> <p>20 A. Five minutes. It's three kilometres.</p> <p>21 Q. When you left that morning on the 16th were the gates 22 already open when you left BdV, the sliding gate I'm 23 talking about not the barrier?</p> <p>24 A. Yes, it was open. The bus and the vehicle drove out the 25 gate. I would -- the bus stopped very briefly I think</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 54</p>	<p>1 in the convoy or the bus?</p> <p>2 A. No.</p> <p>3 Q. And wasn't even somebody who was at the site?</p> <p>4 A. No.</p> <p>5 Q. If you hadn't heard that would you be more sure that you 6 had seen somebody with a white shirt?</p> <p>7 A. I believe so, yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Just so that I make sure I understood your evidence 9 correctly, the attack started as the bus and the convoy 10 had already started to slow down, is that right?</p> <p>11 A. Yes, the convoy, from being parked at the side of the 12 road the convoy gets in place. It's very -- it's not 13 driving quickly at all. So it is driving very slowly in 14 any case and then gradually coming to a stop at VCP1.</p> <p>15 Q. When you left the In Amenas site on previous occasions 16 did you ever recollect that the internal light of the 17 car in which the liaison officers were driving was 18 switched on. Was that something you ever noticed as 19 a general pattern?</p> <p>20 A. No, I would never have noticed it.</p> <p>21 Q. Just then turning to when you exited the bus. So when 22 you passed by the convoy cars. Having seen that clip is 23 it right that the bus was on the opposite side of the 24 road to where the car park was which is where you were 25 taken to, is that right?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 56</p>

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1 **A. Yes. It means they drive on the right-hand side of the**
2 **road. It's a fairly narrow road.**
3 Q. So the route you took off the bus to safety, did you go
4 along the same side of the road that the bus was on?
5 **A. No, we went along the left-hand side of the road.**
6 Q. Did you cross immediately to go to the other side of the
7 road?
8 **A. Yes.**
9 Q. So where we saw the cars parked in front of the bus were
10 they on the opposite side of the road to where you were?
11 **A. Yes.**
12 Q. Was the bus's headlights still on at this point?
13 **A. I don't believe so.**
14 Q. You don't believe so?
15 **A. I don't believe so.**
16 Q. Was it light by this point though?
17 **A. Oh yes, yes.**
18 Q. So whether or not the internal light was on in
19 Paul Morgan's car may or may not have been easy to
20 determine given that it was already light?
21 **A. It didn't catch my eye at all. A light being on.**
22 Q. In your statement you do recall that the doors of Paul's
23 car were shut?
24 **A. Okay.**
25 Q. You said: "Both doors were shut but I did not see Paul

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1 or S." Do you have a recollection now of the doors
2 being shut or is that a recollection you --
3 **A. No, that hasn't changed. I still believe that.**
4 Q. Would it be fair to say that you got a sufficient view
5 of the car to know that the doors were shut to make that
6 comment?
7 **A. Yes.**
8 Q. Presumably if the cars were on the opposite side of the
9 road that you were walking down you would have made
10 a deliberate, you needed to deliberately look over at
11 the cars?
12 **A. Yes, and we weren't walking along that road. You have**
13 **to remember we exited the bus and were told to go in**
14 **this depression, so we're down very low and we were told**
15 **to move to VCP1. It was keep as low as possible and**
16 **scurry and run along the road. We weren't just walking**
17 **along so it was a very, you know, I wouldn't --**
18 **I certainly didn't take a lot of time to inspect the**
19 **vehicles that were in front of the bus.**
20 Q. But sufficient time to realise that the doors were
21 closed?
22 **A. Yes.**
23 Q. When you were told by the bus driver that Paul had died
24 did he mention whether anybody else had died at all at
25 that point?

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1 **A. He didn't, no. One thing I hadn't said earlier was that**
2 **at one point, it was still dark at this time, I did look**
3 **in through the front windscreen and I did see what**
4 **looked like Gendarmes, two Gendarmes carrying what**
5 **looked like a person because it was still dark towards**
6 **the small hut at VCP1, but that was a person that was in**
7 **dark clothing. I think that's in my statement but**
8 **I forget to mention that here. Whether that person was**
9 **injured or dead I've no idea. But I believe it was**
10 **a Gendarme they were carrying as opposed to anyone else.**
11 Q. In your statement you refer to the terrorists having set
12 up a camp and that there was heavy machinegun fire
13 coming from that or setting up at the camp so at BdV.
14 Who did you learn that from?
15 **A. Yes, I can't recall now. It may well have been the guy**
16 **that we talked about earlier, the Indonesian guy that**
17 **had been released because he was inside the camp. It**
18 **was someone that we met at In Amenas town that told me**
19 **they had set up a machinegun at the entrance to the**
20 **camp.**
21 Q. Just finally, a slightly different topic. In your
22 statement you mention that there was a meeting with the
23 president's brother in Algiers. I think this is in
24 connection with -- so it is on page 16 if you have your
25 statement to hand or I can just refer to it -- it was in

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1 relation to the strike of the technical staff. And
2 technicians therefore said the technical staff were on
3 strike for a few months but thereafter went back to the
4 work. They gave the JOC four months to get in place the
5 agreement. The four months are up at the beginning
6 of February 2013. The drivers went up to Algiers in a
7 delegation to meet the head of Sonatrach and the
8 president's brother.
9 **A. That was what I was told. There was a lot of**
10 **speculation and rumour about why the strike had all of**
11 **a sudden been resolved. Some delegation had gone to**
12 **Algiers I was told and allegedly they had spoken to the**
13 **president's brother. How true that was I don't know but**
14 **that's what I was told.**
15 MS GERRY: Thank you, I have no further questions.
16 Questions from MR ANTROBUS
17 MR ANTROBUS: Mr Quinn, I am asking questions on behalf of
18 BP. There is just one short topic, Mr Quinn. It's to
19 do with the alarm, the intermittent alarm. You gave
20 evidence earlier that that was something that went off
21 pretty soon after the firing started?
22 **A. That's correct.**
23 Q. In your statement you say this:
24 "When the intermittent alarm goes off that means
25 there is a security alert."

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1 **A. Yes.**
 2 Q. "... and the residents of the camp are meant to stay in
 3 their room until instructed that it is safe to leave."
 4 **A. Correct.**
 5 Q. And those were the instruction that you had been given?
 6 **A. Yes, they were instructions I had been given and I think**
 7 **were inside each room as well I believe.**
 8 Q. Were those instructions given on your initial induction
 9 to In Amenas or --
 10 **A. I believe so, because I had been at In Amenas quite**
 11 **a few years and the induction was a long time ago but**
 12 **I believe so and I also had an induction in**
 13 **Hassi Messaoud when I worked there prior to In Amenas**
 14 **and I believe it was the same there also. Yes, there**
 15 **was -- I had knowledge of it.**
 16 Q. And you knew the difference between the fire alarm,
 17 which was a continuous alarm, and the intermittent alarm
 18 which was to signify a security alert?
 19 **A. Yes, yes, there were various drills, mentioned**
 20 **yesterday, and they were the continuous alarm which was**
 21 **a fire alarm, yes. To my knowledge we didn't have**
 22 **a security alarm drill.**
 23 MR ANTROBUS: Thank you very much, Mr Quinn.
 24 MR FERGUSON: No questions, thank you, sir.
 25 THE CORONER: Can you just help me with this, you said that

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1 after the firing had started that you had a glance and
 2 you saw people diving out of vehicles, I think was how
 3 you put it. I will just check the note. Is that it?
 4 **A. Yes, they were -- it was a snapshot but the impression**
 5 **was people were trying to get out of their vehicles as**
 6 **quickly as possible so doors were thrown open and people**
 7 **were getting out as quickly as they could, yes.**
 8 THE CORONER: You said you thought you saw a person in
 9 a white shirt getting out of a vehicle.
 10 **A. Yes.**
 11 THE CORONER: Now, I just want your help. Everybody
 12 understands this was unexpected, confusing and
 13 frightening no doubt but are you able too say with any
 14 certainty whether that was Paul Morgan or whether that
 15 person was getting out of the vehicle he had been in?
 16 Did you have a good enough view to say any of those
 17 things for certain or not?
 18 **A. I guess it's a mixture of things. I believed it was**
 19 **Paul because it was the side he would have exited the**
 20 **vehicle from, not the driver's side, it was the**
 21 **passenger's side. He was the passenger in that vehicle.**
 22 **And also because I guess it is something I would have**
 23 **expected Paul to do to, get out and get involved in what**
 24 **was going on. So, yes. I believed it was him at the**
 25 **time.**

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1 THE CORONER: What do you think now because it may be
 2 important, it is important so far as his family is
 3 concerned. If you are sure about something, if you are
 4 not sure we need to know.
 5 **A. I did believe it at the time. My belief in that was in**
 6 **doubt when I did speak to someone after the event who**
 7 **I trusted. He was one of the, he is sort of, the**
 8 **military, ex-military guys, so one of his colleagues and**
 9 **I wouldn't have expected him to tell me something that**
 10 **was wrong. So I thought well maybe I didn't see him.**
 11 **It was, well the conditions are as you would expect. It**
 12 **was a very glancing look in the headlights in the dark**
 13 **so it could have been a Gendarme and just because they**
 14 **were quite close to the lights it looked like a white**
 15 **shirt. It was just an instantaneous glance that I got.**
 16 **It wasn't a lingering look. Yes, that's all it was.**
 17 THE CORONER: Whoever that was and whether there was
 18 a person there, did you see where that person went or
 19 what they did or was your glance so quick that --
 20 **A. It was instantaneous. I saw them moving and then my**
 21 **concern then was for myself to get down as low as**
 22 **possible. So it was a quick glance as I made my way to**
 23 **lie down on the floor.**
 24 THE CORONER: All right.
 25 Yes, Ms Dolan, anything you want to ask?

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1 MS DOLAN: No, sir.
 2 THE CORONER: Thank you very much indeed. Thank you.
 3 (The witness withdrew)
 4 THE CORONER: We'll have a break for ten minutes.
 5 (12.07 pm)
 6 (a short break)
 7 (12.17 pm)
 8 MS DOLAN: Sir, the next witness is Mr Edwards.
 9 MR HUW EDWARDS (sworn)
 10 Questions from MS DOLAN
 11 MS DOLAN: Thank you, Mr Edwards, can you give us your full
 12 name please?
 13 **A. My full name is Huw Richard Edwards.**
 14 Q. And I think at the time of these events you were
 15 employed by BP?
 16 **A. Yes, I was.**
 17 Q. And how long had you been working at In Amenas?
 18 **A. Since November 2008, about four and a half years.**
 19 Q. What was your role there?
 20 **A. I was the technical manager of the site.**
 21 Q. How long had your rotation, your most recent rotation?
 22 **A. I arrived on site on 10 January, so I had been there for**
 23 **six days at the time of this act.**
 24 Q. So you wouldn't have been one of the ones rotating out?
 25 **A. No, I was going to In Amenas for fingerprinting for my**

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1 **work permit.**
 2 Q. I think on the morning of 16 January what time were you
 3 up and about that morning?
 4 **A. I got up at 4.40. And I kind of had breakfast at about**
 5 **5 o'clock because the check in time for the bus was**
 6 **going to be 5.15 so whilst I was having breakfast I met**
 7 **with Tore Bech, Thomas Snekkevik, a brief meeting with**
 8 **Garry Barlow, Gordon Roe and some other people who were**
 9 **involved in the attack. Just general chatting at**
 10 **breakfast and at 5.15 I made my way to the baggage check**
 11 **area.**
 12 Q. Just to be clear, when you saw Garry Barlow and the
 13 other colleagues at this time they are at the canteen at
 14 the BdV?
 15 **A. At the BdV, the canteen of the BdV. A very, very quick**
 16 **conversation with Garry. More detailed with Tore and**
 17 **Gordon and --**
 18 Q. Can I just ask you about that. I think in your witness
 19 statement you said you had a short conversation with
 20 some of them and a long conversation with Garry. But
 21 you can't remember the substance. Is that --
 22 **A. I think he may have told me it was his birthday but it**
 23 **was one of the things -- I was on the way out of the**
 24 **door as he came in so we were having a chat. I had**
 25 **a longer conversation with Thomas Snekkevik and I said**
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1 **I would see both of them when I got back from town later**
 2 **that afternoon.**
 3 Q. So you think you are out of the door and you are going
 4 off to get the bus?
 5 **A. I'm off to get the bus. So I went to the baggage check**
 6 **area which we have seen on the maps here.**
 7 Q. And what happened at the baggage check area?
 8 **A. I had a small backpack with me. Basically they**
 9 **inspected it for to make sure I wasn't carrying out**
 10 **anything that I shouldn't have been. And also I was**
 11 **joking with the guard in French about keeping hold of my**
 12 **T card because I was coming back to site and I said I**
 13 **would keep hold of this and he said they had to keep it.**
 14 **So a lighthearted conversation and at about 5.20 I then**
 15 **walked to the bus and got into what is my favourite**
 16 **seat.**
 17 Q. Can I just stop you there. Just going back to the
 18 search. How thorough was the search of you as you were
 19 leaving?
 20 **A. I opened my bag. They didn't touch anything. They**
 21 **didn't go into the bag. You open the bag and they**
 22 **basically inspect what you have inside the bag and make**
 23 **sure they're happy with it. The bag was pretty much**
 24 **empty. It only had my laptop in and a few other items**
 25 **that I was going to maybe use while I was going to be**
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1 **fingerprinted.**
 2 Q. Does that differ from the search when you come on the
 3 base?
 4 **A. The search on entering the base you are opening up your**
 5 **case because it is a much bigger case, clothes, maybe**
 6 **some food you brought over from the UK. You are asked**
 7 **if you like to move some of your items of clothing so**
 8 **they can see into the bag. I don't believe they're**
 9 **allowed to touch your stuff. You have to remove stuff**
 10 **so they can see what's inside the case.**
 11 Q. Had you noticed any changes in the way that the security
 12 guards operated or followed procedures since that
 13 summer?
 14 **A. There was -- because of the situation that we were in**
 15 **over the preceding six months there was a lot of tension**
 16 **on site.**
 17 Q. The situation being?
 18 **A. The strike and the drivers working to a minimum service.**
 19 **And that inevitably meant there were quite a few more**
 20 **flash points with individuals, particularly Algerian to**
 21 **Algerian. I had heard, I hadn't seen, I had heard of**
 22 **Algerians taking bags into the base bypassing the**
 23 **baggage check, walking past the security guys and**
 24 **basically walking into the base.**
 25 Q. And being allowed to do that?
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1 **A. Well, they stormed off basically and no one stopped**
 2 **them.**
 3 Q. Who had you heard that from?
 4 **A. Well, I can't remember but it was a conversation, it**
 5 **might have been Chris Castro, one of my team, an**
 6 **electrical engineer. He might have said something like**
 7 **that.**
 8 Q. Sorry, I stopped you. You were starting to talk about
 9 getting on the bus?
 10 **A. Okay, I got on the bus at 5.20 and basically as I came**
 11 **on the bus I got into my favourite seat which was behind**
 12 **the second door on the right-hand side and I sat in the**
 13 **seat next to the aisle. So effectively I was sitting**
 14 **and I had a long view right the way down the centre of**
 15 **the bus through the windscreen. The curtains are**
 16 **normally drawn on the bus so you don't normally look**
 17 **out.**
 18 Q. You are motioning to the side?
 19 **A. The side curtains, but I normally looked through the**
 20 **windscreen and then on these sort of journeys this early**
 21 **in the morning I would be falling asleep during some**
 22 **stage of the journey anyway.**
 23 **At some point around about 25 past Paul Morgan came**
 24 **on to the bus and he stood really at the front of the**
 25 **bus talking to the Relex, as we have heard from Derek**
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<p>1 Quinn. My recollection is that Paul was wearing a pair 2 of white coloured almost like a light brown pair of 3 chinos and a brown kind of oatmeal sweater with a zip, 4 a zip down halfway here which actually opened out. It 5 sort of -- Paul is a very broad man so he kind of 6 exacerbated his muscular physique here and this kind of 7 thing but I remember it was a very light coloured 8 outfit. I don't recall it being white but I remember it 9 being a very light brown, an oatmeal type of system. 10 Q. Do you remember what he was wearing underneath that zip? 11 A. He was dressed in light colours. There was no dark 12 colours. I couldn't tell you if it was a white shirt or 13 a yellow shirt or a cream shirt but it was something -- 14 he was wearing light colours. 15 Q. So Paul was talking on the bus or at the front of the 16 bus? 17 A. He was actually inside the bus. I think Mr Quinn has 18 said that there's two steps up to the driver's, from the 19 driver's position to the main seating area and he was 20 standing on one of those steps talking to Jellali, the 21 Relex. He didn't come down the bus. I waved to him. 22 I had spoken with him a few days before and the day 23 prior and I was going to say goodbye to him when he got 24 to the airport, so ... 25 Q. When Paul left the bus did you see the vehicle that he</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 69</p>	<p>1 the exit of the BdV. 2 Q. Just pausing there. Do you recall if the security gate 3 was open or closed? 4 A. At the time I checked in at 5.15 the gate was closed 5 because there was no movement outside of the base 6 allowed before 5.30. However, because the bus had been 7 delayed the gate had been opened to allow some traffic 8 to go through, some early managers going early to work 9 at 5.30 so the gate was opened when we came to it in the 10 bus but it was closed at 5.15. 11 Q. And then in terms of that gate being open, was there 12 a constant stream of traffic going through it or was 13 there at this time of the morning gaps in the traffic 14 and pauses? 15 A. At the time we went through I believe there was one 16 vehicle driving off maybe one of the military patrol 17 vehicles. The Tuareg driver takes it out of the car 18 park and goes off the base to pick up the Gendarmes and 19 there was two, there was our vehicle, sorry, Paul's 20 vehicle and then the coach and that's all I can remember 21 going through at this that time. 22 Q. Had there been gaps in the traffic with the gate left 23 open or were you not in a position to observe that? 24 A. I wasn't really looking and because the curtains were 25 closed on the side of the bus I was not able to count</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 71</p>
<p>1 got into? 2 A. Yes, he got into the, well, I call it S's, the OLS's 3 Landcruiser which was a fairly modern Landcruiser and it 4 was basically one of the newer ones we had on site and 5 he sat in the passenger seat. 6 Q. What colour was that? 7 A. They're all white except the Gendarme ones, dedicated, 8 which are green doors with white body but essentially -- 9 they're all similar shape. 10 Q. So about what time did the bus leave from the car park? 11 A. I'm actually quite clear about this because having got 12 up half an hour earlier I was a bit annoyed that the bus 13 was actually being delayed so at 5.30 I looked at the 14 clock on the bus and it said 5.30 and I looked at my 15 iPhone which had been synchronised with the Algerian 16 network and it told me 5.28 so I knew that the bus was 17 about to be -- needed to go. The bus, there was no 18 signs of the bus moving and the bus finally moved at 19 5.40 from its position. 20 Q. Was that from the bus clock or from your? 21 A. From the bus clock. So actually 5.38 it actually left 22 its standing place next to the baggage check area. It 23 went through the chicane, as we have described. It went 24 past the security place, the outer gate, and it parked 25 off the road on to gravel just at the right-hand bend at</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 70</p>	<p>1 cars out, if you like, but there was some cars had moved 2 out prior to us going out of the gate. 3 Q. I know you were here yesterday and heard some evidence 4 as well as today. The global impression from the 5 evidence might be that once the morning period started 6 the gate got opened and then left opened for a while. 7 Was that your experience as well? 8 A. I think that's generally true, yes, that would be the 9 case. 10 Q. And outside what I am calling the rush hour periods 11 which we understand is the morning, evening and over 12 lunchtime, what was your experience of that outer gate? 13 A. Again, I used to go down kind of slightly out of hours 14 compared to the bulk of traffic. I used to go into work 15 fairly early. So I used to go in, leave the BdV about 16 5.30 normally every day. I used to have a very quick 17 lunch. I used to leave later than normal from the CPF 18 to come back in and then leave before the main crowd 19 went to -- my experience was that it was about maybe 20 25 per cent of the gate would be closed when I arrived 21 back at the BdV during lunchtime. Latterly there was 22 more security checks on the cars going in. My car was 23 inspected more often than prior maybe in the prior two 24 years. The boot was opened, you know, they looked 25 inside the main cabin of the car and you know, then they</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 72</p>

1 let me in. In some cases the gate was closed.
 2 Sometimes the barrier, access barrier was down.
 3 Q. And that was the external gate we are talking at?
 4 A. The external gate.
 5 Q. What about the internal gate into the --
 6 A. Normally closed. I don't remember a situation where it
 7 was left open. Maybe left open by about, for the
 8 record, maybe about half a metre.
 9 THE CORONER: Which gate are you talking about now?
 10 A. The inner gate now. The inner gate from the car park to
 11 the main BdV area.
 12 THE CORONER: You are talking about a big gate that slides
 13 across?
 14 A. Yes, it is a sliding gate.
 15 THE CORONER: I just wanted to make sure what sort of
 16 internal door we were talking about.
 17 A. Yes, the one that was thought to be hinged until it was
 18 clarified yesterday.
 19 MS DOLAN: You say normally closed but sometimes left open a
 20 little. What we heard yesterday was that to properly
 21 close that you have to put a chain around it and
 22 a padlock on.
 23 A. Yes.
 24 Q. Are you talking about it being slid closed or actually
 25 did it have a chain on it?

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1 A. It was normally slid closed. I couldn't say what
 2 happened in the evenings. I didn't make a personal walk
 3 around the site like in that sense to check if it had
 4 been locked closed but it was simply shut closed for
 5 basically -- and there was normally a person sitting,
 6 standing in the baggage check area who operated that
 7 gate and opened it for vehicles going into the main BdV
 8 area, which was mainly delivery vehicles for the
 9 restaurant and some vehicles that are going in to
 10 provide or do engineering work inside the camp.
 11 Q. Had you ever seen a chain round that gate to close it?
 12 A. I really couldn't say. I don't recall seeing a chain on
 13 it. I don't. I know we had ability to chain it but
 14 I don't remember if I have seen it chain closed, lock
 15 closed at all.
 16 Q. Should we read anything into that? You told us you have
 17 been on the site since 2008 but of course there are
 18 things that people don't normally look at in their
 19 normal daily life. Would expect to have noticed a chain
 20 if it was there?
 21 A. I was obviously -- obviously since I arrived in 2008
 22 there was a change in the way we approached the front
 23 gate. When I arrived there was no T bar concrete block,
 24 there were no bollards or anything. It was simply
 25 a matter of some chicanes, some crude chicanes but not

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1 to the same standard you have seen in some of the
 2 photographs.
 3 And then we had the T bar concrete blocks and then
 4 we went from there to the bollards. That with the
 5 gates, the outer gates, you know, being closed and
 6 control on that point with the swing arm barrier that we
 7 talked about, Mr Fitzpatrick talked about yesterday,
 8 should have been enough to -- not that I'm an expert in
 9 this matter, should be enough to protect the external
 10 barriers. The internal gate would have been one where
 11 you would have controlled access mainly for security,
 12 for security in terms of theft and that sort of thing to
 13 make sure inappropriate vehicles weren't going in and
 14 out of the BdV. But clearly it also served a security
 15 purpose as well to provide a second barrier.
 16 Q. And the swing arm barrier we heard about yesterday, this
 17 is the one Mr Fitzpatrick described yesterday which
 18 could swing out and fix to the chicane and so close off
 19 that chicane area, how often did you see that?
 20 A. I never saw it deployed. I saw it in place but I never
 21 saw it deployed in the locked position.
 22 Q. So it was there but you didn't see it ever being used at
 23 the barrier?
 24 A. Ever.
 25 Q. Just before we move on to the events on the day. You

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1 also mentioned seeing the driver take a car out in front
 2 of you which you presumed was going to be used for
 3 Gendarmes to travel.
 4 A. Yes.
 5 Q. How often did you see drivers doing that, taking the
 6 cars out?
 7 A. Most mornings. There was a fairly sound routine.
 8 Basically the cars were parked, there were our vehicles
 9 they were parked in our car park overnight and the
 10 drivers used to go out early in the morning to pick up
 11 the Gendarmes. There was one particular driver who was
 12 very careful and very methodical and actually quite slow
 13 and so he used to drive along in front of me quite often
 14 most mornings and I had to find an appropriate part to
 15 overtake safely within the speed limits of the vehicle
 16 but when I went behind him I knew I would have to take
 17 some time to overtake him. This is fairly standard for
 18 the site. It was common practice that the vehicles were
 19 kept in our compound and they went and fetched the
 20 Gendarmes around about 5.30 in the morning.
 21 Q. At 5.30 in this morning they would be fetching Gendarmes
 22 for escort duties?
 23 A. It could be for escort duties or patrol duties. There
 24 is no markings on the side of the vehicle to say which
 25 vehicle, the type of activity they would be in but there

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<p>1 would be some requirement for them to go and pick up the 2 Gendarmes.</p> <p>3 Q. In your time there how often did you see Gendarmes out 4 on patrol rather than escort?</p> <p>5 A. The only time I saw patrol vehicles was when we were 6 removing a stuck pig from our pipeline at 28 kilometres 7 out from the base. There was a pig -- a pig is an 8 internal device in the pipeline you use to clean the 9 pipes and we had got one stuck and we had to cut it out 10 and so it was a major engineering exercise to cut out 11 this piece of pipe and then retrieve it. When we went 12 up there we went in open road up to the north, 13 northwest, and on the hillside we saw a couple of 14 Gendarme vehicles or vehicles that are white vehicles, 15 we presumed the Gendarmes were in them, in the distance 16 from a vantage point. That was the only time that I 17 ever saw anything that I would say was a patrol like 18 vehicle.</p> <p>19 Q. On that occasion did you have any knowledge of whether 20 that patrol had been put in place because they knew your 21 work was happening or did it appear that you had just 22 come across them doing a patrol of the area?</p> <p>23 A. No, I think it's hard to say. But I think the Gendarmes 24 knew that we were mobilising expats to that particular 25 site so they would have to make sure that particular</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 77</p>	<p>1 A. 5.40, yes.</p> <p>2 Q. -- the car park and --</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. -- what happened next?</p> <p>5 A. So we parked on the side of the road. And we had to 6 wait until 5.45 before we were ready to move. Again, 7 this goes back to having to go get up early and looking 8 at the clock thinking, I could have had another half an 9 hour in bed.</p> <p>10 Q. So again, you are saying you checked the clock again?</p> <p>11 A. I checked the clock again.</p> <p>12 Q. And this is the bus clock?</p> <p>13 A. In case i forget to tell you this later I checked the 14 clock throughout the period we were under attack so my 15 recollection of the times is very vivid and very clear 16 in my mind. So at 5.45 we, kind of 5.46, we kind of 17 moved off and we moved off as people have said before in 18 a convoy of three cars in front and at least one behind. 19 I didn't -- we can't see out of the back of the bus that 20 easily and I didn't think to check but there would have 21 been at least one vehicle behind us and we would have 22 had three vehicles in front. My belief, it is 23 a question here, my belief that Paul Morgan was in the 24 second vehicle with S as the driver, the Gendarmes in 25 the front vehicle, vehicle number 1 and the third</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 79</p>
<p>1 zone was secure. So in terms of our own activities they 2 would extend, I think they extended the zone for us then 3 to make sure that zone was patrolled and that was one of 4 the reasons I noticed it because I saw the vehicles at 5 this vantage point to see that basically everything was 6 going okay.</p> <p>7 Q. And the impression from Mr Fitzpatrick yesterday was 8 that if the Gendarmes are patrolling they are not 9 patrolling just a few metres either side of the road but 10 they are further out. In the kind of things, 11 occupations you had on the site and the trips you would 12 make would you expect to see Gendarmes if they are -- 13 I don't know what the visibility is like and the --</p> <p>14 A. I can honestly say that when I went out to the well 15 sites we picked up normally the escort, the Gendarme 16 escort, at VCP2 which is the one towards the south side 17 of the camp. And I don't recall seeing any other 18 vehicles on patrol, but they are all white vehicles, and 19 they're all the same. So other people doing other work 20 on other well sites, for example, could be travelling, 21 it could be Gendarmes. From a distance you can't make 22 a clear definition as to what that particular role of 23 that vehicle is.</p> <p>24 Q. Moving back to 16 January. I think we got as far as you 25 coming out of --</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 78</p>	<p>1 vehicle was Gendarmes as well. That is my recollection.</p> <p>2 Q. I think when you did your witness statement back 3 in January last year you said there were normally two 4 more Landcruisers of the Gendarmes?</p> <p>5 A. Depending on the level of threat or alert or whatever it 6 could be -- I have been escorted by five vehicles, 7 I have been escorted by four. Today I know there was 8 one vehicle behind us because I heard that move off 9 after we moved off but I can't tell you if there's 10 another one behind it.</p> <p>11 Q. And normally how many Gendarmes are in the cars?</p> <p>12 A. Four.</p> <p>13 Q. Four Gendarmes plus the driver?</p> <p>14 A. Plus the driver, yes.</p> <p>15 Q. And that's normally. Did you look on this particular 16 occasion?</p> <p>17 A. I didn't look in the vehicles as they moved off but 18 I looked as they got out of them to start fighting.</p> <p>19 Q. I think we are coming to the point where events happen.</p> <p>20 A. So the first bullet that I recall being fired in 21 retrospect was at 5.47. The clock -- I won't go into 22 two different times but the bus clock was showing two 23 minutes faster than that but at 5.47 local time the bus 24 came under fire.</p> <p>25 Q. So just to be clear, you are giving us the time from</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 80</p>

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1 your --

2 **A. What I believe to be the correct time.**

3 Q. So you are looking at the bus clock but when you are

4 giving your evidence you are taking two minutes off it?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. Can we do that all the time and then I won't ask you

7 every time?

8 **A. Okay, that's fine. I was kind of about, I put my**

9 **headphones on, listened to music and as we were moving**

10 **down the road the bus braked really, really sharply.**

11 **I was like an emergency stop. There was air brakes**

12 **going off at the back. A lot of noise from the back of**

13 **the bus, let alone what was going on at the right-hand**

14 **side of the bus, air brakes, and this bus came to**

15 **a very, very, very quick stop and I woke up and was**

16 **startled. As I opened, I opened my eyes and focused to**

17 **the front I saw the following: I saw three doors from**

18 **the front vehicle open. I saw Gendarmes exit on the**

19 **right-hand side of the first vehicle, a Gendarme exit**

20 **the left-hand side and then the third one followed out**

21 **on the left-hand side of the vehicle.**

22 **So four Gendarmes came out the front and also from**

23 **the third vehicle I saw Gendarmes escaping as well from**

24 **that vehicle. They all moved to the right-hand side of**

25 **the bus and as they came to the back of the third**

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1 vehicle they were firing at a direction approximately

2 2 o'clock, 3 o'clock from the bus.

3 Q. So just to be clear, you say they moved to the

4 right-hand side of the bus?

5 **A. Yes, as I am looking at it they all came out of the**

6 **vehicles, they then skirted round the back of the**

7 **Landcruisers for cover, came out of the back of the**

8 **third Landcruiser and came between the Landcruiser and**

9 **the bus and they were firing out to the right-hand side.**

10 **The initial firing came from the 2 o'clock position. It**

11 **moved later to the 3 o'clock position.**

12 THE CORONER: Sorry, is that the initial incoming firing?

13 **A. The initial incoming fire is at a 2 o'clock position but**

14 **then moved to be more broadside on to the coach.**

15 MS DOLAN: The car that you think Paul was travelling in,

16 what happened in respect of that?

17 **A. Nothing happened. No doors were opened that I saw. The**

18 **other two cars, the doors were open, left open and**

19 **basically -- the Gendarmes hadn't thought to close them**

20 **as they left. The second car both doors were closed.**

21 **I -- by this time I was on the floor, I was lying prone**

22 **with my head towards the back of the bus so I could look**

23 **down the central aisle.**

24 THE CORONER: But looking toward down towards the back of

25 the bus?

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1 **A. The front of the bus.**

2 THE CORONER: The front of the bus, I am with you.

3 **A. I'm lying like this with my head up trying to see what's**

4 **going on in front. I think in these circumstances you**

5 **try and get as much information because you never know**

6 **if you have a chance to escape or to try and do**

7 **something that you might be -- so I was trying to get as**

8 **much information as I could to maybe help me, help the**

9 **others do something if there was something out there.**

10 **At least we knew where the attackers were. We may be**

11 **able to get out another way. So trying to collect**

12 **everything.**

13 **So my recollection is that the shooting started at**

14 **5.47 and continued, the Gendarmes were firing AK47s,**

15 **I saw them carry AK47s, it was, and the return fire at**

16 **that point seemed to be generally AK47s. It seemed to**

17 **be a fairly light patter on the bus. It felt like the**

18 **bus was being hit with stones effectively. That is what**

19 **I initially thought happened. That we had had**

20 **a puncture and the gravel had been thrown up on to the**

21 **side of the bus.**

22 **Then the heavy machineguns started. The point I'd**

23 **like to make here is that I don't believe the attackers**

24 **were really close to us in terms of proximity. They**

25 **were -- because all the Gendarmes I saw get out of the**

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1 bus all made it effectively to the right-hand side of

2 the coach. None of them were cut down as they came out

3 of the bus so my belief is they were firing into the

4 distance some way. I couldn't tell you where it was.

5 Like everyone said before, it was very dark. I didn't

6 see any vehicles or any people but the way the Gendarmes

7 came out and were firing it seemed to me that they were

8 some distance away from us, at least initially.

9 **Around about 6.05 I recall hearing the site alarm**

10 **go, the site security alarm go.**

11 Q. You said "round about 6.05" there. Having been very

12 precise why have you been --

13 **A. It was about 6.05. That is the first time I recall. It**

14 **doesn't mean it wasn't on before but maybe my senses**

15 **closed down to focus on what I was dealing with now.**

16 **But at 6.05 I remember hearing the site security alarm**

17 **and my initial thought was "good, they've actually heard**

18 **the fact that we're under attack." I hadn't at that**

19 **time thought they may be under attack themselves. So at**

20 **least then, you know, expected reinforcements to come**

21 **and hopefully we might get out of this alive.**

22 **But the bus was taking a fairly heavy pounding from**

23 **machinegun, particularly heavy machinegun, and every**

24 **time those bullets hit the bus it rocked.**

25 **Now, I was kind of protected by the shell of the bus**

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1 **I think really. Much of the casing of the bus rather**
 2 **than the windows and none of those bullets seemed to**
 3 **penetrate so that led me to believe they weren't as**
 4 **close as perhaps they could have been and therefore the**
 5 **bullets were, you know, losing energy and not being able**
 6 **to hit the side of the bus with any force.**
 7 **So some time around 6 o'clock one of their vehicles,**
 8 **one of the attacker's vehicles fired up and left, left**
 9 **towards the BdV. I couldn't tell you if it was 1, 2 or**
 10 **3 but I did hear vehicles fire up and go and there was**
 11 **a continued firefight at our location.**
 12 Q. This is around about 6 o'clock?
 13 A. **Round about 6 o'clock, yes.**
 14 Q. And you saw this or heard it?
 15 A. **No, heard it. I heard -- Landcruisers have**
 16 **a particularly distinctive firing up thing. I heard the**
 17 **vehicles fire up and I heard them drive off.**
 18 **Throughout this time, I am looking up and I'm**
 19 **looking up, down to the front of the bus as well, and**
 20 **there's the three vehicles are there and I'm thinking to**
 21 **myself, "Paul, get out of that car. Get out of that**
 22 **car, move. For God's sake get out of that car. It is**
 23 **not safe. Either way." But neither door opened and we**
 24 **got to 6.15, which is the next milestone in my mind, and**
 25 **that's when we had some reinforcements come from the**

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1 **Gendarme base.**
 2 Q. Tell us how you know the reinforcements arrived?
 3 A. **Because we heard vehicles come up on our left-hand side**
 4 **and there was a lot more shouting, a lot more direction,**
 5 **it seemed like a more senior guy had arrived and was**
 6 **directing the troops, lots of shouting. At that**
 7 **point --**
 8 Q. So this would be, again, how --
 9 A. **I'm pretty sure it was 6.15.**
 10 Q. So this is 28-minutes after the first shot?
 11 A. **Mmm, pretty sure it was 6.15, yes. And the comment was**
 12 **made by somebody at the front some of them wearing flip**
 13 **flops, right, so some of these guys had got up from bed**
 14 **and been rather hurriedly dressed and had come to fight**
 15 **and at this point they kind of set up a heavy machinegun**
 16 **base right next to where I was lying and --**
 17 THE CORONER: Just to be clear, when talking about wearing
 18 flip flops they were talking about the people who had
 19 just arrived?
 20 A. **People had just arrived. So basically they had got out**
 21 **of the bed. They set up a heavy machinegun, they were**
 22 **firing out and --**
 23 MS DOLAN: How are you seeing this machinegun? Is it at the
 24 front of the bus?
 25 A. **No, the noise from the side, very distinctive heavy**

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1 **machinegun. Not that I'm any expert in firearms but it**
 2 **was a very different sound to what was going on in from**
 3 **the previous fire pattern. Similar to what they were**
 4 **firing at us actually in the early days.**
 5 THE CORONER: Just help me with this, you said that they had
 6 come up on your left-hand side?
 7 A. **Yes.**
 8 THE CORONER: Do you know where the gun was being fired from
 9 that they had come with, that they set up?
 10 A. **Sorry, on the right-hand side of the bus halfway down**
 11 **the back of the bus they were firing outwards from where**
 12 **I was lying to my right.**
 13 THE CORONER: Okay. Thank you.
 14 A. **So that's kind of, you are thinking, well, at this point**
 15 **you know you've come from a range of emotions to try**
 16 **and -- in terms of what's happening and whether you are**
 17 **going to get out of this. And I think at that point**
 18 **I felt the situation had stabilised. There was less,**
 19 **you know, but clearly there was a lot of firefighting,**
 20 **a lot of bullets being fired.**
 21 **At 6.35 the firing stopped really. It was kind of**
 22 **a brief hiatus. Then I recall three large explosions**
 23 **around the back of the bus, somewhere not immediately in**
 24 **the vicinity of the bus but within 10 metres or so.**
 25 **Maybe 20 metres. 2, 3, big bangs and I took that to be**

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1 **like mortar fire. Now, this is -- again, someone has**
 2 **told me this, but a lady called Ghemina who was one of**
 3 **the HSE team who worked with Ian Whetherill, I met her**
 4 **in the afternoon after she has been released from base**
 5 **and she said that a group of terrorists had fallen back**
 6 **from attacking us and actually cut a hole through the**
 7 **fences and come up and set up a mortar outside her room,**
 8 **which is in K4, between her room and the medical room.**
 9 Q. Can you pause there and can you show us on a picture
 10 where K4 is please?
 11 A. **Yes.**
 12 Q. This is in the integrated camp?
 13 A. **In the BdV.**
 14 Q. Just to complicate things whilst we have a map, which
 15 has C36 on it in front of you, although we'll leave the
 16 BdV on the screen, some of the family members had copies
 17 brought this morning.
 18 A. **This is easier for people to see. This is K block here.**
 19 **This is the medical centre so her room would have been**
 20 **around here somewhere. (indicated)**
 21 Q. So you are pointing to?
 22 A. **Here.**
 23 Q. If we look at the two large oblongs we then go below
 24 that and there is another thing with a white?
 25 A. **A circle.**

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1 Q. Another circle with a light roof?
 2 **A. Yes. So between the white roof and the grey block south**
 3 **of it.**
 4 Q. And the grey block south of it, that is the VIP --
 5 **A. No, sorry, I need to point to this I think. We are**
 6 **talking -- they came -- they came in through this fence**
 7 **here and they set up their mortar just here.**
 8 **(indicated)**
 9 THE CORONER: Just show me where he was pointing.
 10 MS DOLAN: He was pointing here.
 11 She told you she had witnessed this?
 12 **A. She was in her room at the time.**
 13 Q. And her room was in the grey block or in the white?
 14 **A. In the grey block.**
 15 Q. And then that mortar would be pointing?
 16 **A. Out towards the bus.**
 17 Q. On this picture at 2 o'clock towards the VCP1?
 18 **A. Yes.**
 19 MS GERRY: I don't know whether it would help to ask the
 20 witness to put one of these white stickers on.
 21 Thank you.
 22 **A. But that stopped fairly soon and about five to seven --**
 23 **once the hiatus, the fighting, the bullets had stopped**
 24 **I started texting people but (a) because it was getting**
 25 **light, it wasn't quite as light as it would be at**

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1 **sunrise but there was enough light not to give away**
 2 **a position that somebody was still in the bus with the**
 3 **phone light, and I texted Mark Cobb, I texted Tore Bech**
 4 **and also Kevin Graham. Mark Cobb replied back to me**
 5 **that he had, the base was also under attack and they**
 6 **were dressed as Gendarmes. So I think the thing was**
 7 **trust no one.**
 8 **And Tore Bech didn't reply for obvious reasons now.**
 9 **And Kevin Graham said: we're holed up in the office and**
 10 **basically, you know, we're keeping our heads down.**
 11 **I told him what Mark had told me in terms of they may be**
 12 **dressed as Gendarmes, be careful who you trust, stay put**
 13 **and be safe.**
 14 MS DOLAN: Can I just take you a little bit further back in
 15 the chronology because I think there was a time when you
 16 saw a flare go up at the CPF; not the morning flare, the
 17 flare of the flame.
 18 **A. The flame, yes. The system.**
 19 Q. The system flame?
 20 **A. This would have been around 6.30. I kind of looked back**
 21 **over my left shoulder to look to see what's happening**
 22 **and I saw the elevated flare from the plant had been lit**
 23 **basically when it goes there is a lot of black smoke and**
 24 **a lot of yellow flame. And I knew then the system was**
 25 **being full depressurisation at that point.**

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1 Q. I think in your witness statement you thought that was
 2 about 6.15?
 3 **A. It could be 6.15. Between 6.15 and 6.30 is around that**
 4 **time.**
 5 Q. So that indicates to you the plant is being shut down?
 6 **A. Yes, yes.**
 7 Q. And I think later Rob Jones told you something about
 8 what was happening there?
 9 **A. Rob Jones said that he was in the middle of responding**
 10 **to a fire alarm on the generators at the plant and as he**
 11 **mobilised then basically the attackers came in and he**
 12 **realised that there was a more serious situation so he**
 13 **went to hide. What would happen in the circumstances**
 14 **was the protective systems on the plant if there was**
 15 **a fire detected in the power generation area it would**
 16 **automatically trip the whole plant and send the gas to**
 17 **flare. So effectively as I understand from the**
 18 **subsequent investigations they have determined that two**
 19 **sensors were activated in that area and that caused the**
 20 **whole plant to automatically trip. There has been**
 21 **a talk about people hitting buttons to depressurise the**
 22 **plant. That didn't happen. It was actually an**
 23 **instrument led safety device that my team would be**
 24 **looking after that basically evacuated the plant of gas.**
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1 So in these circumstances the gas pressure would go
 2 down from 70-bar, 70 down to about 7-bar in about 20,
 3 25 minutes, so effectively the plant goes down to about
 4 10 per cent of its operating pressure in a fairly short
 5 period of time and after that it will continue until
 6 such time as the gas, the plant was completely flat in
 7 terms of pressure.
 8 Q. And that explains why when asked to restart the
 9 Norwegians who were asked to do that couldn't do it?
 10 **A. I believe they couldn't do it because the attack took**
 11 **place. They damaged what we call the black stock**
 12 **generator on the plant. So you need a diesel generator**
 13 **to start everything up again once you have actually**
 14 **taken everything out of the system. So that wasn't**
 15 **available either because it was damaged or because the**
 16 **logic had been attacked in terms of wiring or something**
 17 **similar. I wasn't there. I can't comment in great**
 18 **detail but if they haven't got the black start generator**
 19 **they can't start the power system up again.**
 20 Q. I think some further information came from Bjarne about
 21 that?
 22 **A. Bjarne gave me some information about that, yes.**
 23 Q. I think we had got in the chronology to?
 24 **A. Five to seven.**
 25 Q. Thank you, you are ahead of me. To 6.55. What was?

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1 **A. At 6.55 it was getting pretty light by then, kind of**
 2 **a twilight period between dawn and full sunrise and we**
 3 **saw some military vehicles come down the road at speed,**
 4 **at some pace. There is one thing I meant to say earlier**
 5 **if I may go back. As the guys arrived, the**
 6 **reinforcement about 6.15 there was a call out from the**
 7 **front of "blessé" which is French for injured. "blessé,**
 8 **blessé" and one vehicle fired up, started and**
 9 **disappeared and that was the second vehicle in our**
 10 **convoy, the one that I believe that Paul was in and that**
 11 **disappeared. Where it went to I couldn't tell you**
 12 **because my head was down at the time but when I looked**
 13 **up again the vehicle I believe Paul was in had actually**
 14 **gone.**
 15 Q. And this was at 6.15?
 16 **A. 6.15.**
 17 Q. So what you heard is the French and how fluent is your
 18 French?
 19 **A. Reasonable, reasonable.**
 20 Q. You heard the French for wounded and a vehicle
 21 disappear?
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 THE CORONER: And then at 6.15 some other vehicles arrive.
 24 Sorry, not 6.15. 6.55 some other vehicles arrive.
 25 Which direction are they coming from?
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1 **A. They are coming from the north, from In Amenas. Three**
 2 **or four big trucks full of military personnel, plus**
 3 **ambulances plus buses and that sort of thing. A big**
 4 **fleet of people coming down.**
 5 **As they arrived I looked out of the window to my**
 6 **right and I actually popped my head out because the fire**
 7 **wasn't -- to see what's happening and I saw a line of**
 8 **Gendarmes lying prone coming out from the right-hand**
 9 **side of our bus firing towards the BdV. They were**
 10 **fanned out. They were maybe 5 to 7 metres apart. They**
 11 **are fanned out in a fan from -- in an arc from maybe the**
 12 **front wheel of the coach or the front of the coach**
 13 **around in an arc maybe covering, maybe five or six of**
 14 **them firing towards the BdV.**
 15 **I also saw the impact just of bullets landing**
 16 **10 metres in front of them ie the return fire at that**
 17 **point as well. So --**
 18 MS DOLAN: Just to come back to those Gendarmes you saw
 19 arrive at 6.15 the first time you saw the extra
 20 Gendarmes arrive. Approximately how many were there?
 21 **A. I don't know.**
 22 Q. Did you see how many vehicles there were?
 23 **A. No, no. I knew there was -- someone in command had**
 24 **arrived because the way the whole tone changed, the way**
 25 **the way people were being directed. In terms of being**
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1 **shouted, maybe another eight to 12, I'm guessing but**
 2 **that sort of number.**
 3 Q. You say you are guessing, is it really guessing?
 4 **A. Really guessing, yes.**
 5 Q. Because of course we have heard of the existence of
 6 a quick reaction force?
 7 **A. Mmm.**
 8 Q. But of course I am just wondering if there is anything
 9 that you can say to assist us in knowing whether the
 10 Gendarmes who turned up to assist the bus were the quick
 11 reaction force or were just others who had come out of
 12 the base?
 13 **A. I couldn't tell, I couldn't tell. The fact that they**
 14 **were wearing flip flops given what we heard yesterday**
 15 **means that they were probably not quick reaction force**
 16 **and these were guys that got out of their beds and**
 17 **mobilised given the 25 minutes it took to get to us.**
 18 Q. A journey which would take how long for the Gendarmes?
 19 **A. At speed? Less than five. Two or three minutes maybe.**
 20 Q. Just also going back to when you said the vehicle, you
 21 heard blessé said and you heard a vehicle drive off?
 22 **A. I heard a vehicle.**
 23 Q. In your witness statement you said you heard two
 24 vehicles in front of you go. Is that --
 25 **A. I'm confused. Maybe not. I certainly remember seeing**
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1 **a gap where the vehicle that I took to be Paul's vehicle**
 2 **had disappeared. The front vehicle was immobilized.**
 3 **The radiator had been shot and there was steam coming**
 4 **out of it so I don't believe that vehicle would have**
 5 **moved at all.**
 6 Q. How do you know that?
 7 **A. As I went down to hit the floor I looked to the front**
 8 **and there was -- I originally thought it was on fire**
 9 **because the way the steam was interacting and the**
 10 **headlights were interacting I thought there was a flame**
 11 **on the front but then I realised that's actually steam,**
 12 **water coming from the radiator at that point so the**
 13 **radiator had been punctured.**
 14 Q. I think you were in court earlier when we played the
 15 media clip of the bus?
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 Q. Is there anything in that which has assisted you or do
 18 you want me to play it for you? Have it played again so
 19 you can see it close up and see if that assists to
 20 describe anything at the scene.
 21 **A. No, I'm pretty clear what I have seen. I don't need to**
 22 **see it again but if you want me to take you through it**
 23 **then fine, but --**
 24 THE CORONER: Does that accord with your recollection?
 25 **A. Yes, it does, yes. We came out of the bus, we actually**
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1 were on the bus until 8.45. So there was a period
 2 between 7.10 when really the fire -- the bullets have
 3 stopped coming at us until -- someone came into the bus
 4 at 7.30 I recall and asked if anyone was injured, again
 5 in French, but after that we were left pretty much lying
 6 there trying to work out what was going on and I was
 7 doing some texting. I texted my wife at that point.
 8 No, actually I texted my wife a bit earlier than that
 9 but I was exchanging texts with a lot of people and at
 10 8.45, as Mr Quinn said, someone came in, mentioned we
 11 were going to leave the vehicle. Someone then came
 12 round the left-hand side of the vehicle and smashed the
 13 driver's window in with his Kalashnikov rifle butt. The
 14 first blow was a bit of a shock because we weren't
 15 expecting it to be so loud but effectively he broke the
 16 window and then we all clambered out. I was the last
 17 but one out so that would have been number 13 of the --
 18 MS DOLAN: By that time is that window the furthest away
 19 from the direction of fire?
 20 A. Yes. So as we came out of the bus we had the whole bus
 21 to protect us from any gunfire coming. As we came out
 22 of the bus we were told to effectively run to the other
 23 side of the road and lie in a dip and then as I looked
 24 to my left there were maybe 15 Gendarmes lying in that
 25 depression as well, sheltering from gunfire.

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1 We were told then to move up with them and then we
 2 stayed there and eventually two by two we were told to
 3 go and make our -- scurry our way up to the VCP1 area.
 4 So I was one of the last ones to go, with Gael Le Corre
 5 and another person and we arrived there, pretty much as
 6 I arrived there we were put on to the military bus and
 7 we were sped away.
 8 Q. At that time did you look at the vehicles that were in
 9 the road?
 10 A. My recollection is there were two vehicles, both -- in
 11 both cases both doors were open and no one was inside
 12 the vehicle.
 13 THE CORONER: If you look at the film at some point just to
 14 tell us what those vehicles, just see if you can help us
 15 about those, the ones we can see in it.
 16 MS DOLAN: If you need us to pause it at any point just say.
 17 A. Well, the vehicle at the back is obviously the coach and
 18 you can see the door is open to the -- if you are
 19 looking at it from the front here, the left-hand side
 20 there is a door open. The window that we exited out of
 21 was effectively at the level of the wing mirror at the
 22 right-hand side of the bus. So we went directly
 23 opposite to that road, you can see a little crash
 24 barrier I think just on the corner, just at the edge of
 25 the film.

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1 THE CORONER: Just out of the picture. You go about there?
 2 A. Yes, so we went out about there and effectively dropped
 3 down and then rolled and then congregated.
 4 This is about the position of the vehicles. This
 5 vehicle, if you were to ask me on the balance of
 6 probability is probably a military vehicle because it's
 7 one of the older style of Landcruisers that we had on
 8 site and they normally had the older style.
 9 They were older but they were more robust for the
 10 duty they had to do. The newer vehicles were more
 11 sensitive to the desert and the desert activity so
 12 that's how I knew the difference.
 13 MS DOLAN: Can we run the film.
 14 (video clip played)
 15 A. I can tell this one here is a vehicle that is a newer
 16 style Landcruiser and could be the vehicle that Paul was
 17 in or could not be the vehicle Paul was in. I couldn't
 18 tell you if he was in that vehicle. I don't keep track
 19 of number plates. He was in a vehicle of that standard
 20 and that style during his short journey from In Amenas.
 21 Q. But they were also vehicles that were used by the
 22 Gendarmes, similar?
 23 A. Not this type normally. Normally it's the vehicle you
 24 see at the back there they would normally be using.
 25 Q. If you can play this on.

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1 (video clip played)
 2 Do you recall seeing a vehicle in that position at
 3 all?
 4 A. I don't, I don't.
 5 Q. Then you described seeing steam from a radiator?
 6 A. Yes I think there must be one vehicle that is not on
 7 this shot that is right at the VCP1 checkpoint. So
 8 there's one vehicle that was right at the checkpoint.
 9 That vehicle was the one that was -- that I believe the
 10 radiator was punctured.
 11 Q. Of course we have no knowledge of when these pictures
 12 were actually taken.
 13 A. Sure.
 14 Q. And what had happened to the scene afterwards. I just
 15 wondered if you looked how far this is from the VCP
 16 checkpoint. If you can assist us by looking at an
 17 aerial ... it is actually -- we are going to do a close
 18 up of that map view, the original is in front of you in
 19 paper in the folder, the spring folder that says NAS
 20 23.2. Does that appear to you to be the bus towards the
 21 left of the picture?
 22 A. Yes, it is.
 23 Q. And then the two vehicles we have looked at in the
 24 picture?
 25 A. There's one on the road. There's one which is off to

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<p>1 the right of the road which would correspond to that 2 vehicle. 3 Q. And beyond the check point? 4 A. Okay, and one beyond the checkpoint. 5 Q. Does that help you at all? Do you recall seeing 6 a vehicle beyond the checkpoint when you were looking 7 out through the front of the bus? 8 A. No. 9 Q. So when you did look through the front windscreen of the 10 bus and you talked about seeing Gendarmes coming out of 11 a car and one car not moving how far away were those 12 three cars from you, from the bus? 13 A. Those three cars were between the stop sign, which is by 14 the white hut that you can see with the -- you can just 15 make out the barrier actually outside the white hut and 16 where the bus is now. So there were three. 17 Q. All three? 18 A. All three were in that area. 19 Q. And were all three still on the road? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. Pointing straight ahead? 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. Thank you. So at this time you are out of the bus, you 24 are taken to the -- scurried to the VCP? 25 A. Yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 101</p>	<p>1 Q. Can I just clarify one thing? I think when you gave 2 your evidence just now you said you heard the alarm at 3 6.05. In your witness statement you said it was about 4 6 o'clock when you heard the alarm at the BdV? 5 A. Okay. 6 Q. Are you able to now say which is more accurate? To be 7 fair you did say about 6 o'clock? 8 A. Yes, it is within that period. What I'm pretty sure was 9 it was probably going before I actually recognised it. 10 By the time I recognised it I thought "oh there's an 11 alarm going. They've heard it. They've heard what's 12 going on out here." Because at the time you're thinking 13 that we're completely isolated. There is a fire 14 going on with the Gendarmes and here and they may not 15 have necessarily reacted to it on the base but -- so my 16 recollection would have been somewhere around about 17 6 o'clock, 6.05 hearing the alarm but I'm pretty sure it 18 would have been activated beforehand. 19 Q. Just another matter that arises from your witness 20 statement I think you might be able to clarify. It 21 seems that some people gave you an account of what was 22 happening back at the BdV and how the terrorists gained 23 entry. Can you tell us what you were told? 24 A. Yes. The ladies that were released fairly early on came 25 to our, the same Gendarme base that we were at In Amenas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 103</p>
<p>1 Q. Mr Edwards, I don't have to ask you in detail about how 2 you got to various places and off to In Amenas 3 afterwards but can I ask you about some things you 4 learnt during the text messages because I think you got 5 some information from the text messages you were 6 exchanging with Kevin Graham about Gordon Rowan and 7 Garry Barlow? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. What was that? 10 A. Kevin told me that they got Garry and Gordon in the 11 meeting room of Gordon's department, the DEP meeting 12 room. 13 Q. They got? 14 A. They captured him. They basically -- he also told me 15 that David Murray, who may be giving evidence later, 16 David Murray and a few others had hidden behind -- in 17 that area they had open plan desks and so some of the 18 nationals had actually packed them in behind boxes on 19 the floor behind desks. Gordon and Garry had gone into 20 the meeting room which is at the end of that cupboard 21 and that's where they were taken. 22 Q. And Kevin was telling you this from his hiding? 23 A. From his hiding place, yes, because he was exchanging 24 texts with David Murray at the time. That is my 25 understanding of how he got the information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 102</p>	<p>1 and I spoke with Ghemina and also a lady called LB as 2 well to find out what had gone on and they said that 3 basically they had driven the vehicle through the outer 4 gate firing at the guards as they came through the gate 5 and then smashed through the inner sliding gate and 6 basically had ended up, you know, basically -- coming 7 out of the vehicle and firing towards the restaurant 8 area, which is I think the larger -- the smaller of the 9 two white roof buildings on here. 10 Q. When those women gave you that account was it your 11 impression they had actually seen that or had they heard 12 from that somebody else? 13 A. I think they had heard it from somebody else, yes. My 14 recollection was that they were, you know, they were 15 kind of hiding for a lot of this but they saw -- what 16 they saw clarified what they had heard, in effect the 17 gate being damaged and the vehicle outside the OLS hut 18 and stuff like that. 19 Q. And your witness statement says they took -- you heard 20 they took 14 vehicles coming in as part of the convoy. 21 Can you tell us where that came from? 22 A. Again, it is one of those things where you are trying to 23 assimilate information and at the time in January 24 I hadn't clarified that but there was -- this struck me 25 at the time there is a lot of people, there's a lot of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 104</p>

1 **terrorists, here. This isn't a small operation from the**
 2 **way they managed to keep 12 Gendarmes occupied**
 3 **protecting us and then driving off and other things**
 4 **happening. So my guess was with all the stuff they**
 5 **would be carrying it would be in the order of 10**
 6 **vehicles they would have brought but I gather it now to**
 7 **be five or six.**
 8 Q. So just when you thought it was in the order of 10
 9 vehicles was that supposition?
 10 **A. Supposition.**
 11 Q. But not something somebody else had said to you?
 12 **A. I don't think so, no.**
 13 Q. And again, I know that when you were assisting the
 14 police by helping with this witness statement one of the
 15 things you did was you drew a mind map?
 16 **A. Right.**
 17 Q. To help. You may remember that. If you need to look at
 18 it, it is attached to the witness statement in front of
 19 you. It is HRE1 for those of you who need to look at
 20 it. On that you wrote a number of attackers and again
 21 what I want to ask you about is where that information
 22 came from. So if you look to your mind map?
 23 **A. Okay, got it here, yes.**
 24 Q. And at is the centre at the bottom you have written: 12
 25 Gendarme and a number of attackers?
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1 **A. Yes, sorry, of the 6 to 7 around the bus --**
 2 Q. Again, is that supposition from what was going on or is
 3 that information that you got?
 4 **A. No, I didn't -- obviously it was a very confusing time.**
 5 **It was my estimate based on the fact that we weren't**
 6 **overrun but yet neither were they backing down, so the**
 7 **firefight was going on for 40 minutes. So I would have**
 8 **thought a comparable level of firefighting on both sides**
 9 **would have been required. So depending on how they set**
 10 **themselves up it was between 6 and 10 I thought.**
 11 THE CORONER: If we are going to a new topic I am going
 12 to --
 13 MS DOLAN: It is one last question and I am finished if you
 14 want me to finish, sir.
 15 THE CORONER: Yes, by all means.
 16 MS DOLAN: There is really one last matter. I think you
 17 also had some text information about Carson Bilsland,
 18 what was that?
 19 **A. Yes, the information I got was that Carson was initially**
 20 **safe. He had locked himself into one of the cupboards**
 21 **in one of the offices in the CPF area and -- alone**
 22 **I think, he was -- went next door. Basically he wasn't**
 23 **discovered initially. And then the information I heard**
 24 **from Kevin, Kevin Graham was that he opened the door,**
 25 **everything was quiet. He walked down the road and then**
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1 **was captured by the terrorists who we believed at that**
 2 **point to be Gendarmes given the way they were dressed.**
 3 **Apparently they called him to them and then they**
 4 **basically held him captive.**
 5 Q. Did you know where Kevin Graham had got that information
 6 from? Had he witnessed it?
 7 **A. There was a lot of text messaging going on, a lot of --**
 8 **I mean I saw Iain Adamson on the Friday when we got back**
 9 **into the UK and maybe other information from there or**
 10 **from Kevin when he arrived at that point as well.**
 11 MS DOLAN: Thank you very much, Mr Edwards. That is all
 12 I have to ask. There will be some more questions after
 13 lunch.
 14 THE CORONER: We will break off now until 2.25. Thank you
 15 very much indeed.
 16 (1.22 pm)
 17 (Luncheon Adjournment)
 18 (2.35 pm)
 19 Questions from MR GARNHAM
 20 MR GARNHAM: Mr Edwards, good afternoon. My name is Garnham
 21 and I represent the families of Garry Barlow, Carlos
 22 Bilsland, Paul Morgan and Ken Whiteside. I just have
 23 a few questions to ask you largely by way of
 24 clarification.
 25 You have told us that Paul Morgan travelled in one
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1 of the cars with S?
 2 **A. That's correct.**
 3 Q. He and S travelled alone, did they? There was no one
 4 else in that vehicle?
 5 **A. On this occasion there was no one else that I saw get in**
 6 **that vehicle.**
 7 Q. Thank you. The order of the convoy you said in your
 8 witness statement was Gendarme Landcruiser, from the
 9 front going backwards, Gendarme Landcruiser, Landcruiser
 10 with Paul Morgan and S, Gendarme Landcruiser, the bus
 11 and then two more Gendarme Landcruisers?
 12 **A. One or two. I'm not sure at the rear but one or two**
 13 **Gendarme Landcruisers at the rear.**
 14 Q. In your witness evidence you said that each Gendarme car
 15 had one driver and three armed Gendarmes and this
 16 morning you said one Gendarme driver and four. Is the
 17 position that you are just not certain or can you help
 18 us further?
 19 **A. Obviously as I was giving evidence this morning there**
 20 **was a flash back to events of the day and I had a fairly**
 21 **long look at people getting out of the car and --**
 22 Q. You had a fairly look at?
 23 **A. At people coming out of the cars as they exited the cars**
 24 **and I did see two people exit from the right-hand side**
 25 **of the vehicle, one from the front, one from the rear**
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<p>1 seat. I did see another one coming out of the left-hand 2 side of the vehicle and I'm pretty sure I saw a third -- 3 a fourth Gendarme come out on the left-hand side of the 4 vehicle. But I'm not entirely sure. I can guarantee 5 there were at least three. On the basis of my flash 6 back now I would have said there were four but I cannot 7 be absolutely sure.</p> <p>8 Q. And in any event the fourth might be the driver? 9 A. No, the driver's a civilian.</p> <p>10 Q. And dressed differently? 11 A. Yes, normally very different, yes.</p> <p>12 Q. So you think four but you can't be certain is what it 13 comes to? 14 A. That's correct.</p> <p>15 Q. You describe those two vehicles ahead of you stopping 16 and doors opening and Gendarmes coming out. At that 17 stage, so that is right at the start of the incident, 18 where did the shooting incoming appear to be coming 19 from? 20 A. Round about the 2 o'clock position.</p> <p>21 Q. You describe in your witness statement the front 22 windscreen being struck and pierced by a bullet? 23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. Does that suggest that it is coming front on or might 25 that be at an angle?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 109</p>	<p>1 A. Well, it was very dark and I don't think you could see 2 anything really other than the shapes of the vehicles. 3 I couldn't categorically say I saw anything hit the 4 vehicle at that time.</p> <p>5 Q. You didn't for example see a windscreen smash, you were 6 behind it anyway? 7 A. I was behind it and I was above it so I would see the 8 back of the vehicle really from where I was sitting.</p> <p>9 Q. You said in your witness statement that you were told by 10 Mark Cobb that he identified Paul's body in the 11 Landcruiser still strapped into the seat? 12 A. Mmm.</p> <p>13 Q. Did Mr Cobb tell you where he was and where the 14 Landcruiser was when he saw that? 15 A. Yes, Mark -- my recollection of that is when Mark came 16 back into the Gendarme major Gendarme base in In Amenas 17 town rather than just where -- near the plant, and he 18 said he saw Paul, the Landcruiser with Paul in was in 19 the Gendarme base and Paul's body was strapped into the 20 car at that point.</p> <p>21 Q. Was at the Gendarme base? 22 A. The Gendarme base. That's my understanding of what he 23 told me.</p> <p>24 Q. You said this morning that at about 6 o'clock you heard 25 a vehicle drive off towards the camp?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 111</p>
<p>1 A. I think as the bus was moving, I mean, if you think 2 about the way the angle changes as the bus moves 3 forward, so effectively even if the terrorists weren't 4 moving they fire a shot that appears to be coming from 5 maybe a 1 o'clock to go through a windscreen, by the 6 time the vehicle has stopped it will be at 2 o'clock and 7 that's what I think had happened there because the 8 driver had put the brakes on very quickly but I think it 9 was basically in response to that windscreen being shot 10 out.</p> <p>11 Q. Thank you. We have heard some evidence that the normal 12 procedure with outgoing convoys of vehicles is that when 13 they get to the checkpoint at least the first vehicle 14 stops and turns the internal light on. Now, did you see 15 any interior light on any vehicle ahead of you come on? 16 A. No, I didn't, but I wasn't looking for it at that time.</p> <p>17 Q. You anticipate my next question which was: do you think 18 you would have noticed even if it had? 19 A. I wasn't looking for it.</p> <p>20 Q. Did you get any sense of activity in the car in which 21 Paul Morgan was a passenger at any time that you had it 22 in view? 23 A. No, I didn't.</p> <p>24 Q. Did you see Mr Morgan's car being struck by a bullet? 25 Did you notice it coming under attack?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 110</p>	<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. Did you have an understanding of what category of 3 vehicle that was, whether it was one of the vehicles 4 from your convoy or a terrorist vehicle? 5 A. No, but it went from my right-hand side, so given the 6 fact that nobody from our convoy would necessarily put 7 themselves in harms way, ie put themselves between the 8 terrorist and the bus I took it to be --</p> <p>9 Q. Which is what it would have been if they had been on the 10 right-hand side. 11 A. Yes, they would have gone on the other side, my 12 left-hand side of the bus.</p> <p>13 Q. From that you deduced what? 14 A. That vehicle going, after the initial incident I took it 15 to be a terrorist vehicle going towards the BdV.</p> <p>16 Q. Finally, I want to ask you some questions about 17 a particular observation to which Ms Dolan has already 18 taken you briefly that is contained in your police 19 statement. I don't think you will need to see it but it 20 may be that it is in that file anyway. 21 A. My statement is here.</p> <p>22 Q. Excellent. If you would be kind enough to turn to 23 page 10. Almost exactly in the middle of the page you 24 will see a paragraph that begins: 25 "We were at about, it was still dark, so this would</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 112</p>

<p>1 have been under the heat of battle somewhere round about 2 six thirty I heard the words 'blessé' which means 3 injured in French and I heard these two vehicles in 4 front of us go. Somebody got into the vehicle with 5 probably Paul in the front passenger seat and I heard 6 them go around this time." 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. In your oral evidence you said 6.15 but? 9 A. It is of that sort of time period. 10 Q. It is that sort of timeframe, yes. In your oral 11 evidence the impression that I at least was left with 12 was that you were describing something that you had 13 heard -- 14 A. Yes, that's correct. 15 Q. -- rather than something you had seen? 16 A. That's correct. 17 Q. But your statement says that someone got into the 18 vehicle. Is that not something you must have seen 19 rather than heard? 20 A. No, I mean, it was my impression that somebody got into 21 the vehicle because I knew at that point that S had been 22 injured so this statement was issued on 31 January after 23 the event, so I had learnt that S had been hit as well 24 as part of the initial attack. 25 Q. He was hit somewhere in the foot, I think, wasn't he? Page 113</p>	<p>1 And the -- thinking back to it the time when the 2 reinforcements come the road will have been made secure 3 by the Gendarmes and they could then could have arranged 4 safe passage for that vehicle to go back to the Gendarme 5 camp. 6 Q. Did you actually see which direction it headed after it 7 set off? 8 A. No, but I heard it pass me. 9 Q. Going back? 10 A. Going back. 11 Q. Lastly, we have had some secondhand evidence from 12 Mark Cobb to suggest that the vehicle in which Mr Morgan 13 was a passenger may have driven away from the vehicle 14 checkpoint area as soon as the attack started but you 15 have that vehicle moving some time later, don't you? 16 A. Yes. I have a very clear recollection, as far as I can 17 recall these times, of three vehicles in line at the -- 18 from the stop sign back to the coach. 19 Q. And staying in that position? 20 A. And staying in that position. 21 Q. For some time whilst the battle waged on? 22 A. Yes. 23 MR GARNHAM: Thank you very much. 24 Questions from MR RITCHIE 25 MR RITCHIE: Mr Edwards, I represent the family of Carlos Page 115</p>
<p>1 A. He was hit somewhere and I presumed that someone had got 2 in and driven the vehicle away. That was really by 3 induction rather than observation because I heard 4 a vehicle fire up and move off and the gap I saw was the 5 space where the vehicle I believed Paul was in was 6 there. 7 Q. So you didn't actually see somebody get in? 8 A. I didn't see somebody get in, no. 9 Q. You are making that assumption based on the fact that 10 the driver was injured and yet was still able to drive? 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. I think it must follow that that means you can't say 13 anything about the person who may have got in because 14 you didn't see them? 15 A. Correct, yes. 16 Q. And nor can you say where they got into the vehicle 17 except that if they were taking over the driving they 18 must have got into the front driver's seat? 19 A. Correct. 20 Q. But you are not able to say, are you, that S got out? 21 A. No, S could have driven it. My -- you know, the problem 22 when thinking about this is what happens is once the 23 attack started you have got bullets coming in from your 24 right-hand side and the terrorists have made off towards 25 the BdV so where does S and Paul go in that vehicle? Page 114</p>	<p>1 Estrada. 2 Can I ask you first about the temperature of that 3 morning when you were walking towards the bus. It 4 is January, it's the 16th. What was it like that night? 5 A. It was like most nights in the desert in the winter. 6 It's reasonably cool, required to wear a, like a fleece 7 jacket or something to keep the warmth in, really 8 nothing unusual. It wasn't particularly windy, it was 9 just calm, but cool, maybe 6, 7 degrees I would imagine 10 from there, certainly not bitterly cold. 11 Q. Thank you. Can I ask about working in the CPF. Is it 12 a noisy environment? 13 A. It can be, yes. We have ear protection zones within the 14 CPF. We have to wear either on-ear protectors or in-ear 15 protectors to protect against damage. 16 Q. Does the CPF run through the night? 17 A. It does. 18 Q. And so if one is driving along the road between BdV and 19 the CPF can one hear the CPF at any level as one's 20 driving along that road? 21 A. No, no, it's more of a background hum really until you 22 get to the perimeter of the CPF itself it is more of 23 a background hum. 24 Q. And that BdV itself, is there much noise at 5.15 in the 25 morning other than the human beings going around their Page 116</p>

1 business, are there generators and the like or is it
 2 normally quiet?
 3 **A. No, the normal system of generation is that all the**
 4 **power is generated at the CPF and fed by a supply line**
 5 **to the BdV in which case everything is really, really**
 6 **quiet. There are one or two fans from things like**
 7 **refrigeration units which will come on from time to time**
 8 **but that is the only really significant ambient noise**
 9 **you will see on the site.**
 10 Q. And the light, I think you told it us was black or dark
 11 that night?
 12 **A. Yes.**
 13 Q. Can I come to timings. You have been pretty accurate in
 14 your timings, so I am just going to run through those
 15 with you. 05.47 the bus is attacked?
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 Q. Thirteen minutes later at about 06.00-hours you hear
 18 what you presume is a terrorist car, 1, 2 or 3 you said
 19 in your evidence?
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 Q. We know it is 1, but it might be 1, 2 or 3 driving off?
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. So that is 13 minutes later. 06.00 to 06.05 the alarm
 24 in BdV you become aware of?
 25 **A. That's correct, it could have been done before but I'm**
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1 **aware of it between that period.**
 2 Q. So 13 to 18-minutes post attack you become aware of the
 3 alarm at BdV?
 4 **A. Yes.**
 5 Q. 06.15, the Gendarmes arrive at the bus, so that's
 6 28-minutes after?
 7 **A. Yes.**
 8 Q. Again, 06.15 the flare goes up at CPF?
 9 **A. Yes, that's when I saw the flare. The flare --**
 10 Q. The flare may have started earlier?
 11 **A. May have started earlier.**
 12 Q. And that you tell us could only have gone up as a result
 13 of damage to a particular generator, the name of which
 14 I can't recall?
 15 **A. Yes, it is. It could have been any number of reasons.**
 16 **There is a button they can press on the console in the**
 17 **control room but in this case from what I learnt**
 18 **subsequently it is because someone has damaged the**
 19 **electrical generation system which then initiated the**
 20 **shut down of the plant.**
 21 Q. And then at 06.35 or thereabouts, 48-minutes post the
 22 start, a mortar starts from BdV, according to your
 23 recollection?
 24 **A. Correct, yes.**
 25 Q. That is at 48-minutes. Then at 06.55 you note the
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1 military coming down towards you?
 2 **A. Yes.**
 3 Q. That is one hour and 8-minutes. And at 07.10 the
 4 bullets stop. That is 1 hour and 23 minutes?
 5 **A. Pretty much so, yes.**
 6 Q. The one thing which I have left out of that which
 7 I shouldn't have is at 06.15, 28-minutes, the Gendarmes
 8 arrived at your bus, with flip flops?
 9 **A. Yes, the reinforcements.**
 10 Q. You mentioned your supposition as to the number of
 11 terrorist vehicles that there may have been?
 12 **A. Yes.**
 13 Q. And I would just like to ask for a little bit more
 14 assistance with that. Whilst I do so I wonder if NAS 22
 15 could be put back on the screen. So if some terrorists
 16 were engaged in a gun fight, a continuing gun fight, as
 17 you tell us they were, at VCP1 when other vehicles ran
 18 off, a reasonable assumption you may have made is they
 19 kept one vehicle back so that they could use that
 20 vehicle at the end of the gun fight to move off. Is
 21 that one of your five vehicles, five or six vehicles
 22 that you're assuming?
 23 **A. Yes, it could be, but I don't recall, not that I looked**
 24 **very closely, I don't recall seeing any terrorist**
 25 **vehicle when I started looking out of the window at**
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1 **about 7.10.**
 2 Q. So you can't recall seeing one?
 3 **A. Can't recall seeing one.**
 4 Q. But we know some stayed to fight and others drove off
 5 from your evidence?
 6 **A. The people stayed to fight.**
 7 Q. You don't know about the vehicles?
 8 **A. Don't know about the vehicles.**
 9 Q. We know that on what you have heard that a fence was cut
 10 on the side of BdV closest to VCP1 and you have
 11 indicated where that it is on the map. I am not going
 12 to remind you of it. You pointed to it on the screen
 13 but it is the nearest bit of the fence in effect to
 14 where the terrorists were coming from?
 15 **A. Yes, it is about halfway down on the right-hand side of**
 16 **that map.**
 17 Q. So we have got men with mortars cutting their way
 18 through there?
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 Q. That may be one vehicle or it may be that this vehicle
 21 continued into JGC fly camp because Her Majesty's
 22 Coroner has heard from Mr Awang in a witness statement
 23 that contemporaneously to the alarm terrorists entered
 24 the JGC fly camp entrance and that is at the bottom
 25 right-hand side there, isn't it?
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<p>1 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>2 Q. So a vehicle there. We also know a vehicle went</p> <p>3 straight in through the entrance of BdV?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. Crashed through, so a vehicle there. And then finally</p> <p>6 we know there was a vehicle that went to CPF because</p> <p>7 the terrorists attacked there and the flare went up?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. So it that sort of reasoning that has fed your five to</p> <p>10 six vehicle estimate now?</p> <p>11 A. It has, yes.</p> <p>12 Q. Have I missed anything out of your reasoning?</p> <p>13 A. No, I think that's fair.</p> <p>14 Q. I am very grateful. You mention in your witness</p> <p>15 statement that some involved in the BAAT contracts went</p> <p>16 to prison and I just wondered where that information</p> <p>17 came from?</p> <p>18 A. Well, the leaders, the directors I think, there was some</p> <p>19 discussion about, again this is from the Algerians on</p> <p>20 site, obviously I don't necessarily read the Algerian</p> <p>21 newspapers either in French or Arabic, but some of the</p> <p>22 directors -- the organisation was declared illegal, on</p> <p>23 what basis I do not know, and some of the directors were</p> <p>24 put into prison as I understand it from media reports</p> <p>25 during 2012.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 121</p>	<p>1 right?</p> <p>2 A. It could be. I'm drawing a blank here. I'm sorry.</p> <p>3 Q. Can I ask you, in your witness statement you have</p> <p>4 attached a mind map which you have been taken to?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Can I ask you to have a quick look at it for me?</p> <p>7 A. Sure. It is coming on the screen I think, is it?</p> <p>8 Q. It should be just behind your witness statement.</p> <p>9 A. I have got it here, that's all right.</p> <p>10 Q. If you have it landscaped, on the left-hand side you</p> <p>11 have mentioned the strike as a central feature on this</p> <p>12 and there are two lines going off to BdV and then in</p> <p>13 quotes, "patrol" and CPF and then in quotes "patrol".</p> <p>14 Starting with the BdV patrol. Just tell me what your</p> <p>15 thinking was when you wrote that?</p> <p>16 A. This was to the do with the reports of the armed</p> <p>17 Gendarmes, we talked about with Mr Fitzpatrick</p> <p>18 yesterday, the armed Gendarmes within the base and</p> <p>19 within the CPF on two separate occasions. So when</p> <p>20 I came back from, back into site in November/December</p> <p>21 from my pre-Christmas period, work period, I had heard</p> <p>22 that two Gendarmes were -- two armed Gendarmes were seen</p> <p>23 walking around the BdV. Then when I came back in on the</p> <p>24 10th, on 12 January emergency management team meeting</p> <p>25 which has been referred to already in court yesterday,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 123</p>
<p>1 Q. And finally, the Gendarmes in effect saved your life and</p> <p>2 the lives of all those on the bus, didn't they?</p> <p>3 A. That's correct, that is correct.</p> <p>4 MR RITCHIE: Thank you very much, Mr Edwards.</p> <p>5 Questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS</p> <p>6 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Mr Edwards, I ask questions on behalf of</p> <p>7 David Green, the father of Stephen Green.</p> <p>8 Can I start by asking if you knew Stephen?</p> <p>9 A. I did know Stephen.</p> <p>10 Q. I understand after the attack you had a conversation</p> <p>11 with Mr Adamson?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Iain Adamson, is that right?</p> <p>14 A. That's correct.</p> <p>15 Q. Did Mr Adamson mention Stephen?</p> <p>16 A. Yes, but I'm struggling to recall the nature of the --</p> <p>17 I think they said they had got him but I don't know</p> <p>18 quite how -- what the result was. I'm not being evasive</p> <p>19 I just can't remember.</p> <p>20 Q. No, of course I understand that. Well, but you do</p> <p>21 recall Mr Adamson mentioning Stephen?</p> <p>22 A. Yes, I do recall that.</p> <p>23 Q. And from what you said it seems to be that he mentioned</p> <p>24 him in connection with the last few minutes of this</p> <p>25 attack as far as Mr Adamson was concerned; is that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 122</p>	<p>1 Tore Bech asked Paul Morgan about why were there two</p> <p>2 armed Gendarmes walking around the CPF, of which Paul</p> <p>3 had no knowledge. So basically that's -- they're the</p> <p>4 two things.</p> <p>5 The reason I make that point is because it would be</p> <p>6 an extremely unusual circumstance to have armed</p> <p>7 Gendarmes. Gendarmes, yes, they would come in and meet</p> <p>8 with the staff, not an issue. To have two armed</p> <p>9 Gendarmes within the perimeters of the business would</p> <p>10 have been, well against the agreement.</p> <p>11 Q. So was your thinking this was to highlight</p> <p>12 a contravention that happened probably because of the</p> <p>13 strike in your mind?</p> <p>14 A. Yes, I mean, at the time there was a lot of tension on</p> <p>15 site, a lot of confusion, a lot of things -- things</p> <p>16 weren't running as smooth as they could and I don't know</p> <p>17 what the Gendarmes felt. In this case they had to walk</p> <p>18 inside the perimeter to calm things down or whether it</p> <p>19 was something, that they were inexperienced and didn't</p> <p>20 know they shouldn't take weapons into -- or if it</p> <p>21 happened at all, I don't know. I never actually seen</p> <p>22 this. What I heard was reported back as two separate</p> <p>23 incidents which we never really got to the bottom of</p> <p>24 understanding.</p> <p>25 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Thank you, Mr Edwards.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 124</p>

<p>1 Questions from MS GERRY</p> <p>2 MS GERRY: Mr Edwards, I ask questions on behalf of the</p> <p>3 family of Sebastian John. You said that you arrived in</p> <p>4 In Amenas on 10 January?</p> <p>5 A. Correct.</p> <p>6 Q. Did you fly in with Sebastian?</p> <p>7 A. No, I didn't.</p> <p>8 Q. Can I then just, there are only a couple of questions</p> <p>9 from me. In relation to the flare coming up from the</p> <p>10 CPF, as I understand it, that was part of a process in</p> <p>11 the system shutting down?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. At what point in the chain of it shutting down does the</p> <p>14 flare go up? I think you said it takes about 20 minutes</p> <p>15 for it to decompress?</p> <p>16 A. Yes, it's immediate. What happens is there is</p> <p>17 a sequence on all three of these processing trains. If</p> <p>18 you look at the map I can show you but there are three</p> <p>19 processing trains which are effectively in parallel</p> <p>20 lines and in sequence each one of them is discharged to</p> <p>21 the flare and over a 20 minute period it is designed to</p> <p>22 depressurise to 10 per cent of its operating pressure at</p> <p>23 that time.</p> <p>24 Q. So the flare comes at the beginning of that 20 minute</p> <p>25 process?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 125</p>	<p>1 we were running in a crouched position. My focus was on</p> <p>2 the Gendarme military vehicles that were actually in the</p> <p>3 car park area which is just beyond the VCP1 hut there.</p> <p>4 Q. Did you notice any damage to that part of the --</p> <p>5 A. No, I didn't see anything from the front -- from the</p> <p>6 back.</p> <p>7 Q. Is that because you couldn't have seen if there had been</p> <p>8 any damage or that there wasn't any damage?</p> <p>9 A. I didn't look.</p> <p>10 Q. You mentioned in your witness statement about the</p> <p>11 difference in the alarms between one that signifies the</p> <p>12 fire alarm and one that signifies a security alert?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. In your statement you refer to the security alert to be</p> <p>15 two tone?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. What we heard yesterday is that the alarm was the same</p> <p>18 but it was just that someone would switch it so it was</p> <p>19 intermittent. Is it your recollection it was actually</p> <p>20 a different tone?</p> <p>21 A. We are talking about two different alarm systems. The</p> <p>22 one within the BdV is, there are two alarms, there's one</p> <p>23 which is a continuous fire alarm and there is an</p> <p>24 automatic two tone intermittent alarm which goes off in</p> <p>25 the event of a security alert. Because that facility</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 127</p>
<p>1 A. Throughout the whole process.</p> <p>2 Q. But it will start at the beginning?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. What I am trying to understand is we can locate the time</p> <p>5 when something happened to start that process with the</p> <p>6 flare as opposed to the flare coming later in the</p> <p>7 sequence and suggesting the start of the process would</p> <p>8 have come some time earlier?</p> <p>9 A. Yes, that's right.</p> <p>10 Q. So the flare would have come at the beginning of the</p> <p>11 shut down process?</p> <p>12 A. Sure, but also that is the design intent. The actual</p> <p>13 flaring period would be longer than that because you</p> <p>14 would still have gas in the plant which is still being</p> <p>15 relieved to flare.</p> <p>16 Q. In relation to the guardhouse at VCP1 did you ever see</p> <p>17 the guard there or hear anything about what happened to</p> <p>18 the guard at that checkpoint?</p> <p>19 A. No. Nothing that I can, you know, confidently say here</p> <p>20 anyway in terms of what I saw or anything. Nothing.</p> <p>21 Q. So when you were moved back to VCP1 when you were taken</p> <p>22 off the bus you didn't hear or know anything about that</p> <p>23 guardhouse?</p> <p>24 A. No, we actually went behind the guardhouse. We were</p> <p>25 crawling along the desert for about 400 metres and then</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 126</p>	<p>1 has not yet been installed in the CPF someone has to do</p> <p>2 that manually.</p> <p>3 Q. Thank you. I believe you have your witness statement in</p> <p>4 front of you. Can I ask you to turn to page 18 and</p> <p>5 I just want to ask you about the drivers strike and what</p> <p>6 was happening on --</p> <p>7 THE CORONER: Sorry, can I just ask you a question, when you</p> <p>8 have to do that manually do you mean you switch it once</p> <p>9 or are you pressing it on and off to make it</p> <p>10 intermittent?</p> <p>11 A. You have to push it on and off to make it intermittent</p> <p>12 all the time.</p> <p>13 THE CORONER: So if you are not there it will either be on</p> <p>14 the whole time or off?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 THE CORONER: So it requires not just flicking a switch to</p> <p>17 make it intermittent? Someone has to be standing there</p> <p>18 pushing it on and pushing it off? If they are not</p> <p>19 actually standing there there won't be an intermittent</p> <p>20 alarm?</p> <p>21 A. That's correct, but only at the central processing</p> <p>22 facility.</p> <p>23 THE CORONER: I understand.</p> <p>24 MS GERRY: Mr Edwards, if I can just ask you to look at</p> <p>25 page 18, your second substantive paragraph. It says:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 128</p>

<p>1 "So there was resistance from that point of view and 2 we started a series of strikes." 3 Do you see that? 4 A. Yes, I do. 5 Q. You go on to say: 6 "The drivers went on strike and about one or two 7 days later the technical staff employed by BAAT also 8 went on strike. There was a massive camp set up in the 9 covered car parking area in the [BdV], they had posters 10 and banners and we had a strike situation with everyone 11 until October time when the technical staff decided to 12 come back to work." 13 A. That's correct. 14 Q. Just going over the page again your second substantive 15 paragraph you then refer to: 16 "...some had then taken to sleeping in a tent, they 17 smuggled a tent in and were sleeping in a tent in the 18 car park and all hell broke loose." 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. So it sounds like there was a fairly substantial camp or 21 at least a semi permanent camp set up in the car park? 22 A. No, it was one tent. It was one big brown tent that 23 appeared overnight. It had obviously got through the 24 front gate, the outer gate and been erected and it was 25 there specifically for the hunger strikers who were five Page 129</p>	<p>1 was the two of them. The rest of the strikers realised 2 that the guys were getting too emotional and asked them 3 to leave the meeting so that they could have a calm and 4 reasoned conversation. 5 Q. So can I take it from that that the resentment was 6 actually towards both BP staff as well as Sonatrach? 7 A. I can't remember who actually else was in the room at 8 the time because I wasn't at the meeting, but I do 9 remember the fact that Paul had to intervene. The 10 reason I remember that Paul has to intervene to actually 11 stand between Fouad and Mark. There was a lot of 12 emotion flying around in that time. Whether it was 13 directed at Mark as BP or Mark as the deputy general 14 manager of the site, that's for someone to decide. 15 I wasn't there so I wouldn't know. 16 Q. But just to be clear, the frustration wasn't only being 17 directed at Sonatrach staff, it was more general than 18 that? 19 A. I think the frustration they experienced was because 20 Sonatrach weren't doing anything about it. So the next 21 course of action was to try and get BP and Statoil 22 involved to help them in their case and I think that's 23 the reason. That's when it turned to the expat 24 managers. 25 Q. Just following on from that, were you ever made aware or Page 131</p>
<p>1 I think at the time, five or six at the time. I think 2 it started with three and they added one person each day 3 up until they got to six. And this appeared one morning 4 and no one knew about it until we actually walked into 5 the car park. Basically the, I don't know if it was 6 Paul or whether it was Fitz, sorry, Mr Fitzpatrick was 7 on at the time but basically we were asking him what's 8 going on? If this can come into the car park, it was 9 a real surprise to everybody. 10 Q. Was it still there when you left on December 10 or had 11 it been taken down by then? 12 A. No, it had been taken down by then. 13 Q. My only other question is about the meetings, so again, 14 on page 18. The next paragraph down from the one we are 15 looking at: 16 "The ringleaders though were a couple of guys in 17 I.T, one called Ali and one called Fouad and it all got 18 quite emotional. Meetings got emotional Mark Cobb 19 chaired one meeting with Paul Morgan in attendance where 20 a couple of guys were ejected by their own team because 21 they were getting too aggressive." 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. So your recollection is these were quite heated? 24 A. I wasn't at the meeting but I was told that Paul had to 25 protect Mark from Fouad, particularly, and basically it Page 130</p>	<p>1 hear about any direct threats or indirect threats made 2 against any of the expat workers? 3 A. No, I wasn't. 4 Q. Actually there is one more question. Just as well in 5 your statement you mention further down: 6 "So we had this wives and kids coming in for 7 twenty minutes and escorted back out again so that was 8 the first thing and Paul Morgan he wasn't happy but the 9 Gendarmes overruled him." 10 Sorry, I didn't let you get there. This is page 19, 11 sorry. It is the paragraph which is by the second 12 holepunch? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. You say: 15 "...Paul Morgan he wasn't happy but the Gendarmes 16 overruled him." 17 Do you know that from having had a conversation with 18 Paul Morgan? 19 A. I was on site at the time and we had heard that the, 20 Tore Bech called me over to his office and said the 21 wives have turned up at VCP1 and they are creating a bit 22 of a noise and the hunger strikers, the wives of the 23 hunger strikers, the hunger strikers can hear them and 24 they're becoming emotional and becoming angry. Trying 25 to the defuse the situation but the problem is the wives Page 132</p>

<p>1 and children coming on to site is a breach of the 2 security and a compromise was reached with the Captain, 3 Hocine I think it was, escorting them personally for an 4 agreed 20 minutes and meeting with them. Paul wasn't 5 happy but in this case it was the only thing that could 6 be done to defuse the situation I think. I wasn't down 7 at that end of the plant but it was managed by Paul and 8 by Captain Hocine and at the end it passed off fairly 9 peacefully. 10 MS GERRY: Thank you. 11 Questions from MR FERGUSON 12 MR FERGUSON: My name is Ferguson, I ask questions on behalf 13 of Statoil. It is in relation to the meeting on 14 12 January at which it has been indicated that Tore Bech 15 asked Paul Morgan -- I will repeat the question. It is 16 in relation to 12 January, the meeting at which it is 17 said that Tore Bech, who of course was killed during the 18 attack, asked Paul Morgan what happened about the two 19 Gendarmes who were seen patrolling the CPF with arms. 20 Were you yourself actually at that meeting? 21 A. Yes, I was at that meeting. 22 MR FERGUSON: Thank you very much indeed. 23 Further questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS 24 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Sir, before Mr Edwards is released I know 25 my client is desperate for me just to double check</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 133</p>	<p>1 A. Thank you. 2 (The witness withdrew) 3 THE CORONER: Can I just indicate, so far as the rest of the 4 afternoon is concerned, I am sure this is not going to 5 be a difficulty and it will all fit in comfortably but 6 I won't be sitting on beyond 5 o'clock and we have got 7 to finish the next witness. I think the witness will 8 finish the evidence comfortably before then but I know 9 that some people have journeys to make and I want them 10 to hear everything. 11 MS DOLAN: Sir, the next witness is Mr Stephen. 12 MR RICHARD STEPHEN (affirmed) 13 Questions from MS DOLAN 14 MS DOLAN: Mr Stephen, I'm Bridget Dolan, I ask questions on 15 behalf of the coroner. Have you been here all day and 16 heard Mr Quinn and Mr Edwards? 17 A. I have, yes. 18 Q. I may not go over the common ground but if there is any 19 aspects of your evidence where you differ from them and 20 need to bring them to our attention please do so even if 21 I don't ask you about it. 22 A. I shall. 23 Q. I should have ask asked you to give your full name 24 first? 25 A. My name is Richard Christie Stephen.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 135</p>
<p>1 whether anything or not has come to Mr Edwards in the 2 last five minutes about his conversation with 3 Mr Adamson. 4 May I just ask, Mr Edwards, I appreciate it is only 5 a couple of minutes ago I was on my feet but has 6 anything occurred to you about your conversation with 7 Mr Adamson in which Stephen was mentioned? 8 A. There was so much at the time. This could have been 9 a conversation on the Friday we recovered back into 10 London. It could be afterwards and I honestly cannot 11 remember. I'm really sorry. 12 MR OWEN-THOMAS: No, thank you very much. Thank you, sir. 13 Questions from MS WATSON 14 MS WATSON: May I just ask one question. My name is Claire 15 Watson. I ask questions on behalf of the Metropolitan 16 Police. I want to take you back, if I may, to the bus 17 and what you were able to see of the terrorist vehicles. 18 Were you able to see them at all? 19 A. No, not at all. 20 Q. Did you see any lights from terrorist vehicles? 21 A. No. 22 MS WATSON: Thank you. 23 THE CORONER: Anything? No. Thank you very much indeed. 24 I am very grateful to you for coming and helping us. 25 Thank you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 134</p>	<p>1 Q. And I think in January 2013 you were working in 2 In Amenas? 3 A. I was working at In Amenas. 4 Q. In what capacity were you working? 5 A. I was working as the quality control supervisor. 6 Q. And how long had you been there then? 7 A. I started on the project on early June 2009. 8 Q. Just two preliminary aspects about background on the 9 project. We have heard from other witnesses about the 10 gates at the entrance to the integrated camp, the living 11 area? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. And the impression from the evidence we have heard is 14 that the external gate is often left open and 15 particularly in rush hour? 16 A. For the most part it would have been left open. In all 17 the time I was there at the latter stages because of 18 some incidents that I'm not totally familiar with there 19 had been some concerns and security had been increased 20 to some extent. So there were occasions when the gate 21 was closed and opened only for vehicle access. 22 Q. You say there were occasions when it was closed. Was it 23 still open more often than it was closed? 24 A. It would have been closed first thing in morning. 25 I used to leave the BdV initially around 5.15 and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 136</p>

<p>1 latterly it wasn't opened until 5.30 which was the 2 official time of opening. When it was opened earlier it 3 was unofficial, just because people wanted to get to 4 work early. It would have been left closed until 5.30 5 and then it would have been opened to allow the stream 6 of vehicles to pass through. Initially for the first 7 few years I was there I can't recall the gate being 8 closed as a means of controlling the traffic going 9 through the gate but latterly for a few weeks leading up 10 to the incident that did happen when we were going back 11 to the camp, the gate would have been closed and they 12 would have checked your vehicle and opened the gate but 13 not all the time. Just some of the time.</p> <p>14 Q. In your witness statement you mention that it was your 15 understanding that the Gendarmes patrolled the whole 16 field as well as carrying out escort duties. Can I ask 17 you whether you saw Gendarmes patrolling?</p> <p>18 A. No. There may have been occasions where I would have 19 seen a Gendarme vehicle out in the field, yes. But, if 20 I can elaborate to some extent, the -- I was responsible 21 for the construction works, for controlling the quality 22 of the construction works for the whole field and if we 23 were going to remote areas we had to take a military 24 escort, a Gendarme escort with us, but there were times 25 when there was sufficient construction activity taking</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 137</p>	<p>1 A. That was in 2012, yes.</p> <p>2 Q. Can I turn now to 16 January and the events then?</p> <p>3 A. Sure.</p> <p>4 Q. Do you recall what time you were up and about that 5 morning?</p> <p>6 A. Yes, I got up quite early. Actually it was my last day 7 on the project. I had been up maybe at about 4 am to 8 finish off my packing. I can't recall exactly when. 9 I would have finished my packing. I obviously had quite 10 a lot of stuff to take home with me because I was 11 leaving the site permanently. I went to the canteen 12 around 5 to meet with some of my friends, my 13 back-to-back, Alf.</p> <p>14 Q. That is Alf Vik, is it?</p> <p>15 A. Yes. Garry, I met Garry there. Some of the lads were 16 there to say goodbye to me.</p> <p>17 Q. This was Garry Barlow?</p> <p>18 A. Garry Barlow.</p> <p>19 Q. Did you have much of a conversation with Garry?</p> <p>20 A. Just a sort of cheerio sort of manner. Garry came to 21 see me again at 5.30 before I got on the bus. Garry 22 came to the bus to say goodbye to me again at 5.30. We 23 had a short conversation then. He actually told me that 24 he probably wouldn't stay on the project too much 25 longer. He wasn't too happy with how it was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 139</p>
<p>1 place that they would have patrolled the area which 2 would have allowed freer access, you would have been 3 allowed to access the area without having to pick up an 4 escort. At VCP1 or VCP2 you would only have had to 5 contact Papa Charlie who was the field controller to 6 advise him of what your travel plans were and as long as 7 you were working within the controlled area then there 8 was no need for a specific escort to your vehicle at 9 that time.</p> <p>10 Q. In your statement you also mention having at some point 11 having seen military exercises, can you tell us about 12 that?</p> <p>13 A. Yes, the -- for a few months leading up to the incident 14 I heard of the incident. Around the time there was 15 quite a bit of activity going on in Libya. There were 16 army exercises taking place in the lower falaise area. 17 That would have been the -- where we would have been 18 building system 6, I am trying to think -- I'm trying to 19 think it would have been west of the actual, it would 20 have been west of the field.</p> <p>21 I believe there were military present in the area 22 full-time. On several occasions I saw tank exercises, 23 on several occasions I saw trucks full of military 24 troops as opposed to Gendarmes in that area.</p> <p>25 Q. And that was in 2012?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 138</p>	<p>1 progressing.</p> <p>2 Q. Did he say why that was?</p> <p>3 A. He didn't like the way it was being managed. The 4 construction element, so ... that was it basically.</p> <p>5 Q. So it was about the specifics of his specific job?</p> <p>6 A. It was role related as opposed to security.</p> <p>7 Q. You said that was about 5.30 when he --</p> <p>8 A. That was 5.30. That was just as I was boarding the bus, 9 maybe 5.35.</p> <p>10 Q. Did you see Paul Morgan at that time?</p> <p>11 A. I did. Paul boarded the bus a few moments before we 12 left. I remember contemplating at the time because he 13 got off the bus to get into the vehicle with OLC and 14 I just remember thinking how comfortable it would be to 15 be to driving in the vehicle as opposed to the bus and 16 the vehicle was a silver, a Toyota Landcruiser V8.</p> <p>17 Q. You said it was silver?</p> <p>18 A. I saw the vehicle parked as we were walking towards the 19 bus. The vehicle was parked there all the time, yes.</p> <p>20 Q. We have heard from others who suggested it may have been 21 a white vehicle?</p> <p>22 A. I would be 98 per cent sure it was silver.</p> <p>23 Q. Did it have any markings on it?</p> <p>24 A. I can't recall markings. There were very few -- most of 25 the new V8s were silver. There were very few other</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 140</p>

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<p>1 colours, there would be one or two white allocated and 2 there was one black that was there. So most of them 3 were silver. It certainly wasn't ...</p> <p>4 Q. We have heard already from others about the bus moving 5 off and waiting for the Gendarmes?</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Do you recall how many Gendarme vehicles attended?</p> <p>8 A. No. I remember the Gendarme vehicles arriving and it 9 was around the time that was specified earlier. We 10 weren't waiting long. When we parked outside the camp 11 waiting for the Gendarme vehicles it didn't take long. 12 It was only a few minutes. I remember seeing the 13 Gendarme vehicles arriving but I wouldn't be able to 14 recollect how many.</p> <p>15 Q. I think when you wrote your statement you thought there 16 might be three?</p> <p>17 A. I possibly would have said, I would have thought three 18 but I wouldn't be able to guarantee that.</p> <p>19 Q. And are you able to help now with the position which the 20 convoy set up in?</p> <p>21 A. Not absolutely, no.</p> <p>22 Q. Again, at the time you did your statement and it is some 23 time ago now --</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. -- you suggested there may have been two Gendarme</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 141</p>	<p>1 A. No, I was sitting midway up the bus on the left-hand 2 side when the -- I was -- basically I was going to have 3 a sleep on the way to In Amenas. I heard some noise 4 coming from what I felt to be the front left-hand side 5 of the bus that sounded initially that it was a tyre 6 rupturing. I then heard Huw Edwards say something along 7 the lines of "What the hell?" I then heard some other 8 noises. Again, I thought it was from the front 9 left-hand side of the bus.</p> <p>10 Q. So the 10, 11 o'clock position?</p> <p>11 A. Between 11 and 12 o'clock position, yes. It sounded to 12 me as if somebody was throwing rocks and sand. It 13 sounded like some larger objects with smaller objects 14 hitting the side of the bus. This, for a few seconds 15 that was the case. But then I could see people diving 16 in the aisle and it was fairly clear that it was gunfire 17 that was coming towards the bus so where I was situated 18 was adjacent to the side exit door which is down a few 19 steps.</p> <p>20 Q. This is on the right-hand side of the bus?</p> <p>21 A. On the right-hand side of the bus. So I jumped into 22 that stairwell for protection.</p> <p>23 Q. Did any of the windows break?</p> <p>24 A. Yes, the windows were broken. The windows above me were 25 shattered, yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 143</p>
<p>1 vehicles at the front and then the liaison vehicle and 2 then the bus?</p> <p>3 A. That's what I would have thought but I wouldn't have 4 been able to make that an absolute statement.</p> <p>5 Q. So you say "that's what I would have thought", is that 6 based on previous experience?</p> <p>7 A. It was based on conversations we have been having at the 8 time. When the attack was taking place we were 9 considering how many people were going to be around us 10 protecting us. So there was some conversations and 11 I understood there would have been -- as I recall now 12 I would have said I understood there would have been 13 four vehicles. I say that because the amount of 14 Gendarmes that would have been in my head would have 15 been 11. That was three for each vehicle driven by one 16 of the civilian drivers. And two potentially in the 17 back of Paul Morgan's and the OLC.</p> <p>18 Q. But just to clarify, do you know if there was anybody in 19 the back of Paul Morgan's or is this guessing that 20 there --</p> <p>21 A. No, it was just to establish what sort of fire power.</p> <p>22 Q. Did you actually see any of this?</p> <p>23 A. No, I didn't.</p> <p>24 Q. And were you looking out of the window when things were 25 beginning to start or?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 142</p>	<p>1 Q. You say above you, which side of the bus?</p> <p>2 A. Right-hand side of the bus. On the right-hand side of 3 the bus the windows were shattered, yes. I don't know 4 if they were shattered at that particular time when 5 I jumped into the stairwell but one of my colleagues 6 that was on the bus, Nick Frazier, he come down into the 7 stairwell with me and when the gunfire was taking place 8 he was warning me to keep my head away from the side 9 because the glass could cave in because it was busted, 10 as he said.</p> <p>11 Q. In your witness statement you only mention a window on 12 the left-hand side of the bus shattering. Is that --</p> <p>13 A. Okay.</p> <p>14 Q. Are you clear about which one it was or --</p> <p>15 A. I can't recall now. There may have been -- I think the 16 windows on the left-hand side may have been shattered 17 but definitely on the right-hand side they were 18 shattered.</p> <p>19 Q. Was there a time when you checked your watch?</p> <p>20 A. I think I checked my watch about 15 or 20 minutes after 21 it had started. I was quite surprised. The gunfire was 22 pretty intense and for whatever reason I felt under 23 these circumstances that time had passed very slowly.</p> <p>24 Q. Because I think you said in your statement you checked 25 your watch at 6.05 and were surprised?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 144</p>

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<p>1 A. I was surprised that 20 minutes had passed. I thought 2 it had only been five minutes, but ... 3 Q. And then there came a time when the gunfire was less 4 intense? 5 A. Shortly after I checked my watch the gunfire died down 6 fairly significantly. At that point there was quite 7 a lot of conversation in the bus, people were quite 8 calmly asking, that is the passengers, calmly asking if 9 everybody was okay. The driver was lying next to me and 10 the assumption was he couldn't speak any English. The 11 assumption was that he had been hit so I gave him my 12 jacket to keep him warm but in actual fact he was okay. 13 Q. You said the gunfire died down. Did it stop? 14 A. No, it didn't stop. At that point Nick and I left the 15 stairwell and lay on the floor, in the aisle, and for 16 a period of time the gunfire was starting to become less 17 intense and start drifting towards the west side, the 18 3 o'clock position to the bus. It sounded -- my -- 19 I was trying to figure out what was going on in my head 20 at the time and for whatever reason because of the 21 disruption there had been with the drivers I just 22 thought a few drivers had got their hands on a few 23 Kalashnikovs or whatever and it sounded like the 24 Gendarmes were beating them back to the falaise area. 25 There was a cliff type area west side of the BdV and it</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 145</p>	<p>1 A. You could hear the alarms in the distance, yes, but 2 I couldn't say when they started or when they finished. 3 Q. When you were eventually taken off the bus and got down 4 to the road, do you recall seeing anything in the road? 5 A. I didn't see any of the vehicles. 6 Q. When you gave your witness statement you talked about 7 seeing some broken glass on the road. Does that jog 8 your memory? 9 A. Yes, I think I can recall seeing some broken glass in 10 the road now. 11 Q. Did you make any assumption about what that was from its 12 position? 13 A. I may have at the time but I can't recall now. 14 Q. Sorry, Mr Stephen, I have your witness statement in 15 front of me. What you said at the time was: 16 "I recall seeing broken glass on the road at the 17 bridge area." 18 A. Okay. 19 Q. "I presumed a vehicle had been struck by gunfire there 20 although the vehicle was no longer there." 21 A. Yes, okay, that jogs a memory, yes. 22 Q. Tell us about that then. Can you tell us about what you 23 saw and thought if there is any more? 24 A. I think it was -- only that it was fairly obvious that 25 the vehicles ahead had been hit. Other than that, no.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 147</p>
<p>1 sounded like it was -- the gunfire was coming from there 2 but it was more sporadic and it sounded distant. 3 Q. At any time did you see any of the attackers? 4 A. No. 5 Q. I won't take you through all of the events afterwards 6 unless you say anything has differed from what we have 7 heard from Mr Quinn and Mr Cobb in terms of the Gendarme 8 arriving on the bus and then taking you out of the bus 9 and back to the VCP. 10 A. Okay, the only bit I would add, and I can't understand, 11 just before 7.00, I know it was that time because of the 12 light conditions, it was starting to get light between 13 6.50, 7 o'clock when the Gendarme came on to help the 14 driver start the bus unsuccessfully then the gunfire 15 started which meant they stopped trying to start the bus 16 and the Gendarme pulled the driver off. At that point 17 I felt the machinegun fire was hitting the bus fairly 18 significantly and we didn't know, I certainly didn't 19 know, I had no reason to believe that that was anything 20 other than the attackers having regrouped and come back 21 and at that time I'm pretty sure Nick Frazier and myself 22 thought the best thing to do would be to get back to the 23 BdV so at that time there was no understanding that the 24 BdV had also been taken by -- 25 Q. Had you heard any of the alarms from the BdV?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 146</p>	<p>1 I can't really tell. 2 Q. Was this glass that then wasn't near or clearly 3 associated with a vehicle that was still there? What 4 made you think a vehicle had been and gone? 5 A. Oh well, I can't remember. I really can't remember. If 6 I had seen glass -- I knew there were vehicles ahead of 7 us simply because there are always vehicles. Perhaps 8 before I closed my eyes I would have seen the vehicles 9 ahead but there was an absolute routine process that was 10 followed with vehicles ahead. 11 Q. I wasn't clear with my question. What was it about this 12 glass which made you think it was from a vehicle that 13 was no longer there rather than a vehicle that was still 14 present at the scene? 15 A. Probably because I didn't see a vehicle there. 16 Q. Where the glass was? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. One other aspect I want to ask you about is things 19 people told you shortly after the events. I think you 20 had also some knowledge of the conversation that 21 Mr Edwards has told us about with Ghemina who talked 22 about what had happened on the south side of the fence. 23 Did you hear that conversation yourself? 24 A. The conversation as I understood it at time was that 25 they had breached the fence on the north side and they</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 148</p>

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<p>1 entered through that same -- sweeping through the 2 dormitories to -- 3 Q. Sorry, I haven't caught that. 4 A. Sorry, the conversation as I recall at the time was that 5 the terrorists breached -- they cut a hole in the fence 6 in the north side. 7 Q. So the north side would be the same side as the -- 8 A. Same side as VCP1. 9 Q. The south side then? 10 A. Okay, is it south side. Sorry, no, there is a VCP1 11 north side. Let's see. On the VCP1 side. 12 Q. Actually it is the east side. 13 A. Okay. All right. 14 Q. It is me as well. 15 A. I wouldn't have used the term north side, east, west. 16 I made that assumption just now. It would have been the 17 VCP1 side that they cut through the fence and they would 18 have started searching the rooms. I understood through 19 the conversation that they had started off in the 20 women's accommodation and that they had set up 21 a machinegun at some point facing towards where the bus 22 was sitting and I related that machinegun to the heavy 23 fire that was coming into us. 24 Q. Did she tell you something about the accents that the 25 attackers had?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 149</p>	<p>1 felt there was familiarity between the two, between the 2 attackers. He didn't say specifically one person. He 3 didn't pick out one guard but he said he felt there 4 could be some collusion between the two. 5 Q. Just to be clear, the guards, they hadn't been on strike 6 at any time? 7 A. No. 8 Q. And they weren't the native Tuaregs? 9 A. I don't believe so, no. Perhaps some of them might have 10 been but I don't know. 11 MS DOLAN: Thank you, Mr Stephen, I don't have any more 12 questions for you but others may have. 13 Questions from MR GARNHAM 14 MR GARNHAM: Good afternoon, Mr Stephen. My name is 15 Garnham. I ask questions on behalf of the families of 16 Messrs Barlow, Bilsland, Morgan and Whiteside. 17 I just have a handful of questions to ask you if 18 I may. You tell us in the police statement that you 19 prepared that you went to the bus and went to your seat 20 and closed the curtains. Do you recall doing that? 21 A. Probably would have, yes, I can't recall closing the 22 curtains now but. 23 Q. You then said you opened the curtains. I want to know 24 whether they stayed open or whether you closed them 25 again?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 151</p>
<p>1 A. Yes, she did. She said there were varying accents. 2 I can't recall specifically what the accents were. 3 Perhaps Egyptian, but there were several accents that 4 were not local Algerian accents. 5 Q. I think you in your witness statement you said Egyptian, 6 Tunisian, some east African as well as possibly Syrian? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. And also mention of an attacker having an English 9 American accent? 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. And just to be clear, Ghemina, she is a native Arabic 12 speaker? 13 A. She's a native Arabic speaker. 14 Q. Then the other conversation I want to ask you about is 15 that you had had with somebody called M in the DCC? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Can you recall what he said to you? 18 A. He said to me that he felt there was some recognition 19 between the attackers and I believe it was some of the 20 security people. 21 Q. Some of the guards? 22 A. One of the guards. 23 Q. Did he say why he thought that? 24 A. Just the nature of the, either the way they looked at 25 one another or the way they spoke to one another but he</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 150</p>	<p>1 A. Could you repeat that? 2 Q. You then said you opened up the curtain next to your 3 seat -- 4 A. Yes, I did. 5 Q. -- when you sat down. I want to know whether you shut 6 that curtain again or whether it remained open? 7 A. I can't recall if I shut it again. I opened the curtain 8 either to see who was going to work or because one of 9 the guys was passing on the way in and I just wanted to 10 wave to them on the way out. 11 Q. As the convoy moved off towards the VCP, VCP1, you 12 reclined your seat and got ready to go to sleep? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. About a minute or so later you tell us that you heard 15 a sound that made you think it was a wheel running with 16 a problem? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. That was the sound of rocks or grit hitting the side of 19 the bus? 20 A. That's correct. 21 Q. You may have answered this when asked questions by 22 Ms Dolan but may I ask you again: which side of the bus 23 did that seem to be coming from? 24 A. I recall then and I recall now that that was coming from 25 the front left-hand side. I thought it was the front</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 152</p>

1 **left-hand wheel that had been damaged.**
 2 Q. The reason for my asking is because you subsequently
 3 describe the attack appearing to come from 2 o'clock
 4 which would have been --
 5 **A. That's correct.**
 6 Q. -- right-hand side at the top or 3 o'clock, right-hand
 7 side straight out?
 8 **A. I've -- I felt the attack when I was in the stairwell,**
 9 **the gunfire, was coming from around the 1 o'clock,**
 10 **2 o'clock position.**
 11 Q. So it might be either that there were two angles of
 12 attack from the front left and from the front right or
 13 what you heard from the front left wasn't the sound of
 14 gunfire?
 15 **A. Possibly.**
 16 Q. You then describe how over the next half an hour or so
 17 the gunfire seemed to be moving away?
 18 **A. After about half an hour it seemed to become more**
 19 **distant. Initially, for the first 20 minute period --**
 20 Q. It was sustained?
 21 **A. -- it was sustained. I felt it was getting closer at**
 22 **one point. I thought it was -- I thought they were**
 23 **going to overpower us at that time.**
 24 Q. The sun starts to come up. It is dawn.
 25 **A. Yes.**

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1 Q. And you say you seem to recall vehicles coming in from
 2 the direction of the federal highway?
 3 **A. That's correct, yes.**
 4 Q. What sort of vehicles were they?
 5 **A. I felt at the time they were military vehicles.**
 6 Q. Would that have been, what sort of time would that have
 7 been?
 8 **A. That would have been around 6.45, between 6.45 and**
 9 **7 o'clock and I'm fairly accurate in that because that**
 10 **was when the sun was rising at the time.**
 11 Q. A Gendarme then comes on the bus?
 12 **A. He did, yes.**
 13 Q. And then at around 7.05 you hear a second heavy barrage
 14 of firing?
 15 **A. Yes.**
 16 Q. Understandably you are keeping your head down at this
 17 stage so you are not looking out of the window?
 18 **A. No.**
 19 Q. But then at some stage you say you saw two vehicles in
 20 front on either side of the road?
 21 **A. Okay.**
 22 Q. One being about half the distance towards VCP1?
 23 **A. Yes.**
 24 Q. What were those vehicles?
 25 **A. I don't know.**

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1 Q. Were they part of the convoy or were they other vehicles
 2 or can't you say?
 3 **A. I couldn't be certain. I do recall now seeing the**
 4 **vehicles but I wouldn't have known what type of vehicle.**
 5 Q. Were you conscious of whether there were less vehicles
 6 at that stage than there had been previously? I ask
 7 because at least in your statement you say initially
 8 three vehicles in front of you and now there appear to
 9 be two and I am wondering whether one has gone?
 10 **A. I didn't make that calculation at the time.**
 11 Q. And now looking back?
 12 **A. I think it's a possibility, yes.**
 13 Q. I think I probably know the answer to this but I am
 14 going to ask it anyway: did you see any activity inside
 15 any of the vehicles in front of the bus?
 16 **A. No.**
 17 MR GARNHAM: Thank you very much.
 18 Questions from MR RITCHIE
 19 MR RITCHIE: Andrew Ritchie and I ask on behalf of the
 20 family of Carlos Estrada.
 21 In your second witness statement, that is the one
 22 that you gave to solicitors rather than to the police,
 23 on page 3 you say this, I will read it to you:
 24 "Contract workers were not invited to any regular
 25 security briefing. I do recall however that I attended

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1 an IMT meeting which took place each Saturday at 1.30.
 2 This was in place of my manager who was unable to attend
 3 that day."
 4 **A. That's correct yes.**
 5 Q. Do you remember that meeting now?
 6 **A. I remember it very well, yes.**
 7 Q. Thank you. You say that Anthony Fitzpatrick was at that
 8 meeting?
 9 **A. He chaired the meeting, yes.**
 10 Q. Did he give you some information about regional
 11 security?
 12 **A. Yes. I understood at the time that that was the purpose**
 13 **of the meeting, that he was updating the management on**
 14 **general security related activities in the area and**
 15 **there were two issues that he raised that I felt at the**
 16 **time was fairly significant, something that took me by**
 17 **surprise. One was that there had been a bombing fairly**
 18 **close to the location, can't recall exactly how far and**
 19 **I can't recall at the time but I think somebody had gone**
 20 **in and blown up a post office. It could have been**
 21 **a suicide bomber or just a device. And he also spoke**
 22 **about the unrest at the time in Mali between the local**
 23 **Tuaregs and the government that alerted me to some**
 24 **extent because I knew there were a fair -- there was**
 25 **a fair Tuareg community where we were and that whole**

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1 area was fairly heavily populated by the Tuaregs.
 2 Q. And that had a bit of an effect on you, that information
 3 at that meeting, didn't it?
 4 **A. Well, it surprised me. It was the first time I had**
 5 **learned one, that the meeting had gone into that sort of**
 6 **detail and two, that these things were happening fairly**
 7 **locally. I hadn't heard of anything similar since the**
 8 **time I had been on the project up until that point.**
 9 Q. What did you do about that after the meeting?
 10 **A. Well initially I asked Fitz what I was supposed to do**
 11 **with the information and it was documented. We had been**
 12 **given an A4 sheet with the details he had been running**
 13 **through and he said, well if there's anything, any of**
 14 **the content you feel has an impact on any of your**
 15 **reports, then brief them and then destroy the minutes.**
 16 Q. Destroy the minutes?
 17 **A. Yes.**
 18 MR RITCHIE: Thank you very much.
 19 Questions from MS GERRY
 20 MS GERRY: Mr Stephen, I just wanted to ask you on behalf of
 21 Sebastian John's family some questions about Papa
 22 Charlie. In your witness statement at page 5 and 6 you
 23 describe the role of Papa Charlie or you mention it. As
 24 I understand it, Papa Charlie was the sort of main
 25 controller. Can you just explain what Papa Charlie was?

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1 **A. Papa Charlie would have logged where you were going to**
 2 **in the field. You had to report in. If you were**
 3 **leaving the secure area either through VCP1 or VCP2 you**
 4 **would have reported in to Papa Charlie. You would have**
 5 **told him where you were travelling to. I assumed he**
 6 **recorded that information. You would have given him**
 7 **updates once you had arrived at the specific location**
 8 **and reported to him.**
 9 Q. You would do this by radio. Is this right?
 10 **A. Via a radio. He would notify the Gendarmes that you**
 11 **were looking for the escort. You had to notify Papa**
 12 **Charlie before you were allocated an escort when you**
 13 **arrived at VCP1 or VCP2. So there must have been some**
 14 **communication there. And if there were any problems**
 15 **with the Gendarme escorts then Papa Charlie was the**
 16 **person you would have contacted to resolve those**
 17 **problems or to help resolve those problems.**
 18 Q. So as far as you are able to assist us, your assumption
 19 is when the bus convoy left the BdV and went towards
 20 VCP1 at that point you would have expected Papa Charlie
 21 to have been told on the radio "we're leaving with
 22 a Gendarme escort"?
 23 **A. I would have expected that, yes.**
 24 Q. Do you have any knowledge of what the system might then
 25 have been with regards to the guard at VCP1 and whether

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1 or not he would contact Papa Charlie and say "the
 2 vehicle's left". If it is outside your area then say
 3 but if you do know?
 4 **A. I don't know.**
 5 Q. Obviously there was -- Papa Charlie was a position which
 6 was filled by a physical person?
 7 **A. Yes.**
 8 Q. And that person obviously would change?
 9 **A. Yes.**
 10 Q. You say in your statement that Papa Charlie was employed
 11 by the JV. Would it be a national, an expat, would you
 12 be able to assist as to who would fulfil that role? One
 13 of the security guards?
 14 **A. As I recall it was a national who filled that role.**
 15 Q. Would you know whether they would be part of the
 16 civilian security guards? I can probably ask another
 17 witness.
 18 **A. I think you're best to ask another witness. I don't**
 19 **think he was part of the civilian security guards. He**
 20 **may have been promoted up from one of those positions.**
 21 Q. In your statement and actually you exhibited a diagram
 22 of the control room, which is where I understand it Papa
 23 Charlie would be?
 24 **A. Yes.**
 25 Q. You should I think have in front of you still the big

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1 map. I am afraid I didn't get one. It was C36, the
 2 living area. Looking at your sketch map it -- do you
 3 want to say where you understand the control room where
 4 Papa Charlie would be? To help more I think there is
 5 the 50 Man office to the top left-hand side?
 6 **A. Yes. Yes, as I recall, Papa Charlie was in the back of**
 7 **the training room at --**
 8 Q. If you go from the 50 Man office and go to the right
 9 there is two long oblong buildings and then to the right
 10 of that there is a bigger building?
 11 **A. Yes.**
 12 Q. Is it in that bigger --
 13 **A. That building there, yes.**
 14 Q. So the bigger one to the right?
 15 **A. You have got the 50 Man office and then the writing you**
 16 **have there is "gate 2" but then you have got the two**
 17 **oblong buildings, they're actually a car covers, they**
 18 **are the parking area. Then you have got the training**
 19 **room just to the right-hand side of that.**
 20 Q. And it is the back of that?
 21 **A. Yes.**
 22 Q. Was it your understanding that was also the control room
 23 from where the CCTV was monitored? Again, if you can't
 24 help say so but if you can?
 25 **A. I would have said yes. I'm sure I have seen CCTVs in**

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<p>1 there but I can't be sure.</p> <p>2 Q. In terms of who carries radios, you say obviously you</p> <p>3 would pick a radio up if you were travelling around?</p> <p>4 A. Yes, I would have been allocated. I would have had an</p> <p>5 allocated radio, yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Do you know whether the cars that were used to escort</p> <p>7 the convoy would they have radios in them?</p> <p>8 A. They would have radios in them, yes.</p> <p>9 Q. And the drivers did they have radios?</p> <p>10 A. Probably not, no.</p> <p>11 Q. Did you notice whether the civilian guards have radios?</p> <p>12 A. I didn't notice.</p> <p>13 Q. Again, I can probably ask someone else. Obviously as</p> <p>14 you were leaving the site that day you yourself didn't</p> <p>15 have a radio because you were going off-site, is that</p> <p>16 right?</p> <p>17 A. No, and that wouldn't have been the norm. We would only</p> <p>18 have used our radios when we were at work, either in the</p> <p>19 office area or out in the field area.</p> <p>20 Q. Possibly an obvious question: if there was a problem or</p> <p>21 a security alert you would use radios to contact Papa</p> <p>22 Charlie and alert them that there was some issue, some</p> <p>23 difficulty?</p> <p>24 A. That would have been a natural reaction, yes. Just</p> <p>25 based on common sense but there were no definitive</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 161</p>	<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 THE CORONER: That's what I wanted to know. Anyone? No.</p> <p>3 Questions from MR ANTROBUS</p> <p>4 MR ANTROBUS: Mr Stephen, I am asking questions on behalf of</p> <p>5 BP. Just to assist with that last point, in terms of</p> <p>6 the document provided by Mr Fitzpatrick that you were to</p> <p>7 brief your colleagues about, could you just have a look.</p> <p>8 You have a green bundle right in front of you which is</p> <p>9 core 1.</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Can you just pick up that bundle for a second. If you</p> <p>12 turn to the very end of that bundle, so it is</p> <p>13 divider 25. I think it is the penultimate divider. Do</p> <p>14 you see a document that is titled "Liaison weekly</p> <p>15 meeting and procedure update"?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. Just familiarise yourself with that document. You see</p> <p>18 on the first page there is a number of details to do</p> <p>19 with the actual plant itself?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. And then if you turn over to the second page midway down</p> <p>22 there are some -- there's security related incidents</p> <p>23 since the last reporting period?</p> <p>24 A. Okay.</p> <p>25 Q. Do you see that?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 163</p>
<p>1 procedures that I was aware of.</p> <p>2 Q. Let me ask you this: if you had had your radio on you</p> <p>3 when you were on the bus what would you have done?</p> <p>4 A. I would have contacted Papa Charlie.</p> <p>5 MS GERRY: Thank you very much.</p> <p>6 THE CORONER: Can you just help me with -- I'm not sure</p> <p>7 I have quite understood it. You said you went to</p> <p>8 a meeting that Mr Fitzpatrick chaired and he mentioned</p> <p>9 two things of concern and afterwards you asked him what</p> <p>10 to do about it, yes?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 THE CORONER: And he said if anything you have heard impacts</p> <p>13 on your reports then brief people --</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 THE CORONER: -- and destroy the minutes.</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 THE CORONER: I just want to know, when you say "the</p> <p>18 minutes", you referred to an A4 sheet that he had with</p> <p>19 the details. You got a copy. Do you mean get rid of</p> <p>20 that piece of paper, don't leave it lying around?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, they weren't minutes as such. They were written</p> <p>22 notes that he had prepared in order to brief everyone.</p> <p>23 THE CORONER: So you could brief that to anyone you thought</p> <p>24 needed to know but otherwise get rid of that piece of</p> <p>25 paper?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 162</p>	<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. Can you recall, is that the type of sheet that you were</p> <p>3 provided with by Mr Fitzpatrick?</p> <p>4 A. This is a slightly different layout to the sheet that</p> <p>5 I recall at the time. The sheet that I recall at the</p> <p>6 time was more just a series of paragraphs relating to</p> <p>7 incidents rather than giving specific dates and times.</p> <p>8 It was just general information paragraphs. This looks</p> <p>9 a bit more detailed to location and that wasn't the case</p> <p>10 with the sheet, the notes that I had been given.</p> <p>11 Q. It might not be this one?</p> <p>12 A. No.</p> <p>13 Q. Because this is just an example document. But if you</p> <p>14 just turn -- if you see at the bottom right-hand corner</p> <p>15 of page 249, so that is the second page?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. Was the sheet you were provided with similar describing</p> <p>18 events there? You can see security related incidents</p> <p>19 north, terrorist eliminated and another description of</p> <p>20 another event?</p> <p>21 A. It may have been similar to that, yes, I can't recall</p> <p>22 absolutely.</p> <p>23 Q. Thank you. Then the only other thing I just wanted to</p> <p>24 ask you about was in relation to the Gendarmes and the</p> <p>25 patrolling of the Gendarmes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 164</p>

1 **A. Yes.**
 2 Q. In your statement you said that the Gendarmes would
 3 usually be a fair distance away at any of the times that
 4 you had seen them at the wellheads or further away from
 5 the main plant area.
 6 **A. Yes.**
 7 Q. In other words, you wouldn't see them close to you
 8 except at the VCPs, where you would see them patrolling
 9 would be further away, is that right?
 10 **A. Can you read that part of the statement again because**
 11 **there are two points there.**
 12 Q. If it helps you, do you have your statement in front of
 13 you. If you turn to -- first of all turn to page 6.
 14 **A. Okay.**
 15 Q. If you just go down to the bottom holepunch you see
 16 right next to it there is a paragraph that starts "The
 17 Gendarmes".
 18 **A. Yes.**
 19 Q. You are describing there what uniform they wore?
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 Q. Then you described, if you look just further down, that
 22 they had -- you had spoken to them and they carry spare
 23 magazines?
 24 **A. Yes.**
 25 Q. And that they usually carried AK47s but occasionally

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1 older rifles?
 2 **A. Yes.**
 3 Q. And then if you just turn over the page the only time
 4 you would see the guards, I am presuming you are still
 5 talking about the Gendarmes?
 6 **A. Yes.**
 7 Q. And that is right, is it?
 8 **A. That's correct, yes.**
 9 Q. Closely, was when you were at one of the VCPs?
 10 **A. That's correct, yes.**
 11 Q. "They would usually be a fair distance away at any of
 12 the times at the wellheads or further away from the main
 13 plant area."
 14 **A. Yes, okay, well what I'm saying there is that the guards**
 15 **when you arrived at the VCP frequently would be outside**
 16 **their vehicles. When you travelled to one of the**
 17 **wellheads or to one of the areas further away from the**
 18 **main plant area that may have been one of the manifolds**
 19 **or one of the pipelines, the Gendarme guard, he would**
 20 **generally be in his car that might have been 1, 2,**
 21 **300 metres away. It was never consistent but the well**
 22 **site was quite a big area. They would have parked in**
 23 **the far corner and we would have been doing the work at**
 24 **the well itself. It was only at the vehicle checkpoints**
 25 **that you would have been having close contact.**

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1 MR ANTROBUS: Yes, thank you very much.
 2 MR FERGUSON: No questions.
 3 THE CORONER: Thank you. Thank you very much indeed for
 4 coming and helping us. I am very grateful. Thank you.
 5 (The witness withdrew)
 6 THE CORONER: That I think concludes the evidence from
 7 witnesses from the witness box. There are some
 8 statements that are going to be read. Before we do that
 9 I am just going to have a short break so that anybody
 10 who doesn't want to hear those can leave.
 11 Mr Ferguson, can I just mention one matter which may
 12 be of concern to a number of people who may decide they
 13 don't want to stay to hear statements read out. I don't
 14 know. It is simply this: the disclosure of material
 15 underlying the Statoil report. I don't want to go into
 16 the detail of the process at this stage and indeed it
 17 may be that it won't ever be necessary to do so and
 18 I have a helpful document from Mr Garnham, thank you
 19 very much, which bears on that and which I will look at
 20 if I need to.
 21 The starting point, Mr Ferguson, it just occurs to
 22 me it may be to ask the contributors whether they would
 23 consent to the disclosure of the material. Now,
 24 I appreciate that that would require a number and it
 25 might be, for all I know, a large number of letters to

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1 be sent, but given, and I know you are aware of this,
 2 the difficulties that there have been in accessing
 3 material. I am anxious that we do everything we can to
 4 get our hands on material which may shed light on these
 5 events.
 6 Would there be any difficulty with starting in that
 7 way?
 8 MR FERGUSON: Can I indicate that the suggestion was made
 9 earlier today. I have sought to take instructions and
 10 been unable to do so thus far but I have tomorrow
 11 morning organised to have a conference with Mr Laidlaw
 12 and those who instruct me. Can I communicate the
 13 response to that suggestion in writing?
 14 THE CORONER: Yes, of course. I am very grateful. I am not
 15 expecting an immediate response but if I can simply say
 16 that I hope that it might be possible for the reason
 17 I have given to resolve matters in that way. If that
 18 were to be the solution, then I hope that it could be
 19 made plain in any request that I would be grateful for
 20 any assistance that was given but particularly the
 21 families of those who lost their lives in these events
 22 and are seeking to comprehend them would obviously also
 23 be extremely grateful. I think if we can at least start
 24 in this way rather than a very plain request that says
 25 no more than that. I think it would be more helpful if

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<p>1 it could be explained that not only I but also some very 2 interested persons would, I am sure, appreciate any help 3 they could give. 4 MR FERGUSON: I understand that. 5 THE CORONER: All right, thank you very much. So we'll just 6 take a ten-minute break and then we'll come back and 7 just resume with some reading and that will be it. 8 (4.00 pm) 9 (A short break) 10 (4.20 pm) 11 MS DOLAN: Sir, Mr Edwards recollected something that he 12 didn't say in his evidence so he would like an 13 opportunity to just come and tell us that. 14 THE CORONER: Yes, certainly. 15 MR HUW EDWARDS (recalled) 16 MS DOLAN: Thank you, Mr Edwards, you are still under oath. 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. I think having given evidence and heard Mr Stephen give 19 his evidence you have something else you want to add to 20 yours? 21 A. Yes, I do apologise. As soon as Richard said that the 22 car was silver it struck me that the car that S drives 23 was silver in colour. It was his dedicated vehicle and 24 he used it all the time. So the vehicle quite 25 categorically S was driving and Paul was in was the Page 169</p>	<p>1 engineering and environment team. In general I have 2 responsibility for safety and the environment, emergency 3 repairs and health and safety matters. In addition 4 I have responsibility for vehicle management teams and 5 fire response teams. 6 On Sunday, 8 October 2012 I left Aberdeen. On 7 arrival at BdV I had to attend the guardhouse where my 8 bags were searched, not particularly thoroughly, by the 9 site security. I also received my T card which has my 10 name and photo and is retained in a rack in the 11 guardhouse when I was at the base to ensure that all 12 persons could be accounted for when there. In addition, 13 I got my accommodation keys. 14 My accommodation was one of the senior villas. 15 I also received a general site induction from one of 16 the health and safety environment trainers, an Algerian 17 whose name I cannot recall but who had worked at the 18 site for a number of years. I was not aware of anything 19 that gave me cause for concern for my own security or 20 that of the facility or base. I had confidence in the 21 measures that were in place. I was aware that there was 22 unrest by many of the nationals who were contracted to 23 work at the facility when I was there. There was 24 a strike ongoing by the drivers. The strike involved 25 restrictions to the numbers of transfers that they made Page 171</p>
<p>1 colour silver and not white as I said earlier. 2 MS DOLAN: Thank you. 3 THE CORONER: Thank you very much indeed. 4 (The witness withdrew). 5 MS DOLAN: Sir, the next is evidence under rule 23. It is 6 a document all interested persons have seen and it is 7 a statement of Mr Whetherill. Mr Charnock is going to 8 read. Sir, this isn't the full statement. There are 9 some parts extracted from it but all interested persons 10 have seen it and agreed with the substance of what is 11 in. 12 MR GEOFFREY CHARNOCK (called) 13 MR CHARNOCK: Sir, this is the statement of Ian James 14 Whetherill dated 23 January 2013. It reads: 15 "I am employed by BP exploration, 1-4 Wellheads 16 Avenue, Dyce, Aberdeen. BP have been my employer for 17 the last 18 years. Last year 2012 I decided I wanted 18 a change of role and explored various options with BP. 19 I subsequently applied for my current position as health 20 and safety environment manager at In Amenas gas facility 21 Algeria and was successful. 22 On 9 October 2012 I travelled to Algeria to carry 23 out my first rotation. My role at In Amenas involved 24 leading a team of about 40 staff which included 25 emergency response teams, health and safety environment Page 170</p>	<p>1 which did cause delays at times and also limited the 2 ability of some staff to get to areas outwith the 3 facility. The reason for the strike was that the 4 drivers wanted to be given jobs by Sonatrach which would 5 lead to better pay and conditions. However, Sonatrach 6 would not do this as being a state owned company to 7 employ drivers at the facility would mean them having to 8 cease contracting such roles across other business 9 interests in Algeria which would involve hundreds of 10 thousands of people. 11 It is my understanding that the unrest and the 12 issues that the nationals had was with Sonatrach rather 13 than with BP, Statoil or westerners in general. 14 My next rotation to In Amenas was therefore 15 Wednesday, 2 January 2013. In the interim period I had 16 spent time working at BP Sunbury office. I was also in 17 contact with my back-to-back, John Brattetieg of Statoil 18 who I made plans with for the following year 2013. 19 I was also in regular contact with Alan Wright and Bob 20 Jones who kept me up-to-date with events on site and 21 I managed a couple of site injuries remotely. I was 22 advised by Alan and Bob that five of the striking 23 drivers had gone on hunger strike and that their 24 families and possibly others had now camped outside BdV. 25 None of what I was told gave me cause for concern Page 172</p>

<p>1 and I was not advised of any on site concerns or 2 tensions at the facility or of any security issues. The 3 only issues I was aware of was that due to the drivers 4 threatening to remove minimum service this could cause 5 issues with the movement of transport of expats. 6 Therefore, expats were only being taken on site if 7 necessary. 8 On Tuesday, 1 January 2013 I flew from Aberdeen. 9 Nothing was different about the base other than there 10 was no longer any striking drivers outside the base. 11 I had no concerns at all. I should add that my role 12 means I have a car which I use to travel to and from BdV 13 and the In Amenas facility. On a daily basis I drive 14 Alan to and from the facility. The checks carried out 15 at BdV normally involve a security guard speaking to you 16 when you enter and leave and then manually raising the 17 barrier to allow you to do so. The security at the 18 facility normally involves a security guard checking 19 your vehicle including opening and checking the boot. 20 This happens almost every day but there are odd 21 occasions when you are just allowed to pass through, 22 maybe 10 per cent of the time. 23 During the course of my second trip I was unaware of 24 any issues on site other than talk of a further strike 25 by the drivers. The issues this time being the same as Page 173</p>	<p>1 Apparently the Gendarmes are not permitted access to 2 that area and should not have been there. I believe 3 Fitz should have updated Paul. I believe that Paul's 4 last day of his rotation was due to be Wednesday, 5 16 January 2013. It was a four week rotation so this 6 incident must have occurred in early to 7 mid December 2012. I think the incident happened in the 8 last week of Fitz's rotation. 9 There was due to be a major exercise which was 10 planned for 11 January 2013. The exercise was to 11 simulate a fire on the road from BdV to VCP1 with 12 casualties. However, it had to be cancelled before it 13 was due to start as the drivers went back on strike. 14 This time the situation with the drivers seemed less 15 heated and soon after the strike started it was called 16 off again. The exercise was rescheduled for Thursday, 17 17 January 2013. There were no further issues after 18 this. I was happy and had no concerns for my safety. 19 Likewise, on speaking to others at the base and 20 facility nobody seemed concerned or expressed any 21 concerns. The attitude and demeanour of the nationals 22 on site was no different from what I had come to know as 23 normal. 24 On Wednesday, 16 January 2013 I woke up at the usual 25 time between 04.30 and 04.45 hours. I rose and got Page 175</p>
<p>1 before. However, I felt that things were calmer as the 2 previous uncertainty regarding the drivers when they had 3 been on strike was gone. 4 A weekly meeting is held every Saturday at 5 13.00-hours and on 5 January we had one of these. This 6 is held at the fire IMT office at BdV. All staff were 7 present and an input was given by Paul Morgan regarding 8 security. It was the norm to get an input from either 9 Paul or from Fitz. No concerns were raised and I recall 10 Paul mentioning the ongoing situation in Mali but he 11 said there was no threat to us. 12 The following week, Saturday, 12 January 2013, at 13 the same meeting Paul again gave an input regarding 14 security. When he talked of Mali he said that the 15 trouble was far away from us and it was being monitored 16 with only slight concerns. He said that contingency 17 plans were in place should the situation change. 18 I recall that Tore Bech then asked whether that was the 19 reason why the Gendarmes had been in the IBO building 20 and Paul said they had not been there. Tore insisted 21 that they had been and that he had seen them. I think 22 that they had been there prior to Paul's current 23 rotation so Fitz would have been on site at the time. 24 Paul was obviously annoyed and embarrassed that he 25 was unaware of the Gendarmes' presence within the IBO. Page 174</p>	<p>1 ready for work before leaving. I met Alan at the 2 guardhouse and at that time there was a white coach 3 waiting to take workers from the BdV to the In Amenas 4 airport. The mood was good for all those who were 5 heading home and there were people both on the coach and 6 waiting beside it. I recognised one or two of them but 7 the only one I knew was Derek Quinn who was seated two 8 to three seats behind the driver on the left side of the 9 bus. Most of the curtains on the coach were closed but 10 it never looked full. It rarely is and several people 11 were waving. Alan and I went to my car in the car park 12 at the front of the guardhouse and left for the 13 facility. It would have been about 05.30 hours. 14 Traffic looked normal on the access road to the 15 In Amenas gas facility with vehicles travelling in both 16 directions and there was nothing out of the ordinary or 17 out of place. 18 I do recall that when we drove through the security 19 checkpoint at the BdV to leave the security waved us 20 through without speaking to us. He just raised the 21 barrier and let us pass through. This was unusual and 22 I commented on it to Alan saying it must be cold. It 23 was a chilly morning. I recognised the guard as one 24 I had seen there before. There was a vehicle 25 checkpoint, VCP1, along the road leading towards the Page 176</p>

<p>1 airport. This consists of a barrier and possibly 2 a guard hut. I think the VCP1 is about 2 to 3 3 kilometres from the BdV but I'm not sure if it is 4 visible from there.</p> <p>5 I continued through the facility and through the 6 security checkpoint where you enter the site. I don't 7 recall if my vehicle was checked on entry but in any 8 case nothing sticks in my mind as being out of the 9 ordinary. I spoke to the guard briefly when I handed 10 over my identity badge which they retained when workers 11 are on site and return it when you leave. Though I did 12 not recognise the guard that is not unusual and I gave 13 it no thought. I then continued on to the facility 14 turning right towards where the HSE building is located. 15 I drove around the lay down area and then parked my car 16 at the car port to the rear of the HSE building which is 17 adjacent to the exterior fence. I should say that my 18 car is a Toyota Corolla, silver in colour. I don't 19 recall the registration number but it is an Algerian 20 plate and includes the numbers 150.</p> <p>21 Alan and I then entered the HSE building once the 22 car had been parked and this would have been about 23 05.35-hours. The HSE building comprises one floor with 24 entry doors to the front and back located in the centre 25 of two blocks. The accommodation block is to one side</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 177</p>	<p>1 offices. There was no one at the muster point and 2 I could see that the flare, which is at the opposite end 3 of the facility, was burning gas, a significant amount 4 going by the size of the flame. I took some video 5 footage using my iPhone and was aware that sirens and 6 alarms were ringing around the facility. I realised 7 that Alan was not with me and I made my way back to the 8 HSE building. On my return I met Bob outside. The fire 9 team was also going about in a bit of a commotion. Bob 10 told me that we were under attack and mentioned 11 terrorists. I do not know where Bob was getting his 12 information. I assume he had been told this by some of 13 the fire team but I did not know. I remember that Bob 14 was wearing his firefighting outfit and I was also 15 conscious that the three fire team vehicles were 16 running. By now I could see that most of the fire team 17 had made their way towards the HSE building. Bob and 18 I made our way into the reception area and when we were 19 there I saw Farid, the environmental supervisor, coming 20 over to the HSE building from the direction of the 21 project offices.</p> <p>22 Farid is an Algerian national and occupies the 23 office next to mine. I can't recall having seen him 24 earlier that morning. Farid also works rotations, 25 normally four on and four off and he stays at BdV.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 179</p>
<p>1 and the office to the other. The accommodation block is 2 predominantly occupied with nationals with only two 3 expats. They are the medic and the emergency response 4 adviser. The back-to-backs for these posts are expats 5 also. Bob Jones was on rotation that day and his 6 back-to-back, Gary Rose was on leave.</p> <p>7 The medic on rotation was Murielle, who is French. 8 I cannot recall her surname. Her back-to-back is 9 Veronique. Again, she is French although I don't wall 10 her surname either.</p> <p>11 After we had been in the office for a couple of 12 minutes I saw Bob going about. Breakfast is left in the 13 mess room of the office block about 05.30 hours every 14 morning and about 05.50 hours that day I was in the mess 15 room having something to eat along with Bob and Alan 16 when the power went off in the building. There was 17 a surge as if it was about to come back on again but it 18 did not. I was aware that there was a transformer on 19 site and that was due to have general repairs carried 20 out and I thought it must have broken. However, I would 21 have expected the emergency generators to have kicked in 22 and returned power to the building and the facilities.</p> <p>23 By now I could hear the building alarm had been 24 activated. I went outside and made my way to the muster 25 point which is nearby with Alan. Bob remained in the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 178</p>	<p>1 Farid looked upset and traumatised. He said 2 something along the lines of "there's terrorists, they 3 got me, they held me down, got my radio and told me to 4 go and tell everyone to move to the CPF." Farid also 5 said he had been forced to the ground and there were 6 three terrorists who had held guns to his head. He also 7 mentioned there were different nationalities, with one 8 of Algerian and the other Egyptian. I do not recall 9 Farid saying if he recognised any of the terrorists or 10 mention any of them having any sort of uniforms. I am 11 sure I would have remembered if he had.</p> <p>12 It was obvious to me that Farid was very frightened 13 and panicked by what had happened. I then asked Bob 14 what our procedures were and he said lock down.</p> <p>15 It was about this time that one of the fire teams 16 said that the terrorists had captured or killed 17 a British expat. I believe he would have heard this 18 information on his radio though I do not know if it was 19 from terrorists having access to them or by security 20 teams passing messages. I immediately thought of 21 Paul Morgan and then I realised that it could be Alan as 22 he was missing. It was just then that Alan appeared at 23 the door. He said that he had been in the DEP, the 24 project office, to get a coffee. I think he said he had 25 been speaking to Gordon Rowan there. About this time</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 180</p>

<p>1 I remember hearing gunshots. They were single shots and 2 also what I would call machinegun fire. I cannot say 3 how far away the gunfire was from where I was. It 4 sounded like it was an exchange between two different 5 parties to me. 6 I then told everyone to get into the HSE building 7 and go to their rooms and lock the doors. I told Bob, 8 Alan and Murielle to come with me to my office where we 9 locked the door and covered the glass window in my door. 10 We also shut the blinds in the office. I should say 11 that the accommodation block houses bedrooms occupied by 12 the medic, emergency response adviser, fire team and 13 maintenance teams. 14 The gunfire continued for some time. I cannot put 15 a time on it but I would say tens of minutes. As well 16 as the gunfire I have just mentioned I could also hear 17 more distant gunfire too. The gunfire was not constant 18 but came in bursts. While we were in my office we 19 initially started logging times we heard gunfire on the 20 whiteboard there. We then started to note this on 21 a piece of paper. I think that Bob retained the piece 22 of paper. 23 At some time mid-morning, I do not know the time, we 24 heard the external doors of the building being opened. 25 We stayed quiet and I could hear somebody walk through</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 181</p>	<p>1 did not need to worry. 2 There were then several messages between us 3 generally with me reassuring her that I was okay and 4 safe. I did not want to text specific information to 5 her as I was worried in case my message could be 6 intercepted by the terrorists. I also sent and received 7 several text messages to Carl Dawbarn who is a member of 8 the IMT in Hassi Messaoud. My first message was at 9 07.49-hours Algerian time that day asking for an update 10 from him. Carl passed me some general safety advice as 11 well as information when he had it. He said during his 12 texts to me that there were terrorists at BdV and 13 several people were injured. He also advised me that 14 terrorists were dressed as Gendarmes and they were 15 demanding the release of Algerian prisoners and they 16 were heavily armed. He also said they were taking 17 hostages. 18 The last message I received was at 15.45 hours 19 Algerian time from Carl after which time the mobile 20 phone network went down. About two hours after this 21 time I used a satellite phone to call my wife in case 22 she was worried that I was no longer communicating with 23 her by text. Alan and Murielle also contacted their 24 wife and husband respectively to say they were okay. 25 I should also add that at some point between the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 183</p>
<p>1 the office corridor. I could hear a male voice saying 2 something as they walked down the corridor and out of 3 the external door at the end of the corridor. The male 4 had been talking in Arabic and Bob said that he had been 5 saying "hello". I have no idea if the male we heard was 6 a terrorist or not. There was only one person speaking 7 and it sounded just like one set of footsteps. I did 8 not hear anything being disturbed in the building or the 9 doors being tried at all. While we remained in my 10 office I accessed the BBC website using my roaming 11 feature of my phone. There was details of the incident 12 along the lines of a terrorist attack at a site in 13 Algeria. 14 About this time I also started to receive emails 15 from people from BP in Aberdeen asking if I was okay and 16 what was happening. The first I received was at 12.08 17 UK time which was an employee communication detailing 18 the fact that a security incident had occurred at 19 In Amenas that morning and that BP had activated its 20 emergency response systems. I replied to a couple of 21 emails to say we were okay and as I did not want my wife 22 to hear about the incident from somebody else or see it 23 on TV I texted her at 13.21-hours Algerian time the same 24 day. I just told my wife that there had been an 25 incident which was on the news and I was okay and she</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 182</p>	<p>1 phone network going down and me calling my wife the 2 nationals had begun leaving their rooms. They were 3 going about the HSE building and myself, Bob and 4 Murielle went to the mess room where several were. Alan 5 stayed in my office. While we were standing in the mess 6 room near one of the windows one of the nationals from 7 the fire team looked out of the window. A look of fear 8 came across his face and he then said something and ran 9 away towards the accommodation block. Everyone else 10 then ran to their rooms and I ran back into my office. 11 Bob entered just before me and then Murielle was after 12 me. I locked the door behind us and saw Murielle looked 13 really worried. She said somebody had seen her. 14 After a short time we heard people speaking outside 15 our office and recognised it was one of the fire team. 16 They were talking to others who were obviously friendly 17 so we went out and found that the maintenance team had 18 now attended there. It was one of the maintenance team 19 that the national and also Murielle had seen outside of 20 the window of the mess room. I should add that earlier 21 that day, prior to the mobile phone networks going down, 22 we were in my office when I heard a communication from 23 the radio operator at the operations base. I know this 24 as being call sign Papa Charlie was used. Bob told me 25 that one of the on duty fire team had called Papa</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 184</p>

<p>1 Charlie requesting a mobile phone number for the 2 off-duty fire team which Papa Charlie passed to him. 3 I was annoyed at this as I thought it might be possible 4 to identify the location of the transmission which it 5 had been made from which could compromise us. 6 By now we were having a lot of discussion about what 7 we should do. I wanted to stay where we were but 8 Murielle thought the terrorists would come looking for 9 us and wanted to go to her office at the fire station as 10 it was a more secure door and lock and was bigger and 11 had places to hide. In the end we remained where we 12 were and about 16.30 to 17.00-hours the same day we 13 moved into Bob's room within the accommodation block. 14 It was in here that we used the satellite phone to call 15 home, as I mentioned earlier. 16 I also phoned the vice president of operations, Andy 17 Collins. The signal was quite poor so I told him we 18 were okay and asked him what he thought we should do 19 next. In general terms Andy told me that they were 20 dealing with the situation but that we were not 21 currently his main concern but it was good that we were 22 safe. I lost the signal after that. 23 It got dark about 18.30 hours and Murielle went to 24 her room while I remained in Bob's room with Bob and 25 Alan. We then settled down for the night. Bob slept on Page 185</p>	<p>1 fence before returning to the HSE building. 2 Some of the maintenance workers had been out in the 3 nearby offices. They seemed to have done a sweep of the 4 area and not encountered any terrorists. In addition, 5 Bob and Murielle had taken the satellite phone to the 6 phone station to charge it up in case they decided to 7 escape from the facility. They had not encountered any 8 problems either and these two factors gave us some 9 reassurance that there did not appear to be any 10 terrorists or terrorist activity our side of the CPF. 11 I then returned to Bob's room where Alan remained. 12 He was putting on a hat and jacket and said he wanted to 13 go. I spoke to Bob and Murielle who also wanted to go 14 so they returned to their rooms to get some things. 15 I went to my office and put my laptop computer, 16 satellite phone, some food and water and toilet roll 17 into a rucksack. I think the others also had rucksacks 18 or holdalls. 19 We all gathered between the two sets of doors in the 20 middle of the HSE block and there was a lot of talk 21 between the nationals in Arabic. Farid said they were 22 talking about an expat who they believed was still in 23 the DEP. They were discussing if they should go back 24 for him but it appeared most were not keen. I spoke to 25 one of the fire team who could speak a little English Page 187</p>
<p>1 his bed with me lying at the base on the floor and Alan 2 on the side of the bed. We all slept through the night 3 albeit I woke up frequently. I should also mention that 4 during the morning when the incident began a helicopter 5 had been in the sky above the facility. I had not seen 6 it but heard it. This would have been after the gunfire 7 stopped. The helicopter was up for several hours before 8 leaving the area. Bob said the fire team guys told him 9 that the terrorists had demanded that the helicopter be 10 removed. I do not know how the fire team knew this. 11 About 05.00-hours the following morning, Thursday, 12 17 January 2013, Murielle came to Bob's room. She had 13 fresh coffee and porridge which she had made at the fire 14 station which has an emergency generator. About 15 06.30 hours the same day there was a knock at the door. 16 The nationals were outside and told us that they were 17 going. They said they were going to go through the 18 fence at the rear of the HSE building and asked if we 19 would go with them. Alan, Bob, Murielle and I discussed 20 it but Alan and I were not too keen. Two of the 21 nationals then went out of the building and began 22 cutting a large hole in the fence. They had wire 23 cutters and in the silence of the morning it sounded 24 really loud. They cut through the first section of the 25 fence and then cut through the second section of the Page 186</p>	<p>1 and he was saying "how can we leave him"? 2 However, the decision was made to leave as it would 3 soon be light as the sun was starting to rise. We then 4 made our way through the fence along with the nationals 5 and we just walked in a straight line away from the 6 facility. As we were walking away I was aware that we 7 were very exposed should anyone choose to shoot at us. 8 The nationals walked around us, almost concealing us so 9 that we did not stand out. 10 Most of the nationals were walking with their hands 11 in the air and a few were carrying white pillow cases. 12 When we were walking I saw that what I thought were was 13 soldiers in the distance holding what looked like 14 rifles. We continued walking and I was aware that 15 a further two nationals had followed us from the camp 16 and were 2 to 300-yards behind us. I later learned that 17 one was a maintenance worker and the other was 18 a national from the DEP. 19 After about three quarters of a mile we approached 20 a hill on which one of the soldiers was standing. Two 21 others were 10 to 15 metres behind him giving him cover. 22 He was indicating for us to get down on our knees which 23 we did with our hands in the air. The nationals were 24 telling us what to do, presumably as the soldier was 25 telling them. I was still concerned as I was aware that Page 188</p>

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<p>1 terrorists had been dressed as Gendarmes the previous 2 day and I could not be sure that these were Algerian 3 soldiers. 4 We were then called forward one at a time, searched 5 and then instructed to continue over the brow of the 6 hill. The first three forward were nationals, then 7 Murielle, Bob and Alan went forward and I was the last 8 expat. Like the others I was searched and then directed 9 over the brow of the hill. 10 Once at the other side of the hill I saw that the 11 three nationals and Murielle and Bob and Alan were 12 sitting around on the ground. Both groups were sitting 13 separately, which concerned me. By now there were 14 several soldiers standing around with weapons though 15 they were not being pointed at us. As more of the 16 nationals came over the hill it was apparent that 17 several of them knew some of the Gendarmes who were 18 there. They were exchanging cigarettes and speaking 19 together. The mood had lifted and we were all starting 20 to feel that we were now safe. Once all the nationals 21 had come over the hill we were told to walk in the 22 direction of VCP1 which I could see in the distance. 23 As we were walking we could hear that there was 24 significant gunfire, both single shots and machinegun, 25 as well as an explosion which Bob said was mortar fire. Page 189</p>	<p>1 the base which was 20 to 30 feet high. This was never 2 activated while I was there but I was told it was used 3 during exercises and was extremely loud. The security 4 in the In Amenas gas facility was similar to BdV. There 5 was a chicane of concrete blocks on the approach road, 6 then a guard hut and a manually operated barrier across 7 the road. There were usually three to four guards on 8 duty at a time who were there to carry out checks and 9 searches. Again, they were unarmed. 10 I can't recall seeing any security cameras at 11 In Amenas gas facility at all prior to the day of the 12 attack. When I noticed there were cameras on the fence 13 at the rear of the HSE building. These seemed to be 14 aimed at the fence itself and I have no idea where they 15 were monitored or if their product was recorded. 16 I was aware that there were cameras at the CPF which 17 is the main power plant. I believe there were about 17 18 in total though they were not really for security 19 purposes, more to monitor areas to avoid having to put 20 people into them. 21 There was no specific uniform worn by the security 22 staff. They were allocated the same outfits as all 23 staff on the plant which was a navy blue coveralls and 24 a heavyweight navy blue jacket. I had the same outfit 25 as did all the workers on the base regardless of their Page 191</p>
<p>1 This was coming from BdV which we could see from where 2 we were. We were about 2 kilometres from there at the 3 time. I do not recall if there was any smoke but there 4 were no fires. After we had been walking for a short 5 time I saw 10 to 12 army jeeps approaching us. One of 6 them stopped beside us and the two soldiers in the back 7 got out and we were told to get in. We were then driven 8 to VCP1 and the nationals continued on foot. 9 I have been asked to elaborate on the security 10 presence at the base and the gas facility. In respect 11 to the BdV on the access road leading to the base there 12 were concrete blocks which created a chicane leading to 13 a manually operated barrier across the road. This was 14 situated at the guard hut. I have no recollection of 15 ever seeing security cameras there or at any other part 16 of BdV. 17 Once through the barrier there are a couple of car 18 parks and then a further guardhouse. This was where our 19 T cards were handed in or returned and bags searched on 20 arrival at the start of a rotation. There was generally 21 two or three guards at each station and they rotated 22 between posts. None of them were armed but they were 23 more for carrying out checks as opposed to being there 24 to protect or guard us. 25 At the BdV there was a large siren on a pole within Page 190</p>	<p>1 position or role. The outfits were personal issue but 2 it was not unusual for items to be damaged or lost and 3 then need to be replaced. 4 This was done by getting a requisition form which 5 needed to be signed and stamped by a manager taking it 6 into one of the on site stores at the In Amenas gas 7 facility. These outfits could be taken off-site between 8 rotations so anyone could have got their hands on them 9 without the need to break into the facility or base to 10 steal them. 11 In respect of the security out of the base and 12 facility this was the responsibility of the Gendarmes. 13 During my time there I did not encounter the Gendarmes 14 prior to my escape from the facility. I am aware that 15 they were armed but I do not know what arms they 16 routinely carried. At the conclusion of the incident 17 when we met what I have described as a soldier I am 18 unsure if these were army personnel or if they were 19 Gendarmes. In any case, they were dressed in military 20 green or khaki combat trousers and jackets, some had 21 hard helmets and others caps. But they also had black 22 boots. I am not sure about weapons as all 23 I specifically recall were the rifles that the first 24 three soldiers we encountered were carrying. It is 25 difficult for me to comment on the security levels on Page 192</p>

<p>1 the base or facility as this was only my second trip. 2 I can say that on my first trip in October 2012 the bus 3 to the airport to BdV had a three vehicle armed escort 4 but four vehicles when we returned to the airport at the 5 conclusion of the rotation. 6 In January 2013 there was a three vehicle armed 7 escort from the airport to BdV again. I do not know why 8 there were changes in the number of vehicles. I was 9 unaware of any decision to reduce or increase security 10 at any time. I am unaware of any increased threat to 11 the BdV or In Amenas gas facility. I have also been 12 asked to elaborate on who was present at the weekly fire 13 IMT meeting held each Saturday at 13.00-hours. These 14 consisted of the following persons and roles: the 15 operations manager, Tore Bech; present on 5 and 16 12 January. Health and safety and environment manager, 17 myself, present on 5 and 12. Wells manager, Hussein, 18 surname unknown, was there on 5 January 2013 and Gordon 19 Rowan was there on 12 January 2013. Logistics manager, 20 Yassine was present on the 5 and 12 January. I do not 21 know his surname. The technical support manager, unsure 22 who was there on 5 January but Huw Edwards was there on 23 12 January 2013. The liaison team leader, Paul Morgan 24 was present on 5 and 12 January 2013. The exploitation 25 manager, Saline and Hans were present on 5 and Page 193</p>	<p>1 is a lot higher than usual. For example, the previous 2 week there were in the region of 70 expats. In addition 3 to the large number of expats there were several 4 individuals present who hold high positions in the 5 various companies linked to the facility. They were 6 there to view progress on the Compression Project. In 7 my opinion the terrorists were either very lucky from 8 their perspective in their timing of the attack or they 9 were well informed and had inside information. I should 10 also add that at the time of the incident the way the 11 rotations work most of the staff on rotation at the time 12 and therefore present on the facility or at the base 13 were expats whilst those on leave were nationals. 14 Detective Sergeant King read my statement back to me 15 on 25 January 2013 which was recorded on DVD for sound 16 and vision. I agree with the content of the statement 17 which is a true and accurate reflection of my 18 involvement in the incidents at BdV and In Amenas gas 19 facility. At no time during the incident did I see 20 anyone who I believe to have been one of the 21 terrorists." 22 That concludes the statement. 23 THE CORONER: Thank you very much for doing that. Thank you 24 all very much for your help this week. We'll break off 25 now until 10 o'clock on Tuesday. Thank you. Page 195</p>
<p>1 12 January 2013 respectively. I do not know their 2 surnames. Maintenance manager, Bjarne was present on 5 3 and 12 January 2013 and I do not recall his surname. ER 4 adviser Gary Rose who was present on 5 and 5 12 January 2013. Project HSE manager, John McTighe was 6 present on both 5 and 12 January 2013. 7 Since I escaped from the In Amenas gas facility 8 I spoke to a number of colleagues from there and have 9 heard a variety of accounts from them of what they saw, 10 their experiences and also what they have heard about 11 others, Alan Wright told me that he had spoken to 12 Stephen McFaul and Nick Hitch who had told him that they 13 had been getting transported in a jeep by terrorists and 14 had explosives and detonation cords attached to them. 15 Their vehicle was travelling behind one in which 16 Sebastian John was being held hostage. The front jeep 17 overturned and the terrorists thereafter tried to 18 detonate the explosives. However, they did not go off. 19 Nick and Steve would then have made good their 20 escapes. Nick did sustain a burn to his hand caused by 21 the detonator. 22 Since the incident I have reflected on various 23 things in respect of it and in particular, the timing. 24 At time of the incident there was in the region of 116 25 expats between the In Amenas gas facility and BdV. This Page 194</p>	<p>1 (5.05 pm) 2 (The inquest adjourned until Tuesday, 30 September at 3 10.00 am) 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 Page 196</p>

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