

<p>1 Thursday, 2 October 2014 2 (11.15 am) 3 (Proceedings delayed) 4 (11.30 am) 5 THE CORONER: Sorry we are a bit late starting but there 6 were things which just needed to be dealt with. 7 Can I just say this: so far as photographs are 8 concerned, I have been asked if we could just do matters 9 in this way, and I am quite content, if anybody is going 10 to be referring to photographs of vehicles please could 11 they just give some notice about that and then obviously 12 we'll just pause for a moment and if anybody wants to 13 leave court at that point I shall quite understand. 14 I think certainly so far as Ms Dolan is concerned, if 15 she needs to refer to anything it will be possible just 16 to keep that to a particular section of the questions 17 that she's going to ask so that we have no need to go in 18 and out and perhaps miss parts of the evidence. 19 Mr Ritchie, I know there is a particular photograph 20 you would like me to see but need not go any further 21 than that but I shall have that in mind. I have it 22 whilst you ask your questions but unless you want it to 23 there will be no need for that go on the screen. 24 MR RITCHIE: Thank you very much. 25 MR FERGUSON: Sir, may I, following instructions, thank you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 1</p>	<p>1 A. I was the electrical construction supervisor. 2 Q. And were you a BP employee or? 3 A. I was employed through an agency contract. 4 Q. How long had you been working at In Amenas? 5 A. I started my position in April of 2012, so approximately 6 10 months. 7 Q. On the day, the 16 January, where were you at the 8 beginning of the morning? 9 A. In my accommodation. 10 Q. And where was that? 11 A. In the companies camp. 12 Q. What happened at the beginning of the morning? 13 A. I was just following my normal routine. Get up around 14 about 5.15, prepared myself to go to work. Left my room 15 approximately 5.35, 5.40 to make my way to the canteen 16 for my breakfast. 17 Q. And I think that was when the day became not an ordinary 18 day? 19 A. Yes, yes. It was during that -- the walk between my 20 accommodation to the canteen that I started to hear 21 gunfire. I was roughly round about the vicinity of the 22 entrance gate for the OLC building. 23 Q. Would it help to put up a map of the living 24 accommodation? 25 A. Yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 3</p>
<p>1 on behalf of Statoil for the constructive and helpful 2 suggestions you made yesterday. Mr Laidlaw and I have 3 been involved in providing advice which is being 4 considered anxiously at present. It would assist me if 5 you took it as no discourtesy as from time to time 6 I went out to take and receive phone calls. 7 I anticipate, as a result of the extensive 8 conferences this morning, that a final decision won't be 9 communicated to you until tomorrow morning if you can 10 allow that. 11 THE CORONER: No, that is quite all right and I am very 12 grateful to all that is being done. 13 MR FERGUSON: Thank you very much indeed. 14 THE CORONER: Thank you. 15 MS DOLAN: Sir, the first witness this morning is Mr McFaul. 16 MR STEPHEN MCFAUL (affirmed) 17 Questions from MS DOLAN 18 MS DOLAN: Good morning, Mr McFaul. I know you know who 19 I am. You have been for here at the inquest for much of 20 the proceedings already? 21 A. I have. 22 Q. Can you give us your full name please? 23 A. Stephen Gerrard McFaul. 24 Q. Can you tell us what your role was at In Amenas 25 in January 2013?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 2</p>	<p>1 Q. C36. So you were coming from your accommodation and 2 when you heard the noises where were you at that time? 3 A. Just on the blacktop road, there's a pedestrian footpath 4 just on the sanded area and I was on that footpath just 5 adjacent to the inner gate. 6 Q. Adjacent to the inner gate? 7 A. Yes. 8 THE CORONER: Sorry, let's see. Can we put a mark on the 9 screen just in some way because there are lots of people 10 who may or may not know quite where you are talking 11 about and I am one of the people who doesn't. You tell 12 her where you want it to go, up, down, left or right or 13 is it in the right place? 14 A. If you just go slightly lower. 15 THE CORONER: Down a bit. 16 A. Yes. Just a bit lower. And that would be approximately 17 the position I was in when I heard the first gunfire. 18 THE CORONER: So that is where you are when you hear -- it 19 is not where the sound is coming from. 20 A. No, that's where I was physically standing when I heard 21 the first gunfire. 22 MS DOLAN: How do you know it was gunfire? 23 A. Well, I just assumed it was gunfire. It was cracking 24 noises initially but then it was bursts of gunfire and 25 over my head in the night sky you could see like red</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 4</p>

<p>1 traces flying through the sky.</p> <p>2 Q. Could you tell where the gunfire was coming from?</p> <p>3 A. From the vicinity of VCP1, from that direction.</p> <p>4 Q. Just to clarify, you said you had been approximately</p> <p>5 5.35, 5.40?</p> <p>6 A. I left my room approximately 5.35, 5.40, yes, and that</p> <p>7 walk would normally take about five minutes to get to</p> <p>8 the canteens.</p> <p>9 THE CORONER: To get to the point where you had got to?</p> <p>10 A. Approximately, yes.</p> <p>11 THE CORONER: So you had been on the move for about five</p> <p>12 minutes starting at what, 5.35 or 5.40?</p> <p>13 A. Yes, approximately.</p> <p>14 THE CORONER: So we add five minutes on to that.</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 THE CORONER: I just want to know this: so you had been out</p> <p>17 in the open and hadn't heard what were obviously --</p> <p>18 A. Well, I hadn't heard any gunshots prior to me leaving my</p> <p>19 room, preparing myself in my room and on the five minute</p> <p>20 journey.</p> <p>21 THE CORONER: And on the five minute walk, this is just what</p> <p>22 I want to know, as far as you are concerned this was the</p> <p>23 start of it?</p> <p>24 A. That's correct, that's correct, yes.</p> <p>25 MS DOLAN: What happened next after you heard the gunfire?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 5</p>	<p>1 that I would try to retreat back to my accommodation.</p> <p>2 So I crouched down and started running back in the</p> <p>3 direction that I had walked originally, past the OLC</p> <p>4 building, and it was at that point that I heard like</p> <p>5 high engine rev noises and gunfire and a vehicle coming</p> <p>6 from my right-hand side towards the inner gate, so</p> <p>7 noticing that, I instinctively turned left and ran</p> <p>8 behind the reception building.</p> <p>9 Q. And the reception building, I don't think it is marked</p> <p>10 on this plan. Which is the reception building?</p> <p>11 A. The reception building is this building here so if you</p> <p>12 move the cursor slightly to the left. (Indicated) The</p> <p>13 white building there.</p> <p>14 Q. The oblong on the left of the plaza?</p> <p>15 A. Yes. That building there.</p> <p>16 Q. Did you hear this vehicle just or did you see it as</p> <p>17 well?</p> <p>18 A. I seen lights, you know what I mean. I didn't actually</p> <p>19 see the vehicle crashing through the thing but I seen</p> <p>20 the lights and heard the engine noises.</p> <p>21 Q. Where were the lights when you saw them?</p> <p>22 A. Just coming towards the gate, yes.</p> <p>23 THE CORONER: So vehicle lights coming towards the gate.</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 MS DOLAN: And how much time has passed since you heard the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 7</p>
<p>1 A. When I realised that it was gunfire and it was bursts of</p> <p>2 gunfire I suspected it was some sort of an attack. So</p> <p>3 I instinctively crouched down and took cover behind the</p> <p>4 wall of the plaza area.</p> <p>5 Q. And the plaza area, that's the?</p> <p>6 A. The circle.</p> <p>7 Q. The grey circle?</p> <p>8 A. The circle area you can see in between the two large</p> <p>9 white buildings.</p> <p>10 THE CORONER: So the cursor is on the plaza at the moment.</p> <p>11 MS DOLAN: Is the screen in front of you on?</p> <p>12 A. It is.</p> <p>13 Q. If that is easier for you because the other screen</p> <p>14 behind is just the same as the screen in front so you</p> <p>15 can look at the screen in front and the public can look</p> <p>16 at the other one.</p> <p>17 A. I'm anticipating getting up and maybe pointing on the</p> <p>18 screen.</p> <p>19 THE CORONER: What will probably be more helpful, because</p> <p>20 I won't be able to see, but if you tell the cursor what</p> <p>21 to do that's going to be the best.</p> <p>22 A. Okay. So --</p> <p>23 MS DOLAN: So you crouched down beside the wall by the</p> <p>24 plaza?</p> <p>25 A. Yes, for a matter of moments. Then I took the decision</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 6</p>	<p>1 first shots to this point, are you able to help us?</p> <p>2 A. It was a matter of moments, maybe three, four minutes</p> <p>3 maybe, approximately.</p> <p>4 Q. So you heard the revving, saw the lights coming towards</p> <p>5 the gate. What happened next?</p> <p>6 A. Yes, as I said, as I mentioned I instinctively moved</p> <p>7 myself away from that danger, I ran behind the reception</p> <p>8 building and made my way around the transformer which is</p> <p>9 just below the reception building.</p> <p>10 Q. Is that the small grey oblong just below it?</p> <p>11 A. Yes, and at that point I noticed one of my American</p> <p>12 colleagues, Chris Castro, he had come out of the canteen</p> <p>13 building earlier.</p> <p>14 Q. The canteen is the big light colour oblong to the right</p> <p>15 of the plaza?</p> <p>16 A. To the right of the plaza, yes, that's correct. And</p> <p>17 Chris had run in the same direction as me and we had</p> <p>18 noticed one of our Algerian colleagues in this</p> <p>19 accommodation block which is just south of the</p> <p>20 transformer, yes. He had opened his door to his</p> <p>21 accommodation, obviously interested to see what the</p> <p>22 commotion was and at that point me and Chris both made</p> <p>23 our way to that open door.</p> <p>24 Q. And at that time did you hear anything happening around</p> <p>25 the gate area?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 8</p>

<p>1 A. No, there was just gunfire.</p> <p>2 Q. And, therefore, did you hear anything that might have</p> <p>3 been terrorists coming in the gate or --</p> <p>4 A. No, no, just, as I say, the only noises I heard was them</p> <p>5 just approaching through the gate and there was gunfire</p> <p>6 just then continuously.</p> <p>7 Q. Approaching and the revving?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. When you did your statement, and that was back</p> <p>10 in February 2012, only a few days after these events you</p> <p>11 thought you had heard loud crashing noises?</p> <p>12 A. Yes, that was in the same -- I didn't actually see that</p> <p>13 but I heard it obviously hitting the gate, the impact</p> <p>14 with the gate.</p> <p>15 THE CORONER: It sounded like a vehicle impacting the gate.</p> <p>16 A. Yes, it was a large crashing noise.</p> <p>17 MS DOLAN: Okay, so you turned and with your colleagues went</p> <p>18 for cover.</p> <p>19 A. Yes, this open door of the Algerian's accommodation and</p> <p>20 at that point within a matter of moments two, possibly</p> <p>21 three terrorists had -- came round through the same side</p> <p>22 of the reception building.</p> <p>23 Q. So they had come round to the south side of that</p> <p>24 reception building?</p> <p>25 A. The south side of the reception building, yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 9</p>	<p>1 THE CORONER: It was just --</p> <p>2 A. I think they were maybe caught by surprise seeing</p> <p>3 movement and they just -- they seen us and instinctively</p> <p>4 turned round and sprayed their machinegun or</p> <p>5 semi-automatic. I'm not sure what it was. But it was</p> <p>6 multiple shots not just one.</p> <p>7 THE CORONER: Sorry, I interrupted.</p> <p>8 MS DOLAN: I think you called your wife and then I think you</p> <p>9 tried to call some of your colleagues as well?</p> <p>10 A. Yes. I know in my statement I said I spoke to Mark</p> <p>11 Grant, which I did, but I don't know whether I tried to</p> <p>12 call Garry Barlow first. But in whatever order I tried</p> <p>13 to phone Garry and there was no answer to his UK mobile</p> <p>14 and then I called Mark. Mark was still in his</p> <p>15 accommodation block in the companies camp extension.</p> <p>16 Q. Garry was a good friend of yours?</p> <p>17 A. Garry was a very good friend of mine. I had worked with</p> <p>18 Garry for quite a number of years, not only in Algeria</p> <p>19 but in other countries.</p> <p>20 Q. And you phoned Mark?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, I phoned Mark. We had a previous conversation.</p> <p>22 Mark was asking what was going on and I just confirmed</p> <p>23 to Mark that I think we're under attack, just stay in</p> <p>24 your room and then that was the conversation ended.</p> <p>25 Q. And then I think Samir, your Algerian colleague, was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 11</p>
<p>1 Q. And they saw you?</p> <p>2 A. They noticed us, yes. They noticed myself, Chris and</p> <p>3 Samir, the Algerian fellow because we were still outside</p> <p>4 the door of his accommodation at this point and on them</p> <p>5 noticing us they sprayed at us with gunfire. They fired</p> <p>6 at us directly and at that motion then we bundled</p> <p>7 ourselves into his accommodation.</p> <p>8 Q. And then what happened next?</p> <p>9 A. Well, we got into the accommodation, we instinctively</p> <p>10 sort of turned the lights off, locked the door, made our</p> <p>11 way initially into the rear of that accommodation area</p> <p>12 which would have been the shower, the shower cubicle,</p> <p>13 and from there we were trying to work out what it was</p> <p>14 actually that was happening. Samir was it was an</p> <p>15 exercise, it was a drill, but when we were in this</p> <p>16 accommodation we noticed that the bullets that were</p> <p>17 sprayed at us previous had perforated the building</p> <p>18 structure and there was bullet holes into the</p> <p>19 accommodation. At that point me and Chris then realised</p> <p>20 this wasn't an exercise, it was an attack of some sort.</p> <p>21 Q. And then I think you made some phone calls?</p> <p>22 A. Yes. I initially phoned my wife, Angela.</p> <p>23 THE CORONER: Can I just ask so far as the shooting at you</p> <p>24 was concerned, no warning, no give yourselves up or?</p> <p>25 A. No, no.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 10</p>	<p>1 looking out of the window?</p> <p>2 A. He was. From time to time he was -- we took ourselves</p> <p>3 out of the shower cubicle room and we were in the main</p> <p>4 living room area, low on the ground, so out of curiosity</p> <p>5 Samir was opening the blinds to have a look out to see</p> <p>6 what was going on and I was -- me and Chris both were</p> <p>7 trying to discourage him from doing this but he sort of</p> <p>8 didn't listen. We were in fear obviously of getting</p> <p>9 noticed. That was our concern, but we also managed</p> <p>10 to -- me and Chris also managed to look out the window</p> <p>11 too and we saw some terrorists in and around the front</p> <p>12 of the reception building at the plaza. Well we didn't</p> <p>13 know they were terrorists at that point. We were just</p> <p>14 assuming but we saw armed men in sort of military</p> <p>15 fatigue.</p> <p>16 Q. When you say military fatigue, what kind of clothes was</p> <p>17 that?</p> <p>18 A. It was just combat gear, it wasn't uniform. It was</p> <p>19 combat gear, just combat trousers and sort of khaki tops</p> <p>20 and sort of military attire. I know from previous</p> <p>21 statements that people have given that they were seen in</p> <p>22 Gendarmerie outfits. None of the terrorists that</p> <p>23 I encountered were in the typical Gendarme uniform.</p> <p>24 Q. So what you are describing is things that look like they</p> <p>25 could be part of military attire but not a specific</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 12</p>

<p>1 disguise?</p> <p>2 A. Yes, that's correct, yes.</p> <p>3 Q. And then I think there came a time when the terrorists</p> <p>4 came to the accommodation you were in?</p> <p>5 A. Yes. So over between the hours between 6 and 7 there</p> <p>6 was a lot of gunfire outside, a lot of noise. We could</p> <p>7 hear people shouting in Arabic outside. Samir was</p> <p>8 saying to us they were saying "God is good, God is</p> <p>9 great, God is ours", this is what the translation was</p> <p>10 coming from Samir through to me and Chris and during</p> <p>11 that hour we could hear noises and people on the outside</p> <p>12 of the building in the distance and close by. But we</p> <p>13 started to notice crashing noises which would suggest</p> <p>14 that they were starting to systematically search the</p> <p>15 buildings, the accommodation buildings, which were</p> <p>16 nearby to the one we were hid in.</p> <p>17 Q. So even though somebody had seen you initially you</p> <p>18 weren't followed into there?</p> <p>19 A. No.</p> <p>20 Q. This was some time later?</p> <p>21 A. Some time later, yes.</p> <p>22 Q. And do you know about what time it was that they were</p> <p>23 searching?</p> <p>24 A. At the time -- well they started to search in between</p> <p>25 the hours of 6 and 7. By the time they actually had --</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 13</p>	<p>1 complete door open because the door opened outwards but</p> <p>2 it was a PVC paneled door and when they had gained entry</p> <p>3 they just had to kick the PVC plastic insert panel which</p> <p>4 had just come in. So they took me just outside the</p> <p>5 accommodation door and put me on my knees and told me to</p> <p>6 put my hands behind my head.</p> <p>7 THE CORONER: Were they both armed?</p> <p>8 A. Both armed, yes.</p> <p>9 MS DOLAN: And then I think they then took you to the</p> <p>10 accommodation area?</p> <p>11 A. Yes, within a matter of moments then they instructed me</p> <p>12 to get to my feet and then they marched us over in the</p> <p>13 direction towards the plaza area. On the two that were</p> <p>14 escorting us to that area and then we were approached by</p> <p>15 a third terrorist who said "Salaam alaikum" which is</p> <p>16 a greeting, I think he was looking for our response to</p> <p>17 see what nationality we were but it was quite obvious</p> <p>18 I wasn't from an Algerian persuasion so we -- they just</p> <p>19 took me straight over to the plaza area but because</p> <p>20 Chris Castro is of a swarthy complexion and could easily</p> <p>21 be mistaken for somebody they took him and Samir in</p> <p>22 another direction to join up with other Algerians they</p> <p>23 had apprehended.</p> <p>24 Q. And then at the reception area I think you saw some more</p> <p>25 of your colleagues already there?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 15</p>
<p>1 came to our accommodation it was round about 7 o'clock.</p> <p>2 It was approximately maybe one hour or so had passed</p> <p>3 that we were concealed in the room.</p> <p>4 Q. And then they came in your room?</p> <p>5 A. Yes. They -- we could hear them close to the door, so</p> <p>6 again, we retreated into the rear room of that</p> <p>7 accommodation which was the shower cubicle at the end.</p> <p>8 We closed the door which led into the shower cubicle.</p> <p>9 We locked it. Initially I stood behind the door,</p> <p>10 against the wall the door would open on to, but by this</p> <p>11 time they were in the accommodation, they had come</p> <p>12 through the front door. So then I panicked to think</p> <p>13 that they might shoot the door open or -- so I thought</p> <p>14 I might have been in the line of fire and at that time</p> <p>15 Chris and Samir were in the shower cubicle itself so</p> <p>16 I then moved myself to join them in the shower cubicle.</p> <p>17 Q. They did come through the door and they found you there?</p> <p>18 A. Yes. They busted the door open with the use of a fire</p> <p>19 extinguisher, and they had a fire extinguisher in their</p> <p>20 hand and in an act of desperation we sort of pulled the</p> <p>21 plastic curtain of the shower to try to conceal</p> <p>22 ourselves further but it was just an act of desperation.</p> <p>23 Q. Then I think they took you out of the building?</p> <p>24 A. Yes, there were two terrorists and they took me first</p> <p>25 from the building. They actually hadn't busted the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 14</p>	<p>1 A. Yes. When I arrived there first I noticed Alf Vik who</p> <p>2 worked with me in the project department. He was</p> <p>3 a Norwegian colleague. I noticed Iain Adamson.</p> <p>4 I noticed Kenny Whiteside. These were faces that I knew</p> <p>5 but there was also two people who I didn't recognise at</p> <p>6 that time but now I know who they are. It was Victor</p> <p>7 Sneberg and Carlos Estrada.</p> <p>8 Q. But they weren't people who worked regularly at the</p> <p>9 site?</p> <p>10 A. I wasn't familiar with them. I'd never met them before.</p> <p>11 Q. And I think one of the terrorists then spoke with you</p> <p>12 and spoke good English?</p> <p>13 A. Yes. When they brought us to this area they seated me</p> <p>14 at the end of the row next to Alf Vik, but this</p> <p>15 terrorist could speak perfect English and he had an</p> <p>16 American accent, well a north American accent.</p> <p>17 Q. And I think you saw one of the other terrorists setting</p> <p>18 up some weaponry?</p> <p>19 A. That's correct. There was I would say an older man, an</p> <p>20 older terrorist and he was starting to construct some</p> <p>21 sort of mortar tube arrangement close by to where me and</p> <p>22 the other hostages were seated. He was hammering pins</p> <p>23 into the ground and there was a tripod stand for it and</p> <p>24 he was hammering pins into the paving and at one point</p> <p>25 he was uncoiling some wire away from this device that he</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 16</p>

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1 was arranging. At this point we were just trying to
 2 take stock of what was happening. But within a matter
 3 of moments then he fired this mortar tube in the
 4 direction which would have been over the canteen
 5 building and out towards the VCP1 area, in that
 6 direction.
 7 Q. And at this time were you hearing gunfire going on or?
 8 A. Yes, at this early stage there was bursts of gunfire
 9 regularly.
 10 Q. Coming from where, do you know?
 11 A. Well I noticed that there was a terrorist which had sort
 12 of positioned himself sort of at the side of the medic
 13 building.
 14 Q. And the medic building is the, is it the white one?
 15 A. Where the cursor is now that's the medic building and it
 16 would be exactly where the cursor is, that was the side
 17 where he positioned himself and he had like a machinegun
 18 and he was firing again in the direction of the VCP1
 19 area.
 20 Q. Were you hearing anything from the direction of the CPF
 21 at this time or was it not possible to discern?
 22 A. No, no. No, I couldn't hear anything from that
 23 distance, no.
 24 Q. So after the incident when the rocket is fired, I think
 25 there were some more expats brought?

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1 A. That's correct, yes. There was -- there's two entrances
 2 to the canteen area, one to the north in the picture
 3 there and one to the south. So it would have been at
 4 the south exit that there was hostages taken from there,
 5 a mix of Algerian and expat workers.
 6 Q. So these seemed to be people who had been in the
 7 canteen?
 8 A. Yes, along with, they were escorted again by terrorists.
 9 The Algerian nationals were sort of directed to keep
 10 continuing south towards the second plaza area in that
 11 direction and --
 12 Q. So that is the second circle we see below?
 13 A. That's correct, yes. And the expat workers then were
 14 directed to come to the same position that we were
 15 seated, instructed to take a seat beside us.
 16 Q. And I think there were two men you knew amongst those
 17 expats?
 18 A. I know it says there were two. I think there was more
 19 than I knew, you know what I mean. There was Sebastian,
 20 Sebastian John. There was Mikal Bruger(?) there was
 21 Stephen Green, Victor Lovelady and there was another
 22 Romanian who at that point I wasn't familiar with his
 23 name but I recognised him because he had worked in the
 24 plant from the time I was there, he was a service
 25 technician for the gas turbines in the CPF.

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1 Q. Did you subsequently learn his name?
 2 A. It's Tiberius Ketoche(?).
 3 Q. And then I think the terrorists gave you some
 4 instructions about making phone calls?
 5 A. Yes. Well, there was a bit of a consultation going on
 6 between the English-speaking terrorist and this older
 7 terrorist, I think he was taking instructions from the
 8 older terrorist and they had asked for phone numbers of
 9 people within senior management. They wanted to contact
 10 someone in senior management. Not by name. They didn't
 11 ask for anybody by name. They just asked for someone in
 12 a more senior position then.
 13 Q. And I think, was it Victor Sternberg, who was the
 14 Norwegian, who suggested something about Statoil?
 15 A. Yes, at that point then Victor said that he could make
 16 a call to the Statoil emergency line, which I think he
 17 did. I can't remember the response he got from the
 18 emergency line, but then he had said that he had the
 19 phone number of the country manager for BP, who was Andy
 20 Collins, so he offered that number.
 21 Q. I think the American terrorist --
 22 A. Well, at that point then they were a bit frustrated and
 23 they told us then we could all use our -- because I was
 24 concealing my mobile phone. Obviously I think many of
 25 us were and I wasn't searched when I was brought to this

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1 area or when I was captured but at that point then they
 2 said "if you have mobile phones you can use your phones
 3 to call your families, call your embassy, call your
 4 companies and tell them that you've been taken hostage
 5 by Al Qaeda and we want the military to move back from
 6 the immediate area. We want to get safe passage to take
 7 you from here to Mali. It is an area which we now
 8 control."
 9 Q. And at this time were the military, was there any
 10 assault by the military on the area you were in?
 11 A. There was gun battle going on. That was all I can
 12 suggest. There was incoming -- there was exchanges of
 13 gunfire.
 14 Q. Was any of the gunfire coming near the area you were in?
 15 A. Not at that point, no.
 16 Q. Did you come to a view about who was in charge of the
 17 terrorists who were there?
 18 A. Yes, very early on it became quite evident that this
 19 older terrorist was actually giving directions to not
 20 only the English-speaking terrorists but other
 21 terrorists had been coming and going at various times
 22 during the earlier --
 23 Q. Are you able to describe him?
 24 A. Heavy set, he had a growth, a beard but he was wearing
 25 like a head dress, you know what I mean, so it was very

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1 **hard to -- at that stage it was very hard to take stock**
 2 **of his features, yes.**
 3 Q. And I think there was some telephone calls made to
 4 friends and family and then there was a time when you
 5 heard the American terrorist speaking to what you
 6 thought was Andy Collins again?
 7 **A. Yes.**
 8 Q. Can you tell us about that?
 9 **A. Yes, the American terrorist then had managed to make**
 10 **contact with Andy and I only presumed it was Andy at**
 11 **that point because it was the number that Victor had**
 12 **offered and it was Victor's phone that he was using.**
 13 **Yes, but he was -- the American terrorist was becoming**
 14 **a bit irate. He says "well if you're not in charge who**
 15 **is in charge?" And wanted to know what Andy's position**
 16 **was and if he wasn't in charge he wanted to speak to**
 17 **someone higher or -- so I can only say one half of the**
 18 **conversation. I don't know what Andy was saying to him.**
 19 Q. But I think he was repeating the request for the
 20 military to withdraw?
 21 **A. Yes, he made it quite clear that that's what their**
 22 **demands were. They wanted -- their initial demand was**
 23 **to get the military to pull back and at that point there**
 24 **was military helicopter flying overhead and he wanted**
 25 **them to stop circling overhead.**

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1 Q. Was it through that conversation that you learned what
 2 was happening at the CPF?
 3 **A. Yes, early on we got an indication from the**
 4 **conversations that they had attacked the CPF because**
 5 **they said during one of the conversations that they had**
 6 **taken the CPF, they had hostages there also and if their**
 7 **demands weren't met they were going to -- they had**
 8 **it rigged with explosives and they were going to move on**
 9 **to detonate them in the CPF.**
 10 Q. I think over time there were some more hostages brought
 11 out and some Japanese nationals came to join you, were
 12 brought to the group?
 13 **A. I think prior to that the first hostage I seen then**
 14 **brought to that group again would have been Yann**
 15 **Desyeux. He joined us in that same position against the**
 16 **wall of this -- the plaza area where we were seated. It**
 17 **was later on then -- sorry, maybe I missed -- just to go**
 18 **back a bit then.**
 19 Q. Please do?
 20 **A. When I first arrived Nick Hitch was also part of the**
 21 **people that I didn't recognise so he was there. But we**
 22 **were there and then when Yann was brought to that**
 23 **position we were seated there for -- I lose sense of**
 24 **time here so maybe for an hour or two hours or so and**
 25 **then they moved us from that seated position over to the**

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1 **wall which was adjacent to us, it was the wall of the**
 2 **VIP building.**
 3 Q. And the VIP building is the one below the plaza --
 4 **A. Just south below the plaza with the square in the middle**
 5 **of it.**
 6 Q. -- with the square in the middle of it. So they moved
 7 you over to there? Was that to put you in shade?
 8 **A. Yes, at this point the sun was coming up so we were**
 9 **seated in direct sunlight and without them saying that**
 10 **this was their reasoning we assumed it was to move us**
 11 **out of the direct sunlight.**
 12 Q. Then I think some Japanese nationals were brought to
 13 join you?
 14 **A. Yes, there were some Japanese nationals then brought**
 15 **down to -- when we were seated at the wall which was**
 16 **adjacent to it. I must mention also when we were seated**
 17 **at the plaza area they did start to construct the**
 18 **explosive arrangement around the hostages neck at this**
 19 **time.**
 20 Q. And this was what, the explosive arrangement?
 21 **A. It was some, I don't know the technical terms but it was**
 22 **some detonating wire with a hand detonating device which**
 23 **they looped around a hostage, one hostage's neck and**
 24 **then they continued on with another loop to the next**
 25 **hostage so everyone was looped together and at the end**

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1 **of that they connected it to some explosive block, which**
 2 **they referred to as a TNT block. To me it was just an**
 3 **explosive device of some sort.**
 4 Q. I think when the Japanese hostages arrived at least one
 5 of them or more were wounded?
 6 **A. Yes, at least one, but there was more than one that had**
 7 **blood on their person. Whether they were injured or**
 8 **that blood was transmitted from the injured guy, but**
 9 **definitely one of the Japanese nationals was injured.**
 10 Q. And did the terrorists say something about how they
 11 obtained their injuries?
 12 **A. Yes, they were quite clear in making it known that the**
 13 **injuries were received from incoming gunfire from the**
 14 **military when they were trying to move from the JGC camp**
 15 **to the main BdV camp where the rest of us were**
 16 **congregated.**
 17 Q. Then I think there was a time when Carson Bilsland was
 18 brought to your group?
 19 **A. Yes, well I must emphasise again, when they moved us to**
 20 **this area adjacent to the wall of the VIP they**
 21 **reinstated this explosive necklace, for the term, to the**
 22 **hostages again, so we were all seated on the ground with**
 23 **this explosive arrangement. Yes, and -- I'm having**
 24 **a guess it was approximately about 2 o'clock in the**
 25 **afternoon when Carson was brought to that area.**

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1 Q. I think he told you how he had come to be captured?
 2 **A. Yes, well I said "How did they get you?" Because**
 3 **I thought he was in his room because they were searching**
 4 **more rooms and they were going to keep on looking**
 5 **through the day to bring them all. He said, no, he was**
 6 **in the CPF earlier. He had concealed himself in the**
 7 **CPF. Then he had then escaped from the CPF and made his**
 8 **way from the CPF up towards the BdV area on the**
 9 **assumption that it had not been commandeered and it was**
 10 **safe and on his approach to what he felt were**
 11 **Gendarmerie was actually terrorists. They ushered him**
 12 **towards them and then he realised then that they weren't**
 13 **Gendarmes, they were terrorists, and they captured him.**
 14 Q. Was he the last of the expat hostages to be brought to
 15 your group?
 16 **A. I'm -- I remember Fred Buttaccio.**
 17 Q. The American?
 18 **A. Yes, the American but I think I met him prior to Carson**
 19 **being brought -- I think Carson was the last of the**
 20 **expat hostages which was brought to the group if I can**
 21 **remember correctly.**
 22 Q. This is the afternoon of the 16th we are up to?
 23 **A. Yes, this is, yes.**
 24 Q. Then I think there came a time when they asked you to
 25 find some screws for the terrorists?

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1 **A. Yes, well I mean prior to that they were asking people**
 2 **what your nationalities were, where you were from,**
 3 **taking your names. It was the Canadian, well I'm going**
 4 **to refer to him now as Katsiroubas, is that okay?**
 5 Q. Yes.
 6 **A. So it was Katsiroubas then who started taking names of**
 7 **people, their actual names and what your nationalities**
 8 **were and --**
 9 Q. Can we pause there. Can you say why you are saying he
 10 was Katsiroubas? What has led you to that explanation?
 11 **A. Since the attack it has been made quite public that this**
 12 **guy was involved, yes, and I can confirm that from the**
 13 **pictures of Chris Katsiroubas this was the guy who had**
 14 **taken us hostage.**
 15 Q. So you say he was collecting information about people's
 16 nationalities?
 17 **A. Yes, he was making a list, just I think it was so that**
 18 **they could communicate it to whoever they were in**
 19 **negotiations with, or whoever they were talking to, to**
 20 **confirm that they had this many hostages and these were**
 21 **the people they had. So, yes, also he had asked for**
 22 **people to provide their passports or -- at that time**
 23 **I did not have my passport on me. My passport was along**
 24 **with my Algerian travel documents, visa, work permit,**
 25 **but they were in my accommodation room back in the**

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1 **companies camp.**
 2 Q. So I think they escorted you back there to get it?
 3 **A. Yes, he escorted me under gun point back to my room to**
 4 **retrieve my travel documents.**
 5 Q. And then I think if we move on in time there was a time
 6 when they asked you to go and find some screws or --
 7 **A. When we returned from retrieving my travel documents**
 8 **they again made a request for screws and I had said what**
 9 **type of screws? I mean looking at a technical reference**
 10 **like the size or -- but he just says it doesn't matter.**
 11 **They just want plenty of screws. So then I says, well**
 12 **there's a construction site and there's a store which is**
 13 **back towards the companies camp area which might contain**
 14 **or might be -- might have the screws that he was looking**
 15 **for.**
 16 Q. I think then they asked you to show them where that was?
 17 **A. Yes. Then again they asked me to escort them. Again,**
 18 **at gun point back in the direction of the companies**
 19 **camp. Yes, so we walked from the plaza -- well from the**
 20 **VIP building past the reception building along the**
 21 **sanded area.**
 22 Q. Is that the sanded area where the other circle is?
 23 **A. Yes, it's the small ... yes. Is that clear?**
 24 Q. Yes.
 25 **A. Yes. And then they took us along the blacktop surface**

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1 **road around into the companies camp and if you just look**
 2 **to the left of the large white building there's like**
 3 **a rectangle, a blue roofed building. If you go south**
 4 **with the cursor, and lower with the cursor, just that**
 5 **blue topped building, just to the right of that, over,**
 6 **yes. (Indicated)**
 7 THE CORONER: That building that the cursor needs to go
 8 a bit to the right?
 9 **A. A bit to the right.**
 10 THE CORONER: That building?
 11 **A. That building now. That is the maintenance -- that's**
 12 **the logistics maintenance storage area where they store**
 13 **their materials and consumables.**
 14 **So they brought me to that building. It was**
 15 **a locked door they came across. Well, a metallic**
 16 **structure which opened out the way, the door opened out.**
 17 **So they told me to stand back and then they fired at**
 18 **this lock with their guns, their semi automatic or -- to**
 19 **damage the lock so they could get access to the**
 20 **building.**
 21 **So then we entered the building and they had**
 22 **a rummage around through stuff but they didn't find**
 23 **anything which they deemed suitable for whatever purpose**
 24 **they were at that point, what they were looking, but**
 25 **they had -- there was a hydraulic pallet truck and they**

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<p>1 instructed me to take it out of the building, so 2 I pulled it from inside the building outside and then he 3 was asking where else would they get it so I says there 4 was some storage containers on the construction site 5 which was just then to the right of that building, the 6 large white building. So that was the new kitchen which 7 was currently under construction, so I says, you might 8 find what you're looking for in that area. 9 So they did, they moved to that area. They 10 instructed me to pull the pallet truck and any fire 11 extinguishers which we had seen along the way they were 12 telling me to load it, load them on to the pallet truck 13 and pull it with us. So we went over to this 14 construction site and within the construction site one 15 of the terrorists had located boxes of nuts, washers, 16 bolts, which was obviously materials from the 17 construction phase and he lifted one and instructed me 18 to lift the second one and load it on to the pallet 19 truck along with the already located fire extinguishers. 20 MS DOLAN: And then returned with those back to the plaza? 21 A. Yes, then he instructed me to pull the pallet truck back 22 in the direction we had walked along the blacktop 23 surface, continuing on the blacktop surface because of 24 the smoother path and roughly at that point where the 25 cursor is there they then assisted me to pull the pallet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 29</p>	<p>1 A. Yes. 2 Q. I know you have been here earlier in the inquest when 3 you have seen the bus parked across the entrance gates. 4 Was that bus present at that time? 5 A. No. 6 Q. Did you ever see that bus present there? 7 A. No, that was something that obviously had been put there 8 after we had vacated the BdV. It was never there. 9 I never -- I never seen it during the time we were under 10 hostage in the BdV area. 11 Q. I will come back later to how you left. 12 A. Okay, yes. 13 Q. Maybe we'll deal with it now actually as we are there. 14 There came to a time later when we get to later in the 15 account when you left. Did you leave through that gate 16 in the cars, in the 4 by 4s? 17 A. The next day. Through that gate. 18 Q. And the bus wasn't present then? 19 A. No. 20 Q. So I think you were at a point when you were returning 21 with the fire extinguishers? 22 THE CORONER: The vehicle you saw you told us it was 23 damaged. Can you tell us anything more about it, what 24 colour it was? 25 A. It was white in colour.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 31</p>
<p>1 truck up on to the sanded area and over to the area 2 where the rest of the hostages were seated. Just at 3 that point then I had noticed then the damaged vehicle 4 which obviously they had used to crash through the 5 building and also there was a terrorist stationed there 6 with like a tripod formation machinegun pointing out. 7 Q. Where was this? First of all, the vehicle? 8 A. Yes, just to the left of the OLC building, but it was 9 off the road on the sanded area. 10 Q. Tell us more about what that vehicle looked like? 11 THE CORONER: Is that in the right place? 12 A. Yes, approximately there, roughly about there, yes, 13 where the cursor is now. That is where the vehicle that 14 I had seen was. And, yes, it was just badly damaged. 15 The front was smashed in. The doors were three opened 16 on it so it was just -- 17 MS DOLAN: You said there was a terrorist near that with 18 a machinegun? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. Pointing in which direction? 21 A. Out towards the entrance, so facing out the entrance 22 road of the BdV, so looking towards the inner gate, the 23 inner gate, so he's pointing in that direction in 24 a northerly direction. 25 Q. So at this point the gate is open, smashed open?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 30</p>	<p>1 THE CORONER: What sort of vehicle? 2 A. Just a typical 4 by 4 that was used for driving in that 3 terrain. I can't say if it was a Toyota Landcruiser. 4 I can't say the make or model. It was just a 4 by 4 5 vehicle and white in colour. 6 THE CORONER: Right. And Damaged. 7 A. And damaged. Extensively. 8 MS DOLAN: Did it appear to be one of the JV vehicles or? 9 A. I didn't really take stock on whether it was a JV 10 vehicle or another. Similar, if anything it was similar 11 to a JV vehicle. Whether it was actually one of their 12 vehicles I'm not sure. 13 Q. And then I think you returned with the fire 14 extinguishers and I think they -- 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. Re-assembled? 17 A. They brought the materials they had rounded up from the 18 companies camp area we had brought over to the -- in 19 front of where the hostages were all now seated and from 20 there they offloaded the fire extinguishers, set them in 21 an upright formation creating like a semicircle, in 22 a semicircle formation close by where the hostages were 23 seated. They put the boxes of nuts and bolts internally 24 in that semicircle that they had created with the fire 25 extinguishers and from there they obtained some sort of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 32</p>

<p>1 explosive wire and they requested then from -- one of</p> <p>2 the terrorists requested from another terrorist for some</p> <p>3 explosives, Semtex they were asking for.</p> <p>4 Q. And that is the word they were using?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, they used Semtex, and the terrorist who was holding</p> <p>6 the detonating device which was strapped to the</p> <p>7 hostages' necks, he produced some Semtex which was</p> <p>8 contained in a blue surgical glove and passed it to this</p> <p>9 other terrorist and from there he continued to construct</p> <p>10 this improvised device, IED.</p> <p>11 Q. And had gunfire continued during the day?</p> <p>12 A. It wasn't sustained, but there was definitely during the</p> <p>13 day there was bursts of gunfire coming from different</p> <p>14 directions.</p> <p>15 Q. And I think then you got a text from somebody telling</p> <p>16 you something about Garry Barlow?</p> <p>17 A. Yes. Garry's back-to-back is another friend of mine and</p> <p>18 a friend of Garry's also, David Glencross, who was at</p> <p>19 home because he was on his leave. He had texted me to</p> <p>20 say that he had been speaking to Garry's wife and</p> <p>21 confirmed that Garry had been taken hostage at the CPF.</p> <p>22 Q. And I think there came a time when the terrorists asked</p> <p>23 for somebody to speak to the Al Jazeera news outlet?</p> <p>24 A. Yes, approaching the evening of the first day they did</p> <p>25 make a request to say, look, we're going to speak to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 33</p>	<p>1 Q. And who was in your group at that time?</p> <p>2 A. At that point there was myself, Sebastian, Carlos, Nick</p> <p>3 Hitch, Kenny Whiteside, Mikal Bruger, Yann Desyeux, some</p> <p>4 of the Japanese nationals and some of the Filipino</p> <p>5 nationals.</p> <p>6 Q. And I think the terrorists brought you some food?</p> <p>7 A. They did. They brought us, they managed to obtain some</p> <p>8 fruit and water from the kitchen area and they provided</p> <p>9 us with water and -- during the -- earlier on in the day</p> <p>10 the temperature was still pretty low because we were in</p> <p>11 a shaded area and because we weren't moving we were</p> <p>12 feeling the cold so we made a request earlier in the day</p> <p>13 for them to get some blankets from the accommodation,</p> <p>14 which they did. So we could keep ourselves warm.</p> <p>15 Q. And then through that night was there -- what was</p> <p>16 happening?</p> <p>17 A. Initially when they moved us there was some exchanges of</p> <p>18 gunfire but as the night went on there was a lull in the</p> <p>19 exchanges of gunfire, but through the night for sure not</p> <p>20 regularly but there was periods of sporadic gunfire.</p> <p>21 Q. I think the next morning the American terrorist spoke</p> <p>22 with Andy Collins again and you overheard that?</p> <p>23 A. Yes, there was a conversation -- if I might just go</p> <p>24 back. I mean, we were able to use our phones, our</p> <p>25 mobile phones on the first day but it seemed around</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 35</p>
<p>1 Al Jazeera news channel. They would want someone to</p> <p>2 speak and both myself and Stephen Green said that if</p> <p>3 they wanted us to speak we would speak, but that</p> <p>4 conversation then never materialised at that point.</p> <p>5 Q. We are moving into the first night. What happened</p> <p>6 during that?</p> <p>7 A. It was approximately 6 o'clock in the evening because</p> <p>8 the sun was going down, it was starting to get dark.</p> <p>9 There seemed to be an escalation in incoming gunfire</p> <p>10 from the military, I presume, or we presumed at that</p> <p>11 time. And it was striking the buildings around where we</p> <p>12 were seated, the bullets, so this spurred the terrorists</p> <p>13 into an action of moving us from this seated area</p> <p>14 adjacent to the VIP building. So they got us to our</p> <p>15 feet. They removed the explosives, got us to our feet</p> <p>16 and it wasn't systematic or by nationality or anything</p> <p>17 but they split us into two groups. One group, well, at</p> <p>18 that point I wasn't too sure where the first group went</p> <p>19 but the group I was in was taken to the second plaza</p> <p>20 area.</p> <p>21 Q. Which is the second circle to the southeast of the</p> <p>22 plaza?</p> <p>23 A. Yes, that's -- so we were taken to the internal part of</p> <p>24 that plaza area, yes, and the other group then were</p> <p>25 taken to the first plaza area.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 34</p>	<p>1 about 5.30 on the evening of the first that that mobile</p> <p>2 network then was no longer available.</p> <p>3 Q. What, the terrorists had satellite phones?</p> <p>4 A. Yes, they were well equipped with satellite phones.</p> <p>5 Q. And do you know, were they satellite phones they</p> <p>6 appeared to have brought with them or were they ones --</p> <p>7 A. I'm not sure. I can't answer that honestly, where they</p> <p>8 obtained the satellite phones from.</p> <p>9 Q. And then I think that was used to call Andy Collins in</p> <p>10 your hearing?</p> <p>11 A. Yes. There was another call made to Andy Collins.</p> <p>12 Again, I think on the break of daylight they realised</p> <p>13 that quite the opposite to their demands were being met</p> <p>14 and that they could now see that the front line where</p> <p>15 the military had stationed themselves had been</p> <p>16 reinforced rather than going the opposite direction.</p> <p>17 Q. What could you see of the military at this stage?</p> <p>18 A. I couldn't see because I didn't have an eye line of the</p> <p>19 military, it was just their reaction and I think he</p> <p>20 mentioned that there was more military now this morning</p> <p>21 than there was yesterday. So they were pretty</p> <p>22 aggressive in their tone when they were speaking and</p> <p>23 upset that this was now the stance which was being taken</p> <p>24 by the military.</p> <p>25 Q. And I think they made some specific threats to Nick</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 36</p>

1 Hitch?

2 **A. They did. Under instruction from the elderly terrorist**

3 **or the older terrorist, should I say, he -- they**

4 **instructed Nick Hitch to make a call to Andy Collins to**

5 **tell him again what the demands were, but this time they**

6 **were going to -- if their demands weren't met by**

7 **10 o'clock that morning they were going to execute**

8 **someone. And Nick then asked him who were they going to**

9 **execute and they identified Nick and said we're going to**

10 **execute you and leave your body out in the front to**

11 **demonstrate that they were serious.**

12 Q. And I think the gunfire continued on that second day.

13 Did it change in its nature?

14 **A. Yes, I mean, it -- in between Nick making the phone**

15 **call, in between Nick making the phone call and the**

16 **deadline of the date, the time that they were -- that**

17 **they had said they were going to carry out the execution**

18 **there was an escalation of incoming gunfire from the**

19 **military so it was quite evident that they were stepping**

20 **up their campaign for an intervention or to bring it to**

21 **a conclusion, whatever, but it was quite evident that**

22 **there was an increase in military gunfire.**

23 Q. How close was this gunfire coming to you and the other

24 hostages?

25 **A. Very, yes, it was striking the walls but we were covered**

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1 **by this plaza area, a constructed wall which was**

2 **approximately about 1 metre, 1.2 metres high and we were**

3 **all lying on the ground below this but we were still**

4 **strapped to the explosive arrangement at this point.**

5 **But we could see the bullets striking that wall,**

6 **construction of the plaza. We could see the bullets**

7 **striking the building from behind us which would be the**

8 **right side of the VIP building and also it was striking**

9 **the right side of the canteen building, the right-hand**

10 **wall of the canteen building and it was larger calibre**

11 **things because it was blowing holes in walls, it wasn't**

12 **just marking walls, you would expect a bullet to just**

13 **mark a wall or strike a wall. This was actually blowing**

14 **large holes.**

15 Q. Then I think another terrorist appeared who you thought

16 was coordinating things. Tell us about him?

17 **A. Yes, there was another terrorist who appeared when we**

18 **were still seated, still in this plaza area and he**

19 **seemed to be coordinating some of the other terrorists**

20 **but he seemed to be -- yes, in charge in some way, where**

21 **he fell within the hierarchy -- but he was instructing**

22 **other terrorists to do certain things around him.**

23 Q. And that included speaking on the satellite phones

24 again?

25 **A. Yes, at that point they had the satellite phone and they**

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1 **asked us to speak to Al Jazeera at this point.**

2 Q. I think you were one of the ones that then did that at

3 that time?

4 **A. Yes. Nick Hitch spoke to them first. Then myself and**

5 **then it was put on to one of the Japanese nationals.**

6 Q. And again, the message that you were being asked to give

7 to Al Jazeera was what?

8 **A. To get the military to stop firing on us and I think**

9 **there's a recording of my conversation to Al Jazeera and**

10 **I'm not sure from the recording but at that time when**

11 **I was making the phone call there was incoming gunfire**

12 **from the military.**

13 Q. I think that deadline for an execution that had been set

14 came and went?

15 **A. Yes, it came and -- fortunately enough it had come and**

16 **gone. For what reason I don't know. But, yes, they**

17 **obviously were distracted by this escalation, this**

18 **escalation in the military's campaign. It was probably**

19 **a distraction to this time line.**

20 Q. And I think it escalated to the point of a helicopter

21 appearing?

22 **A. Yes, one of the Algerian military helicopters which had**

23 **been circling overhead continuously the first day, all**

24 **of a sudden it appeared from nowhere at a very low level**

25 **and because we were low to the ground it appeared to the**

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1 **right of the medic building.**

2 Q. So coming from the eastern fence area?

3 **A. Yes. Coming from the eastern fence. So it appeared all**

4 **of a sudden and it was very low in height. In**

5 **comparison to what it had been the day before. It was**

6 **clear enough that you could see the underbelly of the**

7 **helicopter, if you know what I mean, from the position**

8 **we were seated and from there it fired a number of**

9 **rockets then into the BdV area.**

10 THE CORONER: Just pausing there. Had it been firing at all

11 the day before?

12 **A. No.**

13 **THE CORONER: No?**

14 **A. No. Not that I've seen, but no. The day before it was**

15 **circulating overhead but at some distance. They weren't**

16 **that close to it.**

17 THE CORONER: Then the firing you told us about was to

18 brickwork, just following what you have been telling us

19 about firing, that you saw. Then there's some firing

20 that was hitting brickwork --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 THE CORONER: -- which had caused, have I got this right, on

23 the first evening it appeared to have caused them to

24 split you into two groups?

25 **A. Yes.**

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1 THE CORONER: Then night time happens.
 2 **A. Yes.**
 3 THE CORONER: I just want to make sure I'm getting this
 4 right. Then it is the next morning, is it, this
 5 helicopter appears which fires the rockets?
 6 **A. Yes.**
 7 THE CORONER: And the rockets go where?
 8 **A. I didn't see where they -- because of the position that**
 9 **I was seated in in the plaza area I didn't see what**
 10 **structure they struck. You could just hear the**
 11 **explosion.**
 12 THE CORONER: Right. But appeared to be hitting
 13 a structure?
 14 **A. Appeared to be -- well, I can tell from later on we came**
 15 **back to the -- we were all congregated in the first**
 16 **plaza area and you have seen that the reception building**
 17 **was damaged, substantially damaged with --**
 18 THE CORONER: Right.
 19 **A. So I'm presuming that's where one of the rockets struck,**
 20 **where the second one struck I'm not sure.**
 21 MS DOLAN: Do you know around about what time that was?
 22 **A. I would just be giving you a rough guess. It would be**
 23 **early morning of the second day, before 10 o'clock in**
 24 **the morning. So maybe between 9 and 10 o'clock of the**
 25 **morning of the 17th.**

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1 Q. When you did your statement last year you thought it
 2 might have been around about noon. Which do you think
 3 is the more ...
 4 THE CORONER: Is your memory going to be better nearer the
 5 time since you were saying last year --
 6 **A. Yes, it probably is. I am just trying to recall -- yes,**
 7 **yes. Yes, it probably would have been later. I was**
 8 **thinking it might have been pre the timeline of**
 9 **Nick's -- the threat on Nick's life and that may have**
 10 **been a distraction but if I've said 12 o'clock at that**
 11 **time then it is probably closer to that time.**
 12 MS DOLAN: Certainly last February you put that event as
 13 happening after the deadline, the execution, if that
 14 helps.
 15 **A. Now I'm trying to recall it that would probably be more**
 16 **accurate, yes.**
 17 Q. So that is around about noon-ish?
 18 **A. Yes.**
 19 Q. And what was the terrorists' response to that helicopter
 20 action?
 21 **A. Well, there was a lot of activity then. There was a lot**
 22 **of coming and going of various terrorists to the area we**
 23 **were. Where they were coming and going to and from I'm**
 24 **not sure but there was a lot of commotion among them.**
 25 **They seemed to be more agitated than they had been the**

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1 **day before, a bit more aggressive. They were, you know,**
 2 **they were aggressive when they were speaking to each**
 3 **other, it was an aggressive nature. So at that point**
 4 **when the rockets were fired all the hostages which were**
 5 **in the second plaza area which had spent the night with**
 6 **me and the others were all brought into a central**
 7 **location in the plaza area, huddled together with the**
 8 **explosive still strapped around some of us, not all, and**
 9 **there was one of the terrorists who was holding the**
 10 **detonating device and he was reading the Koran and**
 11 **saying prayers out loud. Yes, that was their initial**
 12 **response.**
 13 **But that helicopter once it had fired the rockets it**
 14 **went up into the sky and circled it at still a low level**
 15 **and came back in in the same formation that it had**
 16 **originally come in to fire the rockets, but didn't fire**
 17 **each of these times. It sort of just veered off and**
 18 **went and done the circle formation again. So that**
 19 **happened maybe 15 times.**
 20 Q. And then I think the terrorists started collecting
 21 vehicles. What happened next?
 22 **A. Well, on the first day they actually -- on the 16th,**
 23 **they managed to commandeer some of the JV vehicles.**
 24 **There was quite a number of JV vehicles which had been**
 25 **parked by the 50 Man office in the companies camp which**

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1 **weren't used on a daily basis. I'm not sure what the**
 2 **reason was they weren't being used but from my time**
 3 **there in April they were stationed there and they hadn't**
 4 **moved. They were an older Landcruiser type model. The**
 5 **older model rather than the more modern model.**
 6 **I presume they were waiting to get roll bars fitted to**
 7 **meet the necessary criteria for them to be capable to**
 8 **drive in the desert, but they commandeered them, quite**
 9 **a number of them and they were driving them around the**
 10 **camp.**
 11 Q. They used them to move around the camp in?
 12 **A. When they were moving around the camp they were coming**
 13 **and going in these JV vehicles.**
 14 Q. And then I think the Canadian terrorist told you
 15 something of their plans?
 16 **A. Well, prior to that we were still in two groups and with**
 17 **this escalation of the military intervention or attempt**
 18 **at an intervention they brought the two groups back**
 19 **together so they took the group that I was in from the**
 20 **second plaza area to meet the other group which were**
 21 **seated at the first plaza area, so at one time then we**
 22 **were all brought back together in the first plaza area.**
 23 Q. And then were you told something about you were going to
 24 be moved again?
 25 **A. Yes. When they got us to that area they got us to stand**

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1 in a circle formation, upright, with our hands in the
 2 air and with our backs to the inner, would be the inner
 3 circle. They went and retrieved all their munitions and
 4 various artillery and brought it to the inside of this
 5 human circle that we have now -- we are now standing in.
 6 This was in an attempt to prevent the helicopters from
 7 firing further at the group because we were now
 8 effectively a human shield giving them cover, so when
 9 they brought the munitions into the area they started
 10 then to construct or fabricate some sort of explosive
 11 devices.
 12 THE CORONER: Are they doing that inside the circle?
 13 A. Yes, inside under the cover of us and then from time to
 14 time they extracted one or maybe two persons from the
 15 group at gun point. They extracted myself at one time.
 16 They extracted Fred Buttaccio at one point and they
 17 extracted, I think, Sebastian at one point and also
 18 Kenny Whiteside. They put a gun to our heads and moved
 19 us to a location where one of the vehicles had been
 20 stationed around the camp so they could retrieve the
 21 vehicle and they brought these vehicles then back to
 22 park them round the outside of the plaza area.
 23 MS DOLAN: Again, it sounds like they are using you as
 24 a shield while they retrieved the vehicles?
 25 A. Yes.

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1 THE CORONER: Just so we well understand. Whilst the circle
 2 is round whatever is going on inside the circle was the
 3 circle shot at by the military, or was the human shield
 4 effective?
 5 A. The human shield is effective. I can't remember any
 6 incoming fire.
 7 THE CORONER: And similarly when you are taken and a vehicle
 8 is retrieved, again, perhaps you being used in the same
 9 way, was there any firing at that time?
 10 A. Not that I can recall.
 11 MS DOLAN: About how many terrorists are there with you at
 12 this time, can you recall?
 13 A. It was -- the exact number was obviously very hard to
 14 ascertain. Between the first day and the second day we
 15 were -- well I was trying to mentally count but they
 16 were constantly changing, coming and going and they were
 17 wearing different head gear and things so it was always
 18 hard. I mean, the count that I had would have been 14
 19 to 15 terrorists.
 20 Q. And I think they were constructing something inside the
 21 circle while the hostages were around?
 22 A. Yes, they started to fabricate these sort of explosive
 23 devices and then it was at that point they had made it
 24 known to us that they were going to transport us to the
 25 CPF area and the reason behind that was the Canadian

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1 says that the terrorists in the group which was in the
 2 CPF had not come under any gunfire on the first day so
 3 they were working on the presumption that the military
 4 were apprehensive from shooting into that or engaging
 5 with gunfire into that in case they caused an explosion
 6 and they felt that -- and their rationale was that that
 7 would be a safer location for both them and ourselves.
 8 Q. And did they say what the purpose of these devices they
 9 were constructing was?
 10 A. Yes. Well, when we were standing there I had an eye
 11 line of the blacktop surface which would have led down
 12 to the CPF and at that I seen military vehicles crossing
 13 in some distance away and I had made a statement then to
 14 Katsiroubas so there's military there they're not going
 15 to let us pass on that road and he says, well that's why
 16 we're making these explosive devices. If they don't let
 17 us pass we're just going to detonate the vehicles.
 18 Q. Can you -- I think it is around this stage that they
 19 start moving the hostages into the vehicles?
 20 A. Yes, yes, it is at this time they started to whip
 21 themselves into a frenzy. They started chanting Islamic
 22 prayers, hugging each other and getting themselves, sort
 23 of whipped up ready for this manoeuvre or whatever it
 24 was and at that point then they started to put hostages
 25 into each of the vehicles that they had now accumulated

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1 round the plaza area.
 2 Q. Can you help us with who was present at that time? I am
 3 going to come on to who was put into the vehicle that
 4 you were in. But can you tell us -- let us start with
 5 that. Who was put in the vehicle you were in?
 6 A. There was myself, Iain Adamson, you just want to know
 7 expats, yes? The hostages?
 8 Q. What I would like to do is identify who was with you and
 9 alive at that stage?
 10 A. Okay, so it was myself, Iain Adamson, Nick Hitch, Ruben
 11 Andrada and Stephen Green.
 12 Q. In your vehicle?
 13 A. Yes.
 14 Q. And which of the other expat hostages did you see there
 15 at that time in that area of the BdV?
 16 A. Well, before they started to load us into the vehicles
 17 I sort of -- I've seen most of the other hostages, like
 18 Kenny Whiteside --
 19 Q. To make it easier, has anybody that you have mentioned
 20 gone missing in that time?
 21 A. No.
 22 Q. So Sebastian John and Carson Bilslund?
 23 A. Yes, I mean I think it's worth saying, for the 30 odd
 24 hours we were strapped to the explosives Sebastian was
 25 on my left-hand side the whole time from when he was

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1 **first apprehended until we were split up at this last**
 2 **movement before we get moved into the vehicles.**
 3 **Sebastian wasn't put into the vehicle that I was in.**
 4 Q. Any understanding of why or was there any allocation of
 5 these vehicles or?
 6 **A. No. It didn't -- at one point when we were -- prior to**
 7 **loading the vehicles up they started to try and identify**
 8 **people's nationalities and segregate them but they**
 9 **didn't do it, that just faded up and they then just**
 10 **started to push people into the vehicles.**
 11 THE CORONER: So in your vehicle four people I think you
 12 told us about?
 13 **A. Myself, Iain, Ruben, Nick -- that's five.**
 14 MS DOLAN: I know you drew a sketch which might assist you
 15 back in 2013 of who was in your vehicle.
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 Q. Can we put that up and maybe you can explain?
 18 **A. Yes, if it helps.**
 19 Q. Do you recognise that first of all?
 20 **A. Yes, it's very rough, yes, yes.**
 21 Q. Is that a diagram that you recall drawing?
 22 **A. Yes. That was just when I was -- yes, I was just trying**
 23 **to give an indication of where we were seated in the**
 24 **vehicles and that is very rough, but it's accurate.**
 25 Q. Talk us through it from your perspective, what we are

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1 looking at there then?
 2 **A. Well, this is the driver's side, this is the driver's.**
 3 **(Indicated)**
 4 Q. The top left corner?
 5 **A. The top left corner is the driver's side.**
 6 Q. That is a seat on the left-hand side?
 7 **A. Yes, and this was occupied by one of the terrorists. To**
 8 **his right-hand side in the front of the vehicle there**
 9 **was a second terrorist and then to his right-hand side**
 10 **then was Stephen Green was seated. So he was at the**
 11 **front passenger window. Stephen was instructed to put**
 12 **the window down and to put his arms out of the window.**
 13 Q. Did you see him doing that?
 14 **A. Yes, yes.**
 15 Q. And then the next row?
 16 **A. In the next three seats behind that, behind the driver**
 17 **on the left-hand side was Katsiroubas and he got into**
 18 **the vehicle with this IED that they had constructed.**
 19 **Next to him was Nick Hitch and then to the right of Nick**
 20 **Hitch was Ruben Andrada, the Filipino national and he**
 21 **was also instructed to put down the window and put his**
 22 **arms and head out of the window.**
 23 Q. And how clear are you that there was only three people
 24 in those first two rows?
 25 **A. Ninety-nine per cent sure.**

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1 Q. And then we have got the back of the vehicle and what
 2 are you showing there?
 3 **A. Well, as you can see, I'm trying to -- what I'm trying**
 4 **to identify here is that the seat arrangement changes,**
 5 **we have two seater arrangements facing each other on the**
 6 **rear of this vehicle. On the right hand arrangement**
 7 **Iain Adamson was put into the vehicle first so he was**
 8 **seated to the back of Ruben Andrada and I was seated**
 9 **then next to Iain where I would have been adjacent to**
 10 **the rear door of the vehicle.**
 11 Q. And then we have a T on the other side?
 12 **A. Then opposite us there was one terrorist who came into**
 13 **the vehicle. It was the terrorist that I had earlier**
 14 **seen with the machinegun stationed pointing at the front**
 15 **entrance so he was now in our vehicle with this**
 16 **machinegun and he realised that the gun was not going to**
 17 **fit so they broke the window, they broke one of the back**
 18 **panel windows of the vehicle so he could protrude the**
 19 **barrel of his gun out the window.**
 20 Q. So is that the line you are indicating there?
 21 **A. I'm not sure if that is a line or a scribble.**
 22 Q. Were you able to see the allocation of the other
 23 hostages into vehicles at all of who went where into
 24 which vehicle?
 25 **A. Unfortunately not. I've racked my brain with that**

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1 **for -- since the incident has happened to this date and**
 2 **I really don't have any recollection of which vehicles**
 3 **other people were put into. I'm sorry.**
 4 Q. And then I think the vehicles moved off?
 5 **A. Yes.**
 6 Q. Tell us about that.
 7 **A. Once they were content they had the vehicles loaded.**
 8 **I mean at this time it was a frenzy. There was a lot of**
 9 **commotion, there was a lot of toing and froing from the**
 10 **terrorists. They were shouting.**
 11 THE CORONER: How many vehicles were there? That you
 12 recall.
 13 **A. Five.**
 14 THE CORONER: Can you just show us just so we are clear
 15 about where they were all assembled and where you are
 16 going from?
 17 **A. Okay, yes. If you can zoom -- can you zoom in on the**
 18 **first plaza area?**
 19 MS DOLAN: Does that help?
 20 **A. Yes. So we have the first plaza area on the south half**
 21 **of that plaza area.**
 22 Q. Is that between the plaza and the VIP accommodation?
 23 **A. Yes.**
 24 THE CORONER: Let us put the cursor then you can say where
 25 you want it.

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<p>1 A. So the vehicles were in a formation parked in the same 2 contour as the wall of the plaza, so in a semicircle 3 formation, one behind another. 4 THE CORONER: What, so near where the cursor is? Is it in 5 the right place or not? 6 A. No, up closer to the wall. I think it's actually maybe 7 vehicles you can see there from that image. 8 MS DOLAN: So kind of where the marks are on that image -- 9 A. Where the marks are on that image they were parked in 10 that formation, the same shape as the plaza. 11 MS DOLAN: And you think there were about five vehicles. 12 How sure are you of the number? 13 A. Again, that's approximate. About 90, 95 per cent sure 14 that there were five. Again, there could have been more 15 but I didn't take stock. Definitely five but it could 16 have been more than five. 17 Q. Minimum five? 18 A. Minimum five, yes. 19 Q. Then they moved off. Which route did they take to leave 20 this accommodation -- this area? 21 A. The vehicles -- again, it was -- there was a lot of 22 commotion especially within our vehicle because they 23 were now starting to chant "Allahu Akbar", they were 24 starting to really -- so we took off from the right-hand 25 side of the plaza. You know, move the cursor back <p style="text-align: center;">Page 53</p></p>	<p>1 I was in stayed on the blacktop surface but at this time 2 now the terrorist, who was adjacent to myself and Iain 3 was, he was firing this machinegun continuously. 4 I don't know why whether he was shooting at the Gendarme 5 or the military who were stationed at VCPI but this was 6 now continuous gunfire. 7 Q. Do you know what position your vehicle was in the number 8 of vehicles that were leaving? 9 A. No, no. I don't recall, whether it was the first or 10 second, no. 11 Q. Could you see any vehicles behind you when you looked 12 out when the machinegun was shooting? 13 A. As I say, the first recollection I have after leaving 14 the BdV is when we started turning left towards -- on 15 the blacktop surface. I managed to get a glance over 16 the shoulder of a terrorist who was firing the 17 machinegun which was facing me and I noticed one of the 18 other vehicles had -- went off road almost immediately 19 after leaving the BdV and travelled some distance, 20 maybe -- a short distance away from the BdV on the rough 21 terrain and at that point I noticed that vehicle 22 crashing violently. When I say violently it overturned 23 two, three, maybe four times. 24 THE CORONER: If you tell the cursor where to go, can you 25 show us whereabouts it ended up as far as could see, <p style="text-align: center;">Page 55</p></p>
<p>1 again, up, no, if you go round to the right-hand side of 2 the plaza, yes, along there, out, and then headed 3 towards the -- past the security building, the OLC 4 building, this side, south side of the OLC building, 5 there. They paused there. I remember them pausing 6 there for a moment of time. The vehicles weren't in 7 single line formation. They started then -- they were 8 beside each other. They were revving their engines, 9 they were starting to shoot guns out of the windows. 10 Q. At anybody or? 11 A. I don't think at anybody. 12 Q. Just shooting? 13 A. Yes and then they made their move. 14 Q. Through the main exit is this? 15 A. Through the main exit out past the chicane, just on the 16 blacktop surface. 17 Q. And then what happened next? 18 A. From there then we exited the BdV. The vehicle I was in 19 turned left on the blacktop surface, it stayed on the 20 blacktop surface. 21 THE CORONER: Let us get you another plan and then we can 22 follow. Can you just help us again telling the cursor 23 where to go so we follow the route. 24 A. Okay. So where the cursor is positioned now that's 25 where we exited the BdV. (Indicated) Then the vehicle <p style="text-align: center;">Page 54</p></p>	<p>1 that vehicle. 2 A. If the cursor was to move about an inch to your left you 3 see like a dirt track road there, left, left again, 4 left, left. So roughly round about there or maybe 5 shortly after it. It was that position that I reckoned 6 this vehicle crashed but I must state that at this time 7 when I saw the vehicle crashing I did not see an 8 explosion but I was moving away from this area at speed 9 so whether there was an explosion I'm not sure. 10 THE CORONER: So we understand when you say crash, did it 11 come into collision with something or does it turn over? 12 A. Yes, I think it was just the terrain it was travelling 13 on and the speed it was travelling at it caused the 14 vehicle to get out of control. It wasn't in any 15 collision with anything I know or it wasn't struck by 16 anything at that point that I've seen. 17 MS DOLAN: Can we ask you to look at another satellite 18 picture. It is number 22 of NAS 23. There is a booklet 19 in front of you which has NAS 23 written on it. Do you 20 have that? 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. Then page 2 of that. 23 THE CORONER: So you have come up and turned left but on the 24 road, yes? 25 A. Yes. <p style="text-align: center;">Page 56</p></p>

1 MS DOLAN: Now the position you have described, if you look
 2 on this picture you can see an object next to that road.
 3 Is that --
 4 THE CORONER: Sorry, which object which next to which road?
 5 MS DOLAN: The position next to the dirt track road where
 6 you put the cursor on the screen on the other picture.
 7 THE CORONER: Does the cursor need to come over to the left?
 8 **A. Yes, there. (Indicated)**
 9 THE CORONER: That's what you are being asked about.
 10 **A. That's approximately the area where I seen the vehicle**
 11 **crashing, yes.**
 12 MS DOLAN: But apart from seeing that it crashed violently
 13 and turned over could you see what had caused it to
 14 crash?
 15 **A. No, as I say I can only presume that the speed it was**
 16 **travelling at, the terrain it was travelling on, that**
 17 **caused it to crash, so that was my --**
 18 Q. Did it look like it hit an object rather than something
 19 hit it?
 20 **A. I think maybe it was just the terrain and the speed the**
 21 **driver was driving it at. He lost control of the**
 22 **vehicle. That was what my initial thought was, they've**
 23 **lost control of that vehicle.**
 24 Q. Do you have any impression of who was in that vehicle?
 25 **A. I remember at the time of making my statement that for**

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1 some reason I said that I think Victor Lovelady but
 2 I don't know why I've said that. I can't confirm that
 3 Victor Lovelady, him or any other was in that vehicle.
 4 It was too far of a distance. Again, there was plenty
 5 of commotion in the vehicle I was travelling in and we
 6 were travelling at speed but I can't recall anybody.
 7 Q. Something had given you that impression?
 8 **A. I don't know what and I don't know why I've made that**
 9 **statement so it could be completely inaccurate.**
 10 Q. And where did your vehicle go to after that sighting?
 11 **A. So the vehicle I was in continued to travel at speed**
 12 **but --**
 13 Q. Let's go back to the map.
 14 THE CORONER: We will get a map because it is important that
 15 everyone --
 16 **A. Yes, I understand. So the vehicle that I was travelling**
 17 **in continued at speed along the blacktop surface and**
 18 **continued to do so. At this point then I lost any**
 19 **bearings of where any of the other vehicles were.**
 20 **I never witnessed -- I think I might recall something**
 21 **over on my right-hand shoulder, off road again but**
 22 **I can't be 100 per cent sure. But we continued at speed**
 23 **on that blacktop surface all the way down --**
 24 MS DOLAN: The cursor keep moving. Just tell us if there is
 25 any reason to stop.

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1 **A. So we stayed on this blacktop surface and it was**
 2 **roughly, if he just pauses there for a second, it was**
 3 **roughly at that point then we were on the approach road**
 4 **entrance, we were approaching the entrance to the CPF**
 5 **but for some reason the driver, the terrorist who was**
 6 **driving the vehicle veered off road to the left-hand**
 7 **side.**
 8 Q. Sorry, can you pause?
 9 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Sorry to interrupt. For the benefit of my
 10 client who you know can't see the map, stopping at that
 11 point can't help. If we can have a verbal description
 12 of what "at that point" means he will be able to follow.
 13 **A. I do apologise.**
 14 MS DOLAN: What distance are you from the CPF at this stage?
 15 **A. Approximately 500 metres.**
 16 THE CORONER: So you are on a blacktop road --
 17 **A. 300 metres probably.**
 18 THE CORONER: 300 or so when the driver veers off the road.
 19 **A. He veers off the blacktop surface and at that point**
 20 **there was no vehicle in front of us and I presumed that**
 21 **our vehicle had taken the lead in the convoy because we**
 22 **managed to keep the speed up because we were on the**
 23 **blacktop surface. So our vehicle at this point had**
 24 **become the front vehicle.**
 25 THE CORONER: Had you been going at considerable speed?

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1 **A. Yes.**
 2 THE CORONER: Have you any idea? It may be very difficult.
 3 **A. Yes, it would be hard to -- maybe 50, 60-miles an hour,**
 4 **something like that. Not very high speeds but it was**
 5 **fast. 60, 70-miles an hour, something like that.**
 6 MS DOLAN: And it veered off which direction off the
 7 blacktop surface?
 8 **A. To the left-hand side. It actually veered off just**
 9 **after the sort of fence line, if I can recall, of what's**
 10 **marked there as the operations lay down yard. So it was**
 11 **about there, yes.**
 12 THE CORONER: Sorry, I was looking for that and I missed
 13 what you said. Sorry, so it veers off the road to the
 14 left and then what is to do with that yard?
 15 **A. That's the operations lay down yard. Just the material**
 16 **store. So it was approximately about there that we**
 17 **started to veer off to the left, off the blacktop**
 18 **surface on to the rough terrain. We were, myself and**
 19 **I think Iain and the others were screaming at him or**
 20 **trying to get him to stay on the blacktop surface**
 21 **because we knew he was going -- we knew they were**
 22 **looking to gain entrance into the CPF. The place that**
 23 **he was going wouldn't have let him enter the CPF because**
 24 **you would have run into the perimeter fence.**
 25 MS DOLAN: Whereas the blacktop would have taken you

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1 straight in?
 2 **A. The blacktop would have taken him straight.**
 3 Q. Did you see anything that might be an explanation for
 4 why you had veered off?
 5 **A. No, I didn't see any reason for him veering off.**
 6 Q. Up until this point when you are 300-yards from the CPF
 7 had there been any firing towards the car that you were
 8 aware of? You have mentioned the terrorists shooting
 9 out of it?
 10 **A. Right. Just as we veered off to the left-hand side of**
 11 **the blacktop surface I looked out the rear window of the**
 12 **vehicle and I noticed one of the Algerian military**
 13 **helicopters coming in, again, at a low formation with**
 14 **its nose dipped and it was firing bullets and the**
 15 **bullets were strafing the ground.**
 16 Q. I will come back to that. Prior to that point had you
 17 noticed any incoming fire at the vehicle?
 18 **A. No. I was just -- no, I was pretty distracted with --**
 19 **because the guy who was firing the machinegun which was**
 20 **facing me, the bullets from that machinegun were coming**
 21 **out and hitting us in the face. So, no, I didn't --**
 22 Q. So that means there may have been firing that you didn't
 23 notice?
 24 **A. Yes, that's what I was trying to say.**
 25 Q. Then you said the helicopter had come in with its nose

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1 dipped?
 2 **A. Approached the back of the vehicle when we were off**
 3 **road, on the left-hand side. And I noticed its bullets**
 4 **strafing the ground to the rear of our vehicle but**
 5 **I don't know why the bullets struck the vehicle but our**
 6 **vehicle then overturned, our vehicle crashed. It didn't**
 7 **tumble violently. It just crashed and it ended up**
 8 **rested on its roof.**
 9 THE CORONER: Just so we follow. So far as you can see, and
 10 obviously I am sure it was very difficult but so far as
 11 you could see fire from the helicopter was at least
 12 initially striking the ground --
 13 **A. Mmm to the rear.**
 14 THE CORONER: -- to the rear of your vehicle. And then
 15 shortly after that your vehicle turns over.
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 THE CORONER: I just want to make sure -- whether that is
 18 because it has been hit in some way by bullets coming
 19 off the ground hitting the vehicle, am I right, you
 20 can't say?
 21 **A. I can't say.**
 22 THE CORONER: Or whether it is a function of the way the
 23 driver was driving and --
 24 **A. It could be either or. I can't be --**
 25 THE CORONER: All right.

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1 MS DOLAN: Again, first of all, on that map first of all can
 2 you indicate roughly where your vehicle overturned?
 3 **A. If you -- if the cursor just moves north a bit, yes,**
 4 **along that line that he's following now, just right to**
 5 **the -- there's like an 80 degree -- yes, just there.**
 6 **(Indicated)**
 7 Q. And then if we show you a close up of the CPF area.
 8 Again, if you can identify --
 9 THE CORONER: Before you do that just so that everybody can
 10 get a picture in their mind's eye, can you just say how
 11 far had your vehicle gone off the road, can you say
 12 roughly, how far it had been driving off the road before
 13 it turned over, just to help everybody?
 14 **A. The distance it travelled or how far it was from the**
 15 **road?**
 16 THE CORONER: No, how far it had travelled --
 17 **A. Off road?**
 18 THE CORONER: -- when it was off the road before it turned
 19 over.
 20 **A. A few hundred metres.**
 21 THE CORONER: Mr Owen-Thomas, I have well in mind the point
 22 you are making but if at any point you think more
 23 clarification would be helpful then please interrupt us.
 24 MR OWEN-THOMAS: I will do that, thank you very much indeed.
 25 MS DOLAN: On this photograph, which is our NAS 23 -- if you

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1 go back to this, that is 23, but I am looking on page 5
 2 which is up on the screen. Are you able to identify the
 3 location of your vehicle on that?
 4 **A. Yes, it's at the bottom of that. That's approximately**
 5 **where we came to rest. That scorched mark.**
 6 Q. If you move then cursor on and then I will describe it
 7 for Mr Green. So the bottom of the image?
 8 **A. Yes.**
 9 Q. To the left of the hard top road?
 10 **A. To the left of the hard top road.**
 11 Q. And how far from the perimeter fence of the CPF?
 12 **A. It's maybe about 30 metres, something ...**
 13 Q. So that?
 14 **A. That scorch mark which you see on that image resembles**
 15 **the location that I remember our vehicle coming to rest.**
 16 Q. And at this stage you are 30 metres from the perimeter
 17 fence?
 18 **A. Yes, approximately.**
 19 Q. How far then actually off the metal road is it?
 20 **A. It was about 50 metres.**
 21 Q. You said that your vehicle crashed and turned over?
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. So what position was the vehicle in when it came to
 24 rest?
 25 **A. On its roof.**

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1 Q. And then what happened next?
 2 **A. When the vehicle had come to rest on its roof my initial**
 3 **reaction was that this -- I was waiting on the explosion**
 4 **from this suicide bomb, should I say, but as we were**
 5 **upside down I made an attempt to open the back doors of**
 6 **the vehicle which I couldn't do. At that point the**
 7 **terrorist facing us he seemed to be a dead weight or he**
 8 **was -- I mean there was no movement from him. But this**
 9 **is in the matter of a split seconds which I'm trying to**
 10 **explain. I could not open the door but I noticed the**
 11 **window which he had originally smashed to protrude the**
 12 **barrel of his machinegun through, I jumped out through**
 13 **that window.**
 14 Q. And the other occupants of the car, did you see any of
 15 the other occupants?
 16 **A. A bit later, yes, because when I exited the vehicle**
 17 **I started to run back in the direction which the convoy**
 18 **had travelled towards on the rough terrain, I was**
 19 **running along the rough terrain along that fence line.**
 20 Q. And again, the fence line you are talking about is?
 21 **A. Yes, along that fence line on the extremities of that**
 22 **fence line, yes.**
 23 Q. So this is the fence -- it is not a fence of the CPF
 24 though, is it?
 25 **A. No, it's not. It is an area they used to use for**

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1 **conducting some sort of driving tests or doing some**
 2 **driving. It was just a bit of waste ground.**
 3 Q. So this was a fenced area to the south of the CPF
 4 shortly before one arrives at the CPF?
 5 **A. Yes, that's correct. So I was running along that fence**
 6 **line making my escape.**
 7 Q. And that is the fence line that runs in parallel to that
 8 metal road?
 9 **A. That's correct.**
 10 THE CORONER: I don't think we have heard it from you, but
 11 can you just help, in broad terms at least, just
 12 describe the vehicle you were in? I know when you leave
 13 it it is on its roof, is it?
 14 **A. Yes.**
 15 THE CORONER: What sort of vehicle, colour?
 16 **A. It was a white Landcruiser, one of the JV vehicles. It**
 17 **was the older model, it wasn't the more modern.**
 18 THE CORONER: We have heard about that. It was the older
 19 one.
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 MS DOLAN: Move on to photo 6 which just shows more of that
 22 fence line.
 23 **A. If I could just make that clear it was an older model**
 24 **but it was a new vehicle it hadn't been used before.**
 25 **This was one of the ones I mentioned earlier which was**

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1 **parked inside the car park for a period of time.**
 2 MS DOLAN: And these were one of the ones waiting for roll
 3 bars?
 4 **A. It could have been. I don't know the exact reason why**
 5 **they were parked there. I'm sure there was some sort of**
 6 **management decision why they were.**
 7 Q. I think this is another photograph of the same thing
 8 just a little bit further south of the CPF. Does this
 9 help you describe where you are now running to?
 10 **A. Yes. So I'm running away from the vehicle back in the**
 11 **direction of the -- back in the direction towards the**
 12 **BdV. When I'm making my escape the Algerian military**
 13 **helicopter had, came back again and it had come in and**
 14 **it had fired upon me directly.**
 15 Q. Where were you when that happened?
 16 **A. Not far away from the vehicle, about maybe about 20,**
 17 **30 metres maybe away from the vehicle. So with the**
 18 **military helicopter firing upon me I threw myself on to**
 19 **the dirt, close to the fence line. The bullets which**
 20 **had struck the ground around me, I was covered in the**
 21 **dust and the gravel from them.**
 22 Q. Did you have any impression of whether this was -- why
 23 the bullets missed you if they were firing at you? Were
 24 you able to -- did it feel like they were trying to stop
 25 you running with bullets or did you feel that they were

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1 shooting towards you?
 2 **A. No, they were shooting at me. I just think from pure**
 3 **luck I suppose I mean that I managed to evade the**
 4 **bullets in some way. I can't really say how or why but**
 5 **I wasn't struck by any bullets but they were firing at**
 6 **me directly because they circled again and then they**
 7 **came back at me again. This time I was waving my hands**
 8 **looking up at the helicopter and I could see the smoke,**
 9 **they had fired two or three bullets and I think then**
 10 **they realised that I was a hostage rather than**
 11 **a terrorist, and at that they veered off then and they**
 12 **never fired any more bullets.**
 13 **It was then at that point that I managed to look**
 14 **over my shoulder.**
 15 THE CORONER: That is after waving your hands?
 16 **A. Well I was waving --**
 17 THE CORONER: So they can realise you are not armed
 18 presumably?
 19 **A. I mean when they shot at me the first time I was waving**
 20 **my hands then and they still fired then but once I got**
 21 **myself back on my feet and continued to run I was still**
 22 **waving my hands because I had seen they had circled to**
 23 **come in again, so I was -- continued to wave my hands**
 24 **and at that point you could see maybe two or three**
 25 **bullets from the underside of the helicopter but they**

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<p>1 stopped then.</p> <p>2 MS DOLAN: Up until that point had you looked back at the</p> <p>3 vehicle?</p> <p>4 A. No.</p> <p>5 Q. And how far away were you from the vehicle at that</p> <p>6 point?</p> <p>7 A. Again, it was maybe 30, 40 metres maybe.</p> <p>8 Q. And I think you were about to say you looked over your</p> <p>9 shoulder?</p> <p>10 A. Yes. When I got myself to my feet and I was running</p> <p>11 again I managed to look over my shoulder and there I see</p> <p>12 Iain Adamson coming not far behind me. Iain had</p> <p>13 sustained a cut to his forehead so I noticed the blood</p> <p>14 coming down his face and then as we escaped further,</p> <p>15 Iain following behind me, I also then noticed Nick Hitch</p> <p>16 had managed to exit the vehicle and he was following</p> <p>17 then behind Iain. But then not far as we made our</p> <p>18 escape up this road or up this area we came along one of</p> <p>19 the vehicles which obviously an explosion had occurred.</p> <p>20 Q. Can I ask you to pause there before we move on to</p> <p>21 another vehicle. Sir, I'm aware of the time. And also</p> <p>22 I wonder if I would like to show Mr McFaul two pictures</p> <p>23 of a vehicle. I wonder if I could do that and then</p> <p>24 pause for lunch. It would allow any family members who</p> <p>25 didn't want to see this vehicle to leave but they will</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 69</p>	<p>1 have been taken from a car. Ignore the car that it's</p> <p>2 taken from, but looking at the vehicle beyond it do you</p> <p>3 recognise that vehicle at all?</p> <p>4 A. Yes, that would fit with the memory that I have of the</p> <p>5 vehicle that I was travelling in.</p> <p>6 Q. And then we can see just beyond it some, what we have</p> <p>7 been calling concrete T blocks.</p> <p>8 THE CORONER: That gives us an idea of the size and shape of</p> <p>9 those, doesn't it? Yes.</p> <p>10 MS DOLAN: Would that fit with the location you are</p> <p>11 describing of the proximity to the perimeter of the CPF?</p> <p>12 A. Yes, yes, from my recollection, yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Then there is a second photograph. This isn't in situ</p> <p>14 because we understand that after events the vehicles</p> <p>15 were brought all together. Is there anything about that</p> <p>16 photograph that you can assist us with?</p> <p>17 A. Are you asking the question about the twisted metal or</p> <p>18 both or?</p> <p>19 Q. The white vehicle in the foreground. Is that the</p> <p>20 vehicle you were in are you able to say?</p> <p>21 A. It's the type of vehicle I was in. I can't confirm from</p> <p>22 that picture whether it was or not.</p> <p>23 Q. The damage we see to it with the flattened roof there,</p> <p>24 would that accord with what happened to your vehicle?</p> <p>25 A. It would suggest it would be a similar damage done to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 71</p>
<p>1 only miss me looking at those two pictures.</p> <p>2 THE CORONER: That is a very good idea. What we'll do then,</p> <p>3 so we'll just look at those pictures. Then we'll break</p> <p>4 off until, let us say 2.05 and then I think after I have</p> <p>5 risen, it is obviously important, it is important for</p> <p>6 me, it is important for everybody this evidence, I think</p> <p>7 it would just be as well after we have broken off if the</p> <p>8 advocates would perhaps just have a word with Ms Dolan</p> <p>9 about estimates and so on. I just want to see where we</p> <p>10 are, but I mean, obviously everybody has to have the</p> <p>11 opportunity to ask the questions they want and if it</p> <p>12 looks that we have too much planned for the day then --</p> <p>13 if we haven't, that's fine but I just want people think</p> <p>14 please to think how long they need to ask their</p> <p>15 questions about what is obviously important evidence</p> <p>16 just so we can have a think about the rest of the day.</p> <p>17 All right, that is not putting anybody under any</p> <p>18 pressure at all. You must have the opportunity on</p> <p>19 what's very important evidence. But it will be 2.05</p> <p>20 and, Ms Dolan, you haven't quite finished.</p> <p>21 MS DOLAN: There was the image.</p> <p>22 THE CORONER: If anybody wants to leave now please do so.</p> <p>23 Yes, all right.</p> <p>24 MS DOLAN: Mr McFaul, this is a picture that has been passed</p> <p>25 by someone to the Metropolitan Police and it appears to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 70</p>	<p>1 the vehicle I was in given the position that it came to</p> <p>2 rest. I should have mentioned earlier, maybe as we</p> <p>3 continue forward, after we had escaped the vehicle</p> <p>4 I noticed the vehicle that we were in had caught fire so</p> <p>5 I mean the scorched image from the last image would fit</p> <p>6 because the vehicle I was in did end up engulfed in</p> <p>7 flames.</p> <p>8 THE CORONER: Sorry, the vehicle that you had -- so there</p> <p>9 are two vehicles that you are talking about. One that</p> <p>10 you came across?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 THE CORONER: And one that you were in?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 THE CORONER: The one which you are now just mentioning</p> <p>15 which caught fire, which vehicle are you talking about?</p> <p>16 A. Is the one I escaped from.</p> <p>17 THE CORONER: The one that you were in.</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 THE CORONER: But that wasn't the one we were looking at</p> <p>20 before. The one we looked at before was the vehicle you</p> <p>21 came across?</p> <p>22 A. No, that was the one I escaped from.</p> <p>23 THE CORONER: I am with you.</p> <p>24 MS DOLAN: Just so we are clear, the first picture we showed</p> <p>25 was a vehicle in situ on its roof.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 72</p>

1 **A. In the position that it came to rest as I recall and the**
2 **fire damage that you can see on the vehicle would fit**
3 **with -- because I witnessed the vehicle that I escaped**
4 **from in that position engulfed in flames.**
5 Q. But this one of course would not have been the position
6 you would have seen it in, in any event?
7 **A. Yes, so it's hard for me to tell whether that is the**
8 **vehicle or not.**
9 MS DOLAN: Is that a convenient time to ...
10 THE CORONER: Yes.
11 **A. Sorry, do you want me to comment on that picture there**
12 **and the other damaged?**
13 MS DOLAN: While it is up there, yes.
14 **A. That would sort of fit with one of the vehicles then,**
15 **one of the two vehicles that I came across in the state**
16 **that we discovered them in. Burnt, twisted,**
17 **disintegrated, I think, so that image would fit with**
18 **that.**
19 Q. We will come back to. There are some other --
20 THE CORONER: All right, thank you very much. So 2.05.
21 **A. Okay, thank you.**
22 **(1.21 pm)**
23 **(Luncheon Adjournment)**
24 **(2.05 pm)**
25 MS DOLAN: Mr McFaul, I think we had got to the point when

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1 you had described coming out of the vehicle, having
2 moved away from it, been shot at by the Algerian
3 helicopter and then you had looked back and seen
4 Iain Adamson and then Nick Hitch. I think that is where
5 we stopped. Can you help us with what happened next?
6 **A. Well, as we continued our escape we came along**
7 **afterwards from initially making the escape we came --**
8 **not long after we started to make our escape and after**
9 **the helicopter had fired upon me a short distance away**
10 **from our vehicle we came across a vehicle which, it was**
11 **obvious that an explosion had occurred.**
12 Q. Again, if we pop the picture up can you show us where
13 that was on the full plan. To describe this is it
14 easier to -- can you look at that book in front of you
15 and tell us what is easiest for you to describe on and
16 then we'll put that one up, the location of that
17 vehicle. It may be page 6, but?
18 **A. Yes, page 6. I agree.**
19 Q. Okay, we'll put that one up. First of all, let's
20 identify the location of what we are looking at here on
21 6 because those who aren't so familiar with the layout
22 might not know where this snapshot has come from. Is it
23 right that what we see at the top of the picture is the
24 CPF and the perimeter fence again and then that black
25 road is the road joining the BdV and the CPF?

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1 **A. That's correct.**
2 Q. And this area, the bottom left, what is that called?
3 **A. That would be the lay down yard.**
4 Q. And where did you come across this other vehicle that
5 you are about to describe to us?
6 **A. As -- as I said, we were making our escape along this**
7 **fence line going south of this picture and if you keep**
8 **moving south along that fence line just to the right of**
9 **that fence line you'll see on this image a black mark.**
10 **That would be roughly -- that would be the position that**
11 **I can recall coming across this damaged vehicle.**
12 Q. Just get the cursor on that and you tell us if it is the
13 right place.
14 **A. Yes, where the cursor is at the moment that would be**
15 **correct. (Indicated)**
16 Q. And that was another vehicle at this area?
17 **A. Yes. It was another vehicle in which was obvious, as**
18 **I said, an explosion had occurred. At that vehicle it**
19 **was -- I would say, a Japanese national or a Malaysian**
20 **national and he seemed to be standing upright but sort**
21 **of caught in between twisted wreckage of the damaged**
22 **vehicle. If I recall rightly he was wearing like a**
23 **luminous high viz coat and to the rear of that damaged**
24 **vehicle there was a Filipino national known as Joe Joe**
25 **Balmaceda. But on approach to that vehicle scattered on**

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1 **the ground around the damaged vehicle there was various**
2 **body parts of obviously people who had lost their lives.**
3 Q. So there had been an explosion, it appeared, in the
4 vehicle?
5 **A. It appeared -- well, the condition that I've seen the**
6 **vehicle in it was quite obvious an explosion has**
7 **occurred.**
8 Q. And some people had survived but clearly --
9 **A. Well, there was two gentlemen who had survived that part**
10 **of the incident.**
11 THE CORONER: So the two you told us about had survived at
12 that stage?
13 **A. Yes.**
14 THE CORONER: So the one person who is sort of standing in
15 the wreckage and the other one was --
16 **A. At the rear of the wreckage, disorientated but on his**
17 **feet.**
18 MS DOLAN: So you mentioned Joe Joe Balmaceda.
19 **A. Yes.**
20 Q. Do you know who the other people were?
21 **A. To this day I don't know. I've tried to ascertain that**
22 **Malaysian guy's name but no one's able to tell me**
23 **exactly or confirm who he was.**
24 Q. Did you know a Filipino national called Angelito?
25 **A. Yes.**

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1 Q. Did you see him?
 2 **A. Yes, well I knew Angelito quite well because I worked**
 3 **with him on a daily basis. He worked in the project**
 4 **department with me. Yes, when we first came across this**
 5 **damaged vehicle and these two injured people**
 6 **Iain Adamson continued to assist the guy in the high**
 7 **visibility jacket off the wreckage and Iain started to**
 8 **put him into the recovery position. On this image it**
 9 **would be to the left-hand side of the wreckage. So Iain**
 10 **was putting him into the recovery position but Nick**
 11 **Hitch was also now with us among this carnage. Nick was**
 12 **also very distraught, Nick had received an injury to his**
 13 **arm which required some attention, so I recall getting**
 14 **a rag, a T-shirt from somewhere and I tied it round**
 15 **Nick's injured arm which was bleeding.**
 16 **Then as I looked across the road I could see on the**
 17 **opposite side of the blacktop surface -- if the cursor**
 18 **just moves to the right on the opposite side of the road**
 19 **and follows the road line you'll see another scorched**
 20 **image.**
 21 Q. If the cursor comes down, yes, there?
 22 **A. That would fit in where, when I looked across the road**
 23 **I could see a second vehicle in a similar condition to**
 24 **the one that we had come across and it was in that**
 25 **location that I could see Angelito from a distance.**

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1 THE CORONER: When you say in a similar condition, you mean,
 2 really badly damaged?
 3 **A. Yes, clearly an explosion has occurred, yes. So again,**
 4 **Angelito was not in the wreckage, he was outside of the**
 5 **wreckage and on his feet but very unstable and very --**
 6 **so I made my way across over to where the -- where**
 7 **Angelito was. I noticed a terrorist who was very badly**
 8 **injured out of the vehicle also but still alive but**
 9 **obviously struggling. I assisted Angelito. I supported**
 10 **him with his arm around my shoulder, told him things**
 11 **were going to be okay. He had a large head injury but**
 12 **his eyes were not fixed, they were rolling in his head.**
 13 **So I assisted him and I brought him over to the area**
 14 **where Iain had been administering first aid to the other**
 15 **injured guy and Joe Joe Balmaceda and Nick, where the**
 16 **rest of my colleagues were, I should say.**
 17 **So when we got to that area we started receiving**
 18 **gunfire. We were taking gunfire from the CPF direction**
 19 **and it was striking the ground and the vehicle around**
 20 **us, there were bullets striking. So at that --**
 21 Q. This is only from the CPF, the gunfire, and not from
 22 anywhere else?
 23 **A. It was coming from the CPF. I'm sure of that. It**
 24 **wasn't coming from overhead or -- but it was coming from**
 25 **that direction. So in what we decided to do, all the**

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1 **way the helicopter was circling overhead and some people**
 2 **were trying to make themselves known to the helicopter**
 3 **but I started thinking, this helicopter, because it's**
 4 **already shot at me once might do it again so I was**
 5 **trying to distract them from doing that in case it**
 6 **brought attention to us. But we were anticipating,**
 7 **I suppose, we were anticipating the military coming**
 8 **given that they would have had radio controls from the**
 9 **helicopter, that the military would just come and now**
 10 **rescue us.**
 11 Q. Come out to you?
 12 **A. But they didn't, so how long passed I am not sure and**
 13 **it's hard to say but I assisted Angelito over to this --**
 14 THE CORONER: The helicopter is still up there at this
 15 stage?
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 THE CORONER: Not firing?
 18 **A. Not firing at us. Whether they went somewhere else and**
 19 **fired but they weren't firing at us at this stage.**
 20 **So I took Angelito over. We were in a small sort of**
 21 **group together. We were taking gunfire from the CPF.**
 22 **I -- we decided then that the guy that Iain had been**
 23 **assisting to the left it would be better if we pulled**
 24 **him in behind the wreckage of the exploded vehicle to**
 25 **provide some cover from the gunfire that was coming in.**

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1 **I also sat Angelito in the seated position beside**
 2 **this injured colleague and we also sat Joe Joe Balmaceda**
 3 **in the same thing and then we, sorry, I should also add**
 4 **at this point then I noticed another person, Ruben**
 5 **Andrada had now exited the vehicle which we, myself,**
 6 **Nick and Iain had escaped, that he exited some time**
 7 **later, because I noticed him, that he was going and**
 8 **looking down towards the CPF. He was going in the wrong**
 9 **direction. He was following the terrorists who were**
 10 **heading into the CPF instead of coming in the same**
 11 **direction as we were. But he realised his mistake and**
 12 **turned and started making his way in the direction that**
 13 **we were, that we were at.**
 14 MS DOLAN: Did it appear that he was being fired upon as he
 15 was coming towards you because he would have been closer
 16 to the CPF at this point?
 17 **A. Yes, whether he was being fired upon but all I can**
 18 **confirm is that there were bullets coming from that**
 19 **direction. Whether they were firing at him or us or**
 20 **others I'm unsure but it was striking the ground around**
 21 **where we were.**
 22 Q. At the point that you are looking and seeing Ruben
 23 Andrada exiting the vehicle what was happening with the
 24 vehicle that you had come out of?
 25 **A. It was engulfed in flames, it was well alight at that**

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1 stage.

2 Q. So Ruben is coming towards you?

3 **A. Yes. So Ruben had made his way up towards us but we**

4 **were -- we had seated Joe Joe, Angelito and this third**

5 **person, we had gave them cover beside the thing and**

6 **myself and Iain and Nick had made a split -- split**

7 **decision to okay, it doesn't look like there's people**

8 **coming to us, we're going to have to go and try and get**

9 **some help. So with that decision we started, made sure**

10 **the guys would be okay and we'd go and get help.**

11 Q. Just pausing there. Had Ruben joined you by this point?

12 **A. Yes, he had caught up. As I say, he wasn't part of that**

13 **conversation. From my recollection he wasn't in -- part**

14 **of that decision, but he was on his way, should I say.**

15 Q. And when he did join you did he say anything to you

16 about what he had just seen?

17 **A. Not at that stage. He did mention to me later on when**

18 **we were back at the VCP1 area, he mentioned to me, but**

19 **not -- when we first initially met him. Because by the**

20 **time he arrived we had made this decision and we were**

21 **going to continue our escape to get some help to assist**

22 **the injured people. So we continued to run up the road,**

23 **still taking some gunfire, and then over to the left of**

24 **this image we noticed some vehicles quite a bit of way**

25 **in the distance.**

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1 Q. To the left?

2 **A. Sorry, to the right. I am thinking when I'm making my**

3 **escape it was to my left. On this image it is to the**

4 **right.**

5 Q. So that is the far side of the road?

6 **A. Far side of the road. In some distance we noticed some**

7 **vehicles. Unsure what vehicles they were but we decided**

8 **we would run across the blacktop surface and try and run**

9 **in the direction of those vehicles that we had seen in**

10 **the distance. So myself, Iain, Nick. At that stage Joe**

11 **Joe Balmaceda decided that he would follow us, so he**

12 **came also. Obviously he was able. Angelito wasn't able**

13 **and the Malaysian guy didn't seem able at that stage.**

14 Q. So there's you, Iain, Nick, now Joe Joe and Ruben?

15 **A. And Ruben, and Ruben had caught up at this stage.**

16 Q. So five of you?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. So you are making your way towards the military or

19 the --

20 **A. Yes, making our way towards the vehicles and they were**

21 **approaching us but they were approaching very**

22 **cautiously. They weren't accelerating. They didn't --**

23 **yes, so they were very cautious in their approach to us**

24 **and at that point myself and Iain decided to remove our**

25 **shirts to try and encourage them that we weren't**

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1 **terrorists and to identify that we weren't strapped to**

2 **explosives or --**

3 Q. At this stage how far are you from the CPF perimeter

4 fence?

5 **A. I would say about three quarters of a kilometre, maybe**

6 **it could be more, it could be a kilometre.**

7 Q. And you said the military are coming towards you slowly,

8 cautiously, was a word you used?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. What happened then?

11 **A. But when we sort of -- I think whilst they must have**

12 **been content that we clearly identified ourselves as**

13 **being hostages rather than terrorists, they came to us**

14 **in vehicles. There was one armoured vehicle and two**

15 **armoured -- one armoured vehicle like a bullet proof**

16 **military 4 by 4 car type car and two machine mounted,**

17 **artillery mounted trucks, they had guns in the back of**

18 **them with an operator for the weapons.**

19 Q. Was the fire from the CPF still continuing at this time?

20 **A. Yes, it actually increased. By the time the military**

21 **came to the point to intercept us it seemed that the**

22 **gunfire increased. There was more incoming fire because**

23 **obviously I think they had noticed the military being in**

24 **the close proximity of the terrorists and then there was**

25 **an exchange. The military were firing from the back of**

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1 **these machinegun trucks at the facility. At that point**

2 **we were instructed to make our way into, like it was**

3 **a small sandy ravine or divot in the landscape to**

4 **provide some cover for us. So they engaged with the**

5 **terrorists for a bit. We were telling who seemed to be**

6 **the commander of this group who was intercepting us that**

7 **there was injured people, not far away. They need to go**

8 **and retrieve them.**

9 Q. Do you think they understood that message you were

10 trying to give?

11 **A. Yes, we made it quite clear. It wasn't -- in my pidgin**

12 **French and their broken English, you know what I mean,**

13 **but the message was quite clear. But they refused.**

14 **They just said "no". And at that point then they loaded**

15 **us -- they first tried to put us in the back of the 4 by**

16 **4 vehicle but there was too many of us so they then took**

17 **us out of the 4 by 4 and sat us on the back of these**

18 **machine mounted trucks and from there they took us**

19 **across the desert around -- not going past -- not going**

20 **anywhere near the blacktop surface, it was a long way**

21 **round to the VCP1 area.**

22 Q. And then I think from there it was onwards to more

23 safety and eventual return?

24 **A. Yes, it was at that point then that it was Iain and**

25 **those who received injuries, other than Ruben for some**

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<p>1 reason those who had received injuries were taken to 2 hospital. I was relatively uninjured but Ruben had 3 sustained like a graze to his arm or a gunshot wound to 4 his arm but he remained at that location with me while 5 the others were taken away to In Amenas. It was at that 6 point that I met Lotfi Benadoua I think his name is. 7 And I was emphasising with him the need to go and assist 8 Angelito and the other injured person that we had left 9 and he spoke to somebody in the military and reassured 10 me that they were going, they were on their way to get 11 them, but now we know they didn't. 12 Q. I think there was a time when Ruben told you about what 13 he had seen when he went past the vehicle? 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. First of all, when did he tell you that and then -- 16 A. When we were at this VCP1 area. When people were taken 17 away me and Ruben were together for a period of time and 18 he had mentioned to me that when he had initially went 19 in the wrong direction he realised his mistake and he 20 came to run in the direction which was the direction the 21 rest of us had run, he went round the vehicle that we 22 had escaped from and at that point he had said to me 23 that he had seen a baldy headed man lying halfway out of 24 the vehicle and unconscious. 25 Q. And that description to you meant who? Page 85</p>	<p>1 Q. This was a photograph that you saw on the internet? 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. And we have sourced from the internet as well? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. And what's the relevance of this photograph? 6 A. He was one of my hostage takers. 7 Q. The chap -- 8 A. The chap sitting with the apple in his hand was one of 9 the people who had taken me hostage at the BdV, one of 10 that group. 11 Q. And do you have any doubt about that? 12 A. Not at all. 13 Q. And I think -- in that photograph are you able to help 14 us with where you think the photograph has been taken? 15 A. I can hazard a guess. The structure, the internal 16 structure looks very similar to some of the fabricated 17 buildings which would have been part of the JV 18 infrastructure. 19 MS DOLAN: Thank you, Mr McFaul, I have no more questions 20 for you. 21 A. You're welcome. 22 Questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS 23 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Good afternoon, Mr McFaul. My name is 24 Owen-Thomas and I ask questions on behalf of 25 David Green, the father of Stephen Green, so I think you Page 87</p>
<p>1 A. Stephen Green. 2 THE CORONER: He had seen, what did you say, how did you put 3 it? 4 A. He was lying halfway out of the vehicle. So I presume 5 from the window that he was asked to protrude his arms 6 for identification. He was lying half in and half out 7 of the vehicle. 8 MS DOLAN: Did Ruben know Stephen Green, did he use his 9 name? 10 A. He worked on the Compression Project with Stephen so 11 I don't think he knew him by name because he was unable 12 to tell but I knew him. I knew that was who he was 13 speaking of. 14 Q. Because he said the bald headed man? 15 A. He said the bald head, yes. 16 Q. Had there been anybody else in the vehicle with a bald 17 head? 18 A. No. 19 Q. I think some time after the events you looked on the 20 internet and saw a photograph of somebody? 21 A. Yes, I looked on there and I've seen many photographs 22 and many pictures as you can imagine, curiosity. 23 Q. That you saw a photograph of a male on a chair wearing 24 a jumper eating an apple? 25 A. That's correct. Page 86</p>	<p>1 are aware. 2 During the course of your evidence you have named 3 a number of people and I just want to get a sense of how 4 well you knew those people and how well you were able to 5 recognise them. 6 I will start perhaps with Mr Adamson because I think 7 you have seen Mr Adamson here today in the court? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. And you recognise him and knew him well, is that right? 10 A. That's correct. 11 Q. Again, Nick Hitch is someone you have mentioned in 12 evidence who you said you weren't familiar with? 13 A. At the time the incident occurred I wasn't familiar with 14 Nick, but subsequent to that I've sort of kept loose 15 contact with Nick. 16 Q. Carlos Estrada? 17 A. Prior to the incident, no. 18 Q. Are you able to recognise him? 19 A. No. 20 Q. Not without being told who he was? 21 A. Erm -- 22 Q. Mr Balmaceda? 23 A. I was familiar with Joe Joe's face. His name wouldn't 24 have been something I remembered. 25 Q. Are you able to describe him for me? Page 88</p>

<p>1 A. 5' 6" in height, sort of --</p> <p>2 Q. How old was he, do you know, how old did he look?</p> <p>3 A. It's not something I'm very good at, telling people's</p> <p>4 ages but early 30s.</p> <p>5 Q. What about facial hair, did he have facial hair?</p> <p>6 A. Facial hair? I think he had a light moustache.</p> <p>7 Q. Did he wear glasses do you know?</p> <p>8 A. Not that I'm aware of.</p> <p>9 Q. And then Mr Andrada, Ruben Andrada, did you know him</p> <p>10 before the incident?</p> <p>11 A. No, not at all.</p> <p>12 Q. And so who told you who Ruben Andrada was?</p> <p>13 A. He introduced himself to me when we were at the VCP1.</p> <p>14 Q. Are you able to describe him in similar terms, age,</p> <p>15 height?</p> <p>16 A. Yes, sort of I would say older, maybe 40s, a bit</p> <p>17 shorter, maybe 5' 6", 5' 5" or 5' 6". I think Ruben</p> <p>18 had a moustache.</p> <p>19 Q. Did he wear glasses do you remember?</p> <p>20 A. Not at the time I met him.</p> <p>21 Q. Not when you saw him. And then finally, Stephen,</p> <p>22 Stephen Green.</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. How well did you know him?</p> <p>25 A. Not particularly well. He worked in the Compression</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 89</p>	<p>1 A. No, no.</p> <p>2 Q. From when the attack started until the end can I just</p> <p>3 ask you some general questions about the Algerian</p> <p>4 workers?</p> <p>5 A. About what?</p> <p>6 Q. About the Algerian nationals. Did you observe Algerian</p> <p>7 nationals as you were being held hostage?</p> <p>8 A. I did.</p> <p>9 Q. What was your impression of how they were being treated</p> <p>10 or held?</p> <p>11 A. They weren't being held at all. They weren't being</p> <p>12 restricted to one location but they were being</p> <p>13 restrained within the boundaries of the BdV. But there</p> <p>14 was a decision which was quite obvious from just after</p> <p>15 the incident had occurred that they had decided to let</p> <p>16 the elderly gentlemen leave along with the women.</p> <p>17 Q. So long as they were nationals?</p> <p>18 A. So long as they were nationals, yes.</p> <p>19 Q. But the remainder, your understanding was they were</p> <p>20 confined within the perimeter of the camp?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. You have described in your statement, you said in</p> <p>23 evidence how when you were captured you were taken to</p> <p>24 the reception area, you have called it?</p> <p>25 A. To the plaza outside the reception area.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 91</p>
<p>1 Project but he was completely separate to my work</p> <p>2 location on a daily basis, but Stephen had been there in</p> <p>3 presence in the In Amenas set up for I think a couple of</p> <p>4 rotations because I had met him walking around the camp</p> <p>5 and I think he was in the gym once and we sort of just</p> <p>6 said niceties, hellos at that point.</p> <p>7 Q. If you had bumped into him at some point before the</p> <p>8 attack would you have been able to put a name to his</p> <p>9 face?</p> <p>10 A. No, I wouldn't have known him by name but I just knew he</p> <p>11 was the HSE guy from the Compression Project.</p> <p>12 Q. Earlier in your evidence you said that the terrorists</p> <p>13 were wearing camouflage --</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. -- clothes, but that that was quite distinct from</p> <p>16 a Gendarme uniform?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. Can you tell me what you understood the Gendarme uniform</p> <p>19 to be?</p> <p>20 A. It was a bottle green all in one outfit. It could be</p> <p>21 a one piece coverall or they could wear it in two piece,</p> <p>22 a trouser and a shirt but it was bottle green and none</p> <p>23 of the terrorists were wearing anything similar to that.</p> <p>24 Q. So it wasn't disruptive pattern material, it wasn't</p> <p>25 camouflage material?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 90</p>	<p>1 Q. And you have described a number of people who were</p> <p>2 there. Stephen Green wasn't there?</p> <p>3 A. Not initially, he was brought after.</p> <p>4 Q. You said that at some point you were moved to the side</p> <p>5 of the VIP block and it was there that you saw Stephen?</p> <p>6 A. Yes, Stephen was strapped to explosives on my right-hand</p> <p>7 side.</p> <p>8 Q. Yes, in your witness statement you put a time on being</p> <p>9 moved to the VIP building. Do you recall now?</p> <p>10 A. It was round about midday.</p> <p>11 Q. You said 12 to 1.30?</p> <p>12 A. Yes, as I said my timeline is very loose.</p> <p>13 Q. So that was the first time since the attack started that</p> <p>14 you had seen Stephen?</p> <p>15 A. At the point --</p> <p>16 Q. At around 12 to 1.30 when you were --</p> <p>17 A. No, he was brought with the people from the canteen</p> <p>18 area. When and the hostages, national expats were taken</p> <p>19 from the canteen area, Stephen was among that group.</p> <p>20 Q. What time was that or how in relation to your being</p> <p>21 moved?</p> <p>22 A. From -- I'll gauge it from when I was captured. I was</p> <p>23 taken hostage round about 7 o'clock, shortly after.</p> <p>24 I would say Stephen and the other group who were taken</p> <p>25 from the restaurant would have been 30 minutes to one</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 92</p>

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1 **hour after I was taken hostage, so some time between**
 2 **7.30/8 o'clock in the morning.**
 3 Q. And you have said there that he was brought, as far as
 4 you could tell, from the canteen?
 5 **A. Yes.**
 6 Q. You said in evidence that when you were held captive
 7 with the necklace bomb around your neck you had
 8 Sebastian John to one side of you?
 9 **A. Yes.**
 10 Q. And my understanding is that Stephen Green was to the
 11 other side of you?
 12 **A. That's correct.**
 13 Q. Did you have an opportunity to talk to him at all during
 14 that period?
 15 **A. Yes, briefly. Small talk, nothing -- the only thing**
 16 **that Stephen shared with me was that he had family from**
 17 **Ireland. Also we were joking about -- because he was**
 18 **asking for some -- when we requested for some blankets**
 19 **because it was cold Stephen was looking to get something**
 20 **to cover his bald head because he was feeling the cold**
 21 **on his head, so it was just talk like that. And also**
 22 **when we requested to, when the terrorists had asked who**
 23 **wanted to speak to the Al Jazeera channel on the first**
 24 **day Stephen offered.**
 25 Q. Just about the sort of small talk that you mentioned.

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1 You mentioned Stephen talked about family in Ireland.
 2 Did he talk about children at all?
 3 **A. Not that I can recall.**
 4 Q. He didn't mention having a couple of children?
 5 **A. He may well have done. It's just, as I say, it's not**
 6 **something that springs to my memory.**
 7 Q. Can you give me some idea of how long you spent next to
 8 Stephen?
 9 **A. Taking into account that we were moved roughly about**
 10 **midday I was extracted twice from that arrangement to go**
 11 **and, one, to retrieve my travel documents, two, to**
 12 **assist the terrorists and gather some materials, and**
 13 **then we were split up, I would say, at approximately**
 14 **six, so we had three odd hours together.**
 15 Q. Are you able to help me with the tone of Stephen's
 16 conversation?
 17 **A. In what sense? Well he seemed upbeat. He didn't seem**
 18 **too disheartened. Him as well as many of the rest of**
 19 **the group all remained very calm, hopeful, no one --**
 20 **yes, just -- that's --**
 21 Q. You mentioned his offer to speak to Al Jazeera?
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. Can you tell me a little bit about that. The request
 24 came from a terrorist?
 25 **A. Yes, from Katsiroubas.**

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1 Q. And did he ask generally everyone or did he look at
 2 anyone when he asked them or did he look at Stephen?
 3 **A. No, I think it was a general statement in front of the**
 4 **group where we were -- in front of the group of hostages**
 5 **with myself, Stephen, Carlos, Kenneth Whiteside and**
 6 **Sebastian. He asked it in front of that group and**
 7 **Stephen offered, as did I.**
 8 Q. Can you remember who spoke up first?
 9 **A. Between me and Stephen?**
 10 Q. Yes.
 11 **A. No.**
 12 Q. Do you remember what Stephen said?
 13 **A. Yes, he just said that he indicated that he would be**
 14 **willing to speak to -- on the behalf of the hostages.**
 15 Q. Was it during this period that you received a text
 16 message I think from the British embassy?
 17 **A. No, it was in the earlier part of the incident when we**
 18 **were still at the plaza area.**
 19 Q. How did you know that's where the message came from?
 20 **A. Because he identified himself in the text message.**
 21 Q. So it wasn't from a number you recognised?
 22 **A. It wasn't from a number I recognised.**
 23 Q. But whoever it was claimed to be from the British
 24 embassy?
 25 **A. Yes, well I subsequently, I called him after. I made**

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1 **a phone call to that number when we were allowed, when**
 2 **we were allowed to make contact with the outside world.**
 3 **I had which conversation with him.**
 4 Q. Do you recall who you spoke to?
 5 **A. Brian Prince or Brian, it's something along that.**
 6 **I can't remember his name in full. It could be Barry or**
 7 **Brian. Sorry --**
 8 Q. Again, you mentioned a time came when you asked the
 9 terrorists to supply some pillows?
 10 **A. Yes.**
 11 Q. Is that something that Stephen was involved with?
 12 **A. In the request?**
 13 Q. Yes.
 14 **A. Yes, I think, yes, meaning -- it's not as if one of us**
 15 **asked and they granted it straight away. They were**
 16 **badgered by us. It was quite uncomfortable, let alone**
 17 **with a bomb around your neck, on hard ground, the**
 18 **temperature was dropping so quite a few people were**
 19 **asking for --**
 20 Q. And that included Stephen?
 21 **A. That included Stephen.**
 22 Q. You have explained how some people were sent back to
 23 their rooms or taken back to their rooms to get their
 24 travel documents, passports. Do you recall whether
 25 Stephen --

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<p>1 A. No, I don't think that was something Stephen was asked 2 to do.</p> <p>3 Q. Do you recall if that was because he had his travel 4 documents on him?</p> <p>5 A. I can't say for sure.</p> <p>6 Q. But you didn't see him get up and be accompanied back to 7 the room?</p> <p>8 A. That's correct.</p> <p>9 Q. I want to ask you to have a look at a vehicle we believe 10 the terrorists might have used. It is IA026, page 7. 11 You gave some detail in your evidence this morning about 12 a vehicle that you passed and I just wondered if ...?</p> <p>13 A. What page, sorry?</p> <p>14 Q. Page 7. If you can help me with ... you described some 15 damage to the front of the vehicle I think earlier this 16 morning.</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. Have a look at that picture, what do you say about that?</p> <p>19 A. Yes, that image would fit with my recollection of the 20 damaged vehicle.</p> <p>21 Q. You described earlier this morning where you saw that 22 which was beyond the inner gate of the BdV?</p> <p>23 A. That's correct.</p> <p>24 THE CORONER: Both in terms of the vehicle and the damage as 25 you can see it, it fits?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 97</p>	<p>1 A. That's correct.</p> <p>2 Q. When did you first see Stephen the following morning?</p> <p>3 A. To my recollection I didn't see him that morning of the 4 second morning at all. It was sort of early afternoon 5 when the two groups were brought together would have 6 been the next time I've seen Stephen.</p> <p>7 Q. Was that when you were moved to the main plaza?</p> <p>8 A. That's correct.</p> <p>9 Q. Did you see Stephen being brought to the plaza?</p> <p>10 A. He was already there when I was taken in there.</p> <p>11 Q. And again, was he standing or sitting?</p> <p>12 A. Yes, he was -- well we were all told to stand, everybody 13 was told to stand and form a circle formation as human 14 shields, as I described earlier.</p> <p>15 Q. Are you able to help me in that circle as to who was 16 either side of Stephen?</p> <p>17 A. No, sorry.</p> <p>18 Q. How many terrorists were there, how many hostage takers 19 were there, in that area supervising that group?</p> <p>20 A. As I mentioned earlier, it was pretty hard to ascertain 21 the exact numbers but I estimate 14 to 15. It's what 22 I tried to count.</p> <p>23 Q. Were they using radios did you see?</p> <p>24 A. Yes, during the course of the thing they had radios.</p> <p>25 Q. You have described earlier being placed, loaded into the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 99</p>
<p>1 A. It fits.</p> <p>2 THE CORONER: Would you go so far as to say that is the 3 vehicle or it is certainly consistent?</p> <p>4 A. I would be quite confident to say that's the vehicle.</p> <p>5 MR OWEN-THOMAS: You have explained, I think, Mr McFaul, 6 that at some point your group was split into two.</p> <p>7 A. That's correct.</p> <p>8 Q. I think from your description earlier that Stephen Green 9 wasn't part of your group at that point?</p> <p>10 A. That's correct.</p> <p>11 THE CORONER: Do you need that image any more?</p> <p>12 MR OWEN-THOMAS: No, sir.</p> <p>13 Did you see Stephen and his group being taken off?</p> <p>14 A. Well I say, it was under gunfire and a bit of haste by 15 the terrorists to move us into -- or move them probably 16 more into a secure location, so I didn't initially see 17 but I can just confirm he wasn't in the group that spent 18 the night in the plaza with me.</p> <p>19 Q. Are you able to help with who Stephen was likely to have 20 been taken off with?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, just by powers of deduction.</p> <p>22 Q. Those that weren't in your group?</p> <p>23 A. Iain Adamson, yes and Carson and Kenny and various other 24 nationals.</p> <p>25 Q. You spent the night outside?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 98</p>	<p>1 vehicle that you were eventually to leave the BdV in, 2 and you were shown a sketch map that -- a sketch drawing 3 that you made of the seating plan. I just want to ask 4 you really about -- first of all, the first row. As 5 I understand it you are fairly confident that Stephen 6 was placed in the front of the vehicle?</p> <p>7 A. One hundred per cent.</p> <p>8 Q. Thank you. And that was the front passenger seat?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. He was closer to the passenger door than anyone else?</p> <p>11 A. Yes, as I mentioned earlier he was instructed to put the 12 window down and put his hands out of the window.</p> <p>13 Q. Did you see him wind down the window or press the 14 button, whichever it was, himself?</p> <p>15 A. That action not really, but I did see him with his arms 16 out of the window.</p> <p>17 Q. And heard him being told --</p> <p>18 A. I heard him, the instruction being given to him and 19 I also saw him in the position they requested him to 20 take up.</p> <p>21 Q. Thank you. It is your recollection that there were two 22 terrorists alongside him?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. One driving, one in the middle and then Stephen Green?</p> <p>25 A. That's correct.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 100</p>

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<p>1 Q. Then immediately behind Stephen from your pencil drawing 2 I think you put Ruben Andrada? 3 A. That's correct. 4 Q. How sure are you that that was Mr Andrada? 5 A. One hundred per cent. 6 Q. And then behind Mr Andrada was I think you have put 7 Iain Adamson? 8 A. That's correct. 9 Q. And then you at the very back? 10 A. That's correct. 11 Q. You have told us about Stephen being told to put his 12 hands out of the window, wave his hands out of the 13 window, and you saw him do that? 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. Did you see anyone else doing that? 16 A. Ruben Andrada was also given the same instruction and he 17 also -- 18 Q. He carried that out? 19 A. That's correct. 20 Q. And so you are quite sure that Stephen didn't have to 21 lean over anyone to do that, to put his arms out of the 22 window? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. You have described earlier this morning leaving the BdV. 25 Can I ask you some questions about your perception, if</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 101</p>	<p>1 continuing to move? 2 A. That sort of detail I don't recall. 3 Q. Are you able to help me with when it was then was the 4 last time you saw Stephen move or talk, give some 5 indication? 6 A. Well the last time I have a memory of Stephen would have 7 been just as the convoy started its -- started to exit 8 the BdV. After that then that's the last time images 9 I have. 10 Q. Did the vehicle come under gunfire as you travelled to 11 the CPF? 12 A. It's hard to tell. I can't answer that question 13 honestly. 14 Q. There was certainly shooting from the vehicle outward? 15 A. For sure. 16 Q. Was that -- when did that start? 17 A. Almost immediately when the convoy started. 18 Q. You have explained how the vehicle drove along the 19 tarmac road. And there came a time when it left the 20 tarmac road on to the desert surface. Did you hear 21 Mr Adamson say anything during that period as the 22 vehicle made its way towards the CPF? 23 A. I think Iain, as well as myself, was probably trying to 24 instruct the driver to stay on the blacktop road rather 25 than veer off.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 103</p>
<p>1 you have one, of where the army was. How close to the 2 outer gate of the camp were they? 3 A. To give you a distance? I wouldn't be able to give you 4 a distance but I did during the course of the incident 5 come to the conclusion that they were at the VCP1 area. 6 Whether they were closer to the BdV than VCP1 or further 7 away but in that general direction. As for distance, 8 unfortunately I can't help you. 9 Q. So you didn't see as far as you can remember, you didn't 10 see any military opposite the exit to the BdV as you 11 left? 12 A. Not to my recollection, no. 13 Q. Mr Adamson in his statement believes that the vehicle 14 was subject to some gunfire and that a bullet penetrated 15 the windscreen. Is that something you have an 16 independent recollection of? 17 A. No. 18 Q. Did you hear anything that in retrospect could have been 19 the vehicle being penetrated by bullets? 20 A. Not to my recollection, no. The only gunfire I could 21 hear was the one which the terrorists were firing. 22 Q. As you left the BdV were you in a position to be able to 23 see Stephen? 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. Could you help me, was he waving his arms, was he</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 102</p>	<p>1 Q. Mr Adamson thinks he may have shouted "turn right" or 2 "right" in French. Did you hear that? 3 A. It's not something I remember. 4 Q. But that -- 5 A. He could well have done. 6 Q. If you were trying to coax the driver back on to the 7 tarmac path a right-hand turn would have been the thing 8 to do, would it? 9 A. Yes, from -- yes. 10 Q. You have explained earlier that there came a time when 11 the vehicle crashed. I think you said it landed on its 12 roof? 13 A. That's correct. 14 Q. So that's four square on the roof not a sort of quarter 15 angle or anything like that? 16 A. No, full square on the roof. 17 Q. And I know you have mentioned this earlier this morning 18 but I think you said that you left the vehicle. Did you 19 look back once you had left the vehicle did you look 20 back at it? 21 A. Only at what I mentioned earlier. My first look back 22 was after I had been fired upon by the Algerian military 23 and I got myself to my feet. I looked over my shoulder 24 and at that point -- Iain had already exited making his 25 way behind me. Sorry, I should say at that point</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 104</p>

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<p>1 I noticed terrorists leaving the vehicle going in the 2 opposite direction. 3 Q. How far were you from the vehicle you had exited at that 4 point? 5 A. 30 to 50 metres. 6 Q. Did you see Stephen? 7 A. No. 8 Q. I think you said earlier this morning you saw the 9 vehicle alight? 10 A. That's correct. 11 Q. I know this will probably be an impossible question, but 12 are you able to help me with how long after you exited 13 the vehicle that you saw it alight? 14 A. I can't answer that now. It would have been within ten 15 minutes, a few minutes, yes, ten minutes. 16 Q. You explained seeing someone, Mr Andrada, I think, 17 running first of all towards the CPF? 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. And then running back towards you? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. Is that something you saw yourself is it? 22 A. Well I noticed him going in the wrong direction because 23 he was wearing distinctive blue coat and I noticed from 24 the point that we were at the exploded vehicle that he 25 was going in the wrong direction. I didn't keep track</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 105</p>	<p>1 time. 2 Q. You. I understand you attended Stephen Green's funeral? 3 A. That's correct. 4 Q. And at the funeral you spoke with Nick Hitch? 5 A. That's correct. 6 Q. Did Mr Hitch ask you some questions about what happened? 7 A. He did. We discussed it briefly. 8 Q. Did he ask you questions which led you to believe he 9 didn't have a particularly good recollection of what 10 happened? 11 A. Yes, when the questions he was asking me led me to 12 believe that his version of events was distorted. 13 Q. Can you help me in what way? Was there any fact that 14 you thought he had got wrong or ...? 15 A. Probably more in relation to distances or how far we 16 were, he was saying we were over a kilometre away, we 17 came to rest a kilometre away, things like that. But as 18 I say, we didn't talk about it in detail. It was a few 19 questions he posed to me. Again we were at Stephen's 20 funeral. We were having tea and coffee afterwards. 21 I just remember coming away from that and speaking to my 22 wife and making a comment that that's -- 23 Q. His recollection didn't accord entirely with yours? 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. May I just have one moment, sir. Sorry, one final</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 107</p>
<p>1 of him when he was making the correction. 2 Q. My next question was: Mr Andrada then joined you? 3 A. Mmm. 4 Q. How confident are you that the person you saw running 5 off, turning round and coming back was Mr Andrada? 6 A. One hundred per cent sure. 7 Q. And you have explained what Mr Andrada said to you. 8 I am not going to ask you to repeat that. But what was 9 said to you left you in no doubt that he was talking 10 about Stephen; is that right? 11 A. That's correct. 12 Q. I think earlier last week you were played a tape and 13 asked if you could identify that voice. That happened 14 here in court but not whilst we were sitting 15 I understand? 16 A. That's correct. 17 Q. You were asked whether or not you could recognise that 18 voice as Mr Andrada's. Were you able to? 19 A. No. 20 Q. Were you able to say whether it was consistent with a 21 Filipino -- 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. You are sufficiently familiar with the accent? 24 A. Yes, I have worked with quite a number of Filipinos over 25 the years and I only met Ruben for a short period of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 106</p>	<p>1 question if I may. You described how you saw Stephen 2 being taken from the canteen, coming from that 3 direction. Did he discuss with you, I understand he may 4 have tried to help a wounded man in the canteen. Is 5 that something he discussed with you? 6 A. No, it's not something that he discussed. 7 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Mr McFaul, that is all I have to ask and 8 thank you very much. Mr Green is very grateful for your 9 answers. Thank you. 10 Questions from Mr RitchieS GERRY 11 MS GERRY: Good afternoon, Mr McFaul. I think you have been 12 in court so you probably know I ask questions on behalf 13 of Sebastian John. 14 A. I do. 15 Q. It sounds like you knew Sebastian quite well, is that 16 right, before these events? 17 A. Well, in the short period of time, the period that 18 Sebastian was at In Amenas, yes, I got to know him 19 a bit. I offered to play football with his -- I gave 20 him a lift backwards and forwards to the CPF on a number 21 of occasions and yes, we shared a few conversations. 22 Q. Just a couple of areas I just want to pick up very 23 briefly with you. The first is about the phone calls 24 you made while you were being held hostage at the BdV to 25 the embassies and people outside. At that time did you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 108</p>

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<p>1 describe where it was within the facility you were being 2 held?</p> <p>3 A. Sorry, could you repeat the question?</p> <p>4 Q. When you were having conversations with embassies or 5 others outside of the BdV?</p> <p>6 A. Outside?</p> <p>7 Q. Sorry. I will start again. There were conversations 8 with embassies, is that right?</p> <p>9 A. When they attack initially started and we were first -- 10 yes, that's right.</p> <p>11 Q. Were there any conversations with the embassies while 12 you were being held within the plaza area?</p> <p>13 A. Through the night you mean?</p> <p>14 Q. Yes or at any of that time?</p> <p>15 A. No, not from me personally and I don't think from 16 Sebastian.</p> <p>17 Q. The reason I am asking and I just ask it directly, it is 18 probably easier, when you were being held during that 19 period of time in the plaza and moved around in groups, 20 so before you left in a convoy, and you were being asked 21 to make phone calls to your embassies and to people 22 outside, at any point did you explain whereabouts in the 23 facility you were being held?</p> <p>24 A. No. Sorry, other than mentioning the BdV but to be 25 specific with the whereabouts within the BdV, no.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 109</p>	<p>1 A. That's right.</p> <p>2 Q. Was that near the internal gate or the external gate?</p> <p>3 A. The internal gate. It would have been within the BdV, 4 adjacent or beside the OLC building.</p> <p>5 Q. Do you remember whether there was any difficulty at that 6 point in getting through that part, that exit, so the 7 internal gate exit?</p> <p>8 A. Didn't seem to be.</p> <p>9 Q. Because I think we are going to have some evidence read 10 to us from some of the other witnesses and I think it's 11 Mr Cruz who makes reference to a fence being cut in 12 order to get out at that point. He says in his 13 statement:</p> <p>14 "The BdV entrance was closed with a barrier and with 15 gates. The terrorists in car 1 found a fence near to 16 the BdV gates. They smashed the windscreen on the car 17 then drove straight through the fence."</p> <p>18 But that is not your recollection?</p> <p>19 A. Sorry, I didn't hear you.</p> <p>20 Q. What he says is at page 23 of the witness statement. So 21 he describes as he drove off from the area round by the 22 plaza. The cars changed position. The rear car which 23 was his car?</p> <p>24 A. Sorry, who are we talking about?</p> <p>25 Q. This is Mr Cruz. Wilfredo Cruz. It is just</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 111</p>
<p>1 Q. Victor Lovelady when he was brought over to join you, 2 did you recognise whether or not he had some injuries?</p> <p>3 A. Yes, it was quite clear that Victor had sustained an 4 injury before moved from the canteen to outside the 5 canteen where we were taken hostage.</p> <p>6 Q. Can you remember what type of injury that appeared to 7 be?</p> <p>8 A. He seemed to have sustained an injury to his ankle or to 9 his foot.</p> <p>10 Q. It may seem an obvious question but what led you to 11 realise he had an injury to his foot?</p> <p>12 A. Because he couldn't walk. He was crawling almost 13 commando-like on his belly and at that point Sebastian 14 went and over assisted him to bring him over to the area 15 where the rest of us were seated.</p> <p>16 Q. So Sebastian and Victor obviously came together with 17 Sebastian helping Victor at that point?</p> <p>18 A. I think they had been in the canteen together.</p> <p>19 Q. Were you asked at any point by the terrorists about 20 where any other expats might still be?</p> <p>21 A. No.</p> <p>22 Q. My only other questions relate to the convoy leaving the 23 BdV. As I understood your evidence there was a point in 24 time where you paused just before the exit to the BdV. 25 Is that right?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 110</p>	<p>1 a description he gives of leaving and I just want to get 2 your comment on what he describes is happening when he 3 left the BdV to see if it accords with your 4 recollection. If it doesn't, it doesn't, I just want 5 to --</p> <p>6 A. No, I'm trying to recall who Mr Cruz is.</p> <p>7 Q. Yes, I am not suggesting you know him. He has given 8 a statement about his experience and he was in one of 9 the other vehicles as we understand.</p> <p>10 A. And he survived?</p> <p>11 Q. Yes. So what he says is that as they were driving off: 12 ...the cars changed position the rear car (my car) 13 moved to the front. The first car then became the 14 second car. The 6th ... became the 4th."</p> <p>15 Et cetera. Then he says: 16 "The BdV entrance was closed with a barrier and with 17 gates. The terrorists in car 1 found a fence near to 18 the BdV gates. They smashed the windscreen on the car 19 then drove straight through the fence."</p> <p>20 That is not what you understood to be the position?</p> <p>21 A. No.</p> <p>22 Q. So you are clear in your evidence that although you 23 paused at the inner gates there was no difficulty or 24 issue getting through those gates?</p> <p>25 A. Not that I recall. There was no obstruction there.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 112</p>

<p>1 Q. And once you got through the internal gates you then 2 come to the external gates we have been looking at which 3 is where the chicanes are, do you remember that? 4 A. That's correct. 5 Q. Did you, when you drove out of the BdV, did you drive 6 out through that chicane area? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Do you remember any difficulty at that point in getting 9 through that external gate? 10 A. No. 11 Q. Sorry if I confused you. 12 A. No. 13 MS GERRY: It is just that part of the evidence I just 14 wanted to clarify. Thank you, I have no further 15 questions. 16 Questions from MS GOLLOP 17 MS GOLLOP: I think it has all been a bit much for 18 Mrs Green. I am sure she would like me to say how sorry 19 she is about everything you have gone through and how 20 much she appreciates you answering all these questions 21 and I will try to keep it very short. 22 To go back to the gentleman from the embassy from 23 whom you had this text message. What you said in your 24 witness statement was that you told him what the 25 situation was when you got to speak to him on the phone,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 113</p>	<p>1 military? 2 A. No. 3 Q. Have you been able to get to the bottom of that since? 4 A. No. 5 Q. Have you tried? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. Can you tell us -- sorry about this -- can you just give 8 us an idea of what investigations you have done and what 9 you have done to try and get an answer to that question? 10 Obviously since that message was being relayed back to 11 family during the day they would like to know as much as 12 possible. 13 A. Yes, through my local MP I requested to have a meeting 14 with the FCO and I had a meeting with Alistair Burt who 15 was the then minister and I asked him the question what 16 was representation was made on our behalf to secure our 17 release or to assist but they didn't give me any direct 18 answers. 19 Q. He didn't give you any direct answers? 20 A. He just said they were a sovereign state and they were 21 trying to communicate with the military but they were 22 dealing with it in their own way. 23 Q. Did you get a direct answer to the question: did anybody 24 that was British speak to the Algerian military? 25 A. No.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 115</p>
<p>1 and what the terrorists demands were which was 2 effectively to get the military to back off or go away? 3 A. That's correct. 4 Q. And he told you that he was working on it and he was 5 trying to contact the military; is that right? 6 A. Something along those lines, yes. 7 Q. Did you get any sort of further follow up or closure on 8 that? 9 A. No. 10 Q. And that was the only time you spoke to him? 11 A. During the course of the incident, yes. 12 Q. Would you have spoken to him on any other occasion? 13 A. I think he presented himself when I was in Algiers on 14 Thursday evening. He presented himself at the -- 15 actually it was on the Friday, the 18th, he presented 16 himself at the BP staff house where I had spent the 17 night. 18 Q. So you did actually get to meet him? 19 A. Yes, I think it was him. It's a bit hazy now but 20 I think it was him, yes. 21 Q. Did you get to speak about your brief conversation with 22 him while you were in captivity? 23 A. I can't recall. 24 Q. Did you ever get an answer from anybody as to whether 25 they were actually able to speak to the Algerian</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 114</p>	<p>1 Q. Did you leave it at that? 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. Thank you. 4 I want to go back, if you can bear it, just to 5 actually being in the vehicle when you were with the 6 others and with Stephen Green. I don't know if it is 7 possible to get the sketch drawing of that back again. 8 Just so I am clear about this, you described the point 9 at which the helicopter came very close and bullets were 10 being fired at the vehicle? 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. So this is a left-hand drive car obviously, yes? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. Which side of the sketch plan was the helicopter on? 15 A. Coming in from the south, from the bottom. 16 Q. So it is coming up from the rear of the vehicle? 17 A. From the rear of the vehicle. 18 Q. Was it on Mr Green's side or the driver's side? 19 A. It would probably more direct on, sort of leaning to the 20 left-hand side of the vehicle. If that's clear. 21 Q. Let us say driver's side. If we get into off-side 22 I will get all confused. If we look at the sketch plan 23 is it the driver's -- 24 A. It approached to the rear of the vehicle, yes. If it 25 was probably up one side it was probably in favour of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 116</p>

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<p>1 the driver's side but coming in at an angle.</p> <p>2 Q. Was it of hovering overhead?</p> <p>3 A. No, just sped.</p> <p>4 Q. Just sped straight along the top?</p> <p>5 A. Firing bullets.</p> <p>6 Q. Firing bullets as it came?</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Did you get a sense of whether there were any gunmen,</p> <p>9 military, on the ground?</p> <p>10 A. No.</p> <p>11 Q. Just thinking about the helicopter again, it came over</p> <p>12 the car. Could you see it out of the window?</p> <p>13 A. Yes, quite clearly.</p> <p>14 Q. And was it at that point -- at one point you gave</p> <p>15 evidence about it being sufficiently close that you</p> <p>16 could see smoke at the gun barrels that were being fired</p> <p>17 out of the helicopter?</p> <p>18 A. That was after I had escaped the vehicle. It had fired</p> <p>19 a full round of bullets at me and then it had circled</p> <p>20 again and came to perform the same manoeuvre. It was at</p> <p>21 that point that I noticed.</p> <p>22 Q. That was later when you were on foot?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. Going back to when you were in the vehicle. Did you</p> <p>25 have a sense of how low the helicopter was flying?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 117</p>	<p>1 firing upon us or trying to intervene.</p> <p>2 Q. This may be an impossible question for you to answer but</p> <p>3 when the helicopter flew over the top of the vehicle do</p> <p>4 you think those inside the helicopter would have been</p> <p>5 able to see Mr Green with his arms outside the vehicle?</p> <p>6 A. I'm not sure if they could, but I suppose they would,</p> <p>7 they would have seen him.</p> <p>8 Q. They were low down enough to be able to have that visual</p> <p>9 if they were in the right place?</p> <p>10 A. Yes. And before we took off from the BdV the</p> <p>11 helicopters had been circling overhead for quite a few</p> <p>12 times so they would have witnessed us as well as the</p> <p>13 terrorists all getting loaded into the vehicle. So they</p> <p>14 knew from the outset that there were both hostages and</p> <p>15 terrorists.</p> <p>16 Q. So they were monitoring and observing the start of the</p> <p>17 movement from the BdV to the CPF?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. And they saw everybody being loaded in?</p> <p>20 A. I assume they would have, yes, because --</p> <p>21 Q. When you were giving evidence I think in answer to</p> <p>22 Ms Dolan you said that while you were all being held</p> <p>23 captive together I think during the daylight hours</p> <p>24 perhaps through the night the mood was hopeful and calm?</p> <p>25 A. That's correct.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 119</p>
<p>1 A. No, I didn't. It was low, in distance I'm not sure.</p> <p>2 Q. As I understand it, at the point that it flew over the</p> <p>3 top of the vehicle you were the lead vehicle in the</p> <p>4 convoy; is that right?</p> <p>5 A. That's correct.</p> <p>6 Q. Would it have been possible, if the person who was</p> <p>7 flying the helicopter wanted, to land the helicopter in</p> <p>8 front of the vehicle you were in?</p> <p>9 A. While we were moving? It depends on the skills of the</p> <p>10 helicopter pilot I suppose.</p> <p>11 Q. Is there sufficient space between you and the CPF fence?</p> <p>12 A. From where the vehicle came to rest, yes. That space</p> <p>13 would have grown smaller if it had of been moving.</p> <p>14 Q. Do you have a sense of why the driver turned off the</p> <p>15 road?</p> <p>16 A. I think maybe he was confused at the actual entrance to</p> <p>17 the CPF. He seen the wider area and thought that was</p> <p>18 the entrance rather than the restricted blacktop</p> <p>19 surface.</p> <p>20 Q. And they instructed Mr Green to put both his arms out of</p> <p>21 the window?</p> <p>22 A. That's correct.</p> <p>23 Q. Do you have a sense of why they did that?</p> <p>24 A. It was to identify that there were hostages in the</p> <p>25 vehicle as well as terrorists to deter the military from</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 118</p>	<p>1 Q. Was there a sense then that help must be on the way and</p> <p>2 that you would be all right?</p> <p>3 A. I think that was the hope that most of us held on to,</p> <p>4 that there would have been some sort of intervention by</p> <p>5 our governments, negotiations or something, so we all</p> <p>6 remained hopeful.</p> <p>7 Q. Tell me if there was any discussion about this, was</p> <p>8 there any discussion about what might happen if the</p> <p>9 military were to arrive?</p> <p>10 A. No, we didn't allow ourselves to talk about that.</p> <p>11 Q. And in your mind did you think that if the military did</p> <p>12 come and the terrorists' wish that the military back off</p> <p>13 wasn't agreed to that that would be a positive thing or</p> <p>14 a negative thing for --</p> <p>15 A. Sorry, can you repeat that question?</p> <p>16 Q. Let me try and rephrase this. Were you hopeful that if</p> <p>17 the military came you would be rescued or did you think</p> <p>18 it would go badly for everybody if the military arrived?</p> <p>19 A. I wasn't confident about the Algerian military</p> <p>20 performing an intervention. I didn't feel confident.</p> <p>21 Q. Why not?</p> <p>22 A. Because of the way they had engaged in gun battles with</p> <p>23 us in the vicinity since the incident began.</p> <p>24 Q. I don't want to put words in your mouth so tell me if</p> <p>25 I have this wrong, was your feeling that your safety</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 120</p>

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<p>1 wouldn't have been their first priority?</p> <p>2 A. That's correct.</p> <p>3 Q. Was there a sense that they were firing</p> <p>4 indiscriminately?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Did there come a time when the mood changed from being</p> <p>7 hopeful and calm to being less hopeful?</p> <p>8 A. I suppose, yes, once we realised we were going to be</p> <p>9 transported in vehicles along the road with the</p> <p>10 explosive devices and the military already having fired</p> <p>11 upon the camp from the helicopters, yes, I think people</p> <p>12 were starting to get concerned.</p> <p>13 Q. Finally wrapping up my questions, have you been</p> <p>14 interviewed by the Algerian authorities about the</p> <p>15 attack?</p> <p>16 A. No.</p> <p>17 Q. Not even in connection with the criminal proceedings</p> <p>18 that we are told might be ongoing there?</p> <p>19 A. No.</p> <p>20 Q. And that is even though you have taken the time and</p> <p>21 trouble to look on the internet and been able to</p> <p>22 identify one of the hostage takers?</p> <p>23 A. I have had no contact from any Algerian authorities</p> <p>24 requesting for me to participate in any interview.</p> <p>25 Q. No written request?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 121</p>	<p>1 I am talking prior to 15 January obviously.</p> <p>2 A. I never really allowed myself to think that it was</p> <p>3 unsafe or I wouldn't have gone to work, so I was always</p> <p>4 under the assumption that the security was under control</p> <p>5 by people who were working in them roles. It is not</p> <p>6 something I overly concerned myself with.</p> <p>7 MS GOLLOP: Thank you very much.</p> <p>8 A. You're welcome.</p> <p>9 Questions from MR FLINN</p> <p>10 MR FLINN: Mr McFaul, I think you know my name is Matthew</p> <p>11 Flinn.</p> <p>12 A. Sorry, can I take a small break?</p> <p>13 THE CORONER: Of course you can. Five minutes.</p> <p>14 A. Five minutes.</p> <p>15 (3.25 pm)</p> <p>16 (A short break)</p> <p>17 (3.30 pm)</p> <p>18 MR FLINN: Just once again for the record, Mr McFaul, as</p> <p>19 I think you know my name is Matthew Flinn and I ask</p> <p>20 questions on behalf of the families of Garry Barlow,</p> <p>21 Carson Bilsland, Paul Morgan and Kenneth Whiteside.</p> <p>22 I would just like to take you back briefly to your</p> <p>23 recollections of how the attacks started on 16 January.</p> <p>24 We have the diagram up on the screen if that assists at</p> <p>25 any stage. When you first heard gunshots you were</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 123</p>
<p>1 A. Nothing.</p> <p>2 Q. Do you know if there is any investigation in Algeria at</p> <p>3 all?</p> <p>4 A. I have been led to believe that there is an</p> <p>5 investigation ongoing.</p> <p>6 Q. Where was that from?</p> <p>7 A. I think it was mentioned maybe at the meeting in the FCO</p> <p>8 office or in my discussion with police, I'm not sure,</p> <p>9 but they have an ongoing investigation.</p> <p>10 Q. Were you interviewed for the purposes of the Statoil</p> <p>11 report?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Who else was there when you were interviewed?</p> <p>14 A. Just myself and the Statoil investigation team. I can't</p> <p>15 remember. It was Adrian Fulcher, Evan Fury, a lady from</p> <p>16 Statoil.</p> <p>17 Q. So this was more of a one-to-one not a group discussion?</p> <p>18 A. It was them three having a discussion with me.</p> <p>19 Q. Sorry, I meant not a group of for example BP employees</p> <p>20 or other people who worked at the plant?</p> <p>21 A. No, it was a private meeting between the four of us.</p> <p>22 Q. When working in in Amenas you have done a number of</p> <p>23 rotations there, haven't you?</p> <p>24 A. That's correct.</p> <p>25 Q. And going back to your last rotation did you feel safe?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 122</p>	<p>1 around about in line with the inner gate, is that right?</p> <p>2 A. That's correct.</p> <p>3 Q. And I think you went on to explain to Ms Dolan that at</p> <p>4 some point subsequent to hearing that as you went to</p> <p>5 take cover you saw the lights of a vehicle approaching</p> <p>6 the inner gate?</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Did you see that vehicle come through the outer gate at</p> <p>9 all?</p> <p>10 A. No.</p> <p>11 Q. Could you see the outer gate as you walked towards the</p> <p>12 canteen that morning?</p> <p>13 A. No, I didn't. I didn't notice it, no.</p> <p>14 Q. But you didn't hear any crashing sound before you saw</p> <p>15 the lights approaching the inner gate; is that right?</p> <p>16 A. No, it was just the low noise of engine revving.</p> <p>17 Q. As you walked towards the canteen that morning before</p> <p>18 you first heard the shots were you aware of whether or</p> <p>19 not there were any vehicles leaving the BdV?</p> <p>20 A. No, not that I'm aware of.</p> <p>21 Q. And when you say "not that I'm aware of" are you able to</p> <p>22 say that it is your recollection that there weren't?</p> <p>23 A. I just didn't notice, I wasn't paying attention.</p> <p>24 Q. So as far as you were aware there was no reason why that</p> <p>25 outer gate needed to be open at the time you were</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 124</p>

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<p>1 walking towards the canteen?</p> <p>2 A. As far as I'm aware, no.</p> <p>3 Q. Were you aware of any guards in the vicinity when you</p> <p>4 first heard the attack start?</p> <p>5 A. I didn't see anybody.</p> <p>6 Q. Did you hear an alarm go off at any point?</p> <p>7 A. I did hear the alarm when I was hiding out in the</p> <p>8 accommodation that I identified earlier. At what point</p> <p>9 that alarm was triggered, I'm not sure.</p> <p>10 Q. Can you give an approximate time?</p> <p>11 A. It would have been around 6 o'clock, shortly after.</p> <p>12 Q. Thank you very much. If we could just zoom in on the</p> <p>13 plaza area on that image if that's possible. Thank you</p> <p>14 very much. Mr McFaul, you have mentioned a couple of</p> <p>15 times that when you were taken to the plaza area as</p> <p>16 a hostage that you were sitting up against the plaza</p> <p>17 wall. I just want the clarify what you mean by that.</p> <p>18 We have that circle. Is that a circular wall that you</p> <p>19 are talking about?</p> <p>20 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>21 Q. Were you sitting inside the wall facing into the centre</p> <p>22 of the circle or sitting outside it facing out?</p> <p>23 A. On the outside facing out.</p> <p>24 Q. Just so the families can get as clear a picture as</p> <p>25 possible, I know that you encountered a number of other</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 125</p>	<p>1 was wearing?</p> <p>2 A. I think he was wearing his In Amenas sort of blue work</p> <p>3 trousers and a dark fleece, a dark top of some sort,</p> <p>4 dark fleece jacket.</p> <p>5 Q. And you can't be any more specific than dark?</p> <p>6 A. No, I'm sorry.</p> <p>7 Q. Did he look injured in any way at the time that you saw</p> <p>8 him at that point?</p> <p>9 A. No.</p> <p>10 Q. You have been asked a few questions about the message</p> <p>11 from the embassy. I understand that you received that</p> <p>12 message, which was a text, is that right?</p> <p>13 A. Yes, that's right.</p> <p>14 Q. And that was after the terrorists had asked you to call</p> <p>15 your family and embassies, is that right?</p> <p>16 A. That's correct.</p> <p>17 Q. My question in regards to that message is this: was that</p> <p>18 a message directed specifically to you or was that</p> <p>19 a general message which could have been sent out to any</p> <p>20 number of people?</p> <p>21 A. I took it at that time to be specific to me.</p> <p>22 Q. Did it address you personally?</p> <p>23 A. I can't recall -- no, I don't think it said my name. It</p> <p>24 just identified who they were and that -- yes, and they</p> <p>25 were trying to do things.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 127</p>
<p>1 hostages there. Are you able to spell out for the court</p> <p>2 who you were sitting next to and as far as you can</p> <p>3 recall the order of people at that particular point in</p> <p>4 the morning, the first time you were brought to the</p> <p>5 plaza?</p> <p>6 A. I was seated down, Alf Vik, a Statoil employee, was to</p> <p>7 my right-hand side. Next to him, as I recall it was</p> <p>8 Victor Sneberg. After that I think it could have been</p> <p>9 Iain Adamson. Then Nick Hitch, Carlos and Kenneth</p> <p>10 Whiteside.</p> <p>11 Q. If it assists, page 3 of your witness statement. This</p> <p>12 is towards the bottom of the first paragraph. You say:</p> <p>13 "I was told to sit at the end of the row and an</p> <p>14 older terrorist approached me with back cable ties and</p> <p>15 used them to bind my wrists and ankles to prevent me</p> <p>16 from trying to escape. To my right was Alf Vik,</p> <p>17 a Norwegian national. To his right were a couple of men</p> <p>18 I didn't know. To their right was Kenneth Whiteside</p> <p>19 then Iain Adamson."</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. Of course that was closer to the time. Do you think</p> <p>22 that perhaps might be a more accurate recollection?</p> <p>23 A. When I was making this statement about Kenneth I wasn't</p> <p>24 putting Kenneth and Iain in any order.</p> <p>25 Q. Okay, thank you. Can you recall what Kenneth Whiteside</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 126</p>	<p>1 Q. You then say that at a later point, we have heard, that</p> <p>2 you were moved to the northern wall of the VIP building</p> <p>3 to be moved into the shade?</p> <p>4 A. That's correct.</p> <p>5 Q. A similar question in respect of the line up, if I can</p> <p>6 put it that way, of the hostages that were there, just</p> <p>7 so that we get as clear a picture as possible. Can you</p> <p>8 remember the people and where they were sitting?</p> <p>9 A. Yes, at that point to my right-hand side would have been</p> <p>10 Stephen Green and to his right would have been Victor</p> <p>11 Sneberg. To my left-hand side would have been</p> <p>12 Sebastian. Sebastian then Kenny, then Nick Hitch and</p> <p>13 then Carlos Estrada.</p> <p>14 Q. A little bit later on that afternoon Carson was brought</p> <p>15 over?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. Were any other hostages brought over with him?</p> <p>18 A. Not at that point.</p> <p>19 Q. How many terrorists were with him in terms of escorting</p> <p>20 him?</p> <p>21 A. Two I think.</p> <p>22 Q. Can you say from which direction they came?</p> <p>23 A. They approached us from the west side of this image.</p> <p>24 Q. And was it to the south side of the canteen or to the</p> <p>25 north side of the canteen?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 128</p>

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1 **A. To the south side of the reception building.**
 2 Q. Right.
 3 **A. Along that pathway in that direction. (Indicated)**
 4 Q. I see. So they were coming from the west but behind the
 5 reception building towards the east?
 6 **A. Yes, as I recall it.**
 7 Q. I follow. Thank you. Did Carson appear to be injured
 8 in any way?
 9 **A. No.**
 10 Q. Can you recall what he was wearing?
 11 **A. No.**
 12 Q. Do you recall khaki trousers by any chance?
 13 **A. It rings a bell, but it's very vague.**
 14 Q. Where was he made to sit down exactly if you can recall?
 15 **A. He would have been seated to the left of Carlos Estrada,**
 16 **but not attached to the explosive device.**
 17 Q. They didn't wrap anything around his neck?
 18 **A. No.**
 19 Q. That would be at the end of the line, would it?
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 Q. A few questions which I anticipate you might not be able
 22 to answer but if you please bear with me. Did Carson
 23 say to you or to anyone within your hearing how he had
 24 gone to the CPF that morning?
 25 **A. How he had got himself to the CPF?**

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1 Q. Yes, on his way to work presumably?
 2 **A. No, no.**
 3 Q. Did he say anything about where he had been exactly in
 4 the CPF when the attack started on that facility?
 5 **A. I think he mentioned that he was in his office. He**
 6 **would have been there.**
 7 Q. And this might address my next question about where
 8 precisely he hid, did he say anything about that?
 9 **A. Not that I can recall.**
 10 Q. Did he say anything about how long he was in hiding for?
 11 **A. No, not that I can remember.**
 12 Q. Did he say anything about the movements of anyone else
 13 at the CPF that he might have seen?
 14 **A. No. Not to me, no.**
 15 Q. Did he give any indication with any more precision as to
 16 exactly where he was when he was apprehended by the
 17 terrorists, was he outside the BdV for example?
 18 **A. He just mentioned that he had made his way to the BdV on**
 19 **the assumption that it was safe and it was a mistake on**
 20 **his behalf to approach it, he was apprehended.**
 21 Q. Thank you. Moving forward to the point in the
 22 chronology where you were split into two groups. Now,
 23 I think you have already confirmed that Mr Adamson was
 24 in the other group of the two groups?
 25 **A. Exactly.**

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1 Q. And I think you also said Carson was in the other group
 2 as well?
 3 **A. Yes.**
 4 Q. And Kenny was in your group?
 5 **A. That is true.**
 6 Q. How was Kenny doing at that point?
 7 **A. Kenny seemed to be doing okay. Kenny managed to sleep**
 8 **quite a bit because he was snoring.**
 9 Q. Did you have any conversations with him that you can
 10 recall?
 11 **A. Not that I can recall. And then on the morning of the**
 12 **17th Kenny sort of stood up, which made us all have to**
 13 **move because we were all tied to the explosives and**
 14 **started to do squats to loosen his legs up because his**
 15 **legs were stiff.**
 16 Q. Right, I see. Just to clarify some evidence about the
 17 acquisition of vehicles by the terrorists. I understood
 18 you to be saying that over the course of the first day
 19 that the terrorists had been moving around the site
 20 acquiring vehicles from different locations and using
 21 them to move around; is that correct?
 22 **A. That's correct.**
 23 Q. And then it was the next day when they used you and
 24 others as shields to go and get them from where they had
 25 left them and bring them into a sort of half ring

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1 around, was it the plaza at that point?
 2 **A. That's fair.**
 3 Q. The main plaza. Can you recall if Kenny Whiteside --
 4 I think actually you did say that Kenny Whiteside was
 5 used as a human shield?
 6 **A. Yes, Kenny was.**
 7 Q. Can you recall if Carson was?
 8 **A. I don't have a memory of that.**
 9 Q. Again, jumping ahead to the point where the terrorists
 10 were constructing bombs within a circle that you were
 11 standing around. I think you indicated that they were
 12 making five bombs?
 13 **A. Yes, that's a rough estimate.**
 14 Q. How confident are you in the number five?
 15 **A. Not very but they were making a number of bombs, more**
 16 **than one.**
 17 Q. To your recollection when they started loading up the
 18 vehicles was it one bomb per vehicle or you didn't get
 19 a sense of what they were doing with the bombs at that
 20 point?
 21 **A. No, they had mentioned that they were taking one**
 22 **explosive device into each vehicle.**
 23 Q. One per vehicle. I appreciate this is by no means your
 24 field of expertise or experience but a little bit about
 25 the bombs. How large were they?

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<p>1 A. I don't know. The one specific to the vehicle that I 2 was in seemed to be made from, it was a square in shape 3 and maybe about 3 inches in height and depth, maybe six 4 inches square. It looked like it was of metal, but -- 5 it looked like a land mine alarm of some sort but 6 Katsiroubas had retrieved Semtex and had formed the 7 Semtex into the centre of this block that I have just 8 described and had some sort of metal probe that he was 9 pushing into the Semtex arrangement in the centre of 10 this block.</p> <p>11 Q. I am not going to ask you questions about the journey 12 towards the CPF but I would like to ask you just one 13 question about the terrorists who you saw running 14 towards the facility after you exited your vehicle. Did 15 you actually see them getting out of the vehicle that 16 you had been travelling in?</p> <p>17 A. Getting out or -- getting out of, yes. When I looked 18 over my shoulder in the same visual shot that I had seen 19 Iain coming behind me I had noticed Katsiroubas exiting 20 the vehicle and one other.</p> <p>21 Q. From what you could see were they carrying weapons at 22 that point?</p> <p>23 A. I can't say for sure.</p> <p>24 Q. Were they firing back towards you as they ran towards 25 the CPF?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 133</p>	<p>1 Q. So what did that mean in terms of what you did, if 2 anything, to the CCTV cameras?</p> <p>3 A. Well, it was in the early stages. We were just planning 4 the work. We were looking into the specifics and 5 specification of what was required to actually do the 6 work before we actually disturbed the fencing.</p> <p>7 Q. When is this?</p> <p>8 A. It was December and January.</p> <p>9 Q. December 2012/January 2013?</p> <p>10 A. I was actually looking at it quite closely just prior to 11 the attack.</p> <p>12 Q. We have heard some evidence from Mr Fitzpatrick that at 13 least some of the cameras were orientated out towards 14 away from the facilities in order to account to 15 some degree for the fact that there were not going to be 16 armed Gendarmes or armed guards in the guard towers. 17 Does that accord with your understanding of the CCTV 18 cameras?</p> <p>19 A. Talking of the ones at the CPF it is my recollection 20 there was no guard towers at the CPF perimeter.</p> <p>21 Q. Yes, I apologise. That's correct. But in terms of the 22 orientation of the cameras at the CPF?</p> <p>23 A. Were they pointing in what direction? They were just 24 pointing along the fence line.</p> <p>25 Q. Just along the fence line?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 135</p>
<p>1 A. I didn't notice gunfire at that stage towards us. 2 That's not to say that they weren't. I just didn't.</p> <p>3 Q. You didn't notice that, fine. When you came in a more 4 southerly direction towards the first vehicle that you 5 encountered which looked like it had been blown up, and 6 I apologise, I need to ask this question, you saw 7 a number of body parts around that area?</p> <p>8 A. That's right.</p> <p>9 Q. I don't suppose you recall seeing the remains of a body 10 somewhere within the vicinity of that vehicle that was 11 wearing khaki trousers?</p> <p>12 A. No, I don't recall. I don't recall recognising any of 13 the body parts to be anyone that I was familiar with.</p> <p>14 Q. In which case I will move swiftly on, thank you. 15 A couple of general questions to close. Your role 16 at In Amenas was electrical and instrumentation 17 construction supervisor, is that correct?</p> <p>18 A. That's correct.</p> <p>19 Q. Did you have any role in the installation and/or 20 orientation of the CCTV camps around the site?</p> <p>21 A. One of the ongoing projects that I was working on prior 22 to the incident was -- involved modifying the perimeter 23 fence of the CPF area which had CCTV masts installed on 24 it and it required us to remove these masts to extend 25 the fence and re-arrange these masts in a new location.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 134</p>	<p>1 A. Along the fence line.</p> <p>2 Q. And are you able to talk about the orientation of the 3 cameras at the BdV?</p> <p>4 A. No, I didn't have any experience of working with those.</p> <p>5 Q. The final topic, Mr McFaul. Security alarms. Did 6 you --</p> <p>7 A. But I have to mention that the security cameras weren't 8 sensor driven. They were static cameras so they could 9 manually moved by an operator but they were not 10 dominated by a sensor.</p> <p>11 Q. Right. We have heard some evidence about motion sensors 12 being installed?</p> <p>13 A. No, that is not the type of systems the cameras operated 14 on around the perimeter.</p> <p>15 Q. Are we talking of the CPF here or the BdV?</p> <p>16 A. The CPF, which was the same installation as the -- same 17 style and type of camera and model.</p> <p>18 Q. Final topic from me, Mr McFaul, security alarms. Did 19 you ever undergo a security alarm drill whilst you were 20 on site?</p> <p>21 A. Not a drill as such but there was a shut down of the 22 plant one day just due to operation failure which 23 required a muster when I was at the IBO area.</p> <p>24 Q. So that was a muster?</p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 136</p>

<p>1 Q. Were you ever given any drills or practice at concealing 2 yourself in the event of a security lock down? 3 A. No. 4 Q. You recall receiving a site induction from someone on 5 the liaison team, do you? 6 A. Yes, on the day I arrived at In Amenas I was given 7 a brief induction. 8 Q. And they went through the different types of alarms? 9 A. Yes, they said that there was a security alarm and 10 a general alarm. 11 Q. And what information were you given in terms of what to 12 do if the security alarm went off? 13 A. I can't recall being given any information of what to 14 do. Other than go to the muster point in relation to 15 the security alarm I can't remember, I can't recall 16 being given any specific information. 17 MR FLINN: Mr McFaul, thank you very much. 18 Questions from Mr Ritchie 19 MR RITCHIE: Mr McFaul, Andrew Ritchie for the family of 20 Carlos Estrada. First of all I am asked to thank you 21 for your bravery in turning up and your kindness to 22 Claudia Gaviria over the subsequent period after the 23 events, so I pass that on. 24 Can I come to the BdV perimeter fence for a second. 25 There is a photo of the BdV perimeter fence which the Page 137</p>	<p>1 A. Mainly one storey. 2 Q. And during your nine months there, four months or so on 3 rotation I assume because you are there half the time? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. Did you ever find that there were sandstorms that built 6 up great sandcastles against these buildings, such that 7 those sandcastles or sand banks had to be moved? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. It did happen from time to time? 10 A. From time to time, yes. 11 Q. Was that with men with shovels? 12 A. I am not sure how they removed it but it did occur. 13 Q. Can I come to the transformer and for this can we look 14 at NAS 26, page 13, please. 15 A. You mean IA026? 16 Q. Yes, it is IA026. You are ahead of me, Mr McFaul, well 17 done. Page 13, which has come up on the screen. You 18 mentioned that you went into the accommodation block 19 beneath the transformer, and we see there a letter R 20 just underneath the reception area indicating the 21 transformer and a photograph of it, bottom right. Can 22 you confirm that that is the transformer and that's 23 where it was? 24 A. Yes, that's the transformer I passed. 25 Q. So when the terrorists burst in and parked at D which Page 139</p>
<p>1 technology experts I hope will be able to bring up on 2 screen. It is one that we haven't looked at before. 3 THE CORONER: Can I just ask, are you available tomorrow? 4 A. I am, yes. 5 THE CORONER: How long are you going to be, Mr Ritchie? 6 MR RITCHIE: More than six minutes but probably not more 7 than ten. 8 THE CORONER: Mr Popat, do you have any questions? I don't 9 want to put you under pressure but if we need to go much 10 beyond 4 I might have to ask you to come back tomorrow. 11 MR RITCHIE: I understand, sir. Thank you. 12 If you have a look at that photo we are told this is 13 the BdV perimeter fence. Do you recognise that or the 14 fences rather? 15 A. From that shadow it could be either the perimeter of the 16 BdV or the CPF. 17 Q. So there is an internal chicken wire fence with barbed 18 fence and an external chicken wire fence with razor wire 19 with a curly wurly pattern? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. And then outside concrete T bars with gaps in between? 22 A. Yes, that's -- 23 Q. Thank you. Now, can I turn then to the buildings in the 24 CPF where you worked. Were they mainly one storey 25 buildings or were there any two storey buildings? Page 138</p>	<p>1 you have already identified so I don't need to go 2 through it with you -- 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. -- they weren't far from the transformer? 5 A. No. 6 Q. So if they started shooting, as you did hear, and that 7 got hit that might have put the lights out and created 8 difficulties? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. Thank you. Can I turn then to the mortar and I wonder 11 if one of the pictures of the armaments that were 12 captured after the terrorists were defeated could be put 13 on the screen. You saw Tahar set this mortar up in the 14 first plaza, didn't you? 15 A. I did. 16 Q. Shall I come back to that? Right, thank you. Can 17 I take you to a photograph of Lamine Boucheneb but I am 18 first going to read you from the core bundle, part 3, 19 tab 2, the el Khabbar article. Don't worry, you will 20 not have known about it at the time but this is an 21 article from November 2012 which says: 22 "The source says its leader is an Algerian from the 23 Sahara with the pseudonym, Tahar Abou Aicha whose real 24 name is Lamine Benchneb." 25 Then I will take you to a photograph of him we Page 140</p>

<p>1 happen to have in the bundle. It is core bundle 3, 2 tab 11, so core bundle part 3 I am told is a purple 3 file. Once again, you are ahead of me. And tab 11 in 4 that file has what we are told is a photograph of this 5 man. Mohamed Lamine Boucheneb. Any recognition? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. Is that Tahar, the chap who set up the mortar? 8 A. That's him. 9 Q. Thank you. Now, the Canadian, the technology men have 10 a photo at X1914 NAS 21. I am afraid I am stressing the 11 technology guys a little bit here because I am making 12 them do two things at once but could the photo in X1914 13 be obtained and if not I will hand up the hard copy 14 which ... apparently Xristos Katsiroubas, the Canadian 15 or north American is the chap on the right. Do you have 16 any recollection of that face and that man? 17 A. Yes, I confirm that that is -- 18 Q. He is the man who came in your car? 19 A. That's correct. 20 Q. And he's the north American Canadian? 21 A. That's correct. 22 Q. Thank you. Can I come forwards then to the plaza wall 23 and that's the first plaza and for this it is IA026, 24 page 9. So I think you have AI -- IA026 close by? 25 A. Yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 141</p>	<p>1 A. I do. 2 Q. So the orientation is beneath the medical building 3 looking over that plaza to the aerial and if you look to 4 the right of that photo do you see the first plaza and 5 do you see the pointy top of the reception building and 6 indeed the whole of the front of the reception building? 7 A. I do. 8 Q. So are these the two plazas to which you refer in which 9 you and Carlos Estrada occupied during these terrible 10 events? 11 A. They are. 12 Q. Thank you. During these events you describe how 13 a helicopter came in and shot up the place. Was there 14 any indication that the helicopter was trying to protect 15 hostages during that operation? 16 A. No. 17 Q. Can I turn then to your time with Carlos Estrada. 18 During the time that he was in your view was he 19 dignified at all times? 20 A. At all times. 21 Q. And was he brave? 22 A. He was, extremely. 23 Q. Thank you. Coming then to the convoy. Your car 24 contained five hostages who you have named and four 25 terrorists?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 143</p>
<p>1 Q. We were just looking at that. If you turn to page 9. 2 We have to keep these techy guys on their feet. Well 3 done. Great job. So those at the back of the court can 4 see we have the plan of the BdV on the left and on the 5 right the top picture, F, is allegedly of the reception 6 building; is that the reception building to your 7 recollection? 8 A. That is. 9 Q. If we walk backwards from that picture there is part of 10 a circular plaza ring. Is that the circular plaza ring 11 to which you were taken and against which you sat 12 initially when first captured? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. Now, just look at the point on the top of that building, 15 the reception building if you would, please, the pointy 16 top, and then turn to page 14 of the same document. So 17 that's IA26, page 14. This is a photograph of the 18 second plaza building on the right allegedly, the second 19 plaza, to which you were taken later that night; do you 20 confirm that? 21 A. That's correct. 22 Q. We are looking from the right-hand side of the page over 23 that plaza towards the aerial which is in the top left 24 of the BdV, do you see the aerial at the top left of the 25 BdV?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 142</p>	<p>1 A. That's correct, yes. 2 Q. And you have mentioned a car that you very briefly and 3 bravely saw going off towards the military camp as you 4 whizzed along the blacktop? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. Or before the military I think you described? 7 A. The one that went off road just as we exited the BdV. 8 Q. Thank you very much. After the event did you have 9 a conversation with somebody about Gendarmes and 10 Gendarmes shooting? 11 A. I've heard that. 12 Q. Can you expand a little on what you heard, please? 13 A. I can't recall exactly where I heard it from, it may 14 have been after the Statoil report which maybe indicates 15 that gunfire came from the Gendarmes during the convoy. 16 Q. So you are not sure of the source, it may be secondhand 17 hearsay rather than first hand hearsay? 18 A. For sure. 19 Q. That is all of my questions, sir. There was the mortar, 20 forgive me. There is a photo on the screen with a long 21 tubey thing and some nasty looking rockets. Is that the 22 same as or similar to what Tahar set up? 23 A. Yes, that would fit the images that I recall from -- 24 MR RITCHIE: Mr McFaul, I am very grateful to you, thank you 25 very much.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 144</p>

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1 **A. You're welcome.**
2 THE CORONER: I know there is something you want to have.
3 Anybody else? Mr Owen-Thomas, I appreciate the
4 importance, nothing that --
5 MR OWEN-THOMAS: No, my client thinks that --
6 THE CORONER: Because you certainly can.
7 MR OWEN-THOMAS: I am very grateful for that. My client did
8 think of a question and my learned friend Mr Flinn very
9 kindly asked that in relation to whether the terrorists
10 were armed as they ran back to the CPF.
11 My client did have a follow up to that which perhaps
12 I could ask very quickly in fact and that, Mr McFaul,
13 was my client wishes to understand the time when you saw
14 the terrorists running off to the CPF was that before or
15 after you saw Ruben Andrada? His sort of --
16 **A. Before.**
17 Q. So the terrorists went first?
18 **A. Yes.**
19 Q. Andrada went that way as if to follow, turned round and
20 came back?
21 **A. Yes.**
22 **MR OWEN-THOMAS: I am very grateful. And thank you, sir.**
23 MR FLINN: Sir, one question which I forgot to ask if I may.
24 Thank you very much.
25 Mr McFaul, there is one question with regards to the

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1 timing of Carson Bilsland's coming over to you as
2 a hostage. Are you able to say whether or not that
3 happened before or after the mobile communications went
4 down?
5 **A. Before.**
6 MR FLINN: Thank you very much.
7 THE CORONER: Something you want to add, isn't there?
8 **A. Yes.**
9 THE CORONER: You certainly can because I think it is
10 appropriate that it is the last words we have today so
11 I am just going to deal with one or two other matters
12 and I think that is an appropriate note when you finish
13 and that will be the last note of the day.
14 **A. Okay.**
15 THE CORONER: Firstly, apologies to Mr Adamson who we didn't
16 get to today and who will be coming tomorrow. My
17 apologies about that. It will be 10 o'clock tomorrow
18 for us. Just before you say what you want to say,
19 thank you very much for the help that you have given us.
20 I appreciate it can't have been easy --
21 **A. You're welcome.**
22 THE CORONER: -- and also for what you are about to say.
23 **A. I would like to take this opportunity to express my**
24 **sincere sympathies to those families who lost loved ones**
25 **during the In Amenas attack. I hope that this process**

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1 **poses the questions and provides the answers that they**
2 **all so really deserve. Recognition needs to be given to**
3 **the courage each of these men demonstrated in the face**
4 **of what can only be described as unimaginable terror.**
5 **In particular, the selfless acts of Sebastian helping an**
6 **injured Victor Lovelady. Yann Desyeux administering**
7 **first aid to those who needed or the simple words of**
8 **hope that Carlos shared to raise the spirits of those**
9 **around him. For acts such as these their families can**
10 **be proud I would like to pay a personal tribute to the**
11 **family of Garry Barlow. Garry had an enormous work**
12 **ethic and this was infectious to all those who worked**
13 **around him. Garry gave me the opportunity to work under**
14 **his leadership on a number of occasions and I always**
15 **jumped at the chance. Garry helped me develop my career**
16 **and for this both my family and myself will be eternally**
17 **grateful.**
18 **(4.08 pm)**
19 **(The inquest adjourned until the following day at 10.00 am)**

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