

<p>1 Monday, 6 October 2014 2 (10.20 am) 3 (Proceedings delayed) 4 (10.35 am) 5 THE CORONER: Mr Ritchie, Mr Popat, can I just say something 6 about -- don't stand up, you are very kind, but just 7 about Louis Frank Galvan's evidence and my view about 8 that and then you will see, it may be possible between 9 the two of you to agree something. But I had better 10 just set out my views about it. 11 I have been asked to call a witness, 12 Louis Frank Galvan, who deals with the incident in Libya 13 in 2011. Mr Ritchie says that if Mr Galvan is correct 14 it was an armed terrorist attack on an oil and gas 15 installation with a view to taking hostages and so the 16 response to something of that kind he says is relevant 17 to these inquests. 18 The fact of an incident in Libya in 2011 is of some 19 relevance because it helps me understand the dangers in 20 the region and would also have informed the thinking of 21 others about them at the time. I have already heard 22 hearsay evidence about this from Mr Cobb and another 23 witness, Brad McDaniel, produces BP's own daily 24 operations report about it. 25 It seems to me there must be a limit to this. It</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 1</p>	<p>1 allow further exploration. 2 So, as I say, witnesses' account of what actually 3 happened in summary at least in my judgment is of value 4 for the reasons I have said, but equally, inadmissible 5 speculation about what was behind it is simply going too 6 far. 7 I hope that perhaps with that indication of my views 8 about the material it may be possible, Mr Popat, and 9 Mr Ritchie, for you to agree some of the evidence just 10 about the core facts. Can I leave that with you? 11 MR POPAT: Yes, sir. 12 MR RITCHIE: Thank you, sir. 13 THE CORONER: All right; yes. 14 MS DOLAN: Sir, the first witness this morning is Mr Graham. 15 MR KEVIN STEPHEN GRAHAM (sworn) 16 Questions from MS DOLAN 17 MS DOLAN: Good morning, Mr Graham. 18 A. Morning. 19 Q. I think I have introduced myself to you already. Can 20 you give us your full name, please? 21 A. Kevin Stephen Graham. 22 Q. I think in January 2013 you were working at In Amenas? 23 A. That's correct. 24 Q. When did you first begin working there? 25 A. 2007.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 3</p>
<p>1 was two years before our events in another country and 2 different people handled it. As to how it was handled 3 that would depend in part on who knew what and who said 4 what to whom about it and I don't have, for example, Ian 5 Brown or John Smith's versions of events. 6 So it can therefore readily be seen that a long time 7 could be spent exploring this incident which is quite 8 a distance removed from the central events in these 9 inquests. 10 To come to Mr Ritchie's point, and the part that he 11 is really interested in, Mr Galvan says that other 12 people, unidentified, told him that the attackers asked 13 a local, also unidentified, where the expats were. If 14 this happened the reasons for it are in my judgment 15 entirely speculative. Was it, for example, to rob them? 16 Or to ask them where any valuables, if there were any 17 were? Or for some other reason? 18 Mr Galvan says he believes that the attackers wanted 19 to hold westerners hostage for ransom. As I say, in my 20 judgment that is entirely speculative and I don't think 21 that this evidence can bear or that part of the evidence 22 can bear the weight that Mr Ritchie seeks to put upon 23 it. 24 In addition, I can see no basis for supposing that 25 it will become any firmer were I to call Mr Galvan and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 2</p>	<p>1 Q. What role did you work in? 2 A. I was a metering engineer. 3 Q. Turning to January 2013, do you recall when your 4 placement out there began, your rotation 5 in January 2013? 6 A. It was around the 9th, I think it was 9th January I went 7 out there, yes. 8 Q. And I think you travelled out there with Sebastian John? 9 A. I did, yes. 10 Q. Did you know him? 11 A. I did. I'd met Sebastian in the London office prior to 12 him coming out there. 13 Q. Where did you live at In Amenas when you were on site? 14 A. I was in the company camp extension, room JJ04. 15 Q. About how many people lived in the companies camp? 16 A. The companies camp or the companies camp extension. 17 Q. In the extension? 18 A. In the extension, I don't know, round 100 I would say. 19 Q. I think you thought about 140 or so? 20 A. Possibly so, yes. 21 Q. Do you know how many were expats that lived there? 22 A. There was a few expats in the company camp extension. 23 It was about 60/40 I would say, mix, nationals 60, 24 40 per cent expats. 25 Q. So that would make it at least 40 per cent expats there?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 4</p>

<p>1 A. Yes, there would have been.</p> <p>2 Q. And we have heard from other witnesses about how the</p> <p>3 drivers strike had led to a reduction in the number of</p> <p>4 people?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, that's correct. It was essential personnel</p> <p>6 basically.</p> <p>7 Q. By the time you did your last rotation, the January 2013</p> <p>8 rotation, do you have any idea of how many expats were</p> <p>9 living in the companies camp extension then?</p> <p>10 A. When I was there when the attack took place?</p> <p>11 Q. Yes.</p> <p>12 A. It's got to be 40 or 50.</p> <p>13 Q. I think when you made your witness statement back</p> <p>14 in February last year you talked about how safe you felt</p> <p>15 when you were at the camp?</p> <p>16 A. Well, I didn't feel.</p> <p>17 Q. Before these events?</p> <p>18 A. Safe, safe, I didn't have much concern because I always</p> <p>19 expected somebody to be looking after us.</p> <p>20 Q. But I think you did see some lapses in security?</p> <p>21 A. Certainly.</p> <p>22 Q. What were they?</p> <p>23 A. During the strike.</p> <p>24 Q. Can you just pull the microphone a bit closer to you?</p> <p>25 A. During the drivers strike. I mean there was one</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 5</p>	<p>1 Q. And we understand if anybody went off the base to a rig</p> <p>2 or a pipe they would have an escort?</p> <p>3 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>4 Q. But then I would like to understand about patrols.</p> <p>5 A. The patrols.</p> <p>6 Q. Which is the, you know, surveying the area?</p> <p>7 A. I was led to believe that they had been stopped.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay, and how -- who led you to believe that and what?</p> <p>9 A. It would have been one of the liaison guys. Well</p> <p>10 I can't recall who.</p> <p>11 Q. Was it stopped or was it just a change of patrolling?</p> <p>12 A. Well, I was led to believe it was stopped.</p> <p>13 THE CORONER: Did you notice anything different? You have</p> <p>14 been told that but in terms of what you actually saw or</p> <p>15 wasn't it something that you would have noticed --</p> <p>16 A. Well, I would never have seen anything outwith because</p> <p>17 my position, I was on the CPF, I was always on the CPF.</p> <p>18 So I very seldom went outside of there apart from up to</p> <p>19 the BdV.</p> <p>20 THE CORONER: So in terms of what was actually happening</p> <p>21 with your own eyes.</p> <p>22 A. I can't say.</p> <p>23 MS DOLAN: Can we turn then to the events of 16 January?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. And I think you had got up quite early that morning?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 7</p>
<p>1 incident when the wives just came straight on to BdV and</p> <p>2 came past two road blocks and just drove straight on</p> <p>3 without being challenged.</p> <p>4 Q. Did you see that yourself?</p> <p>5 A. It was when we were going back through they were still</p> <p>6 there.</p> <p>7 Q. And I think there used to be armed patrols beyond the</p> <p>8 perimeter at some time when you were there?</p> <p>9 A. At some point there was, yes.</p> <p>10 Q. Can you recall when they were?</p> <p>11 A. It was -- they had been stopped I think two or --</p> <p>12 a couple of years before the incident took place.</p> <p>13 Q. When you say they had been stopped how did you know</p> <p>14 that?</p> <p>15 A. I didn't know they were still ongoing.</p> <p>16 Q. So had you positively been told they had been stopped or</p> <p>17 had you just not noticed them?</p> <p>18 A. Just hadn't noticed them.</p> <p>19 Q. But from what you are suggesting two or three years</p> <p>20 before you used to notice them?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, well, if anybody went out into the desert it was</p> <p>22 always armed guards with you.</p> <p>23 Q. Sorry, if I can just -- we have heard of two kind of</p> <p>24 patrols. There's the armed escorts?</p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 6</p>	<p>1 A. I'd get up early every morning.</p> <p>2 Q. And when events started were you still at the companies</p> <p>3 camp or had you got to the CPF?</p> <p>4 A. No, I was at the CPF.</p> <p>5 Q. How did you get to the CPF? Who did you travel with?</p> <p>6 A. I went down in a car with Thure Ingbrutzen and Hans</p> <p>7 Bjorne, two of my Norwegians colleagues.</p> <p>8 Q. Hans Bjorne did you say?</p> <p>9 A. Bjarne. It was Thure Ingbrutzen and Bjarne.</p> <p>10 Q. When you got to the CPF where did you go?</p> <p>11 A. I went directly to my office. I parked the car up over</p> <p>12 there in the IBO car bark because it was Bjarne who was</p> <p>13 driving and then myself and Thure walked over to our</p> <p>14 technical support office.</p> <p>15 THE CORONER: Sorry, what sort of time did you get there?</p> <p>16 If.</p> <p>17 A. Would have been 25 past 5, something like that, 5.30.</p> <p>18 MS DOLAN: We are going to just put up a picture of the CPF</p> <p>19 and if you can help us by showing us where it was on the</p> <p>20 aerial photo. If it is easier there will be a paper</p> <p>21 copy of this in front of you as well. So first of all</p> <p>22 using that, can you describe where your office was?</p> <p>23 A. Where our office was, well if you see the main gate here</p> <p>24 it was to the left of that.</p> <p>25 Q. Sorry, so the main gate?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 8</p>

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<p>1 A. The main gate where you come in.</p> <p>2 Q. Where it says "Guardhouse and gate" in red?</p> <p>3 A. Yes, I was down from there.</p> <p>4 Q. Down?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, if you are looking at the gate where it says "gate"</p> <p>6 my office is down there by the lay down area.</p> <p>7 Q. Your --</p> <p>8 THE CORONER: We have got gates, so just tell us.</p> <p>9 A. Sorry, I'm looking at the wrong side. My office is, if</p> <p>10 you are looking at the bottom right quadrant of this my</p> <p>11 office is in the first -- there's four buildings, two</p> <p>12 smaller ones and two long ones which are brown in</p> <p>13 colour. My office.</p> <p>14 Q. We are going to put a cursor on it and you tell us if it</p> <p>15 is in the right place.</p> <p>16 THE CORONER: What you will need to do when you see it, if</p> <p>17 you just say up, down, left, right and then we'll get it</p> <p>18 to the right place.</p> <p>19 A. To the left by about a centimetre and then directly up,</p> <p>20 that's my office there. (Indicated)</p> <p>21 MS DOLAN: So of those four buildings in a row with two long</p> <p>22 ones at each end and two small ones in the middle you</p> <p>23 are the one on the left-hand?</p> <p>24 A. That is the technical support building.</p> <p>25 Q. And that is where you were?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 9</p>	<p>1 site, there's the steps that leads into my office. If</p> <p>2 you go up with the cursor I was standing there with</p> <p>3 a cup of tea in my hand.</p> <p>4 Q. And what did you see?</p> <p>5 A. Big flare, a very big flare and then.</p> <p>6 Q. That's the gas plant flare?</p> <p>7 A. Yes, it was venting off.</p> <p>8 Q. What does that signify?</p> <p>9 A. It was shutting down, well it was blowing down. It was</p> <p>10 a level 2. That was presumably, by the size of the</p> <p>11 flare it was a level 2 shut down. So I was waiting</p> <p>12 there. I was looking over the to the muster point</p> <p>13 because the muster point, if you move the cursor to the</p> <p>14 right to the big grey building and then if you move it</p> <p>15 down, that was the muster point. But when I looked over</p> <p>16 there there was nobody there. So I was just standing</p> <p>17 there for about, I don't know, four, five minutes and</p> <p>18 that's when I seen a vehicle approaching, coming down</p> <p>19 the main road here from the BdV.</p> <p>20 Q. So again if we put the cursor on the main road?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, I was just coming down there. Because where I was</p> <p>22 seeing you could actually see across here. From my</p> <p>23 building, if you are looking at an angle, 45 degree</p> <p>24 angle, you can see directly across there.</p> <p>25 Q. So those bits and pieces there aren't obstructing your</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 11</p>
<p>1 A. That's where I was, yes.</p> <p>2 Q. At work. And at what time did you say you arrived</p> <p>3 there?</p> <p>4 A. It would have been 5.25 or 5.30 at the latest.</p> <p>5 Q. I think you were using the computer which allowed you to</p> <p>6 time some of the things that happened next?</p> <p>7 A. Yes, correct.</p> <p>8 Q. I think you were contacting your son?</p> <p>9 A. I was talking to my son on Facebook, yes.</p> <p>10 Q. And what time was that at?</p> <p>11 A. It would have been 25 to 5 until 5.40 when the power</p> <p>12 went.</p> <p>13 Q. I think when you gave your statement you could put exact</p> <p>14 minutes on it, you said it was 5.37 to 5.38 you were</p> <p>15 messaging on Facebook?</p> <p>16 A. When I hooked it back up, yes.</p> <p>17 Q. And then what happened then?</p> <p>18 A. Just went black. Went black and the alarm started. The</p> <p>19 alarm so I just went outside the building.</p> <p>20 Q. The power went out and then did the alarm start before</p> <p>21 or after the power went out or simultaneously?</p> <p>22 A. I would say the same time.</p> <p>23 Q. You say you went out the building?</p> <p>24 A. Went out the building, stood on the steps, directly --</p> <p>25 if you bring the cursor down again, just down to this</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 10</p>	<p>1 view?</p> <p>2 A. Well there's bits and bobs obstructing it but you can</p> <p>3 actually still see the road because it's coming down.</p> <p>4 There is quite a climb up to the BdV from the CPF.</p> <p>5 Q. And the vehicle, first of all, what speed was it going?</p> <p>6 A. Not too fast -- it was about 20, 20, 25 kilometres,</p> <p>7 because when it approached and it came through like this</p> <p>8 fenced area here.</p> <p>9 Q. Can you move the cursor up a bit?</p> <p>10 A. I seen it there. If you stop there. That was me first</p> <p>11 actual view of it because it had a blue flashing light</p> <p>12 inside the cab. That's what drew me attention to it.</p> <p>13 Q. A blue flashing light inside?</p> <p>14 A. A blue flashing light inside the cab which I've never</p> <p>15 seen there before and I thought that's quite strange.</p> <p>16 But then it's obviously -- it's carried on.</p> <p>17 Q. Just pausing there before we move on. What type of</p> <p>18 vehicle was it?</p> <p>19 A. It was a 4 by 4. It looked like a Toyota Landcruiser,</p> <p>20 something like that, of that nature anyway.</p> <p>21 Q. And we have heard that there are lots of Landcruisers</p> <p>22 used around the site. Did out look like one of the site</p> <p>23 vehicles?</p> <p>24 A. It didn't spring to my mind that it wasn't one of our</p> <p>25 vehicles but like I say, the only thing that was strange</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 12</p>

1 was the blue flashing light inside the cab.
 2 Q. And then you said it began to move on. What happened
 3 next?
 4 A. Well, I was standing there just drinking my cup of tea
 5 and obviously the vehicle's carried on, there's concrete
 6 blocks across where the Post de Guard is. So I've seen
 7 the vehicle just out of the corner of my eye so
 8 obviously it had to brake to get around these. So then
 9 after that I was still just standing there and I heard
 10 gunfire. About five or six rounds.
 11 THE CORONER: When you say these concrete blocks, just so we
 12 can picture them.
 13 A. They're about a metre tall, by that thick (indicated)
 14 and they have got a big plinth at the bottom and they
 15 were positioned across the road, you know, so it was
 16 like staggered. It was one there, one there, just to
 17 make you slow down before entering.
 18 THE CORONER: We have heard about that, yes.
 19 MS DOLAN: And then you said you heard gunfire?
 20 A. Gunfire, about five or six.
 21 Q. Before these events how familiar were you with the sound
 22 of gunfire?
 23 A. I had heard gunfire before. I was in the territorial
 24 army for a while when I was a younger man.
 25 THE CORONER: So after you have negotiated those to slow you

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1 down what do you come to next if you are in a vehicle?
 2 A. There's a barrier, just a pole weighted on the side.
 3 The guys used to lift that up, take the badges off you
 4 and lift that up.
 5 THE CORONER: And then what?
 6 A. Then you're in.
 7 THE CORONER: And open and closed gate.
 8 A. Then you're in. You're into the office area.
 9 THE CORONER: What, no gate?
 10 A. No, when you're through that barrier you're into the
 11 office area.
 12 THE CORONER: There isn't a gate? I just want to know, we
 13 go over this every so often but I want to be clear in my
 14 mind about it.
 15 A. The only gate was to the CPF itself. There is a gate --
 16 because the road that led up to the CPF had a gate to it
 17 but this didn't have a gate.
 18 THE CORONER: Right.
 19 A. Or if it did it was never shut.
 20 THE CORONER: Yes.
 21 MS DOLAN: So just to be clear, to go through the pole one
 22 is still driving straight ahead?
 23 A. Yes.
 24 Q. Is that right? And then the gate to the CPF, where
 25 would that have been?

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1 A. To the left.
 2 Q. That would have been to the left of the entrance and if
 3 one turned right to the IBO was there any gate or fence
 4 to go through once you're through the pole?
 5 A. No, once you're through the pole that's it.
 6 Q. Did you see where the car came to a halt?
 7 A. No, I didn't because once I heard the gunshot, gunfire,
 8 I went straight back into the office to speak to my
 9 colleagues.
 10 Q. Which colleagues were there?
 11 A. That was Lou Fear and Thure Inbgrutzen. They shared an
 12 office next door to my office.
 13 Q. And what happened next?
 14 A. I went to see them. I says "I think we're under
 15 attack".
 16 Q. I think they were a little incredulous at first?
 17 A. Well, yes, they were.
 18 Q. So --
 19 A. Thure actually said he thinks that -- he thinks there
 20 might have been a drill or an exercise of some sort,
 21 like, yeah, and at which point I says "okay", and I went
 22 back outside. To the left-hand side of my building --
 23 to the right-hand side of my building, sorry, if you
 24 move the cursor in between my building and I came out
 25 the exit there and I was standing there looking towards

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1 the IBO, which is the big white building directly in
 2 front. That's the car port. But I was looking across
 3 there from that point there where the cursor is.
 4 Q. Just to be clear, the long thin oblong is the car port?
 5 A. Is the car port.
 6 Q. And then there is a building beyond it which has a gap
 7 in the middle?
 8 A. That's the IBO.
 9 Q. So you were looking from the corner of your building
 10 through the car port towards the IBO?
 11 A. I was looking towards the IBO but it was -- I knew it
 12 was Tore Bech and I now know it was Thomas, Hans and
 13 Bjarne, the four of them were on the ground.
 14 Q. Just to be clear about the people, that is Thomas
 15 Snekkevik?
 16 A. That is correct.
 17 Q. Bjarne Vjage?
 18 A. Correct.
 19 Q. And Hans?
 20 A. Hans Bjarne. And Tore Bech.
 21 Q. Tore Bech. So you could see four people.
 22 A. There was four people on the ground but I could make out
 23 Tore for sure. But I knew one of them was Tore for sure
 24 but I now know who the other three were and there was
 25 about four or five terrorists, various positions,

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<p>1 holding guns up to their heads, to them.</p> <p>2 Q. How far away from you were they?</p> <p>3 A. About 10, 15 metres because they were this side of the</p> <p>4 car port.</p> <p>5 Q. And what happened next?</p> <p>6 A. They motioned to them to move and I was only there -- it</p> <p>7 seemed like forever but it was probably about 15, 20</p> <p>8 seconds and then I just ran back into the office seeing</p> <p>9 Lou and Thure, says come on, definitely under attack,</p> <p>10 get yourselves into my office.</p> <p>11 Q. Just pausing there, the terrorists that you saw with the</p> <p>12 men on the floor, what were they wearing?</p> <p>13 A. Combats and I can't remember if all of them had the</p> <p>14 Tuareg head dress on but certainly some of them did.</p> <p>15 Q. When you say combats, some people have described</p> <p>16 terrorists wearing Gendarme uniforms. Did these look</p> <p>17 like uniforms or did they just look like they were in --</p> <p>18 A. No, it was in combats, like it was camouflage, combat</p> <p>19 camouflage stuff.</p> <p>20 Q. The disruptive pattern material or?</p> <p>21 A. Yeah, disrupted pattern.</p> <p>22 Q. Sorry, then you said you went back into your office?</p> <p>23 A. By the emergency exit at the side because there's a door</p> <p>24 at the side of my office where I came out of and I went</p> <p>25 back in there and I said to Thure and Lou to get back</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 17</p>	<p>1 Q. Those gunshots, did you hear them when you were outside</p> <p>2 the first time when you saw the car?</p> <p>3 A. No.</p> <p>4 Q. What about when you were outside the second time when</p> <p>5 you saw the men on the ground? Did you hear the distant</p> <p>6 gunshots then?</p> <p>7 A. No.</p> <p>8 Q. So when was the first time you heard the gunshots?</p> <p>9 A. You could hear them from inside the office when we were</p> <p>10 barricaded in. This all happened in the space of five</p> <p>11 or ten minutes, you know, from the vehicle coming</p> <p>12 through and we're being barricaded in the office.</p> <p>13 Q. From what you are describing it appears the vehicle</p> <p>14 arriving at the CPF and releasing shots there --</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. -- happens before you hear any shots in the distance?</p> <p>17 A. Or simultaneously, I don't know. I definitely, I heard</p> <p>18 the gunshots from that, from the vehicle, before I heard</p> <p>19 any other gunshots.</p> <p>20 Q. And you said those other gunshots were from the BdV?</p> <p>21 A. It sounded like it was coming from the BdV but sound</p> <p>22 travels strangely in the desert, you know.</p> <p>23 Q. You probably anticipated my question because we know of</p> <p>24 course that there are events happening near VCP1 as</p> <p>25 well. Is it possible to know that that was the BdV or</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 19</p>
<p>1 into my office. We're definitely under attack. So them</p> <p>2 two went in and I ran along the office to where Maurad</p> <p>3 was because he worked the other side of the office.</p> <p>4 Q. And Maurad was an Algerian colleague?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, he's an Algerian guy. So I said come on Maurad,</p> <p>6 get yourself in, we're under attack. So he got his</p> <p>7 laptop, just picked his laptop up, came along and we</p> <p>8 barricaded ourselves in.</p> <p>9 Q. So there are the four of you in that office in that</p> <p>10 building?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. And then I think you began to make some text contact</p> <p>13 with people?</p> <p>14 A. Yes, I texted numerous people, people in the UK,</p> <p>15 obviously family, guys who were on site as well. Huw</p> <p>16 Edwards I was in constant -- with Huw, when he</p> <p>17 eventually got back, got back to me. Mark Grant, there</p> <p>18 was many people, Garry Roberts, lots of people.</p> <p>19 Q. And you talked about hearing those first shots fired?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. Did you hear any other shots?</p> <p>22 A. Yes, there was gunfire going on at this time but it</p> <p>23 sounded like it was coming from the BdV, more than the</p> <p>24 CPF. There was no more gunshot at the CPF. It was --</p> <p>25 it sounded like it was coming from the BdV area.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 18</p>	<p>1 VCP1 or?</p> <p>2 A. I couldn't be 100 per cent. But it was definitely</p> <p>3 coming from south.</p> <p>4 Q. And then I think later on that morning you learnt some</p> <p>5 information about Gordon Rowan and Garry Barlow?</p> <p>6 A. Yes, we got that relayed to us from Harry.</p> <p>7 Q. Harry being?</p> <p>8 A. Harry Kavenagh, another Norwegian guy, he was texting</p> <p>9 Tore, the Norwegian guy who was with me. But Garry and</p> <p>10 Gordon had been taken hostage.</p> <p>11 Q. You learnt that from that text rather than seeing it</p> <p>12 with your --</p> <p>13 A. Yes, I didn't see it with my own eye.</p> <p>14 Q. Do you know what time that was? To help you your</p> <p>15 statement says about 8.30 in the morning?</p> <p>16 A. It would have been about 8.30 in the morning. There</p> <p>17 were so many texts coming in and out from everybody.</p> <p>18 Q. I think Carson Bilsland usually had the office next to</p> <p>19 you?</p> <p>20 A. We used to share an office to be perfectly honest but</p> <p>21 then I moved into the technical support building but</p> <p>22 Carson was in the building next to me, the small</p> <p>23 building.</p> <p>24 Q. Did you see Carson at all?</p> <p>25 A. No, I didn't see him that morning but I knew he was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 20</p>

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1 **there because when we got there his light was on in his**
2 **office. So he was definitely down there.**
3 Q. But you didn't see him?
4 **A. I didn't see him that morning, no.**
5 Q. Did you hear anything about him that morning at all,
6 that day?
7 **A. Nothing -- well, we tried to call him because I knew his**
8 **extension number but obviously he didn't -- there was**
9 **nobody picked the phone up.**
10 Q. Were the internal phones working at this point?
11 **A. The internal phones were still working, yes.**
12 Q. I think Maurad, your Algerian colleague, spoke with
13 another Algerian colleague?
14 **A. S, yes.**
15 Q. Who was outside the facility?
16 **A. He was actually in my department, S.**
17 Q. He was where?
18 **A. He was in my department. Now, he was with the Algerian**
19 **army, with the Algerian captain because he was talking**
20 **to Maurad and then Maurad was talking to the captain of**
21 **the army telling him exactly where we were but that**
22 **would have been, I don't know, 11 o'clock-ish or**
23 **something like that.**
24 Q. About 11 o'clock. Do you know who the captain was
25 that --

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1 **A. I didn't speak to him. It was relayed to me via Maurad.**
2 Q. Did you have any knowledge of how S came to be outside
3 with the army?
4 **A. No, I didn't, but -- no, I don't know how he got there.**
5 Q. I think you kept yourselves hidden over that night?
6 **A. During that day we came out at about round 1 o'clock**
7 **just to go to the toilet and get some water.**
8 Q. Is that 1 o'clock in the morning?
9 **A. No, that's daytime. About 1 o'clock to get water and**
10 **the biscuits, whatever was there that we could get our**
11 **hands on and then we just went back into the room and**
12 **locked ourselves in again.**
13 Q. And then I think the next morning you started to make
14 some plans for possibly leaving?
15 **A. Well, I wanted to go on the first day but because of the**
16 **texts I had been receiving back, which came from Fitz**
17 **who was one of the liaison guys, to stay put, we know**
18 **where you are, so we thought that would be -- somebody**
19 **would have got us on that first night.**
20 Q. But I think you made contact with some colleagues who
21 were in the DEP office?
22 **A. That's correct, that was on the morning after. That was**
23 **on the 17th.**
24 Q. And the DEP office is which building?
25 **A. Out of the four of them it is the larger one to**

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1 **right-hand side.**
2 Q. Who was there?
3 **A. Harry, Christoph, Steve.**
4 Q. Christoph being?
5 **A. Zimmer. Steve Winsoki and David Murray. We had been in**
6 **contact with Harry on the first day with Thure's phones**
7 **so we knew who was there.**
8 Q. And you met up with him?
9 **A. On that morning myself and Tore it was about 8.30, we**
10 **said we're going to go along there and have a word. So**
11 **the two of us crept along the side of the buildings to**
12 **get in there and then we went in there, just seen the**
13 **guys.**
14 Q. And I think as the day went on you noticed some
15 helicopters?
16 **A. Well, that was about 2.30 when they started. But there**
17 **was sporadic gunfire all during the day and that first**
18 **night to be perfectly honest.**
19 Q. In the CPF or distant?
20 **A. Again, I thought it was at the CPF on the night of**
21 **the -- the first night. I thought it was at the CPF,**
22 **but again, I could -- I couldn't 100 per cent say that**
23 **it was on the CPF.**
24 Q. But then on the afternoon of the 17th you saw the
25 helicopter circling?

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1 **A. Certainly did.**
2 Q. And what did you see them doing?
3 **A. Just opening up the cannons and everything, they were**
4 **just wheeling down on the vehicles coming down the**
5 **roads.**
6 Q. The vehicles. Where were you when you saw these
7 vehicles?
8 **A. I was standing in my office where the double doors are.**
9 **There's a big glass pane in the doors. I was watching**
10 **the helicopter come round.**
11 Q. Was this on the south side of the office?
12 **A. It's this side of the office where, you know, where**
13 **I said I was standing having my cup of tea. I was just**
14 **with the double door that's inside there and we were**
15 **standing there watching them.**
16 Q. And you were looking out from there?
17 **A. Looking out from there, yes.**
18 Q. Take us through exactly what you saw.
19 **A. The helicopters were just circling, coming round like**
20 **that and opening up, just opening up, whatever it was on**
21 **the road.**
22 Q. Could you see what was on the road?
23 **A. I could see certainly one of vehicle -- one vehicle that**
24 **was about, would have been this top right-hand corner**
25 **here (Indicated) and see where the black and red line**

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<p>1 is, you if you come down, there is a vehicle there,</p> <p>2 I could see that for sure, and there was another vehicle</p> <p>3 about another 40 metres further up which I could see.</p> <p>4 Q. Back towards the BdV?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, certainly, because like I said before, it's quite</p> <p>6 a steep climb up there.</p> <p>7 Q. So you could see two vehicles coming down the road?</p> <p>8 A. I could see two vehicles, yes.</p> <p>9 Q. And the helicopter shooting at them. Could you see what</p> <p>10 type of vehicles they were?</p> <p>11 A. The one that -- again, the one that was at this corner</p> <p>12 where you've got the cursor, I think that one was like</p> <p>13 a flat bed Hilux, Toyota Hilux, or something like that,</p> <p>14 but the one further away I couldn't, I couldn't make it</p> <p>15 out. The best that I could say is that it was a 4 by 4</p> <p>16 vehicle, some sort of 4 by 4 because it definitely had</p> <p>17 a cab on it.</p> <p>18 Q. But the first one maybe didn't?</p> <p>19 A. It was a flat bed.</p> <p>20 Q. And what happened to these vehicles?</p> <p>21 A. Well, the one that was here exploded.</p> <p>22 Q. Which is the one?</p> <p>23 A. The one where the cursor is. That one exploded.</p> <p>24 Whether it was hit by the helicopters or self detonated</p> <p>25 I don't know, but it certainly exploded and there were</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 25</p>	<p>1 from that vehicle or another vehicle I really couldn't</p> <p>2 say.</p> <p>3 Q. And we dealt with that first vehicle. Then the second</p> <p>4 vehicle, what happened to that?</p> <p>5 A. Well, again, the helicopters were circling round, the</p> <p>6 gunships were circling down and then just off-loading</p> <p>7 into anything that was moving.</p> <p>8 Q. And then again, did you see where that one ended up?</p> <p>9 A. That's about another 300 metres down the road from that</p> <p>10 right corner.</p> <p>11 Q. Further back, so it wouldn't be on this picture?</p> <p>12 A. No, it wouldn't be on the picture.</p> <p>13 Q. And you said you saw people but you weren't quite sure</p> <p>14 where they came from. Tell us about those people.</p> <p>15 Where did you see them first?</p> <p>16 A. Well if you got your cursor on, if you see where your</p> <p>17 cursor is there was people coming back from the BdV from</p> <p>18 there.</p> <p>19 Q. Shall we expand that picture out so it's easier to ...?</p> <p>20 A. Yes, so people.</p> <p>21 Q. Is it better if we find you something which has more of</p> <p>22 the road on it, would that be better to describe?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 THE CORONER: Can you just tell me this: did you actually</p> <p>25 see vehicles being hit by fire from the helicopter or</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 27</p>
<p>1 palls of black smoke coming off it.</p> <p>2 Q. How close to the road was that when it happened?</p> <p>3 A. Well it's where your cursor is. A bit further -- it was</p> <p>4 closer to where the corner of the red is.</p> <p>5 Q. Further to the left?</p> <p>6 A. Where the fence is. Yes, a bit further over.</p> <p>7 Q. Mr Graham, on that picture below in the bottom left-hand</p> <p>8 corner below the red line there is a dark area?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. It has been suggested by other witnesses that that might</p> <p>11 be the vehicle, one of the vehicles involved.</p> <p>12 A. It certainly could have been, yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Is that too far away?</p> <p>14 A. Not too far because you have still got the line of sight</p> <p>15 along there, it's like a 45 degree angle from our office</p> <p>16 where we were looking over so it could have been there.</p> <p>17 I thought it was closer myself, closer over, closer to</p> <p>18 the road.</p> <p>19 Q. You saw smoke coming from that vehicle?</p> <p>20 A. Yes, for sure.</p> <p>21 Q. Did you see it crash in any way?</p> <p>22 A. I seen the helicopter. Coming round and off-loading</p> <p>23 into it but then it just blew up.</p> <p>24 Q. Did you see anybody come out of that vehicle?</p> <p>25 A. Well I seen people after the events, whether they came</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 26</p>	<p>1 the helicopter firing in the direction of vehicles?</p> <p>2 A. It was firing in the direction of the vehicles for sure.</p> <p>3 I couldn't see that it was striking it.</p> <p>4 THE CORONER: I just want to be clear about what you</p> <p>5 actually saw.</p> <p>6 A. I couldn't say that I actually saw the vehicles being</p> <p>7 struck by it but firing in the direction of the vehicles</p> <p>8 and firing in the direction of anything that moved.</p> <p>9 THE CORONER: Thank you.</p> <p>10 A. Because this is where we could see this part of the</p> <p>11 desert on the left-hand side as I'm looking at this,</p> <p>12 that's where I've seen two, three, four people going,</p> <p>13 heading back up towards the BdV.</p> <p>14 MS DOLAN: Again, let's have the cursor on that. Where do</p> <p>15 you want the cursor to show?</p> <p>16 A. To go right by about 1 centimetre and then down</p> <p>17 towards -- down, down, right about there. I could see</p> <p>18 people going around that area. But there was also</p> <p>19 people running along the fence as well behind the lay</p> <p>20 down area.</p> <p>21 Q. Again --</p> <p>22 A. Which is on the right-hand side, if you cross the road,</p> <p>23 and go right to the very top to where the -- right stop</p> <p>24 there. I seen people, because you could see through the</p> <p>25 cabins and we've seen one person maybe there and along</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 28</p>

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<p>1 the perimeter fence, if you cross over again, cross over</p> <p>2 the road, to the perimeter fence and we seen people</p> <p>3 running along there and at that stage I was certainly</p> <p>4 seeing the helicopter shooting at that, whoever that</p> <p>5 was, going along by that fence, seeing the helicopter</p> <p>6 shooting at that person.</p> <p>7 Q. So this is the person nearest the CPF?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. And were they going up the fence or along to the --</p> <p>10 A. They were running along the fence.</p> <p>11 Q. Along to the left?</p> <p>12 A. Along, yes. They were running along there by that</p> <p>13 perimeter fence and the helicopters were circling like</p> <p>14 that way.</p> <p>15 Q. And did you see if the helicopter managed to impact with</p> <p>16 that person?</p> <p>17 A. Definitely firing in the direction. When he was coming</p> <p>18 round he was opening into him.</p> <p>19 Q. And again, the ones that were running down that you</p> <p>20 indicated first --</p> <p>21 A. There was one guy had his hand above his head like that</p> <p>22 for sure and then I'm almost sure I seen one person hit</p> <p>23 the ground but the helicopters were firing bullets at</p> <p>24 that stage, at these people.</p> <p>25 Q. Did they continue to fire bullets or did they stop or</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 29</p>	<p>1 gates. So he came through where the gates are. I seen</p> <p>2 him cross there.</p> <p>3 Q. When you talk about the gate at this point, just to</p> <p>4 clarify?</p> <p>5 A. The barrier, yes, I refer to it as a gate but the</p> <p>6 Post de Guard I refer to it. So we were looking out at</p> <p>7 the -- still looking out the window because this vehicle</p> <p>8 is still on fire, the one at this corner, there's tonnes</p> <p>9 of smoke so we're watching and this guy who came through</p> <p>10 there who I had never seen before, he was quite a tall</p> <p>11 guy, he had red overalls on. I now know him to be</p> <p>12 a Malaysian guy because when he came through the fence I</p> <p>13 says to the guys, we'd best not go, best not go, because</p> <p>14 we didn't know who he was and obviously we were quite</p> <p>15 concerned for our own safety but then he came along and</p> <p>16 he started walking along in front of our office, so at</p> <p>17 that stage, he looked Asian to me, we went out and says,</p> <p>18 come on and took him into the office and he told me he</p> <p>19 was Malaysian. I didn't know his name. He didn't have</p> <p>20 any identification on and we laid him down.</p> <p>21 Q. Was he injured?</p> <p>22 A. He was injured. There was no signs of physical, no open</p> <p>23 wounds or anything but he was complaining heavily of</p> <p>24 pains down, I can't remember now, either his right-hand</p> <p>25 side, left-hand side, one of them, like. And he was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 31</p>
<p>1 what happened?</p> <p>2 A. Well, this seemed to go on until I would say 3 pm and</p> <p>3 then it just went quiet.</p> <p>4 Q. While we are on that picture, you talked about the</p> <p>5 second car. Can you just indicate on that map</p> <p>6 whereabouts you thought that the other car you saw was?</p> <p>7 A. This isn't to scale mind but if you bring the cursor</p> <p>8 over the road again and come down, down, down, it would</p> <p>9 have been roughly around there, that area I would say</p> <p>10 (Indicated).</p> <p>11 Q. Again, it has been suggested to us that if you keep</p> <p>12 going down the road about another couple of centimetres</p> <p>13 you see that black mark below the cursor?</p> <p>14 A. Could have been there because like I say the incline up</p> <p>15 at that point that's how I had the vision above them to</p> <p>16 see that vehicle.</p> <p>17 Q. So that is consistent with what you saw if it was that</p> <p>18 position there?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. Then I think some time after that you somebody walking</p> <p>21 towards --</p> <p>22 A. There was a guy who came through the CPF gate, a very</p> <p>23 tall guy wearing red overalls.</p> <p>24 Q. So through the CPF gate, so we are coming back?</p> <p>25 A. If you take the cursor right back down. That's the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 30</p>	<p>1 very disorientated, put it that way.</p> <p>2 Q. And then I think you saw a colleague that you knew as</p> <p>3 well?</p> <p>4 A. That's right. About five minutes after that Angel had</p> <p>5 walked through -- actually before we got the Malaysian</p> <p>6 guy into the office I seen Angelito come through the</p> <p>7 gate and it was the Malaysian guy that told us that</p> <p>8 Angelito had gone into the Post de Guard.</p> <p>9 Q. And Angelito you knew because you had worked with him?</p> <p>10 A. Correct.</p> <p>11 Q. Did your other colleagues go and collect Angelito?</p> <p>12 A. Thure, Lou and myself left the building and went over to</p> <p>13 the Post de Guard.</p> <p>14 Q. And Post de Guard is the little building next to the</p> <p>15 barrier?</p> <p>16 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>17 Q. So it is not quite into the complex and it is certainly</p> <p>18 not into the CPF yet?</p> <p>19 A. No, it's the guardhouse.</p> <p>20 Q. And you found Angel there?</p> <p>21 A. Well, I stopped to take all identification badges off</p> <p>22 the boards just in case they came out to find out --</p> <p>23 because they wouldn't know how many expats were on the</p> <p>24 terminal al that time so I just took all of them off</p> <p>25 while Thure and Lou went inside the Post de Guard and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 32</p>

<p>1 they came out with Angelito.</p> <p>2 Q. Just pausing there, the ID badges that you are talking</p> <p>3 about, these are the ones that you leave at the</p> <p>4 Post de Guard when you go to that part of the site so</p> <p>5 they show where every expat is on site?</p> <p>6 A. Shows them on site and also when you move them from the</p> <p>7 first board to the second board that should show that</p> <p>8 you are on the CPF. Because there was a board for the</p> <p>9 badges when you're on the CPF and a board for just</p> <p>10 showing that you are in the office areas.</p> <p>11 Q. Do you recall now about how many badges were there that</p> <p>12 morning, how many colleagues had gone to work?</p> <p>13 A. There was about 15 or 20 badges there.</p> <p>14 Q. So you removed them and your colleagues assisted Angel?</p> <p>15 A. They came out with Angel between them and then the four</p> <p>16 of us made our way back to our office.</p> <p>17 Q. And I think you tried to offer some first aid to Angel?</p> <p>18 A. At that stage I got me friend Davy to come along as</p> <p>19 well.</p> <p>20 Q. That is Davy Murray?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. And he had been in the DEP office?</p> <p>23 A. He had been in the DEP office. I went along and asked</p> <p>24 him to come along and basically because he has the</p> <p>25 smallest hands and we only had one pair of latex gloves</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 33</p>	<p>1 This is after it had been blown up and he said that they</p> <p>2 shouted "Allahu Akbar". Whether they detonated or it</p> <p>3 was the army I don't know. Angel couldn't tell us.</p> <p>4 Like I say he was very --</p> <p>5 Q. But he told you there had been an explosion in his</p> <p>6 vehicle?</p> <p>7 A. He said there had been an explosion in the vehicle, yes.</p> <p>8 Q. And then I think there came a time later on that day</p> <p>9 when you with your other colleagues left the building?</p> <p>10 A. Yes, I was standing outside and two terrorists came,</p> <p>11 I seen two terrorists coming over from the CPF towards</p> <p>12 the Post de Guard.</p> <p>13 Q. So you were standing where, just outside your office?</p> <p>14 A. The same place where I was from the first morning when</p> <p>15 I seen the guys being taken hostage. We were all</p> <p>16 standing there in that corner looking towards the CPF</p> <p>17 and there were these two guys in combats again, running</p> <p>18 in military fashion, coming over.</p> <p>19 Q. How far from you were they?</p> <p>20 A. I first seen them about 100 metres I would say, 100,</p> <p>21 150 metres, something like that.</p> <p>22 Q. What did you do then?</p> <p>23 A. I went back into the office and locked the door.</p> <p>24 Q. And had they seen you?</p> <p>25 A. No, not at that point.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 35</p>
<p>1 and so we didn't want to rip them and Davy was applying</p> <p>2 the bandages and putting saline water on Angel's wounds</p> <p>3 and then he was bandaged up and then he was laid down as</p> <p>4 well in the recovery position at the opposite side of</p> <p>5 the office to where the Malaysian guy was.</p> <p>6 Q. And then what happened next?</p> <p>7 A. Various things. Thure and Lou went looking for more</p> <p>8 first aid because we had very, very limited supplies and</p> <p>9 came back with some iodine and that and they went out</p> <p>10 and came back with croissants, got them from the IBO.</p> <p>11 Thure said it looked like there had been a struggle in</p> <p>12 Hans's office, remember him telling us that and when</p> <p>13 they came back over from the IBO they picked up that</p> <p>14 hard hat that was there and it was Hans's hat.</p> <p>15 Q. And the hard hat had been?</p> <p>16 A. Hans. On the day one when I had seen the guys lying on</p> <p>17 the ground there was a white hard hat there and it had</p> <p>18 Hans's name on it. So we knew then that Hans had been</p> <p>19 taken over at the CPF as well.</p> <p>20 Q. I think while Lou and Thure were at the IBO you spoke to</p> <p>21 Angel who told you what had happened in his vehicle?</p> <p>22 A. Again, he was very, very disillusioned. He had a head</p> <p>23 injury and he was complaining of pains everywhere and</p> <p>24 basically he said there were three Japanese in the seat</p> <p>25 behind the two terrorists and the Japanese were asleep.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 34</p>	<p>1 Q. And then I think there came another time when the</p> <p>2 terrorists did arrive at your building?</p> <p>3 A. That's correct.</p> <p>4 Q. Tell us about that?</p> <p>5 A. Not long after that Davy, Harry, Thure and Lou, they</p> <p>6 went out looking for something, I don't know what, and</p> <p>7 then they came tearing into the building saying "they're</p> <p>8 coming, they're coming, back in the office, back in the</p> <p>9 office". We didn't have enough time to do anything. We</p> <p>10 just went into the office and locked the door and that</p> <p>11 was when they came. That was exactly 4.55. I knew that</p> <p>12 for a fact because I had my phone there like that and</p> <p>13 that's when they came in and set off a few rounds and</p> <p>14 then they were screaming and shouting at Angelito.</p> <p>15 Q. So Angelito and the Malaysian man were still on the</p> <p>16 floor in the other office?</p> <p>17 A. Outside in the main office area.</p> <p>18 Q. And you were hidden in your rooms?</p> <p>19 A. In my office.</p> <p>20 Q. What did you hear the terrorists do or say?</p> <p>21 A. It was he was talking in English and he was saying to</p> <p>22 Angelito "Where is the third man? Who's done your</p> <p>23 dressings? Where is the third man?" Over and over</p> <p>24 again, quite a loud voice and they were having</p> <p>25 conversations with each other. Esha, one of them was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 36</p>

<p>1 called Esha. We know this because Maurad was 2 translating for what he was saying and he knew that one 3 of them was Egyptian and one of them was Tuareg. 4 Q. That is what your Algerian colleague told you? 5 A. Yes, because of their accents. 6 Q. And did Maurad translate any more of what was said for 7 you? 8 A. Just that, one of them was called Esha which is chief or 9 something. Means chief or boss, but they were in there 10 for 40 minutes. I know this for a fact again because of 11 my phone. 12 Q. So they were in the office for 40 minutes. 13 A. They were in the office for 40 minute. 14 Q. You said you heard shots? 15 A. There was -- they sent shots off two or three times, 16 a couple of rounds each. Whether they were taking the 17 locks off or -- on the doors, I don't know because they 18 were certainly ransacking both the offices on either 19 side of me. They were yelling down the corridor going 20 through offices but they didn't get into ours. 21 Q. Did you look at those doors later to see if they had 22 gunshots in the doors? 23 A. No. We didn't come out until 2 o'clock in the morning. 24 Q. But your office, there wasn't any attempt to break into 25 it?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 37</p>	<p>1 I locked the door behind me. Took the keys away just to 2 confuse them again if they came back and then we left by 3 the emergency exit. Stopped and got George and Ludvic 4 from the construction office. 5 Q. So they were two other colleagues you knew? 6 A. Two other colleagues because there was six of us in my 7 office after the terrorists tried, on day two tried to 8 get in but we stopped and picked George and Ludvic up 9 and Chris and Steve decided to stay. They didn't want 10 to go over the fence. So the eight of us went over the 11 fence. 12 Q. You say you went over the fence. I think you found 13 there had been a point where it had been cut? 14 A. No, we went over the fence. 15 Q. Sorry, it was later you learned it had been cut? 16 A. We knew that it had been cut because the guy that was 17 outside the DEP office, the Algerian guy, he told us 18 that some others had cut a hole in the fence and gone 19 through. We were looking for it but we actually found, 20 it was like a generator or something that you could get 21 on the top of it and go through the razor wire and then 22 into the desert. 23 Q. And just to clarify, you mentioned the Algerian guy. 24 This was a colleague who had stayed around and slept in 25 his car?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 39</p>
<p>1 A. Yes, they were trying to come through the door but just 2 banging heavily on the door with something but they just 3 didn't get in. 4 Q. I think you barricaded yourselves in there? 5 A. Yes I had a filing cabinet and some very heavy weights 6 and quite a lot of test equipment that was in there and 7 that was barricaded in. 8 Q. Then I think there came a time when you and your 9 colleagues decided you were going to leave? 10 A. It was the two Norwegians, Tore and Harry, they were 11 talking in Norwegian. This must have been about 12 8 o'clock at night because we realised they had gone and 13 we started speaking quietly and they were speaking 14 Norwegian and I asked them if they could speak in 15 English because it was the only common tongue in the 16 room and they just said they're going to go over. It 17 was time to go. They wanted to go at 5.30, just before 18 first light but I said 2 o'clock is the right time to go 19 and we went over the fence at 2 o'clock in the morning. 20 Q. I think as you left you looked into the office to see 21 where Angel and the Malaysian man had been? 22 A. I had a brief look but I couldn't see anything. 23 I wasn't going to go because they had been firing guns 24 and I didn't want to see anything that -- what -- so it 25 turned out I was the last man out of the office and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 38</p>	<p>1 A. Yes, that was the guy who was outside the DEP. I didn't 2 know the guy but he worked for Steve, Steve Winsoki. 3 Q. And had he been assisting the expats and giving them 4 some information? 5 A. He had been helping Steve and giving him information 6 which was getting fed to us. 7 Q. And then I think you walked out into the desert and 8 followed the trunk line? 9 A. Yes, followed everything. 10 Q. And then eventually you were picked up by the -- 11 A. No, we had to walk 6 kilometres out. We walked a long 12 way out. It was quite a long walk. 13 Q. And eventually you were picked up and taken to the 14 checkpoint? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. I think then you gave some information to people at the 17 checkpoint about where other expats were that you knew 18 of? 19 A. Yes. I had been handing information over from day one. 20 I was in contact with the incident response team at 21 Hassi Messaoud from day one because the phones were 22 still working, our mobiles. So everybody knew where 23 everybody was. 24 Q. Did your landlines continue to work throughout? 25 A. The landlines were working internally. Only internally</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 40</p>

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<p>1 of the site but you couldn't get a line out. The mobile 2 phones went dead at around 7.30 at night on day one. 3 MS DOLAN: Thank you, Mr Graham, I have no more to ask you 4 but others will have. 5 Questions from Mr Ritchie 6 MR RITCHIE: Mr Graham, my name is Andrew Ritchie and 7 I appear for the family of Carlos Estrada. 8 You started work in the plant I believe in 2007? 9 A. Correct. 10 Q. And did you always work in the CPF and live in the BdV? 11 A. That's correct. 12 Q. Were your rotations basically allowing you to work there 13 for about half the year? 14 A. Correct, yes, 28/28. 15 Q. When you were there did you work seven days a week? 16 A. That's correct. 17 Q. Do you recall in the earlier years that you saw patrols 18 when you were going to and from work, you were aware of 19 them? 20 A. I was, yes. 21 Q. But there came a time two or three years before the 22 attack that you didn't see any more patrols? 23 A. No. 24 Q. So just understanding your routine, you got up very 25 early, didn't you?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 41</p>	<p>1 Q. You, I assume, would have your supper when you got back? 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. Was that generally after dark or in some of the year was 4 that in the light? 5 A. Sometimes it was still light but predominantly it was 6 dark. 7 Q. Would you knock about talking to your colleagues for 8 a while before retiring? 9 A. I would just go to the galley, have something to eat and 10 then I'd head straight back to my room to be perfectly 11 honest. I was an early riser so early to bed. 12 Q. So when knocking around the BdV did you ever see patrol 13 vehicles outside the BdV either singly or ducks in a row 14 driving around obviously taking care to protect you? 15 A. Never. 16 Q. Can I come -- sorry, to ask you a bit more detail about 17 the events because I know they are not something that 18 one wants to remember, but this is the chance for the 19 families to understand. That morning you got up early, 20 you had your grub in the canteen at the BdV, as 21 I understand it? 22 A. I just grabbed a couple of yogurts. 23 Q. Would you have gone through the gate from BdV into the 24 car park? 25 A. I did.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 43</p>
<p>1 A. Yes. 2 Q. And you generally would hitch a lift to the CPF -- 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. -- with some people that were work colleagues of you? 5 A. Whoever was there, I'd always get a lift out there, yes. 6 Q. Would you lunch in the CPF or would you go back to the 7 BdV? 8 A. Go back to the BdV. 9 Q. Then would you go back after lunch to the CPF? 10 A. That's correct. 11 Q. And then in the evening when your shift ended would you 12 go back to the BdV? 13 A. Correct. 14 Q. So you were doing four journeys along that road each 15 day, seven days a week? 16 A. That's correct, yes. 17 Q. In those two years, two or three years you say before 18 the attack, which would be about 2010/2011 through 19 to January 2013, you don't recall seeing Gendarme 20 patrols, men with guns either in one car or two or three 21 cars buzzing around that area? 22 A. Not at all. 23 Q. At night in the BdV you were in companies camp 24 extension, weren't you? 25 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 42</p>	<p>1 Q. Was that the pedestrian one you would have gone through? 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. Then you will have picked up your lift somewhere in the, 4 is it the uncovered car park that you would have gone 5 to? 6 A. Yes, I was on the uncovered side where the bus was. 7 Q. Thank you. Was the bus there actually that day? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. Then you will have driven out through the exit of the 10 car park. Now, there is a sliding gate and there is 11 a pole. I assume the sliding gate was open because you 12 couldn't have got out otherwise? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. Did you see the guards shoving it open or was it already 15 open? 16 A. It was open. 17 Q. And you got to the CPF at 5.30 on your recollection? 18 A. 5.25, 5.30, something like that. 19 Q. So when you left the BdV that must have been earlier 20 than that? 21 A. Yes, it was a 5-minute drive. 22 Q. So maybe 5.20? 23 A. Yes, 5.20. 24 Q. Did the guard have to lift the pole for you or was the 25 pole up?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 44</p>

<p>1 A. No, he definitely had to lift the pole.</p> <p>2 Q. So the guard was doing the pole but the sliding gate was</p> <p>3 open. Then you go through the red and white concrete</p> <p>4 posts and you are out of the BdV and you buzz along to</p> <p>5 the CPF?</p> <p>6 A. That's correct.</p> <p>7 Q. That morning it was still dark we have heard from many</p> <p>8 witnesses.</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. Did you see cars with lights on, on patrol, either on</p> <p>11 the road or around the road protecting you?</p> <p>12 A. No.</p> <p>13 Q. Where were these patrols?</p> <p>14 A. I've got no idea.</p> <p>15 Q. So you drive to the CPF and as I understand it, when you</p> <p>16 get to the CPF there are concrete T bar barriers, that</p> <p>17 is what somebody has called them, T bars, big lumps of</p> <p>18 concrete, fatter at the bottom and thinner at the top.</p> <p>19 So an upside down T which make a chicane for you to go</p> <p>20 through?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. And your driver drove through those?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. And came to the guard house with the pole at the CPF?</p> <p>25 A. That's correct.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 45</p>	<p>1 Q. So nobody could stop armed men getting to your office?</p> <p>2 A. No.</p> <p>3 Q. And the alarm went off I assume?</p> <p>4 A. The alarm was going off, yes.</p> <p>5 Q. There was only one type of alarm in the CPF, one tone,</p> <p>6 wasn't there?</p> <p>7 A. That's correct.</p> <p>8 Q. So could you distinguish between a fire attack and</p> <p>9 a terrorist attack with that one tone?</p> <p>10 A. Not with that one that I was hearing, no.</p> <p>11 Q. Fortunately you could see it was a terrorist attack</p> <p>12 because you had seen the guys?</p> <p>13 A. I heard the gunfire.</p> <p>14 Q. Maybe Tore Bech and the others weren't as lucky as you</p> <p>15 because they couldn't see it?</p> <p>16 A. Well, they must have already been inside that office,</p> <p>17 I knew they were already inside the IBO, in their</p> <p>18 offices.</p> <p>19 Q. And then later you helped the Malaysian and Angelito and</p> <p>20 did all you could for them?</p> <p>21 A. As much as we could.</p> <p>22 MR RITCHIE: I understand the emotion involved in that. One</p> <p>23 wishes one could do more but I'm sure there was nothing</p> <p>24 more you could have done. Thank you very much.</p> <p>25 Questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 47</p>
<p>1 Q. Again, as I understand it, if there was a sliding gate</p> <p>2 there it was open?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. And you can't even remember whether there was a sliding</p> <p>5 gate?</p> <p>6 A. Because there was never anything closed.</p> <p>7 Q. There is no holding area or fortified gates or anything</p> <p>8 like that to get into the CPF, it was pole up, drive in?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. Thank you very much. Now, your timing of the events</p> <p>11 that started at the CPF is pretty accurate because you</p> <p>12 have checked when you logged on to your Facebook at 5.38</p> <p>13 or so?</p> <p>14 A. That's correct.</p> <p>15 Q. The power went off just after that?</p> <p>16 A. That's what it was showing up the last time on my</p> <p>17 laptop.</p> <p>18 Q. And then a little bit later you see this car coming down</p> <p>19 towards the CPF, which we now know is a terrorist car,</p> <p>20 because you heard shooting pretty soon when it got to</p> <p>21 the guard gate?</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 Q. There were no armed Gendarmes protecting you in CPF,</p> <p>24 were there?</p> <p>25 A. None ever.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 46</p>	<p>1 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Good morning, Mr Graham, my name is</p> <p>2 Owen-Thomas, I ask questions on behalf of David Green,</p> <p>3 father of Stephen Green. Did you know Stephen?</p> <p>4 A. Not well but I did know Stephen.</p> <p>5 Q. Can I ask you to have a look at the documents on the</p> <p>6 screen and ask you a little bit more about the vehicles</p> <p>7 involved and the vehicles you saw. It is likely that on</p> <p>8 this picture you have on the screen there are three</p> <p>9 vehicles which involved the hostages and terrorists and</p> <p>10 you have been asked specifically about one which is near</p> <p>11 the perimeter fence of the CPF?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. It is possible that there was one a little further down</p> <p>14 on the piste road?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. And another one a little bit further down again on the</p> <p>17 tarmac road?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Can you see those three marks that could possibly be</p> <p>20 those vehicles?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. How many of those do you think you saw on the morning?</p> <p>23 A. Two.</p> <p>24 Q. Two of them?</p> <p>25 A. I could only say that I've seen two.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 48</p>

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<p>1 Q. And which two?</p> <p>2 A. The one that's furthest away, the one that's closest to</p> <p>3 the fence, yes, because that one was clear and the one</p> <p>4 that's the furthest away out of the three marks shown</p> <p>5 which is down near that zone, yes, because that was</p> <p>6 elevated ground again, I say that that was elevated</p> <p>7 ground from where we were.</p> <p>8 Q. So thinking about the one which is closest to the CPF,</p> <p>9 can I ask you a little more detail about that. You saw</p> <p>10 that vehicle and I think you said you saw it being shot</p> <p>11 at by a helicopter?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. But you cannot say whether or not the helicopter struck</p> <p>14 that vehicle?</p> <p>15 A. I couldn't, couldn't say that for sure.</p> <p>16 Q. Did you see it overturn?</p> <p>17 A. No, I cannot say I see it overturn but I seen it</p> <p>18 explode.</p> <p>19 Q. Did you see it on its roof?</p> <p>20 A. Well, I seen it explode, when I seen it explode I didn't</p> <p>21 think it went on its roof. It could have.</p> <p>22 Q. The vehicle you saw explode, does that not fit with the</p> <p>23 idea of that vehicle being on its roof?</p> <p>24 A. Well, it does but it was on fire, you know, it was just</p> <p>25 big -- it exploded and there was tonnes and tonnes of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 49</p>	<p>1 and two or three people coming back up the ways to the</p> <p>2 BdV.</p> <p>3 Q. Are you able to help with the nationalities of people</p> <p>4 who were running?</p> <p>5 A. I wouldn't -- I now know but I couldn't have said who</p> <p>6 was who then because I was shouting, "kill them" because</p> <p>7 I thought it was just terrorists that the army were</p> <p>8 taking out.</p> <p>9 Q. Did you see anyone remaining in the vehicle?</p> <p>10 A. No.</p> <p>11 Q. Did you see anyone run towards the CPF and then turn</p> <p>12 round and run back towards the BdV?</p> <p>13 A. No, it was -- people did come to the CPF but I didn't</p> <p>14 see anybody come back. You see, the ones that ran along</p> <p>15 the fence, I don't know what happened to them. I've got</p> <p>16 no idea. But the people who were going back up towards</p> <p>17 the CPF, I just seen them going up. So one of them had</p> <p>18 his hands above his head.</p> <p>19 Q. Talking now about the other vehicle that you saw, the</p> <p>20 one furthest away. Did you see that vehicle explode?</p> <p>21 A. No.</p> <p>22 Q. Did you see anyone running from that vehicle?</p> <p>23 A. No.</p> <p>24 Q. Did you see anyone running to that vehicle?</p> <p>25 A. No.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 51</p>
<p>1 smoke all over. So I couldn't see what way it was up or</p> <p>2 down.</p> <p>3 Q. Did you see it come to a halt?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. How soon after it came to a halt did you see smoke</p> <p>6 coming from the vehicle?</p> <p>7 A. Immediately.</p> <p>8 Q. And I think you have said that you saw people running</p> <p>9 from this area?</p> <p>10 A. From that area, yes, and around the fence.</p> <p>11 Q. But you didn't see anyone actually leaving the vehicle?</p> <p>12 A. No.</p> <p>13 Q. How soon after you saw the smoke did you see people</p> <p>14 running round from this area?</p> <p>15 A. Virtually immediately as well.</p> <p>16 Q. I think you have described some people running towards</p> <p>17 the CPF --</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. -- and some people running away from the CPF?</p> <p>20 A. At that point they were all running away from the CPF or</p> <p>21 along the fence and by where the lay down area is there,</p> <p>22 the construction lay down area.</p> <p>23 Q. Running towards the left, the west here?</p> <p>24 A. Both. One person coming along the perimeter fence of</p> <p>25 the CPF and one person by the construction lay down area</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 50</p>	<p>1 Q. Is it possible that you have mixed up the two vehicles</p> <p>2 and it was the one furthest away that exploded and the</p> <p>3 one nearest that didn't?</p> <p>4 A. No.</p> <p>5 MR OWEN-THOMAS: You are quite sure in your mind about those</p> <p>6 two vehicles. Thank you, Mr Graham. That is all I want</p> <p>7 to ask.</p> <p>8 Questions from MS GERRY</p> <p>9 MS GERRY: Good morning, Mr Graham.</p> <p>10 A. Morning.</p> <p>11 Q. I ask questions on behalf of Sebastian John's family.</p> <p>12 There are just two matters I wanted to ask you about.</p> <p>13 The first is in relation to the vehicle that you saw</p> <p>14 with the blue flashing light in. Was it blue light</p> <p>15 inside, you could see blue?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. Are you sure that it was inside the car and if so what</p> <p>18 made you think that?</p> <p>19 A. Because that's what drew my attention to it because it</p> <p>20 was strange. The blue flashing light inside of the car.</p> <p>21 Q. Can you recall saying to Lou Fear that you thought it</p> <p>22 was a Gendarme car?</p> <p>23 A. Well, no, I can't recall saying that to Lou Fear. It</p> <p>24 just looked like one of our vehicles.</p> <p>25 Q. Were you able to see at all whether it had the green</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 52</p>

<p>1 door that the Gendarme cars had?</p> <p>2 A. No.</p> <p>3 Q. Did you not see it or could you not have seen it?</p> <p>4 A. I couldn't see it.</p> <p>5 Q. Can I then just ask you to be shown the -- we have</p> <p>6 a clip of what we think is the entrance to the CPF which</p> <p>7 may assist in describing the gates and the barriers. So</p> <p>8 is this going towards the CPF?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. So this is the first thing you come to once you come to</p> <p>11 the top of the road?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. And these are the chicanes, is that right?</p> <p>14 A. That's correct.</p> <p>15 Q. And if we just carry on through (video played). So we</p> <p>16 can see the distance, is it on the left-hand side, is</p> <p>17 that the guardhouse?</p> <p>18 A. That's the Post de Guard.</p> <p>19 Q. It is actually not that easy to see, but the pole then</p> <p>20 would just be where the guardhouse is, is that right?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, I can see it running across the road there.</p> <p>22 Q. But your recollection is there is no actual gate or</p> <p>23 anything that slid across that entrance?</p> <p>24 A. If there was a gate there it was never shut.</p> <p>25 MS GERRY: Thank you, I have nothing further.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 53</p>	<p>1 Q. I am going to ask some ridiculous questions now, largely</p> <p>2 based on my total absence of any knowledge of what it's</p> <p>3 like to fly a helicopter. Have you ever flown a</p> <p>4 helicopter?</p> <p>5 A. I've flown in a helicopter, yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Given that it all sounds like a film, if you are</p> <p>7 watching a film sometimes helicopters are able to come</p> <p>8 down very low and sort of harass a vehicle and cause it</p> <p>9 to take a particular -- a bit like a sheep dog and</p> <p>10 sheep, if you know what I mean, make the vehicles move</p> <p>11 in the direction that the helicopter wants them to do.</p> <p>12 Would it have been possible for the helicopter to have</p> <p>13 diverted the vehicles away from the CPF?</p> <p>14 A. Yes, it would have been possible.</p> <p>15 Q. Would it have been possible for the helicopter to land</p> <p>16 in front of the vehicles and block their path to the</p> <p>17 CPF?</p> <p>18 A. Yes, for sure.</p> <p>19 Q. There was sufficient space?</p> <p>20 A. For sure, it's 4 kilometres, 4-kilometres of road. The</p> <p>21 helicopter goes faster than the vehicle.</p> <p>22 Q. Did you have a sense of when the vehicle, the</p> <p>23 helicopters are flying over the top of the vehicles and</p> <p>24 as you say, off-loading on to them, did you have a sense</p> <p>25 of how fast the vehicles were travelling at that point?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 55</p>
<p>1 Questions from MS GOLLOP</p> <p>2 MS GOLLOP: Hello, my name is Katie Gollop and I am asking</p> <p>3 questions on behalf of Stephen Green's wife Belinda. If</p> <p>4 I could take you back if you wouldn't mind to the</p> <p>5 helicopters.</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Did you see any shots coming from the vehicles to the</p> <p>8 helicopters?</p> <p>9 A. No.</p> <p>10 Q. If there had been shots from the vehicles to the</p> <p>11 helicopters would you have been able to see them?</p> <p>12 A. I would be very surprised if I would have been able to</p> <p>13 see them.</p> <p>14 Q. And these aren't open top cars, are they? There is</p> <p>15 nobody standing up in the vehicle? They have all got</p> <p>16 roofs on top so --</p> <p>17 A. Well, I am sure that the one that came to a halt and</p> <p>18 exploded at the gate was a flat bed, an open back flat</p> <p>19 bed.</p> <p>20 Q. Did you see anybody standing up in the vehicle firing?</p> <p>21 A. No.</p> <p>22 Q. Are you able to help us with how far above the vehicles</p> <p>23 the helicopters were?</p> <p>24 A. Right, I'll think about this. 100 feet, something like</p> <p>25 that. They were coming in low.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 54</p>	<p>1 A. Fast. Fast -- they weren't travelling in a straight</p> <p>2 line either.</p> <p>3 Q. What sort of a course were they taking?</p> <p>4 A. Well, the one that came to rest by the gate, the fence,</p> <p>5 which was the main vehicle which I've seen, that was</p> <p>6 coming like that. Like a snake effect coming down the</p> <p>7 road and that's when the helicopters are coming in from</p> <p>8 the right-hand side, coming in low from the right-hand</p> <p>9 side and then sweeping back round.</p> <p>10 MS GOLLOP: Thank you very much.</p> <p>11 THE CORONER: Yes. Anyone else?</p> <p>12 Questions from MR ANTROBUS</p> <p>13 MR ANTROBUS: Mr Graham, I am asking questions on behalf of</p> <p>14 BP. Can I just ask you, can I come back to this point</p> <p>15 on armed patrols. In answers that you gave to</p> <p>16 Mr Ritchie who was asking about armed patrols you</p> <p>17 confirmed that you hadn't seen any patrols in the last</p> <p>18 two or three years before the incident.</p> <p>19 A. No.</p> <p>20 Q. But when you were asked questions from the coroner</p> <p>21 earlier you said that you hadn't noticed a difference</p> <p>22 because you hadn't seen patrols at all?</p> <p>23 A. Well, I hadn't seen it patrolled, no.</p> <p>24 Q. Just to be sure on it, had you ever seen armed patrols</p> <p>25 in your time at In Amenas from 2007?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 56</p>

1 **A. When we were transported there but that's escorts, but.**
 2 Q. So just escorts?
 3 **A. Escorts. I've never seen any armed patrols.**
 4 Q. From your position in the CPF going to and from you
 5 hadn't seen armed patrols --
 6 **A. No.**
 7 Q. -- at any stage?
 8 **A. No.**
 9 Q. And can I just ask you, in terms of your impression as
 10 to your safety in the camp you indicated that you had
 11 felt generally safe and you said so in your statement?
 12 **A. Mmm.**
 13 Q. And even during the strike that took place you said that
 14 you never felt unsafe. Is that right?
 15 **A. Well, we were moved. We weren't there all the time.**
 16 Q. But when you were there?
 17 **A. Well, yes, I suppose, but like I say, I always expected,**
 18 **I thought our safety was guaranteed.**
 19 Q. May I just ask you finally, in terms of the instructions
 20 that you were given in terms of how to deal with
 21 a situation, be it a security situation or a fire
 22 situation, you said in a statement that you gave to the
 23 police in February that if in the event of an alarm
 24 sounding, a security alarm that the base is under attack
 25 you should lock yourself down in your room. Is that

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1 right?
 2 **A. That's what I done.**
 3 Q. But that was the advice that you had been given at your
 4 induction when you came to site?
 5 **A. That's all we were told to do, yes.**
 6 Q. Just to assist in relation to that, you have a bundle in
 7 front of you, a green bundle, could you just refer to it
 8 briefly. If you look, you will see there are some
 9 dividers in the bundle. If you could turn to number 10.
 10 **A. Security induction.**
 11 Q. You will have to turn the bundle around.
 12 **A. Okay.**
 13 Q. You see at the bottom right corner there are some
 14 numbers?
 15 **A. Yes.**
 16 Q. Pagination. Can you just turn on to number 70. I am
 17 not suggesting that you have seen this document. This
 18 was guidance given to people who were giving out the
 19 induction when you came on to site. But it is --
 20 **A. My induction was different to this mind.**
 21 Q. Sorry?
 22 **A. My induction was different to this.**
 23 Q. In what way?
 24 **A. We weren't told that at my induction.**
 25 Q. What were you told in the induction?

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1 **A. We weren't told anything about the security alarm at the**
 2 **induction. It was 2007.**
 3 Q. What were you told in your induction then?
 4 **A. Just muster points and the alarms, because the alarms**
 5 **have changed, you know, from the beginning of 2007 to**
 6 **when it is now.**
 7 Q. So when were you told to stay in your room?
 8 **A. That would have been delivered to me some, about**
 9 **2010/2011, something like that.**
 10 Q. And who told you that, liaison?
 11 **A. I think it would have been one of the liaison guys, yes.**
 12 Q. Was it similar, just looking at this document, leaving
 13 aside whether you were actually shown this on the
 14 induction, were those the instructions that you were
 15 given that you can see, on hearing weapon fire
 16 explosions or the intermittent alarm and so on?
 17 **A. What they were told was, all my induction was if there**
 18 **is an intermittent siren, stay in your room, get under**
 19 **the bed and lock the door. That was all it was.**
 20 MR ANTROBUS: Thank you very much. Thank you.
 21 THE CORONER: Anything else? No. Well, thank you very much
 22 indeed, very grateful to you.
 23 (The witness withdrew)
 24 THE CORONER: We will have a 15-minute break now.
 25 (11.52 am)

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1 (A short break)
 2 (12.14 pm)
 3 MS DOLAN: Sir, the next witness is Mr Gary Rose.
 4 MR GARY ROSE (affirmed)
 5 Questions from MS DOLAN
 6 MS DOLAN: Good afternoon, Mr Rose. Can you give us your
 7 full name please?
 8 **A. Yes, Garry Kevin Rose.**
 9 Q. And I think you worked at the In Amenas gas facility in
 10 2013?
 11 **A. Yes, I did, yes.**
 12 Q. And what role did you work in?
 13 **A. I was employed as the emergency response adviser.**
 14 Q. And what does that mean in practice?
 15 **A. That basically means I was there to advise on emergency**
 16 **plans and to train staff how to respond to emergencies**
 17 **and also there to train the local force, the national**
 18 **intervention team, who are effectively the firefighting**
 19 **team.**
 20 Q. Can you pull that microphone a bit further towards you.
 21 How long had you worked at In Amenas by the time
 22 2013 came round?
 23 **A. Well I started there on 26 November 2009.**
 24 Q. So you had been there?
 25 **A. Over three years.**

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<p>1 Q. I think actually at the time of the events we are 2 concerned with you weren't actually on site?</p> <p>3 A. No, I changed my plans at the last minute. I was due to 4 leave the site on the bus on Wednesday, 16 January and 5 at the last minute I changed my plans and decided to 6 leave on the 14th, Monday the 14th, and that was 7 arranged for me by Paul Morgan.</p> <p>8 Q. We have heard from your other colleague that there had 9 been an exercise arranged which had been cancelled 10 because of the drivers strike?</p> <p>11 A. Yes, I had been arranging a major shareholder exercise 12 that was due to take place on Sunday, 13 January.</p> <p>13 Q. It was in light of the cancellation of that that you 14 left the site?</p> <p>15 A. Yes, basically the exercise had been cancelled so I had 16 already been on the site for much longer than the normal 17 4 week rotation. I had arrived on 12 December 2012. 18 I had stayed for Christmas and New Year to work on the 19 exercise and there was no point basically in staying on 20 because I had spoken to Tore Bech and said what's the 21 likelihood of the exercise being rescheduled soon? And 22 it wasn't likely. So there was no point me staying. 23 I couldn't really stay for family commitments any 24 longer.</p> <p>25 Q. I think you had therefore been somebody who had been on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 61</p>	<p>1 So, for example, the Toyota Corollas that carried most 2 of the management would pull up at the guard post, when 3 leaving the IBO area towards the BdV and they would 4 generally have a quick look inside the vehicle and 5 always ask them to open the boot. But I would notice 6 outside of those main times that with the nationals 7 generally they would just wave through. There was no 8 checks to the vehicle and myself, I was on very good 9 terms with most of the Algerian staff there and they 10 would very, very rarely ask to search any vehicle that 11 I was in. I would sometimes drive the fire trucks and 12 the fire trucks were never searched.</p> <p>13 Q. And is this just -- you were just driving, leaving the 14 IBO and going towards the BdV. Is that when the 15 searches didn't happen?</p> <p>16 A. Yes, basically -- well coming in as well. I noticed 17 this with vehicles coming in. I was often out and about 18 on the site. I would often be jogging around the site 19 quite late in the evening, around 9 or 10 o'clock in the 20 evening sometimes. I would see vehicles coming and 21 going, often my own team, and I would often ask them, 22 you know, where they were going at that time of night 23 and they would just say they were going to see friends. 24 So they had fairly, well completely unrestricted 25 movement most of the time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 63</p>
<p>1 the site both before and after the change to SSI, that 2 the inquest has already heard about, taking over some of 3 the guard functions?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. From your perspective was there any difference when SSI 6 took over the guard function?</p> <p>7 A. Yes, there was -- from my perspective there was 8 a significant deterioration. The standards of 9 professionalism seemed to drop. I noticed various 10 things concerning access control, vehicles not being 11 searched. I should mention at this point that I didn't 12 actually live at the BdV. I was one of only two 13 positions that lived with the Algerians actually based 14 on the IBO in the HSE building. I spent my time 15 permanently with the Algerians.</p> <p>16 Q. And the two positions being?</p> <p>17 A. The two positions, one was the emergency response 18 adviser position and the other was the medic.</p> <p>19 Q. And therefore when you talk about access control 20 standards dropping at which location was it that you had 21 that experience?</p> <p>22 A. I noticed it at both locations. More at the CPF. What 23 I did notice is that during peak traffic movement times 24 when most of the expats would be moving, vehicles, 25 particularly containing the expats, would be searched.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 62</p>	<p>1 Q. When they said going to see friends is that your own 2 team going from the CPF to the BdV or what are we 3 talking about?</p> <p>4 A. Could be going to the BdV or it could be going to 5 contractor camps. A lot of them had cousins or brothers 6 who would work for other contractors. For example one 7 of the contractors was GTP. I knew one of my guys had, 8 I think it was a cousin, who worked for GTP and he would 9 often take him food from the fire station because their 10 food wasn't so good.</p> <p>11 Q. So this is still to other areas in the site rather than 12 leaving and going to the In Amenas town or --</p> <p>13 A. I wasn't aware of any of our team leaving to go to 14 In Amenas town. This would have been relatively short 15 trips that involved visits to contractor camps and other 16 areas.</p> <p>17 Q. You talked about yourself going jogging around the area. 18 If you are jogging where are you jogging, inside or 19 outside the perimeter fence?</p> <p>20 A. I wasn't allowed to jog outside the perimeter fence 21 after the curfew times. So I would jog around the 22 internal perimeter of the IBO area and that could be any 23 time from after we finished work sort of between 24 6 o'clock to sometimes I would go out maybe at 10.30 at 25 night in the summer because the temperatures were too</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 64</p>

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1 extreme to run in the summer, so in the summer time
 2 around 10 o'clock at night the temperature would maybe
 3 drop down to about 27, 28 degrees sometimes which was
 4 more comfortable.
 5 Q. When you were outside, in terms of outside work hours,
 6 were there any Gendarme patrols around?
 7 A. Yes, there were regular patrols around the CPF and the
 8 IBO. I often saw the patrols, I would say probably
 9 every night. Often between about 9 and 10 o'clock and
 10 I would often wave to the guards. And these were the
 11 military, as we referred to them, or the Gendarmes,
 12 usually three or four vehicles. The vehicles were
 13 vehicles that had green and white colourings on them.
 14 So I knew these were military vehicles. Some had blue
 15 lights fitted to them. But I would often sit on the
 16 bench at the back of the HSE building looking out into
 17 the desert and if I was sitting there drinking a cup of
 18 tea they would always go past and wave. But I could see
 19 that they were all military because I could see them
 20 carrying -- the AK47s were easier carried standing up on
 21 their butt and you could see them just poking up above
 22 the windows in the back of the car. Usually three to
 23 four people in each vehicle and three to four vehicles.
 24 Q. You are talking about waving to them so they are within
 25 eye to eye sight of the people?
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1 A. Within 10, 15 metres, yes, they drove right along the
 2 perimeter fence and basically the bench that I was sat
 3 on looked out into the desert along the perimeter fence.
 4 Q. So that looks as though they are controlling the direct
 5 outskirt of the perimeter. Did you see any patrols
 6 further away in the distance?
 7 A. No, no, the only reason I think they were going round
 8 that perimeter fence is because there was a track that
 9 enabled them to drive fairly easily, although it was not
 10 a tarmac surface, it was a fairly driveable track.
 11 Going further out into the desert it was very tough
 12 terrain which, you know, even in a 4 by 4 would not be
 13 easy to drive at night and certainly there was no --
 14 there was perimeter lighting all around the IBO and the
 15 CPF, so vehicles could drive round with reasonable
 16 standards of lighting.
 17 Q. And where did that track lead to? Is this just
 18 circumnavigating the fence or is this track going
 19 further out into a wider scoop?
 20 A. This track they are following leads round to an area
 21 called the evaporation pond and I think that there is
 22 another route where they can maybe get all the way round
 23 the back of the flare area but I'm not sure whether they
 24 actually went as far as that. But I would say that
 25 generally I only ever saw the vehicles going in one
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1 direction and never actually saw them returning the same
 2 way so I assume they were doing a full circuit.
 3 THE CORONER: Were they always in a group?
 4 A. The vehicles always travelled in a group. There were
 5 never single vehicles so there would always be I would
 6 say a minimum of three but sometimes four vehicles and
 7 from what I could see all the vehicles were armed as
 8 well.
 9 MS DOLAN: And you described that happening every night.
 10 How many times a night would you see that?
 11 A. I would generally only see them once but that would be
 12 if I was outside -- my bedroom actually looked out on to
 13 this back perimeter fence so any lights that came around
 14 the back as they came around the corner would shine
 15 through my window. No other vehicles would have been
 16 out because of the curfew. It's very unlikely to see
 17 any other vehicles unless there were any particular
 18 projects that were working late and had a military
 19 escort. There would be no reason for other vehicles to
 20 be there.
 21 Q. You say you generally would see them once. Is that
 22 because you are only in a position to see them once, you
 23 are only jogging over a certain period of time or only
 24 sitting outside at a certain time?
 25 A. Generally I'd be asleep after that. We were up quite
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1 early in the morning so after, say, 10.30 at night
 2 I would be asleep so they may well have come round at
 3 other times but I would have been asleep, but I don't
 4 remember seeing vehicles in the early hours of the
 5 morning or anything like that. It was generally around
 6 9 or 10 o'clock.
 7 Q. It sounds like you often wouldn't be in a position to
 8 see them?
 9 A. Yes.
 10 Q. Was it a very fixed time that they would come past or
 11 would that be variable?
 12 A. It seemed to be between about 9 and 10 o'clock generally
 13 when I would see them.
 14 Q. Can I ask you about the alarm systems.
 15 A. Yes.
 16 Q. Bat the CPF and the IBO area where you lived. What was
 17 the alarm system that was there?
 18 A. There were various alarms in each individual building
 19 which were essentially fire alarms to evacuate
 20 individual buildings. These could be operated
 21 individually, so you could have one particular block of
 22 buildings evacuated or all the site alarms could be
 23 activated to evacuate everybody. It was only possible
 24 to sound fire alarms ie a continuous signal to evacuate
 25 the site and take people to the muster point which was
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1 at the JK -- the old JK warehouse on the IBO.
 2 Q. I think you were here when Mr Graham identified where
 3 the muster point was?
 4 A. Yes, yes. So that was the muster point, but there were
 5 no -- there wasn't a method of activating any security
 6 alarm ie the intermittent alarm which would have
 7 indicated to stay in the buildings, that system didn't
 8 exist at that area. It was in the process of being
 9 installed but it wasn't finished.
 10 Q. We have heard some evidence that one could produce an
 11 intermittent signal but you had to manually switch the
 12 alarm on and off. Are you aware of that?
 13 A. Yes, it was operated from the fire station manually by
 14 pushing a button. But the siren was the sort of siren
 15 you might have heard maybe during war time. It was like
 16 an air raid siren which took a while to wind up to full
 17 power and a while to wind down. So there was continuous
 18 sound. All you could do was oscillate the frequency by
 19 making it either louder or quieter. So you couldn't
 20 make it actually a stop, start alarm it wasn't possible.
 21 We tried to do a security drill at that site and it led
 22 to total confusion because we couldn't actually make it
 23 any different from the fire alarm, so people went to the
 24 muster point rather than staying in the buildings which
 25 they should have done, so we never tried again at that

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1 site because we realised it wasn't possible.
 2 Q. When was that security drill attempted?
 3 A. I did several security drills during my time there.
 4 I think we tried to do that one in 2010 because
 5 I remember it was in July, I think it was 8 July 2010
 6 I did a security drill at the BdV and that was the first
 7 one that I'd done and that was done with Carl Dawbarn,
 8 who was my immediate boss, and Paul Morgan and I had
 9 asked if we could try the security system to see what
 10 happened because nobody had actually done this before.
 11 It was always assumed that if we operated the security
 12 alarm that people would stay in their rooms and then
 13 wait for the all clear as they were supposed to.
 14 I met there at -- it was at 7.30 that evening,
 15 I actually got there at 7.15. At 7.30 we decided to
 16 operate the alarm just to see what would happen and this
 17 wasn't an advertised exercise. We had had the clearance
 18 from management but nobody else knew we were going to do
 19 this and what we found is that a lot of people heard the
 20 security alarm, which was at that site a very specific
 21 intermittent alarm, and they started to come towards the
 22 muster point and we were telling them, you know, why are
 23 you coming -- asking them, why are you coming towards
 24 the muster point? This is a security alarm. What have
 25 you been told if it is an intermittent alarm? And then

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1 they were say, oh should I stay in my room? So there
 2 was obvious confusion about -- people weren't
 3 conditioned. They hadn't been trained to practice these
 4 alarms so therefore whenever they heard an alarm they
 5 would generally evacuate or wait and see if it was
 6 a false alarm.
 7 Q. Having through that drill established that people were
 8 confused about the alarm --
 9 A. We asked them --
 10 Q. -- what happened or did anything happen to then address
 11 that confusion so that workers could learn from it?
 12 A. I wrote a report, I am sure about this, just to my
 13 immediate boss but basically it was left with Paul to
 14 address the issue.
 15 Q. That is Paul Morgan?
 16 A. Paul Morgan, sorry, yes. Paul was going to address the
 17 issue because we were all disappointed that we'd
 18 actually got a response of people coming to muster
 19 rather than doing what they should have done and staying
 20 in their rooms and I think we realised at that point
 21 that there was more work to be done on basically
 22 training people to respond in the correct manner.
 23 Q. You say more work to be done. Was any more work done in
 24 training people?
 25 A. In terms of the security drills very little was done.

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1 There were no real changes. I wasn't happy with the
 2 entry systems that we had. We had two systems in
 3 operation, for example. The T card system and the badge
 4 system. And right up until January 2013 I was still
 5 protesting and trying to change the system to either one
 6 or the other. I couldn't see why we were operating two
 7 different systems. A T card system generally is
 8 a temporary system which is used in a construction
 9 phase. So we had gone to a badge system --
 10 Q. Just take us through those more slowly. The T card
 11 system is generally what?
 12 A. Generally the T card system, everyone is issued with
 13 a T card so whenever you are go into or out of a base
 14 you are putting into or removing your T card from a rack
 15 to indicate that you are on or off-site. A fairly
 16 simple system that really is designed to work with
 17 smaller areas such as a rig or a temporary construction
 18 site. It's very, very basic.
 19 Q. And the T being the shape of the card to stop it
 20 dropping through the slot in the rack?
 21 A. It looks like a plastic card. Basically it looks like a
 22 plastic credit card that has been cut so it just sits,
 23 hooks into a rack.
 24 Q. And then the other system?
 25 A. The other system was an identity badge system. So the

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<p>1 identity badge carried the person's -- a photograph of 2 the person, their name, where they worked, their blood 3 group and then that badge would be handed in to, for 4 example, when you drove from the BdV to the CPF you 5 would hand your badge in at the guard post and then they 6 would clip your badge on to a specific board indicating 7 what parts of the area of that site you worked in. 8 Whether it was HSE, technical support or if you were 9 going on to, as Mr Graham has already said, if you were 10 going on to the CPF your badge would actually be moved 11 from one board to another board.</p> <p>12 Q. They both seem to rely mechanically on a piece of paper 13 or card or badge being placed on a board of some sort. 14 What is the specific advantage of one over the other?</p> <p>15 A. The confusion really is when it comes to a muster 16 I found that the identity badges, the way they were 17 displayed on a board, they were clipped on to a board 18 where everybody could see their photograph. It was much 19 quicker for people to go to the muster point. I should 20 explain that in the event of a muster at the IBO area 21 the wooden boards that badges were clipped on to would 22 physically be transported on tricycles about 23 100 metres to the muster point and when people started 24 mustering they were called forward to go and pick up 25 their badge and the easiest way of doing that was by</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 73</p>	<p>1 THE CORONER: Did you do anything about trying to get the 2 alarm sorted out or changed or --</p> <p>3 A. I worked with liaison and worked with the department 4 that were in charge of installing the new alarm. 5 Apparently an alarm system had been ordered and it was 6 eventually started and installed and completed at the 7 BdV and it was an electronic alarm. And you could set 8 various tones. We did several tests to see which tone 9 sounded better and that involved working with the 10 engineers, taking decibel meters out to all parts of the 11 site and measuring how loud the alarm was, actually 12 going into rooms and cabins and seeing if we could 13 actually hear the alarm and the tannoy system. It 14 allowed us to broadcast voice messages. It allowed us 15 to broadcast distinct tones whether continuous or broken 16 so people could identify which type of alarm it was. 17 The system was very powerful. In fact, due to 18 complaints during the muster, during the fire musters, 19 the alarm was so loud that I arranged for 2,000 pairs of 20 disposable ear plugs to be put at the guard post to be 21 handed out to people because we found that if we 22 switched the alarm off too early people would just start 23 wandering away from the muster point and walking back 24 into the base, so to keep people out we had to keep the 25 alarm going which upset a lot of people but it was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 75</p>
<p>1 looking at your photograph. It should be remembered 2 that not everybody in the workforce was literate among 3 the Algerian population and if you could only see your 4 name written on the top of a T card, because when the 5 T card was in the rack you couldn't see the photograph, 6 we often had Algerian workers who wouldn't pick up their 7 badge because they couldn't understand their own name 8 written because they couldn't read. They couldn't read 9 or write but they could see their own photograph and 10 recognise their own face which led to a much faster 11 muster. So that's the system that I preferred for that 12 reason.</p> <p>13 Q. And that was the system in operation at the CPF?</p> <p>14 A. We had the system in operation at the CPF so I could 15 hold a muster and, for example, during one of the 16 turnarounds, which is where you shut the plant down to 17 sort of work on it, I did one at night and we had about 18 700 people muster in around 11-minutes. A full muster 19 at the BdV could take anything up to an hour to get 20 everybody off the site organised, to collect their 21 badges and to actually do a full head count to account 22 for everybody.</p> <p>23 THE CORONER: So in 2010 you have the drill but everybody 24 thinks it is a fire drill because of the alarm?</p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 74</p>	<p>1 necessary to control people.</p> <p>2 THE CORONER: That's at the BdV?</p> <p>3 A. At the BdV.</p> <p>4 THE CORONER: What happened at the CPF?</p> <p>5 A. At the CPF --</p> <p>6 THE CORONER: I am just looking back, I think you said that 7 is where the problem was because you could only sound 8 a continuous signal.</p> <p>9 A. We couldn't do security drills effectively at the CPF or 10 the IBO because the alarm system was just a continuous 11 tone and people would -- if the alarm sounded people 12 would always evacuate to the muster point.</p> <p>13 THE CORONER: Was anything done by you or anybody else so 14 far as you know to put that right?</p> <p>15 A. Yes, we were pushing with our technical department, 16 working with them to get the new system installed. It 17 was underway, the cables had been laid in the ground. 18 The loudspeaker had been installed but wasn't yet 19 connected.</p> <p>20 The difficulty was, particularly in the last 21 18 months, the 18 months prior to the attack, trying to 22 get contractors out on site. We needed commissioning 23 engineers to come out and commission the alarm systems. 24 It was becoming increasingly difficult to arrange 25 anything because of the actions of the strike. There</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 76</p>

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<p>1 was constant disruption. It was difficult at the best 2 of times to get people out there because of visas and 3 controls. So it was a very difficult environment to 4 work in and very challenging.</p> <p>5 MS DOLAN: What I still haven't understood is having done 6 the drills and realised -- the security drills, the 7 non-muster security, drills realising that it wasn't 8 effective because people didn't understand what to do, 9 either couldn't be told because there wasn't the right 10 alarm or it couldn't be indicated to them or when they 11 did get the right alarm at the BdV they did the wrong 12 thing, what action was taken to educate the staff about 13 what they should be doing?</p> <p>14 A. That, particularly security was really the remit of the 15 liaison team. I was very wary about trying to step too 16 far into the security domain because it wasn't part of 17 my job. And there was a reluctance to allow other 18 people that weren't involved in security in.</p> <p>19 Q. Setting aside whether it was your responsibility to do 20 it do you know if anything was done to educate the 21 staff? What we have heard is that staff had security 22 drill instructions the first time they come on site?</p> <p>23 A. Yes, that's the only.</p> <p>24 Q. But no staff have suggested there was a refresher of any 25 sort?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 77</p>	<p>1 only people that actually slept at the CPF were -- there 2 would have been my role, the medic's role and then the 3 intervention team who were all Algerian so on the back 4 of the bedroom doors you would find the list. In some 5 of the office buildings as well and displayed on notice 6 boards you would also have fire action notices which 7 also included some security advice as well.</p> <p>8 Q. So the security information was there to be read?</p> <p>9 A. It was displayed, yes, and it was also displayed in 10 three languages as well.</p> <p>11 Q. You mentioned the drivers strike?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. And we have already heard from other witnesses about the 14 drivers strike and the difficulties that caused for 15 movement of people around. From your perspective did 16 the drivers strike make any difference towards the 17 attitude of workers towards the expats in any way?</p> <p>18 A. I think there was some animosity towards the expats, not 19 as individuals but towards the companies that they 20 worked for because a lot of my Algerian colleagues were 21 complaining that they felt that BP and Statoil were not 22 doing enough to help their cause. So that -- I'm not 23 aware of any animosity being directed at individuals for 24 any particular reason, but it was generally thought that 25 BP and Statoil should be doing more and that was the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 79</p>
<p>1 A. No, no, the only time people were told about --</p> <p>2 MS DOLAN: Sorry, Mr Popat is --</p> <p>3 MR POPAT: I was just trying set out -- I think the last 4 witness in fact said something different having said 5 that he didn't receive the information on induction. He 6 received some further information I think around 2010.</p> <p>7 A. There may well have been changes. Obviously I was on 8 site from late 2009. What the system was before that 9 I'm not entirely sure. But, for example, whilst I was 10 there the actual location of the muster point moved from 11 the centre of the site into the car parking area at the 12 BdV. So there had been changes and these type of 13 changes would have been communicated to staff. So that 14 possibly would have been an update to the security 15 induction which would have been around 2010, but that 16 was probably due to the location of the muster point 17 changing.</p> <p>18 MS DOLAN: What we have heard is that for those who lived at 19 the BdV there was information displayed in accommodation 20 on the back of accommodation doors?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. About the different alarms?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. What if anything was present at the CPF of that ilk?</p> <p>25 A. We had the same things. Just so that you realise, the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 78</p>	<p>1 thoughts really of the Algerian personnel.</p> <p>2 Q. In your witness statement you mention some specific 3 threats that you understand were made?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. First of all, can you just clarify, were these threats 6 that you personally heard or was this passed on to you 7 by other people?</p> <p>8 A. I heard some threats that were passed on by other people 9 and that was, I have some emails from my back-to-back, 10 Robert Jones, and I've since read back through these 11 emails and there are three specific ones and it starts 12 on 27 November and then we go to 28 November and then 13 30 November. And Bob basically describes in there that 14 a group of families had travelled across the desert to 15 avoid La Recule and arrived at the front door of the BdV 16 where they had been granted access into one of our 17 controlled areas which was the car park where they had 18 managed to erect a marquee and there were women and 19 children in there. I know that was confirmed --</p> <p>20 Q. Pausing there. So this is something you have heard 21 secondhand?</p> <p>22 A. This is emails I have received from my back-to-back 23 which I still have.</p> <p>24 Q. And we have heard several accounts of that incident, 25 both accounts similar to the one you are giving and also</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 80</p>

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1 an account that there was a decision made that although
 2 it wasn't ideal it was better to reduce tension to
 3 actually allow families in rather than to ban them. Was
 4 that the account you had heard?
 5 **A. I had heard that as well. Around that period I heard**
 6 **that there were threats made that if any of the hunger**
 7 **strikers died what the figure that was actually quoted**
 8 **in the email on I think on 28 November from the**
 9 **back-to-back, said that there had been rumours that if**
 10 **one hunger striker died they would kill 30 project**
 11 **workers. It was specifically not written expats. It**
 12 **was 30 project workers. So for me that could have been**
 13 **Algerians as well as expats.**
 14 Q. And in fact the hunger strike ended without any injuries
 15 to hunger strikers?
 16 **A. I believe that all of them were medically okay after the**
 17 **hunger strike, yes. There was another threat as well in**
 18 **the emails and that was a specific threat to the**
 19 **Algerian, he was called Massoud and he was the human**
 20 **resources supervisor that was on site and he had**
 21 **received death threats from the families when they**
 22 **arrived because he was seen to be part of the Sonatrach**
 23 **organisation. Bob wrote in his email, because Bob was**
 24 **standing in, as I did sometimes, for the chef division**
 25 **at crew changes or if they couldn't get into the**

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1 country, so that was the HSE manager's job, so we would
 2 go to the meetings at 5 o'clock. Bob had gone to the
 3 meeting on behalf of the HSE manager at 5 o'clock and
 4 said that Massoud was distressed at the meeting and had
 5 told the management meeting that he had been -- that the
 6 families had threatened to kill him and that he was
 7 intending to leave site. Bob said, which surprised me,
 8 we didn't pay much attention. "We" being the management
 9 didn't pay much attention to that comment. And in fact
 10 they said that Massoud left site. Two days after
 11 arriving he actually left site in fear and decided to go
 12 home.
 13 Q. Turning to the management meetings. I think you had
 14 been part of the weekly field incident management team
 15 meetings?
 16 **A. That's right.**
 17 Q. And you give an account in your witness statement of the
 18 meeting on 15 December where you were told something
 19 about the Gendarme patrols by liaison. Can you --
 20 **A. Sorry, I didn't --**
 21 Q. You were told something about the Gendarme patrols by
 22 the liaison department.
 23 **A. Yes, could you give me more --**
 24 Q. You were --
 25 **A. -- detail.**

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1 Q. You were told that they would now be carrying out day
 2 and night exercises close to the perimeter fences?
 3 **A. That's correct. That is something I had not seen done**
 4 **before and in fact I had never seen that done but we**
 5 **were told at the meeting that the captain had informed**
 6 **liaison that they would be carrying out some sort of**
 7 **small intervention patrols, I think they called them,**
 8 **just around the perimeter. So basically it was to tell**
 9 **people not to worry if they saw small groups of 4 by 4s**
 10 **doing small exercises around the perimeter.**
 11 **The question I specifically remember asking at the**
 12 **time was would there be any gunfire? Whether live or**
 13 **whether with blank ammunition, and they said no,**
 14 **absolutely not. There would be no gunfire whatsoever.**
 15 **These exercises would just be small groups out in the**
 16 **desert practicing whatever roles that they need to**
 17 **practice.**
 18 Q. These were drills of some sort?
 19 **A. Yes, just interception drills I took them to be.**
 20 Q. I think you said vehicle interception drills?
 21 **A. Possibly vehicle interceptions. That would be more**
 22 **likely I would think.**
 23 Q. Were you in a position to see if they did happen or not?
 24 **A. I never saw any of these take place but this was only in**
 25 **the month leading up to the events on the 16th.**

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1 Q. Although you say you didn't see them take place would
 2 you be in a position to see them take place?
 3 **A. If they were taking place around the perimeter of the**
 4 **IBO, then yes, possibly I would have seen them. But**
 5 **I didn't see any such exercises.**
 6 Q. Can I just ask you one thing about the VCP1?
 7 **A. Yes.**
 8 Q. I think you have some understanding about what the
 9 procedure for liaison was as a staff member arrived at
 10 VCP1. Can you tell us what that was?
 11 **A. A staff member coming in from In Amenas or?**
 12 Q. Well, a car approaching VCP1. What would be the --
 13 **A. A car approaching VCP1 really would be required to stop**
 14 **because the barrier was always down. Depending on**
 15 **whether it was during the night or the day generally if**
 16 **it was during the night when you approached any guard**
 17 **post or barrier you would be required to dip your**
 18 **headlights or actually turn your headlights off so you**
 19 **just had side lights and the thing I always did was turn**
 20 **my headlights off and put the interior light on in the**
 21 **vehicle so they could see who was in the vehicle. That**
 22 **was fairly standard practice.**
 23 Q. You say you always did but was that common amongst the
 24 expats to do that if approaching a barrier at night?
 25 **A. To be honest I couldn't really say because I never**

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<p>1 really travelled with expats. I didn't commute with any 2 of the expats. I was always in vehicles on my own. For 3 example, I would often go in the evenings up to the BdV 4 to play badminton with the doctor. When the curfew was 5 on, the curfews change during December, but when the 6 curfew was at 7.30 at night I would leave the BdV at 7 around 20 past 7. Officially I would have to get an 8 escort to go down to the BdV. So I would radio through 9 to Papa Charlie, who was the radio operator, tell him 10 who I was, using my call sign which was Hotel 3, and 11 said that I was waiting to travel back down before the 12 curfew ended to the BdV. But I still needed an escort 13 to do that. Sometimes I would get a military escort. 14 Sometimes I would get an escort from one of our own 15 national liaison staff. Other times if they were too 16 busy they would just radio through and say "go on your 17 own. Drive the 5-kilometres and radio in when you get 18 to the other end radio in so we know that you're safe." 19 So I would often drive the distance between without an 20 escort and that was on the directions of our national 21 liaison.</p> <p>22 Q. When you say national liaison you mean who? 23 A. The SSI team, yes, because basically during the evenings 24 either -- the expat liaison team weren't working. They 25 were effectively off duty during the evenings so all of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 85</p>	<p>1 him and he was extremely busy, extremely stressed and 2 very annoyed at the fact that the drivers had decided to 3 go on strike at the last minute with no prior 4 notification.</p> <p>5 So together with my back-to-back Robert Jones I said 6 "well let's go back up to the BdV and start returning 7 all of the equipment we had borrowed." So from liaison 8 we had borrowed some road cones and a megaphone that we 9 would be using to marshall people and control people for 10 the exercise.</p> <p>11 So we started taking the equipment back. This would 12 have been before lunchtime, and myself and Bob walked 13 through across towards Paul's office and the thing that 14 struck me is that there were a lot of nationals just 15 gathered around the -- between the training building, at 16 the back of the training building was Paul's office, 17 that was opposite the 50 Man building. But there were 18 large groups of people that -- basically the drivers 19 that were on strike and they were hanging around that 20 area which was strange because normally they would be 21 around the car park area where the main protest was. 22 But they were just sort of sat on the floor. They were 23 talking in very hushed tones. They saw myself and Bob 24 come past. They didn't acknowledge us. We went into 25 the office and we found Paul Morgan and Yann Desyeux who</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 87</p>
<p>1 the guard work, the liaison work was done by nationals 2 during the evening.</p> <p>3 Q. Can I just come back to putting the internal light on in 4 the car. You said it was standard practice so does that 5 imply it was more than that you who did? 6 A. For me it was certainly standard practice. I had been 7 told when I arrived on site during discussions with 8 Kevin Jones, who was one of the liaison guys when 9 I first got there, basically if you're driving 10 a vehicle, and this was confirmed when I did my driving 11 assessment as well, that you would when you came up to 12 the barriers after the hours of darkness you would 13 switch your headlights off and put your interior light 14 on.</p> <p>15 Q. I think you had some discussions with Paul Morgan during 16 that last rotation about his position? 17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. And what he intended to do. Can you tell us about that? 19 A. Yes, it was on the morning of the exercise that I had 20 arranged, basically I was waiting for the exercise to 21 start and that would have been on Sunday, 13 January, 22 when the exercise was due to start in the morning. 23 I received a very short email from Tore Bech, the ops 24 manager, basically just saying, operation cancelled, 25 drivers back on strike. I went to find Tore to speak to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 86</p>	<p>1 were talking to a group of Algerians there and they were 2 trying to negotiate with them to try and find some 3 volunteers to be drivers actually to carry out some sort 4 of escort work.</p> <p>5 We went into the office and sat down with Paul and 6 Yann came in and Paul, we started out our discussion 7 about the exercise and then talking about how 8 disappointed we were with the drivers strike commencing 9 again. And that was at that point that Paul said to us 10 that effectively we'd lost control of security on the 11 site, he'd had enough and that this would be his last 12 rotation. He indicated to us that he wouldn't be coming 13 back. He'd had enough.</p> <p>14 Q. Finally, just one aspect from the subsequent stage -- 15 THE CORONER: Can I just ask something, this was raised 16 before but I don't know if there was anything that was 17 said that would enable you to shed any light about it, 18 but the comment about, you say effectively, so they may 19 not have been the exact words, but we had lost control 20 of security on the site, was that because of the change 21 that we have heard about or was he talking, or maybe you 22 can't say, more specifically about the state things had 23 got to? 24 A. I can't really say, but I know I had had a similar 25 conversation with Kevin Jones who had left some months</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 88</p>

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<p>1 earlier to work on another project in Libya and he had 2 said to me that he was basically looking to get out of 3 In Amenas because he could see that the role of liaison 4 was diminishing and there wouldn't be a job for him 5 soon. And I think it was generally recognised that the 6 nationalisation process was happening, that the 7 responsibilities of the liaison team were being 8 basically nationalised and the job of the liaison 9 department -- the expat liaisons was actually shrinking. 10 Although I think it was very necessary, it was clear 11 that it was being diminished by the nationals. 12 THE CORONER: Thank you. 13 MS DOLAN: Finally, there had been a policy for vehicle 14 escorts, as we understand, to have around about six 15 vehicles escorting expats leaving the site and going to 16 In Amenas. 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. But you tell it was increased to 10 escort vehicles. 19 Tell us about that, when did that happen? 20 A. This happened during 2012. I can't give you the exact 21 dates. It was during the strike period. But this 22 apparently, this was an order that had come from the 23 Algerian military that we needed to increase security 24 and they had insisted to the captain of our Gendarmes or 25 the military, however you want to call them, on site</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 89</p>	<p>1 Our vehicle suffered three punctures and we used all the 2 spare tyres that we had. 3 We found that the spare tyres from the older series 4 Toyota Landcruisers didn't fit the newer versions so we 5 lost a vehicle in the desert. We abandoned the vehicle. 6 Q. Pausing there. Setting aside the logistic difficulties 7 with the trip and the car breakdown problems you had you 8 said you went close to the Libyan border, how close to 9 the Libyan border were you travelling? 10 A. I don't know how close we were to the Libyan border but 11 I know at one point we were so late getting back we 12 thought we would be stuck out in the desert during the 13 night. 14 Q. About how far did you travel away from the site in 15 distance? 16 A. That day we covered something like 300 kilometres and we 17 travelled probably 100, 120 kilometres from the base 18 further south but going nearer to the Libyan border. 19 The area is called Oaun Taradet. 20 Q. In terms of what you were driving on, is this driving on 21 desert piste or just across the desert? 22 A. This is driving across the desert which could be 23 a mixture of soft sand or very, very sharp shale and 24 rocks. There were no discernible paths at all. 25 Q. Although you have had the breakdowns and the tyre</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 91</p>
<p>1 that they provide ten vehicle escorts to the expats. 2 The concern was that we didn't have enough vehicles 3 and we didn't have enough drivers to actually maintain 4 that number. So there was some negotiation. I know 5 that Anthony Fitzpatrick and Paul Morgan were involved, 6 both of them, with negotiations with the local captain. 7 I think it was Captain Hocine I think it could have 8 been, who was the last captain, to try and see if they 9 could negotiate to actually reduce the number of 10 vehicles in the escorts purely because from a logistical 11 point of view we didn't have the resources to do that. 12 I know I went out on a trip to Oaun Taradet which 13 was a long trip out near into the Libyan border and we 14 had a ten vehicle escort for that. There was a small 15 group of expats. 16 Q. When was that? 17 A. That was in the early part of 2012. The trip was 18 a disaster. It was organised by Terry McCarthy from BP 19 and basically we were going out to look at a future 20 drilling site that was very remote in the desert. We 21 had taken 4 by 4 vehicles and we basically had 22 a satellite photograph that had come off of Google as 23 our map, which was not a sensible thing to do. I'd 24 taken with me a GPS unit in case we had problems so 25 I could find our way back. But it was poorly organised.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 90</p>	<p>1 problems you have described do we take it from that it 2 is driveable although you had the difficulties you had? 3 A. It is driveable but it is very harsh on the vehicles 4 which is why I ended up travelling in the vehicle of the 5 officer in charge. I'm not sure what rank he was, the 6 Algerian. 7 Q. You said you had ten vehicles in your escort then? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. Were there other occasions you had the ten vehicle 10 escort? 11 A. Personally, no, that was the first time that I was aware 12 of having a ten vehicle escort. Normally the escorts -- 13 for example, for the bus when I first went there it 14 would have been a four vehicle escort. By the time I 15 left I think we had settled on a six vehicle escort. 16 But for me that was the first time particularly that I 17 had noticed the ten vehicle escort. 18 MS DOLAN: Thank you, those are all the questions from me. 19 THE CORONER: We'll say 2 o'clock. 20 (1.00 pm) 21 (Luncheon Adjournment) 22 (2.00 pm) 23 Questions from Mr RitchieIE 24 MR RITCHIE: Mr Rose, I appear on behalf of the family of 25 Carlos Estrada.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 92</p>

1 **A. Okay.**
 2 Q. You were at the In Amenas site since the end
 3 of November 2009, weren't you?
 4 **A. That's correct.**
 5 Q. So you had been there about three years and a month by
 6 the time this attack occurred but of course you only
 7 worked half that time?
 8 **A. Yes, my rotation was 28 days on, 28 days off.**
 9 Q. As I understand it, you lived in the IBO area?
 10 **A. Yes, in the HSE building was the bedroom, the**
 11 **accommodation.**
 12 Q. Thank you. I wonder if NAS 23 could be brought up on
 13 the screen, just so that we could identify the building
 14 where you were accommodated. Now, I believe that we
 15 have been told previously that the HSE building is on
 16 the right-hand side of this picture and is light brown
 17 in colour, perhaps an upside down T. Could you, with
 18 the cursor, take it over to the right-hand side, the
 19 upside down T. Is that the HSE building that you have
 20 identified?
 21 **A. That's correct, where the cursor is positioned that's**
 22 **actually the end of the building that contains the**
 23 **bedrooms. (Indicated)**
 24 Q. Thank you. So you not only worked in that area in the
 25 IBO building but you slept in the HSE building?

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1 **A. Effectively my office was the other end of that building**
 2 **so I worked and slept in the same building.**
 3 Q. Thank you very much. We have heard about the security
 4 at the CPF. There were no armed Gendarmes on the gate,
 5 were there?
 6 **A. No.**
 7 Q. There was an unarmed civil guard at the gate?
 8 **A. Yes.**
 9 Q. So if terrorists with guns in 4 by 4s turned up at the
 10 gates to the CPF in effect you had no protection against
 11 being taken hostage, did you?
 12 **A. No armed protection, no.**
 13 Q. Can I come then to the security after SSI take over.
 14 The first topic that you raise in your witness statement
 15 relates to fire drills.
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 Q. I will ask you about that now. Were you involved in
 18 various fire drills at the CPF?
 19 **A. Yes, I was, yes, it was part of my role was to organise**
 20 **the fire drills, oversee them and write reports on their**
 21 **performance.**
 22 Q. Were you also involved with fire drills at the BdV?
 23 **A. Yes.**
 24 Q. You mention unauthorised people being on site as
 25 a result of the list of names taken after such fire

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1 drills. Can you just explain that a little to Her
 2 Majesty's Coroner?
 3 **A. Yes, particularly at the BdV on a few occasions we would**
 4 **do fire drills there and we would watch the people as**
 5 **they went back in. So the T card system has already**
 6 **been well explained. People would basically take out**
 7 **their T cards as they left and went to the muster point**
 8 **and any T cards that were left in the rack would**
 9 **indicate that there were people that hadn't yet come to**
 10 **the muster point. What we found though is that when we**
 11 **were watching people going back in some people tried to**
 12 **get in without depositing T cards. These people were**
 13 **taken to one side and they were questioned and it was**
 14 **clear that some of these people were not JV staff and**
 15 **did not have T cards issued to them. Most of them**
 16 **seemed to be contract personnel that were living in**
 17 **perhaps other camps and that were friends of or visiting**
 18 **people in the camp, but they had no authority to be**
 19 **there and had clearly bypassed security to get there.**
 20 Q. In a nutshell, that was slack security?
 21 **A. Yes, on one occasion I remember we caught about 20**
 22 **people that were unauthorised on base and they were**
 23 **dealt with, I think, on that occasion by Paul Morgan in**
 24 **a fairly severe fashion. The rules were explained very**
 25 **clearly to them.**

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1 Q. Secondly, vehicle and person checks coming into and
 2 leaving BdV and CPF. You mention in your witness
 3 statement Algerian staff in effect being waved through
 4 on occasion?
 5 **A. On many occasions I would be waiting in a queue of**
 6 **traffic or just around the site being generally aware of**
 7 **what was going on and I observed vehicles being just**
 8 **waved straight through. A smile or a handshake,**
 9 **obviously friends of the guards and those vehicles would**
 10 **pass without being searched. My vehicle was rarely**
 11 **searched either I must add.**
 12 Q. That was a second example clearly of slack security?
 13 **A. The procedure should have been to check the vehicles.**
 14 **Generally they would at least open the boot or look**
 15 **inside the rear of vehicles to see what was being taken**
 16 **in or out.**
 17 Q. Thirdly, JV vehicles being taken off-site. And I use
 18 the words off-site because you have used that in your
 19 witness statement.
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 Q. You have assisted Her Majesty's Coroner with your
 22 knowledge that some vehicles were taken off your site
 23 but went to other areas within the site --
 24 **A. That's correct.**
 25 Q. -- for reasons of family or friends, but were you also

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<p>1 aware of vehicles taken off-site, in other words, on the 2 blacktop past VCPI and away?</p> <p>3 A. Not from my team, but I'm aware of at least one incident 4 where somebody from the national security team had 5 apparently tried to drive to In Amenas across the desert 6 roads because the vehicle had actually turned over. 7 I saw a photograph at one stage of the vehicle on its 8 side. The guy had been injured but not severely but 9 that was in an attempt to avoid the main highway.</p> <p>10 Q. You also mention in your witness statement one example 11 of when jogging of a pick-up truck taken off-site that 12 you were so worried about that it led you to check the 13 log?</p> <p>14 A. Yes. We were aware of petty theft and certainly there 15 were members amongst our team that would be seen going 16 around collecting food, cans of pop and things like cans 17 of coke, basically thinking that they could grab from 18 the kitchen area, put this into carrier bags and then 19 I'd see the bags being loaded into vehicles, our 20 vehicles, and then being driven out of the base. I did 21 check on one occasion through liaison and asked to see 22 the records. Every time a vehicle came in and out of 23 the IBO or CPF area a record was made of the driver and 24 a record was also made of the registration of the 25 vehicle. On that particular occasion there were no</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 97</p>	<p>1 back-to-back got back to our room, which I had just 2 left, and found that our lockers had been broken into in 3 the short period, our room had been accessed and both 4 our lockers had been broken into and we lost some 5 personal possessions which was reported to liaison. 6 Never any conclusion.</p> <p>7 Q. You mentioned that the investigation has been frustrated 8 by a risk of ill feeling with the nationals if the 9 investigations were taken any further. Can you explain 10 that comment?</p> <p>11 A. Yes, we were told by the liaison team that it was very 12 difficult to follow up because we weren't able to accuse 13 Algerian nationals of theft. In fact, we couldn't even 14 use the term theft. We referred to this as "loss 15 prevention" to be more politically correct because the 16 Algerians didn't like the term theft. Accusing somebody 17 of theft is a very serious thing in Algeria and most 18 people accepted that it would be a bad thing to accuse 19 the Algerians directly of theft.</p> <p>20 Different, I suppose if you had physical evidence or 21 if somebody was caught in the act. You couldn't for 22 example order all the rooms to be searched of the 23 intervention team because my room had been broken into. 24 That wasn't acceptable.</p> <p>25 Q. That would lead to ill feeling?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 99</p>
<p>1 records but I actually witnessed the vehicle go out and 2 looked at the time.</p> <p>3 Q. So there are implications that arise from that that the 4 guard turned a blind eye?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, it would seem so.</p> <p>6 Q. Now, if the Gendarmes are patrolling at night it is 7 apparent from what you have said that there is 8 unauthorised traffic buzzing around from time to time?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. JV vehicles going from one part of the site to another 11 with nationals in them?</p> <p>12 A. I wasn't aware of any particular restrictions on the 13 nationals in terms of the curfew up until the curfew 14 changes which occurred just prior to the attack. But, 15 yes, I would say there were vehicles that were out in 16 the desert. I'd seen them myself at quite late times of 17 night.</p> <p>18 Q. Can I come to the next topic then which is thefts. 19 There was a theft problem from the site, wasn't there?</p> <p>20 A. Yes, I can give you an example. I did a crew change 21 with my back-to-back which is when I leave site and my 22 back-to-back comes in. It basically means that our room 23 effectively is empty, neither one of us is on site for 24 a period of around 6 to 8 hours during the airport 25 transfers. There was one occasion in 2012 when my</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 98</p>	<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. So security was hampered by the political correctness?</p> <p>3 A. I would -- it was hampered by a fear of upsetting the 4 local employees, yes.</p> <p>5 Q. I will come then to the alarm in the CPF. This new 6 system we have seen from the security management plan 7 and from the appendices thereto, which list agreed 8 upgrades and the date of the agreed upgrade, had been 9 approved in March 2008 before you arrived. Were you 10 aware that the upgrade of the alarm had been approved 11 before you arrived on site?</p> <p>12 A. I was aware that it was always a work in progress. 13 I didn't know what the exact upgrades were, but I was 14 aware that this had been a longstanding project that 15 hadn't made much progress.</p> <p>16 Q. No, five years and still no alarm for security in the 17 CPF?</p> <p>18 A. Yes, absolutely.</p> <p>19 Q. And that to an extent put you and others in the CPF at 20 risk for if it is a security alarm the only alarm they 21 had for you was a fire alarm which, were you in your 22 room, would lead you to muster rather than hide?</p> <p>23 A. That's correct. It was one of my concerns when I first 24 went to In Amenas. I was asked if I would mind living 25 at the IBO because the team were difficult to manage and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 100</p>

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<p>1 it was better for somebody to live amongst the team to 2 get a real feel for what was going on, because I was 3 able to communicate with them in French as well it would 4 seem that I could actually go down and fit in with the 5 team. One of my concerns was our security. 6 I particularly asked how secure will I be being away 7 from the other expats and I was told that there were no 8 concerns because the military base was actually in 9 between the BdV and the CPF. So to management they 10 thought there was no problem because they could respond 11 equally as quickly to the CPF as they could to the BdV. 12 Q. I had better turn to patrols then. Did Mr Fitzpatrick 13 tell you what he has told Her Majesty's Coroner, namely 14 this: the night patrols did not exist in the wider 15 field. They only took place within 2 or 3-kilometres of 16 the BdV/CPF area. Were you ever told that? 17 A. No. 18 Q. So the wider field could be travelled with impunity, the 19 patrols were only within 2 to 3-kilometres of the CPF 20 and the BdV. You were not told that? 21 A. I wasn't told that. I always had the impression that we 22 had a lot of military in the area surrounding In Amenas, 23 in the wider desert area, that were there to protect us. 24 That was often discussed at security meetings and troop 25 numbers were mentioned, sometimes in their thousands, Page 101</p>	<p>1 Q. And I think you mentioned and I would like to be sure 2 I have this right, green and white Gendarme vehicles 3 were the ones that you saw not white JV vehicles? 4 A. Yes, I can be very clear on that because the JV vehicles 5 have a logo, an In Amenas IA logo on the side. That was 6 compulsory. The vehicles that the Gendarme used, their 7 own vehicles, were very different. They actually had 8 green on the white markings as well, so most of the JV 9 vehicles were just plain white or silver. But the 10 Gendarme vehicles were easy to recognise because they 11 were green and white and sometimes had blue lights on 12 the roof. 13 Q. And they weren't that far away from you anyway? 14 A. About 20 metres. 15 Q. I have been told to work this out in my mind for we have 16 been told by Mr Fitzpatrick that the JV provided five 17 vehicles to the Gendarmes for their night patrols, yet 18 he also told Her Majesty's Coroner that they did not do 19 so during the strike, all the drivers were on strike. 20 So the question you can see coming is: is your 21 recollection of the Gendarme vehicles doing the night 22 patrols during the 6 to 9 months before the attack 23 during the drivers strike? 24 A. I thought about that previously and I honestly can't say 25 one way or the other whether I remember those patrols Page 103</p>
<p>1 but I saw no evidence of that other than near In Amenas 2 town. 3 Q. Coming to your personal evidence of the patrols that you 4 saw at night. Being in that building, you are just by 5 the double perimeter fence? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. And you have mentioned on a number of nights when you 8 were either -- did you say when you were sitting 9 outside? 10 A. I would either be sitting on the bench which was at the 11 back of that building facing outwards towards the fence 12 or running around the site. 13 Q. That you would see of an evening between usually 9 and 14 10 at night Gendarme patrols going on the track around 15 the CPF? 16 A. That's correct. 17 Q. And you mentioned there's usually three or four cars 18 together? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. Like ducks in a row? 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. Were their headlights generally on when they were doing 23 this patrol? 24 A. Yes, generally because it was the hours of darkness and 25 there wasn't sufficient lighting on the perimeter. Page 102</p>	<p>1 being during that period. But I would say that for me 2 the strike period actually extends from the 9 June 2011, 3 from an incident when I was actually locked in the CPF 4 by the guards. For me that's when the strike action 5 actually started. 6 Q. That fits with evidence that came from higher up within 7 BP, that the change that was imposed on the JV due to 8 some sort of illegality in the contract, I am not saying 9 criminal illegality, but some sort of illegality in the 10 contract, started in 2011 and took a while to feed 11 through, there were a number of discussions about how 12 they were going to reconstruct the contract? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. So that's your recollection of patrols that you saw. 15 Your evidence I think was that they generally took the 16 track. I wonder if you could help us with that track. 17 If IA026, page 2 could go on the screen there is 18 a slightly wider picture of the CPF and the BdV in that. 19 It is just coming. If you could zoom in on the 20 right-hand top of the right-hand around the CPF but not 21 cutting off any of the top of the photo I would be very 22 grateful. I am going to ask you what may be the 23 evaporation pond shown right at the top of that, on the 24 right-hand photo. So if we drive off the road from BdV 25 to the CPF and turn right around whatever that area is, Page 104</p>

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<p>1 it might be lay down, and then turn past your HSE</p> <p>2 building we can see there is a track that runs around</p> <p>3 the CPF. Is it that track that you are talking about?</p> <p>4 A. That's exactly the one. You can see there's a new area</p> <p>5 of construction which appears to stick out from the</p> <p>6 perimeter there.</p> <p>7 Q. Like a football pitch but with no turf on it?</p> <p>8 A. Exactly that. That wasn't always there. That was an</p> <p>9 addition that came later.</p> <p>10 Q. Thank you.</p> <p>11 A. But the track actually bypasses that. It goes around</p> <p>12 the outside of that and that is the track that I would</p> <p>13 see the vehicles on.</p> <p>14 Q. If we head north you mentioned evaporation ponds. Is</p> <p>15 that an evaporation pond that we see right at the top of</p> <p>16 the picture with a sort of a bit of a rectangle showing?</p> <p>17 A. Yes, I believe that is, yes.</p> <p>18 Q. You, of course, didn't see what happened to them after</p> <p>19 that for it would not be visible to you from your</p> <p>20 accommodation?</p> <p>21 A. No, I could basically see from there all the way down to</p> <p>22 the corner. Once the vehicles turned the corner and</p> <p>23 started heading west along that northern white line</p> <p>24 there I would lose sight of them.</p> <p>25 Q. Thank you. But they didn't come back your way to your</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 105</p>	<p>1 for terrorists in March/April 2012. Do you know whether</p> <p>2 this change happened after that or before it?</p> <p>3 A. I believe it happened before that. There were lots of</p> <p>4 changes in 2012, constant changes to the number of</p> <p>5 escort vehicles and later in 2012 changes to the curfew</p> <p>6 hours themselves.</p> <p>7 Q. I am definitely coming to that. So you think it is</p> <p>8 early 2012?</p> <p>9 A. I believe so, yes, it seemed to go on for a long time</p> <p>10 from what I can remember.</p> <p>11 Q. There is one change. Moving up to 10 escort vehicles</p> <p>12 from I think you said it was six?</p> <p>13 A. Four initially when I got there. It went up to ten. It</p> <p>14 came back down to eight, then maybe down to six. The</p> <p>15 number tended to vary according to manpower and</p> <p>16 logistics.</p> <p>17 Q. Just so I have it clear, this increase to ten, did it</p> <p>18 stay up at ten or did it vary during 2012?</p> <p>19 A. No, it wasn't deemed practical or possible to keep that</p> <p>20 at ten because we didn't have enough vehicles or drivers</p> <p>21 so there was some negotiation I'm aware of that actually</p> <p>22 accepted a lower figure.</p> <p>23 Q. A lower figure. But the demand was made by the army and</p> <p>24 then it was negotiated down due to practical reasons?</p> <p>25 A. I believe so, yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 107</p>
<p>1 recollection?</p> <p>2 A. I only ever saw the vehicles travel in one direction and</p> <p>3 that would be, looking at this picture, going from the</p> <p>4 south to the north.</p> <p>5 Q. So that it is the ducks in their row on their</p> <p>6 regular-ish patrol 9 to 10 heading in that way?</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Can I bring you to the weekend of 12 and 13 January.</p> <p>9 You leave on Monday, 14th, because your exercise is</p> <p>10 cancelled. Do you have any recollection at all of</p> <p>11 seeing night patrol vehicles on the 12th or 13th before</p> <p>12 you left?</p> <p>13 A. Not at that time, no.</p> <p>14 Q. I am going to come to various changes that you have</p> <p>15 mentioned in routines in your evidence. The first is</p> <p>16 the number of escorts going up to ten for the journey to</p> <p>17 In Amenas airport?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. And you mention that this was demanded by the army?</p> <p>20 A. Yes, this was not the military that were on site</p> <p>21 apparently. This came from higher up in the military</p> <p>22 command.</p> <p>23 Q. And it happened in 2012?</p> <p>24 A. I believe it was 2012, yes.</p> <p>25 Q. And we know that northern Mali had become a safe haven</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 106</p>	<p>1 Q. Secondly, the Gendarmes announcing the vehicle</p> <p>2 interception exercises. You mention that you were at an</p> <p>3 FIMT meeting?</p> <p>4 A. Mmm.</p> <p>5 Q. Fire incident management?</p> <p>6 A. Field incident.</p> <p>7 Q. Field incident management team meeting.</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. On 15 December 2012, just to remind you from your</p> <p>10 witness statement, the Gendarmes announce that vehicle</p> <p>11 interception exercises will commence?</p> <p>12 A. Yes, they said that exercises would commence. I took</p> <p>13 that to mean vehicle interception. I'm not sure if</p> <p>14 that's actually what was said at the meeting but these</p> <p>15 were described as small exercises involving small groups</p> <p>16 of troops and vehicles doing some sort of exercises.</p> <p>17 I took that to mean interception exercises around.</p> <p>18 Q. And this was in effect a stepping up of their exercises</p> <p>19 to protect BdV or CPF?</p> <p>20 A. I'm not sure what the purpose of the exercises was. My</p> <p>21 questions on security wouldn't be answered because I was</p> <p>22 often told it's on a need to know basis. If you asked</p> <p>23 any questions you very rarely got an answer. But it was</p> <p>24 logical to me that this was a change in their working</p> <p>25 practice because they hadn't done this before. So</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 108</p>

<p>1 I assumed that it was in a response to a request or some 2 intelligence that led them to deem this necessary. 3 Q. Thank you. They had not done this before? 4 A. No, it had not been done before. 5 Q. Thirdly, curfew change. I believe that we have been 6 told that the curfew changed but I'm not sure about when 7 the curfew changed. What is your recollection of when 8 the curfew was changed? 9 A. The curfew changed towards the end of November because 10 my back-to-back had sent me various emails informing me 11 about the curfew changes. When I arrived on site on 12 12 December 2012 the curfew had gone back to normal 13 hours but then in the run-up to Christmas the curfew 14 changed again. So it changed from 05.30 in the morning 15 to 19.30 in the evenings being a time when it was okay 16 to travel, outside of those times it was curfew. The 17 curfew then went from 6 am to 6 pm. This meant that 18 people were arriving on site later but having to leave 19 earlier. 20 Q. A tightening by the Gendarmes of the curfew? 21 A. Yes, and the curfew specifically included nationals. 22 Before that it was never applied to nationals but during 23 these new curfew periods they said that nobody was 24 allowed out. 25 Q. From December that date, mid to late December, they not</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 109</p>	<p>1 communicating the curfew very strange. The management 2 meeting that happened at 5 o'clock in the IBO every 3 evening would be the media for deciding when the curfew 4 would change but by the time my boss got back from that 5 meeting just after 6 o'clock it was already too late to 6 communicate the curfew. They had already gone home. 7 They specifically were not allowed to email the changes 8 to people or telephone people, they had to communicate 9 the curfew changes face-to-face verbally which 10 effectively at the end of the working day was impossible 11 to do. It led to confusion and people not knowing when 12 there was a curfew, when it started or when it ended. 13 Q. Now, can I come to the later incidents you mentioned in 14 your witness statement. The first is armed men entering 15 the IBO area. You didn't see that yourself, did you? 16 A. No, this was brought up at one of the FIMT meetings on 17 a Saturday. 18 Q. I will give you the date. In your witness statement you 19 say 22 December 2012. 20 A. Yes, that sounds right. 21 Q. And you say you mention it in a later meeting which 22 I will come to but you say Tore Bech raised it? 23 A. Tore Bech raised the issue because it had been brought 24 to his attention and he actually raised the issue with 25 Paul Morgan and said, "is there any progress on the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 111</p>
<p>1 only extended the curfew but they made it a tougher 2 curfew including nationals? 3 A. It is the first time I had known them stop nationals 4 travelling in the curfew. 5 Q. We have been told by Mr Cobb that there were no changes 6 in the standard operating procedures or site security 7 measures of the Gendarmes in December 2012. In view of 8 what we have just been through do you agree with his 9 summary of that? 10 A. No, I don't. There were clearly changes that 11 I witnessed when I was there and those changes 12 I actually questioned and in fact I was caught out one 13 evening by the Algerian ops manager and I happened to be 14 off-site, he accused me of being out during the curfew. 15 I had actually checked with the radio operator and the 16 guards. They said there was no curfew. So I had gone 17 up to the BdV to play badminton. I returned at 7.20 and 18 the Algerian ops manager was just driving into the car 19 park and he was furious. He started shouting me through 20 the window. Screaming and yelling, asking me what I was 21 doing out during the curfew. I called the guard over 22 and asked if there was a curfew few and he said no. So 23 there was confusion between management and the guards 24 and the radio operator as to when exactly the curfew was 25 on and off. I must say I found the method of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 110</p>	<p>1 allegations that armed men, armed Gendarmes were in the 2 IBO or CPF area?" Paul was taken aback by this and 3 didn't know anything about this. He said to Tore Bech, 4 "I'm not aware of this" and Tore Bech gave quite a terse 5 comment back saying "I suggest that you speak to your 6 back-to-back." Paul was obviously very annoyed at the 7 way he had been spoken to but to his credit he kept his 8 calm and carried on with the rest of the briefing but 9 said he would look into it. I didn't hear anything 10 further about it. 11 Q. Now, I come to the FIMT meeting in January when this was 12 rediscussed. You say in your second witness statement, 13 page 4: 14 "It was agreed that these were unlikely to be 15 Gendarmes." 16 Has that triggered your memory of the discussion 17 first? 18 A. Yes, it has, yes. 19 Q. Could you tell me, who was present during this 20 discussion and then give us your recollection? 21 A. My back-to-back I think was on site at that time. It 22 was rare that we would work together on site but I had 23 stayed longer so we overlapped. Paul Morgan would have 24 still been on site at that meeting. I remember, I'm 25 sure Huw Edwards from BP was at that meeting. The ops</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 112</p>

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<p>1 manager would have been there so that would have been at 2 that time I'm sure Tore Bech. 3 Q. And was there a discussion about these armed men that 4 entered the CPF and the IBO area the month before? 5 A. Yes, I remember the comment saying that these were 6 unlikely to be military because they would know that 7 they were not supposed to come in to this area with 8 arms. 9 Q. So what was done about that concern? 10 A. I never heard the end of this. I know it was a real 11 concern but this was very -- it was very close to the 12 incident and to be honest, I was fully occupied with 13 arranging the exercise and I never heard any more about 14 whether this was investigated. 15 Q. I will come then to the cancelled exercise. I imagine 16 you had put a lot of work into this exercise? 17 A. About two weeks of solid work. It was a huge exercise. 18 Q. And it was cancelled as a result from your evidence to 19 yet a further threatened or actual drivers strike? 20 A. It was an actual drivers strike. I spoke to Tore Bech. 21 He said the drivers have gone back on strike and 22 I witnessed them actually assembled between the 50 Man 23 Building and the security building. 24 Q. So you walked there that morning at about 10 o'clock on 25 the 13th and did you go and see Mark Cobb that morning? Page 113</p>	<p>1 not, Mr Ritchie, let us get some hard facts. 2 MR RITCHIE: I withdraw that question. I am grateful for 3 the indication. 4 Did you communicate with Mark Cobb the concern 5 Paul Morgan had raised? 6 A. No, I didn't. 7 Q. Did you ask Paul Morgan whether he had told anyone in 8 management about his concerns? 9 A. No. 10 Q. So you don't know whether he passed them on? 11 A. No, I don't know whether he passed those concerns at 12 that particular time however, I do have an email from my 13 back-to-back, which was from late November 2012, saying 14 that Paul said he was making it official that we had 15 poor security on site and that was in response to 16 security breaches. 17 Q. An email, November 2012 from your back-to-back? 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. Thank you. I will move to another topic quickly. You 20 had a car available to you which you drove as 21 I understand it? 22 A. It wasn't a car that was allocated to me but I could use 23 some of the pool vehicles that were allocated to the 24 department. 25 Q. We have heard of something called a DriveRight. Did you Page 115</p>
<p>1 A. No, I didn't see Mark Cobb. 2 Q. And you mentioned seeing Paul Morgan and Yann Desyeux? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. And who else was present during this discussion? 5 A. Robert Jones, my back-to-back, he was with me. There 6 was just the four of us. We closed the door of the 7 office because some of the Algerian team were outside 8 the office but this was a discussion that took place 9 behind the closed doors of Paul's office. 10 Q. Mr Morgan makes this comment that "we..." 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. "...have completely lost control of security"? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. It is a very serious comment, isn't it? 15 A. It is a very serious comment, but it's a comment that 16 you could see coming because it was evident that we were 17 not on top of security. The security breaches that we 18 were having were clear evidence that we were not in 19 control of the perimeter of the site. 20 Q. Do you think Mark Cobb could possibly have been unaware 21 of Paul Morgan's views -- 22 MR POPAT: Sir, I'm really sorry but asking this witness to 23 speculate on what another person may or may not have 24 known. 25 THE CORONER: It is probably right at the borders, is it Page 114</p>	<p>1 have such a machine in the vehicles that you drove? 2 A. Yes, all the JV vehicles were fitted with DriveRight 3 monitors. 4 Q. And they record, as I understand it, the speed and the 5 distance which you have travelled on your journey? 6 A. They record the time, they record the speed, they record 7 the distance of the journey. They also record if you've 8 exceeded any preset speed limits on your DriveRight 9 monitor and every driver had a four digit code that he 10 had to put in before he started the vehicle, well before 11 he drove the vehicle otherwise the alarm would sound 12 constantly in the vehicle. So you could identify the 13 individual driving it. 14 Q. So you had your code? 15 A. Yes, I did. 16 Q. Another topic. A bomb exercise that you carried out. 17 This is your second witness statement, page 14. 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. You ran a suspect bomb exercise at the export pipeline 20 some time before the attack. Now, can I just clarify 21 how long before the attack to your recollection did you 22 run this exercise? 23 A. I do have a planner with all the dates on it but from my 24 recollection this would have been probably around the 25 end of 2010/2011, so a long while before. Page 116</p>

<p>1 Q. And you mentioned that there was some annoyance from 2 Anthony Fitzpatrick that you had done this. Could you 3 explain that, please?</p> <p>4 A. Yes, the exercise I had chosen came from our emergency 5 response procedures which were numbered and we had 6 a group of scenarios that had been pre-planned for that 7 were developed by some emergency response specialist 8 companies before I arrived on the site. We could put up 9 any one of these plans and it would have a scenario on. 10 One of these scenarios was internal threat, one of the 11 internal security threat, another one external security 12 threat. So I chose the external security threat 13 exercise. Not because that was part of my job but 14 because I was testing the reactions of management to 15 managing a crisis. The point of the exercise for me was 16 to test the incident management skills of the people and 17 try and help them to improve.</p> <p>18 The choice of the exercise was fairly irrelevant 19 because what I was looking at is their particular 20 decision making skills.</p> <p>21 Q. That is your job, isn't it?</p> <p>22 A. It was my job, yes.</p> <p>23 Q. What was the reaction you got when you did this?</p> <p>24 A. After I had done the exercise Anthony Fitzpatrick wasn't 25 happy on that occasion because he felt that it had</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 117</p>	<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. And that identified a lack of learning about the 3 security procedures?</p> <p>4 A. It identified that people obviously weren't clear on 5 what the difference between an evacuation muster alarm 6 and a security alarm was because they shouldn't have 7 gone to the muster point. Not everybody went to the 8 muster point but a significant amount of people wandered 9 across to the muster point.</p> <p>10 Q. Once the new security alarm was put in BdV was any 11 further security exercise carried out to test whether 12 that improved the response?</p> <p>13 A. The only tests that were carried out were physical tests 14 of the system to sound the sirens. I believe it was 15 difficult at that time to carry out a lot of exercises 16 because we had a lot of disruption from the site. There 17 was more of a reluctance to do anything out of the 18 normal realms of that daily activities. It was harder 19 for me, for example, to organise exercises during the 20 18 month period when we had continual action because 21 there were other priorities on site. But to my 22 knowledge I don't remember testing that system in a real 23 sense other than test, physical tests, which were always 24 announced as a test of the system requiring no response.</p> <p>25 MR RITCHIE: Thank you, those are all my questions, Mr Rose.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 119</p>
<p>1 encroached on security. He sent me quite a nasty email 2 which basically he criticised me and my back-to-back for 3 having run an exercise on a subject that we know nothing 4 about because neither of us have any experience of 5 explosive devices or any military experience, which 6 unbeknown to him was completely untrue.</p> <p>7 Q. How did the exercise go by the way?</p> <p>8 A. It was a table top exercise. It didn't involve 9 mobilising any resources. It was basically having 10 people in different locations with radios and to use 11 role players to simulate different people, whether it 12 was radio operators, Gendarmes, basically playing 13 a character.</p> <p>14 I seem to remember that exercise went reasonably 15 well but there was generally room for improvement on 16 most of the exercises we ran and it was basically around 17 decision making and thought processes.</p> <p>18 Q. Then finally, coming to the security exercise that you 19 did in BdV. I think you said it was in 2010. That is 20 the security alarm going off?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. I was slightly unclear about whether that was carried 23 out before the new alarm was installed in BdV or after?</p> <p>24 A. That was before.</p> <p>25 Q. Before?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 118</p>	<p>1 Questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS</p> <p>2 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Good afternoon, Mr Rose, my name is Owen 3 Thomas, I ask questions on behalf of David Green, the 4 father of Stephen Green.</p> <p>5 I think you knew Stephen?</p> <p>6 A. I did, yes.</p> <p>7 Q. You worked with him closely?</p> <p>8 A. He had a role in the HSE department and I was also in 9 the HSE department although he was from the Compression 10 Project but we did liaise closely because our jobs 11 overlapped in terms of evacuation and emergency response 12 planning.</p> <p>13 Q. You have mentioned a meeting which took place on 14 15 December. Was Stephen present at that meeting?</p> <p>15 A. He normally -- when he was on site he normally came to 16 the FIMT meetings. I believe he was present at that 17 meeting.</p> <p>18 Q. I appreciate when you stayed at the site you stayed at 19 the CPF.</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. Are you able to help me at all with Stephen's usual 22 morning routine?</p> <p>23 A. Not at all because I wouldn't have seen him in the 24 mornings unless he came down to the IBO or the CPF.</p> <p>25 Q. How often would he attend the IBO or the CPF?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 120</p>

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<p>1 A. I would maybe see him, he would maybe pop into my 2 office, say on a weekly basis or I would sometimes go up 3 to the Compression Project camp to carry out some 4 training or to have meetings with him and other people 5 regarding emergency response. 6 Q. When you had come into your office what sort of time 7 would that be or did it vary? 8 A. It would vary enormously. People would just walk in and 9 out just on the off chance of catching you in there. 10 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Thank you, Mr Rose, that is all I ask. 11 Questions from MS GERRY 12 MS GERRY: Good afternoon, Mr Rose. 13 A. Afternoon. 14 Q. Just a couple of questions from me if I may. First of 15 all, in relation to the information that was put on the 16 back of the doors in the CPF concerning alarms and what 17 to do, did I understand your evidence to be that those 18 signs were exactly the same as those in the BdV? 19 A. Yes, I believe they were. 20 Q. So to the extent that in the BdV there were these two 21 distinct alarms, obviously that made sense in the BdV 22 because there was the intermittent and there was the 23 continuous, but to the extent that there was reference 24 made to two different alarms in the CPF presumably that 25 was confusing?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 121</p>	<p>1 said you were told not to be alarmed if you saw vehicle 2 headlights moving at night. Is that something that you 3 would have alarmed you which is why you needed to be 4 warned not to be alarmed? 5 A. It is something that would not have been normal. We 6 could see headlights in the distance from the N3 road 7 I believe but this was many, many kilometres away and 8 usually travelling in a particular direction. But if we 9 had seen any vehicles moving any closer with headlights 10 at night that would have been something unusual that we 11 would have reported. 12 Q. And I assume when you say "we" that would have gone for 13 your civilian security guards as well? 14 A. Yes, or any of our team in fact. 15 Q. You also mention in your email and again in your 16 evidence that you were told not to circulate the new 17 times of the curfew by email but to do it verbally? 18 A. Yes, it was actually -- management were actually asked 19 if we could send, well the managers of departments were 20 actually asked if they could send out the information by 21 email and were told absolutely not. It could only be 22 verbal. 23 Q. Who said absolutely not it could only be verbal? 24 A. I didn't attend the meeting so I assume it was the 25 senior management present at the 5 o'clock meetings in</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 123</p>
<p>1 A. It wouldn't have been possible to operate two different 2 alarms with any success, as we demonstrated before. So 3 yes, that could be seen as confusing. 4 Q. Just so I am clear, the BdV, did they have the two 5 different types of alarm before the new alarm system was 6 put in but it was just updated in some way? 7 A. They had a different type of alarm system and they were 8 able to more successfully recreate an intermittent alarm 9 there. It's difficult to remember now exactly what the 10 system was. 11 Q. I just wanted to be clear because you just said in your 12 evidence that the drill that you explained where there 13 was a misunderstanding by some people to muster was 14 before the new system was put in? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. But even then there was an ability to differentiate 17 between the two alarms it is just that the system that 18 was there -- 19 A. Yes, they did have a different system with a different 20 tone. 21 Q. Then I just wanted to ask you about the advice you were 22 given in the middle of December by liaison department, 23 the Gendarmes will be carrying out night and day 24 exercises close to the perimeter fence. In your witness 25 statement, and I think you confirmed in evidence, you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 122</p>	<p>1 the IBO which would normally have been the ops manager. 2 Q. So would that be Lotfi Benadouda? 3 A. It would normally have been Tore Bech or his 4 back-to-back, but sometimes Lotfi would attend these 5 meetings depending on what was being discussed. 6 THE CORONER: Can I just ask, is there a reason -- 7 MS GERRY: Did you ever hear when you were at In Amenas or 8 even at Hassi -- 9 THE CORONER: Was there a reason given as to why it should 10 be verbal only and not emailed out? 11 A. No reason was ever given. I found that very unusual. 12 MS GERRY: Did you ever have any general guidance as to what 13 you should or shouldn't include in emails? 14 A. Generally from the JV no, but I do remember specifically 15 during the strike an email from my back-to-back, I was 16 in the UK, and he sent me an email from his personal 17 email account rather than using the JV account and that 18 was to inform me not to communicate with him using JV 19 emails because they had had it confirmed that there was 20 a distinct possibility that expat emails were being 21 monitored by some of the guys that were on strike 22 because they work for BAAT and they were effectively our 23 IT team. And they said that there was a suspicion that 24 they were monitoring the movements of expats via 25 checking their emails to decide on the plans for</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 124</p>

1 **disruption of the site. For example, if you knew when**
 2 **emails were set to travel they could choose the best**
 3 **times to withdraw their services from driving which**
 4 **would stop the crew changes and cause maximum**
 5 **disruption. So I have an email from my back-to-back**
 6 **that actually warns me not to communicate anything**
 7 **sensitive and use the JV -- use his personal email**
 8 **rather than the JV one.**
 9 Q. Just to be clear, about what period is this?
 10 **A. This would have been in the latter stages of the strike,**
 11 **probably as late as November 2012.**
 12 Q. Then just finally, in relation to the guard log that you
 13 mentioned going to review, just to see if you could see
 14 about these cars?
 15 **A. Yes.**
 16 Q. Two questions about that. Where was the log kept and in
 17 what format was it kept?
 18 **A. The log was kept in a ring binder ie in paper format in**
 19 **the guardhouse. The format that I actually received and**
 20 **were scanned were I think scanned pdf copies from the**
 21 **liaison department. I didn't really have the right to**
 22 **go into the guard post and ask to see their security**
 23 **records. It wasn't my role to do that. So I would**
 24 **apply to the liaison department and say "can you provide**
 25 **me with a copy of these?" And they always obliged and**

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1 **would send me scanned copies. So they would go to the**
 2 **guard post. They would scan the pages and send them to**
 3 **me.**
 4 MS GERRY: Thank you very much.
 5 Questions from MS GOLLOP
 6 MS GOLLOP: Good afternoon, Mr Rose. My name is Katie
 7 Gollop. I am asking questions on behalf of Belinda,
 8 Stephen Green's wife.
 9 You mentioned an HR manager who was Algerian who had
 10 left because of some threats that were made against him.
 11 This is in answer to some of the questions you were
 12 asked earlier?
 13 **A. Yes.**
 14 Q. We have an organogram of who is who. Could that have
 15 been Messaoud Laradi?
 16 **A. Yes, because on the organogram you should see he was**
 17 **back-to-back with a guy called Lyes. That would be**
 18 **Massoud.**
 19 Q. Just to establish another identify. You mentioned an
 20 ops manager who shouted at you once when he perceived
 21 you were breaking a curfew?
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. Who was that?
 24 **A. That was K, I think his surname is pronounced A or**
 25 **something similar.**

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1 Q. Could you tell us a little bit about security reporting
 2 lines? If you had an issue or something you wanted to
 3 bring to the attention of security to whom did you
 4 report that matter?
 5 **A. Generally if my direct line manager was there I would go**
 6 **through my line manager out of courtesy, but if he**
 7 **wasn't there, then I would go directly to liaison, so**
 8 **that would be either the OLC or the OLS position.**
 9 Q. And your line manager is?
 10 **A. My line manager at the time would have been John**
 11 **Brattetieg and a new guy who had just started called Ian**
 12 **Whetherill. Before that it was Carl Dawbarn but he**
 13 **moved to Hassi Messaoud. Carl Dawbarn was actually in**
 14 **charge of the emergency response for the first 24 hours**
 15 **at Hassi Messaoud.**
 16 Q. In terms of practical effectiveness of that line of
 17 reporting how did you find it?
 18 **A. It was fairly effective because either Paul or Fitz or**
 19 **all the OLCs, Yann or Norman, they were generally very**
 20 **available and willing to help, so if you had a problem,**
 21 **generally they would come down and talk to you or you**
 22 **could go to their office, have a cup of coffee with them**
 23 **and explain the problems and they would generally say,**
 24 **"leave it with me, we'll investigate and come back to**
 25 **you".**

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1 Q. Did you ever have experience of passing a concern on and
 2 asking that it would be escalated and finding that
 3 nothing came back?
 4 **A. Really that was when my -- I felt really aggrieved when**
 5 **my locker was broken into and my back-to-back's locker,**
 6 **when we did our crew change. And that was one point**
 7 **where I was really unhappy with the response that I got.**
 8 **And that's not directed at our liaison. It was directed**
 9 **at the fact that their hands seemed to be tied in the**
 10 **fact that we couldn't progress it any further because**
 11 **effectively it would have meant accusing colleagues or**
 12 **asking for room searches within our building, which just**
 13 **wasn't an option.**
 14 Q. Can you give us an idea of when that happened when
 15 things went missing from your room?
 16 **A. I can't remember the exact date. I believe it was some**
 17 **time in 2012 but generally we kept very, very detailed**
 18 **handover notes, which I have still got, and emails.**
 19 **Kept copies of everything and a planner which noted most**
 20 **significant events on. So I can recall any dates if**
 21 **needed but off the top of my head, no, I can't, I can't**
 22 **remember exactly.**
 23 Q. That brings me to another brief topic which is really to
 24 do with how the JV system operated. You are working in
 25 a very particular set of circumstances where you have

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1 three different companies operating on site but there is
 2 a fourth entity which is the JV?
 3 **A. Yes.**
 4 **Q. Did you feel that anything to do with that set up,**
 5 **whether it was the bureaucracy or the difference in**
 6 **cultures or the fact that there are a number of**
 7 **different companies caused any difficulty with your job?**
 8 **A. The difference in cultures was very interesting.**
 9 **I wouldn't say it caused many difficulties with the job**
 10 **but there were obvious differences in attitudes and the**
 11 **methods of working. I found obviously working with the**
 12 **expatriate staff was usually very efficient and people**
 13 **were keen to get the job done and generally quite**
 14 **motivated. But the Sonatrach partners and a lot of the**
 15 **Algerian colleagues, some of them were extremely capable**
 16 **people but the work ethic was slightly different. It**
 17 **was much more laid back. Things could be put off until**
 18 **tomorrow. They would sometimes want to cut corners or**
 19 **wouldn't understand some of the concepts concerning**
 20 **health and safety. And it was difficult at timings.**
 21 **I would say it was challenging. There was a real**
 22 **difference in the sort of Algerian culture to, for**
 23 **example, the expatriate culture. A lot of bureaucracy,**
 24 **yes, so yes, I would describe it as very challenging.**
 25 **Q. So what do you do about that? If you want to complain**
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1 about a noncooperative or lazy or corner cutting
 2 Algerian national worker, was there any way of getting
 3 that person kicked up the backside or disciplined or
 4 performance managed?
 5 **A. I tried several times with my own time with limited**
 6 **success. For example, one of our guys was a persistent**
 7 **offender with the DriveRight monitors. He would**
 8 **regularly be caught speeding. He would enter somebody**
 9 **else's code to try to push the blame to somebody else**
 10 **and on one occasion he was caught, he had been out in**
 11 **the desert driving to an incident in a pick-up truck and**
 12 **I think we had registered it at something like**
 13 **140-kilometres an hour which is extremely excessive**
 14 **speed on sandy tracks. He admitted this and we were**
 15 **trying to force through the JV policy which would**
 16 **basically mean that he had to retake his driving test,**
 17 **his site driving test, and he was suspended from**
 18 **driving. And they were thinking of actually taking away**
 19 **his permission to drive on a permanent basis.**
 20 **But we were warned maybe not to pursue that too much**
 21 **because apparently his father was somebody fairly senior**
 22 **within the Sonatrach organisation, so we were dissuaded**
 23 **from following that action.**
 24 **We took limited action against him, made him retake**
 25 **his driving test.**
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1 **So there were challenging situations like that that**
 2 **we had to manage very carefully.**
 3 **Q. And from whom did that warning come?**
 4 **A. This came from Rabah Muktari(?) who was at one stage the**
 5 **ops manager and it was just an informal discussion to**
 6 **say, you know, take it easy because his father works for**
 7 **Sonatrach.**
 8 **Q. You have talked a little bit about your relationship**
 9 **with liaison and my perception, tell me if I'm wrong,**
 10 **from the evidence that you have given this far is that**
 11 **you had good working relationship and had -- your**
 12 **impression of their capabilities and effectiveness was**
 13 **that they worked well as a team?**
 14 **A. Yes, we had a good working relationship and obviously**
 15 **when I was arranging things like exercises I would need**
 16 **their help if it involved any additional security**
 17 **arrangements. So in those terms, yes, it was a good**
 18 **working relationship. I didn't have much of a social**
 19 **relationship because I wasn't living on the same base,**
 20 **but in terms of work it worked very well.**
 21 **Q. If the JV had wanted to run a drill practice exercise,**
 22 **whatever you might call it, that would involve**
 23 **integrating the Gendarmerie and health and safety in**
 24 **whatever aspect and the workforce generally, would that**
 25 **have been possible?**
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1 **A. No, no. The new captain was very keen to get involved**
 2 **to actually involve himself with some of our exercises,**
 3 **but our management basically refused to have the**
 4 **military involved with any of our direct exercises.**
 5 **They wanted to keep them at a distance.**
 6 **Q. When you say the new captain. Is that Captain Hocine?**
 7 **A. I believe that was his name, Captain Hocine, yes. He**
 8 **seemed to be more proactive than previous commanders**
 9 **that we had had and he was actually quite keen to be**
 10 **involved with exercises.**
 11 **Q. Can you give us an example of specifically what it is**
 12 **you are talking about here because we haven't heard**
 13 **about this?**
 14 **A. Well, for example, if we had suggested actually doing**
 15 **any exercises and involving the military as role players**
 16 **that was out of the question. The only involvement they**
 17 **had with the large exercise that I was arranging for the**
 18 **13 January was the fact that they were coming out with**
 19 **us to secure the perimeter because we were working**
 20 **4-kilometres from VCP1 in the direction of the**
 21 **La Recule. That involved putting some overturned**
 22 **vehicles, putting a lot of simulated casualties so these**
 23 **would be people who were made up with fake injuries and**
 24 **things on site and people travelling freely between the**
 25 **exercise site. So in that respect the military could**
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<p>1 get involved because they were doing their job, but they 2 were -- our management did not want them to become part 3 of the exercise, not in a joint training capacity. 4 Q. Who was it in your management who didn't want that? 5 A. I can't tell you exactly who it was but when I -- if 6 I would ask for this through my line manager the 7 response just came back saying: no, you know, we don't 8 want joint exercises. 9 Q. Did you get a reason? 10 A. No, no particular reason. 11 MS GOLLOP: Thank you. 12 Questions from MR POPAT 13 MR POPAT: I ask questions on behalf of BP. 14 A. Okay. 15 Q. Could I just ask you first to take up a document which 16 is an exhibit to a witness statement, so you won't have 17 it there. I think it may be obtained for you. It is an 18 exhibit to a statement from Mr Lord who is the owner of 19 the liaison team company. 20 A. Mmm. 21 Q. You won't know about him or his statement but he appends 22 to his statement some handover notes provided by 23 Mr Morgan which were the last set of handover notes that 24 Mr Morgan provided to his back-to-back who was coming 25 in, Mr Fitzpatrick.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 133</p>	<p>1 A. These all seem to be 1614. 2 Q. Just turn over a few pages -- 3 A. 1616. 4 THE CORONER: You will get there eventually, but you just 5 have to keep turning on. 6 MR POPAT: It is a bit further on I am afraid. 7 A. Okay. 8 Q. If you look there then you have the pagination, again at 9 the top left, and it should be page something of 49? 10 A. Page 1 of 49. 11 Q. If you could turn to page 5, please. 12 A. Okay. 13 Q. Just to help you with the context of this document. As 14 I say, it is not one you would have seen or produced, 15 Mr Rose. It is a handover document from Mr Morgan to 16 Mr Fitzpatrick dated 16 January 2013? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. There were similar handover notes produced by all people 19 working on site, all expats who had a back-to-back; is 20 that right? 21 A. Yes, yes, generally. 22 Q. And they would record whatever the new incoming person 23 needed to know. If you just turn on, please, to page 15 24 of 49? 25 A. Okay.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 135</p>
<p>1 It contains some information about things you were 2 doing which is why I just want to ask you to look at the 3 document if you would, please. 4 A. Okay. 5 Q. Mr Rose, you should have a divider B just behind there? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. If you could just pickup divider B. 8 A. After the divider? 9 Q. After the divider. 10 A. Okay. 11 Q. You will see something which is headed as a witness 12 statement? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. If you go beyond those few pages of the witness 15 statement, from there on you have the exhibits to 16 Mr Lord's witness statement? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. To help you, if you just look at the top left-hand 19 corner there are some words in red? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. And you should have there something that says "Op Otus" 22 and then "X1617"? 23 A. 1614 I have got here. 24 Q. If you could just go on, I am afraid none of this is 25 paginated, if you could go on to 1617?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 134</p>	<p>1 Q. Middle of the page you see something where it says: 2 "HSE emergency exercise previewed for 13 January." 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. This is the exercise that you had organised, is that 5 right? 6 A. That's correct. 7 Q. And what Mr Morgan is recorded here is that you have 8 organised an emergency exercise and he has given the 9 date and time and the purpose of it which was to 10 simulate a road traffic collision and he says he chose 11 a location, a certain point and that: 12 "We all put in a hell of a lot of work to get this 13 event up and running. Basically all departments were 14 involved in one way or another. We even had volunteers, 15 victims and safety observers from all departments"? 16 A. That's correct. 17 Q. So everyone is involved in this process. Security are 18 taking a role and having an input into the exercise 19 itself, yes? 20 A. Yes, in fact, I gave the role of security director to 21 Paul who then I think passed it to Yann Desyeux. 22 Q. But importantly, in trying to determine where this event 23 should take place that is being simulated to work out 24 how the response is to be effected security are 25 involved?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 136</p>

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<p>1 A. Yes, they were involved in that.</p> <p>2 Q. And then he goes on to say:</p> <p>3 "Unfortunately because of the dispute we had to</p> <p>4 cancel this event. Still, the good news is that all the</p> <p>5 groundwork has been completed and the exercise can</p> <p>6 easily be re-arranged."</p> <p>7 Then he says that Bob Jones gave him the call to</p> <p>8 inform him that they were going to carry out the</p> <p>9 exercise on 17 January at 1 o'clock?</p> <p>10 A. That was the plan.</p> <p>11 Q. I may have misunderstood, at one stage in your evidence</p> <p>12 I thought you said you were leaving In Amenas because</p> <p>13 you didn't know when the exercise was going to take</p> <p>14 place again?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. But certainly by the 16 January it had been determined</p> <p>17 that the exercise would take place the next day?</p> <p>18 A. Yes, it had been resolved after I left site</p> <p>19 unfortunately.</p> <p>20 Q. He then sets out some other information in relation to</p> <p>21 this and about four lines up from the bottom of that</p> <p>22 section says that:</p> <p>23 "The exercise although it will take time, it should</p> <p>24 be very straightforward for us. The exercise could take</p> <p>25 anything between 2 to 4 hours to complete and that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 137</p>	<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. -- as Papa Charlie?</p> <p>3 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>4 Q. And you have been involved in training them and were</p> <p>5 impressed, according to Mr Morgan anyway?</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. With the way they wanted to learn and so on?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. And all others would be given the same training that you</p> <p>10 had carried out with these named Papa Charlie operators?</p> <p>11 A. We had identified a training need through doing</p> <p>12 exercises. Papa Charlie would often coordinate the</p> <p>13 radio messages but they had never been given any</p> <p>14 specific training on how to react with exercises. So</p> <p>15 the training was aimed at explaining to them how the IMT</p> <p>16 worked and what the expectations on them were, because</p> <p>17 they basically played a fairly critical role.</p> <p>18 Q. So they would be told what they are supposed to do --</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. -- in the event that they would need to be called into</p> <p>21 action in the event of an emergency?</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 Q. Thank you. You can put that document to one side.</p> <p>24 I will just ask you a little about some of the</p> <p>25 things you have said in the course of your witness</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 139</p>
<p>1 Captain Hocine has been notified of this, the time and</p> <p>2 date, accordingly."</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. So the Gendarmes were aware of it, were aware of what</p> <p>5 they had to do if anything as part of the exercise that</p> <p>6 was going to be undertaken?</p> <p>7 A. They were actually providing our security for the</p> <p>8 exercise.</p> <p>9 Q. The other section in this document I just wanted to ask</p> <p>10 your help on is the next section. Do you see where it</p> <p>11 says "FIMT training", the same page?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. "Gary Rose went through the FIMT training with the radio</p> <p>14 operators and he was very impressed [with] the way they</p> <p>15 wanted to learn and improve their skills."</p> <p>16 And so on. And at the bottom of that page that</p> <p>17 Mr Morgan has contacted you and your back-to-back who</p> <p>18 will carry out the same training course with these guys?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. Just so we understand the radio operators that are being</p> <p>21 referred to here, are they the Papa Charlie?</p> <p>22 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>23 Q. So the people that have been identified here, the</p> <p>24 particular names that have been identified, are people</p> <p>25 who are operating the radio --</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 138</p>	<p>1 statement and some of which you have been asked to</p> <p>2 repeat today. Just to make sure we understand which of</p> <p>3 these things are things you can actually give direct</p> <p>4 evidence about and which are things which are rumours or</p> <p>5 things you have heard from others, okay?</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Just help me with this: in your witness statement you</p> <p>8 say at page 2 that during the strike there was ill</p> <p>9 feeling towards expats and I want to be clear in your</p> <p>10 evidence, that nothing you saw or heard directly in the</p> <p>11 course of the strike caused you to think that there was</p> <p>12 ill feeling towards expats; is that right?</p> <p>13 A. It sometimes got to me, ill feeling from my team, the</p> <p>14 intervention team, in relation to the expats saying that</p> <p>15 we should be doing more, we the companies, should be</p> <p>16 doing more to help.</p> <p>17 Q. So we understand that, you did say this in the course of</p> <p>18 your evidence: that what some people clearly felt was</p> <p>19 that BP and/or Statoil should be doing more to help</p> <p>20 their cause?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. And that's what you are referring to?</p> <p>23 A. Yes, yes.</p> <p>24 Q. The other thing you said in your statement and again you</p> <p>25 have explained a little today is this reference to, a--</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 140</p>

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<p>1 call it a threat, that if any hunger striker died then 2 30 expats would be killed. That is what was said in 3 your witness statement. Again, it is page 2? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. And we'll come to exactly what you understand by this 6 threat in a moment. But again, so we are clear, that is 7 not something you heard? 8 A. No, in fact when I have looked back at my email from my 9 back-to-back it was actually 30 project workers, that 10 I took to mean expats. 11 Q. But whatever it was it wasn't something that you heard? 12 A. No, no. 13 Q. It was something that you have seen in your email that 14 had been communicated to you by Mr Jones? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. But it wasn't something he had heard either? 17 A. I can't speak for Mr Jones where he got the information 18 from. 19 Q. In your evidence earlier you said Mr Jones had said 20 there was a rumour going round that 30 project workers 21 would be killed? 22 A. I presume if it is a rumour then he's got it from 23 somebody else, not first hand. 24 Q. And so we are clear, even in your witness statement you 25 had said expats but in fact the reference to project Page 141</p>	<p>1 took some action to try and make sure that the response 2 was as it should be? 3 A. Yes, we always wrote debrief reports on any exercises or 4 interventions that we ran or any real incidents and 5 these were quite detailed reports, with suggestions for 6 improvement. 7 Q. When you carried out the drills after 2010, after this 8 occasion when you had done, if I may I say so, the right 9 thing to have a drill to see if you can find 10 a problem -- when you carried out drills after did you 11 find the problems had been resolved or not? I know you 12 didn't carry out another security drill or -- is that 13 right, did I understand that correctly? 14 A. I couldn't find anything in my notes where I had written 15 down that I had carried out another security related 16 drill. There were two that I could find. One carried 17 out by myself. One carried out in May 2011 by my 18 back-to-back. A similar type of security drill. 19 Q. Not carried out by you but carried out by your 20 department? 21 A. Yes, yes. 22 Q. And had the problems that you identified previously been 23 resolved? 24 A. We had managed to make some improvements, but no, 25 problems hadn't been totally resolved. Page 143</p>
<p>1 managers? 2 A. Project workers. 3 Q. Project workers and was the figure of 30 that you had in 4 your witness statement correct? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. In other words, was that the figure that Mr Jones had 7 put in his email? 8 A. He put that in but he did actually put further on in the 9 email that that number went up and down depending on who 10 you spoke to. 11 Q. The next topic and just shortly, please, emergency 12 response. Issues clearly arose in the course of drills 13 and exercises about the response of people within the 14 camp to the emergency or simulated emergency if it was 15 a drill? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. You were the emergency response adviser? 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. So was your back-to-back when he was present. Your role 20 was to examine the emergency response and provide advice 21 on it? 22 A. That's right, yes. 23 Q. And you mention, for example, a drill in 2010 when the 24 response was not what it should have been by a number of 25 people. Presumably because it was part of your job you Page 142</p>	<p>1 Q. So not everything as it should be? 2 A. No. 3 Q. But in light of your report or your findings from the 4 first drill actions were taken and some improvements had 5 been effected? 6 A. Some improvements, not all the improvements that we 7 would wish but some. 8 Q. And linked to that there was one occasion I think when 9 a muster drill was carried out and there was some 20 10 people or so who weren't authorised to be there who were 11 discovered? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. On the muster drill? 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. Mr Fitzpatrick was asked about this occasion and he said 16 he had tried to remember the event, he said that he 17 thinks that they were project staff personnel but they 18 hadn't left on contract when they should have done. So 19 they were project personnel but instead of leaving on 20 rotation and going home they stayed on base. Is that 21 your understanding? 22 A. No, no. 23 Q. Your understanding is? 24 A. It may have been a different incident or a different 25 drill that he's referring to. Page 144</p>

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<p>1 Q. The exact details that you have identified were put to 2 him and that's what he identified? 3 A. Okay. 4 Q. But it doesn't matter. He obviously has a different 5 recollection to you. 6 But that was when? 7 A. Without my notes I couldn't give you an exact date on 8 that particular one. 9 Q. Not an exact date but a year? 10 A. Maybe 2011. To give you an idea, we generally tried to 11 hit the target of two musters per rotation, so 12 effectively two per month. 13 Q. So from that occasion in 2011 you must have carried out 14 a large number of muster drills? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. And did you find 20 people again in the same way? 17 A. We found, we always found variations. 20 was probably 18 the highest number of people that we found. But we 19 found -- in fact, I don't actually remember one single 20 muster where we ever got a full complete muster and 21 accounted for everybody or didn't have excess people on 22 site. There was never -- for example, most of the 23 muster is done at the CPF and the IBO -- IBO, sorry, 24 would return a full muster and everybody was accounted 25 for. I don't think that ever happened at the BdV but it Page 145</p>	<p>1 Q. And so they would be seen to by the guards who would be 2 telling them presumably "this was a muster, you should 3 have turned up at this point and you didn't"? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. But when the next muster came round somebody else 6 perhaps may do the same thing? 7 A. Some people I felt did have genuine excuses for not 8 turning up. There were certain areas of the site where 9 the alarm was fairly quiet and, for example, if somebody 10 was listening to an Mp3 player, had headphones on, it is 11 quite feasible that they might not have heard the alarm. 12 Therefore, the guards would go out and knock on their 13 doors and bring them through. Some people just didn't 14 respond. 15 Q. So muster is undertaken, problems identified with 16 different people, maybe the same people, maybe different 17 people on different occasions and following each muster 18 something is done to try and make sure people realise 19 that they didn't do what they should have done? 20 A. I generally write a report, put suggestions for 21 improvement down and that was including improvements to 22 the actual location of the muster, T card racks, the 23 types of badges that we'd use. All of these were 24 suggestions that were put through and circulated and 25 discussed with management. Page 147</p>
<p>1 was a much larger site with much more people. 2 Q. And on each occasion you found either people who were 3 there who shouldn't have been there or people who should 4 have been there weren't identified? 5 A. Well, we found -- we would find T cards on the rack from 6 people who had actually left site. I found people that 7 were on site hadn't put their T cards there. All sorts 8 of problems. 9 Q. But not in the same number as you had identified in this 10 drill this 2011 or thereabouts but still in numbers? 11 A. Generally significant numbers. The worst I remember was 12 that one with 20. 13 Q. What happened? I mean the purpose of carrying out the 14 muster drill is in part presumably to check if the right 15 people are present and whether they respond? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. So what did you do as the emergency response adviser? 18 A. Well, during the actual muster if there wasn't 19 a complete muster we would actually have to send guards 20 out to look for the people, to actually knock on their 21 doors. So we knew -- written on the boards, on the T 22 card racks was actually the block that they were living 23 in and room numbers, so we could identify where those 24 people were supposed to be. So we'd have to send guards 25 out looking for them. Page 146</p>	<p>1 Q. And through the guards people actually having their 2 doors knocked upon and questioned as to why they didn't 3 attend? 4 A. It generally meant that people were made aware of their 5 responsibilities to respond rather than just leaving 6 this where no improvement would be made. 7 Q. Can I ask you just a little bit about the patrols. 8 I think it was put to you by Mr Ritchie when he was 9 asking questions that were you aware that Mr Fitzpatrick 10 had said that the only patrols that were being carried 11 out were 2 to 3-kilometres around the CPF/BdV and you 12 said you weren't told that. In fact, if you had been 13 told that there would be military patrols carried out in 14 In Amenas and in fact you had been told of troop sizes 15 and so on. Did I understand your evidence correctly? 16 A. Yes, these numbers were discussed at meetings and often 17 in the thousands. 18 Q. So we are talking about military troops patrolling the 19 military zone and you had been told that that was being 20 carried out? 21 A. We had been told that the military were out there in the 22 desert and their role was to make sure that we were 23 secure. 24 Q. So it is clear to you, and fair to Mr Fitzpatrick, he 25 didn't say that wasn't happening, he was only talking Page 148</p>

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<p>1 about the Gendarmes?</p> <p>2 A. It appears so, yes.</p> <p>3 Q. Curfews. Just to understand something you said.</p> <p>4 In December I think you said just before Christmas the</p> <p>5 change that you described took place?</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. I am not sure I understood how you became aware of that</p> <p>8 change.</p> <p>9 A. Well I became aware because my direct line manager would</p> <p>10 go to the 5 o'clock meetings and then would generally</p> <p>11 come back to his office which is in the building where</p> <p>12 I lived to collect his car keys and drive back and he</p> <p>13 would shout down to me, "there's a curfew tonight it's</p> <p>14 changed again" and tell me the new time.</p> <p>15 Q. The meeting you are referring to is the FIMT meeting?</p> <p>16 A. No, sorry, not the FIMT meeting. The FIMT meeting was</p> <p>17 every Saturday in this BdV, in the 50 Man Building. The</p> <p>18 meeting I am referring to was the management meeting</p> <p>19 which took place every day of the week at 5 o'clock in</p> <p>20 the IBO meeting room. The IBO is the area down near the</p> <p>21 CPF.</p> <p>22 Q. Yes. You did attend the FIMT meetings?</p> <p>23 A. Yes, and occasionally I would attend the management</p> <p>24 meetings if my boss wasn't there. I would take his</p> <p>25 place.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 149</p>	<p>1 more widely but just cascade down the information orally</p> <p>2 to the people below you?</p> <p>3 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>4 Q. So this is a procedure update for the -- it is dated</p> <p>5 22 December 2012 and it is in a standard format and you</p> <p>6 see on the first page, the second entry is:</p> <p>7 "Military protection zone timings", and then we have</p> <p>8 various details including CPF curfew, 7.30 in the</p> <p>9 evening for non-night shift personnel?</p> <p>10 A. Mmm.</p> <p>11 Q. That is inconsistent with what you are saying, if</p> <p>12 I understood that correctly. Are you saying that the</p> <p>13 curfew was different?</p> <p>14 A. At this time it could possibly have changed because</p> <p>15 I did say the curfew had changed back to its ordinary</p> <p>16 hours just before Christmas.</p> <p>17 Q. Yes, and then it changed again. Did I understand that</p> <p>18 correctly?</p> <p>19 A. I'm not sure if it changed after Christmas.</p> <p>20 I specifically remember it wasn't in force Christmas Day</p> <p>21 because a group of us expats went for a walk out to the</p> <p>22 falaise but they did insist that we took two 4 by 4s</p> <p>23 with us with armed guards and they followed us on the</p> <p>24 walk, which was is not normal.</p> <p>25 Q. No. We have information elsewhere about the trip on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 151</p>
<p>1 Q. I am sorry to ask you to do this but can we just look at</p> <p>2 a couple of documents in another file. This is the last</p> <p>3 time I will ask you to look at a document. But in</p> <p>4 Mr Johnston's exhibits, file 1. Sorry, Mr Rose, we just</p> <p>5 need to do this because I think you are the first person</p> <p>6 who suggested the point you have made and just so we can</p> <p>7 be clear as to when it happened. Page 238, bottom</p> <p>8 right. Mr Rose, we have been told about the FIMT</p> <p>9 meetings?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. We know there would always be somebody from liaison</p> <p>12 attending to give a security update?</p> <p>13 A. The OLS, yes.</p> <p>14 Q. That it was described by different people in different</p> <p>15 ways but I think at least one person said that what they</p> <p>16 would do, I think it may have been Mr Fitzpatrick, is</p> <p>17 effectively read out what was in their weekly meeting</p> <p>18 and procedure update. So this is a document which you</p> <p>19 presumably wouldn't have received directly yourself?</p> <p>20 A. We received copies at the meeting, yes.</p> <p>21 Q. So what we have been told is Mr Fitzpatrick or Mr Morgan</p> <p>22 would read out what was in the document, that you would</p> <p>23 receive, if not the actual meeting document, you would</p> <p>24 receive something which was a summary of what was</p> <p>25 contained in it and in fact asked not to distribute that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 150</p>	<p>1 Christmas Day. I think the captain arranged for that to</p> <p>2 be able to take place so that some people who wanted to</p> <p>3 could go out. But you had to be escorted by patrols?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. We are talking about the general standard curfew.</p> <p>6 22 December. It says it is 7.30 in the evening. If you</p> <p>7 just turn on a couple of pages to 240, 5 January, it's</p> <p>8 7.30?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. If you go back a few pages to 235 this is November,</p> <p>11 24 November 2012 again, it is 7.30?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. I won't take you through all the preceding ones but</p> <p>14 I think all the preceding ones have the curfew at the</p> <p>15 same time?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. Is it possible that you are just mistaken in your</p> <p>18 recollection as to when this change in curfew took</p> <p>19 place, and let me just suggest a possibility, that at</p> <p>20 some point during the course of the strike there may</p> <p>21 have been a change in the curfew because obviously there</p> <p>22 were additional restrictions on the ability to provide</p> <p>23 escorts and guards. So could it be that that is when</p> <p>24 the change in curfew took place?</p> <p>25 A. Absolutely not. The dates I am referring to would come</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 152</p>

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<p>1 in from after the date of 24 November and probably to 2 around just before the 22nd. But as I say, these dates 3 were not communicated officially. There was no paper 4 trail that was ever left. These were verbal 5 communications but that is the time it applied to. I 6 have got emails and handover notes which actually back 7 that up.</p> <p>8 Q. So at some point during the course of these four weeks 9 or so between 24 November and 22 December is when you 10 think this change took place?</p> <p>11 A. Yes, the changes did take place because I was subject to 12 them.</p> <p>13 Q. When they were communicated to you. Again, just so I am 14 absolutely clear, they were communicated to you by whom?</p> <p>15 A. John Brattetieg I remember when he was there --</p> <p>16 Q. Your line manager?</p> <p>17 A. He was my line manager. And generally it would be John 18 Brattetieg because at that point in time we were in the 19 process of having a new line manager, so Carl Dawbarn 20 had left to Hassi Messaoud and we were in the process of 21 getting Ian Whetherill. He hadn't actually arrived on 22 site because of various delays on site so it was 23 generally John Brattetieg.</p> <p>24 Q. And presumably your back-to-back as I think you said in 25 the handover notes that's what he said to you?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 153</p>	<p>1 MR POPAT: Thank you.</p> <p>2 THE CORONER: Thank you very much indeed. Very grateful to 3 you.</p> <p>4 (The witness withdrew)</p> <p>5 THE CORONER: We will have a ten-minute break. 6 (3.33 pm)</p> <p>7 (A short break)</p> <p>8 (3.43 pm)</p> <p>9 MS DOLAN: Sir, the next witness is Ms Ravey.</p> <p>10 MS MURIELLE-MARIE ANDREE RAVEY (affirmed)</p> <p>11 (Interpreter affirmed)</p> <p>12 THE INTERPRETER: The name is Ian MacDonald, sir. National 13 Registry Interpreter 10211, the language is French, sir. 14 I have been given to understand certain things about my 15 interpretation.</p> <p>16 MS DOLAN: Sir, should I explain? Please take a seat. Sir, 17 Ms Ravey, being a French national her mother tongue is 18 French. She is happy to give her evidence in English 19 but of course there may be times when understanding the 20 question or the answer she wants to give she would 21 benefit from the assistance of somebody who could 22 translate for her and under those circumstances the 23 translator will assist but we will try to go ahead with 24 her evidence in English and she will say if she needs 25 some assistance.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 155</p>
<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. Thank you. Finally just this: in relation to the drills 3 that you did carry out and involving the military at one 4 stage I think you said, for example, you weren't allowed 5 to use the military as role players?</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. What did you mean? What was it you thought you might 8 want to use them for?</p> <p>9 A. To actually play their role and send radio messages as 10 part of the exercise. So to actually take part in the 11 exercise in an active role other than providing a secure 12 area for us to work. So they would not be involved in 13 any radio messages or take any active part in the 14 exercise. That's what I meant.</p> <p>15 Q. So in the example that you had organised, for example, 16 a road traffic collision, what you are referring to is 17 perhaps having the military involved in doing whatever 18 they might do in the event of a traffic --</p> <p>19 A. The military were involved in securing the area for us 20 to work.</p> <p>21 Q. Yes, but the additional thing would be them perhaps 22 sending messages of what they would do in the event of a 23 road traffic collision?</p> <p>24 A. Or maybe helping casualties for example, giving first 25 aid as they were trained.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 154</p>	<p>1 THE CORONER: All right, you are happy with that. So we'll 2 try in English. If there is a problem not at all to 3 worry because we'll use the interpreter. All right.</p> <p>4 A. Thank you.</p> <p>5 Questions from MS DOLAN</p> <p>6 MS DOLAN: Ms Ravey, can you give us your full name please?</p> <p>7 A. My name is Murielle-Marie Andree Ravey.</p> <p>8 Q. And I think in 2013 you were working at In Amenas?</p> <p>9 A. Yes, I did.</p> <p>10 Q. What was your job at In Amenas?</p> <p>11 A. I was a medic to the JV.</p> <p>12 Q. When was the first time you worked at In Amenas?</p> <p>13 A. I first work in 2006 but just for one month and then 14 I came back in December 2010.</p> <p>15 Q. And I think your job description was to -- you were 16 a nurse by training?</p> <p>17 A. I'm a nurse, I'm an anaesthetist nurse and also a medic.</p> <p>18 Q. And I think your job description was to provide medical 19 care to the expats and the local workers?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. And to deal with hygiene inspections, things like food 22 storage and food preparation and cleanliness?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. And occupational health checks?</p> <p>25 A. Yes. I also had the responsibility of mass casualty</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 156</p>

<p>1 response, emergency response as a medic and trainings.</p> <p>2 Q. I think you were working at In Amenas when there were</p> <p>3 the drivers strikes?</p> <p>4 A. Yes, I did.</p> <p>5 Q. Did you learn of any threats to expats during those</p> <p>6 strikes?</p> <p>7 A. Not really direct to expats but as Mr Gary Rose said</p> <p>8 just before me we heard a lot of rumour about threat</p> <p>9 against JV workers but not specially expats.</p> <p>10 Q. I think shortly before the attack you spoke with</p> <p>11 Paul Morgan --</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. -- about this being his last rotation?</p> <p>14 A. Yes, I was very surprised. He came -- I think</p> <p>15 I remember it was on the Monday before the attack, he</p> <p>16 came to see me in my office and said "I'm coming to say</p> <p>17 bye bye because it is my last rotation" and I was</p> <p>18 surprised. So I said "what's happened? Why do you</p> <p>19 leave?" And he say "I can't control the situation. I'm</p> <p>20 sorry for that, it's a mess and so I'm not coming back.</p> <p>21 It's my last rotation." And I was very surprised</p> <p>22 because he was the second one, liaison officer, who left</p> <p>23 the site in a short period. The previous one was</p> <p>24 Kevin Jones, he left I think in July.</p> <p>25 Q. Did you have an understanding of why Kevin Jones?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 157</p>	<p>1 Q. Where did you live when you worked at In Amenas?</p> <p>2 A. I was living in the CPF area in the HSE building,</p> <p>3 accommodation in the HSE building.</p> <p>4 Q. On the morning of the 16th can you tell us what was the</p> <p>5 first thing that made you realise this was not a normal</p> <p>6 morning?</p> <p>7 A. I was late to wake up because I was very tired about the</p> <p>8 exercise we prepared together with the emergency</p> <p>9 response unit and so on and so I just was lay on my bed</p> <p>10 and say I have to wake up because it's time to wake up</p> <p>11 and go to work and then suddenly at 6.50 I heard the</p> <p>12 emergency alarm in the building, so I just jumped in my</p> <p>13 emergency uniform and I ran to my ambulance, it was the</p> <p>14 behaviour we have to have in case of an alarm. And</p> <p>15 I thought it was probably a fire or something like that</p> <p>16 in the plant, in the CPF itself. And my colleagues,</p> <p>17 I mean the firemen, were already ready and we were</p> <p>18 waiting for information about what was this alarm.</p> <p>19 Q. You said 6.50. Do you think that was 5.50?</p> <p>20 A. 5.50, sorry, yes. And then I think it took only</p> <p>21 a couple of minutes to be ready and just standing in</p> <p>22 front of the ambulance and we were waiting to have</p> <p>23 information, so there was a time of confusion because</p> <p>24 normally in this case we have information by the radio</p> <p>25 very quickly from the operating room, the control room</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 159</p>
<p>1 A. He told me the same thing but not exactly because the</p> <p>2 security was not under control any more. He said to me</p> <p>3 that as the security have been given to SSI he was just</p> <p>4 taking care of expat movement between the BdV and also</p> <p>5 the airport and he thought it was not a very interesting</p> <p>6 job for him because the main part, the interesting part</p> <p>7 was security of the site, so as he couldn't take care of</p> <p>8 that any more he said "it's not interesting so I'm</p> <p>9 leaving. I have a new job somewhere else."</p> <p>10 Q. Turning now to the events in January 2013. I think you</p> <p>11 had been on rotation from 27 December that year?</p> <p>12 A. No, I think it was 29 December, but -- sorry, I left</p> <p>13 home on the 27th but it took one day to come on the</p> <p>14 site, it was just after Christmas. Could be.</p> <p>15 Q. You said in your witness statement that you were not</p> <p>16 aware of any significant, unusual or suspicious</p> <p>17 behaviour during that last rotation, is that correct?</p> <p>18 A. What do you mean suspicious behaviour?</p> <p>19 Q. Was there anything unusual before the events of the 16th</p> <p>20 on that last rotation?</p> <p>21 A. It is difficult to say because we went through</p> <p>22 a difficult time so the usual environment, atmosphere,</p> <p>23 was not something that had been recovered totally after</p> <p>24 the strike. So it's difficult to understand -- not to</p> <p>25 understand, to give you an answer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 158</p>	<p>1 of the plant but we have no information. And suddenly a</p> <p>2 colleague of us, a young junior, Farid, working in the</p> <p>3 HSE department came to us running and he was shouting in</p> <p>4 Arabic first but I got soon the translation and he said</p> <p>5 "there are terrorists, there are terrorists, it's</p> <p>6 a terrorist attack, just go run and hide, they have</p> <p>7 weapons, they've already taken a hostage. I have seen</p> <p>8 somebody who has been hurt and injured and it's -- just</p> <p>9 hide and run." So we knew very quickly that it was</p> <p>10 a terrorist attack.</p> <p>11 Q. Can you tell us where Farid, your colleague, came from</p> <p>12 when you saw him running towards you?</p> <p>13 A. He came from the main gate because he was coming from</p> <p>14 the BdV to CPF in order to work early in the morning, as</p> <p>15 everybody, and as he, I don't know if he drove or walked</p> <p>16 through the door, he saw the terrorists and he spoke</p> <p>17 with them.</p> <p>18 Q. Did he tell you anything more about what he saw?</p> <p>19 A. He told me that he have seen many terrorists with</p> <p>20 weapons, he didn't say which kind of weapons, but</p> <p>21 I thought it was guns. He told me also that they had</p> <p>22 the radio, the terrorists have taken his radio. So</p> <p>23 I realised immediately that the terrorists could</p> <p>24 understand and listen to our conversation on the radio.</p> <p>25 Q. You say he said they had already caught some hostages?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 160</p>

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<p>1 A. Yes, and he told me also he have seen somebody injured.</p> <p>2 Q. Did he give you any more information about who the</p> <p>3 hostages were or where they had been caught?</p> <p>4 A. No, no, because as we -- when I say "we" I mean I and</p> <p>5 the emergency response team, we just ran away and hide</p> <p>6 and so I didn't have a long conversation with him as</p> <p>7 soon as I realised the threat but I spoke to him later,</p> <p>8 the day after when we escaped because I escaped with him</p> <p>9 and other guys.</p> <p>10 Q. What did he tell you then?</p> <p>11 A. He told me that these terrorists were probably from</p> <p>12 abroad, that means non-Algerian because he recognised</p> <p>13 Libyan accent, Egyptian accent and he said people coming</p> <p>14 from abroad also.</p> <p>15 Q. Did he then tell you any more about how the terrorists</p> <p>16 arrived at the CPF?</p> <p>17 A. No, I didn't ask.</p> <p>18 Q. You told us that you and your colleagues went to hide in</p> <p>19 the buildings?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. Which building did you hide in?</p> <p>22 A. In the HSE building because this HSE building, it is</p> <p>23 just beside the emergency building, between the garage</p> <p>24 with the fire truck and so on and also my own clinic,</p> <p>25 medical clinic, so we rush to this HSE building. I have</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 161</p>	<p>1 I had the number of my colleague, the medic of</p> <p>2 Hassi Messaoud but he's a part of the FIMT, not FIMT,</p> <p>3 IMT, that means Incident Management Team at</p> <p>4 Hassi Messaoud and he was the only one I could phone</p> <p>5 because it's the only number on the phone I had with me</p> <p>6 on this phone. So I phone him to inform, "Do you know</p> <p>7 that we are under an attack, a terrorist attack?" And</p> <p>8 he say "Yes, we are very aware of that. The IMT is</p> <p>9 already in the office and they're going -- well, they</p> <p>10 are trying to manage the crisis", and he gave me first</p> <p>11 information that the site has been attacked at</p> <p>12 In Amenas. The BdV, the bus and the CPF at the same</p> <p>13 time. So I didn't know, I thought it was only the plant</p> <p>14 which has been attacked but I saw -- so I had been</p> <p>15 informed that it was the three things together. I mean</p> <p>16 BdV, the plant, the CPF and also the bus. He told me</p> <p>17 that people have been taken hostage.</p> <p>18 But it was just the medic, so he tell me "just hold</p> <p>19 on, I give you the phone to the guy who is in charge of</p> <p>20 the IMT." It was Carl Dawbarn, who is the HSE senior</p> <p>21 manager of the JV, but I knew him very well because he</p> <p>22 was previously my boss. He was the previous manager in</p> <p>23 In Amenas site.</p> <p>24 Q. What time was it when you called your medic colleague?</p> <p>25 A. Now I don't remember exactly, but I think it was just</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 163</p>
<p>1 been caught by my HSE manager, the new guy called Ian</p> <p>2 Whetherill. The emergency response team which came, it</p> <p>3 was Bob Jones and so we rush in this building and my HSE</p> <p>4 manager said "come, come, we hide together in my office"</p> <p>5 and so we did.</p> <p>6 Q. Can I just ask you who it was that was with you, you</p> <p>7 have mentioned Bob Jones --</p> <p>8 A. Yes, Bob Jones.</p> <p>9 Q. -- and Ian Whetherill?</p> <p>10 A. And also another HSE adviser. His name is Mr Wright,</p> <p>11 Alan Wright. He was already in this building. I don't</p> <p>12 know why because it was very early and I suppose they</p> <p>13 decided to come very early from the BdV to the HSE</p> <p>14 building to work. It was a good choice, if I can say</p> <p>15 because that's the fact which saved their life.</p> <p>16 Q. So there was the four of you who were --</p> <p>17 A. Four expats.</p> <p>18 Q. -- expats?</p> <p>19 A. My Algerian colleague, I mean the firemen, hide in the</p> <p>20 same building because they decided to hide in their</p> <p>21 bedrooms.</p> <p>22 Q. I think you were in contact by telephone with some</p> <p>23 colleagues at Hassi Messaoud?</p> <p>24 A. Yes. It is a very important point. I had my</p> <p>25 professional phone in my pocket and then in this phone</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 162</p>	<p>1 before 6.30. It was very early after the beginning of</p> <p>2 the attack, but now I can't remember exactly when.</p> <p>3 Q. What could you hear outside your office, could you hear</p> <p>4 things happening?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, I heard shotguns at the beginning and later in the</p> <p>6 day, several time, we heard big explosion like rocket on</p> <p>7 my side. I didn't know exactly what it was. I know</p> <p>8 what shotguns are because I work in the army, in the</p> <p>9 French army as a medic for many years and I was in</p> <p>10 Kosovo during the war of independence in former</p> <p>11 Yugoslavia so I know what is the sound of gunshots, but</p> <p>12 I was with Bob Jones and he is an ex-military, not</p> <p>13 exactly special forces but a real soldier and so he</p> <p>14 explained me every time we heard a shot what kind of</p> <p>15 shot it was.</p> <p>16 Q. Could you tell where the shots were coming from?</p> <p>17 A. We heard shots close to us, so I thought, I presumed</p> <p>18 that it was at the CPF itself and I heard shots going</p> <p>19 from long distance. It was in the direction of the</p> <p>20 south but as my colleague told me on the phone, my</p> <p>21 colleague from the IMT at Hassi Messaoud, as he told me</p> <p>22 very early after the attack that the BdV and also the</p> <p>23 bus were attacked I presumed that the shots were coming</p> <p>24 from this area.</p> <p>25 Q. I think you could hear some of the messages or</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 164</p>

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<p>1 conversations on the radios?</p> <p>2 A. Yes. We -- as a medic and Bob as the ERT coach we both</p> <p>3 have a radio permanently because we are on duty round</p> <p>4 and round the clock, so as I knew that the terrorists</p> <p>5 had the radio we didn't switch off, we just make it very</p> <p>6 low, just to hear but not to be heard ourselves. We</p> <p>7 heard Arabic conversation. Unfortunately I don't speak</p> <p>8 Arabic. We tried to catch something and first of all</p> <p>9 before I succeed to -- not I succeed, sorry -- before</p> <p>10 I hide in the building I had Yann Desyeux on the radio,</p> <p>11 he wanted to know what's happened at the CPF. So I told</p> <p>12 him that terrorists have already the radios and also we</p> <p>13 were four expats hiding in the office but I didn't say</p> <p>14 where because I knew as soon as I was speaking in the</p> <p>15 radio as a woman and as a French the terrorists could</p> <p>16 know that there is a French woman on the site.</p> <p>17 Q. And when you spoke to Yann Desyeux did he tell you what</p> <p>18 was happening where he was?</p> <p>19 A. No, because he wanted just to know what's happening in</p> <p>20 my area and I was very reluctant to speak on the radio</p> <p>21 for the reasons I just explained so I didn't ask.</p> <p>22 Q. Was that the only contact you had with Yann?</p> <p>23 A. Yes, the only one, the last one.</p> <p>24 Q. I think some of the radio conversation you had</p> <p>25 translated by an ambulance driver, to explain it to you?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 165</p>	<p>1 radio communications be picked up by anybody off the</p> <p>2 site, the Gendarmes or the military?</p> <p>3 A. Yes, the Gendarme also of course.</p> <p>4 Q. They would have the same radio frequencies?</p> <p>5 A. In fact, there were three or four channels for different</p> <p>6 reasons and I suppose the Gendarme have another channel</p> <p>7 but it was on the channel we used to use. Perhaps it</p> <p>8 was -- I don't know exactly for the radio if there was</p> <p>9 a special way to speak on all the channels together.</p> <p>10 I don't know, but you're right, it was probably for the</p> <p>11 Gendarme, not for us.</p> <p>12 Q. Just to understand, did you know before the incident</p> <p>13 that the Gendarmes could listen to the JV radio?</p> <p>14 A. Yes, I know they had radio, so it's easy to switch the</p> <p>15 channel.</p> <p>16 Q. And in your work did you ever need to use the same</p> <p>17 channel that the Gendarmes were or communicate with</p> <p>18 them?</p> <p>19 A. Never. I used to work on channel 3. It was for</p> <p>20 emergency. So normally in case we have a mass casualty</p> <p>21 or something very important, when I say important,</p> <p>22 somebody hurt, injured, to treat and I need to use my</p> <p>23 radio I had priority on the channel as a medic just to</p> <p>24 avoid people chatting on the radio. Because the</p> <p>25 Algerian people used to speak longer than us, just the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 167</p>
<p>1 A. Yes. It was important because we heard Arabic speech on</p> <p>2 the radio but it was common sense but suddenly, I don't</p> <p>3 remember, perhaps around 10 in the morning, we heard</p> <p>4 a special tone, a very solemn, the sound of the voice</p> <p>5 looked strange so we immediately tried to understand in</p> <p>6 Arabic. It was difficult, so I wanted to know what's</p> <p>7 happened exactly, so I tried to find my ambulance driver</p> <p>8 because he's very fluent in French and obviously Arabic</p> <p>9 and finally I found him in the building because he was</p> <p>10 hidden and he told me that it was an official</p> <p>11 announcement from the terrorists saying they wanted</p> <p>12 to -- they wanted some of their friends to be delivered</p> <p>13 from jail, in prison, in Algeria and somewhere else.</p> <p>14 They wanted them to be delivered. If not they will blow</p> <p>15 the plant.</p> <p>16 Q. You say this was an official announcement by the</p> <p>17 terrorists?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Was this an announcement to people who were listening on</p> <p>20 the radio, to the expats?</p> <p>21 A. Probably not expats because not a lot of expats are</p> <p>22 speaking Arabic so I suppose it was probably from the</p> <p>23 site, perhaps from Algerian workers and I don't know why</p> <p>24 it was on the radio in fact.</p> <p>25 Q. Because would those radio communications, the internal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 166</p>	<p>1 way they speak.</p> <p>2 Q. I think you also had a satellite phone in the office</p> <p>3 with you?</p> <p>4 A. Yes, it's the satellite of FIMT room in fact. There</p> <p>5 were two FIMT rooms. One at the BdV and one in the HSE</p> <p>6 building. So we had this satellite phone.</p> <p>7 Q. Did you use that for communicating?</p> <p>8 A. Yes. Not at the beginning because at the beginning we</p> <p>9 could use our own cellphone but very quickly I think it</p> <p>10 was around 9 o'clock in the morning, on average, the</p> <p>11 phone communication has been cut, but before that we</p> <p>12 have this information by Mr Carl Dawbarn who led the</p> <p>13 crisis centre. He told us that we have to stop to</p> <p>14 phone, use the phone, we could only use the short</p> <p>15 message because the communications were monitored by</p> <p>16 terrorists.</p> <p>17 Q. So you understood your mobile phone messages were being</p> <p>18 monitored?</p> <p>19 A. Yes, yes, so he told us, so we stopped phoning. We sent</p> <p>20 message just to have an update of the situation but</p> <p>21 around, I think around 9 o'clock we had no network -- no</p> <p>22 reception any more, so we couldn't know anything about</p> <p>23 what happened.</p> <p>24 Q. I think you spent that first evening in the HSE</p> <p>25 building?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 168</p>

<p>1 A. Yes. Personally I stayed beginning of the night I mean 2 until midnight. My three colleague decided to stay in 3 their bedroom so we moved from the office we were hidden 4 in to the bedrooms to try to get some rest. But I was 5 not happy at all with this situation. I mean I was 6 aware that the security advice was in case of 7 a terrorist attack, you have to go to your bedroom or 8 office, shut the door and so on and so on and I knew 9 that but I was not happy at all with that because it 10 looked like a trap. So in this particular situation, 11 this particular attack, staying in the bedroom or 12 staying in the office was a bad idea.</p> <p>13 So I didn't follow -- I did follow the procedure at 14 the beginning of the attack but during the night 15 I thought, okay, the terrorists could come at any time 16 and search every room as they are doing in the BdV. So 17 I don't want to be trapped in my bedroom. So I decided 18 to hide in a place I thought it was a better place to 19 hide. It was in the building just beside the HSE 20 building. It was in a little medical premise near the 21 clinic and the parking of ambulance and fire trucks.</p> <p>22 Q. I think you spent the night there and then the next 23 morning did you discuss with your colleagues leaving the 24 site?</p> <p>25 A. Yes. I further discussed with Bob to escape on the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 169</p>	<p>1 they just listen, noise, because we are in the dark 2 they'll shoot you. So we want to escape tomorrow 3 morning, that is the Thursday, very early in the morning 4 just at the sunrise and if you want you can come with 5 us, which we did.</p> <p>6 Q. The colleagues who told you there were snipers at the 7 plant did they tell you how many terrorists they had 8 seen?</p> <p>9 A. No, no. They use a plural, that means many of them, but 10 no, I don't know how many there were.</p> <p>11 Q. And did they tell you anything about hostages at all?</p> <p>12 A. We heard a lot of things but I first had information by 13 Carl Dawbarn who managed, as I explained, during the 14 first 24 hours he managed the crisis centre so he gave 15 us a lot of information by the phone until we had no 16 phone available any more. And my Algerian colleague 17 confirmed what I have heard from Carl Dawbarn. First, 18 that Paul Morgan had been shot, that there were several 19 hostages, that rooms were being searched at the BdV and 20 so on and Carl told us very early that people were dead 21 already. First it was Paul but after we knew that other 22 people, without any names, but other people had been 23 killed.</p> <p>24 Q. I think you were helped by your Algerian colleagues to 25 leave the plant through the fence?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 171</p>
<p>1 Wednesday, the first day of the attacks but because of 2 the cameras, all over the site, we think if we escape 3 terrorists can see us on monitoring cameras. That is 4 the first point. The second point is my colleague knew 5 that some terrorists were at the top of the chimney of 6 the plant, snipers on the top of the chimney of the 7 plant.</p> <p>8 Q. How did you know they were there?</p> <p>9 A. Because there were a lot of Algerian colleague, when 10 I say colleague, people walking in some workshop or on 11 the site of the CPF, they were free to circulate. So 12 they used to walk and have a look around and they came 13 to our building, I presume it was to get food because we 14 had a little restaurant, and so they spoke to my 15 Algerian colleague, the firemen, sorry, and the fireman 16 told me that these guys, those guys, sorry, have seen 17 snipers on the top of the chimney. So I thought if we 18 escape in the day -- during the day they'll see us 19 because I suppose they have binoculars or something on 20 their gun or they could shoot us like rabbits.</p> <p>21 So with Bob we talk about escaping but we decided to 22 escape in the night. Our Algerian colleagues wanted to 23 escape also but they say don't escape during the night 24 because we are sure there are military around the site 25 and they used to shoot first and then ask after. So if</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 170</p>	<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. And they provided you with some clothing to disguise 3 yourselves?</p> <p>4 A. Not clothes, but they really -- they had the choice to 5 leave in fact but they say "we prefer to stay with you 6 because we worked together, we're just like a little 7 family so we will help you to escape." Also because 8 they were afraid of the military, they were afraid they 9 could be taken to be terrorists. We wear a uniform. 10 But we escaped altogether and in case of outside we 11 don't find the military but we find terrorists because 12 we knew that the terrorists were wearing military 13 uniform you have a chance to be safe if you are in the 14 middle of the group, so we escaped. We were 26 persons, 15 that means 4 expats and 22 Algerians and they tried to 16 protect us and we escaped together.</p> <p>17 Q. And I think then you managed to walk to the checkpoint?</p> <p>18 A. Not exactly because we had been quickly surrounded by 19 military, people with uniform, finally, they were the 20 real military and they took us, the four expats, they 21 took us together, put us in a car, in a military car and 22 we drove to VCPI. But we were rather far away from 23 VCPI.</p> <p>24 Q. How far were you from the IBO or the CPF when the 25 military found you?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 172</p>

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<p>1 A. I don't think we walked more than 1 kilometre.</p> <p>2 Q. Were you walking to a military cordon or was it just</p> <p>3 a couple of military who found you?</p> <p>4 A. At the beginning it was just a couple but we were afraid</p> <p>5 because we didn't know if they were real or not real</p> <p>6 military, so we continued walking and the more we walked</p> <p>7 the more people surrounded us, so at the end I think</p> <p>8 there were perhaps less than 10 military around us but</p> <p>9 very quickly, after they searched us to see if we hadn't</p> <p>10 any bomb or anything, I suppose they called on the</p> <p>11 officer, a car just came quickly to collect us. My</p> <p>12 Algerian colleagues had to walk through to the VCP1.</p> <p>13 Q. After you were in safety your witness statement says an</p> <p>14 Algerian colleague had been in a group of four Algerians</p> <p>15 who were spoken to by the terrorists and the terrorists</p> <p>16 had said to them that some people had let them on the</p> <p>17 site. Can you tell us about that?</p> <p>18 A. It was not just after the attack. In fact, I spoke with</p> <p>19 Algerian colleague after, a long time after the attack,</p> <p>20 I mean a couple, not a couple, several days after the</p> <p>21 attack and somebody tell me that in fact this person</p> <p>22 I have spoken with -- has spoken with the terrorists and</p> <p>23 with three other Algerian workers and one terrorist</p> <p>24 complaining about the military who were shooting at them</p> <p>25 and this terrorist had said -- so this it is a French</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 173</p>	<p>1 military. So is it the same pronoun "ons"? I guess</p> <p>2 yes.</p> <p>3 Q. You also told the police investigators that there had</p> <p>4 been a letter sent to BP in Hassi Messaoud --</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. -- four months before the attack threatening to attack</p> <p>7 one of the sites in Algeria?</p> <p>8 A. Mmm.</p> <p>9 Q. Have you ever seen that letter?</p> <p>10 A. I have never seen it. I heard about my colleague the</p> <p>11 Medic at Hassi Messaoud. I phone him recently to</p> <p>12 refresh this information and in fact I was wrong. He</p> <p>13 told me it was not four months before the attack. It</p> <p>14 was several months before the attack. He had never seen</p> <p>15 this letter himself but the workers in Hassi Messaoud</p> <p>16 spoke a lot about this letter and also a friend of mine</p> <p>17 who is a journalist, I recently wrote a book with him</p> <p>18 about my statement, not an official statement but my</p> <p>19 story, and he has done an enquiry at the end and he had</p> <p>20 also this same information but by somebody else and the</p> <p>21 person who confirmed this information was an Algerian</p> <p>22 journalist, I have the name of this guy in my book but</p> <p>23 I can't remember it. So it's two different person who</p> <p>24 said the same thing.</p> <p>25 Q. But just to be clear, the people who said it to you, the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 175</p>
<p>1 expression, it is difficult to translate.</p> <p>2 Q. Do it in French first.</p> <p>3 A. But in French we have a special pronoun "ons" that means</p> <p>4 somebody or it could be -- they. So it's the same</p> <p>5 subject, the subject group of person or the same person</p> <p>6 who let them enter and then they shoot on them. So</p> <p>7 I was very surprised. "I said what do you mean? Does</p> <p>8 that mean that the military were shooting at them? Does</p> <p>9 it mean that the military let them enter first and then</p> <p>10 shoot them?" And this person say, "Yes, that's exactly</p> <p>11 what I heard."</p> <p>12 Q. And this person said they heard it from who?</p> <p>13 A. A terrorist.</p> <p>14 Q. They heard it directly or somebody passed it on to them?</p> <p>15 A. No, directly, directly.</p> <p>16 Q. But did they at the time have any understanding of who</p> <p>17 this terrorist was referring to as "ons"?</p> <p>18 A. Sorry?</p> <p>19 Q. Did they have any understanding of who the terrorist was</p> <p>20 referring to?</p> <p>21 A. No, because the famous "ons" or "they" is somebody.</p> <p>22 That is the problem with the French translations, that's</p> <p>23 the way we speak when we don't know exactly or if you</p> <p>24 don't want to name somebody or to show somebody, but it</p> <p>25 was of use that who were shooting at them, it was the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 174</p>	<p>1 person who said it to you had not seen the letter</p> <p>2 themselves either?</p> <p>3 A. No, heard a lot about it but never saw it themselves.</p> <p>4 Q. So they were reporting a rumour to you?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. At the time you said several months before. Was there</p> <p>7 any indication of the timing or was several months as</p> <p>8 close as anybody knew?</p> <p>9 A. He told me that it was not a long time after he work on</p> <p>10 the site and I think he came the middle of 2011, so it</p> <p>11 was more than one year before the attack. But he was</p> <p>12 not sure of the date.</p> <p>13 Q. And there is some indication, is there not, that this</p> <p>14 might just have been an employee who was angry or</p> <p>15 annoyed?</p> <p>16 A. It could be because he confirmed me that the way that</p> <p>17 the letter was written shows that the guy knows the site</p> <p>18 very well and knows people working at Hassi Messaoud.</p> <p>19 It was of course anonymous. It was sent by an email and</p> <p>20 my colleague told me that the management didn't succeed</p> <p>21 to find who sent this email of course. But the email</p> <p>22 was sent for all the site. Not particularly a person,</p> <p>23 not the site manager for example or whoever.</p> <p>24 Q. And it wasn't particularly directed at In Amenas?</p> <p>25 A. No, no, it was a threat for BP interest but not</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 176</p>

<p>1 specially In Amenas.</p> <p>2 MS DOLAN: Thank you, Ms Ravey, I have no more questions but</p> <p>3 others may have.</p> <p>4 Questions from Mr Ritchie</p> <p>5 MR RITCHIE: Good afternoon, Ms Ravey. I represent the</p> <p>6 family of Carlos Estrada.</p> <p>7 You returned to the site in 2010?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. You mention security checks in your statement and you</p> <p>10 say that they were not good. Can you help the coroner</p> <p>11 with what was not good?</p> <p>12 A. For example, luggage search. It was easy to enter every</p> <p>13 thing you wanted in the luggage because the guard used</p> <p>14 to open the suitcase, have a look like that, close it</p> <p>15 and it's okay. And also as Mr Rose said before me it</p> <p>16 was frequently, very often, that a lot of cars were not</p> <p>17 searched properly or were not searched at all in the</p> <p>18 CPF. I don't know exactly on the BdV because I was more</p> <p>19 in the CPF than the BdV.</p> <p>20 Q. And that's cars coming into the site?</p> <p>21 A. Coming in or coming out, but coming in, yes.</p> <p>22 Q. Were you aware of staff coming to the site in taxis and</p> <p>23 in private cars?</p> <p>24 A. During the strike yes but when you say coming to the</p> <p>25 site it was not entering the CPF or entering the BdV.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 177</p>	<p>1 and everything. So I tried to get information from</p> <p>2 people and specially Mr Gary Rose and Mr Bob Jones and</p> <p>3 also my line manager, Mr John Brattetieg, to get</p> <p>4 information and the incident you speak about I knew that</p> <p>5 from Gary Rose who told me there was some trouble with</p> <p>6 that. But I've not been involved in this exercise.</p> <p>7 Q. I understand. He has given evidence. I will not ask</p> <p>8 more from you.</p> <p>9 You mention in your witness statement being given</p> <p>10 a memory stick with photographs on it.</p> <p>11 A. To who? Sorry?</p> <p>12 Q. You mention being given to you by an Algerian colleague</p> <p>13 a memory stick with photographs on it.</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. And that that had pictures of various cars and vehicles</p> <p>16 in the car park of BdV?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. Can I just bring up the pictures of car 92, please, if</p> <p>19 you can find them. Thank you. Did you look at the</p> <p>20 photographs on that memory stick?</p> <p>21 A. I know this picture so I suppose it's the same, yes. In</p> <p>22 fact, in this stick there are many different cars and</p> <p>23 I think this one is one of those.</p> <p>24 Q. In that group, I won't take you through all of them but</p> <p>25 I wished you to identify the two pictures of this car</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 179</p>
<p>1 It was just stop I suppose on the main parking, but as</p> <p>2 they were not ---there were not a lot of vehicles -- the</p> <p>3 bus, for example, during the strike they have to manage</p> <p>4 themselves to come and work.</p> <p>5 Q. Were you involved in fire drills?</p> <p>6 A. Yes, not exactly fire. But as a part of the fire team</p> <p>7 I was involved in fire drill, yes.</p> <p>8 Q. You mention in your witness statement that there are</p> <p>9 roll calls during those exercises?</p> <p>10 A. Roll calls?</p> <p>11 Q. Names of people?</p> <p>12 A. Yes, yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Were all the right people on site during those</p> <p>14 exercises?</p> <p>15 A. What do you mean the right people?</p> <p>16 Q. You say in your witness statement "extra people who did</p> <p>17 not have permission were found during these exercises"?</p> <p>18 A. Yes, so it's not the exercise I was involved in. That's</p> <p>19 when I say -- when you say a fire exercise or fire</p> <p>20 drills, sometimes, yes, sometimes no. I was not</p> <p>21 involved in the exercise but you must realise that as</p> <p>22 a medic living at the CPF I was not in contact very</p> <p>23 often with the other expats and the management. So</p> <p>24 I had no information about what's happened, what</p> <p>25 security was happening in the areas, accident, attacks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 178</p>	<p>1 were part of the bundle of photographs that you were</p> <p>2 given. So you recognise that as one of the pictures on</p> <p>3 the memory stick; is that right?</p> <p>4 A. It seems to be, yes.</p> <p>5 Q. And if you could turn to the next one of -- the same</p> <p>6 time, 12.29?</p> <p>7 A. No, I've never seen this picture. Not this one. So.</p> <p>8 Q. Sir, there is a slightly murky history as to how these</p> <p>9 photographs came before the inquest but I was doing the</p> <p>10 best I could to identify the batch. I will move on,</p> <p>11 Ms Ravey.</p> <p>12 A. Can I say something?</p> <p>13 Q. Yes.</p> <p>14 A. I have seen many pictures of cars and also very</p> <p>15 difficult picture of corpse, for example, and you have</p> <p>16 to be reminded I know the guys. So it was very</p> <p>17 difficult and I am sure I haven't seen this picture of</p> <p>18 cars but I have seen perhaps ten or -- ten pictures of</p> <p>19 different JV car like that with bullets and.</p> <p>20 Q. It would be very difficult to remember the precise</p> <p>21 photo. I understand that.</p> <p>22 A. But this one I'm sure I haven't seen it. The previous</p> <p>23 one I think I've seen.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay, thank you. You mention at page 13 of your witness</p> <p>25 statement that you had a conversation after the attack</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 180</p>

<p>1 about the terrorists and how they came to In Amenas. Do 2 you recall that conversation? I will take you to your 3 witness statement to remind you. 4 A. I'm sorry, I hadn't it for the time I gave it. Could 5 you tell me again the page? 6 Q. Just turn to that. It is page 13 of your police witness 7 statement. 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. Do you have that? 10 A. Yes, yes. 11 Q. If you go eight lines down you have written: 12 "I have been in receipt of information I can't tell 13 you where I got it, but I believe that one of the 14 terrorist who were captured told the military that they 15 were to come to the site to make ransom and get money." 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. "Apparently on the journey through the desert there was 18 a car accident and the terrorist's medic and bomb expert 19 were killed." 20 A. Mmm. 21 Q. I am not asking for the name of the person unless you 22 wish to give it but do you remember the conversation 23 where you got that information? 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. Do you wish to keep the name of the person who gave you Page 181</p>	<p>1 on the 15 January, the night before the attack, about 2 there being blood shed the next day? 3 A. I know about that. I didn't ask but she told me 4 directly. 5 Q. She told you what? 6 A. She told me exactly what you say, that somebody, Tuareg 7 driver just threat the assistance that it will be -- you 8 know the threat will be -- 9 THE CORONER: Do you want to do this bit, because it may be 10 quite important, in French if you would? 11 A. (Answer translated) The Tuareg said that you will see 12 that -- you will see tomorrow there will be a blood 13 bath. 14 A. And I know that she translated to Tore Bech because she 15 was sitting beside him but I don't know if she 16 translated to Mark Cobb. I suppose he was not sitting 17 beside her but somewhere behind her, far away, not 18 directly behind her. 19 MR RITCHIE: When you say you know she translated did she 20 tell you that she translated for Tore Bech? 21 A. Yes. She doesn't -- no, she didn't tell me exactly 22 "I translated to him" but she told me that she was 23 sitting and she was explaining how serious it was and 24 she told me -- she worked very good relation with 25 Tore Bech and they had a very hard time with the strike Page 183</p>
<p>1 the information confidential? 2 A. Yes, because normally somebody who is in the attendance, 3 witness attendance. 4 Q. Witness protection? 5 THE INTERPRETER: Somebody who wants to come and give 6 evidence. 7 A. I've seen on the list people coming here to speak for 8 the statement and the name of this person is in this 9 list. 10 MR RITCHIE: I see. Are you talking about DB? 11 A. I am. 12 Q. You are? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. She is not actually coming. She has given a witness 15 statement which is being read and we are informed she is 16 protected in France under a witness protection system so 17 she will not be coming herself. 18 A. She's also treated as a political refugee in France. 19 Q. Yes, and that was the answer -- 20 A. That is why you can see I'm very reluctant to speak 21 about her because she felt threatened. 22 Q. Yes. But this has been communicated to Her Majesty's 23 Coroner. Have you had direct conversations with DB? 24 A. Many. 25 Q. Have you asked her whether she translated a threat made Page 182</p>	<p>1 and after so they really worked together closely and she 2 told me she was sitting beside him and explaining, 3 translating, and she told me that Tore Bech was very -- 4 A. (Answer translated) He was absolutely astonished, 5 totally taken aback. 6 MR RITCHIE: Thank you, that is all my questions. 7 Questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS. 8 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Good afternoon, I ask questions on behalf 9 of David Green, the father of Stephen Green. 10 I understand you knew Stephen Green, is that right? 11 A. Yes, I knew him because we worked from time to time 12 together. We worked together because he was the HSE 13 adviser for JGC company and as there was a new camp with 14 new accommodation, new clinic and so on he asked me to 15 help to monitor and to check out the level of hygiene of 16 accommodation, clinic, restaurant. 17 Q. I understand you didn't see Stephen during the attack? 18 A. No. 19 Q. Can you tell me about the last time you did see Stephen? 20 A. I think -- I didn't see him in this rotation. I mean 21 after I arrived at Christmas time. I think I saw him 22 the previous rotation I mean in November, 23 during November, many, many times. When I say many 24 times it's twice a week, every week, minimum. 25 Q. Was that in a formal meeting or a chat between the two Page 184</p>

1 of you?

2 **A. Some time yes. When I was performing a hygiene**

3 **inspection in the camp, the JGC camp but sometimes he**

4 **used to come to see me to have some advice because the**

5 **medical team of JGC was badly equipped and also the**

6 **professional level of the team, the medical team was not**

7 **very high. So he wanted me to advise for equipment,**

8 **medical equipment first and also he wanted me to train**

9 **this medical team.**

10 Q. So he would come to you for advice to pass on to the JGC

11 contractors?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. The medical team?

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. And train their medics?

16 **A. Yes, and also check the ambulance because my line**

17 **manager, HSE line manager, asked me to have a look on**

18 **this medical team because it was not very great in fact**

19 **to be honest.**

20 Q. So you did indeed get a chance to assess and train that

21 team?

22 **A. Yes, I trained them twice a week, official training, one**

23 **hour and a half, so twice a week every week and they**

24 **have to be involved in the famous big exercise we have**

25 **to prepare a couple of days before the attack.**

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1 **MR OWEN-THOMAS: Thank you very much. That is all I ask.**

2 **Questions from MS GERRY**

3 MS GERRY: Ms Ravey, I ask questions on behalf of Sebastian

4 John's family.

5 I just have two questions. The first is in relation

6 to the change of curfew times. We have heard evidence

7 already from Mr Rose and I think you said in your

8 witness statement that in December 12 there was a curfew

9 which had been in place for some time which was 7 pm to

10 5 am.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. And that the curfew was then made stricter and is

13 between 6 pm and 6~am and in your statement you say

14 "this was strange and very inconvenient as it did not

15 fit in with the shifts and caused workers to finish

16 early."

17 So you are sure of that change, are you, to the 6 am

18 to the 6 pm?

19 **A. Yes, I'm sure because I was working mainly on the CPF**

20 **but some time I used to go to the BdV because I have to**

21 **do some trainings, I have to attend to some meetings for**

22 **example and I had to get in touch with the medical team**

23 **at the BdV. And normally the work was finished at 6 and**

24 **then I sometimes used to go to the gym at the BdV, so**

25 **I couldn't go any more at the BdV after the job time so**

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1 **I'm sure of the time, exact time.**

2 **And I had -- I wanted to add that I was a little bit**

3 **worried about that and upset because I like to do sport**

4 **and I asked my line manager to know exactly why the**

5 **curfew had changed and because I have already asked him**

6 **I couldn't get the information. So I said okay, stop**

7 **the rumour, just I ask my line manager, it was Mr John**

8 **Brattetieg and as a Norwegian employee I thought he**

9 **could ask directly the office manager Tore Bech perhaps**

10 **unofficially and when he came back he told me "I can't**

11 **give you the information because they don't want to give**

12 **us information." And I remember I said "Do they think**

13 **that the security is not our business?" So I put my own**

14 **words in his mouth and he say, "Yes, they consider it's**

15 **not our business", and I was very shocked because**

16 **I think we need to have information about the security**

17 **to think and to decide if you want to stay or if we want**

18 **to leave the site because we felt unsafe. But we have**

19 **no information at all.**

20 Q. Is it your recollection that this change was done

21 verbally?

22 **A. I have never received any email or any paper whatever.**

23 **I just, I heard.**

24 Q. Then my other question is in relation to Yann Desyeux.

25 And as I understand it, in your witness statement you

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1 say that "The Algerians will not say where his body was

2 found."

3 I wanted to ask you about that. First of all, when

4 you say the Algerians will not say where he was found,

5 who do you specifically mean by "the Algerians"?

6 **A. I certainly don't mean the military, but the employees**

7 **because employees were free to move around the site**

8 **during the attack and after the attack and the proof is**

9 **they have taken a lot of picture, a little movie they**

10 **put on the internet. So I'm very close to the son of**

11 **Yann Desyeux and he's struggling to know, as families**

12 **here, to know the truth. Though as we speak French**

13 **together it's easier. He ask me if I can get**

14 **information from local people who are still working on**

15 **the site. So I sent email. I phoned to different**

16 **people I still know on the site to have information**

17 **because the question is: did he die on the BdV or did he**

18 **die in the convoy. It is very difficult to know. We**

19 **certainly don't know anything about that. It is**

20 **certainly not the French enquiry which will give us**

21 **information for the moment and that is also the reason**

22 **I'm here, to get information. But nobody, it seems that**

23 **nobody haven't seen anything. It's very, very curious**

24 **and of course we have nothing from Algerian government.**

25 MS GERRY: The reason I ask, Ms Ravey, is Sebastian John's

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<p>1 family are in the same situation. They don't know where 2 Sebastian was found and that is the reason I asked you 3 that question. 4 I think that is all I have for you, thank you very 5 much. 6 Questions from MR POPAT 7 MR POPAT: Ms Ravey, just a few questions if I may on behalf 8 of BP. You said in your evidence and you have set it 9 out in your witness statement that after this horrific 10 attack you have spoken to lots of people about the 11 attack and things that have happened, yes? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. Did I understand that correctly? You have heard lots of 14 different accounts about things, different theories and 15 different rumours? 16 A. Yes, I did. 17 Q. I am not saying any of them are right or wrong or true 18 or not, just that that's the process and it is 19 completely understandable that has taken place after 20 this attack. One of the things you had been told about 21 after the attack, as you have explained to Ms Dolan, was 22 that a letter had been sent to and received by BP at 23 Hassi Messaoud. In your witness statement you said that 24 about four months after the attack BP received a letter 25 which threatened an attack on one of the BP sites in Page 189</p>	<p>1 intelligence agency. 2 Q. I think it is. If you go to the first page, page 1, it 3 says 11 February 2014? 4 A. Yes, no, it's the police who came, the British police. 5 Q. This is the British police? 6 A. The Scottish police who came at home in Scotland, I am 7 living in Scotland now. Sorry, I missed the date. 8 Q. They are still part of the British set up for the 9 moment. But they spoke to you and you prepared 10 a statement which you signed or you saw on 11 February? 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. And it is this statement, yes? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. In it, and it is the page you were taken to by 15 Mr Ritchie, I think it is the last page, page 13, you 16 included in it the information you received from B, 17 which is the paragraph that he has taken you to which 18 relates to what you have been told, that the terrorists 19 who were captured told the military that they had come 20 to get ransom and get some money but there had been 21 a car accident and so on? 22 A. Mmm. 23 Q. That came from B? 24 A. Mmm. 25 Q. You then provided another statement and it's in the file Page 191</p>
<p>1 Algeria. That is what you had been told at the time you 2 had made your witness statement. You then made some 3 further enquiries because you were asked about it and 4 you provided a further statement which explains what you 5 have told to Ms Dolan? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. That in fact you didn't receive a letter? 8 A. No. 9 Q. You didn't see the letter. Somebody else told you about 10 it who himself hadn't seen the letter or received the 11 letter and it wasn't specific to a BP site in Algeria 12 but it was BP interests? 13 A. No, not BP. It was BP in Algeria. 14 Q. BP interests in Algeria but not a specific site? 15 A. No. 16 Q. And some of the things you have learnt about you have 17 included in a book you have written which you have 18 explained. 19 Just in relation to the information you received 20 from B. In your witness statement of I think it 21 was February 2014, the one that is in front of you, the 22 police statement? 23 A. February? That's February? 24 Q. Yes. 25 A. That means the one I gave in France to the French Page 190</p>	<p>1 you have in front of you, if you just turn over behind 2 divider B? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. This is a statement I think you made or put together 5 with the help of some solicitors who act for one or some 6 of the families? 7 A. Yes, it was -- this was an informal one, not informal, 8 not with the police. 9 Q. And in it again you set out a number of things including 10 many of the things you had set out in your police 11 statement including some of these stories or rumours or 12 things you had been told? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. In neither of those statements do you mention what you 15 have told us today, that B told you about this meeting 16 where she attended and she carried out a translation? 17 A. Yes, but there is a good reason for that. 18 Q. I am sure there is. All I want to do for the moment is 19 just work out the chronology, okay? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. So when you made these statements had the discussion you 22 described which took place with B taken place? 23 A. I think -- we had a lot of discussion with this woman 24 and I think she gave me a part of the information before 25 this statement when I came in London and the most of the Page 192</p>

<p>1 information she gave me was after that.</p> <p>2 Q. I see. So it is after July 2014?</p> <p>3 A. Yes. I saw her in September. The reason is we have in</p> <p>4 France a very official ceremony with Prime Minister,</p> <p>5 justice minister and so on and I was there speaking and</p> <p>6 D was standing in front of me and so we met before the</p> <p>7 ceremony and after and we spoke and spoke and spoke.</p> <p>8 And we spoke also after that. It was in -- I don't</p> <p>9 remember exactly.</p> <p>10 Q. This was about four weeks or so ago, we are just</p> <p>11 in October now so this was in September?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. And that's when she told you what you have explained?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 MR POPAT: Thank you, Ms Ravey.</p> <p>16 THE CORONER: Thank you very much indeed.</p> <p>17 A. Thank you.</p> <p>18 THE CORONER: Thank you for your help.</p> <p>19 (The witness withdrew)</p> <p>20 THE CORONER: So far as tomorrow is concerned,</p> <p>21 Mr Owen-Thomas, I am going to address you because you</p> <p>22 are nearest but there is nothing more to it than that.</p> <p>23 I can't in fact go beyond about 11.30 tomorrow morning</p> <p>24 so what I am proposing if it doesn't cause too much</p> <p>25 difficulty is that we start at 9.30. I appreciate it is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 193</p>	<p>1 INDEX</p> <p>2 MR KEVIN STEPHEN GRAHAM (sworn)3</p> <p>3 Questions from MS DOLAN3</p> <p>4 Questions from MR RITCHIE41</p> <p>5 Questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS47</p> <p>6 Questions from MS GERRY52</p> <p>7 Questions from MS GOLLOP53</p> <p>8 Questions from MR ANTROBUS56</p> <p>9 MR GARY ROSE (affirmed)60</p> <p>10 Questions from MS DOLAN60</p> <p>11 Questions from MR RITCHIE92</p> <p>12 Questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS119</p> <p>13 Questions from MS GERRY121</p> <p>14 Questions from MS GOLLOP126</p> <p>15 Questions from MR POPAT133</p> <p>16 MS MURIELLE-MARIE ANDREE RAVEY155</p> <p>(affirmed)</p> <p>17 Questions from MS DOLAN156</p> <p>18 Questions from MR RITCHIE177</p> <p>19 Questions from MS GERRY186</p> <p>20 Questions from MR POPAT189</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 195</p>
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<p>1 early but it is going to be a short day. It is only two</p> <p>2 hours. Is that all right for everybody?</p> <p>3 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Sir, yes. I understand Mr Green will be</p> <p>4 the only live witness tomorrow. Is that right? He has</p> <p>5 not had any difficulties getting here at 9.30.</p> <p>6 THE CORONER: In fact, what we can probably do is if it</p> <p>7 helps we could start by reading some material. Would it</p> <p>8 help if we were to say a particular time for --</p> <p>9 MR OWEN-THOMAS: No, sir, not for Mr Green's convenience.</p> <p>10 If court begins at 9.30 he will be here at 9.30 so</p> <p>11 however ...</p> <p>12 THE CORONER: So we'll do that. It will be a very short</p> <p>13 day.</p> <p>14 (5.00 pm)</p> <p>15 (The inquest adjourned until the following day at 9.30 am)</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 194</p>	
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