

<p>1 Friday, 3 October 2014</p> <p>2 (10.00 am)</p> <p>3 (Proceedings delayed)</p> <p>4 (10.10 am)</p> <p>5 MS DOLAN: Good morning, sir. Sir, I have had a message</p> <p>6 from Mr Laidlaw and Mr Ferguson who are meeting with</p> <p>7 their client this morning and therefore are not here.</p> <p>8 They say it is no discourtesy and they hope to have some</p> <p>9 answers to the request you have made later today.</p> <p>10 THE CORONER: Yes, thank you very much.</p> <p>11 MS DOLAN: The first witness is Mr Adamson.</p> <p>12 MR IAIN ADAMSON (affirmed)</p> <p>13 Questions from MS DOLAN</p> <p>14 THE CORONER: Mr Adamson, I am sorry we didn't get to you</p> <p>15 yesterday and you have had a bit of a wait.</p> <p>16 A. That's okay.</p> <p>17 MS DOLAN: Mr Adamson, can you give us your full name</p> <p>18 please?</p> <p>19 A. Iain Adamson.</p> <p>20 Q. And I think you are an employee of BP?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, a BP employee seconded to a JV.</p> <p>22 Q. What is your role with BP?</p> <p>23 A. Instrument technical authority.</p> <p>24 Q. What does that mean for those of us who don't understand</p> <p>25 the industry?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 1</p>	<p>1 desert, maybe albeit slowly and bypass any of these</p> <p>2 check areas because there's only the compound and the</p> <p>3 plant itself that was fenced in.</p> <p>4 Q. And did there come a time when you heard from colleagues</p> <p>5 that you could bypass even La Recule?</p> <p>6 A. Well, there was one time I think as was mentioned</p> <p>7 earlier when the strike was on that families of the</p> <p>8 strikers had managed to show up at site and there was</p> <p>9 talk at the time, I don't know, I can't substantiate it,</p> <p>10 but there had been another way to access, avoiding the</p> <p>11 main roads, so they would have avoided a few checkpoints</p> <p>12 on the way in. But that is a story I heard rather than</p> <p>13 something I know.</p> <p>14 Q. Can I turn then to the events of 16 January. What I am</p> <p>15 going to do is ask for the map of the BdV first of all</p> <p>16 to be put up on the screen because I think that might</p> <p>17 help us orientate around. Page 6. If you have a hard</p> <p>18 copy in front of you it may be easier to see the letters</p> <p>19 of that document. Mr Adamson, I should probably explain</p> <p>20 that the IA that this document is labelled isn't</p> <p>21 actually In Amenas, it is your initials?</p> <p>22 A. Okay.</p> <p>23 Q. That is because the Metropolitan Police have taken the</p> <p>24 account in the written statement that we have from you,</p> <p>25 presented it as a representation on this document,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 3</p>
<p>1 A. Basically for the production plant, responsible for the</p> <p>2 instrumentation, flow pressure, temperature instruments.</p> <p>3 Q. Can I ask you to pull that microphone much closer to</p> <p>4 you?</p> <p>5 A. Did you hear that or shall I repeat it?</p> <p>6 Q. If you would read repeat?</p> <p>7 A. So for the operating plant I was responsible for the</p> <p>8 integrity of the instrumentation systems. So the flow,</p> <p>9 pressure, temperature et cetera.</p> <p>10 Q. When did you first start working at the In Amenas plant?</p> <p>11 A. August 2008.</p> <p>12 Q. I believe you were there when the events of</p> <p>13 16 January 2013 happened?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. Can I take you then before we go straight to that day,</p> <p>16 to just one aspect of matters around the plant. I think</p> <p>17 you heard from some other colleagues about how driveable</p> <p>18 the area around the plant was and how effective the</p> <p>19 vehicle checkpoints might be?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. Could you tell us what that was?</p> <p>22 A. Do you mean an aspect of the terrain or?</p> <p>23 Q. In respect of the manning of VCP and whether one could</p> <p>24 avoid it?</p> <p>25 A. Certainly it would be possible to traverse across the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 2</p>	<p>1 I think you did some sketches?</p> <p>2 A. Yes, we did some sketches and then transferred it to</p> <p>3 this.</p> <p>4 Q. So there are two aspects I want you to look at when</p> <p>5 looking at these documents. First of all, if there are</p> <p>6 any inaccuracies in the way that has been transcribed,</p> <p>7 if you could alert us to them or otherwise confirm that</p> <p>8 they are correct. And, secondly, as we go through this,</p> <p>9 we have some photographs which weren't photographs</p> <p>10 provided by you but we understand you looked at?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. And again, if you want to go through and confirm the</p> <p>13 location of the photographs is correct in your view?</p> <p>14 A. Okay, yes.</p> <p>15 Q. If we start with where was it that your room was at BdV?</p> <p>16 A. My room is located as it shows on this diagram at point</p> <p>17 S, so J1 was my room number. So it is a block of six or</p> <p>18 eight, I think it is eight per block and I was J1 on the</p> <p>19 south -- the northeast, sorry, northwest side of that</p> <p>20 building.</p> <p>21 Q. The northwest side of that building which is a building</p> <p>22 which is south of what we have been told is the VIP</p> <p>23 accommodation?</p> <p>24 A. Yes, correct.</p> <p>25 Q. And what we see on the right-hand side of this page is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 4</p>

<p>1 pictures which it is suggested by the markings are of 2 the car park outside? 3 A. Yes, I can confirm that. That is the new car park that 4 was laid 2011, something like that and that's shots of 5 that new car park. 6 Q. Turning over to page 8 again, we see something marked E 7 in the photograph. What are we looking at there? 8 A. That's this north wall of the foyer, the reception area 9 as it has been referred to. 10 Q. And again, if we turn over to page 9? 11 A. Yes, I can confirm that is the front of that same foyer 12 building. 13 Q. Is that correctly marked as F on the -- 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. Again, on page 10? 16 A. Yes, that's correct, designation G. That's the area 17 where we were held initially, that's the lamp-post 18 I refer to in my statement. 19 Q. We see the curved walls both on page 9 and 10. Is that 20 the circle in the middle of that? 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. That is what has been referred to as the plaza area? 23 A. That's the plaza area. 24 Q. If we turn to page 11. What are we looking at here? 25 A. That is the 50 Man office. So that's correctly marked Page 5</p>	<p>1 a picture -- 2 A. Right Q is the main sports facility, so the recreation 3 sports hall. That's a shot of the football pitch as 4 well and R is the transformer that was damaged during 5 the event. 6 Q. And then we have on page 14, it is marked as T on that 7 map? 8 A. Yes, I confirm that is the plaza 2 as we referred to it, 9 taken from the south side of the medical building, 10 across the plaza, back towards the foyer building as 11 well. 12 Q. Thank you. If you leave that last map up because we may 13 need the letters as things go on. 14 So I think you have told us your accommodation was 15 at what is marked as S on that map? 16 A. Yes, correct. 17 Q. On the morning of the 16th is that where you were at the 18 beginning of the morning? 19 A. Yes, that's where I was at the beginning of the morning. 20 I got up at 5.05, had a shower, the usual stuff and 21 I started to leave there at about 5.40. It would have 22 been there or thereabouts because that's the normal time 23 I left. 24 Q. What happened? 25 A. I must have been about 10 metres from my room when Page 7</p>
<p>1 as L, yes. 2 Q. So we have heard from Mark Cobb about his office being 3 in the 50 Man office. Is that ..? 4 A. Yes, would be in there, yes. 5 Q. And then the picture at M? 6 A. M, again, that's just another shot of I think it's block 7 P, it's actually the block I think I was in the very 8 first time I arrived at In Amenas just for a recee 9 visit, if you like. 10 Q. So that is an accommodation block? 11 A. That's another accommodation block. 12 Q. Then on to page 12. 13 A. That is marked as N and that is the south side of the 14 liaison office. 15 Q. So although it is called the guardhouse site, that is 16 what you would call the liaison office? 17 A. Yes, the guardhouse is part of that as well. There are 18 CCTVs to the other side of that building, yes. 19 Q. And then below we see a communications building 20 labelled, is that correct? 21 A. Yes, that's marked correct, yes. 22 Q. And that is in the far top left northwest corner of the 23 complex? 24 A. Yes, correct. 25 Q. If we keep going through, on page 13 there is Page 6</p>	<p>1 I heard three distinct cracks in the air. I had no idea 2 what those were. At the same time I observed three 3 Landcruisers. You could just see the main road through 4 the gap, the blacktop which would be -- 5 Q. Tell us which way you are looking when you say you can 6 see -- 7 A. Looking north from my room. So I made my way maybe 8 10 metres, so I had a view past where item K is, through 9 the covered car park. It's not fully walled. I could 10 see the main road and round there -- 11 Q. Just to be clear, the covered car park is that long thin 12 oblong outside one of the perimeter fences? 13 A. Correct. 14 Q. So you have looked through there? 15 A. Looked through there and I could see three Landcruisers 16 heading towards VCP1. They looked like standard JV 17 white Landcruisers, so I didn't think any more at that 18 point. I wasn't sure if it was a puncture or whatever 19 it was. I took another few steps and I could see what 20 I now know to be tracer fire coming over the building or 21 coming from VCP1 area over the canteen building. At 22 that point I just -- 23 Q. At this point, sorry, the first three shots you had 24 heard? 25 A. Yes. Page 8</p>

<p>1 Q. Were you able to put any direction on them? 2 A. They seemed to be also coming from that VCP1 area. 3 Q. So at this stage, obviously we have heard from those who 4 were on the bus, when the first shots were fired three 5 of the Landcruisers were still driving towards VCP and 6 very close still to the BdV? 7 A. Yes, they looked like they were in formation like 8 normally they would be when they would, for example, 9 they escort the bus. 10 THE CORONER: So the three Landcruisers were they going 11 towards -- 12 A. They were heading east towards the bus. 13 MS DOLAN: So you said you have seen the tracer fire? 14 A. So I about turned, just followed the usual drill, not 15 the usual drill but the drill we had been instructed, 16 returned to my room, locked the front door, locked the 17 bedroom door, locked myself in the bathroom just waiting 18 on whatever was going to happen next. 19 Q. You say the drill you were instructed with. You told us 20 you began working there in 2008. How often had you been 21 told about that drill? 22 A. I think once during my initial induction and also 23 I don't know if it's for every room but there is 24 certainly in my room a printed document, in three 25 languages, which states the action on fire, the type of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 9</p>	<p>1 reverberates through the brick buildings. So I could 2 hear people, not necessarily people, I heard footsteps 3 running past the building but whose those were I have no 4 way of telling. 5 Q. And you talked about the alarm. Was the alarm sounding? 6 A. The alarm sounded round about that time. I can't be 7 precise exactly when it sounded but the alarm was 8 sounding for that -- the next hour at least. 9 Q. And are you able to now remember whether the alarm began 10 before or after you texted? 11 A. No, I can't. 12 Q. And I think you sent another text at 5.50? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. Where you said you had heard some explosions as well? 15 A. Yes, there seemed to be some flashes. The bathroom, the 16 walls are high and obviously it's a very small, maybe 17 12 inch, maybe less, window high up in the wall. 18 I could see -- the lights were out at that point and 19 I could actually see flashes and what I heard, small 20 explosions, nothing major, didn't seem to shake the 21 building, going on at that time. 22 Q. And then I think you said the alarm went on for some 23 time but do you know what time it stopped? 24 A. To my recollection it stopped around about 7 o'clock 25 that morning, so one hour after it -- approximately one</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 11</p>
<p>1 alarm sound and what is recommended you do, but again 2 it's your choice. 3 Q. So action on fire? Did it say action on -- 4 A. Action on security as well. The alarms were described 5 because sometimes it's easy to forget which is which, 6 for me anyway. 7 Q. So you say you followed that drill. You go back to your 8 room. So you are back to S? 9 A. Back to S. Hunkered down in the bathroom and I can hear 10 more shots. No screams or anything like that. No 11 shouting, but then I recall I think at that stage I'd 12 texted my wife at 5.48. It came up at 4.48 on her 13 mobile but there was one hour time difference obviously 14 at that point. 15 Q. How soon after the first shots did you send that text? 16 A. That would have been within four or five minutes 17 maximum, yes. 18 Q. So you are sure that's 5.48? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. According to the telephones? 21 A. Yes, it does say on the text system as well. 22 Q. And at that time were you hearing anything around the 23 BdV rather than -- 24 A. Not -- just I think I heard some running, some -- 25 because the ground is quite hard and it quite</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 10</p>	<p>1 hour after it had started, to my recollection. 2 Q. I think you have some knowledge of how that alarm system 3 works? 4 A. Yes, I was briefly involved in 2009 to check the system 5 was as specified. I didn't specify the system but I did 6 get involved in checking it, that it operated as 7 described, so -- and it did at the time. This was an -- 8 we call it a factory acceptance test. So we did the 9 testing in the factory. Everything was okay and then it 10 was subsequently installed on site 2011/2012. 11 Q. And I think that alarm had a battery back up? 12 A. Yes, something that was omitted from the -- well debated 13 about on the original design because it was going to 14 cost quite a bit of money for the UPS but we insisted 15 and we were able to get the UPS committee to -- what 16 that does essentially in a loss of power for a minimum 17 of four hours, that is a BP specification, that will 18 support the equipment that's connected to it. So the 19 alarm should have been able to sound if the system was 20 working properly for at least four hours and it would 21 have been much more because it was oversized as is 22 normal. 23 Q. Were you involved in any way with the discussions about 24 replacing the alarm at the CPF or upgrading it? 25 A. That was part of the same project. No, that started,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 12</p>

1 pre-dated my 2008 so I don't know what security review
 2 that was part of, but those systems were ordered at the
 3 same time. So during the attack that system at the CPF
 4 was in the process of being installed. I think Steve
 5 McFaul, as he mentioned yesterday with CCTV, his team as
 6 well were also starting to install that system. So --
 7 but it was not operational to my knowledge.
 8 Q. And when the alarm stopped what was your expectation
 9 then?
 10 A. I did actually expect, because the alarm was upgraded
 11 it's possible to do voice communication over it as well,
 12 I did expect there to be a voice communication saying:
 13 "situation under control" or something like that but
 14 nothing came. It just simply went off.
 15 Q. So there was a tannoy system?
 16 A. It was possible -- at the camp not anywhere else but
 17 certainly it was possible to tannoy at the camp but
 18 there were no messages came. Whether anybody would have
 19 reacted to them I've no idea.
 20 Q. And then I think a time came when you heard footsteps by
 21 your accommodation door?
 22 A. Yes, that was -- I'm not sure a time, I heard other
 23 people say the same. It is quite hard to be specific on
 24 the time. I didn't look at my watch. I'm not
 25 100 per cent sure when that was but certainly footsteps

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1 came. I think I locked the front door but, as somebody
 2 else said already, the panels on the front door are just
 3 paper thin. So I think they just knocked that through
 4 and I heard them kicking in the bedroom door and then
 5 ultimately kicking in the bathroom door.
 6 Q. And you were taken hostage at that point?
 7 A. At that point, yes.
 8 Q. And I think at that stage there were three terrorists?
 9 A. Three terrorists, yes. There was some adulation that
 10 they had found an expat or there seemed to be that to me
 11 and there were statements like Guantanamo, American,
 12 lots of money. I didn't see the relevance but it put
 13 the fear, as you can imagine, into me, and one of those
 14 people were, as Steve referred to yesterday, as the
 15 Canadian terrorist, the guy with the light beard.
 16 Q. Shall we put a picture up of him?
 17 A. Yes, I'm not going to name him though because he's not
 18 worth it.
 19 Q. The tech guys were expecting to do this later.
 20 A. Yes, this is the guy -- I can confirm it's the guy on
 21 the right. He was one of the terrorists.
 22 Q. While it is up there the chap on the left, does that
 23 mean anything to you?
 24 A. No, I have read in the media since that he has
 25 supposedly there. I referred to someone in my statement

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1 as "mad eyes" or "dark eyes", it could be this guy but
 2 again I have no recollection.
 3 Q. But you are clear about the chap on the right?
 4 A. I'm definitely clear about him. He's unmistakable.
 5 Q. So he was one of the people who came and took you from
 6 the room?
 7 A. Yes.
 8 Q. Was it him that was saying what you said, the America --
 9 A. No, it wasn't him. It was one of the other ones because
 10 it was more broken English. that was said
 11 Q. And where were you taken to then?
 12 A. I was taken to the plaza, the main plaza as we are
 13 starting to call it so that would be -- I was held at
 14 point G on IA026/14. When I got there there was,
 15 I think my initial statement is a bit, not confused, but
 16 I missed Nick Hitch out of my initial but I added him in
 17 later. So when I got there there was Kenneth Whiteside,
 18 Kenny, Nick Hitch. They were to my right, yes.
 19 Following round was, a guy I didn't know who I now know
 20 to be Carlos Estrada. I had never seen or met him
 21 before, and likewise Victor Sneberg, I had never seen or
 22 met him before and then there was me. There was five.
 23 My statement says four but it should have been five, but
 24 it was corrected it later on.
 25 Q. That is fine. Then I think it wasn't very long before

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1 some other expats were brought?
 2 A. Yes, I could hear -- from my position I could hear them,
 3 it seemed to be the terrorists being them systematically
 4 working their way through the J block.
 5 Q. And the J block is all of S?
 6 A. All of S. So Alf Vik was three or four doors up from
 7 me, if you like, so he was the next person I recall
 8 being brought. So it seemed to me they were
 9 systematically going through that building trying to
 10 find people.
 11 Q. And Alf Vik came and then I think some others?
 12 A. Yes, then I recall Steve McFaul coming, I recall
 13 Sebastian being there.
 14 Q. Did you know Sebastian?
 15 A. I had met Sebastian during the strike actually, in
 16 Sunbury, BP Sunbury offices. There was four or five of
 17 us there from this technical support team so Sebastian
 18 was keen to get out. He had been having issues getting
 19 a visa I think so he was keen to discuss with us what it
 20 was like being there, what the working environment was
 21 like and such.
 22 Q. And I think you heard since that Kenny Whiteside had
 23 been the first person to be captured?
 24 A. Yes, it was something I heard afterwards. I can't
 25 remember where. I did return to work in April time

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1 so -- I'm not sure exactly when I heard it and how
 2 accurate that would be, but it would seem to follow.
 3 **Kenny was the first to the right, so it would seem to be**
 4 **that they were captured in that order but I can't be**
 5 **sure.**
 6 Q. Did you hear anything about the circumstances of him
 7 being taken?
 8 **A. At that time when I heard the news that he was captured**
 9 **outside, he was walking, so I believe captured that way.**
 10 Q. And I think it was around this time that you saw the
 11 chap you describe as the oldest terrorist involved?
 12 **A. Yes, Tahar. Everyone referred to him as Tahar. I heard**
 13 **a few different names for him. I have seen pictures on**
 14 **the internet as well and I think I saw it yesterday.**
 15 **I don't recognise his face from that picture. That is**
 16 **not to say it's not him but I don't recognise him.**
 17 Q. If we put the picture up, which is the picture we
 18 understand to be --
 19 **A. It could be him. It looks a bit younger to what I have**
 20 **in my mind but that's not to say it's not him.**
 21 Q. But you heard him referred to as Tahar?
 22 **A. Yes, the other terrorists referred to him as Tahar.**
 23 Q. Did he appear to be the one in charge?
 24 **A. Yes, because when I was rescued and eventually ended up**
 25 **in the hospital in Algiers there was a CNN or NBC report**
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1 on about what was happening obviously and they put up
 2 a picture up of a smaller guy which I did identify.
 3 Q. Shall we put that picture up?
 4 **A. This guy here, he was put on the television screen as**
 5 **being the lead of what happened but he was not in charge**
 6 **initially. I think later on in my statement he maybe**
 7 **did take charge once Tahar was incapacitated but he was**
 8 **not the main leader at that stage. It was definitely**
 9 **Tahar.**
 10 Q. But you would recognise him as being the person --
 11 **A. Yeah, he was the guy who led me round the Mosque and so**
 12 **on.**
 13 Q. Did you learn what his name was?
 14 **A. No, I certainly didn't pick it up unfortunately.**
 15 Q. D Supt Stokely can help us with that.
 16 So what made you think Tahar was the person in
 17 charge?
 18 **A. All commands seemed to come from him and people were**
 19 **checking with him. Certainly the American -- Canadian**
 20 **terrorist seemed to refer everything through Tahar. He**
 21 **didn't seem to act completely autonomously.**
 22 Q. Just moving on in time. I think later that morning Yann
 23 Desyeux was brought?
 24 **A. Yes, I remember Yann being brought and put to the**
 25 **right-hand side of Kenny so he would almost take**
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1 position 1 if we were looking right to left. Yann
 2 had -- there were a -- they were a bit more forceful
 3 with Yann. I don't think he wanted to, well nobody
 4 wanted comply, but there wasn't much option but
 5 certainly Yann was put to the right of Kenny, not with
 6 brutal force but he was forced to sit down.
 7 Q. Does that imply from what you are saying that generally
 8 you weren't being roughly handled by the --
 9 **A. Yes, I think that's maybe something that I do want to**
 10 **say if it is appropriate. In my statement I did say**
 11 **that we were surprisingly well looked after. I mean,**
 12 **anyone imagining what we went through would imagine you**
 13 **would be beaten, kicked, punched, spat on, whatever. It**
 14 **wasn't like that. Certainly not for me. We were**
 15 **generally treated very gently. Even when the cable ties**
 16 **were applied it was in three cable ties, it was a gentle**
 17 **loop around one hand and they were joined with another**
 18 **loop, it wasn't like you see on TV, it wasn't painful**
 19 **and they were quite gentle to make sure of that. I have**
 20 **no way any thanks to them in any way but just it may be**
 21 **reassuring to somebody to hear that certainly up to**
 22 **whatever happened ultimately to the people it had been**
 23 **fairly placid and we weren't treated too rough. Not**
 24 **pleasant but not rough.**
 25 Q. I think you were all either cuffed or cable tied and we
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1 have heard about cortex being?
 2 **A. Yes, cortex is -- and in that line when Yann appeared,**
 3 **it was Yann, Kenny, Nick, Carlos, Victor, myself and**
 4 **Vik Alf, we were all hooked together with what they**
 5 **called cortex at that point and at the end of that it**
 6 **wasn't long enough to extend to anyone else so they**
 7 **curled the end up and stuffed into what we found out**
 8 **later to be a green rubber covered land mine and then at**
 9 **Yann's end there was a guy with a balaclava, a terrorist**
 10 **with a balaclava, with what I assumed to be again with**
 11 **a detonator in his hand and it was at that stage that**
 12 **Tahar, the older guy, took the video camera and went**
 13 **along the line. He didn't make us say anything or do**
 14 **anything he simply panned along the line with the video**
 15 **camera.**
 16 Q. And filmed you?
 17 **A. Yes.**
 18 Q. And I think as the morning went on there was requests
 19 that people get in touch with people via phones?
 20 **A. Yes, I think once Steve described yesterday the**
 21 **helicopters were circling and certainly the terrorists**
 22 **were getting uneasy with that. So at some point during**
 23 **that we were instructed to call home or our embassy or**
 24 **whatever and tell the powers that be to get the**
 25 **helicopters to go away. During that time as well**
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<p>1 Victor, I guess he had identified himself or been 2 identified as a senior manager in some capacity, they 3 tried to get him to call his boss, so unlike the rest of 4 us Victor was actually handcuffed rather than cable tied 5 and they were behind his back. Mine were certainly in 6 front of me, so it was more comfortable. And he had 7 trouble trying to use his smart phone obviously to 8 scroll through the contacts. He wasn't getting anywhere 9 at this point and I think eventually someone else 10 mentioned I think they did get in contact with 11 Andy Collins. I think Nick Hitch offered that name and 12 Victor happened to have the number.</p> <p>13 So at that point I think I texted home. My mobile 14 phone, I can send and receive texts but at that time 15 I couldn't do voice calls. So ultimately I did manage 16 to speak with my wife using Steve McFaul's phone. Steve 17 was quite happy to share that amongst all of us because 18 his phone was working and it was good obviously.</p> <p>19 Q. And I think you heard some of the calls that the 20 Canadian terrorist made to Andy Collins and some of the 21 threats he made?</p> <p>22 A. Yes, he used the word "factory" to describe the CPF and 23 that it was rigged with explosives and they would blow 24 it up and they wanted the helicopters to leave 25 essentially. I don't recall hearing anything else from</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 21</p>	<p>1 So they moved us there. At that point obviously I no 2 longer had cortex on my neck and I was to the extreme 3 west side of the line, if you like, of people that were 4 lined up against the wall.</p> <p>5 They took me round to the JGC camp. I think 6 I marked out on some -- I don't know whether it's here 7 but I did mark out an approximate route I was taken. 8 I ended up to the west side of Q on 14.</p> <p>9 Q. To the west of Q?</p> <p>10 A. That recreation building. I remember walking past -- 11 THE CORONER: Just put the cursor on it. It makes it easier 12 certainly for me and everybody else.</p> <p>13 A. Just where Q is and keep coming left, left. (Indicated) 14 MS DOLAN: And there is a fence here between the JGC camp 15 and the --</p> <p>16 A. Yes, where you see that line of containers, it backs on 17 to the green, red, white elements, they back on to the 18 fence.</p> <p>19 Q. I can't see green -- oh yes, I can.</p> <p>20 A. Those buildings there.</p> <p>21 Q. Those containers all pushed together which look like 22 a building but actually in the bottom left corner of the 23 BdV area.</p> <p>24 A. So the first line of fences is immediately south of 25 those counters and then you can see the gap and then the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 23</p>
<p>1 him, other demands, but certainly the helicopters leave 2 or they would blow the factory up.</p> <p>3 Q. This was at a time before the helicopters had started 4 shooting or was there fire coming in to the --</p> <p>5 A. No the helicopters didn't shoot until Day 2 to my 6 recollection.</p> <p>7 Q. And I think the Canadian terrorist also said something 8 about his intentions towards the hostages?</p> <p>9 A. Yes, they were going to kill us, yes. Start shooting 10 people.</p> <p>11 Q. As that first day went on I think there came a time when 12 you were given instructions to go to the JGC camp with 13 the terrorists. Can you tell us about that?</p> <p>14 A. Yes, that was -- so at one point we were moved from the 15 outer ring of the plaza 1 to the north wall of the VIP 16 building, so, well, it was below D. We were held on 17 that north wall. As you can see it is in shade anyway 18 so they had moved us to shade.</p> <p>19 Q. Below G is that?</p> <p>20 A. Below D -- sorry, you are right, G, sorry. We had 21 certainly been getting hot earlier and I do remember 22 Carlos Estrada in particular had made a request that it 23 was getting just too hot for him and one of the 24 terrorists did take a scarf or something off and Carlos 25 made a temporary sunshade for himself. It was very hot.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 22</p>	<p>1 other fence, there is a double fence there.</p> <p>2 Q. So it is through there?</p> <p>3 A. They took me past the mosque. I had never been round 4 that area before.</p> <p>5 Q. Where is the mosque on there?</p> <p>6 A. I am not 100 per cent sure but I believe it is to the 7 left of the green -- the right of the green football 8 pitch we can see. It is somewhere round there. I had 9 never been round that area before. At this point they 10 dove inside there. They must have been looking to see 11 if anyone was hiding in there. We made our way to the 12 JGC camp squeezing along the side of those containers. 13 I just referred to. So they are at an angle. There was 14 a bit of a gap behind the first one. Somebody had cut, 15 I don't know who, a hole in the fence, just a slit in 16 the fence that we went through and there was a hole cut 17 in the second fence where we went through that as well.</p> <p>18 There is a lot of construction in that area and 19 obviously at that point there was lots of holes in the 20 ground. I just figured that was going to be it for me. 21 Thankfully not. They led me round to where we came upon 22 a bus I describe in my statement. It is the standard 23 white with a turquoise bottom, maybe a 20, 30 seater 24 bus, something like that and to the left of that was 25 a 4 wheel drive that I didn't recognise.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 24</p>

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<p>1 Q. Just pausing there, on this map just locate where this 2 bus was on that map? 3 A. It is difficult to -- 4 Q. Just tell the cursor where to go. Is it over by the 5 entrance on the right-hand side? 6 A. Yes, so down the bottom. Keep coming down and right 7 along, along again to the right. (Indicated) So stop 8 there and come up a bit and slightly to the left. And 9 left again, left again, left again. And just up a bit. 10 Round about there I think you can actually see, I think 11 the bus is actually shown in that picture. That whitish 12 blue element to the left of the cursor I believe to be 13 the bus. That is consistent with where I found it 14 anyway. I hadn't been there before but that is my 15 recollection. 16 Q. So this is not directly beside the entrance to the camp? 17 A. No, it looked like there had been some struggle between 18 the bus and that 4 wheel drive that I referred to. It 19 wasn't a 4 wheel drive that I recognised. I think it 20 was a Nissan Patrol type and I it had some stickers on 21 the side that weren't normal. It was different to me 22 anyway. It didn't look like one of our vehicles. 23 Q. That 4 wheel drive was the bus? 24 A. Yes, sort of crashed, not heavily but had against, had 25 certainly impacted with the bus and the back bumper was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 25</p>	<p>1 guy certainly had injury to his left shoulder. He was 2 cupping that and it looked quite bad. In fact one of 3 the terrorists had some gauze bandages in his hand and 4 I guess he was trying to stem the flow and I saw at 5 least one other person with like, blood on their face. 6 Whether that was from an injury or not I have no way of 7 knowing and that was the older guy I referred to in my 8 statement, with the glasses. 9 Q. Did you learn anything about what happened to them? 10 A. Somehow I now know or knew when I gave my statement that 11 it had been attacked they said, someone said, by the 12 military as it tried to make its way back safely to the 13 camp. Those are the words I have. I don't know if 14 I heard it there and then. I can't think that 15 terrorists would have told me that. They would 16 certainly not have answered my questions but at some 17 point I heard that, yes, and it would seem consistent 18 with how it looked to me. 19 Q. And then I think you found out what you had actually 20 been taken to the JGC to do? 21 A. Essentially I was just a human shield, on the other two 22 or three occasions they used me as well, just purely as 23 a human shield. So they got me to carry some bullet 24 boxes back as we made our way back to the north wall of 25 the VIP.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 27</p>
<p>1 off the bus. I think in my statement I actually 2 referred there is a piece of video someplace where some 3 of the nationals are leaving and going through the camp 4 and you can see that same arrangement that I described. 5 I didn't learn it from there. I definitely knew that's 6 definitely what I saw. 7 Q. The 4 wheel drive and the bus, did they have any damage 8 to them apart from the collision damage you are talking 9 about? 10 A. Yes, there looked like there had been certainly gunfire 11 because the windows in the bus, I think all of them were 12 broken and there were some bullet holes in the actual 13 windscreen. They had been laminated you could still see 14 the holes but the glass was missing from most of the 15 other windows. 16 Q. I think at this stage you saw some of the Japanese 17 workers from the camp. 18 A. Yes, there were guys I didn't recognise I never worked 19 with them before. But there was maybe five or six 20 standing huddled in front of the bus where at least two 21 terrorists were already there and two came with me. So 22 I think it was round about four terrorists in that area. 23 There could have been more but four is what I recall. 24 Q. And did any of those Japanese men have injuries? 25 A. Yes, I saw at least two people with blood on them. One</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 26</p>	<p>1 Q. These bullet boxes, how many were there? 2 A. Two bullet boxes and I think I described them in there 3 as they're maybe about 8, 10 kilograms in weight. My 4 hands were still tied. The cable ties on my legs had 5 been cut free for me to make that journey round with 6 them but it was really difficult to carry. I had to put 7 them down three or four times during that time. 8 Q. Did you see where they came from? 9 A. No, they were on the ground when I arrived. I didn't 10 see them being unloaded from a vehicle or anything like 11 that. They were already on the ground. 12 Q. You say you were carrying two or three, how many other 13 boxes were there? 14 A. I don't think anyone else got me to carry anything. Not 15 to my recollection. 16 Q. And I think then you returned back to the BdV? 17 A. Yes, back to the BdV, back to the north wall of the VIP 18 building. There would simply then be -- I don't know 19 if -- I suspect there was more people there than when 20 I had left. I can't be exact on numbers but certainly 21 they were doing some filtering of us at that point. The 22 Japanese and the Filipino guys were held to the east end 23 of the line, if you like, along the BdV, sorry, the VIP 24 suite building and expats or certainly non-eastern 25 expats seemed to be being held more to the right-hand</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 28</p>

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1 side of that line. So the Japanese people I brought
 2 were basically deposited at the left-hand side and
 3 I rejoined the line at the end where I'd left.
 4 Q. And I think Fred Buttaccio, the American, joined the
 5 group?
 6 A. Yes, Fred came, I thought it was round about 1 o'clock
 7 in the afternoon, something like that. Fred and
 8 a couple of Filipinos that we do know well and Angelito
 9 was mentioned yesterday and Joe Joe was mentioned as
 10 well and a few others were hiding in the security hut at
 11 the main gate when the attack happened. They had been
 12 hidings there obviously since it happened. They saw,
 13 again I think Stephen mentioned it yesterday, terrorists
 14 were in control of the nationals but the nationals were
 15 by no means held hostage. They were just not free to
 16 leave. I think that would be a fair way to describe how
 17 I saw it anyway. Fred had seen these nationals milling
 18 around, just assumed things were over, so they gave up
 19 their position and were captured at this point. So
 20 again, Fred joined immediately to my left, so he was the
 21 most westerly person on that north wall and the
 22 Filipinos were then put with the Japanese again. There
 23 seemed to be some sort of filtering process, I don't
 24 know why to this day.
 25 Q. And I think later on in that afternoon Carson Bilsland

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1 joined --
 2 A. Yes, I think I estimated round about three or four in
 3 the afternoon, certainly before it got dark Carson
 4 showed up. Carson actually joined immediately to my
 5 right-hand side. There was a small gap between myself
 6 and Alf Vik at that point and Carson took up position
 7 there. Carson told me -- again, we weren't really free
 8 to speak but we were able to communicate. Carson told
 9 me he had been down at the CPF, he had made his way down
 10 there in the morning. By which means I don't know. He
 11 had heard what was going on. He then took refuge in his
 12 office building. He has a store cupboard in there as
 13 well for his test equipment. He held up, he locked
 14 himself in there and he said that everything had gone
 15 quiet. He assumed they it been confined to the CPF and
 16 he started to make his way back to the BdV walking. It
 17 was about 4, 4 and a half kilometres. I don't know
 18 which route he took. I don't know whether he just
 19 walked up the normal pathway or came out the front. He
 20 told me that when he got -- I think I put 200-yards or
 21 something, whatever he said, I don't know the exact
 22 measurements, that is what I recall him saying but maybe
 23 not. When he came within that of the camp he saw that
 24 the nationals were just milling around and thought, yes,
 25 safe enough and before he knew it he had been captured

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1 and he was brought obviously to the north wall beside
 2 the rest of us.
 3 Q. I think we have a picture of the north wall. This is
 4 actually a picture taken from a newspaper report?
 5 A. Yes, I've seen this one on the internet as well. So
 6 that's the door into the VIP. Just in there was the
 7 toilets we were allowed to use. So with reference to
 8 that picture the Japanese mainly would have been held to
 9 the left of that picture of the door and the rest of us
 10 were on the right but that is not the middle of the
 11 building. That is the left.
 12 Q. The left-hand end?
 13 A. Yes.
 14 Q. The north wall of the VIP building you are talking
 15 about?
 16 A. Yes.
 17 Q. And I think you did at some point try to do an estimate
 18 of the number of hostages and the number of terrorists
 19 that were there?
 20 A. Yes, I was trying to work out, I don't know why, but
 21 something to do I guess. I reckoned there was probably
 22 around about that stage, certainly towards the evening
 23 there was 34 or 35 hostages and maybe 13, 14, 15
 24 terrorists. I can't be definite of those numbers. As
 25 Steve said yesterday there was quite a lot of changing

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1 of -- they all looked the same to me anyway, let's put
 2 it that way.
 3 Q. And I think then overnight you are all left outside?
 4 A. Yes, I was held in -- well, it had got dark at this
 5 stage to my recollection anyway and then some shots
 6 could be heard. It had been peaceful to that point.
 7 Sporadic occasional bits but it sounded much closer to
 8 us around about 6, 6.30 I estimate but I could be wrong.
 9 The terrorists panicked at that stage and they forced us
 10 to stand up and split us into two groups but again,
 11 there seemed to be no rhyme or reason as to who went
 12 there. So we settled in. I had to make my way from the
 13 north wall back to the inner ring of the main plaza.
 14 Q. So you are in the group with the main plaza?
 15 A. Yes.
 16 Q. And we heard from Mr McFaul that he's in plaza 2?
 17 A. Yes. So Fred and I definitely left together and I was
 18 aware that Stephen Green was there. I don't know --
 19 that may have been the next morning when I could see
 20 people. Yes, that would be more accurate. I certainly
 21 can say that Fred and I left there but anyone else I was
 22 unsure of because it was pitch black at that stage.
 23 Q. And then I think when the next morning came
 24 Stephen Green showed some defiance?
 25 A. Yes. Once they, as Steve described yesterday, once the

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1 helicopter attacked and I think it was before Steve
 2 group's were brought to us we were told to stand up,
 3 maybe we were all together, I can't remember, and wave
 4 towards the helicopter and we were at one point
 5 instructed to get on our knees. The guy told us to
 6 stand up, had the detonator in his hand and some cortex
 7 explosive and a land mine at our feet. So he told us to
 8 kneel but Stephen Green basically refused to kneel. He
 9 just sat. Within the plaza there was a concrete seat
 10 built into the wall. He just sat on the seat and said
 11 something to the effect, I can't remember the exact
 12 words, that if he was going to die he wanted to see the
 13 bullet that was going to kill him. And the terrorists
 14 didn't force him to kneel with the rest of us.
 15 Q. And then I think there came a time when the helicopters
 16 returned that day?
 17 A. Well, that was certainly -- the attack had happened at
 18 that point, I believe, on my timeline because I can
 19 remember the holes in the wall and the -- of the foyer
 20 building et cetera. So the other group joined us. The
 21 helicopters were always circling. They were too far
 22 away to be an immediate threat I guess but they were
 23 certainly circling the camp at that point.
 24 Q. And I think round about this time you saw one of the JV
 25 nationals having an interaction with the terrorist

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1 leader?
 2 A. Yes, it was quite strange. I think that may have been
 3 before the attack. Maybe my statement is different, I am
 4 not sure exactly --
 5 Q. In your statement you thought it was in the morning
 6 certainly before the attack?
 7 A. Yes, he, it was an extended handshake to Tahar, so yes,
 8 it had to be before the attack. There wasn't an -- in
 9 Algeria it is common to hug and exchange kisses,
 10 normally if you know the person, yes, but that was not
 11 the case. It was a very extended handshake to --
 12 I didn't know the guy. I had seen him around site
 13 before but I didn't know who he was or what he did. It
 14 was later I learned from Huw Edwards, who I believe was
 15 here last week, that this guy was called M and he
 16 worked in the training department. I'm not saying he
 17 had anything to do with it. I don't know what his
 18 motivations were, I don't know, it might have been
 19 purely innocent but certainly he shook hands with this
 20 Tahar. It wasn't like they were good friends and he
 21 knew we could see him so it wasn't done covertly.
 22 Q. I think you said at one point in your statement that it
 23 may have been a placatory --
 24 A. It could have been. It seemed more like that than
 25 someone he knew. Like I say, I have no idea of knowing

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1 what he was discussing.
 2 Q. And then the helicopter approached after that?
 3 A. The helicopter approached at that point. I do remember
 4 the guys from plaza 2 joining us at that point. I had
 5 no idea where they had been during the night. I had no
 6 idea if they were safe or whatever. They joined us and
 7 the helicopter, the guys had just been sitting, the two
 8 terrorists that were watching us, so this was just prior
 9 to the group joining us, were just sitting eating
 10 breakfast. There was no big deal. Then we heard a loud
 11 noise, the helicopter approaching very quickly and it
 12 was firing, I don't know what. Certainly there were no
 13 explosions to my recollection. There was lots of damage
 14 but no explosions, munitions. It hit a vehicle or two
 15 on its way over the top of the covered parking area we
 16 mentioned earlier.
 17 Q. So it came from the north?
 18 A. Northeast. Almost diagonally across the camp. Almost
 19 at 45 degrees to my recollection. It damaged a couple
 20 of vehicles in that car park. In fact you can see on
 21 the building this -- the covered car park, just so the
 22 cursor needs to go -- yes. To the right of that
 23 building. That vehicle there, that white dot we can
 24 see, it is a vehicle I recall seeing when I stood up, or
 25 when I stood up later, that had been hit by the

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1 helicopter. It was like ripped apart, like opened like
 2 a can. But again there was no fire, smoke or anything.
 3 So I've no idea what they fired.
 4 Anyway, it damaged that vehicle and then it
 5 proceeded to keep firing as it came in and there was
 6 a couple holes I then observed in the wall of the foyer
 7 building. It was then that we learnt that Tahar, this
 8 leader, had presumably sustained some injuries following
 9 this.
 10 Q. You didn't see where he was when he was injured?
 11 A. No. From -- terrorists then started one running past us
 12 screaming "Tahar!" and running into the building so
 13 I assumed he was inside the foyer building.
 14 Q. Into the foyer building?
 15 A. They slipped as they went in so --then I remember Tahar
 16 being brought out with Yann. Yann had presumably been
 17 forced to administer first aid to him and at that point
 18 they handcuffed Yann to Tahar, I guess for Tahar's
 19 survival I guess and Yann had the massive first aid kit
 20 on his back. So him and this Tahar guy were held
 21 together at that point.
 22 Q. Did you see Yann still attached to Tahar later or?
 23 A. It's difficult -- I have a recollection but I don't know
 24 how accurate it is, of the vehicle that was in front of
 25 us when we were parked as Steve described yesterday in

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1 the plaza in the semicircle. The vehicle in front of us
 2 I recall had a silver roof rack on it. To my mind that
 3 was the one that Tahar was put in but I still can't
 4 visualise it fully yet but I'm pretty sure that was the
 5 one that had Tahar -- and I can only assume that Yann
 6 was in it but I don't know how the logistics of getting
 7 the two of them in the same vehicle would have been if
 8 they were handcuffed.

9 Q. And I think after that helicopter attacked the mood
 10 changed?

11 A. Yes, there was certainly panic at that point and more so
 12 that Tahar had been incapacitated in some way and that
 13 was when the little guy that was later referred to, we
 14 seen the picture earlier, he then seemed to take
 15 control. He started writing notes in a notebook,
 16 obviously in Arabic, so it was from right to left. I
 17 could see it clearly so it definitely happened. It was
 18 like one of these general reporter's tear off books. He
 19 was always making notes with instructions and handing
 20 them out to the other terrorists at that point. So he
 21 seemed to assume control from that point onwards.

22 Q. I think the Canadian terrorist singled out some of the
 23 hostages?

24 A. Yes, while we were standing there and we learned, I'm
 25 not sure exactly how, that we were going to be moved to

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1 the CPF, that was the plan, to take us in the trucks.
 2 They started to do some sort of filtering again into
 3 nationalities. So certainly if you were British you
 4 were in one place, Fred was the only American but they
 5 sorted us out crudely, it wasn't very effective. I do
 6 recall at that point the American terrorist actually
 7 asking by name for where Sebastian was. Again, I don't
 8 know why but he certainly called out by name. Sebastian
 9 obviously didn't offer himself but we were all held
 10 there so it was only a matter of time before he could
 11 see Sebastian. At that point I recall Nick Hitch and
 12 Sebastian being held together, Nick Hitch definitely had
 13 multiple coils of cortex round his neck. I can't
 14 remember if it was done to Sebastian as well but from
 15 what I heard yesterday that happened previous anyway.

16 And there seemed to be no rhyme or reason why they
 17 did this. Again, I think the helicopters were still
 18 circling at this point so whether that was some other
 19 message I really don't know.

20 Q. And I think you were instructed to retrieve some of the
 21 mines that were around?

22 A. Yes. In the panic when we moved during the night there
 23 was a land mine left behind on, well, I believe it to be
 24 a land mine, on the seat. There had been a wooden chair
 25 brought on the first day for one of the terrorists to

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1 sit on. Anyway, the land mine had been left on that so
 2 I was instructed to go over there to get that just by
 3 myself but I think they were afraid there could be shots
 4 fired in that space. I saw two terrorists kneel down
 5 aim their guns at me, told me to walk straight, don't go
 6 left, don't go right, pick up the land mine and bring it
 7 back.

8 So again my hands were cable tied, my feet were free
 9 but it was quite difficult to lift that and on the top
 10 there was like -- I described it as a plastic bag of
 11 like putty or something like that. That was later
 12 referred to as Semtex but I think Stephen referred to it
 13 yesterday as being in a glove so it was blue in colour
 14 anyway.

15 Q. It was this that the terrorists were using to improvise
 16 the bombs?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. I think there came a time when you were put into the
 19 vehicles at the plaza area?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. How many vehicles do you recall being used?

22 A. Again, it's five or six because I counted five or six
 23 IEDs or whatever you want to call it, being fashioned
 24 for the terrorists.

25 Q. And the vehicle you were put into, are you able to

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1 describe that?

2 A. Again, it was a Toyota Landcruiser but it is an old
 3 style that's more suited to the desert although it was
 4 a brand new vehicle. I believe that had been the second
 5 one in line round about that semicircle. The first one
 6 I believe was the one with the roof rack and then it was
 7 our vehicle.

8 Q. And who was put into that vehicle? Can you start us
 9 with from front to --

10 A. The same with -- so in front driving, it is a left-hand
 11 drive car, was a terrorist. To my recollection there
 12 was an expat put in the front seat that I now know to
 13 have been Stephen Green but I didn't immediately
 14 recognise, not that I didn't know Stephen. I had seen
 15 him around but I didn't know who it was at that stage.
 16 And in the back seat from --

17 Q. Just pausing there. So you have two people in the
 18 front?

19 A. Yes. That's all I've got. I know I heard something
 20 different yesterday but I don't recall it, so ... then
 21 again working from left to right behind the driver was
 22 the American terrorist, Canadian terrorist, sorry, that
 23 we referred to. Nick Hitch was in the middle and then
 24 there was another guy, expat, to the right of Nick.
 25 I didn't have full view of who that person was. My

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1 **initial account is that it was Ruben Andrada, only**
2 **because I heard the name later and heard he had been in**
3 **our vehicle but I had heard from someone else in the**
4 **proceeding months that it had been Carlos. So my**
5 **statement says Ruben which I believe now to be correct**
6 **but some of the other information I may have spoke with**
7 **people about referred to Carlos, but only -- someone**
8 **I didn't know. It was an expat, yes, and then in the**
9 **back --**
10 Q. When you say you didn't know, is it because you weren't
11 in a position to see who had been put there or --
12 **A. In this case --**
13 Q. -- you saw the person but you didn't know?
14 **A. Yes, the latter one. It was more that I didn't know who**
15 **it was. I could see a face but I didn't know who they**
16 **were.**
17 Q. And at that time Carlos Estrada was somebody you didn't
18 know?
19 **A. Didn't know, I had never met Carlos.**
20 Q. And was Ruben Andrada somebody --
21 **A. Someone i never met before.**
22 Q. So they would both have been strangers to you?
23 **A. So it could have been either of those two, yes, so that**
24 **is why I got confused at some point later on.**
25 **Then in the back was myself and Stephen initially.**
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1 **It was just the two of us. I think we spoke, we shook**
2 **hands, we were going to have a pint if we ever survived**
3 **this, that kind of thing and just trying to be as**
4 **positive as possible and at some point the terrorist**
5 **with the large machinegun was then put in the back as**
6 **well. And he had to break the window to hang the**
7 **machinegun out. At that point it was me and then**
8 **Stephen was to the extreme rear of the vehicle sitting**
9 **on one side. Pretty much what Stephen described**
10 **yesterday except for the terrorist, the additional**
11 **terrorist in the front. I don't recall it.**
12 Q. You don't recall there being three people in front?
13 **A. No.**
14 Q. And then when the convoy starts to move off what
15 happens?
16 **A. Initially we -- our vehicle actually bumped into the**
17 **vehicle in front. It wasn't a massive impact but it**
18 **just shows you the chaos that was ensuing. I think in**
19 **my statement I said we obviously departed from the**
20 **circle in a row but then we ended up three abreast at**
21 **the side of the liaison building which is N on this, on**
22 **number 15, yes. They seemed to stop and hold station**
23 **there for a minute or so.**
24 Q. You say three abreast?
25 **A. Three abreast.**
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1 Q. Is that two rows of three?
2 **A. No, I don't know what was behind me but certainly there**
3 **was a vehicle, as I recall, either side of our vehicle.**
4 **And they paused and at that point that's when I recall**
5 **a bullet coming in or a shot or something coming in**
6 **through the windscreen just below the mirror where the**
7 **mirror would be on the windscreen of our vehicle.**
8 Q. The front window?
9 **A. The front, yes. It didn't make a round hole. It was**
10 **more look a slit it made in the screen. It didn't**
11 **appear to have hit anyone. Certainly no one cried out**
12 **or whatever at that stage.**
13 Q. And then you move off?
14 **A. We move off. Now I do remember in my own mind thinking**
15 **I didn't want to be the first vehicle and didn't want to**
16 **be the last vehicle because to my mind there was no way**
17 **we were ever going to be allowed to make it to the CPF**
18 **regardless. Either the terrorists would have stopped us**
19 **or the military would have stopped us.**
20 Q. Why did you think that?
21 **A. I think I've always known that the Algerian military,**
22 **that they're aggressive, that would be the tactic and if**
23 **I was going to stop a convoy I would hit the front, the**
24 **back, whatever. Just silly things you play in your mind**
25 **at the time. So I don't believe we were the first**
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1 **vehicle to exit but we could have been vehicle 2 or**
2 **vehicle 3, I am not 100 per cent sure.**
3 Q. How did you exit?
4 **A. Through the main gate on the blacktop through the**
5 **chicane. I don't remember if the vehicle had to swerve**
6 **much to get through the chicane but certainly we left --**
7 Q. If we pop up IA026, number 5?
8 **A. Yes, so we exited here, the normal way in and out of the**
9 **camp.**
10 Q. And we have some pictures showing the chicane damaged
11 there?
12 **A. Yes.**
13 Q. When you left via the chicanes was there any impact with
14 the chicanes as you were leaving?
15 **A. No, I don't recall any impact, no.**
16 Q. And you say you swerved through the chicanes?
17 **A. I think we did. We certainly made our way through them.**
18 **Then we turned left down the blacktop towards the CPF.**
19 **I had my head down at this point, hands over my head as**
20 **flat as I could get in the vehicle. So I didn't see**
21 **much although I did hear later that people had seen**
22 **vehicles move off the main line and roll over. But**
23 **again, I didn't see that for myself.**
24 Q. And how fast was the car travelling?
25 **A. It's hard to say. There was no DriveRight in this**
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<p>1 vehicle and I don't think it had a roll bar fitted yet 2 either. They had been parked up at the 50 Man office 3 for many months waiting on being fitted out with the 4 safety equipment before we were allowed to use them. 5 I really have no idea. I think in my statement I have 6 put 100-miles an hour and worked out how long it would 7 take to get there. But it was certainly fast. Much 8 quicker than a vehicle would normally travel on the 9 site. I have no way of knowing. I don't know how long 10 it took to get down there. Fast anyway. 11 Q. Were you aware of any incoming fire as you were -- 12 A. No, it is something I have struggled with, not 13 struggled, thought about long and hard for a long time. 14 I can certainly hear noises of things hitting our 15 vehicle but whether it was just gravel from the road 16 hitting under the wheel arches because we were going so 17 quickly or gunfire I have no way of knowing. But 18 I don't recall glass being broken in our vehicle and 19 Stephen and I's backs were both facing north where we 20 believed the military to be stationed and again if it 21 was firing bullets you would have thought that somehow 22 if they're firing at our vehicle they would have been 23 able to hit us in some way. So I have no recollection 24 of anything, direct shots to a vehicle at that stage. 25 Q. Because again what you have described that the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 45</p>	<p>1 and you can help us by describing on that. 2 A. Two, yes. 3 Q. Does that help you describe where on that you think you 4 came off the road if that helps? 5 A. Yes, so I would have said that we were on and off the 6 blacktop, maybe swerving a little bit until we made it 7 to the corner, yes. So then we start to head -- 8 Q. So the corner where actually to the left of that VCP2 is 9 marked -- 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. -- although I think we have been told that may not be 12 marked in the right place? 13 A. Yes, it may not be. 14 Q. That is where the road angles and changes -- 15 A. Yes, so we were heading completely due north according 16 to the map. It is some time round about then I think we 17 moved over to the falaise, to the compacted track. 18 Q. To the piste. Is that the one we can see marked to the 19 left? 20 A. Yes, you can see a distinct trail. It is maybe not an 21 important detail but I think it was earlier because 22 I remember getting bounced around a lot and there was 23 quite a bit of movement in the vehicle at that point. 24 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Sorry to interrupt it might help Mr Green 25 if I say I think that's about two thirds of the way</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 47</p>
<p>1 terrorists, the way they put you into the vehicle, is 2 the expats all down the passenger side, all down the -- 3 A. Yes, it seemed to be the way they had planned that any 4 attack would come from the north or our position come 5 from the north. 6 Q. And was your vehicle on the road or on the desert? 7 A. I think it was a bit of both because if it was on the 8 road or it was gunfire, it was one or the other, that is 9 why I have struggled so much with it, I don't think 10 I would have heard the gravel or whatever hitting the 11 wheel arches because the roads were pretty clear. Those 12 main roads anyway. So I think maybe a bit of both 13 because immediately to the left and right-hand side of 14 the road there's quite a hard compacted area that is 15 possible to drive on. I think maybe half and half, 16 certainly on the blacktop for most of it. 17 Q. You say blacktop for most of it. Did there come a time 18 when you were off the blacktop? 19 A. Yes. Obviously I heard Stephen yesterday say we did 20 veer off the road. Personally I think we veered off 21 a little bit earlier than a couple of hundred metres 22 from, I would have said maybe half a kilometre or so 23 from -- just after we made the turn when the road turns 24 and starts to go towards -- 25 Q. Could you be shown a whole map of the site and the road</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 46</p>	<p>1 between the BdV and the CPF but that's only my estimate. 2 A. Fair enough. 3 MS DOLAN: And it is certainly you have marked the point 4 where the road that had been travelling northwest moves 5 to go back to travelling north again, across that 6 junction? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. You are travelling north at this point. What happened 9 next? 10 A. Again, I'm just aware of -- though obviously the 11 terrorists were chanting "Allahu Akbar" pretty much from 12 when we started off and the terrorist in the back with 13 the machinegun had been firing constantly. I could see 14 him angling the gun upwards so I guess he's shooting at 15 the helicopter. I couldn't see it myself. I could hear 16 rumbles and small explosions I guess round about, that 17 were in addition to the machinegun that was in our 18 vehicle but again hard to discern from which direction 19 or exactly what that was. But I don't recall anything 20 hitting our vehicle at that point. 21 Q. As you get closer to the CPF were you giving -- shouting 22 some -- 23 A. At that point for some reason, I don't know why, maybe 24 some others were shouting first, I looked up and forward 25 at that point and I could see they were headed for the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 48</p>

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<p>1 concrete T bars as they have been referred to. So to my 2 mind I remember shouting "turn right" or "adroit" or 3 something like that and that's I believe when we did the 4 sharp right turn and the vehicle rolled over, just one 5 time and landed on its roof. So it just rolled on to 6 its roof.</p> <p>7 Q. You said you did a sharp right turn?</p> <p>8 A. We did a sharp right turn which would have returned us 9 from the falaise back on to the blacktop. The blacktop 10 is obviously the logical way to get into the CPF.</p> <p>11 Q. How far were you from those concrete barriers when that 12 turn --</p> <p>13 A. I would estimate 50, round about 50 metres, something 14 like that, 30 to 50 metres. Certainly where the vehicle 15 landed was round about that so when they turned that 16 happened.</p> <p>17 Q. And was it your impression that it was the turn, that 18 event caused what happened next or was it --</p> <p>19 A. To my mind it was the turn that caused the vehicle to 20 turn, to roll over, but again, there may have been an 21 undulation in the ground that caused that as well.</p> <p>22 Q. So the vehicle turns to the right, rolled over?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. Did it roll over many times?</p> <p>25 A. No, just straight over -- actually in my mind I can feel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 49</p>	<p>1 Q. So the mark that we see, the black mark?</p> <p>2 A. That one, I'm convinced that's where our vehicle ended 3 up.</p> <p>4 Q. And then the dots -- so this is how far from the 5 perimeter fence or first of all, how far from the 6 T bars?</p> <p>7 A. I would have estimated 20, 30, up to 50 metres maximum, 8 yes.</p> <p>9 Q. And this is from the T bars that are surrounding the 10 south side of the CPF?</p> <p>11 A. Yes, as some -- Mark was showing the other day with 12 T bars, yes.</p> <p>13 Q. And then which route did you take to leave that area?</p> <p>14 A. I basically followed in Stephen's tracks, 15 Stephen McFaul's tracks. So we headed due south along 16 that fence line you can see there, just as Stephen 17 described yesterday.</p> <p>18 Q. And he described hearing a helicopter firing at him?</p> <p>19 A. That's one thing I do not recall in any way. I don't 20 recall the helicopter being visible on the way down the 21 road or anything. But again Stephen had a much more 22 advantaged view out of that back window than I did so 23 I have no reason to dispute what Stephen says.</p> <p>24 Q. How far ahead of you was he?</p> <p>25 A. Stephen was maybe 10, 20 metres ahead of me, maybe more.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 51</p>
<p>1 the vehicle taking off and landing on its roof.</p> <p>2 Q. And then what happened next?</p> <p>3 A. Next I just remember complete silence, I could recall 4 a weight on me of some kind. I don't know who or what 5 it was. My most vivid recollection is Stephen exiting 6 the back window where it had been broken out previously.</p> <p>7 THE CORONER: Stephen McFaul?</p> <p>8 A. Stephen McFaul. So he was able to get out of that 9 window. I'm a bit of a larger chap so I didn't think 10 I could get out of there so I pulled the button on the 11 door, pulled the handle as Stephen had briefly talked 12 about, I guess, back at the camp. And again, I was 13 aware of an enormous weight on me and the doors weren't 14 wanting to open but somehow I managed to get the back 15 door open and then I could see Stephen, I can see it to 16 this day, clearly running away.</p> <p>17 MS DOLAN: Stephen McFaul?</p> <p>18 A. Sorry, I will make a distinction, Stephen McFaul, and 19 I just followed after Steve McFaul at that point.</p> <p>20 Q. Can I ask you where the vehicle ended up? We have 21 NAS 23. I think you were here yesterday when Mr McFaul 22 identified what he thought was the vehicle. Can you 23 help us, can you identify the vehicle?</p> <p>24 A. Yes, it's the exact same location as Steve described 25 yesterday, yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 50</p>	<p>1 It's hard to be accurate.</p> <p>2 Q. And as you went down that fence, did anybody else 3 arrive?</p> <p>4 A. I have then got recollection of Nick Hitch. I didn't 5 see how he got out of the vehicle, I just have a vision 6 of Nick Hitch running up with us as well, following us, 7 yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Did you look back at the vehicle at any point or were 9 you --</p> <p>10 A. I think during that time I did look back when I saw Nick 11 and I saw smoke. I didn't see flames but I definitely 12 saw smoke coming from the area of our vehicle.</p> <p>13 Q. So Nick came and did he catch up with you?</p> <p>14 A. I think pretty much it wasn't until we got to the 15 vehicle that Joe Joe Balmaceda was in that Nick caught 16 up with us. I don't know if Nick joined us before that 17 or not but certainly he joined us there.</p> <p>18 Q. Again, that vehicle are you able to pick it out on this 19 picture or the position you think it was at?</p> <p>20 A. Yes, keep coming south and go to right there. I believe 21 that's the location of that vehicle. (Indicated)</p> <p>22 Q. So that mark corresponds with?</p> <p>23 A. With my recollection.</p> <p>24 Q. And you said Joe Joe Balmaceda was there. What did you 25 see at that point?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 52</p>

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1 A. Certainly Joe Joe was there hanging on to the bit of
 2 structure that was left to the rear of the vehicle. He
 3 recognised me. I didn't recognise him initially. It
 4 was as we were approaching. He was shouting my name and
 5 that he wanted to live. So somehow either me, Stephen
 6 or both of us got Joe Joe down from the vehicle.
 7 Joe Joe was complaining that he had been shot in the
 8 head. I checked. There was a few small cuts in the
 9 head but nothing -- so I patted his whole body down just
 10 to make sure he hadn't been injured in any way. Then
 11 I'm aware of a tall eastern guy, I think Stephen
 12 referred to him as a Malaysian yesterday, he could have
 13 been, I'm not sure. He was on the ground, I believe he
 14 was on the ground, moaning of chest pain and -- just in
 15 pain. So I think I put him in the recovery position.
 16 At that point -- just trying to remember -- certainly
 17 aware of -- I now know how Angelito that was mentioned
 18 yesterday, I didn't know how Angelito ended up with us,
 19 but Angelito had quite a severe injury to his head. His
 20 eyes were loose as well. That is the only way I could
 21 describe it.
 22 So I remember thinking that maybe there would be
 23 a first aid kit in the remains of the vehicle so I had
 24 returned to the vehicle. This part is still not
 25 100 per cent clear because we were taking shelter at the

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1 vehicle but I returned to the vehicle. I am not sure in
 2 my mind why that's the case. Anyway, when I got there
 3 I saw a Filipino I know well, Bhong Santiago, he was
 4 dead. He was definitely dead because there was no
 5 shouting or any signs of life from him. He had quite
 6 a severe injury to the back of his head. At that point
 7 it was just too much for me. I knew there were other
 8 bodies there but I could stand it no longer and I had to
 9 walk away. There were no screams or cries. That would
 10 have been a different response from me I'm sure if there
 11 had been and as Steve described yesterday, horrific
 12 though it is, there were parts of people all lying
 13 covered in sand et cetera. It was a horrific scene.
 14 Q. So there had clearly been an explosion?
 15 A. There had clearly been an explosion.
 16 Q. That was at one vehicle and then there was another one
 17 across towards the --
 18 A. Across the way. I could see that from where I was.
 19 From what I learned Stephen went over to that vehicle. I
 20 didn't approach it.
 21 Q. Could you see what condition it was in?
 22 A. It was definitely blown apart. There was no roof
 23 structure left on it as I recall.
 24 Q. And I think at this time there was some arms fire coming
 25 towards you as well?

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1 A. Yes, well, obviously Angelito was there then. I ripped
 2 my shirt sleeve off with the help of Nick and we tried
 3 to make a bandage for Angelito, tried to make people as
 4 comfortable as possible. At that point we were aware of
 5 some small arms fire. I could recognise it as small
 6 having experienced all I had to that point, coming
 7 towards us. You could certainly hear the bullets
 8 whizzing past and hitting things round about us. So at
 9 that stage Stephen and I pulled the Malaysian guy,
 10 anyway, the tall eastern guy that we put in the recovery
 11 position, closer to the vehicle to try to give us all
 12 some shelter. There wasn't a lot of the vehicle left
 13 but it was better than nothing so we figured.
 14 I think at that point Stephen and I hatched a plan
 15 or somehow knew what each other was thinking, I don't
 16 know how you would describe it. We decided that we had
 17 to get help for everyone else at that point, so we had
 18 then decided to leave in a southeasterly direction
 19 I guess. I don't know if we were planning of returning
 20 as far as the BdV to try and get help or whatever
 21 because we believed the danger would have been away.
 22 But anyway we saw in the distance vehicles coming
 23 towards us. We had no idea who they were, what they
 24 were, but somehow we decided we were heading in that
 25 direction and it transpired that that was the military.

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1 As we got closer we could see a distinctive green and
 2 white pattern of a military 4 by 4 and as Stephen
 3 described yesterday, there were two pickup trucks with
 4 machineguns mounted on the rear. These were Algerian
 5 troops, yes.
 6 As we got to them as Stephen described yesterday as
 7 well, Stephen's idea to take our shirts off and just
 8 show clearly that we were not a threat because they told
 9 us to back off. We made our way to them. There was
 10 still some small fire but you could hear shots but the
 11 there was no more whizzing anywhere round about us so we
 12 assumed we were safe. It was soon after that point that
 13 Nick joined us because he had left with us but started
 14 to head along the fence line. I think he was trying to
 15 go back to his Compression Project offices rather than
 16 come with us, but thankfully he chose to come across the
 17 road. Joe Joe, who we had left with the bandage held on
 18 Angelito's head, had also made the right decision for
 19 himself and chose to follow us and then obviously we
 20 were aware of what the person I now know as Andrada
 21 coming towards us as well at that point.
 22 But I didn't know who he was. I actually thought he
 23 was a threat. I remember pointing out to one of the
 24 troops in my very broken French and not so great English
 25 that this guy I perceived to be a threat. I didn't know

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1 who he was.
 2 Q. So that was the first time you saw Ruben Andrada?
 3 A. Yes. I now know --
 4 Q. A guy you now know as Ruben Andrada?
 5 A. Yes.
 6 Q. But you hadn't seen him exit your vehicle or?
 7 A. No, nothing like that. So Steve described it much --
 8 I didn't see that level of detail, not at all.
 9 Q. You didn't see what Stephen McFaul described?
 10 A. At that point we started to receive some heavy fire
 11 again. I would assume from a bigger machine -- anyway,
 12 it was louder and definitely aimed at us so we had to
 13 take cover in the bulletproof jeep at that point. But
 14 we didn't all fit in. They left the doors open on the
 15 safe side, if you like and they let the vehicle down
 16 slowly into a depression in the sand where we got some
 17 cover for a short time. Then the trucks with the
 18 machineguns headed back towards the CPF. Obviously we
 19 had explained to people that we had injured people, we
 20 pointed clearly where the vehicle was and that there was
 21 at least two injured people there that needed
 22 assistance, but again, the message either didn't get
 23 through or they couldn't act on it. These people were
 24 unfortunately not recovered to our location.
 25 Q. I think after that then you are taken back towards VCP1
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1 and to a safe --
 2 A. Yes, to an area I now believe it to be VCP1 but I didn't
 3 recognise the area. I have gone through VCP1 a lot but
 4 we were on a sandy area that I didn't recognise. It
 5 could have been VCP1. I had a cut to my head which was
 6 nothing. Joe Joe was in severe pain because he had
 7 obviously been in a vehicle that had blown up. So they
 8 bundled us, both of us into an ambulance and took us
 9 back to In Amenas hospital. I think at that stage again
 10 I think we were each photographed by the military and
 11 again I know Stephen tried and I know I tried,
 12 Stephen McFaul, to relay that we had injured people and
 13 somebody had to hopefully go and help them.
 14 We couldn't all fit in the 4 by 4 so we ended up
 15 placed in the back of the vehicles with the machineguns.
 16 They kept returning fire towards the direction of the
 17 CPF until we made it close to VCP1 if that's where we
 18 ended up. The hot bullet casings were certainly coming
 19 out of the machinegun and landing on us et cetera so
 20 that was experience enough.
 21 Q. Just one final matter. You did a second statement
 22 in August 2013?
 23 A. In Aberdeen, yes.
 24 Q. In that you talk about that you had provided some
 25 information to the families of some of the deceased?
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1 A. Yes sorry, okay, that's when the police came to my
 2 house, okay, yes.
 3 Q. And you said that you provided them accounts and you
 4 said:
 5 "In each incident the detail was less specific than
 6 the statement I provided to the police or my initial
 7 statement to BP."
 8 A. Yes.
 9 Q. Did you provide an initial statement to BP?
 10 A. When I did my statement, when I got home on the flight,
 11 Saturday morning, my wife and family allowed me the time
 12 to sit and document what I had been through. I am glad
 13 I did that now because I was able to share it with them
 14 and they could understand what I had been through.
 15 Anyway, it has helped me a lot. So I spent maybe four
 16 or five hours writing a document that was fresh in my
 17 mind. As we get taught for incident investigation at
 18 work and stuff the sooner you capture it the better.
 19 I did that and that was what my statement was based on.
 20 They actually took a ruler, the police in Scotland, and
 21 they went through line by line what I had written and
 22 validated and they turned it into what you have as my
 23 statement.
 24 Q. We call it a BP statement --
 25 A. That was one I sent forward to BP. They didn't ask me
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1 to send it. I sent it in the hope that it would help
 2 them understand how serious this was and they would
 3 start looking out for everyone. Which they did. There
 4 was no question there but I did submit it to BP.
 5 I can't remember who I sent it to.
 6 Q. But it was also available to the police when you did
 7 your?
 8 A. Yes, that was sent, in fact my wife had to send it for
 9 me on the Monday morning to the local police station.
 10 That was the start of my statement. I have compared
 11 both documents since and there is not a lot of
 12 difference between them.
 13 Q. Mr Adamson, the only other thing is that you sat and
 14 listened through the account that Stephen McFaul gave
 15 yesterday. I have taken you a bit more quickly through
 16 some of it. Is there anything that differs that you
 17 need to bring to our attention?
 18 A. No, it was quite -- two seconds -- it was good yesterday
 19 to hear the same story because you start to wonder, did
 20 I see it? Could that have happened? Whatever, so
 21 I would say that 99 per cent of what Stephen said
 22 yesterday corresponds to what I did and I pointed out
 23 areas I don't recall, the helicopter attack and when we
 24 left the blacktop. They are only two parts that I would
 25 say I don't recall. Either of us could be right or
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<p>1 wrong.</p> <p>2 MS DOLAN: Thank you very much.</p> <p>3 Questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS</p> <p>4 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Mr Adamson, my name is Owen-Thomas, I ask</p> <p>5 questions on behalf of David Green, the father of</p> <p>6 Stephen Green.</p> <p>7 Can I just start, you told us about a number of</p> <p>8 people who were involved and some of whom you knew and</p> <p>9 some of whom you didn't know. Can I just make sure</p> <p>10 I have this right. You obviously knew Mr McFaul --</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. -- well. You knew Mr Balmaceda?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. Did you know Mr Hitch?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. And I think you told us you knew Stephen Green?</p> <p>17 A. I'd seen Stephen. I knew the face. I didn't know the</p> <p>18 name, yes.</p> <p>19 Q. When you later learned the name for the face did that</p> <p>20 correspond with any memory you might have had of the</p> <p>21 name of that person?</p> <p>22 A. No, I don't think I knew Stephen by name at all.</p> <p>23 Q. And then Mr Andrada, Ruben Andrada you have told us you</p> <p>24 didn't know?</p> <p>25 A. I didn't know. I believe he had recently started.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 61</p>	<p>1 A. No, as I said, we were not really at liberty to speak</p> <p>2 and it was a case that we were all in shock at that</p> <p>3 stage.</p> <p>4 Q. Did you hear Stephen Green speaking to anyone else?</p> <p>5 A. Not on day one.</p> <p>6 Q. On day one?</p> <p>7 A. No.</p> <p>8 Q. Did you see any interaction between Stephen and the</p> <p>9 terrorists on the 16th?</p> <p>10 A. No, no, I didn't, no.</p> <p>11 Q. Perhaps I could move to the 17th which is when Stephen</p> <p>12 was first, I think, brought to your attention quite</p> <p>13 clearly with this incident in respect of the terrorist</p> <p>14 who he showed what you described as a defiance. Can</p> <p>15 I just check that before that incident you hadn't spoken</p> <p>16 to Stephen that morning although you had seen him?</p> <p>17 A. I had seen him in the plaza. I was aware in the morning</p> <p>18 he was there and he had come presumably through the</p> <p>19 night with the rest of us but no, I hadn't. I didn't</p> <p>20 exchange any words with Stephen.</p> <p>21 Q. Did you see Stephen having any other interaction with</p> <p>22 the terrorists before the defiance incident you mention?</p> <p>23 A. No.</p> <p>24 Q. You have explained how you were all told, I think, to</p> <p>25 kneel down at this point and when was your attention</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 63</p>
<p>1 I had no knowledge of him.</p> <p>2 Q. You told us about the first time that you saw Stephen</p> <p>3 after the attack started which, as I understand it, was</p> <p>4 the morning of the 17th. Is that right?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, 16th was the attack and the account, as you know,</p> <p>6 myself and my wife met with Mr Green back in May</p> <p>7 or June 2013.</p> <p>8 Q. In Fleet in Hampshire?</p> <p>9 A. Yes and at that stage I -- after giving my statement but</p> <p>10 subsequently I did recall that I did see Stephen Green</p> <p>11 and TB -- I can't remember TB's second name -- being</p> <p>12 brought to be held with us at the south -- on the</p> <p>13 outside of the circle of the plaza. I do recall that</p> <p>14 now. It's not in my statement but I do recall that</p> <p>15 happening and there were other people as well but I can</p> <p>16 see in my mind, I can see Stephen and TB coming to join</p> <p>17 us.</p> <p>18 Q. And when do you think that happened?</p> <p>19 A. That would have been on the morning of the 16th. That</p> <p>20 would have been round about, I don't know, 7.30, and,</p> <p>21 between 7 and 9 let us say. That's when they started to</p> <p>22 bring people together.</p> <p>23 Q. On the 16th?</p> <p>24 A. On the 16th. The first day.</p> <p>25 Q. Did you speak with Stephen at all on the 16th?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 62</p>	<p>1 first drawn to Stephen?</p> <p>2 A. It was just off to my right, I don't know what had drawn</p> <p>3 my attention. I don't think anyone -- I guess the</p> <p>4 terrorist, I am guessing, must have been telling him to</p> <p>5 join us. This is when I recall Stephen clearly saying,</p> <p>6 I don't remember the exact words but it was -- it meant</p> <p>7 that if he was going to die he wanted to see the bullet</p> <p>8 that killed him. That will stay with me. But whether</p> <p>9 that's the exact words I can't be sure.</p> <p>10 Q. As far as you can recall he said that directly to the</p> <p>11 terrorists?</p> <p>12 A. Yes and they seemed to let him be and make his choice.</p> <p>13 Q. Were there any words back from the terrorists to Stephen</p> <p>14 after that?</p> <p>15 A. No, nothing that I recall.</p> <p>16 Q. There then came the attack from the helicopter you</p> <p>17 described?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. I want to ask you about your experience of the attack as</p> <p>20 it happened. Obviously up until that point your only</p> <p>21 experience, as I understand it, was what you might call</p> <p>22 small arms fire is what you heard on the morning of the</p> <p>23 16th?</p> <p>24 A. Correct.</p> <p>25 Q. But since then on the 17th, as you said in evidence just</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 64</p>

<p>1 a moment ago, by that time you actually could tell the 2 difference between small arms and -- 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. Can you describe the nature of the firing that came from 5 the helicopter and compare it to what you described as 6 small arms the following day? 7 A. Certainly what came from the helicopter was, there was 8 a distinct boom to it. It wasn't just a crack. There 9 was a boom to whatever was being deployed, yes. 10 Q. And what about the damage that it caused. You described 11 the car? 12 A. When we were stood up later I could see the car, it had 13 opened out. It was almost like you would see in 14 a cartoon where it had been ripped apart. But there was 15 no smoke, no fire so in my mind I was confused as to 16 what could have done that. 17 Q. My next question is in your mind are you quite sure that 18 must have been rounds of bullets coming from the 19 helicopter? 20 A. I guess so, but they would have to have been massive for 21 the damage I saw. 22 Q. You have described earlier the vehicles or the vehicle 23 that you were put into and the other vehicles that were 24 around you and you have described who was put in your 25 vehicle. I just want to ask you more about that if</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 65</p>	<p>1 he proceeded along the line and was handing out this. 2 Q. When you were being put in the vehicle, we have heard 3 from others that Stephen Green had a quite distinctive 4 bald head. Is that something you can remember in 5 respect of the person put into the front of the vehicle? 6 A. Yes, when the bullet struck the screen I have 7 a recollection, it's not in my statement, I have 8 a recollection of a bald headed man turning around, not 9 saying anything but certainly looking into the back of 10 the vehicle, presumably curious to where the shot had 11 gone as well, yes. 12 Q. Can I ask you a bit about that because that is something 13 that I wanted to ask you about and we have moved to 14 that. You heard the shot -- 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. -- and you saw the damage, I think, to the windscreen in 17 front of you? 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. Thinking about what I was asking you earlier about, the 20 nature of the attack from the helicopter and the nature 21 of the attacks from the small arms, what would you say 22 the impact and the noise was more like? 23 A. This was more like small arms fire. 24 Q. And again, I think you told Mr Green in May last year 25 that you remember the man we now know to be</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 67</p>
<p>1 I may. You have described it as a Landcruiser -- 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. -- type vehicle. The very front of the vehicle you have 4 described the terrorist was driving? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. And you described Mr Green, Stephen Green, being in the 7 passenger seat? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. Was the front row of seats a bench row? 10 A. Not a full bench. There's, to my recollection there's 11 like a half seat that sits around the gear stick, the 12 gear stick area. So it is possible to squeeze three 13 people in the front, but it's not a designated seat. It 14 is not a seat we would be allowed to use on a day-to-day 15 basis. Let's put it that way. 16 Q. No, but you could fit three people if you wanted to? 17 A. To my mind, yes. 18 Q. I think at this point somebody was suggesting the 19 terrorists may have been handing out a drink or handing 20 out milk. Do you recall that? 21 A. Yes, this was just before we left the semi -- just one 22 of these bizarre things, I could see the guy still with 23 the cellophane wrapper, a vacuum packed wrapper if you 24 like with eight or six cartons of milk in it. He handed 25 two into our vehicle. Why I have no idea. And I assume</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 66</p>	<p>1 Stephen Green turn round? 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. Did he say anything? 4 A. No, there was no words that I recall, nothing. 5 Q. Did he look at you? Did he look you in the eye? 6 A. No, there was just a glance round and I think my vision 7 was forward at that point because obviously something 8 had hit our vehicle, yes. 9 Q. Do you recall seeing him turn his head back to the front 10 to look out? 11 A. No, not -- I can't -- I don't have that picture in my 12 mind, no. 13 Q. Mr McFaul told us about an instruction that people were 14 given to have their hands out of the window. Is that 15 something you recollect? 16 A. I recollect certainly from Nick Hitch who had been in 17 the middle position in the rear seat he was in some 18 indecision of what window they wanted him to stick his 19 hands out of but I don't recall Stephen doing it and I'm 20 sure Stephen McFaul is correct but I just don't recall. 21 Q. Do you recall the front window being put down or wound 22 down? 23 A. No, I don't recall any of that. 24 Q. From the moment you saw Stephen turn around until the 25 end of the attack when you exited the vehicle do you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 68</p>

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<p>1 recall seeing Stephen move at all during that time?</p> <p>2 A. No, as I said, my head was down. I got myself as flat</p> <p>3 as I could. I was aware of no one else at that time.</p> <p>4 Maybe Stephen McFaul but that was it.</p> <p>5 Q. So I take it then that you didn't hear him speak or</p> <p>6 shout?</p> <p>7 A. No.</p> <p>8 Q. Is it right to say then that the last evidence of</p> <p>9 Stephen being alive from your mind was his turning round</p> <p>10 at around the time that the bullet pierced the</p> <p>11 windscreen?</p> <p>12 A. Yes, correct.</p> <p>13 Q. After that shot came through the windscreen it was after</p> <p>14 that that the vehicles began to leave the BdV</p> <p>15 I understand?</p> <p>16 A. Began to leave.</p> <p>17 Q. As you were leaving did you get any impression as to the</p> <p>18 positions of the Algerian military?</p> <p>19 A. No, I didn't see any. I believed them to be the north.</p> <p>20 I don't know if that's learned since or I knew it then,</p> <p>21 but -- no, I didn't.</p> <p>22 Q. To the north, so between the BdV and the CPF?</p> <p>23 A. Yes, somewhere in that sanded area. Whether I learned</p> <p>24 that or whether I knew that I've no idea.</p> <p>25 Q. Again, you have given evidence as to whether or not you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 69</p>	<p>1 suggesting your impression was that this was a journey</p> <p>2 that may have left the tarmac road more than once or may</p> <p>3 have been straddling the two?</p> <p>4 A. Straddling I would think for maybe the first 50 per cent</p> <p>5 of the journey, certainly with the noise of the stones,</p> <p>6 I believe to be stones in the wheel arches, but, yes.</p> <p>7 Q. And then you have explained that there came a time when</p> <p>8 it came entirely off the tarmac road?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. Was it shortly at this point that you shouted to the</p> <p>11 driver?</p> <p>12 A. It was only as we approached the CPF. There must have</p> <p>13 been others shouting or saying something for me to have</p> <p>14 raised my head and looked out the front window.</p> <p>15 Q. You wanted the driver to turn right?</p> <p>16 A. Yes, back to the blacktop otherwise we were going to</p> <p>17 impact on the concrete T bars.</p> <p>18 Q. But that didn't happen by the sound of it. Is that</p> <p>19 right?</p> <p>20 A. I believe he did turn right and I personally believe</p> <p>21 that's what made the vehicle flip on to its roof.</p> <p>22 That's my take on it.</p> <p>23 Q. So you believe the vehicle rolled over on to its</p> <p>24 right-hand side and then on to its roof?</p> <p>25 A. No, I believe as I described earlier that I have</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 71</p>
<p>1 believe the vehicle was under fire at that time.</p> <p>2 I think your evidence is you heard noise, you couldn't</p> <p>3 necessarily distinguish that between stones and gravel</p> <p>4 and incoming fire?</p> <p>5 A. No, I couldn't.</p> <p>6 Q. But no broken glass?</p> <p>7 A. Certainly in the rear section I was in no broken glass</p> <p>8 to my recollection.</p> <p>9 Q. And as far as you are aware no one was injured by</p> <p>10 gunfire in that drive?</p> <p>11 A. As far as I'm aware as I have said, the terrorists were</p> <p>12 screaming "Allahu Akbar", I would have thought if</p> <p>13 someone was screaming in pain I would have heard it but</p> <p>14 again it could have been masked by this chanting.</p> <p>15 Q. The terrorist in the vehicle alongside you, he was</p> <p>16 shooting himself I think, shooting outside the vehicle?</p> <p>17 A. With the large machinegun he was shooting out the rear</p> <p>18 window which seemed to be angled upwards.</p> <p>19 Q. I was going to ask you if you have any idea what he was</p> <p>20 shooting at or who he was shooting at?</p> <p>21 A. I presume a helicopter but I don't have any recollection</p> <p>22 of seeing something that he was aiming for.</p> <p>23 Q. But you do recollect it was aiming up?</p> <p>24 A. It was certainly at an angle upwards, yes.</p> <p>25 Q. In the drive between the BdV and the CPF I think you are</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 70</p>	<p>1 a sensation of having taken off and landed on the roof.</p> <p>2 I don't think it barrel rolled and landed on -- we were</p> <p>3 going so fast I can't see how that would be the case</p> <p>4 anyway. I think it took off, rolled in the air maybe</p> <p>5 and landed on its roof. That's my recollection, because</p> <p>6 I do remember my hands were free at that point and</p> <p>7 I remember bracing myself on the roof, so there was time</p> <p>8 to do that.</p> <p>9 Q. Up until that point you hadn't seen and still hadn't</p> <p>10 seen any helicopters alongside?</p> <p>11 A. I have no recollection of that. But I have no reason to</p> <p>12 refute Stephen McFaul's account on that.</p> <p>13 Q. And as far as you are aware you didn't hear the noise of</p> <p>14 a helicopter?</p> <p>15 A. No, like I say, on the journey down there was small pops</p> <p>16 and cracks that could well have been the helicopter</p> <p>17 shooting in our path but I don't recall it so I stand by</p> <p>18 that.</p> <p>19 Q. You have explained to us how you left the vehicle and</p> <p>20 then you ran, I think, south --</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. -- from the vehicle. Did you look back at all?</p> <p>23 A. It was that one occasion I described previously where</p> <p>24 I recall Nick Hitch running towards us and it's then</p> <p>25 that I saw some light smoke coming from the vehicle.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 72</p>

<p>1 Q. Did you see anyone else getting out of the vehicle? 2 A. No, I have no recollection of that at all. 3 Q. We know that later on you have described how Ruben 4 Andrada came to join you and you were concerned about 5 someone running towards you? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. Did Mr McFaul tell you that that was Ruben Andrada? 8 A. I think -- 9 Q. At that point or later? 10 A. No, I think it was maybe later when he arrived or maybe 11 I learned it later in Gatwick or subsequently, yes. But 12 he was certainly identified as a friendly person. 13 I can't remember the exact circumstances of that, but 14 I think Stephen greeted him, so then that was fine. In 15 my mind that was someone safe. 16 Q. So you were confident that Mr McFaul knew the person? 17 A. At some time, I certainly didn't perceive this person as 18 a threat. That was good enough for me. 19 Q. But you hadn't seen Mr Andrada or that person leave the 20 vehicle? 21 A. No. 22 Q. You hadn't seen him -- Mr McFaul described how he ran 23 the wrong way to start with? 24 A. I saw none of that, no. 25 Q. You didn't see any of that. It was then that you moved</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 73</p>	<p>1 mine and detonator. Whether he had a rifle I've no 2 idea. 3 Q. You have mentioned now that the terrorist in the back 4 with you had a pistol? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. That was in his pocket? 7 A. Yes, I can see he had like khaki cargo pants on and 8 I could see a black pistol. I don't know what he was 9 doing to it but I can recall that quite clearly as he 10 got into the vehicle he was setting stuff up. I don't 11 know why he did it. 12 Q. Did you see anyone else with pistols? 13 A. No, that was the first time I'd seen that type of 14 weapon, yes. 15 Q. Would you be able to discount any of the other 16 terrorists in the front having had pistols in their 17 pockets? 18 A. There was no way I could tell. The only other weaponry 19 I remember was some had a knife on their chest, that was 20 the only other definite weapon I could recall. 21 Q. As I understand it, you didn't see any other terrorist 22 in the vehicle with a weapon in his hand after the 23 vehicle set off -- 24 A. That's correct. 25 Q. -- or afterwards but that is because you didn't see any</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 75</p>
<p>1 on and found Mr Balmaceda? 2 A. Yes, when we happened upon the vehicle, yes. 3 Q. You knew him and you knew him by sight? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. Just thinking about the weapons that were in the vehicle 6 with you. I think you described, is it right, one 7 person had the machinegun? 8 A. Yes, the large bipod machinegun, yes. 9 Q. And your recollection is there were a further two 10 assault rifles, AK47s? 11 A. Certainly in our area of the vehicle. When the milk was 12 being handed out I don't know why they were making room 13 or needed to make more room in the front of the vehicle 14 but they handed back a rifle at that point that had -- 15 it didn't have the magazine, the curved magazine, 16 certainly similar looking to ones that did have a curved 17 magazine and the terrorist himself that was in the back 18 I believe had laid a rifle on the ground and I saw him 19 ready, or whatever he was doing, a pistol in his pocket 20 as he sat down, yes. 21 Q. Did any of the other terrorists as far as you were aware 22 have weapons with them that were in the vehicle in front 23 of you, in the their hands I mean? 24 A. Not that I am aware of, no, I couldn't state that. I'm 25 obviously aware that the Canadian terrorist had the land</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 74</p>	<p>1 of the terrorists. 2 Sir, unfortunately the connection between me and my 3 junior has broken down so may I just have a minute to 4 check. 5 THE CORONER: Of course. (Pause). 6 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Perhaps I will do my conversation while 7 Ms Gerry does her questions if that suits you sir. 8 THE CORONER: Yes, of course. If anything, as has happened 9 before, in the course of anything else that is asked 10 when we get to the end if there is something that you 11 think needs to be dealt with then as before you can do 12 that. 13 MR OWEN-THOMAS: I am grateful. Thank you very much. And 14 thank you, Mr Adamson. 15 Questions from MS GERRY 16 MS GERRY: Good morning, Mr Adamson. 17 A. Good morning. 18 Q. I think you are aware I ask questions on behalf of 19 Sebastian John's family. 20 A. Yes. 21 THE CORONER: Just a question of when we have our break. 22 How long do you think you are going to be? 23 MS GERRY: Probably about 20 minutes. 24 THE CORONER: We'll have our break now. Just so everybody 25 knows we are going to take a 15-minute break now.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 76</p>

<p>1 I can't go beyond about 4.25 pm today. If we can't fit 2 in everything that's been planned for the day then we'll 3 have to re-arrange things. I am going to suggest that 4 we just take 45 minutes for lunch but if that's going to 5 cause a problem then just let Ms Dolan know in the 6 break. So 15 minutes. 7 (11.50 am) 8 (A short break) 9 (12.15 pm) 10 MS GERRY: Good afternoon, Mr Adamson. The first question 11 I wanted to ask you is in actual fact about the security 12 breach that you heard about the week before the attack 13 started when two armed people were seen in the CPF. 14 A. Okay. 15 Q. What you said in your witness statement at page 5 is 16 that: 17 "Huw [and I think that is Huw Edwards] told me that 18 two people, two guys in Algeria police uniforms were 19 seen at the power generation area within the CPF. Hugh 20 said that the people were armed. I don't know who told 21 Hugh this information however both things are a total 22 'no' - 'no' on site. The police are [not] allowed on 23 site by virtue of the fact that they are always armed. 24 It is too dangerous as a gas production plant to have 25 any firearm within the confines of the CPF. In all of Page 77</p>	<p>1 Q. I misheard you. So that is when you first met 2 Sebastian. Did you meet him at all in In Amenas before 3 he was brought to the plaza? 4 A. Yes, I did. Sebastian arrived I think a couple of days 5 after me and we had spent a couple of days preceding the 6 event trying to get him set up with his laptop et cetera 7 so he could communicate on site. 8 Q. Turning then to the initial attack itself then, the 9 morning of the 16th. You said in your evidence, as 10 I understood it, that you had seen three JV vehicles 11 coming from VCP1? 12 A. Going to VCP1. 13 Q. Going, sorry, to VCP1? 14 A. They were travelling east towards the VCP. 15 Q. Are you able to assist with whereabouts you saw them? 16 A. It would be in that small aperture of view I would have 17 between the main plaza and through into the car park. 18 So it would probably be within a couple of hundred 19 metres east of the entry to the camp, yes. 20 THE CORONER: And they were JV vehicles were they? 21 A. As far as I was aware, they looked familiar to me, yes. 22 But the military for the escort also used JV vehicles so 23 I don't know who was in those vehicles. 24 MS GERRY: You didn't see the bus at all, the airport bus? 25 A. No, that would be obscured completely by the canteen Page 79</p>
<p>1 my time at In Amenas I have never, ever seen police 2 within the CPF. I know that this is security breach 3 should have been recorded." 4 Just then a little bit further down you say: 5 "It concerned me that I was never told about this." 6 My question is, is why would you have expected to 7 have been told and what was the nature of your surprise 8 at not being told? 9 A. Well, generally security and safety for that matter is 10 viewed as everybody's responsibility on site. So 11 normally if something of any measure were to occur I 12 would have expected it to be discussed or certainly 13 communicated in some way to everyone. So that was the 14 normal practice I was used to, not in security or safety 15 related matters so that was why I was surprised. 16 Q. And you didn't learn about this until after the event, 17 is that right? 18 A. That's correct. 19 Q. Can I just ask you one question then about Sunday, 20 13 January, and I think you said you were at a meeting 21 with Sebastian; is that right? 22 A. I don't recall. 23 Q. Was it not on that day? You had met Sebastian before 24 the events? 25 A. In Sunbury, back in September. Page 78</p>	<p>1 building. 2 Q. But time wise that could, obviously you don't know, that 3 could have been the Gendarmes going to join the bus 4 convoy? 5 A. That was after I heard the cracks in the air. So 6 I don't know what their purpose was. 7 Q. So just to get the chronology right. When you saw these 8 three vehicles you had already heard cracks in the air? 9 A. That's my recollection, yes. 10 Q. And was it the gunshots and all the fire or the cracks 11 that you heard coming from VCP1, is that what caused you 12 to look in that direction? 13 A. Correct. 14 Q. Are you able to assist whether somebody in the 15 guardhouse at the entrance, the outer entrance of the 16 BdV, if they had likewise looked over to the VCP1, do 17 you think they would similarly have seen what you saw? 18 A. I can't say what they would have seen but I would 19 imagine it would be possible to see VCP1 from that area. 20 Maybe not full view but you would be able to see the 21 area, yes. 22 Q. After you heard and saw what you saw at VCP1 you went 23 back to your accommodation; is that right? 24 A. Yes, once I saw the tracer fire coming over the canteen. 25 I couldn't see VCP1 from my position. Page 80</p>

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<p>1 Q. The direction it was coming from. You could hear more 2 shots but no shouting I think you said at this point? 3 A. Correct, yes. 4 Q. Again, were those shots ones that you, as best as you 5 are able to say, were coming from the VCP1 as opposed 6 from inside the BdV? 7 A. Yes, it was definitely from outside, yes. 8 Q. Then I think you said you sent the text message to your 9 wife? 10 A. Correct. 11 Q. And again, at this time you still hadn't heard any shots 12 from within the BdV? 13 A. No, not to my recollection. 14 Q. And it was after sending those texts that you then heard 15 the footsteps running? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. And then you heard the alarm sound? 18 A. Some time during that period, yes, I can't be specific. 19 Q. Can I then just ask you about the tannoy because I think 20 in your statement and you may have said today as well 21 that you were surprised there was no tannoy message? 22 A. I expected -- I guess my heart was hoping it was all 23 over so I was in anticipation of someone telling me it 24 was safe and I could come out. So I wasn't surprised 25 that there wasn't one, it was I guess dismay that it Page 81</p>	<p>1 primary means of communications is by radio in the 2 desert. So that was still -- the relay still had to 3 involve a radio communication. 4 Q. So the only place you could do the tannoy message at the 5 BdV was what you call the liaison guard office? 6 A. To my knowledge, yes. 7 Q. But obviously there could be a radio message through 8 from other places to that office to say put a message 9 across? 10 A. Yes, that was the normal, yes. 11 Q. You mention in your statement terrorists using 12 walkie-talkies? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. Is that something different to the JV radio system? 15 A. It's -- I guess similar. They looked similar to the top 16 part. There is a battery that comes off, the normal JV 17 radio which is used everywhere. It looked like just the 18 top part of that same style of radio but it had some 19 sort of cable coming from it. I don't know what the 20 significance of that is, but, yes. 21 Q. Did you at any point become aware of the terrorists 22 communicating via the JV radio communication system? 23 A. I had no way of knowing what frequency they were on, so, 24 no. 25 Q. Did you carry a radio yourself? Page 83</p>
<p>1 didn't follow, yes. 2 Q. And it is right, is it, that the tannoy system is a new 3 system that had been installed both at the CPF and the 4 BdV? 5 A. It had been installed at the BdV and it was being 6 installed at the CPF. 7 Q. You say in your statement that the one installed at the 8 BdV was a system called PAGA, personal announcement 9 general alarm? 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. Could you just explain what that entails? 12 A. Has both alarm functionality and the ability to send 13 voice messages or relay voice messages to people. So 14 it's both. Because you could just have an alarm system 15 or a PA system but this is combined. 16 Q. From where can you send the voice messages? 17 A. In this case from the radio. 18 Q. The radio operator? 19 A. Well, yes, sorry, from the security hut, the liaison 20 office. I think we referred to it as something 21 differently but I know it as the liaison office. 22 Q. Can you also send a message from the control room where 23 we have been told that Papa Charlie was stationed which 24 was over the other side of the camp? 25 A. It wasn't an integrated system to that extent. The Page 82</p>	<p>1 A. No, I didn't. 2 Q. Can I next just ask if we can show you the -- what we 3 think is the YouTube clip that you refer to of the bus 4 that you identify down at the JGC. It is coming up on 5 the screen. 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. Is that the YouTube clip? 8 A. It is the same clip, yes, that I recall. 9 Q. And I think if we just carry on there might be a quick 10 glimpse, there, of the white 4 by 4 you saw? 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. So that's the vehicle you saw parked as you indicated on 13 the map during your evidence? 14 A. Yes, when they led me round the JGC camp, yes. 15 Q. And that is a vehicle you don't recognise to be one from 16 the JV? 17 A. No, that's the standard JV vehicle. 18 Q. Oh, it is? 19 A. But I didn't know its purpose. Because of the strike 20 I wasn't aware of how we were moving the Japanese 21 contractors round about from their camp because that had 22 all happened while I had been off-site. 23 Q. And you saw damage to that vehicle? 24 A. Yes, the windows were broken. I remember some bullet 25 holes. Not just from the video. I do remember that Page 84</p>

1 **myself.**
 2 Q. Then I will just move and ask you about the telephone
 3 calls that were made while you were being held hostage.
 4 I think you explained that you were being able to use
 5 Steve McFaul's mobile phone since his had power?
 6 **A. Yes.**
 7 Q. And in your statement at page 24 you recollected
 8 Sebastian contacting someone:
 9 "...perhaps his mum, I heard him say 'don't worry'.
 10 He was trying to remain succinct and calm. He was
 11 asking the person to contact the embassy."
 12 **A. Yes.**
 13 Q. Is that?
 14 **A. That's my recollection, yes.**
 15 Q. Specifically do you remember Sebastian asking somebody
 16 to contact the embassy?
 17 **A. Not specifically. That would be -- that was what we**
 18 **were told to do so I guess I'm assuming that's what we**
 19 **all did.**
 20 Q. Also in your statement you recall when Sebastian arrived
 21 and also you recall that Victor Lovelady had been
 22 injured in some way when he was arriving?
 23 **A. Yes.**
 24 Q. In your statement you say that you think Sebastian tried
 25 to go and help Victor but you can't remember whether he

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1 was allowed to continue, or ordered to stay put?
 2 **A. Yes, that's my recollection. Victor, when he was moved**
 3 **in the group from the canteen had fallen to the ground.**
 4 **I assumed he had injured himself there. I found out**
 5 **different since, but anyway, and he was basically forced**
 6 **to crawl his way over. Most of us were tied with**
 7 **cortex, there was no way we could help but I do recall**
 8 **Sebastian getting to his feet. I don't know if he made**
 9 **it over to actually help but he definitely -- it was his**
 10 **intention to help.**
 11 Q. It was in response to seeing Victor being made to crawl?
 12 **A. Yes.**
 13 Q. Can I then just move forward to the time when the convoy
 14 left the BdV. I think actually you provided a diagram
 15 with your police statement, which is IA21, XN172? If
 16 you go forward to the exhibits to your statement. It is
 17 on the screen. You see it on the screen in front of
 18 you?
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 Q. Is that the plan you annotated?
 21 **A. Yes, that's the one I drew and gave to the police, yes.**
 22 Q. As we can see there, you have the convoy going out
 23 obviously through the inner gate and the outer gate?
 24 **A. Yes.**
 25 Q. Aside from the pause when, as you describe, the gunshot

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1 coming in, was there any difficulty of getting out
 2 through those gates?
 3 **A. There was a vehicle which I believe to be the one that**
 4 **crashed in, like the terrorist vehicle that came into**
 5 **our camp. It was sitting to the left-hand side of where**
 6 **our vehicles had basically paused, so it was in the way**
 7 **but it was not blocked in any way. We could -- there**
 8 **was free passage to leave, yes.**
 9 Q. Just to be clear, that was looking at this plan in front
 10 of you, can you just indicate where that damaged vehicle
 11 was?
 12 **A. That would be slightly south of where the arrow is just**
 13 **before the first gate, yes. (Indicated)**
 14 Q. So just underneath the T card board?
 15 **A. Yes, well more southerly than that. It was -- yes in**
 16 **front -- half and half between the T card board and the**
 17 **foyer.**
 18 Q. Once you had left the outer entrance of the BdV and
 19 started to go towards the CPF were you at any time aware
 20 of vehicles behind you leaving the road or crashing?
 21 **A. No, I had my head down as low as I could get it.**
 22 Q. So is it right that the last time you saw Sebastian was,
 23 when, as you described it, he was with Nick, Nick Hitch,
 24 just before you went into the convoys?
 25 **A. Correct.**

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1 Q. And you are unable to remember which car he went into or
 2 which vehicle?
 3 **A. No, like I say I recall -- I have a hunch that Tahar**
 4 **went into the vehicle in front of me but that is it.**
 5 **I have no idea of anyone else, sorry.**
 6 Q. Can I then just very quickly ask you, you went and
 7 collected your bags after you had been rescued, you went
 8 back to your accommodation?
 9 **A. No, I didn't. I left immediately to In Amenas hospital**
 10 **with Joe Joe.**
 11 Q. Did there come a point when you realised that some of
 12 your items had been missing?
 13 **A. Yes, everything. I had the shirt on my back, that was**
 14 **all I was left with.**
 15 Q. Have you ever found out what's happened to your missing
 16 items?
 17 **A. I got my case, a few bits and pieces but anything of any**
 18 **value has not been returned to me, so I don't know what**
 19 **happened to that.**
 20 Q. Am I right that you are back working in Algeria now?
 21 **A. Correct.**
 22 Q. All I want to ask is whether since you have returned you
 23 have learned anything new or you are aware of any
 24 investigations that are ongoing by the Algerian
 25 authorities?

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1 **A. No, I'm aware of -- I've heard obviously reported in the**
 2 **press but there has no conversation of any ongoing**
 3 **investigation by Algeria.**
 4 MS GERRY: Thank you, I have nothing further.
 5 Questions from MR RICHIE
 6 MR RITCHIE: Mr Adamson, I represent the family of
 7 Carlos Estrada.
 8 You arrived in this plant, I believe in August of
 9 2008, is that your recollect?
 10 **A. Correct, yes.**
 11 Q. Was there a code blue within a few weeks of you
 12 arriving, an incident?
 13 **A. Not to my knowledge. I don't recall that.**
 14 Q. I will just give you some detail to see whether it jogs
 15 your recollection. 2 September 2008?
 16 **A. So I would have been there -- I arrived on 26 August so**
 17 **I would have been on site.**
 18 Q. You would have been there?
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 Q. Apparently a refrigeration truck drove up to VCP1, had
 21 an altercation with the guard there, waved a metal bar
 22 around, got in his truck, drove round VCP1, drove all
 23 the way up to the CPF, did a three point turn and came
 24 back and the alarm went up and there was a code blue.
 25 According to the documentation for your reference, sir,

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1 we have been there before, it is unused material,
 2 bundle 4, 960 to 964.
 3 THE CORONER: Thank you.
 4 MR RITCHIE: Were you aware of that incident at all?
 5 **A. No. Did this occur during the day or at night or?**
 6 Q. What is said is:
 7 "Incident information. The driver passed through
 8 the Gendarme checkpoint at the junction with the RM3.
 9 We do not know what checks if any took place."
 10 And then dropping down:
 11 "Arrived at VCP1 checkpoint where stopped by the
 12 liaison security guard who requested the Ordre de
 13 mission. The document apparently was for the wrong
 14 place so he wasn't entitled to go to In Amenas. The
 15 security guard didn't check the document thoroughly and
 16 presumed the vehicle was destined for the Enafor camp."
 17 **A. I have no recollection of that in any way, no.**
 18 Q. And then the rest of it, the three point turn and he
 19 eventually being stopped by the Gendarmes. So that
 20 didn't filter through to you at all?
 21 **A. Not -- I don't recall it.**
 22 Q. Were you aware that crash proof gates were ordered for,
 23 approved for installation at the main entrance BdV and
 24 the inside gate for BdV since 2011 and had never been
 25 put in?

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1 **A. I recall there being a request for an approval or such**
 2 **for electrically operated gates. Well, I think they**
 3 **could be distinctly different from crash proof gates.**
 4 Q. We have heard from Mr Fitzpatrick and from others that
 5 they were electrically operated crash proof gates, in
 6 other words, fortified not just chicken wire?
 7 **A. Okay.**
 8 Q. And they hadn't been installed for all that period of
 9 time?
 10 **A. They weren't there at the time of the attack, no.**
 11 Q. Can I come then to the knowledge that was passed to you
 12 of security because it was clearly an important matter
 13 as you have said that expats that worked at the site
 14 were given a reasonable amount of relevant knowledge
 15 about security?
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 Q. You have mentioned that you were aware from hearing
 18 after the event I think that there was at least one
 19 track to the facility that wasn't going over the
 20 blacktop standard route?
 21 **A. Yes, like I said, it's what I heard but I don't know if**
 22 **it exists.**
 23 Q. No, it wasn't your job to find out anyway. Were you
 24 aware that Mr Fitzpatrick who was one of the OLSs knew
 25 that you could drive to the facility over the sand on

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1 multiple tracks from multiple directions?
 2 **A. I guess that's possible, but would it always -- I would**
 3 **have presumed hearing that they would always be via one**
 4 **of the checkpoints.**
 5 Q. No, that was your presumption. And it is this
 6 understanding which I am seeking to draw out. You would
 7 have presumed there would be a checkpoint on such tracks
 8 so there is some protection for you, wouldn't you?
 9 **A. Well, I would have presumed that VCP1 and VCP2 would**
 10 **have been sufficient. Put it that way.**
 11 Q. Were you aware in relation to patrols around that camp
 12 where you lived that there were no night patrols in any
 13 of the zones other than zone 1, 3 kilometres around the
 14 CPF and the BdV? Were you aware of that?
 15 **A. I thought it extended further.**
 16 Q. And that within that zone 1 there were five JV vehicles
 17 provided to the Gendarmes to carry out patrols at night,
 18 five?
 19 **A. That would sound reasonable for a distance we are**
 20 **describing there then, yes, for 3 kilometres.**
 21 Q. So were you aware in effect that your security in the
 22 camp depended on those five vehicles spotting armed
 23 terrorists coming towards where you were sleeping?
 24 **A. I guess I must have been, yes, I must have been**
 25 **comfortable with that.**

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<p>1 Q. Can I come to the CPF security. You are a supervising 2 engineer there in effect as you have described? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. And you worked in the CPF, didn't you? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. And were you aware that the security alarm in the CPF in 7 effect didn't operate, there was only one alarm. It was 8 a fire alarm? 9 A. Yes, that's why the project had been initiated -- 10 certainly pre-dated me to install an updated system. 11 Q. Everyone seems to accept that it is okay to wait two 12 years to put a security alarm in. Were you comfortable 13 with that? 14 A. I think just if we can push back slightly, I think you 15 have to realise the Algerian context here that you 16 describe. It does sound ridiculous in a UK environment. 17 That is not so ridiculous in an Algerian environment 18 involving custom checks et cetera et cetera. Business 19 is done very slowly. 20 Q. Yes. But there are those up the tree, the powers that 21 be, that may be able to exert pressure to get things 22 done more quickly? 23 A. I couldn't comment on that. 24 Q. Could we go to one of these photos that have been kindly 25 provided. C41. I think you will have some nearby,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 93</p>	<p>1 with a hundred other scenarios as well if you wish. 2 Q. We know that -- I think it was Mr Roberts who cut his 3 way out through the chicken wire? 4 A. Bob Jones. 5 Q. Forgive me. Bob Jones. And it took him about 6 a minute -- 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. -- to get through? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. And there were no armed Gendarmes at the entrance to 11 your facility where you worked, were there? 12 A. No. 13 Q. There were none stationed in the guardhouse were there? 14 A. There was the Gendarme camp and I believe there was 15 still daily patrols of military. 16 Q. But there were none stationed at the guardhouse in the 17 CPF? 18 A. No, it was too close to the -- we have to remember also 19 that this is a hydrocarbon environment. You cannot have 20 the risk of a hot object spark or whatever in the 21 environment. We go to great lengths with the equipment 22 we purchase. So I'm just saying you can't have both 23 actually. It would be impossible to have anyone on the 24 CPF armed because it could be a bigger gamble. 25 Q. I'll talk to the security expert about with what's</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 95</p>
<p>1 Mr Adamson. This is of where you work, the CPF? 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. We have heard that there are T bars, that is big 4 concrete 3-tonne things which are crash proof for cars 5 all around the BdV. BP and Statoil have kindly provided 6 this plan to show where the T bars were around where you 7 worked. We are told from the key on the top left that 8 the red line shows where the T bars were positioned? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. So following that the T bars at the bottom on the right 11 seem to start to the side of the road in, the side of 12 the gate, and run along what I am going to call the 13 southern side to the words "gates and guardhouse" at the 14 bottom left? 15 A. Yes, that seems to be what the drawing shows, yes. 16 Q. So you might say two thirds of one side of the rectangle 17 had T bars and the rest didn't? 18 A. That's what the drawing shows, yes. 19 Q. So where you worked could be ramraided by terrorists in 20 cars through the chicken wire fences and there were no 21 T bars to protect you? 22 A. I think chicken wire is maybe underrating what it was 23 made of. 24 Q. I am using somebody else's words. 25 A. It was a bit more than chicken wire. I could come up</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 94</p>	<p>1 possible about where you can place guards, where you 2 can -- 3 A. Well, I am a hydrocarbon area gas explosion, maybe not 4 expert, but I have enough knowledge to state that we 5 cannot allow that. The heat of a bullet is enough to 6 ignite a gas atmosphere. 7 Q. To blow it up? 8 A. It would cause more damage than the bullet. 9 Q. So certainly from your point of view you thought it 10 would not be possible to have Gendarmes at the entrance 11 to the CPF for that reason? 12 A. Not wise I would say. 13 Q. As I say, I will ask the security expert about how you 14 can deal with that. 15 Can I come then to BdV. Have you ever been to 16 Rhoude El Baguel. It is another BP venture site in 17 Algeria? 18 A. Not to my knowledge. 19 Q. We have heard evidence from Mark Cobb who came from 20 there that it has a safe haven, that is a big solid 21 building with fortified walls, fortified doors and no 22 windows, to which expats run when the security alarm 23 goes up. They lock the door and it gives them time for 24 the military to come in and sort out the problem. Now, 25 there was no such safe haven in BdV, was there?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 96</p>

<p>1 A. No.</p> <p>2 Q. Can we just look at one of the plans of BdV which is in</p> <p>3 a document in front of you. For instance, in IA026</p> <p>4 where you helped the Met sort out all these buildings,</p> <p>5 could we look, for instance, at page 9?</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. The gym is identified there at the bottom by you as</p> <p>8 building Q?</p> <p>9 A. Correct.</p> <p>10 Q. If that had been made a fortified building with</p> <p>11 fortified walls, no windows, fortified doors and the</p> <p>12 like, I just would like to understand whether --</p> <p>13 THE CORONER: Just put the cursor on it because I can never</p> <p>14 see these letters, they are too small.</p> <p>15 MR RITCHIE: Bang in the middle of the roof. So that is the</p> <p>16 gym, isn't it?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. And that is, if you will, at the far end of the BdV to</p> <p>19 where the plaza was?</p> <p>20 A. Correct.</p> <p>21 Q. When the bullets started flying and you became aware</p> <p>22 that there was a serious incident going on would you</p> <p>23 have had time to run to that building if it was a safe</p> <p>24 house?</p> <p>25 A. I've no way of telling that, no way of knowing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 97</p>	<p>1 BdV?</p> <p>2 A. Well, I believe my room to be a safe haven, so, okay.</p> <p>3 Q. Can I then turn to the shaking hands between the</p> <p>4 national that was subsequently identified and Tahar.</p> <p>5 Many of the security guards and drivers at the plant are</p> <p>6 from either In Amenas or Illizi town, aren't they?</p> <p>7 A. I believe so, I don't know what the percentage is, but,</p> <p>8 yes, some, yes.</p> <p>9 Q. And the expert evidence before Her Majesty's Coroner</p> <p>10 from Dr Spencer is to the effect that Lamine Boucheneb</p> <p>11 or Tahar came from Illizi and grew up there so it is</p> <p>12 quite possible that the man who shook his hand knew him</p> <p>13 from having been brought up in the same town?</p> <p>14 A. Again, possible, but I have no way of substantiating</p> <p>15 that.</p> <p>16 Q. What you saw though was less warm than the normal --</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. -- Algerian welcome. On the other hand, it was a shake</p> <p>19 of the hand?</p> <p>20 A. Correct.</p> <p>21 Q. Thank you. Can I ask you a little bit about your trip</p> <p>22 to the JGC fly camp. Terrifying?</p> <p>23 A. For sure.</p> <p>24 Q. When you got to the fence which you described between</p> <p>25 the containers was that already cut or was it cut in</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 99</p>
<p>1 THE CORONER: It depends on whether somebody gets in there</p> <p>2 and locks the door. It is a difficult issue, isn't it?</p> <p>3 A. I don't want to challenge directly but these things</p> <p>4 sound eminently sensible but are they practical?</p> <p>5 MR RITCHIE: Well, I suppose the point is you run to it --</p> <p>6 let's have a look at the events of the day, you actually</p> <p>7 ran, as I understand it, to your accommodation block</p> <p>8 which is S?</p> <p>9 A. Yes -- well, marked by S, yes.</p> <p>10 Q. So you ran past the VIP building to your accommodation</p> <p>11 block and then you went in and you locked your door?</p> <p>12 A. Correct.</p> <p>13 Q. So you just had to run further south to get to the gym</p> <p>14 to go in?</p> <p>15 A. Yes, in theory but as we heard from Steve McFaul</p> <p>16 I believe there was gunfire within or into the camp at</p> <p>17 that stage. Would I have made that call? Would I have</p> <p>18 chosen to go to my room first? I don't know.</p> <p>19 Q. But if the instructions were, and they are when you have</p> <p>20 a security alarm, go to the safe haven?</p> <p>21 A. I'm sure it will have something about assess the</p> <p>22 situation and decide where you are going.</p> <p>23 Q. You would have had the option wouldn't you?</p> <p>24 A. Yes, I had the option and I went to my room, yes.</p> <p>25 Q. But you didn't have the option of a safe haven on the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 98</p>	<p>1 your vision?</p> <p>2 A. It was already cut. The terrorists definitely knew</p> <p>3 where it was and took me to there on that purpose, for</p> <p>4 that purpose of going through.</p> <p>5 Q. And so you went through there and then were taken down</p> <p>6 to where the bus was?</p> <p>7 A. Correct.</p> <p>8 Q. There are some photographs of the bus which show in</p> <p>9 a little bit more clarity the bullet holes, but I don't</p> <p>10 know whether our technical support gentlemen will be</p> <p>11 able to pull them up on screen. May I just show our</p> <p>12 gentlemen what they are. I know they have a mass index</p> <p>13 and they may be able to pull them up. So I hope before</p> <p>14 I sit down three of those will be brought up so you can</p> <p>15 help identifying that. But when you were there did you</p> <p>16 see a car that appeared to have been the terrorists' car</p> <p>17 with which they came to JGC?</p> <p>18 A. That was my interpretation of the 4 by 4 that was to the</p> <p>19 right-hand side of the bus. It was not one of the JV</p> <p>20 vehicles. It could have been but my initial --</p> <p>21 Q. It probably wasn't?</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 Q. So when Her Majesty's Coroner is looking at how many</p> <p>24 vehicles the terrorists arrived in your evidence is</p> <p>25 probably that was the vehicle they arrived at the JGC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 100</p>

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<p>1 fly camp in?</p> <p>2 A. It's possible, yes.</p> <p>3 Q. Can I ask a little bit about the DriveRight device that</p> <p>4 you have described?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. As I understand it, that was installed into BP cars as</p> <p>7 a matter of policy, BP JV cars in this case?</p> <p>8 A. JV cars as policy had to carry the DriveRight. I have</p> <p>9 worked at other places for BP and other JVs where</p> <p>10 a similar system exists.</p> <p>11 Q. And that is because there are so many -- this is not</p> <p>12 a criticism -- but there are so many car incidents it is</p> <p>13 an important safety feature to put this in to record</p> <p>14 whether the drivers are speeding and the like?</p> <p>15 A. Yes, it is to discourage drivers from doing that very</p> <p>16 thing.</p> <p>17 Q. That records the mileage and the speed for each journey?</p> <p>18 A. As I understand, yes.</p> <p>19 Q. And, therefore, is downloaded for the purpose of</p> <p>20 checking that drivers are driving safely and the like?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, on a monthly basis.</p> <p>22 Q. And if the vehicles provided to the Gendarmes for their</p> <p>23 nightly patrols had that feature in them the same</p> <p>24 information would therefore be available to the JV?</p> <p>25 A. I would guess so by virtue of what you have described,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 101</p>	<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. And the explosions came after that as I understand it,</p> <p>3 at about 5.50 because it is your next communication when</p> <p>4 you mention explosions?</p> <p>5 A. Correct.</p> <p>6 Q. And we have heard from another witness that, a hearsay</p> <p>7 evidence, that a lady saw the terrorists cut through the</p> <p>8 wire by the medical centre and set up a mortar. That</p> <p>9 sound, that explosion sound, do you have any assistance</p> <p>10 for Her Majesty's Coroner about whether that could have</p> <p>11 been mortar rockets that you were hearing?</p> <p>12 A. It was hard to discern from which direction any -- from</p> <p>13 within my room I couldn't discern a direction, no.</p> <p>14 Q. I understand, thank you. Finally, the car in which you</p> <p>15 were forced to enter as a hostage as a human shield,</p> <p>16 your evidence is it is unlikely that Carlos Estrada was</p> <p>17 in that car because it is Ruben Andrada who has been</p> <p>18 identified since as the unknown person?</p> <p>19 A. As I said there was confusion in my head after I gave my</p> <p>20 statement because I had heard something to the contrary.</p> <p>21 But I stick to my original statement it was Ruben</p> <p>22 Andrada. From what I have been able to piece together</p> <p>23 now I don't believe Carlos was in the car.</p> <p>24 Q. Thank you very much indeed. The bus has been identified</p> <p>25 so I will bring it up on the screen. There are three</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 103</p>
<p>1 yes.</p> <p>2 Q. Thank you. The next topic. You, I imagine to keep</p> <p>3 yourself fit, used to walk back from the CPF to the BdV</p> <p>4 at lunchtime?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, myself and Kenny Whiteside did that many hundreds</p> <p>6 of times.</p> <p>7 Q. That is of course is during the day?</p> <p>8 A. Yes, but during -- there is a curfew as you know,</p> <p>9 I can't remember the exact hours, I think it varies</p> <p>10 depending on the time of year but generally if you were</p> <p>11 back to the camp by 6.30 at night it was okay. So we</p> <p>12 would walk lunchtimes sometimes and night times but only</p> <p>13 back to the camp. Never to the CPF.</p> <p>14 Q. During those walks did you see Gendarme patrols from</p> <p>15 time to time in zone 1?</p> <p>16 A. Yes, you would see vehicles round about from time to</p> <p>17 time, yes.</p> <p>18 Q. Finally, on timing, I think your first email to your</p> <p>19 wife after this incident you record as 05.48?</p> <p>20 A. That was the first text. It may have been an iMessage</p> <p>21 but, yes.</p> <p>22 Q. Was that from your phone?</p> <p>23 A. Yes, definitely from my phone. I was hunkered down in</p> <p>24 my bathroom at this point.</p> <p>25 Q. So that was after the first bullets flew?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 102</p>	<p>1 photos in the series.</p> <p>2 A. That looks like a standard bus that would do the shuttle</p> <p>3 service between CPF and BdV.</p> <p>4 Q. We seem to have at the bottom left of this photo a hole</p> <p>5 with an E around it.</p> <p>6 A. Right, yes.</p> <p>7 Q. I wonder if the next photo could be brought up and then</p> <p>8 another photo. I think there is a third. Is this the</p> <p>9 type of bus that you saw in the JGC fly?</p> <p>10 A. Yes, exact same type of vehicle.</p> <p>11 Q. Do you think that is the bus or can you not tell?</p> <p>12 A. That's absolutely not the bus. The bus -- this looks</p> <p>13 from its location it's in the main, the new car park,</p> <p>14 just sitting waiting to be used that day. So I would</p> <p>15 guess it's taken damage during that attack.</p> <p>16 MR RITCHIE: Thank you very much indeed.</p> <p>17 Questions from MR FLINN</p> <p>18 MR FLINN: Good afternoon, Mr Adamson. My name is Matthew</p> <p>19 Flinn and I am going to ask you some questions on behalf</p> <p>20 of the families of Carson Bilsland, Garry Barlow,</p> <p>21 Kenneth Whiteside and Paul Morgan.</p> <p>22 If we could have back up on the screen the image of</p> <p>23 the BdV. Page 9 will do it if that's available. Could</p> <p>24 we zoom in on the plaza and accommodation area towards</p> <p>25 the top right. Thank you very much.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 104</p>

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<p>1 Mr Adamson, could you just help by reminding me 2 where you were located when you saw the three what 3 appear to be JV vehicles heading towards VCP1? 4 A. I guess I would be standing almost where the letter T is 5 at the main plaza. (Indicated) So I had a view through 6 the covered car park to the road. It was dark, but 7 I had a view. 8 Q. Just to clarify that, your line of sight was to the left 9 of the canteen and underneath that long horizontal 10 oblong at the top of the screen which I understand was 11 the covered area, is that correct? 12 A. Well, the letter T, the plaza here, yes. 13 Q. Yes? 14 A. I was stood about where the letter T was, so that's how 15 you describe. 16 Q. Was your line of sight going directly north of -- 17 A. Yes, directly north. You can't see VCP1, it was 18 directly north I recall the vehicles from. 19 Q. You say you saw three vehicles and you didn't see a bus? 20 A. Correct. 21 Q. So are you able to assist with whether or not the bus 22 was behind or before the three vehicles? 23 A. I can't say for sure, I cannot say for sure. 24 Q. Could you say whether or not one of the three vehicles 25 you saw was silver as opposed to white?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 105</p>	<p>1 included the PAGA because they are the same thing? 2 A. Correct, yes. 3 Q. I follow. But to your understanding the one at the CPF 4 was not operational at the time of the attack? 5 A. It was still under construction, yes. 6 Q. If I could just ask you a few questions now about the 7 events of the 16th and 17th. I understand from your 8 statement that it was shortly after 7.15 in the morning 9 when you were apprehended in your room; is that right? 10 A. Around about that time. Again, I can't be absolutely 11 accurate. 12 Q. Of course. And you were taken to the main plaza area 13 and Mr Whiteside, Kenny Whiteside was already there when 14 you were taken there, is that correct? 15 A. Yes, Kenny was to my right, yes. 16 Q. And I think you have indicated that in respect of 17 yourself there was no rough treatment from the 18 terrorists, is that correct? 19 A. No, nothing that you might imagine there would have 20 been, no. 21 Q. Will are you able to confirm that the same applied to 22 Kenny Whiteside? Did you see him being the subject 23 of -- 24 A. I can't confirm that but I never saw anyone apart from 25 some of the eastern hostages on Day 2 being treated</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 107</p>
<p>1 A. From that distance and in that light under the sodium 2 lighting, no. 3 Q. No, of course, that is perfectly understandable. 4 I would also just like to clarify a couple of points 5 about your evidence in relation to the tannoy system. 6 If we could just go to your witness statement. This is 7 page 12 I am looking at. And if we go about two thirds 8 down the page there is a paragraph beginning "I am aware 9 that a new tannoy system has also been installed." 10 Can you see that? 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. In there you say you are aware that a new tannoy system 13 has been installed at both the CPF and the BdV: 14 "Although they are a separate standalone system the 15 BdV has a system called the PAGA, personal announcement 16 general alarm." 17 Can I clarify, is the PAGA separate from the tannoy 18 system? 19 A. No, it's one and the same thing. 20 Q. It is the same thing? 21 A. I guess my statement is slightly incorrect in that it is 22 being installed at the CPF. It was in force at BdV but 23 only being installed at the CPF. 24 Q. So the tannoy system which you understood was in the 25 process of being installed at the CPF would also have</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 106</p>	<p>1 roughly in any way. 2 Q. Thank you very much. Can you recall what Kenny was 3 wearing? We have heard Mr McFaul say blue work trousers 4 and a dark fleece style top. Does that accord with your 5 recollection? 6 A. Whenever I picture Kenny, I knew Kenny quite well, so 7 I think as I described in my statement he didn't have to 8 wear the dark blue overalls but he chose to. Because he 9 was office staff. It was just the way it works, it 10 doesn't matter. But Kenny had the blue trousers on. He 11 definitely had the blue shirt. Kenny normally wore the 12 shirt open with a t-shirt underneath. The vision I have 13 is Kenny with his red shiny football top underneath but 14 it may not have been the case. Just when I think of 15 Kenny that is my instant vision of Kenny. 16 Q. So a common recollection you have of? 17 A. It may have been from that day as well but that's 18 certainly a common recollection. 19 Q. I understand. Did you have any conversations with him 20 over the course of that first day that you can recall 21 now? 22 A. Not on day one, no. 23 Q. What about on day two? 24 A. Day two we were stood together briefly while all this -- 25 as I described previously the guy was writing the, the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 108</p>

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<p>1 new leader if you like was starting to write</p> <p>2 instructions. Kenny and I were shoulder to shoulder</p> <p>3 very briefly and it was more despair, we didn't have</p> <p>4 a conversation. We weren't free to talk anyway. It was</p> <p>5 more a case of, jeez, what's going on, what's going to</p> <p>6 happen next, that sort of thing.</p> <p>7 Q. I understand.</p> <p>8 A. Maybe more body language than actual words.</p> <p>9 Q. You have recounted for us the fact that you were taken</p> <p>10 by terrorists to the JGC camp.</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. I think you also recall Nick Hitch being taken away and</p> <p>13 returned at a later point?</p> <p>14 A. Yes, I recalled that later on in my statement, yes.</p> <p>15 Q. Do you recall Kenny moving around over the course of the</p> <p>16 day or being taken anywhere?</p> <p>17 A. No, I don't recall many others having had to do anything</p> <p>18 like that.</p> <p>19 Q. Moving ahead to your recollection of Carson Bilsland</p> <p>20 coming over.</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. I think you placed that at about 3 or 4 in the</p> <p>23 afternoon?</p> <p>24 A. It was still in the daylight, yes.</p> <p>25 Q. And he was sat down immediately to your right?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 109</p>	<p>1 that sort of fabric be consistent with your recollection</p> <p>2 of what he was wearing?</p> <p>3 A. Absolutely, yes.</p> <p>4 Q. And when he was brought over to you, you were sitting up</p> <p>5 against the north wall of the VIP building?</p> <p>6 A. Yes, sort of wedged up against it, yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Can you recall how many terrorists were with him at that</p> <p>8 point?</p> <p>9 A. Not for sure, no.</p> <p>10 Q. And in terms of the direction from which he approached</p> <p>11 Mr McFaul said that he came from the west behind the</p> <p>12 reception building, does that accord with your</p> <p>13 recollection?</p> <p>14 A. Certainly from the west, but I don't know if it was in</p> <p>15 front or behind that building. I didn't see him fully</p> <p>16 arrive.</p> <p>17 Q. Did he appear to be injured at all?</p> <p>18 A. No. Carson was fighting fit, yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Now, he told you that he had been hiding in the</p> <p>20 storeroom in the IBO offices that morning?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, well, the offices are -- Carson's office is</p> <p>22 distinct from the IBO. The same with my own. They are</p> <p>23 Portakabins that existed from project times. We were in</p> <p>24 the Portakabins not in the IBO.</p> <p>25 Q. If we were to bring up an image?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 111</p>
<p>1 A. Yes, immediately to my right, yes.</p> <p>2 Q. And I think you recall in your statement he had a shaved</p> <p>3 head at the time?</p> <p>4 A. Yes, some of the pictures of him in the media later show</p> <p>5 Carson with dreadlocks and whatever and I remember him</p> <p>6 with big bushy ginger hair but he was shaved at this</p> <p>7 point, yes.</p> <p>8 Q. And you also mention him wearing khaki coloured cargo</p> <p>9 pants?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Is that a clear recollection?</p> <p>12 A. Yes, it's clear.</p> <p>13 Q. You say he was also wearing a light grey or beige zipped</p> <p>14 front hoodie and a dark coloured cap?</p> <p>15 A. That is also my recollection.</p> <p>16 Q. Also still your recollection. Would you be able to say</p> <p>17 if he took off the hoodie at any time over the course of</p> <p>18 the two days?</p> <p>19 A. I didn't see that, no. I can definitely see him with</p> <p>20 the hood over his head so I'm sure there was a hoodie</p> <p>21 involved at some point.</p> <p>22 Q. We have heard evidence from the pathologist that he</p> <p>23 received fragments of khaki sweatshirt type of material</p> <p>24 although he said he was unable to confirm whether or not</p> <p>25 it was sweatshirt or in fact trouser material but would</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 110</p>	<p>1 A. I can point that out.</p> <p>2 Q. Can we bring up NAS 23, page 5. If we could zoom in,</p> <p>3 I think on the bottom right part of the image. Are you</p> <p>4 able to point it out from that?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, if you take the cursor to the centre of the screen</p> <p>6 there is a row of buildings. (Indicated) Just up a bit,</p> <p>7 yes, more in the centre, if you look to the right, up</p> <p>8 and to the left a little bit and I understand that to be</p> <p>9 where Carson's office was and the storeroom would be in</p> <p>10 that building because my office was the larger building</p> <p>11 to the left.</p> <p>12 Q. So to your understanding that is the building in which</p> <p>13 he had been hiding that morning?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. Do you know if that building had landline phones located</p> <p>16 in it?</p> <p>17 A. It would have, yes.</p> <p>18 Q. Did he say anything about how long he had been in</p> <p>19 hiding?</p> <p>20 A. No, but my assumption was from the onset to when I saw</p> <p>21 him, yes.</p> <p>22 Q. Did he describe to you in any detail at all how he</p> <p>23 managed to leave the CPF?</p> <p>24 A. No, he didn't give me any details of how he got out. He</p> <p>25 did say he had escaped so if that meant he walked out of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 112</p>

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<p>1 the front gate or something else I had no idea.</p> <p>2 Q. And he didn't mention climbing a fence?</p> <p>3 A. No.</p> <p>4 Q. I think you mentioned in your oral evidence earlier this</p> <p>5 morning, and I'm not sure if this was a presumption on</p> <p>6 your part or not, but he might have seen Algerians</p> <p>7 milling about and thought he was safe and wandered in?</p> <p>8 A. Those were his words. Milling, but he had seen</p> <p>9 Algerians moving freely.</p> <p>10 Q. So he didn't say anything to you, did he, about</p> <p>11 surrendering himself to people who he thought were</p> <p>12 Gendarmes?</p> <p>13 A. No, I don't recall that.</p> <p>14 Q. The same question for Carson as I had for Kenny. Do you</p> <p>15 recall any other conversations you had with him that you</p> <p>16 might be able to relate to the family?</p> <p>17 A. Certainly as is in my statement there was some mention</p> <p>18 of Mali and I can still hear Carson's voice, exclamation</p> <p>19 Mali. Just one word, just wondering what was going to</p> <p>20 happen. When we were sat down there was a land mine</p> <p>21 immediately in front of all of us but then became</p> <p>22 immediately in front of Carson. He looked down, are we</p> <p>23 all going to die here or what? It was obvious.</p> <p>24 Carson's manner was quite jovial most of the time</p> <p>25 anyway. So he was still upbeat at that point and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 113</p>	<p>1 other survivors and a highly damaged vehicle?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. You also recall in your statement seeing the remains of</p> <p>4 a body within that vehicle, I think you say about 5 to</p> <p>5 10 metres away, that seemed to be wearing some khaki</p> <p>6 trousers or khaki coloured clothing?</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Are you confident that person was wearing khaki coloured</p> <p>9 trousers?</p> <p>10 A. Yes, but it could have been like the combat trousers</p> <p>11 I had seen the terrorists in previously. I do recall,</p> <p>12 I think Stephen and I had a brief conversation at the</p> <p>13 time, because the person was quite, looked quite big,</p> <p>14 let's put it this way, was this person an immediate</p> <p>15 threat to us or not and I think we ventured close and</p> <p>16 there was no movement. We came back. Certainly</p> <p>17 I recall seeing this person as I described, yes.</p> <p>18 Q. You have anticipated one of my other questions which is:</p> <p>19 do you recall other people wearing khaki coloured</p> <p>20 trousers?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, unfortunately, yes. So I can't be sure. At that</p> <p>22 point when I was giving my statement I was aware that</p> <p>23 Carson's family were desperately trying to find answers</p> <p>24 as well and I was trying to find, did this fit with my</p> <p>25 recollection? And I couldn't. But we recorded that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 115</p>
<p>1 obviously nobody answered because that was the intention</p> <p>2 and I do remember him again being lighthearted on the</p> <p>3 second day when the land mines were brought back into</p> <p>4 plaza 2. I can't remember if this is before or after</p> <p>5 the helicopter attack and one of the Filipinos, Raffy</p> <p>6 was his nickname, I remember him turning to Raffy, I</p> <p>7 remember hearing him say to Raffy, "it looks like we're</p> <p>8 the first to go then Raffy", because the mine had been</p> <p>9 placed close to them. But it just -- that's how upbeat</p> <p>10 he still was. We all still had hope if nothing else.</p> <p>11 Q. So your general impression of him was that he was trying</p> <p>12 to maintain a sense of humour about things and keep his</p> <p>13 spirits up as far as possible?</p> <p>14 A. Yes and I would say that Carson's a person with a lot of</p> <p>15 fight in him normally and he managed to control that.</p> <p>16 He could see the gravity of the situation and was</p> <p>17 presumably like the rest of us waiting for the</p> <p>18 opportunity to --</p> <p>19 Q. I would now like to jump ahead to after your exit from</p> <p>20 the convoy vehicle that you managed to escape from.</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. And a couple of these questions might be quite difficult</p> <p>23 so I will go briefly through them if I can.</p> <p>24 You recall in your statement when you headed back</p> <p>25 south coming across a vehicle where you saw a number of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 114</p>	<p>1 anyway.</p> <p>2 Q. I understand. Now, we have heard evidence from the</p> <p>3 pathologist that Carson's body suffered extreme</p> <p>4 disruption. So before I move on I do just want to ask</p> <p>5 the question: this body that you saw wearing the khaki</p> <p>6 coloured trousers, are you able to give us --</p> <p>7 A. It wasn't extreme.</p> <p>8 Q. It was not extreme?</p> <p>9 A. Not extreme. It still resembled a body.</p> <p>10 Q. The body was largely intact to your recollection?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 MR FLINN: That's very helpful. Thank you very much.</p> <p>13 Mr Adamson, thank you very for your assistance.</p> <p>14 I have no further questions.</p> <p>15 THE CORONER: Ms Gollop, are you going to be long?</p> <p>16 MS GOLLOP: I have no questions.</p> <p>17 THE CORONER: You had some, Mr Owen-Thomas, did you, to come</p> <p>18 back to?</p> <p>19 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Sir, I do. Probably about 10 or</p> <p>20 15 minutes.</p> <p>21 THE CORONER: What we will do is I think we'll break off</p> <p>22 now. And we'll start again at 1.55.</p> <p>23 (1.07 pm)</p> <p>24 (Luncheon Adjournment)</p> <p>25 (1.55 pm)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 116</p>

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<p>1 Further questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS</p> <p>2 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Mr Adamson, a few more questions from me if</p> <p>3 I may.</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. I am going to ask you about the evidence you gave about</p> <p>6 your recollection perhaps seeing Stephen on the 16th in</p> <p>7 the morning?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. And I wonder if exhibit X1174 could be placed up on the</p> <p>10 screen, please. Mr Adamson, this may well be behind</p> <p>11 your witness statement in the bundle but it may be</p> <p>12 easier to -- there we are.</p> <p>13 This is something you drew previously and</p> <p>14 Stephen Green's name doesn't appear on here but in light</p> <p>15 of your recollection and there is an unidentified UK</p> <p>16 male I wonder if you can help me, does --</p> <p>17 A. I mean, the reason I struggled in the beginning was</p> <p>18 I didn't have direct line of sight when I was sat down.</p> <p>19 I would have seen people approaching to circle, yeah,</p> <p>20 and I believe that Stephen Green would have sat</p> <p>21 somewhere around to the 3 o'clock position on that</p> <p>22 diagram of the centre circle. So next to Seb, I think.</p> <p>23 I see someone walking towards there, I believe it to be</p> <p>24 Stephen. Because it is not in my direct eye line from</p> <p>25 where I was I don't think it was really reaffirmed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 117</p>	<p>1 just for the sake of completeness you certainly can't</p> <p>2 recall him saying anything, doing anything or anything</p> <p>3 like that?</p> <p>4 A. No.</p> <p>5 Q. You were then taken back to the main plaza?</p> <p>6 A. On Day 2 for the exit, yes.</p> <p>7 Q. And I think previously you have been able to describe</p> <p>8 the layout of everyone on Day 2 of that plaza. Can you</p> <p>9 now recall principally where Stephen Green was and who</p> <p>10 was next to him?</p> <p>11 A. I don't recall where Stephen slept that night. I know</p> <p>12 that Fred Brattetieg was next to him and I think one of</p> <p>13 the Filipinos was on the other side of me but I'm not</p> <p>14 sure where Stephen's orientation was for that night or</p> <p>15 first thing in the morning.</p> <p>16 Q. What about when he refused to follow the instruction of</p> <p>17 the terrorist?</p> <p>18 A. The altercation I guess with the terrorist.</p> <p>19 Q. Are you able to say who was next to him or either side</p> <p>20 at that point?</p> <p>21 A. He was the only one sat on the wall at that point. We</p> <p>22 were all -- those that were there, I can't remember if</p> <p>23 it was when the people from plaza 2 joined us or not but</p> <p>24 the people that were there were on their knees and Steve</p> <p>25 was standing out by being the only person who chose to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 119</p>
<p>1 during the day.</p> <p>2 Q. Your best estimate would be between Seb and</p> <p>3 Stephen McFaul?</p> <p>4 A. Somewhere in that region between Sebastian and</p> <p>5 Stephen McFaul.</p> <p>6 Q. In that area, thank you very much.</p> <p>7 A. Between or next to I'm not 100 per cent.</p> <p>8 Q. You have explained how you were moved to the north wall</p> <p>9 of the VIP suite. And I think you were there</p> <p>10 effectively three times because you went there once.</p> <p>11 You went off to the JGC camp and came back. You went</p> <p>12 off to get your passport and you came back?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. Is it the case that you can now recollect seeing Stephen</p> <p>15 against the north wall of the VIP suite at any --</p> <p>16 A. Preempting this, no I can't sorry.</p> <p>17 Q. I think previously you thought he was there and you</p> <p>18 maybe communicated that to Mr Green?</p> <p>19 A. He was there but exactly his position, I'm sorry,</p> <p>20 I can't be any clearer than that. All of us were there</p> <p>21 so by default.</p> <p>22 Q. So you are content that you can say with some certainty</p> <p>23 he was there but whereabouts he was sat --</p> <p>24 A. I've no idea.</p> <p>25 Q. -- you can't help with. I think I asked you earlier but</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 118</p>	<p>1 sit on the concrete seat that's fashioned into the wall.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay, so rather than everyone moving away from him he</p> <p>3 didn't join everyone else?</p> <p>4 A. No, very close to us but not with us.</p> <p>5 Q. And are you now able to tell me on a clock face or</p> <p>6 perhaps going back to that exhibit that's up there,</p> <p>7 could you point out where --</p> <p>8 A. I would say it's probably 1 o'clock-ish position</p> <p>9 I recall. So it was quite tight to the edge but</p> <p>10 I recall Stephen -- certainly he was in that quadrant,</p> <p>11 put it that way.</p> <p>12 Q. So sat in the top right --</p> <p>13 A. Upper right, top right.</p> <p>14 Q. -- hand corner of the circular concrete ring which forms</p> <p>15 a seat?</p> <p>16 A. There is a seat formed inside, yes.</p> <p>17 Q. I have asked you some questions about the man you later</p> <p>18 found out was Ruben Andrada. I just want to ask you if</p> <p>19 you are able to help me with this: before Mr Andrada was</p> <p>20 put into the vehicle that you were put into do you</p> <p>21 recall, first of all, was he wearing glasses?</p> <p>22 A. I don't recall a face at all, sorry.</p> <p>23 Q. So would that be the same for facial hair, age?</p> <p>24 A. Exactly, yes, I have no recollection of who it was</p> <p>25 because I think subsequently when I saw him, which was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 120</p>

<p>1 on the internet, certainly of Carlos Estrada, I wouldn't</p> <p>2 be able to place that person and I was never able to</p> <p>3 confidentially place Estrada, Carlos, sorry.</p> <p>4 Q. Just more generally about your deployment in In Amenas.</p> <p>5 Did you ever discuss with your employer hostile</p> <p>6 environment training?</p> <p>7 A. No, at the time -- I have subsequently gone through that</p> <p>8 process but not at the time.</p> <p>9 Q. Were you aware of it as an option for people who were</p> <p>10 deployed into hostile environments?</p> <p>11 A. Aware of it being on offer? No.</p> <p>12 Q. To other areas?</p> <p>13 A. Aware of it being possible? Yes, because I did work and</p> <p>14 live in Baku before. Again there we did have some</p> <p>15 security briefings and such but not to the hostile</p> <p>16 environment level. My family as well who joined me out</p> <p>17 there, there was a level of security made clear even to</p> <p>18 the children but again, I didn't get hostile environment</p> <p>19 training per se when I joined the JV.</p> <p>20 Q. Not for Algeria?</p> <p>21 A. Not for Algeria.</p> <p>22 Q. And nor formally for anywhere?</p> <p>23 A. Not formally but again it was deemed sufficient briefing</p> <p>24 in the OLS or the OLC having I don't know, maybe three</p> <p>25 or four hours we spent in that room going through the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 121</p>	<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. And in that context I think you were providing an</p> <p>3 explanation of the difficulties in getting things done</p> <p>4 in Algeria in the context of providing equipment and</p> <p>5 systems. Would you just be able to expand on what you</p> <p>6 were explaining because I think you cut short your</p> <p>7 answer and you explained in particular that equipment</p> <p>8 had to be passed through customs and that I think it was</p> <p>9 being implied was a tortuous process?</p> <p>10 A. Certainly in my experience it has taken over nine months</p> <p>11 on occasion to have a piece of equipment delivered to</p> <p>12 site. So it was standard -- it was pretty much expected</p> <p>13 when we were ordering equipment we had to factor in that</p> <p>14 into the lead time as well as the manufacturing time.</p> <p>15 So it was never a straightforward process. Sometimes</p> <p>16 you would order stuff and it would appear in the next</p> <p>17 week, if it was minor items but major items of equipment</p> <p>18 it was much more difficult in my experience, which was</p> <p>19 many times, to get it on site.</p> <p>20 Q. Did that process also require approvals from the</p> <p>21 Algerian authorities for the equipment that was being</p> <p>22 provided?</p> <p>23 A. Yes. There were certain occasions, I suppose I can give</p> <p>24 as an example, a small flow device, trivial but had the</p> <p>25 word "armoured" on it which referred to it being</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 123</p>
<p>1 maps and the scenarios. So someone deemed that</p> <p>2 sufficient.</p> <p>3 Q. Were you aware that if, for example, you were deployed</p> <p>4 to somewhere like Iraq back in 2011/201 that hostile</p> <p>5 environment training may be offered?</p> <p>6 A. I'm aware now but I wasn't at the time, but again, just</p> <p>7 to qualify that, I would expected that to be available.</p> <p>8 For me risk is a likelihood consequence. There was</p> <p>9 never a risk that I would not have put myself in that</p> <p>10 position.</p> <p>11 Q. Finally just clarifying that, are you aware now that it</p> <p>12 is offered now or are you saying you are aware now it</p> <p>13 was offered then?</p> <p>14 A. Yes, because when I did my -- I wasn't aware it was</p> <p>15 offered in 2011. I'm aware it's available now because</p> <p>16 the HSE training that I did, the Iraq training was going</p> <p>17 on at the same time in the Portakabin next.</p> <p>18 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Thank you, Mr Adamson.</p> <p>19 Questions from MR POPAT</p> <p>20 MR POPAT: Mr Adamson, just a few questions. I ask</p> <p>21 questions on behalf of BP. You said that you were at</p> <p>22 In Amenas since 2008, August of 2008?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. And you therefore presumably have some experience of</p> <p>25 being in Algeria over the five years or so?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 122</p>	<p>1 industrial or ruggedised but the word "armoured" was not</p> <p>2 allowed and it was held in customs for a long time. So</p> <p>3 even for something simple like that we actually had to</p> <p>4 change the description to allow it to be released, yes.</p> <p>5 THE CORONER: Was that the piece that took nine months to</p> <p>6 get delivered?</p> <p>7 A. It could have been. I'm not 100 per cent. I think it's</p> <p>8 widely accepted it is a tortuous task to bring things in</p> <p>9 and out. That doesn't mean we were then taking on any</p> <p>10 risk. We mitigated, we tried to resolve what we saw in</p> <p>11 front of us, of course. We were not -- we were that</p> <p>12 professional, at least.</p> <p>13 MR POPAT: So far as security on the site is concerned, you</p> <p>14 were asked a number of questions about the security</p> <p>15 situation. In general terms could you just explain your</p> <p>16 views about what appeared to you to be the level of</p> <p>17 physical security and the level of security in the sense</p> <p>18 of access control provided by guards and others involved</p> <p>19 in that process?</p> <p>20 A. Physical security, when we travelled from the airport to</p> <p>21 the camp it was always under armed escort. If we went</p> <p>22 to any well sites, which I didn't do often but I did</p> <p>23 a couple of times, again it was under armed escort and</p> <p>24 I have been informed during those sessions going to</p> <p>25 wells which may be 5, 10 kilometres, I'm not sure</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 124</p>

<p>1 exactly, away from the CPF, that there were other troops 2 in that area, keeping the area safe and we had to 3 obviously talk back to radio, sign back to Papa Charlie. 4 All these things were done to make sure they knew where 5 we were. So I personally felt when I was outside of the 6 CPF area I still felt protected and on two occasions at 7 least I travelled up to Ohanet which is some 80 8 kilometres away from the site along the pipeline. 9 Again, armed escort but again I felt completely safe. 10 Personally. I can't talk for everybody I can only talk 11 for my own experience or I wouldn't have been there. 12 Q. And so far as the physical security on site is 13 concerned, the fences, the gates and T bars? 14 A. I think for me it's adequate to keep -- someone that was 15 intending to do us harm loaded to the teeth, there's no 16 way we can see clearly that it was insufficient for 17 whatever reason. But my mind is that the protection lay 18 outwith that. I hear 3 kilometres and I am disturbed by 19 that if it is but I believe it to be much further than 20 that. My experience is security is out in layers and 21 certainly when they get to the gate it is absolutely too 22 late, yes, absolutely too late to offer me any 23 protection. It would maybe buy a few minutes and that 24 may be enough to -- I guess, but short of -- I don't 25 know -- it seemed to okay to me or I wouldn't have been</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 125</p>	<p>1 by that one bar. But normally at night, and I did 2 experience it myself, during a muster for, not 3 a security muster, it was a fire drill, it was 8 o'clock 4 at night, I think, the gates were all locked. It was 5 good to see because the muster point was near there. 6 You could see that everything had been locked up. My 7 presumption it was always locked unless it was within, 8 outwith the curfew hours because once the curfew is over 9 we're allowed to move freely generally within that area. 10 THE CORONER: Apart from first thing in the morning and 11 8 o'clock or so at night were you ever back in the day 12 to see what was happening, in daytime? 13 A. It would only be a lunchtime and we would be anticipated 14 at that point so I never happened upon them and have 15 seen what the situation was. 16 THE CORONER: When you say you would be anticipated at 17 lunchtime what would be the position about the gate? Do 18 you mean it would be open and ready for you or closed? 19 A. Again, I believe it was just by the vehicle barrier. It 20 wasn't open and closed for every vehicle, yes. 21 MR POPAT: You weren't coming in to the BdV -- leaving or 22 coming into the BdV outside the morning or lunchtime 23 periods and then again obviously when you were coming 24 back at the end of the day? 25 A. Yes, correct.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 127</p>
<p>1 there. 2 Q. So far as access control did you have any experience of 3 guards checking bags and checking people and vehicles? 4 A. Yes, certainly when we came in and out on -- when we 5 returned from being overseas our bags were searched. 6 Not quite like you would get at the airport here, for 7 example, but there was still a check made. Now whether 8 I heard something about that was to keep, the expats 9 were done more thoroughly to keep them happy, I have no 10 way of substantiating that. Vehicle checks, again, the 11 mirrors, on occasion, not that regularly that I saw, 12 maybe it was more regular. The mirrors would be 13 underneath the vehicles to check. 14 Q. Mirrors on the long poles to check underneath? 15 A. Yes, entering, in an out. Certainly the CPF. I do 16 recall it happening at the BdV. 17 Q. Sorry, you? 18 A. At both gates to the CPF and BdV, they're more likely to 19 be at the CPF. 20 THE CORONER: What about the gate being left open that we 21 have heard about? 22 A. In the mornings my experience is that the gate was slid 23 back and there was a vehicle rise and fall control bar 24 and that was normally the situation when we went out in 25 the morning to go to the CPF. It was access controlled</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 126</p>	<p>1 Q. Just in relation to the occasion you were describing in 2 the evening time when the gates were shut, we have heard 3 about this additional or further barrier which is at the 4 top of the chicane? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. I am not sure you were here when that evidence was being 7 given. Mr Fitzpatrick was explaining how that operated 8 and where it was. Do you recall if that was in place? 9 A. I'm not sure I know exactly which one that is. There 10 was a sliding gate and there was a rise and fall 11 barrier. 12 Q. But you don't recall anything beyond the chicane which 13 would have acted as a further barrier or gate? Not 14 a sliding gate I think the way he was describing it. 15 THE CORONER: I got the impression it swung out. 16 MR POPAT: Swung round and then locked into the chicane. 17 A. Oh, yes, there was a large circular barrier probably 18 round about bonnet high of a car which could be swung 19 into place. I'm not sure it was always there or not. 20 I would need to see some pictures to be sure to refresh 21 my mind. 22 THE CORONER: We can show you part of it. 23 MR POPAT: Yes, we can show you the chicane part. 24 A. I know the chicane because I'm just trying to recall if 25 that was normally deployed or not.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 128</p>

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1 Q. I don't think we have a photograph of the barrier
 2 itself --
 3 THE CORONER: We have heard that the solid bit is just out
 4 of shot to the left and that it would come over and lock
 5 in to the piece of metal that's now, as it were, bent,
 6 the post that's bent. Does that?
 7 **A. I think that's right because when we who used to walk at**
 8 **night we were normally the last ones in because it would**
 9 **normally be around 6.30 and there is some other metal**
 10 **part there. I can't see it here though. It would sound**
 11 **plausible -- sounds like it could be -- if they're**
 12 **saying it's there it must be there. I just don't see**
 13 **it.**
 14 MR POPAT: No, I am afraid you can't see it there. All we
 15 can see is the post which is dipped down and the top of
 16 the post I think shows some colouring which may in fact
 17 be a metal clasp. It is not entirely clear from the
 18 photo.
 19 **A. I have seen other areas where that type of device is**
 20 **used.**
 21 Q. I just wanted to ask you about the modified security
 22 alarm that was being installed at the CPF.
 23 **A. Yes.**
 24 Q. You explained I think it was in the process of being
 25 installed?

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1 **A. Yes, the trenches were being dug to lay the fibre-optic**
 2 **cables. I think the larger speaker array had been**
 3 **arranged just west of the IBO on the -- yes.**
 4 Q. Just slow down and help us a little further with that.
 5 It may be in people's minds we are thinking about just
 6 one small device being fitted which would just operate
 7 to make an additional sound or an intermittent sound?
 8 **A. This was a network of stations that was planned.**
 9 **I don't know where the ultimate plan ended up due to the**
 10 **strike et cetera and the issues with BAAT and GTP**
 11 **employment as well elongated the whole process of doing**
 12 **anything on site. So it is an array system where there**
 13 **was at least three planned, I think it is three, I would**
 14 **need to check, planned installations of a control**
 15 **station and then there was a plan to put another one or**
 16 **two around the site. We are talking, speaker array**
 17 **sounds trivial but these are, the federal systems supply**
 18 **these for hurricane alert in Miami or wherever so this**
 19 **is a very robust system. This was going to be one**
 20 **speaker there and the plan had been, I don't know where**
 21 **it ended up, the plan had been to put other speakers**
 22 **within the CPF because it's a noisy environment so there**
 23 **would be visual indicators, which exist at the moment,**
 24 **and additional speakers to try and overcome the noise of**
 25 **the production facilities.**

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1 Q. And the connections by fibre-optic cable?
 2 **A. Fibre-optic, UPS backed and like I said, alluded to**
 3 **earlier, there was a debate over the cost of the UPS,**
 4 **not from BP or Statoil I must add but when it all comes**
 5 **together there are financial constraints obviously and**
 6 **this is something which hadn't been fully factored into**
 7 **the original cost but again, Statoil, BP procedure on**
 8 **security is -- robust systems is to have a UPS. So we**
 9 **insisted. It cost more I guess but that was incidental**
 10 **to me. We got what we wanted back up wise.**
 11 Q. And the UPS is the device you explained?
 12 **A. Uninterruptible power supply batteries, four hours**
 13 **minimum but normally much, much longer.**
 14 Q. Thank you. One final topic, Mr Adamson, and that is
 15 sharing of security information. You explained that
 16 there had been a security breach which you discovered
 17 after the incident but it is something that may have
 18 occurred a week or so before the incident?
 19 **A. It could have been a month before. It's not clear.**
 20 Q. And that was something you weren't aware of?
 21 **A. I wasn't aware of until I landed back again.**
 22 Q. In the main, generally, was there an exchange of
 23 information or provision of information about security
 24 issues, security risks and the like?
 25 **A. I think I remember two occasions where we were brought**

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1 together in IBO and situations around about In Amenas
 2 were described to us by, I think it was Fitz because its
 3 was the first time I'd met him I think, Mr Fitzpatrick
 4 I think. I wouldn't say it was a regular occurrence but
 5 again being on rotation it may have happened when
 6 I wasn't there and just not fed back to me in some way.
 7 So I don't know how regular they were but there was
 8 a facility to do that and if people wanted to do it they
 9 were free to obviously disclose anything. But again,
 10 maybe there were other incidents going on but to my
 11 knowledge no.
 12 Q. So that is in relation to particular incidents where you
 13 are getting some sort of talk?
 14 **A. Normally there was something because the rumour mill**
 15 **will go anyway and then someone has to answer the rumour**
 16 **mill if nothing else. But I believe it was policy to**
 17 **inform us of anything significant. It was always**
 18 **disclosing anything else significant occurs we will**
 19 **update you.**
 20 Q. Just linked to that did you have any sense that there
 21 was a culture among management that critics of the
 22 security set up would be considered to be troublemakers?
 23 **A. I heard that the other day and that was -- I don't think**
 24 **they'd carry much favour but I don't think they would be**
 25 **discriminated against for it. I would be shocked to**

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<p>1 hear that. I was actually quite shocked to hear that</p> <p>2 people did have concerns that, not that anyone needed to</p> <p>3 tell me, that's not my position, but I would have liked</p> <p>4 to have heard those things as well because maybe I could</p> <p>5 have done something, should have, could have.</p> <p>6 Q. So that isn't something that could have been</p> <p>7 communicated to you by anyone else: I feel if I said</p> <p>8 something about security I will be treated as</p> <p>9 a troublemaker?</p> <p>10 A. Never directly said to me, no.</p> <p>11 Q. Thank you. Mr Adamson, I am sure others would also like</p> <p>12 to thank you in the way that Mr McFaul was thanked, and</p> <p>13 rightly so, yesterday for coming and giving evidence in</p> <p>14 relation to what is indescribably horrific and certainly</p> <p>15 for BP's part may I thank you for that.</p> <p>16 A. Thank you.</p> <p>17 THE CORONER: Thank you very much indeed.</p> <p>18 A. Thank you.</p> <p>19 (The witness withdrew)</p> <p>20 MS DOLAN: Sir, the next witness is Garry Roberts.</p> <p>21 MR GARRY ROBERTS (sworn)</p> <p>22 Questions from MS DOLAN</p> <p>23 MS DOLAN: Good afternoon, Mr Roberts. Can you give us your</p> <p>24 full name please?</p> <p>25 A. Yes, it's William Garry Roberts.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 133</p>	<p>1 you had some experience in the Royal Air Force?</p> <p>2 A. Yes, going back quite a while.</p> <p>3 Q. And had you been involved in use of arms in the Royal</p> <p>4 Air Force?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. By the time January 2013 came round how long had you</p> <p>7 been at the plant at In Amenas?</p> <p>8 A. Two years.</p> <p>9 Q. And on the morning of Wednesday, 16th, where were you at</p> <p>10 the beginning of the morning?</p> <p>11 A. As the start of the morning I was in the accommodation.</p> <p>12 Q. And if we put up one of the photographs of the living</p> <p>13 area would you be able to help us. This is the one that</p> <p>14 has the letters on it. Do you want a hard copy in front</p> <p>15 of you which may help?</p> <p>16 A. Just here really.</p> <p>17 Q. So you are pointing in the -- is that the companies</p> <p>18 camp?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. To the left of the BdV?</p> <p>21 A. To the left of the BdV, yes.</p> <p>22 Q. And about the middle of the companies camp?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. But I think you had gone for breakfast?</p> <p>25 A. As usual Ray would come and meet me in my room. We'd</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 135</p>
<p>1 Q. And I think people refer to you as Garry though?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. So throughout some of the other people's evidence when</p> <p>4 they are talking about Garry that's you?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. And I think at back in January 2013 you were working at</p> <p>7 In Amenas?</p> <p>8 A. That's right.</p> <p>9 Q. And what was your job there?</p> <p>10 A. I was part offer the air technical part integrity team</p> <p>11 as an NDT technician.</p> <p>12 Q. And I think NDT is?</p> <p>13 A. Non-destructive testing.</p> <p>14 Q. What does that mean for those of us who don't --</p> <p>15 A. Basically testing the integrity of the pressure pipe</p> <p>16 working vessels, looking at the metal using ultrasonics</p> <p>17 or eddy currents.</p> <p>18 Q. Can I ask you to pull the microphone towards you a bit</p> <p>19 more so I catches other people at the back.</p> <p>20 I think you shared an office with Carson Bilsland?</p> <p>21 A. With Carson Bilsland and also with Raymond Bell.</p> <p>22 Q. And Carson was your immediate boss?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. I think before you came to work in the oil industry in</p> <p>25 In Amenas, in the petrochemical industry at In Amenas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 134</p>	<p>1 both walk over together to the restaurant for breakfast.</p> <p>2 Q. Do you recall what time you arrived at the restaurant.</p> <p>3 A. It would be roughly 5.30.</p> <p>4 Q. And of the expat staff who did you see in the restaurant</p> <p>5 when you got there?</p> <p>6 A. Mick Docherty and Sebastian and Victor, they were</p> <p>7 sitting on the same table.</p> <p>8 Q. That is Sebastian John and Victor Lovelady?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. Do you recall seeing Kenny Whiteside there as well?</p> <p>11 A. I don't recall seeing Kenny, no.</p> <p>12 Q. When you did your statement back in January over a year</p> <p>13 ago you said you think you saw Kenny at the restaurant?</p> <p>14 A. I think I did, but I'm not sure now.</p> <p>15 Q. Was he somebody you knew from the plant?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. You said you were there with Mick Docherty who I think</p> <p>18 we'll hear from later. And Ray?</p> <p>19 A. Ray Bell.</p> <p>20 Q. Ray Bell. And what was the first thing that was unusual</p> <p>21 about that day that you recall?</p> <p>22 A. We were sitting having breakfast and I thought I could</p> <p>23 hear an alarm in the distance and I said to Ray "Can you</p> <p>24 hear it?" Ray said he couldn't hear it.</p> <p>25 Q. You thought you heard a distant alarm?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 136</p>

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1 **A. Sounded more like a car alarm than anything else. It**
 2 **wasn't close I didn't think. It was not in the BdV.**
 3 **That went on and I said "I am sure I can hear**
 4 **something". I got some toast and came back and we**
 5 **noticed some of the Algerians had gone out of the north**
 6 **end of the canteen and come back in again. So myself**
 7 **and Ray went and had a look.**
 8 Q. Just pausing there. The alarm you could hear in the
 9 distance, is it possible that that was from the CPF?
 10 **A. No, it was from the CPF.**
 11 Q. It wouldn't be too far a distance away -- I think it is
 12 more than 3-kilometres away?
 13 **A. Yes, it was quite -- it may have been on the companies**
 14 **camp but I think I would have heard that louder.**
 15 Q. Okay. Sorry, so you continue. Then some Algerians came
 16 in the door?
 17 **A. Yes, they went out the north door and came back in again**
 18 **so me and -- myself and Ray went out to have a look and**
 19 **outside I see what I believed to be a Gendarme**
 20 **Landcruiser with a Gendarme standing in front of it sort**
 21 **of motioning for us, what I thought was to go back in**
 22 **the restaurant. He may have been calling us this way,**
 23 **I don't know.**
 24 Q. Again, looking at the picture we have on the screen, it
 25 should be in front of you as well, where were you

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1 standing when you saw that?
 2 **A. We were standing at the north end of the canteen in the**
 3 **middle.**
 4 Q. Is that about where K is on that picture? Are you able
 5 to see it from there? Would it help to have a paper
 6 copy in front of you? We can give you a hard paper copy
 7 if that helps.
 8 **A. No, further to the right, to the centre of the**
 9 **restaurant.**
 10 Q. So to the right of the K?
 11 **A. Yes.**
 12 Q. So you are standing there and you said you saw somebody
 13 you thought was a Gendarme, where were they standing?
 14 **A. They were standing between the liaison office and the**
 15 **reception building, the Landcruiser's parked there.**
 16 Q. Is that somewhere over by where N is on that diagram?
 17 **A. Yes, roughly where N is and I believed that to be**
 18 **a Gendarme vehicle. That green door with the sort of**
 19 **red sickle.**
 20 Q. A green door with a red?
 21 **A. With a red sickle and stars.**
 22 Q. Did the vehicle look like it had any damage to it?
 23 **A. No, but there appeared to be like smoke. I thought it**
 24 **was an exercise, you see, so I thought it was a smoke**
 25 **grenade that that had gone off the back of it. There**

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1 **seemed to be smoke coming from it. There was a Gendarme**
 2 **standing in front of it with a Kalishnikov and I thought**
 3 **he motioned for me to go back in but he may well have**
 4 **been saying to come here but we went back into the**
 5 **restaurant anyway.**
 6 Q. Can I ask you more about that vehicle -- and I can see
 7 you are putting your glasses on and off. Are they
 8 glasses for long sight?
 9 **A. Just for reading.**
 10 Q. So looking at distances you have good vision?
 11 **A. Yes, fine.**
 12 Q. We have seen photographs of something which may be
 13 a vehicle that came through the gate?
 14 **A. Right.**
 15 Q. Can I ask you to look at them. IA026, page 7. It is
 16 actually page 7 of the folder in front of you I think.
 17 **A. No, that was it.**
 18 Q. That is not a vehicle with that much damage?
 19 **A. No, I don't think the vehicle had any damage.**
 20 THE CORONER: There was just what, some smoke coming from
 21 the back of it?
 22 **A. Yes, looked like -- I was convinced at the time it was**
 23 **an exercise and I thought it was just a smoke grenade,**
 24 **you know, just for effect. So we were literally out and**
 25 **in, in seconds.**

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1 MS DOLAN: In those seconds what angle were you looking at
 2 the vehicle from? Was it front towards you, side
 3 towards you?
 4 **A. It was parked side on towards me, facing into the BdV so**
 5 **the back end near the liaison office.**
 6 THE CORONER: But it didn't have any damage at all that you
 7 could see?
 8 **A. I don't think it was damaged. But it certainly wasn't**
 9 **going like that and it had a green door on it.**
 10 MS DOLAN: And it was the green door which to you marked it
 11 out --
 12 **A. As a Gendarme vehicle.**
 13 Q. And the chap you saw waving to you, was he in the
 14 vehicle or?
 15 **A. No, he was standing outside at the front of the vehicle**
 16 **looking towards us and he was wearing Gendarme uniform**
 17 **with a cap.**
 18 Q. With a cap?
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 Q. And we have heard described that the terrorists had
 21 green colour clothing?
 22 **A. Right.**
 23 Q. Which some people have described as military uniforms.
 24 There is a difference between the smart uniform uniform
 25 of a Gendarme properly on duty and somebody who was

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<p>1 wearing military fatigues of different sorts?</p> <p>2 A. I would say it was the Gendarme uniform.</p> <p>3 Q. So the impression to you was it was a formal --</p> <p>4 A. Mmm.</p> <p>5 Q. Anyway, he motioned towards you and you understood that</p> <p>6 to mean to go back into the building?</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. So what happened next?</p> <p>9 A. We went back in. I think I started finishing eating my</p> <p>10 toast and then I thought I'd go and sit in the VIP room</p> <p>11 which is a small sort of ante room to the dining room.</p> <p>12 Q. Can we just pause at that point and locate ourselves</p> <p>13 around the canteen building?</p> <p>14 A. Right.</p> <p>15 Q. First of all, I think you drew a sketch of the canteen</p> <p>16 and we'll put that on the screen. I think you have</p> <p>17 a hard copy there?</p> <p>18 A. This one here, yes?</p> <p>19 Q. Yes. Can we have X356, thank you. Is it possible to</p> <p>20 make that a little bit bigger, the relevant part, just</p> <p>21 for the public. It is a bit difficult for the families</p> <p>22 to see that on the screen. Thank you.</p> <p>23 Whichever, either the paper or the screen, is easier</p> <p>24 for you, Mr Roberts?</p> <p>25 A. Right.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 141</p>	<p>1 the canteen?</p> <p>2 A. That is roughly the table where we were sitting at was.</p> <p>3 Q. At this stage we have some photographs of the canteen</p> <p>4 taken before the incident.</p> <p>5 A. Right.</p> <p>6 Q. We are going to put those up just to get us located</p> <p>7 around the canteen.</p> <p>8 A. Okay.</p> <p>9 Q. First of all, do you recognise that picture as the</p> <p>10 location of the canteen?</p> <p>11 A. The canteen wasn't in this configuration at the time.</p> <p>12 This is the south end.</p> <p>13 Q. But does that look like the canteen building?</p> <p>14 A. Yes, that's it, yes.</p> <p>15 Q. I think there are remnants of some Christmas decorations</p> <p>16 on the roof there that might help us?</p> <p>17 A. It was all changed around. The cake display and the</p> <p>18 fridge were brought to the north end.</p> <p>19 Q. So what we are looking at there, the cake display and</p> <p>20 the fridge in the back right corner, you are going to</p> <p>21 tell us they were somewhere else on 16 January, but when</p> <p>22 you talk about the cake display that's it?</p> <p>23 A. That's the cake display.</p> <p>24 Q. Are you able to say which end of the canteen this is</p> <p>25 then?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 143</p>
<p>1 Q. So first of all, orientating ourselves on this plan,</p> <p>2 I think it doesn't have north up, does it?</p> <p>3 A. You can't see it on your screen but on mine it has got</p> <p>4 north. North being to the left.</p> <p>5 Q. So we have to turn it in a sense to landscape to get</p> <p>6 north up. Because your labels are written in this</p> <p>7 direction we'll keep it in a sense where east is at the</p> <p>8 top of this plan, is that right?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. The door you went in and out of when you saw the</p> <p>11 Gendarme, which door -- where was that?</p> <p>12 A. That would be on the north end of the building.</p> <p>13 Q. So the left-hand side on this plan?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. If we put the cursor on it.</p> <p>16 A. Down and to your left. There. (Indicated)</p> <p>17 Q. So that is the door you have come in and out of, looking</p> <p>18 north out of that door seeing the Gendarme?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. And then you say you came back in and you went into</p> <p>21 a different area of the canteen?</p> <p>22 A. Where A is.</p> <p>23 Q. Where?</p> <p>24 A. A.</p> <p>25 Q. A. So this is just the general tables in the middle of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 142</p>	<p>1 A. That is the south end. That is the entrance if you</p> <p>2 like. That's where we'd normally go in.</p> <p>3 Q. So on your sketch plan that is marked as E?</p> <p>4 A. E, yes.</p> <p>5 Q. Again, are you able to help us with what we are looking</p> <p>6 at there?</p> <p>7 A. That is a servery, marked servery on the map.</p> <p>8 Q. And that is on your sketch plan is the middle of the</p> <p>9 map?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. So there's an area, a cooking area behind the servery</p> <p>12 and is that where you wouldn't normally go as --</p> <p>13 A. No, I'd never been in there before.</p> <p>14 Q. -- as customers. So you would be in this bottom half?</p> <p>15 A. Where the guy is sitting down on the left there that's</p> <p>16 where we were sitting.</p> <p>17 Q. Right. There is one more picture just again to help us.</p> <p>18 So what are we looking at here? If you can help with</p> <p>19 that?</p> <p>20 A. Right, this is the north end now.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay.</p> <p>22 A. We have one fridge there and then the other fridge and</p> <p>23 the cake display were moved to that position.</p> <p>24 Q. So where we see the fridge in the top of this picture on</p> <p>25 the 16th there was a cake display a fridge and the other</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 144</p>

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<p>1 fridge moved to there?</p> <p>2 A. And the drinks cabinet alongside it but towards the door</p> <p>3 if you like.</p> <p>4 Q. We'll go back to your sketch plan now I think. So</p> <p>5 again, looking at this, where you had put A on the</p> <p>6 sketch plan to the left of A on the sketch plan it says</p> <p>7 "cake display drinks fridge"?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. That is the area we have just been looking at on the</p> <p>10 picture, is that right?</p> <p>11 A. That's right.</p> <p>12 Q. So you had gone back in and you had gone back and sat at</p> <p>13 the table at A where you told us. What happened next?</p> <p>14 A. I moved then to sit in the VIP small seating area B.</p> <p>15 That was -- I think at some time it has been a VIP</p> <p>16 dinning area but then it was opened up for anyone else</p> <p>17 to use and I was thinking it was still a drill.</p> <p>18 I thought I would sit in there for a few hours until the</p> <p>19 drill was finished. I think Ray and Mick still stayed</p> <p>20 at the table drinking coffee or something. I'm not</p> <p>21 sure.</p> <p>22 Q. What happened next?</p> <p>23 A. One of the young stewards came in and started looking</p> <p>24 through the curtains and I said "you shouldn't look</p> <p>25 through the curtains" and he went to open the door and I</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 145</p>	<p>1 Q. Do you know what Salim had done to try and call</p> <p>2 a doctor?</p> <p>3 A. He had been trying to call on the radio.</p> <p>4 Q. Who would he call on the radio?</p> <p>5 A. I don't know, I presume the medic.</p> <p>6 Q. The medic was?</p> <p>7 A. I don't know who the medic was at the time. I don't</p> <p>8 know their names anyway. He said "Nobody can move".</p> <p>9 I said "what do you mean nobody can move?" I said "new</p> <p>10 will have to stop this exercise because this guy's got a</p> <p>11 serious injury." He said "I don't know what's</p> <p>12 happening", sort of thing. Nobody can move. I said "we</p> <p>13 need to get a first aid kit." I think he broke down,</p> <p>14 the manager's door, the canteen manager's door and</p> <p>15 brought out quite a large medical kit which had two</p> <p>16 pieces of gauze and some sticky plaster in, I think.</p> <p>17 Q. So there wasn't much in the kit when it was obtained?</p> <p>18 A. No. So we just bunged up one gauze into a ball, put</p> <p>19 that into that wound and this gauze over and then we had</p> <p>20 no other towels or nothing. So it was just paper tissue</p> <p>21 really, paper serviettes. Told Kel to keep some</p> <p>22 pressure on it and that the doctor was coming and</p> <p>23 wouldn't be long and it wasn't a serious injury. Then</p> <p>24 he lay there for a bit and then Ray and Mick were</p> <p>25 talking to him about he was building a house in Norway</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 147</p>
<p>1 said "don't open the door" and then he went, and I'm not</p> <p>2 sure who was in the room with me. There was someone</p> <p>3 else in there. Not sure who it was. Shortly after that</p> <p>4 I seen Kel, the Norwegian guy come in. He looked quite</p> <p>5 pale and sort of distressed and I thought this was going</p> <p>6 to be an actor. We're going to have to treat him for</p> <p>7 some kind of wound or something.</p> <p>8 Q. Kel was one of your Norwegian colleague?</p> <p>9 A. I had never met him before that day.</p> <p>10 Q. Someone you didn't know?</p> <p>11 A. Someone I didn't know. I knew him afterwards obviously</p> <p>12 and I think Ray and Mick sat him over in a chair and</p> <p>13 said Kel's hurt himself and I said "what's happened here</p> <p>14 then Kel?" He said something, "I hurt my leg". There</p> <p>15 was a lot of blood on his trousers and I was expecting</p> <p>16 to go see some kind of made up wound, you know, when</p> <p>17 eventually he got his trousers down, it was quite</p> <p>18 a large wound, about 4-inch, inch wide, half inch deep</p> <p>19 and he was losing quite a blood. So I said, to, I think</p> <p>20 Salim was there, we need to get a doctor or medic here.</p> <p>21 Q. And Salim is one of your Algerian colleagues?</p> <p>22 A. Yes, Algerian colleagues and Salim was taking a while</p> <p>23 and went to see him and asked "what's happening"? He</p> <p>24 says "nobody can move, nobody can come". I said "we'll</p> <p>25 have to get a first aid kit then because he's bleeding."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 146</p>	<p>1 and then out of curiosity I said "well, how did this</p> <p>2 happen, Kel?" He says, oh -- I say "was it smoke</p> <p>3 grenade or like a thunder flash?" A thunder flash is</p> <p>4 a simulated grenade. I said "pyrotechnic?" He said</p> <p>5 "yes, pyrotechnic" and I said "that's bloody unlucky",</p> <p>6 and he has passed that and it has gone off and so I'm</p> <p>7 still thinking it's an exercise. And then after a bit</p> <p>8 he said "And when I stood up he shot me again." I said</p> <p>9 "what do you mean he shot you again?" He said "he shot</p> <p>10 me two times." I said "where"? He says "on my neck".</p> <p>11 He had two small grazes on his neck that weren't wounds</p> <p>12 but later when I talked to him I believe the rounds went</p> <p>13 into his laptop on his backpack and that's what's cut</p> <p>14 him.</p> <p>15 So I said to Ray then I says, "I'm a bit worried</p> <p>16 now, Ray, I think this is something serious".</p> <p>17 Q. That was the first time you were aware there had been</p> <p>18 bullets fired?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. You hadn't heard anything at this point?</p> <p>21 A. No, I hadn't heard anything. I heard witnesses today</p> <p>22 saying there was gunfire at quarter to six which is the</p> <p>23 time we would have been outside looking at the Gendarme</p> <p>24 but I can't recall it. But then you could hear it.</p> <p>25 After Kel had said you could sort of hear gunshots.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 148</p>

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<p>1 Q. And I think you went over to where the fridge and the 2 cake display are and started moving --</p> <p>3 A. Yes, I pulled the fridge and the cake display out 4 allowing us to get behind there. I said to Ray "if 5 anything happens get in behind the fridges. I'm going 6 to go and look for some knives." So that's when I went 7 into the kitchen area. It's like a maze in there. I've 8 never been in there. Through a couple of offices and 9 small storerooms but I couldn't find any knives at all. 10 Eventually got to the back to the sort of the east end, 11 if you like.</p> <p>12 Q. So if we are looking at your sketch plan that is what, 13 towards C?</p> <p>14 A. Yes, C.</p> <p>15 Q. Top of the diagram?</p> <p>16 A. The walk in freezers and just down the side of the 17 walk in freezers was a small corridor and just as I got 18 there two or three Algerian guys come hastily coming out 19 of there saying "someone's coming". So I ran through 20 into the restaurant. Couldn't see Ray or Mick anywhere. 21 I went in behind the fridges shortly followed by Ray and 22 Mick. So there was one Algerian guy there and at that 23 time I think between me and Ray we'd said we'd better 24 get up there. So I got on the cake display, Ray got up. 25 Gave me a leg up. I pulled up Ray and then we got Mick</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 149</p>	<p>1 through the door?</p> <p>2 A. It's hard to say. A few. You could hear there was 3 quite a few coming through.</p> <p>4 Q. So you are up in the ceiling. What do you do next in 5 the ceiling?</p> <p>6 A. We moved to the far end above the toilets, to the west 7 end of the building I would say, the west side of the 8 building.</p> <p>9 Q. So again on this plan you have moved to what is actually 10 the bottom of the page on this plan for the west end. 11 Is that right?</p> <p>12 A. Sorry, south end.</p> <p>13 Q. South end. So the right-hand side of the plan?</p> <p>14 A. Marked A, men's toilet.</p> <p>15 Q. And you moved over to that part in the ceiling?</p> <p>16 A. Yes, the brick wall was protruding there about the 17 ceiling so we could stand on there because it's -- there 18 is a lot of ducting in there. We weren't quite sure how 19 strong it was and of course the suspended ceiling wasn't 20 strong at all. And you wouldn't dare stand on that.</p> <p>21 Q. And I think when you were there you had your mobile 22 phones and could get into contact with some colleagues?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. And what did you discover from them?</p> <p>25 A. We discovered that one guy has already been killed and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 151</p>
<p>1 up.</p> <p>2 Q. And this is when you moved the tiles to go into the 3 roof?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. And I think Victor Lovelady and Sebastian John were 6 still in the canteen at this time?</p> <p>7 A. They were behind the fridges then. They were in behind 8 the fridges and Victor would have been next up.</p> <p>9 Q. I think there wasn't time for them to get up in the 10 roof?</p> <p>11 A. By the time Victor got to the ceiling point they were 12 coming in through the door then.</p> <p>13 Q. And I think Victor fell and injured his ankle?</p> <p>14 A. Victor fell.</p> <p>15 Q. And we have heard other witnesses talk about Victor 16 having an injury to his leg?</p> <p>17 A. Yes, he fell about 6-foot.</p> <p>18 Q. So it was likely that was sustained in that fall?</p> <p>19 A. Yes, I think so.</p> <p>20 Q. And I think you are up in the roof when people come in 21 through the door?</p> <p>22 A. Yes, you could hear people coming in the door. Not 23 shouting or smashing but rushing in through the door, 24 banging in through the door.</p> <p>25 Q. And could you tell how many people were coming in</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 150</p>	<p>1 that Garry Barlow had been taken.</p> <p>2 Q. Do you remember when that news came through, so you are 3 talking about Paul Morgan?</p> <p>4 A. There was no name at the time. Kev Graham down at the 5 CPF he was giving me most of the information and some 6 from Davy.</p> <p>7 Q. Davy being?</p> <p>8 A. Davy Murray and that was all really from those two. 9 I had one from my friend in Thailand who texted me 10 saying there's something on the news. We already knew 11 about it by then.</p> <p>12 Q. So you were getting information from people who were at 13 the CPF?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. About what was happening there?</p> <p>16 A. That there were terrorists, they're dressed in army 17 uniform. Don't trust anybody.</p> <p>18 Q. I think there came a time when that message came through 19 having been relayed from the IMT at Hassi, was it, to 20 not trust anybody?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, I think it did, maybe to Kev Graham, yes.</p> <p>22 Q. And from what you could hear in the roof was there any 23 voices that happened during that first day that you 24 could recognise?</p> <p>25 A. The first day there was a lot of coming and going and it</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 152</p>

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<p>1 seemed to be quite jovial whoever it was, the first, 2 when we were first up there, the first ten minutes, 3 everybody seemed to be moved out and I think I said in 4 my statements maybe we've cocked it up here. We're 5 stuck up here and that was the rescue mission to get 6 everyone out. But we thought we'll just stay here and 7 see and I think during the day, because there were 8 people in and out and there was a lot of banging and 9 smashing in the restaurant and in the storerooms and we 10 could hear them taking stuff out, taking what we 11 presumed to be food and supplies out. And I think it 12 got a bit quieter during the day. During the night they 13 weren't in there. Not many, they were in and out but 14 not as many as during the day.</p> <p>15 Q. During that first day did you hear gunfire? 16 A. A little bit when after Kel said "I've been shot" then 17 you could listen. You could hear a little bit of 18 gunfire. That was maybe from VCP1 at that time. 19 I don't think I heard anything during the day then. 20 Q. I think when you did your statement you thought that 21 some time in the afternoon exchanges of gunfire 22 increased around you. Do you recall that? 23 A. I think there is a little bit of small arms gunfire but 24 timing is out the window really. I didn't have any 25 times.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 153</p>	<p>1 Q. So you moved over to there? 2 A. So we decided to move over to there. 3 Q. This is now the east end of the building, the side that 4 is pointing towards VCP1, that direction? 5 A. That's right, yes. 6 THE CORONER: So they were so tall they're actually coming 7 through the roof? 8 A. Yes about maybe that much, the ceiling was here, the top 9 of the walk in freezers, and they were quite solid. 10 Whereas where we were the bricks were dislodging. Every 11 time we moved it sounded like a marching band really. 12 There was dislodging stuff and so we decided it would be 13 better there. We found a bit of cardboard and put that 14 down and we sat there. We sat there for a while and 15 I wasn't too happy there because if anyone wanted they 16 could have just popped their head up and they could have 17 seen us. 18 Q. And that was because there was another tile dislodged at 19 this point? 20 A. Mick said "it's going to be told cold here", because 21 there is a door below there and a door leading out and 22 I'm pretty sure at some point there had been somebody 23 down there because there was a chair there and the two 24 doors were lodged open and the cold was coming in. It 25 was very cold at night.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 155</p>
<p>1 Q. Then I think you spent the night up in the roof? 2 A. Yes, we spent the first night there and I don't think 3 there was any gunfire during that night. I'm pretty 4 sure. I slept quite a bit to be honest with you. 5 I don't know how but Ray told me there had been some 6 gunfire while I'd been asleep so I never heard it. 7 Q. And I think Ray also told you about hearing somebody's 8 voice he recognised down below while you had been asleep 9 that night? 10 A. Yeah, I think he said Yann was down there. 11 Q. Yann Desyeux? 12 A. Yeah, Ray can speak a bit of French. During the night 13 I had noticed that there was light coming from the far 14 end from the -- it would be east end of the building, 15 coming up. 16 Q. The top of this diagram? 17 A. Coming up from the tiles and in the morning I wanted to 18 go and see what it was. So I went down in the morning 19 and a tile had been moved to put like a heater, some 20 kind of fan or something, so it had been done before 21 obviously but I noticed that the walk in freezers were 22 protruding through the roof and offered a better 23 position for us to be in. 24 Q. This is at the top of the diagram they are marked? 25 A. Yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 154</p>	<p>1 Q. So you moved from there? 2 A. We decided to move to -- I think it's marked F. 3 Q. F is very near the walk in freezers on the plan I'm 4 looking at, top right? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. So you moved a little bit away? 7 A. It was like a suspended ceiling and it was quite solid. 8 We tested it and it was quite solid so we felt quite 9 happy there but I think when we got there I said to 10 Mick, "now is your phone switched off?" Because we 11 decided we'd use my phone until the battery goes and 12 then "switch your phone on Mick so you have got enough" 13 and Mick says I think I've knocked me phone off where we 14 were before. So I said "well you stay here and me and 15 Ray will go and get it." We went back to the place 16 where we were originally sleeping on top of the ducting 17 and Ray said -- 18 Q. Is that by the men's toilets at A? 19 A. Yes, quite close to the men's toilets and Ray says "it's 20 here, found it." That was great. Ray had given his 21 jacket to Kel to put under his head and so Ray was now 22 in a T-shirt and the first night he said "I was nearly 23 hypothermic and I can't do another night like that. 24 We're going to have to go down and get my stuff." 25 I said "well that's like a crazy idea." You know.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 156</p>

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<p>1 Q. For timing, this is about the early hours of the morning 2 is it?</p> <p>3 A. Yes. I said "that's a bit crazy", he said "I'm going to 4 be freezing tonight". He said "I'll go down and you 5 keep a look out." So Ray went down into the canteen 6 earlier. Managed to find Mick's rucksack. At the time 7 Mick is still in position F and a tea towel which is 8 like a blanket but then someone was coming in so the 9 second time we went to get some more food and got some 10 water and then he said "someone's coming so we had 11 better get up", so we got back up again. And we got 12 back to Mick and he was quite relieved to see us because 13 he thought we had gone. And we had his rucksack which 14 had two apples, two bananas, we two litres of water, 15 because we didn't know how long we're going to be there. 16 Could be negotiations, could be weeks, you know. So we 17 sort of hunkered down in this position. I can't 18 remember any timescale at all. But while we were there 19 in that position at some point there was four rather 20 large rounds, maybe 50 millimetre, 50 calibre came 21 through the wall. We had the blanket over our head just 22 trying to conserve some heat and that noise was like, 23 just made my ears just whistle and when the whistle had 24 stopped there was like a loud hissing noise which we 25 thought maybe it's hit the gas. Then I recall the cook</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 157</p>	<p>1 that but when we looked again there was another big hole 2 where we had sat the second time. Another big hole in 3 the wall there and there was one at the front of the 4 building at the north side of the building which is very 5 big. You see a lot of light coming in now. There's 6 holes everywhere. So we're sitting there and I can't 7 remember the time, maybe 12 o'clock. I'm sure that we 8 heard a lot of sort or rustling and chairs being moved 9 down below and it sounds like someone was building 10 a barricade, I don't know what it was. I later found 11 out that it was Kel dragging himself back into the 12 building because they tried to take him to the 13 Landcruiser or to go down to the CPF.</p> <p>14 Q. Just pause there, who did you find this out from?</p> <p>15 A. From Kel. I went over to Norway and Kel was saying that 16 he had to drag himself back in.</p> <p>17 Q. So Kel had been where?</p> <p>18 A. He was -- Kel had been put into a storeroom, I think 19 it's next to B on the west side of the building.</p> <p>20 Q. Where it says "store" there next to the small seating 21 area?</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 Q. And he had been put in there by whom?</p> <p>24 A. I think Yann had negotiated to let an Algerian guy look 25 after Kel in there.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 159</p>
<p>1 telling me there was no gas it was all electric. So I 2 thought maybe it's hit the freon in the fridge or 3 something. But when we took the blankets of or the 4 table cloth there was four holes round about this big in 5 the position where we had originally been sitting.</p> <p>6 Q. So they were where the walk in freezers were?</p> <p>7 A. Yes, exactly where we had been sitting. So we sat 8 there -- then there was a lot of gunfire now and a lot 9 of small arms fire and a lot of loud bangs, a lot going 10 on. A big battle. And it is a steel skeleton structure 11 which they in-fill with prefabricated panels or concrete 12 blocks, so it offers no protection at all really.</p> <p>13 But the metal was like this wide at the top of the 14 building so we decided to go back above the toilets 15 which would put maybe three or four of these metal 16 girders in between us, offering no protection from the 17 front of the building but from the side we thought well 18 it's better than sitting by that wall, we seemed to be 19 getting hit all the time.</p> <p>20 Q. So we are now in the daytime on Thursday 17th?</p> <p>21 A. This would be 10 o'clock, something like that in the 22 morning I would think. I think we stayed there for the 23 rest of the day and there was a lot of small arms fire 24 going on, a bit of movement down below and I'm not sure 25 what time it went quieter. Maybe 12, something like</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 158</p>	<p>1 Q. One of the Algerians who worked at --</p> <p>2 A. Yes, I don't know who it was, was left to look after Kel 3 and they had been in there for the whole time.</p> <p>4 Q. And that was because of his injury?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, but I think when they decided to move the hostages 6 to the CPF they tried to get Kel on a blanket but they 7 couldn't. He was a really big guy and they couldn't get 8 him out. They were just getting to the Landcruiser when 9 the helicopter came and he said they just dropped him 10 there and they ran, the terrorists ran, left him there 11 but Kel said "I thought I'd better get away from this 12 vehicle because the helicopters are going to have a go 13 at it." So he dragged himself in and when we came down 14 Kel was already gone. Kel had already been rescued.</p> <p>15 Q. So you later discovered the noise you had heard 16 downstairs at this time had been Kel moving about?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. And this therefore was after the convoy, if we call it 19 that, had already left with the hostages?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. And had you heard the convoy leaving with the other 22 hostages?</p> <p>23 A. We couldn't see nothing. From the back of the building, 24 not even a small crack you could look out of, so we 25 couldn't see anything. So all the sounds, you try to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 160</p>

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<p>1 imagine. You could hear some vehicles but you didn't 2 know what they were. Didn't even know how close they 3 were. But at one point there's an American came in, or 4 we thought an American, and he said "is it okay if I go 5 for a pee?" And he says "Sure man". And he says "it's 6 okay." At that point we thought like the Americans had 7 come to rescue us but then he said "I won't run away. 8 I won't try and escape." We thought ooh, it can't be. 9 Wouldn't be saying that if someone is coming to rescue 10 you. So we stayed quiet again.</p> <p>11 Q. Are you able to pinpoint the time that happened?</p> <p>12 A. Maybe you are better asking Ray. Ray has a better 13 recollection of timing than me.</p> <p>14 Q. But I think by this point, probably unknown to you, it 15 sounds like the convoy would have left if Kel is coming 16 back in?</p> <p>17 A. Yes, I would say so, yes.</p> <p>18 Q. And how much longer did you stay in the ceiling of the 19 building?</p> <p>20 A. I think till that night. I'm sure it was about 21 8 o'clock, 9 o'clock that night, I'm sure. But you 22 could hear the battle going sort of further away, you 23 know. It sounded like it was going towards the edge of 24 the falaise. If you imagine the army were chasing them 25 that way but we weren't sure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 161</p>	<p>1 A. Passports, desert passes.</p> <p>2 Q. So what, the Gendarmes took you to recover some of 3 your --</p> <p>4 A. Yes, there was may be four or five Landcruisers and 5 they've got to check first, make sure it is all safe. 6 Then you'd go in your room and be as quick as you can 7 and grab the stuff you needed and get out.</p> <p>8 Q. During that you saw some Gendarmes with a flag?</p> <p>9 A. The Gendarmes in our car had a flag and I can't remember 10 what it looked like.</p> <p>11 Q. But --</p> <p>12 A. It had gold tassels on it.</p> <p>13 Q. Did he tell you something about that?</p> <p>14 A. He said "this is their flag".</p> <p>15 Q. It belonged to the terrorists?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. And I think when you got to VCP1 you saw the coach, the 18 bus at the side of the road?</p> <p>19 A. Yes, we went past the coach. It had been pretty well 20 shot up.</p> <p>21 Q. It had been shot up?</p> <p>22 A. Yes there was a couple of Landcruisers still there from 23 the convoy I presume.</p> <p>24 Q. In your witness statement you said you didn't want to 25 look closely at the bus?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 163</p>
<p>1 Q. And I think eventually people did come in and it turned 2 out to be Salim, your colleague that you mentioned 3 earlier?</p> <p>4 A. Again, people come in and if they go in the toilet and 5 we're right above them. I think they were talking in 6 French, Arabic, I can't remember but then they stopped 7 and they said "Is anybody in there?" Not "anybody up 8 there?" Was anybody in there? And Ray decided it would 9 be a good idea to say at this point to say Ray Bell, 10 Garry Roberts and Mick Docherty.</p> <p>11 Q. But it turned out it was fine that he said that because 12 it was Salim and --</p> <p>13 A. Salim said "is that you Garry?" I said "yes" but even 14 then I was thinking they may have a gun to his head or 15 anything but Ray lifted the tile and there was 16 a Gendarme down there with his gun pointing down and he 17 said "come down you're safe".</p> <p>18 Q. And then after that you were rescued and taken?</p> <p>19 A. We were taken to VCP1, stayed there for a while and then 20 on to In Amenas.</p> <p>21 Q. But I think before you even got to VCP1 you were taken 22 round the site in some Land Rovers?</p> <p>23 A. Yes, we went round to get some paperwork, whatever we 24 could from our rooms.</p> <p>25 Q. Paperwork, do you mean your passports?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 162</p>	<p>1 A. No, I didn't know if anybody was in there, you know.</p> <p>2 Q. But you did enough to notice bullet holes?</p> <p>3 A. Yes, you imagine looking at the state of the bus there 4 would be somebody in there.</p> <p>5 Q. Just one thing, going back to some of the text messages 6 you received. I think when you did your statement you 7 had your phone and could look at some of the times of 8 the text messages that you received?</p> <p>9 A. I had my phone at the time.</p> <p>10 Q. When you did your statement?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. And I think the text you received from Dave Murray 13 telling you that Gordon, was that -- and Garry Barlow, 14 was that Gordon Rowan?</p> <p>15 A. Yes, Gordon Rowan.</p> <p>16 Q. Had been taken at 0750 in the morning. Had you got that 17 text?</p> <p>18 A. Could have been about that time, yes.</p> <p>19 Q. And I think it is 7.52 you got a text to tell you there 20 had been a threat to blow up the CPF?</p> <p>21 A. If that's in my statement.</p> <p>22 Q. Your statement is there in front of you. It is page 27. 23 I have the advantage of you. I have it open here. If 24 you turn to page 27 of it. Have you found that?</p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 164</p>

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<p>1 Q. Between the two holepunches you see at 07.50 hours the 2 text from Dave Murray telling you Garry Barlow has been 3 taken. He knew that then? 4 A. Between what time? 5 Q. 07.50? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. And just to check, do you know if your phone was on 8 English time or Algerian time? 9 A. Algerian time. 10 Q. So it would be 07.50 Algerian time you knew that 11 Garry Barlow had been taken? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. And at 07.52 he tells you there has been a threat to 14 blow up the CPF? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. And this was all on the first day, just to clarify. And 17 again, at -- over the page on page 28, I think these are 18 the texts you received from Kevin Graham? 19 A. Right. 20 Q. You see there at 10.23 just above the first holepunch? 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. By 10.23 the message that Kevin was passing on to you, 23 I think some of this information had come from Hassi, is 24 that there were at least 20 terrorists and at least 11 25 hostages by then and there were negotiations with, it</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 165</p>	<p>1 YouTube, because I don't know when it was taken but -- 2 I would like you to identify what you would recognise to 3 be a Gendarme. 4 A. Right; yes. I would say it's different to that. 5 Q. Different to that? 6 A. Yes, just get a side view of it. Yes. 7 Q. Yes? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. So, as you say, the green door? 10 A. The green door and white. 11 Q. And white either side. And you are clear that that is 12 the type of vehicle you saw? 13 A. Yes, slightly different, not as green, I don't know if 14 the roof was green. It looked like just the door was 15 green. 16 Q. Okay and you say you saw that between the OLC office and 17 the foyer in the BdV? 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. So from that it is right, isn't it, that it is inside 20 the inner gate of the BdV? 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. Had you ever previously seen a Gendarme or a Gendarme 23 vehicle within the inner gate of the BdV? 24 A. I don't think so, no. 25 Q. Just a general question first. You mention in your</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 167</p>
<p>1 says UK, Norway, Algerian government in negotiations 2 with them. That was what was hoped? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. So that information is through to you by then? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. Just again to look at the last one of your texts over on 7 the next page, I think this relates to the presence of 8 Yann in the canteen. That is at 15.59. It is a message 9 from you to Kevin, "Kev, I think Yan the liaison French 10 guy Norman's back to back is here can you ring his mob 11 and find out if they are talking French in the 12 restaurant." So that was you. That probably is the 13 time that Yann was -- 14 A. Yes, I would say so, yes. 15 Q. And that is in the first day? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Texting went down on the second day, did it? 18 A. When the signal, I think the mast went. 19 MS DOLAN: Thank you, Mr Roberts I have no more questions 20 for you. 21 A. Okay, thanks. 22 Questions from MS GERRY 23 MS GERRY: Good afternoon, Mr Roberts. Can I start by 24 asking you about the Gendarme vehicle that you say you 25 saw. I am going to show a picture, I think it is from</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 166</p>	<p>1 statement that you and Carson Bilsland were issued with 2 radios, is that right? 3 A. Were what, sorry? 4 Q. Were issued with radios, personal radios? 5 A. Only when we went out on site. 6 Q. That is what I was going to ask. On what occasions did 7 you have them? 8 A. If we were doing like a shut down. Probably the only 9 time is on shut downs we'd use them. 10 Q. What do you mean by on shut downs you would use them? 11 A. We shut down the plant and we do a lot of maintenance 12 and it's 24 hours a day intense job and you like to know 13 where you are all the time. 14 Q. Obviously we have heard a lot about shut down which is 15 sometimes referred to as when there was a lock down. 16 What you are talking about is shutting down the actual 17 process of part of the facility? 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. And while you were doing that it is obviously important 20 that people know exactly what you are doing? 21 A. They might need us to come back to the office so with 22 radios it is easier but on a day-to-day basis we 23 wouldn't use them. 24 Q. So it follows from that you obviously didn't have them 25 at breakfast that morning?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 168</p>

<p>1 A. No.</p> <p>2 Q. I just then want to ask you about the alarm you heard</p> <p>3 that morning. In your witness statement at page 9 you</p> <p>4 said "at this point I heard an intermittent alarm go off</p> <p>5 but it seemed quite a long way away."</p> <p>6 This is at page 9. Just a bit below the first</p> <p>7 holepunch. Do you see that?</p> <p>8 A. Yes, at this point I heard an intermittent alarm, yes.</p> <p>9 Q. "At this point I heard an intermittent alarm go off but</p> <p>10 it seemed quite a long way away. It was possibly coming</p> <p>11 from companies camp where the Portakabins are located.</p> <p>12 I asked Ray and Mick if they could hear the alarm but</p> <p>13 they could not."</p> <p>14 First of all, having read that and possibly</p> <p>15 refreshed your memory, do you remember it being an</p> <p>16 intermittent alarm or?</p> <p>17 A. Yes, it was like beep, beep, beep.</p> <p>18 Q. And again, here you see you say that it is possibly</p> <p>19 coming from the companies camp?</p> <p>20 A. It seemed to come from that direction. I supposed it</p> <p>21 may have been a car alarm or something. It wasn't very</p> <p>22 loud.</p> <p>23 Q. Had you ever heard car alarms going off before?</p> <p>24 A. No.</p> <p>25 Q. Are you aware if any of the JV vehicles had car alarms?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 169</p>	<p>1 Q. Can you remember what time this would have been?</p> <p>2 A. I think it was early evening, 8-ish something like that.</p> <p>3 Q. Eight-ish?</p> <p>4 A. Yes. That's what it says in the statement.</p> <p>5 Q. It is not precise but I don't -- I just wondered if you</p> <p>6 could remember and locate it roughly. So time --</p> <p>7 A. I would say it was dusk, it was definitely going dark or</p> <p>8 dark.</p> <p>9 Q. Did you know Lotfi?</p> <p>10 A. No, he was the plant manager. I know him to talk to,</p> <p>11 say hello to, but not socialise, no.</p> <p>12 Q. But when you saw him you knew that was Lotfi?</p> <p>13 A. Yes, he actually said "It's Lotfi, you know me."</p> <p>14 Q. Can I ask you to look at page 22 of your witness</p> <p>15 statement. I just want to ask you something about the</p> <p>16 paperwork that was collected when you were driving</p> <p>17 around the companies camp. It is the fourth line down</p> <p>18 from the top of page 22. You say there:</p> <p>19 "We drove on to the 'Companies Camp' where my room</p> <p>20 is located and stopped to recover some paperwork from an</p> <p>21 office known locally as the '50 Man office'."</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 Q. So you weren't just collecting your own personal</p> <p>24 paperwork from your own accommodation, is that right?</p> <p>25 A. No, I'm not sure what they picked up from there.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 171</p>
<p>1 A. I don't know if they had or not.</p> <p>2 Q. So this was the first time you had heard this kind of</p> <p>3 alarm?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. You have given evidence about how Salim said nobody</p> <p>6 could move and you said that he was trying to use his</p> <p>7 radio to get help. Do you know from where he got the</p> <p>8 information that no one was able to move?</p> <p>9 A. No.</p> <p>10 Q. So although you knew he was using the radio and you knew</p> <p>11 that's what he told you, you can't say that he got that</p> <p>12 information from the radio?</p> <p>13 A. I just presumed he got it from the radio.</p> <p>14 Q. But you don't know?</p> <p>15 A. I don't know, no.</p> <p>16 Q. Anyway he was somewhere how aware of the fact that</p> <p>17 people weren't able to move around the camp?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. I think it is right at this time you still thought it</p> <p>20 was a drill going on?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. Mr Roberts, I then want to move right forward to when</p> <p>23 you were found or rescued by Salim when he came back</p> <p>24 later. As I understand it, he was together with Lotfi?</p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 170</p>	<p>1 Q. But you are sure some paperwork was picked up from the</p> <p>2 50 Man office?</p> <p>3 A. Yes, I'm sure they picked up quite a bit.</p> <p>4 Q. They picked up quite a bit?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. And by "they", just to be clear, this is the Gendarmes</p> <p>7 you are with?</p> <p>8 A. No it was the army now.</p> <p>9 Q. It was the army?</p> <p>10 A. Yeah, the Gendarmes, sort of army Gendarmes. Gendarmes.</p> <p>11 Q. Were they dressed as you would expect the Gendarmes --</p> <p>12 A. Gendarmes, yes.</p> <p>13 Q. -- to be dressed? And you go on to say:</p> <p>14 "I saw two Gendarmes emerge from the office with</p> <p>15 a rolled up flag and was told it belonged to the</p> <p>16 terrorists."</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. Can you assist any more with that paperwork? Was it in</p> <p>19 folders, was it loose? Was it in files?</p> <p>20 A. I can't remember. I wasn't very interested at the time.</p> <p>21 Just so pleased to be in a Landcruiser but still quite</p> <p>22 worried about is there any more terrorists left on the</p> <p>23 camp? How can they be sure they're all gone?</p> <p>24 Q. But you can recall there was quite a lot of paperwork?</p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 172</p>

<p>1 MS GERRY: Thank you, Mr Roberts I have nothing further. 2 Questions from MR RICHIE 3 MR RITCHIE: Mr Roberts, Andrew Ritchie for the family of 4 Carlos Estrada. 5 You mentioned in your witness statement never having 6 seen any Gendarme patrols when you were going from the 7 BdV to the CPF? 8 A. No, not seen any patrols, no. 9 Q. You were there, I think, from January 2010 so that will 10 be three years before the attack? 11 A. Two years, 2010, 2011 to start. 12 Q. 10, 11, 12, 13, or do you think you were only there for 13 two years before the attack? 14 A. I just started my third year. 15 Q. So you must have gone in January 2011 then? 16 A. Yes, that's right, yes. 17 Q. So two years and your rotation was month on month off? 18 A. That's right, yes, 28, 28. 19 Q. So you were there half the year? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. So in those two years you would have in fact spent about 22 a year on site? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. And did you work seven days a week? 25 A. Yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 173</p>	<p>1 we actually got to In Amenas and was handing the bag 2 over and we looked inside the T card -- 3 Q. Is this the laptop bag you are talking about now? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. I do want to ask you a bit about that. Can I ask you 6 first about earlier on on the 16th when you first saw 7 Kel who was I think with Ray? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. Was it just the two of them? 10 A. Say again, sorry? 11 Q. Was it just the two of them together? Did you see 12 anyone else with Kel other than Ray? 13 A. Kel came in by myself and Ray and Mick sort of helped 14 him. 15 Q. You have described the wound that Kel suffered from. 16 Can you remember whereabouts on his leg it was? 17 A. Sort of in the buttock area. 18 Q. Would thigh sound right? 19 A. Yes, right at the very top of the thigh. 20 Q. Do you recall when attending to Kel any discussion about 21 his pulse, checking his pulse? 22 A. No, I don't think I did. I can't remember. I can't 23 remember checking his pulse. 24 Q. Do you recollect anyone sending some text messages 25 asking for some medical advice on how to treat Kel?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 175</p>
<p>1 Q. So for a year in effect of time seven days a week you 2 were going backwards and forwards to the CPF? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. And you don't have any recollection of any patrols? 5 A. No, I don't -- no patrols, the only time you would see 6 the Gendarmes was when they're escorting you to a well 7 site or to the airport. 8 MR RITCHIE: Those are all my questions, thank you very 9 much. 10 Questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS 11 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Mr Robert, my name is Owen Thomas, I ask 12 questions on behalf of David Green, the father of 13 Stephen Green. 14 I understand you were aware of Stephen Green? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. But I think you thought he was called David? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. Is that right? 19 A. I don't know why. 20 Q. Well, his full name is Stephen David Green. 21 A. Maybe that's why. 22 Q. Did he introduce himself to you? 23 A. I don't think I ever talked to him. I said good morning 24 to him. I think I got his name from his T card. 25 I picked up his bag, thinking it was Kel's bag and when</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 174</p>	<p>1 A. No. 2 Q. Because what we do know is that Stephen Green did come 3 across someone with a thigh injury? 4 A. Right. 5 Q. And sent some text messages back to England to try and 6 get some medical advice and I just wondered whether it 7 was possible it might have been Stephen. Might he have 8 been there? 9 A. I don't remember Stephen being there but there was a lot 10 going on around me and I was more concerned with 11 doing -- treating that wound. I don't recall seeing 12 Stephen there, but I know he was in the restaurant 13 because I had seen him earlier on. 14 Q. You knew he was there? 15 A. I knew he was in the restaurant. 16 Q. Is it possible that people in the wider area were 17 picking up on what you were doing? 18 A. Yes, there was people sitting all around. Algerians and 19 I'm not sure who else but I don't recall seeing Stephen 20 but he could well have been sitting quite close to me. 21 Q. So you knew he was in the restaurant? 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. You don't recall actually seeing him whilst you were 24 treating Kel? 25 A. No.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 176</p>

<p>1 Q. But it is possible, is it, that he would have heard 2 about the wound and about what you were doing? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. But I take it from your answers then that you don't 5 recall him coming over to you and offering any advice? 6 A. No, I don't. 7 Q. Did anyone come to you and give you any advice they had 8 other than Ray and Mick? 9 A. This was just me, Mick and Ray there. There was 10 a couple of Algerians there trying to help. But I don't 11 recall anybody else, no. 12 Q. I understand from your evidence that you don't think you 13 saw Stephen again after you saw him in the canteen that 14 morning? 15 A. No, I see him -- I think I was making some toast and 16 I have seen him then. 17 Q. Could you give me an approximate time? 18 A. That must have been 5.35, 5.40. 19 Q. 5.35, 5.40 in the morning of the 16th, obviously 20 Algerian time? 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. You go on to say that, as you were saying a moment ago, 23 that you ended up with Stephen's laptop bag? 24 A. Yes, which I thought was Kel's. 25 Q. Can you just explain the circumstances of that?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 177</p>	<p>1 A. Inside the laptop bag. 2 Q. So I take it therefore you didn't immediately look 3 through the laptop bag? 4 A. No, just put it in the Landcruiser and off we went. 5 Q. And it went with you to In Amenas? 6 A. To In Amenas, yes I think Kel was getting med-evaced 7 back to Norway and we were on the Hercules and I said 8 "can you give this to Kel somehow?" Ray looked in the 9 bag and said it isn't Kel's bag. It is Stephen Green's 10 bag. 11 Q. What became of it thereafter? 12 A. I think we took it to Sardinia and then we handed it 13 over there. 14 Q. Handed it over to whom, do you know? 15 A. I can't remember. 16 Q. Was it a British person? 17 A. I think British, yes, maybe Ray and Mick would help you 18 out more with that. 19 Q. I think at the time you wrote your statement you thought 20 it was the Foreign Office? 21 A. Yes, I think it was a British -- yes. 22 Q. Sir, if I may just have one moment? 23 THE CORONER: Yes. 24 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Mr Green is trying to follow your evidence 25 in respect of where you found the bag. So I apologise</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 179</p>
<p>1 A. Kel had been put into a storeroom in the restaurant and 2 that's where he remained for the whole of the time and 3 when I went in to get my rucksack we came back to the 4 restaurant after I got my paperwork because I was 5 concerned I wanted to get my rucksack because I knew it 6 was there but my rucksack had been ransacked and it had 7 nothing left in it. And I went into the storeroom and 8 there was a laptop bag and I thought it must be Kel's. 9 I grabbed that for Kel. 10 Q. Did Kel have that with him when he came into the canteen 11 in the morning? 12 A. Kel? No, this was Stephen's laptop bag. 13 Q. Yeah, but it was with Kel wasn't it? 14 A. No, couldn't have been. 15 Q. Sorry, I misunderstood you. 16 A. No, Kel was in that room and I presumed that that laptop 17 bag was Kel's because he's in the room but it transpired 18 when I seen Kel later that his laptop had saved his life 19 really because the two rounds from the AK47 had gone 20 into the laptop and smashed it to bits. 21 Q. So it is when you returned Kel's room that you found 22 Stephen's laptop bag? 23 A. To the storeroom where he had been. 24 Q. And you say later that you found Stephen Green's ID 25 card?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 178</p>	<p>1 for asking you again but if I could just do that once 2 again. After the incident? 3 A. After we had been rescued. 4 Q. After you had been rescued? 5 A. We had gone to get our paperwork from our rooms I 6 requested we go back to the restaurant to try and get my 7 rucksack which was left there. I went in and my 8 rucksack, it was empty and I went into the storeroom. 9 THE CORONER: Can we see it on the plan? 10 A. Yes, sure. 11 THE CORONER: That will help some of us. But describe it at 12 least. 13 A. The storeroom is at the bottom of the picture. 14 THE CORONER: So that is the plan that you -- little sketch 15 plan that you drew of the canteen -- 16 A. Yes. 17 THE CORONER: -- and as we look at it at the bottom of it 18 you have actually marked, haven't you, "store" and it 19 has what looks like a door you have put in there. 20 A. Yes. 21 THE CORONER: And it is right next to that small seating 22 area that you were telling us about earlier, isn't it? 23 A. Yes. 24 THE CORONER: I am just describing that out. So you have 25 your paperwork and then you go back to the canteen --</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 180</p>

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1 **A. Yes.**
 2 THE CORONER: -- and in that store cupboard you find --
 3 **A. A laptop bag.**
 4 THE CORONER: Which you thought was?
 5 **A. Kel's.**
 6 **MR OWEN-THOMAS: You didn't look through it then. Someone**
 7 **looked through it and found Stephen's ID card. Can you**
 8 **talk about any of the contents at all?**
 9 **A. I don't know why he looked in the bag to see the ID card**
 10 **but we did and it was Stephen's.**
 11 Q. But did you look in the bag yourself?
 12 **A. Yes.**
 13 Q. Did you see a laptop computer?
 14 **A. Yes, I'm sure there was a laptop in there.**
 15 Q. Did you see any notebooks?
 16 **A. There was some more stuff in there. I don't know what**
 17 **it was.**
 18 Q. And obviously there was the ID card?
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 Q. Is there anything else that you can remember that you
 21 saw in the bag?
 22 **A. No, we were winding up to go. So it was a bit of a rush**
 23 **to try and get it to him and it wasn't him. Kel I'm**
 24 **talking about.**
 25 **MR OWEN-THOMAS: Thank you very much.**

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1 **A. Okay.**
 2 **Questions from MS GOLLOP**
 3 MS GOLLOP: My name is Katie Gollop and I am asking
 4 questions on behalf of Belinda Green, Stephen's wife.
 5 Can you tell us what happened to Kel, it is
 6 something she doesn't know and would like to understand.
 7 **A. Pardon, say again?**
 8 Q. What happened to Kel?
 9 **A. Kel, as far as I know was med-vacced to Norway.**
 10 Q. Got that bit, sorry. Let me be more precise. There
 11 came a time when you had to leave him because there were
 12 shots outside and you needed to hide?
 13 **A. Yes, we decided we were going behind the fridges. Ray**
 14 **had moved him to behind the salad display, there was**
 15 **nothing we could do. We couldn't have moved him**
 16 **anywhere else, you know, and that's when we then went**
 17 **behind the fridges.**
 18 Q. And then after you were rescued, after the whole attack
 19 had finished, there came a point when you were reunited
 20 with Kel before he went home to Norway. Is that right?
 21 **A. No, we were told -- when we got to VCP1 he was in the**
 22 **ambulance and that was just about ready to go and I went**
 23 **to In Amenas and then when we got there he was getting**
 24 **loaded on to the Norwegian evacuation plane.**
 25 Q. What Mrs Green would like to understand is what happened

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1 to him after you went to hide?
 2 **A. Kel?**
 3 Q. Yes.
 4 **A. I don't know. I think -- they've come in. The**
 5 **terrorists have come in. They've rounded everyone up**
 6 **they can find. They maybe can't move Kel. I don't know**
 7 **at what point but I can't remember Yann sort of pleaded**
 8 **that they left him there and left an Algerian with him**
 9 **and they moved him into the storeroom and that's where**
 10 **he spent the whole time.**
 11 Q. Can you remember who it was who told you that Yann had
 12 pleaded and made an arrangement for him?
 13 **A. I think it was Kel. When I seen Kel in Norway I think**
 14 **he told me then.**
 15 Q. So the terrorists rounded up the people who had stayed
 16 with him to look after him and he was left alone in the
 17 room and survived?
 18 **A. Yes, he was left with one Algerian guy to look after**
 19 **him.**
 20 MS GOLLOP: Thank you very much.
 21 **A. Okay.**
 22 MR ANTROBUS: No questions, thank.
 23 THE CORONER: All right. Thank you very much indeed. Very
 24 grateful to you.
 25 (The witness withdrew)

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1 THE CORONER: We'll have a ten-minute break.
 2 (3.20 pm)
 3 (A short break)
 4 (3.30 pm)
 5 MS DOLAN: Sir, the next witness is Mr Bell.
 6 MR RAYMOND BELL (sworn)
 7 Questions from MS DOLAN
 8 MS DOLAN: Mr Bell, I think you know I'm Bridget Dolan
 9 asking questions on behalf of the coroner. Can you give
 10 us your full name first, please.
 11 **A. Raymond John bell.**
 12 Q. I think back in January 2013 you were working at
 13 In Amenas?
 14 **A. That's correct, yes.**
 15 Q. And what capacity were you working there?
 16 **A. I was another NDT technician working alongside Garry.**
 17 Q. So it is the same type of role?
 18 **A. Exactly the same, yes.**
 19 Q. How long had you been at In Amenas working there?
 20 **A. I was there initially in 2006 and then for about three**
 21 **rotations and then 2007 for a further two or three**
 22 **rotations and then I came back in, I think it was the**
 23 **end of 2011, beginning of 2012 so I had been there for**
 24 **a period of time when they were starting the plant up,**
 25 **doing the baseline survey and then I'd come back in but**

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<p>1 I was only ad hoc. I'd do just the amount of rotations 2 that my visa entries would allow without having the 3 desert pass and the residency paperwork.</p> <p>4 Q. And I think you had been on site in late 2012 round the 5 time that the drivers strike was on and there were less 6 expats around?</p> <p>7 A. Yes, I was there for that, yes.</p> <p>8 Q. In your witness statement you talk about how you felt at 9 that time in terms of security. How were you feeling at 10 that time in the late autumn, winter of 2012?</p> <p>11 A. The plant seemed to have changed. The mood was sombre, 12 by a lot of people. There was a certain feeling that it 13 had been down manned to what was deemed to be essential 14 staff which I wondered, you know, I didn't really 15 consider myself to be an essential member of the staff. 16 There was a problem on the vapour recovery unit and it 17 had a leak on it and myself and Carson were involved in 18 developing techniques, assessing it and basically when 19 they put in a new pipework that we were testing the new 20 welds et cetera. Garry Barlow was part of the -- in 21 charge of the construction of that, you know, organising 22 the parts et cetera. So there was a lot less of us 23 there.</p> <p>24 The strike had got to the point where the Algerians 25 had gone on to hunger strike and our general feeling was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 185</p>	<p>1 with there not being very many expats there we were 2 obviously talking together a lot more.</p> <p>3 Q. Were you given the explanation that the safety appears 4 to have been the number of people that could be 5 evacuated in one session given the drivers were on 6 strike and how many drivers were available to work?</p> <p>7 A. Yes, I was led to believe that there was five or six 8 planes available. I think the small planes that took us 9 from In Amenas carried about 16 people and I think the 10 numbers were kept down below 70 because the JV had 11 chartered, it was either five or six planes which they 12 had standing by so that in the event of anything going 13 wrong to do with the drivers strike then they could move 14 everyone from In Amenas in one day. That was what we 15 were told.</p> <p>16 Q. So it doesn't appear that any explanation of lack of 17 safety was because of any increase in threat or risk, it 18 was how many people could be moved if it was needed to 19 move people quickly and that was what was setting the 20 numbers?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, that was what was setting the numbers. We were 22 always assured we would be safe.</p> <p>23 Q. I think you came back off rotation after the strikes had 24 ended in January 2013. I will turn to the events of 25 16 January. I think you have been in court while your</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 187</p>
<p>1 that if anyone died as a result of this hunger strike 2 then there would be ramifications and with the numbers 3 being so small, you know, the likelihood of one of us or 4 all of us being a target was certainly heightened in my 5 view.</p> <p>6 Q. Had there been specific threats or was this just 7 a feeling and a supposition you made?</p> <p>8 A. It was just a feeling. Really we were being -- on these 9 operations there were several down mannings going on 10 where people were being sent in and we were being down 11 manned and then brought back. I was down manned I think 12 twice. Certain people were being brought back and we 13 were having safety meetings regularly on a Sunday and 14 I think one week there was actually two safety meetings, 15 one on a Sunday and one on a Wednesday. We were being 16 told that we were safe. However, the things that myself 17 and Carson were raising, not necessarily in the 18 meetings, but, you know, to the likes of Fitz and 19 Paul Morgan after the meetings was, you know, "if we're 20 safe, why isn't everyone here?" And if we're unsafe 21 then nobody should be here. Why is there a limited 22 number of people here if it's safe? That was my main 23 concern.</p> <p>24 And a lot of the fellow people that were working 25 there at time, because there wasn't that many of us and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 186</p>	<p>1 colleague Mr Roberts has given his account?</p> <p>2 A. Mmm.</p> <p>3 Q. And if you disagree with anything in his account if you 4 could let us know but otherwise I will take you quite 5 quickly through rather than repeat everything, just 6 focus on some particular points.</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. I think that morning you were in the canteen having 9 breakfast when the events began?</p> <p>10 A. Yes, that's correct.</p> <p>11 Q. Do you recall seeing Stephen Green in the canteen that 12 day?</p> <p>13 A. I do. We were waiting for Steve McFaul to arrive at the 14 canteen because he had been the lift for the few days 15 I had been there. I think I arrived on 10 January. So 16 I made my way to the coffee machine which is by the, 17 adjacent to the south entrance and I recall seeing 18 Stephen Green that morning. He was coming into the 19 canteen.</p> <p>20 Q. What was the first thing that day that made you realise 21 it wasn't a normal day?</p> <p>22 A. I mean it wasn't -- the time we realised that it wasn't 23 a drill, if that's what you mean.</p> <p>24 Q. Let us start with what you thought was the drill. When 25 did that begin?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 188</p>

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<p>1 A. It began at about, like, you know, 5.40, somewhere 2 around that time. I had actually had a lift with 3 Murielle, the French medic, in one of the ambulance 4 vehicles, a couple of days prior to that and I had 5 spoken to her and she had said that they were organising 6 some kind of a drill so I just assumed that it was that. 7 Q. So you heard the alarm. We have heard Mr Roberts 8 hearing two alarms. A muted one first and then a much 9 closer one? 10 A. Yes, I couldn't make out the initial alarm, he asked me. 11 We spoke about it a couple of times and I couldn't 12 actually hear it. But the second alarm, the main alarm, 13 was an alarm that in my belief that I'd never heard 14 before. It was a very shrill, piercing loud alarm. 15 Q. Can I just pause you there because you gave a statement 16 back on 31 January. At that time you talk about the 17 alarm going off and you say that Garry mentioned he 18 thought he had heard a muted alarm about five minutes 19 earlier and you said "I remember hearing it too but 20 I thought it was probably a kitchen alarm." Is that? 21 A. Okay, okay. 22 Q. Do you think your memory is likely to have been better 23 in January 2013? 24 A. More than likely, yes. 25 Q. Looking at even what you said there it sounds like you Page 189</p>	<p>1 remember seeing the jeep by the liaison office and just 2 a uniform. I couldn't be sure that it was a definite 3 Gendarme uniform but there was a uniformed man with 4 a rifle of some kind stood by the jeep. 5 Q. And then the jeep, as you are describing it, what did 6 that look like? 7 A. It was a Gendarme vehicle. 8 Q. Why? 9 A. Predominantly white with the green central panel with 10 the Algerian flag on it and that's what the Gendarmes 11 used to drive around in rather than the beige or white 12 Landcruisers. 13 Q. Anything else noticeable about it? 14 A. No, I didn't pick up on anything else at all about it. 15 Q. What condition was it in? 16 A. It was just -- if I remember correctly it was sort of 17 parked up, as I remember, can't be 100 per cent sure, 18 but as I remember the front wheels seemed to be on the 19 curb and the back wheels seemed to be still on the road? 20 Q. Did it look like it was parked or crashed or? 21 A. I didn't really give it any thought to be fair. 22 Q. How long did you see it for? 23 A. We went out, we looked at the guy. The guy appeared to 24 be gesturing to us to go back in. So we turned round, 25 went back in, maybe 10, 20, 30 seconds something like Page 191</p>
<p>1 didn't recognise the muted one as a security alarm of 2 any sort? 3 A. As an alarm -- I mean, according to what I've spoken to 4 Garry since it is a very quiet alarm. If I've put in 5 the statement that I heard it then maybe he's convinced 6 me that I did hear it. I don't recall that now that 7 I did hear it. 8 Q. You said there was a loud piercing alarm? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. When you say -- it sounds like you were suggesting it 11 might be different -- 12 A. It was a continual alarm as I remember it rather than an 13 undulating alarm. It was just a continual tone. 14 Q. Had you heard that tone when there had been any drills 15 before? 16 A. I had never heard that particular drill before, that 17 particular sound before. 18 Q. Then I think there came a time when you went outside the 19 north entrance of the canteen. Tell us what you saw 20 then? 21 A. Yes, I don't actually know what made us go out there. 22 If Garry's convinced me that there was an alarm sounded 23 and we have gone out to have a look, I'm not quite sure 24 why we went out to the front. Possibly because the 25 Algerian guys went out and came back in. I also Page 190</p>	<p>1 that. 2 Q. And it sounds now you are saying the uniform the chap 3 was wearing, did you assume it was a Gendarme or are you 4 clear it was a Gendarme uniform? 5 A. No, I wouldn't say that I was clear that it was 6 a Gendarme but I did assume. It looked to be the same 7 shape as a Gendarme's uniform with some sort of beret 8 style cap on. But it was still dark and it was as much 9 as -- it was just, you know, I wouldn't be definite that 10 it was a Gendarme uniform. It just appeared -- my mind 11 would have connected the vehicle with the uniform. 12 I wouldn't have even gone any further with that. 13 I would just have assumed that was a Gendarme. 14 Q. From what you are saying is it possible that you saw the 15 uniform and assumed the vehicle was a Gendarme vehicle? 16 A. I believe that I seen the vehicle. 17 Q. Were the lights on outside at this point? 18 A. I don't know. 19 Q. After that I think you went back into the canteen and we 20 have heard Mr Roberts' account of Kel coming in and 21 eventually realising it wasn't a drill from what he 22 said. I think is it you who asked or the kitchen staff 23 to get on the radios and call for someone? 24 A. Yes, I did actually at one point go into the entrance to 25 the kitchen. I can speak reasonably sufficient French Page 192</p>

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1 to communicate with those guys and I asked them to call
 2 the doctor and to call Papa Charlie, which is the
 3 central sort of chain of communication for the whole of
 4 the BdV. They appeared to be trying that anyway and the
 5 answer that I got was that nobody would be coming. They
 6 couldn't get hold of the medic.
 7 Q. So it was like they couldn't get through on the radios
 8 but they had got through and people said they weren't
 9 attending?
 10 A. They basically said -- there was a lot of people talking
 11 at once and it was basically from what I can gather from
 12 the conversation it was that they couldn't get hold of
 13 the medic and that nobody would be coming and they
 14 couldn't get hold of Papa Charlie either.
 15 Q. So it was they can't get them on the radios, not that
 16 they declined to come?
 17 A. They couldn't get them.
 18 Q. And I think you were there when there was the moving of
 19 the freezers around the wall. Was it your idea to go up
 20 in the roof?
 21 A. Possibly. I used to work in suspended ceilings, so
 22 I knew that you could get up there. I used to -- we do
 23 rope assessments, me and Garry, so we are tried to work
 24 with ropes and heights so I used to work inside
 25 suspended ceilings for a good nine months or something

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1 like that. Whether it was my or Garry's idea it was
 2 we're going up into the roof and I had just pushed Garry
 3 up and got him to take out the tiles to see if we could
 4 get up there.
 5 Q. And we have heard the account of you then hiding out in
 6 the roof and moving around places. Just one picture
 7 I didn't show to Mr Roberts which I just want you to
 8 look at because we have heard about the account of the
 9 canteen being hit by arms fire. Can I ask you to have
 10 a look at a picture. First of all, what is that
 11 building? Is that the canteen building?
 12 A. Yes, I believe it is, yes.
 13 Q. And the description we have had of some rounds hitting
 14 the building when you are hiding in the roof. First of
 15 all, are you able to say which face of the building this
 16 is or --
 17 A. I believe that's the entrance so that would make it the
 18 south face.
 19 Q. The south face. So on the plan we saw from Mr Roberts
 20 that would be the right-hand side of that plan, the
 21 entrance -- I don't see an entrance, an entrance at E?
 22 A. Yes, that's correct, I believe, yes.
 23 Q. Then we can see some shell holes in that. The one
 24 towards the top, towards the roof, is that the kind of
 25 hole that was being --

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1 A. Yes, they're the type of holes, yes.
 2 Q. I think were you one of the people that heard the voice
 3 that you believed to be Yann Desyeux come in to the --
 4 A. Yes, I believe that was mid afternoon on the first day.
 5 I'd only met Yann once. He was there when I arrived on
 6 the 10th. A French guy. Very deep voice and I believe
 7 that when I heard some people speaking French somewhere
 8 in the canteen below us when we were in position E above
 9 the toilets and I believe that I felt reasonably certain
 10 that that was Yann.
 11 Q. You just said to us that was on the first day. In your
 12 witness statement you said it was on the second day?
 13 A. Was on -- it would have been on the second day, then,
 14 yes.
 15 Q. I did notice your witness statement said the second day.
 16 I went through the text messages that Mr Roberts had
 17 sent and it was on the first day that Mr Roberts was
 18 sending a text message saying that he thought you had
 19 told him that Yann had been heard. Do you think it must
 20 have been the first day?
 21 A. If we have a text message then I would say that it would
 22 be more likely that that would be more accurate than my
 23 perception of which day it was. I mean, it was all
 24 still quite fresh when the police were in the house
 25 doing the -- you know, there was a lot of -- there was

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1 18 pages I believe, 18, 19 pages. If Garry has a text
 2 message to say that I would trust that over my decision
 3 of which day that particular things happened.
 4 Q. We understand there is a lot of traumatic things
 5 happening to remember sequences.
 6 I think you heard some of the conversation because
 7 I think you say you can speak some French. You
 8 understood some of the conversation that was being held?
 9 A. Yes, that's correct.
 10 Q. Can you recall what that was now?
 11 A. From what I can remember I believe that one of the guys
 12 was a terrorist who was speaking French, it took me
 13 a little bit of time to sort of sink into slightly and
 14 the guy who seemed to be appeasing him, I believe, was
 15 Yann in that he was very meek and agreeable. It may not
 16 have been Yann but it seemed to be one of us and I can
 17 only imagine that it was Yann, the voice was very deep.
 18 The accent was the same. I had only met him on the 10th
 19 I think so it was only sort of 6 days afterwards and the
 20 terrorists were basically making out that the white, the
 21 white people had, you know, everything. We have cars,
 22 we have houses, you know, we have jobs et cetera. And
 23 that, you know, the Algerians pretty much had nothing.
 24 You know, as compared to the white man.
 25 Q. That was the nature of the conversation?

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<p>1 A. Yes, and Yann was just, who I believe to be Yann was 2 just agreeing and just pacifying him and he was just 3 sort of quite meek and timid in his responses. 4 Q. Can I move forward now to after the events are over and 5 you are rescued and taken out of the canteen, you are 6 back at VCP1. I think that's when you saw the coach, 7 the bus that had been involved in the event? 8 A. That's correct, yes, it was just before VCP1. 9 Q. Did you have a look at the coach or was it only Garry 10 Roberts? 11 A. Yes, I did, I saw the coach, yes. 12 Q. What did you see about the coach? 13 A. Bullet holes in the lower -- in the body work, many of 14 the panels on the -- well we would have been on this 15 side so it would have been on the right -- looking out 16 the right-hand window of the vehicle we were travelling 17 in. 18 Q. And again, in the witness statement that you gave 19 in January, understanding it is shortly after the 20 traumatic events, there you said Garry had a look at the 21 coach with bullet holes but said he couldn't see any. 22 Do you think that must have been an error in the witness 23 statement? 24 A. Possibly, possibly. I have not actually read my 25 statement since the time to be fair.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 197</p>	<p>1 from? 2 A. No, I don't believe that I asked him, no. 3 MS DOLAN: I don't have any more questions. 4 Questions from MS GERRY 5 THE CORONER: Can I just ask you, before we start, if you 6 needed to I want to finish these kind of things at 4.15. 7 If you have to come back another day would you be able 8 to. 9 A. No, I could come back. I would rather finish it today 10 if that's possible. 11 THE CORONER: I am sure. 12 MS GERRY: I am going to be fairly brief. I only have 13 perhaps two questions for you. 14 Mr Bell, can I just start by asking you how you knew 15 Seb. As I understood it, he used to get in the car with 16 you sometimes to drive up to the CPF? 17 A. Yes, I think I arrived on 10 January so I would assume 18 that I had met him on 11 January and he seemed to be -- 19 Garry had organised a lift with Steven McFaul, myself 20 and Darren Roberts and Seb. 21 Q. Then I just wanted to ask you about the Gendarme 22 vehicle, the person you saw by the Gendarme vehicle who 23 was in some sort of uniform. Is it right as well that 24 you noticed five Algerians with the Gendarme as well? 25 If I can ask you to look at your witness statement it</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 199</p>
<p>1 Q. In a subsequent witness statement you made you said that 2 you had heard about payments made to terrorists, can you 3 recall what you said about that? 4 A. No. Can you tell me which page it is on? 5 Q. I will read it to you. It is page 3 of 3 of the 6 statement that you made on 15 February 2013. 7 A. Do I have that here? Yes, I do. 8 Q. It should be behind C in that bundle. B maybe. It is 9 the last page? 10 A. Yes, I can see that now, yes. 11 Q. You say you had heard from somebody there had been 12 payments made by BP to terrorists. Can I just ask you 13 where that information came from? 14 A. I believe it was from one of the security guys who I had 15 met in In Salah Gas who was actually one of the 16 liaison's at ISG. I did a month at ISG I think in 2008 17 and I believe it was one of the security liaison men 18 from there. 19 Q. So this is a suggestion somebody told you this in 2008? 20 A. No, this was the person that I had met in 2008, that the 21 next time I met was at Paul Morgan's funeral. 22 Q. It was him who suggested to you there had been payments 23 made to terrorists to persuade them not to attack sites? 24 A. That's what he told me, yes. 25 Q. Did he give you any information about where that came</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 198</p>	<p>1 might help you refresh your memory. If you go to page 7 2 of your witness statement. Do you have page 7? 3 A. Yes, I have got it. 4 Q. If you go down six lines from the top, seven lines from 5 the top, sorry, there is a sentence which starts: 6 "Once outside I could see about 5 Algerians and what 7 looked like a Gendarme holding a rifle standing close to 8 where the truck was parked." 9 You refer to it as well in a later statement you did 10 I think in June this year as well as seeing five 11 Algerians. 12 Does that assist you with your recollection? Was it 13 the case that you saw five Algerians with this as you 14 thought looked like a Gendarme uniform? 15 A. As I recollect it now, I can distinctly remember 16 a Gendarme and the truck and I can't actually recollect 17 five Algerians at this moment when you ask that 18 question. 19 Q. As it was in your statement you made on 31 January 2013 20 do you think that may have been more accurate than your 21 recollection now? 22 A. I would definitely imagine so, yes. 23 Q. You also in your statement mention that you saw the 24 coach disappear and you realised Richard had gone? 25 A. No, the coach had already gone.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 200</p>

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1 Q. So you saw -- I think you had a friend on the -- by
 2 coach, this is the bus going to the airport?
 3 **A. Yes.**
 4 Q. I think you had some friends, Richard being one of them,
 5 who was leaving that day?
 6 **A. Yes.**
 7 Q. And you hoped to go and say goodbye to them when they
 8 left?
 9 **A. Yes.**
 10 Q. When you got to the car park area where you expected the
 11 bus to be it was no longer there?
 12 **A. The coach had left early, yes.**
 13 Q. Did you actually see the coach at all that day?
 14 **A. No.**
 15 Q. I am sorry, can I ask you just to go back to page 6 of
 16 your statement. Just above the top holepunch you say:
 17 "The coach normally leaves about 5.45 am if [I]
 18 recall but on this occasion it left early at about
 19 5.25 am. As we wandered up we saw the coach disappear
 20 and we thought well that's Richard gone."
 21 Is that likely to have been a better recollection?
 22 **A. It is likely but I don't recall seeing the coach leave.**
 23 **I think everything that happened subsequent would have**
 24 **certainly clouded that. I don't remember. I just**
 25 **remember the coach leaving early and that being a shame**
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1 **because I didn't think it likely I'd see Richard again.**
 2 Q. The only other question I wanted to ask is was there
 3 a general habit of people on site in keeping any
 4 valuables either on them or secured somewhere? I am
 5 thinking about things like jewellery, wedding rings. Do
 6 people tend to wear them all the time or is it something
 7 that would be taken off and put somewhere safe when you
 8 were at work?
 9 **A. I would imagine that would be a personal choice.**
 10 Q. Are you aware that some people might do that?
 11 **A. I believe that Dave Murray had his wedding ring in his**
 12 **locker because I believe that it was returned back to**
 13 **him, but some guys wear their wedding rings because they**
 14 **couldn't take it off. But there would be a choice, yes.**
 15 **I personally left my valuables in a locker, wallet,**
 16 **phone. I just left them there. I didn't want to carry**
 17 **them around with me.**
 18 **Questions from MR RICHIE**
 19 MR RITCHIE: Mr Bell, I am Andrew Ritchie representing the
 20 family of Carlos Estrada.
 21 You mentioned in your evidence that you did some
 22 rotations in 2006 and 2007 at this facility?
 23 **A. Yes.**
 24 Q. You also say in your fourth witness statement that the
 25 security was better, there were more patrols then. Can
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1 you help Her Majesty's Coroner by explaining that, your
 2 recollection of it?
 3 **A. When I first went there the -- we used to sit out at**
 4 **lunchtime, just basically, you know, sitting in the sun**
 5 **or sitting in the shade with a friend of mine,**
 6 **a colleague who I was working with and we often saw the**
 7 **Gendarmes patrolling on foot on the other side of the**
 8 **fence to where we were sat. Some of the times we were**
 9 **in various places, we were never in the same place on**
 10 **the rotations and on one two occasions we were quite**
 11 **close to the perimeter in the companies camp and you**
 12 **would see the Gendarmes patrolling on foot in pairs.**
 13 Q. Thank you. Can you compare that with 2012, please?
 14 **A. In 2012 my experience of the Gendarmes was from the**
 15 **transfer from In Amenas airport, when you got off the**
 16 **plane at In Amenas airport they would be there outside**
 17 **their Landcruisers. There would be a military escort**
 18 **for the coach to get from In Amenas airport to In Amenas**
 19 **site and then when you were returning on vacation it**
 20 **would be the same again. The only other time that I saw**
 21 **the military was if we were due to go on to well sites**
 22 **and on the rotation prior to that one of those was**
 23 **cancelled but they would take you out.**
 24 Q. So restricted to escort in your vision, not seeing
 25 patrols?
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1 **A. Escort and well sites, yes.**
 2 Q. Now, you did a rotation at Tiguentourine oil facility
 3 near In Amenas, didn't you? And just to make life
 4 slightly easier for us for that, I am going to hand you
 5 a map. This is a blown-up version of the oil and gas
 6 wells map which is in the core bundle. I can give a tab
 7 number. The trouble is that the words are so small on
 8 the screen you can't see them but can you identify on
 9 this map In Amenas near the Libyan border?
 10 **A. Yes, I can see that, yes.**
 11 Q. And you see just beneath that in red indicating oil
 12 Tiguentourine. I don't think --
 13 **A. Yes, I can see that.**
 14 Q. I wonder if you could point your big map towards Her
 15 Majesty's Coroner and just point to where In Amenas is
 16 and where the Tiguentourine oil field is to show how
 17 close they are to each other. (Indicated) Thank you
 18 very much. And you were there in I think 2006?
 19 **A. At In Amenas?**
 20 Q. At the oil facility?
 21 **A. No.**
 22 Q. I think you said you first worked in Algeria in 2006 and
 23 you did a rotation at Tiguentourine oil facility?
 24 **A. No, I did a rotation in 2008 in ISG In Salah gas.**
 25 Q. I had taken that from the witness statement but
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<p>1 I apologise for having got that wrong. So you never 2 worked at the oil facility you have just pointed out? 3 A. No. 4 Q. Forgive me for the wild goose chase. I had taken it 5 from the fourth witness statement. 6 At In Salah gas how long did you work there in 2008? 7 A. One month. It was a shut down. One rotation. 8 Q. It was a shut down? 9 A. It was a shut down, yes. 10 Q. Thank you. 11 Can I come then to the strike, the drivers strike. 12 You mentioned in your witness statement to the police 13 that you felt vulnerable during that time, and you have 14 expanded that in evidence. Did Mr Fitzpatrick tell you 15 that the Gendarmes' patrols around the zone were 16 supplied with JV vehicles and drivers to carry them out? 17 Did you know that? 18 A. I don't believe that. I can't recall that, no. 19 Q. Were you informed that when the drivers strike was on no 20 JV vehicles or drivers were supplied so the Gendarmes 21 had to use their own vehicles for patrols? 22 A. That certainly rings a bell, yes. 23 Q. When you expressed your concerns about security and 24 vulnerability what was the reaction that you got back? 25 A. I asked -- Fitz was the person that I trusted the Page 205</p>	<p>1 I believe with a child which I was told the Gendarmes 2 actually let them in to visit some of the hunger 3 strikers. It is not what you would normally expect in 4 a facility of that nature, just to let random people in 5 to visit their husbands or friends or colleagues on 6 a hunger strike. It didn't seem normal to me. 7 Q. Thank you. Finally, Mr Bell, if I could ask the tech 8 experts to put IA026, page 9 on the screen. If you can 9 take this large document, one of them in front of you 10 will have IA026 on the front. If you use the document 11 rather than the screen because you will get an expanded 12 view, Mr Bell that will help you. If you can take IA026 13 and turn to page 9 I would be grateful. 14 A. Okay, yes. 15 Q. Do you have that? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Thank you very much. We see the BdV camp here and 18 I wonder if the technical experts could blow up the 19 plaza area, please, to show F, K, G and D, the other 20 side of the OLC office. If you could blow up that area 21 as much as you can I would be very grateful. 22 Other witnesses have informed Her Majesty's Coroner 23 that the photograph that you see on page 9 at the top 24 and at the bottom are the same building and they are the 25 reception building viewed from the circle in the plaza? Page 207</p>
<p>1 opinion of most. He was the first person I met at 2 In Amenas. He took me through my security briefing when 3 I first arrived and he was still there when I came back 4 and he said that we were safe. 5 Q. You say in your fourth witness statement that you feel 6 betrayed and that it was common knowledge that security 7 was lax. Can you help Her Majesty's Coroner to explain 8 that? 9 A. Well, I believe that security was lax. There was -- in 10 a country with that, you know, history, in such an 11 environment I believed that there should be, you know, 12 armed guards in lots of strategic places. When I first 13 went there I was certainly a lot younger. I felt a lot 14 more reassured by the fact that I could see more 15 Gendarmes. When I came back I felt that there was 16 a marked contrast with that. The Gendarmes were only 17 seen on escorts. 18 The drivers strike seemed to be -- I had heard 19 a fair bit about it from Garry because he'd ring me from 20 Algeria when I wasn't working there and I felt that it 21 should have been controlled or, you know, dealt with in 22 a more swift manner. It seemed -- they seemed to be 23 allowing the Algerian drivers to pretty much do whatever 24 they like. I mean they constructed a tent. They were 25 visited. They were definitely visited by two ladies Page 206</p>	<p>1 A. It is the reception building. I was asked earlier about 2 the top right photograph and I said that it was the 3 canteen. 4 Q. But it is not the canteen? 5 A. It is the reception building as you can tell now. 6 Q. If we take a line from where you came out of the 7 canteen, if we look on the screen now, the canteen is 8 the right rectangular block on the right-hand side of 9 the screen, isn't it? 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. And the door, as I understand it, that you came out of 12 is uppermost in the picture for that rectangle? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. So if you came out there, did you walk to the left at 15 all towards the plaza when you saw the Gendarme and the 16 car? 17 A. Only a couple of steps if at all. 18 Q. Now D shown, there is a box around D which is a car. 19 Other witnesses have said it is the terrorist car. So 20 you can understand that car, could you turn to page 7 of 21 the paper bundle in front of you. Do you have that? 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. If we just take the shot at the bottom left on page 7 24 which would be the driver's side left-hand side that car 25 is at point D on the map that we have been looking at on Page 208</p>

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<p>1 the screen which hopefully will just be blown up again. 2 If you are looking from the north side of the canteen, 3 you would may be just be able to see in a direct line 4 the car at D. Is that the position in which you recall 5 the Gendarme car just past the OLC building? 6 A. I would say it was slightly at the lower end of D. 7 Q. The lower end of D? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. The point being this: you do have a direct line of 10 vision approximately to that car and it is some sort of 11 Landcruiser and we know that it crashed through the 12 barriers, the front was damaged, there's oil on the 13 ground and it may well have been spurting out steam. Do 14 you think that that is in fact the car that you saw 15 rather than the Gendarme vehicle? 16 A. No, I don't. 17 Q. You don't think so? 18 A. No. 19 Q. Fair enough. Thank you very much indeed, Mr Bell. 20 Questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS 21 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Mr Bell, my name is Owen-Thomas, I ask 22 questions on behalf of David Green, the father of 23 Stephen Green. 24 I know you have told us that you saw Stephen that 25 morning. Can you just help me with how well you knew</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 209</p>	<p>1 Q. We know you say you saw Stephen that morning, you said 2 hello, good morning to him. Do you recall seeing him 3 again afterwards? 4 A. No, I didn't see him again after that. 5 Q. Can I take it from that that you didn't see him leave 6 the canteen? 7 A. No. 8 Q. Would you say that he was in the canteen when Kel came 9 in? Are you able to say that? 10 A. I wouldn't be able to say. 11 Q. You had nothing more to do with Stephen Green at all -- 12 A. No, I didn't. 13 Q. -- during the attack? 14 A. I didn't actually recall meeting Stephen Green until the 15 rucksack, until we opened the rucksack with, well the 16 military guy opened the rucksack and I've seen his badge 17 and when I've seen his badge I instantly remembered that 18 I had seen him in the morning when I'd gone to the 19 coffee, but I didn't actually recall that during the 20 siege. 21 Q. Can you tell me a little bit about the laptop bag. We 22 have heard that you had it with you? 23 A. Yes, Garry recovered it from the canteen when we -- he 24 went back to get his bag. I stayed. 25 Q. Did you see him do that?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 211</p>
<p>1 him before the 16 January. Had you worked with him? 2 A. No, I didn't work with him. I knew of him. I knew that 3 he was called Stephen Green. I knew what he looked 4 like. And I knew that he was the Compression Project 5 health and safety officer, health and safety manager. 6 Q. Thank you. I understand you left your room that morning 7 at about 5.30; is that right? 8 A. Approximately, yes. 9 Q. Could you tell us approximately when you arrived at the 10 canteen? 11 A. Probably about 5.40, 5.35, 5.40. 12 Q. You have explained how you got your breakfast and were 13 heading over to the coffee machine -- 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. -- when it was that you saw Stephen. Perhaps if X356 16 could go up, Mr Roberts' sketch, please. Help me with 17 where the coffee machine is -- was? 18 A. The coffee machine as we look at it is in the sort of 19 bottom right-hand area against the -- the right-hand 20 wall. 21 Q. So the southwest corner? 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. Just to the right of the storeroom? 24 A. Yes, in that area, slightly up and to the right of the 25 storeroom.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 210</p>	<p>1 A. No, I stayed in the Landcruiser. I didn't want to get 2 out. I felt safer in the Landcruiser. He came back 3 with a bag which we -- I believe came to us -- came with 4 us to Sicily and we gave it to the consul I think, the 5 British consul. 6 Q. And that was a laptop bag? 7 A. It's a laptop bag. I believe it was a rucksack, was it 8 a rucksack laptop bag I believe it was. 9 Q. Did you open it? 10 A. No, it hadn't been opened at all at that time, not to my 11 knowledge anyway. 12 Q. You didn't look in it for the ID card? 13 A. No, the only time that I've seen the laptop bag opened 14 was on the Hercules and it was either the major from the 15 US air team or his associate, the guy responsible for 16 getting the troops back on, and we asked whether we 17 could go and give it Kel but he said: once you're loaded 18 onto the plane you're loaded. We'll give it to him and 19 he said, but we need to ID it. So he opened the bag and 20 the first thing that we've seen was a laptop and Stephen 21 Green's card, and then I realised that I had actually 22 seen him that morning, the morning of the 16th. 23 Q. And that was an American? 24 A. That was an American. 25 Q. An American serviceman?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 212</p>

<p>1 A. Yes. He took the bag away and I've never seen it again.</p> <p>2 Q. Other than the laptop and the ID card did you see</p> <p>3 anything else in the bag?</p> <p>4 A. Not that I can recall, no.</p> <p>5 Q. In particular, notebooks?</p> <p>6 A. I couldn't say.</p> <p>7 MR OWEN-THOMAS: Thank you very much. That is all I ask.</p> <p>8 Thank you, sir.</p> <p>9 MR ANTROBUS: Sir, no questions from us. Save that we are</p> <p>10 obviously not going to address with this witness the</p> <p>11 suggestions about payments being made on behalf of BP.</p> <p>12 THE CORONER: It wasn't direct evidence, it was from someone</p> <p>13 else and we have not heard it developed as to where it</p> <p>14 came from and indeed it wasn't at the time, so quite</p> <p>15 understood.</p> <p>16 MR ANTROBUS: Thank you.</p> <p>17 THE CORONER: Thank you. Thank you very much indeed. So we</p> <p>18 have finished you.</p> <p>19 (The witness withdrew)</p> <p>20 THE CORONER: Mr Docherty is here. Mr Docherty, I am afraid</p> <p>21 we are going to have to break off in a moment so we are</p> <p>22 not going to get to you today. I am sorry about that.</p> <p>23 I know where you have to come from and we'll arrange</p> <p>24 things so that you have time to get here. At least we</p> <p>25 can do that. I hope that is some comfort. All right,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 213</p>	<p>1 The reason that the Statoil report focuses upon the</p> <p>2 Norwegians is not of course through any lack of respect</p> <p>3 or concern as to the other deaths which occurred during</p> <p>4 this dreadful attack, but because there are different</p> <p>5 legal processes in the different countries and in the</p> <p>6 different jurisdictions Statoil were very anxious not to</p> <p>7 cut across proceedings such as this.</p> <p>8 So in respect of the loss of the loved ones in this</p> <p>9 country we do not think there is very much if anything</p> <p>10 which will add to the picture presently available in</p> <p>11 terms of the precise events during the attack itself.</p> <p>12 But again, we undertake, as you would expect, to read</p> <p>13 the witness summaries with that question particularly in</p> <p>14 mind and we do understand, I can assure both you, sir,</p> <p>15 and everybody else present in this room, we do</p> <p>16 understand how important it is in these inquests that</p> <p>17 any further information which may touch upon an issue of</p> <p>18 such importance to the families is brought forward as</p> <p>19 I say.</p> <p>20 THE CORONER: My own feeling was simply this: for the reason</p> <p>21 you have said and where I have anticipated the focus of</p> <p>22 their investigation might be it could yet be there was</p> <p>23 something there which had not found its way into the</p> <p>24 report which they would for perfectly good reasons have</p> <p>25 thought didn't bear on it but which might be really</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 215</p>
<p>1 I am sorry about that, but thank you.</p> <p>2 Mr Laidlaw, did you want to just say something about</p> <p>3 where we have got to?</p> <p>4 MR LAIDLAW: Would you allow me?</p> <p>5 THE CORONER: Of course, of course.</p> <p>6 MR LAIDLAW: Further to your invitation that we as counsel,</p> <p>7 and we act for Statoil SAS in case there is concern</p> <p>8 about that, further to the invitation that we conduct</p> <p>9 a disclosure exercise in respect of the witness</p> <p>10 statements I can inform the court that the company has</p> <p>11 been good enough to agree to such a course.</p> <p>12 Would you allow me just to say two things so</p> <p>13 expectations, particularly in the families' minds are</p> <p>14 not raised unnecessarily.</p> <p>15 First, this exercise will be more time consuming</p> <p>16 than I had initially thought and it will take, I am</p> <p>17 afraid, until at least the end of next week for us to</p> <p>18 receive, get through and discuss according to</p> <p>19 a procedure that we have agreed upon. We'll work</p> <p>20 obviously as hard as is possible. We are acutely</p> <p>21 conscious of the time constraints that there are.</p> <p>22 Secondly, because Statoil's report arose from and</p> <p>23 was focused upon the loss of Norwegian lives any further</p> <p>24 information about how the loss of the families' loved</p> <p>25 ones in this country occurred may be rather limited.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 214</p>	<p>1 important for our investigation. So I understand what</p> <p>2 you say and, as you say, it may well be that there isn't</p> <p>3 anything and expectations ought not to be raised at this</p> <p>4 stage when the exercise hasn't been carried out.</p> <p>5 MR LAIDLAW: Yes, that process will begin as it has and will</p> <p>6 continue and I will keep you and the families informed.</p> <p>7 Sir, in those circumstances I won't trouble you with</p> <p>8 our skeleton on the legal issue. If we have to return</p> <p>9 to it it is done and can be made available to you</p> <p>10 straight away.</p> <p>11 THE CORONER: Yes, it may very well we won't -- so</p> <p>12 I understand that. I am very grateful.</p> <p>13 MR LAIDLAW: Thank you for hearing from me.</p> <p>14 MS GERRY: Sorry, can I just add something to it if I may?</p> <p>15 THE CORONER: Yes.</p> <p>16 MS GERRY: Sir, as you may well be aware one of the aspects</p> <p>17 that Sebastian's family is very anxious about is trying</p> <p>18 to find out where Sebastian was found after the event.</p> <p>19 As I understand it, Lotfi Benadouda was one of the</p> <p>20 people who was taken around the site and asked to</p> <p>21 identify those who were terrorists and those who weren't</p> <p>22 and clearly from the evidence we have heard today we</p> <p>23 know that Lotfi was on site very soon after the events</p> <p>24 were coming to an end and indeed hadn't quite come to an</p> <p>25 end. So I would ask if it is possible that any</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 216</p>

<p>1 information that Statoil is able to review in relation 2 to where people may have been found or identified and 3 again, for reasons my learned friend raised they may not 4 have found their way into the report because where 5 Sebastian was found may not have been important to 6 Statoil. I don't mean that with in respect. So I just 7 ask if that is borne in mind when this exercise is 8 undertaken. 9 THE CORONER: I have no doubt that will be. 10 MR LAIDLAW: That is extremely helpful, and it is precisely 11 the sort of request, if I may say so, which if the 12 families want to send through to us, focused upon the 13 events of those days that then we can have them 14 particularly in mind as we look at the material. 15 THE CORONER: I am very grateful. Everybody has heard that 16 offer. It is obviously a sensible way to go forward but 17 if there are any particular points anybody would like 18 the Statoil team to look for, I don't think they need to 19 come to me but if they can go to Mr Laidlaw then he and 20 his team will have those well in mind. 21 MR LAIDLAW: Yes, absolutely. 22 THE CORONER: I am very grateful. 23 MR POPAT: Sir, may I just confirm, I assume in light of 24 what has just been said that you didn't require the list 25 that we offered to provide just in relation to BP.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 217</p>	<p>1 INDEX 2 MR IAIN ADAMSON (affirmed)1 3 Questions from MS DOLAN1 4 Questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS61 5 Questions from MS GERRY76 6 Questions from MR RITCHIE89 7 Questions from MR FLINN104 8 Further questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS117 9 Questions from MR POPAT122 10 MR GARRY ROBERTS (sworn)133 11 Questions from MS DOLAN133 12 Questions from MS GERRY166 13 Questions from MR RITCHIE173 14 Questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS174 15 Questions from MS GOLLOP182 16 MR RAYMOND BELL (sworn)184 17 Questions from MS DOLAN184 18 Questions from MS GERRY199 19 Questions from MR RITCHIE202 20 Questions from MR OWEN-THOMAS209 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 219</p>
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<p>1 THE CORONER: I think not. I think that has rather fallen 2 away but thank you for raising that. 3 So far as Monday is concerned, we are going to start 4 on Monday at 10.20. I am very grateful to everybody for 5 all their help this week. 10.20 on Monday. 6 (4.25 pm) 7 (The inquest adjourned until Monday, 6 October at 10.20 am) 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 218</p>	
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