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6                   **MRS. LAVERTY AS FOLLOWS:**

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8           1    Q. MRS. LAVERTY: Good morning, Mr. Curran. I'm Mary Lavery,  
9                   counsel for the Tribunal. And thank you for attending this  
10                  morning. I think that you were a member of the Force for a  
11                  long time in Donegal, is that correct?

12               A. Yes, that's correct.

13           2    Q. And when did you join the Force?

14               A. I joined in 1958.

15           3    Q. And can you give us a brief resumé of your career, please?

16               A. Well, I joined in 1958, and after my initial training I was  
17                  transferred to Donegal, where I spent three years in  
18                  Donegal.

19           4    Q. Can you move forward a little bit, Mr. Curran, in case the  
20                  people at the back can't hear you. The mics are a bit  
21                  awkward.

22               A. After I left Donegal I was sent to Sligo, where I spent  
23                  five years. I was then promoted to Sergeant in 1967, and I  
24                  was transferred to Kilmihill in west Clare. I applied and  
25                  got a transfer after 18 months in west Clare to  
26                  Kiltyclogher in County Leitrim. I stayed in Kiltyclogher  
27                  for three years and I was transferred again to Sligo. In  
28                  1973 I was promoted Inspector and transferred to Monaghan,  
29                  where I remained until I retired in 1994.

30           5    Q. Did you remain at Inspector level during those years?

1 A. No, Mr. Chairman, I was promoted to Superintendent in  
2 1981, and I was promoted Chief Superintendent in 1990, and  
3 I remained in Monaghan during all that time.

4 6 Q. So you're 21 years, effectively, in Monaghan?

5 A. Yes, that's correct.

6 7 Q. What was it like in those days on the border, in the '70's?

7 A. Well, it was very busy; there was incidents every day.

8 Sometimes bodies found in the vicinity of the border, bombs  
9 being exploded regularly, members of the Northern Ireland  
10 security forces were the target at all times.

11 8 Q. Was it a dangerous position for the Irish Gardaí to be in?

12 A. Well, it was, it was, but those that worked on the border  
13 didn't see it that way, they took it as an everyday job,  
14 and at that time none of them had ever received any  
15 injuries as a result of shootings or bombings from the  
16 subversives at the time.

17 9 Q. But I assume you knew a lot of people north of the border  
18 in the security forces who had been injured?

19 A. Oh, I did, yes, I knew a lot of them that were injured.  
20 Some of them were killed.

21 10 Q. Now, am I correct in thinking that the job that you chose  
22 to do on the border, you and other members of the security  
23 forces couldn't have done that job if you were constantly  
24 looking behind your back all the time?

25 A. Well, no, you couldn't. If you were afraid that you were  
26 going to be injured you couldn't do it efficiently.

27 11 Q. So, was it up to yourself as to what precautions you took  
28 in relation to your security?

29 A. Oh, it was. There was no set plan for us, the Gardaí  
30 working on the border; there was no set plan or guidelines.

1           You made your own decisions on what security arrangements  
2           you made for yourself or for anybody that was working with  
3           you.

4       12   Q. How many stations were in your area?

5           A. Well, there would probably be, as far as I can remember,  
6           about 28 or 29 altogether within the division of  
7           Cavan/Monaghan. Probably about half of them would be very  
8           close to the border.

9       13   Q. And geographically how far away were you from the border?

10          A. Well, in Monaghan town geographically I was about three  
11          miles from the border.

12       14   Q. Were there various IRA brigades in the various counties  
13          under your jurisdiction at the time?

14          A. Yes, there was. In the early days they were present in  
15          every town along the border in Monaghan and Cavan.

16       15   Q. So I think that most of your career appeared to have been  
17          related to border security, is that right?

18          A. That's correct, Mr. Chairman. I was at one stage liaison  
19          officer for the Monaghan area with the RUC, and that was  
20          especially from 1981 to 1989, where I was in charge of  
21          border security.

22       16   Q. So, therefore, I assume that your experience of security on  
23          the border and the border region was quite extensive?

24          A. Well, it was as extensive as you could think at the time  
25          anyway, it was. Things kept changing in relation to  
26          subversive activities, things kept changing because the  
27          subversive kept changing their policies as the years went  
28          on. They became professional as the time went by, and in  
29          the 80's the change to the cell system which was -- there  
30          was a number of people engaged in activities and they and

1           they alone knew their own activities, and any operation  
2           that they would have been detailed to carry out at that  
3           time, no other cell would know about it. So that was a big  
4           change, and that came in the '80's.

5       17   Q. Did you have a lot of contact with the RUC being situated,  
6           as you said, three miles from the border?

7           A. Yes, we had formal meetings with the RUC, and especially  
8           after the Anglo-Irish Agreement in 1985 things were very  
9           formalized after that and there was a lot of formal  
10          meetings, and there was also informal meetings where you  
11          would meet and exchange information.

12       18   Q. Where did these meetings take place, Mr. Curran?

13          A. Well, they took place in various centres, in Cavan and  
14          Monaghan, the main centre was Monaghan and Carrickmacross,  
15          and in the north we used to travel to the north in turns  
16          about, and in the north it was usually Newry, Armagh,  
17          Dungannon and Enniskillen.

18       19   Q. Who would attend those meetings?

19          A. From the Garda side the Chief Superintendent and the  
20          Superintendent in each district that he was responsible  
21          for, and a note taker.

22       20   Q. And on the RUC side?

23          A. The RUC side was something similar, except that they always  
24          had members of the Special Branch present.

25       21   Q. Now, you said you took it in turns, presumably to cross  
26          each other's border?

27          A. Yes, it was turns about.

28       22   Q. Was that on a monthly basis?

29          A. It was a monthly basis, yeah.

30       23   Q. Did you know Bob Buchanan?

1 A. Yes, I knew him well. I knew him for probably four or five  
2 years.

3 24 Q. I think he was your counterpart as Border Superintendent,  
4 is that so?

5 A. That's correct, Mr. Chairman, he was the contact man on the  
6 northern side for Armagh. There was a different one for  
7 Enniskillen and for Tyrone.

8 25 Q. How often would you meet Bob Buchanan?

9 A. Well, he used to call quite regularly to the station. He  
10 could walk in any time. He was the kind of man that wasn't  
11 anyway concerned about his security or didn't appear to be.  
12 Anytime that I mentioned security to him, he didn't seem to  
13 be worried about it.

14 26 Q. Would he call in on a weekly basis or monthly basis?

15 A. He would call in sometimes maybe three times a week and  
16 maybe another week, once a week, twice a week.

17 27 Q. How would you describe him as a person because we did not  
18 have the opportunity of meeting him?

19 A. Well, he was a pleasant man. He was quite pleasant, and I  
20 always took him to be as honest as I have met in the RUC.

21 28 Q. Did you form a good relationship with him?

22 A. We did, yes.

23 29 Q. Was there an element of friendship involved in that?

24 A. Yes, I suppose when you're working with somebody like that  
25 you develop a friendship that wouldn't be there otherwise.

26 30 Q. Now, the information you would share with Bob Buchanan, was  
27 that information at a local level or was it information  
28 that would be passed down to you both by, perhaps, Crime  
29 and Security?

30 A. No, it would never be -- Crime and Security never would



1 pass on information except in a very general way. Any  
2 information that we would exchange in relation to  
3 activities in our area would be very local.

4 31 Q. Did you have any access to Special Branch intelligence?

5 A. In the north?

6 32 Q. Well, in your jurisdiction?

7 A. Oh, in my jurisdiction, yes, I had.

8 33 Q. When would that be required?

9 A. It would be required for the formal meetings, and a  
10 synopsis of the intelligence would be given at the meeting.  
11 In relation to my meetings with Bob Buchanan, they were  
12 casual, informal meetings, and at some of those meetings  
13 information would be exchanged, but it would be a very  
14 localised issue that we'd be discussing.

15 34 Q. I assume, though, that the information that was exchanged  
16 between the two of you was of some benefit to both of you?

17 A. Well, it was, I suppose, yeah, sometimes you'd wonder, but  
18 you'd have to say it was.

19 35 Q. Now, at any stage did Bob Buchanan raise a concern with  
20 you?

21 A. Yes, he called into my office one day and he said that --

22 36 Q. Before we go there, Mr. Curran, have you any idea when he  
23 called into you? When this might have occurred?

24 A. It would probably be 1987, and the first half of 1987, as  
25 far as I can recall.

26 37 Q. Have you a reason for remembering it was the first half of  
27 the year?

28 A. Well, I have, because I had a new Toyota car, and when I  
29 was relaying his message to Dublin I remember driving that  
30 car that day and it was new at the time. I don't remember

1 the exact time I bought the car, but I bought it in the  
2 first half of 1987.

3 38 Q. Thank you. To come back to Mr. Buchanan visiting you, what  
4 was the result of the conversation he had with you?

5 A. Well, he told me that he had -- the RUC had information  
6 that Detective Sergeant Owen Corrigan in Dundalk was  
7 associating, unnecessarily associating with the IRA, and  
8 the RUC were concerned about it.

9 39 Q. Now, I assume in the natural order of things that Detective  
10 Owen Corrigan would have to associate with the IRA in any  
11 event to get information, would that be correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 40 Q. And in your own sphere of activity would you have had,  
14 similarly, to have had some connections with the IRA?

15 A. Oh, yes, I had.

16 41 Q. And in what way did this association appear to perturb  
17 Mr. Buchanan?

18 A. Well, what I gathered was that the association that  
19 Detective Sergeant Corrigan had with them went far beyond  
20 that, and that I got the impression that he was assisting  
21 the IRA.

22 42 Q. Did that come as a shock to you?

23 A. Well, it came as a shock to me that -- yes, it did, yeah.

24 43 Q. Were you taken aback by Superintendent Buchanan telling you  
25 something like this?

26 A. I was because I thought myself that if there was any issue  
27 to be discussed like that, it would be at a higher level  
28 than us. So I questioned him a little bit about the  
29 information. So I very soon got the impression that he was  
30 only the messenger. He said he had no details of the

1 actual information, but he was asked to ask me to convey  
2 that to the Assistant Commissioner in charge of Crime and  
3 Security, which I promised I would.

4 44 Q. That was quite a responsibility to be passing on to you,  
5 Mr. Curran, would it not have been?

6 A. Well, it was one that I wouldn't expect, but I undertook to  
7 do it anyway.

8 45 Q. And did you ever find out who made that request to  
9 Superintendent Buchanan?

10 A. No, I did not, but I presumed at the time it would be the  
11 Special Branch in Northern Ireland.

12 46 Q. Did you question his judgment in asking you to do that?

13 A. No, I didn't.

14 47 Q. Can I ask you why not?

15 A. Pardon?

16 48 Q. Why did you not question his judgment?

17 A. I don't know, I forget. I was probably taken aback and  
18 didn't ask him any more questions about it.

19 49 Q. Did you think this is something that Superintendent  
20 Buchanan would have mentioned frivolously?

21 A. Oh, no, I knew that he had a specific direction to do it,  
22 because he told me that, that he was told to do it.

23 50 Q. And as a result of that conversation what did you do?

24 A. As a result of that conversation I called to the Assistant  
25 Commissioner in Crime and Security. One day I was up in  
26 court very shortly after, I was up in Dublin in court, so I  
27 called into his office.

28 51 Q. Did you pass anyone on your way into the office or did you  
29 speak to anyone?

30 A. No, I just knocked at the door and went in. He was the

1 kind of man that always welcomed anybody that called to his  
2 office.

3 52 Q. Did you tell him why you called?

4 A. I did, I told him the story about what Bob Buchanan told  
5 me, and when I went in he was reading a file --

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7 CHAIRMAN: Who was the Assistant Commissioner?

8 A. Eugene Crowley.

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10 CHAIRMAN: Sorry, I interrupted you.

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12 A. He was reading a file when I went in, and I told him the  
13 purpose of my visit, and I told him about the information  
14 that was passed on to me by Bob Buchanan and all the bits,  
15 hearsay that I had heard about Owen Corrigan. When I was  
16 finished -- he kept looking at the file, but when I was  
17 finished he said to me, "How are things in Monaghan town?"  
18 So we discussed activities in Monaghan, but he never  
19 mentioned anything in relation to the conversation that I  
20 went there to tell him. In a very short time I got the  
21 opinion he didn't want to hear it, so I left.

22 53 Q. MRS. LAVERTY: Did he acknowledge it in any way?

23 A. Not in any way, no.

24 54 Q. Did he ask any questions about it?

25 A. No.

26 55 Q. You said that you had passed on other information which was  
27 hearsay to him?

28 A. Yes.

29 56 Q. Where would you have got that information?

30 A. Well, I got that from a member who served with Owen

1           Corrigan for a number of years, and he was promoted  
2           Detective Sergeant and he was transferred to Monaghan, and  
3           it was he that gave me the information that you're  
4           referring to.

5       57   Q. Did you have any personal information regarding Sergeant  
6           Owen Corrigan?

7           A. No.

8       58   Q. So were you, in effect, the messenger for Superintendent  
9           Buchanan?

10          A. I was, yes, that's right.

11       59   Q. Do you recall if Assistant Commissioner Crowley took a  
12           note?

13          A. No, he didn't take any notes.

14       60   Q. Now, in the normal course of events is this the sort of  
15           information that is passed orally between members of the  
16           security forces?

17          A. No. Well, the safety of police officers coming across the  
18           border would be discussed regularly, but a specific  
19           allegation like that, that somebody in the guards was  
20           assisting the IRA, I never experienced that before.

21       61   Q. And are you in any doubt that Assistant Commissioner  
22           Crowley actually heard what you were saying to him?

23          A. Well, I have no doubt about it. I was quite close to him.

24       62   Q. Could you have in the normal way written out a report or  
25           written to the Commissioner passing on Bob Buchanan's  
26           request?

27          A. Well, I could have, but I thought the matter was very  
28           serious and I decided that I'd go and see him personally.

29       63   Q. Do you know if there was any investigation carried out on  
30           foot of your visit to Assistant Commissioner Crowley?

1 A. I have no idea, Mr. Chairman. I was never spoken to by  
2 anybody afterwards about it.

3 64 Q. Now, I think that, unfortunately, Mr. Curran, ex Assistant  
4 Commissioner Crowley passed away literally a matter of days  
5 after you made your statement to us. We were unable to  
6 question him or put your evidence to him?

7 A. Well, that would be it, I don't know.

8 65 Q. Now, I think that Mr. Crowley in the transcript of the  
9 evidence of the interview that we did have with him seems  
10 to agree with you that nothing was written down?

11 A. No.

12 66 Q. And at pages 165 and 166 of his transcript he says: *"When*  
13 *exchanging information with the RUC it would be mouth to*  
14 *mouth or person to person,"* would that be...

15 A. Well, if you're exchanging information of that gravity it  
16 would probably be, it should be.

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18 MR. O'CALLAGHAN: Mr. Chairman, sorry to interrupt  
19 Mrs. Lavery. We have a statement of a transcript of the  
20 interview with Mr. Crowley dated the 12th of February,  
21 2008. However, it's only 42 pages. I'm just wondering, is  
22 there another transcript of which we are not aware?

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24 MRS. LAVERTY: It's question, I'm sorry. I have misled  
25 you, sorry Mr. O'Callaghan.

26 67 Q. I think, Mr. Curran, we had in fact met you before  
27 Assistant Commissioner Crowley died?

28 A. I don't remember that. I don't know. I have no idea. I  
29 remember when he died, but I forget...

30 68 Q. I think he died on the 1st of August, 2009, and you had

1           been speaking to the Tribunal in July 2009?

2           A. That could be, I have no dates. I've no record of any  
3           dates.

4       69   Q. And I think that we had in fact met Assistant Commissioner  
5           Crowley on two occasions before we met you, Mr. Curran, and  
6           that's why I'm quoting from his transcript because we had  
7           already met him. Now, he says at question and answer  
8           number 168, he told us that:-

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10           *"A: If the Garda suspected or the RUC suspected that you*  
11           *were connected to the IRA, you tell him and he would carry*  
12           *out his own intelligence on that.*

13           *Q: But would he go out and question you or interrogate*  
14           *you?*

15           *A: No, unless he got evidence to bring a charge against*  
16           *you?"*

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18           He's suggesting there that if somebody came to him, either  
19           a Garda or a member of the RUC, and suspected that a person  
20           was connected to the IRA, that he'd go out and do his own  
21           intelligence or investigation?

22           A. Well, I would expect that he would do his own  
23           investigation, yes, but I have no experience of what he  
24           would do, but that would be my belief that that's what he  
25           would do.

26       70   Q. Because of the seriousness of the message that you  
27           conveyed, would you expected him to revert to you if he had  
28           carried out an investigation and if the investigation in  
29           fact completely exonerated Mr. Corrigan?

30           A. Well, I wouldn't expect that, no, because when I gave him

1 the message my job was done, and I wouldn't expect him to  
2 come back to explain to me what investigations he carried  
3 out at all.

4 71 Q. At the time did you not consider it necessary to follow it  
5 up in any way?

6 A. No, I couldn't question that, because if I did I would be  
7 going beyond my duty in questioning him on what he did in  
8 relation to any matter.

9 72 Q. Now, when you returned to Monaghan, did Superintendent  
10 Buchanan ask you about your mission?

11 A. He did. He called -- probably he mentioned it about a  
12 fortnight after I came back from Dublin. He asked me did I  
13 speak to Crowley and I said I did, and I said he said he'd  
14 look into it.

15 73 Q. And in fact, that wasn't quite correct, sure it wasn't?

16 A. No, it wasn't, no.

17 74 Q. You were, to an extent, apologising for Mr. Crowley?

18 A. I was covering up a bit.

19 75 Q. Did Superintendent Buchanan ever ask you about that again?

20 A. No, he never mentioned it after.

21 76 Q. And I think he continued on, you say it was 1987, he  
22 continued on for the next two years in the same position,  
23 is that right?

24 A. He did, that's correct, yeah.

25 77 Q. Now, just if I can run something else by you, Mr. Curran.

26 There was earlier evidence about two weeks ago, you were  
27 not present for, from a Mr. Alan Mains, who was the ex  
28 Staff Officer of Harry Breen. He, at question and answer  
29 658, page 122 in the transcript, he reported a meeting to  
30 the Tribunal that took place on the 21st March, 1989, which



1 was the day after the murders, and he said it took place  
2 between himself, Sir John Hermon and the ACC, whom we refer  
3 to Witness No. 18, because we're not divulging the names of  
4 the former members of the RUC. His evidence, contradicted,  
5 I might add, by the ACC Witness No. 18, said that he told  
6 the Chief Constable that Mr. Breen had named Owen Corrigan  
7 as a person that he was very uneasy with, and he went on to  
8 say why he felt that way, and he said that "...The Chief  
9 Constable was dismissive, said it was rubbish, disagreed,  
10 and he quickly said that the man had been investigated and  
11 he had been cleared."

12  
13 Now, I know you weren't present for that, but do you think  
14 that possibly that might have been an occasion -- it might  
15 have been related to your report from Superintendent  
16 Buchanan regarding Mr. Corrigan?

17 A. Well, that could be, but I have no idea, Mr. Chairman, if  
18 that's the case.

19 78 Q. I think, in any event, Mr. Crowley said he had heard  
20 nothing about Owen Corrigan in his interview. As far as  
21 you were concerned that was the end of that matter, is that  
22 so?

23 A. Sorry?

24 79 Q. That was the end of that matter?

25 A. It was, Mr. Chairman, yeah.

26 80 Q. Can I just ask you, do you have any personal animosity  
27 against Sergeant Corrigan?

28 A. No, I haven't, because I never really met him. The only  
29 time that I met Detective Sergeant Corrigan, as far as I  
30 can recall, was in the Special Criminal Court on a few

1 occasions. But I never had anything to do with him. I  
2 never worked with him. I didn't know anything about him at  
3 all really.

4 81 Q. You said earlier you had no specific information about him  
5 yourself?

6 A. No, I didn't.

7 82 Q. Now, was there another episode that happened during those  
8 years that you felt was of value to the Tribunal as coming  
9 within its Terms of Reference?

10 A. Yes. Well, Mr. Chairman, at one stage in my service in  
11 Monaghan during Bob Buchanan's time there I was speaking to  
12 a man whom I believed was a member of the IRA, and he told  
13 me that Bob Buchanan was going to be shot. And the words  
14 that he used, he says, "There's a fella crossing the border  
15 there to see you, and he's going to be shot; he's on the  
16 list to be shot". You're never sure about the validity of  
17 stories like that from informants, but it was a serious  
18 matter as far as I was concerned. I wrote directly to  
19 Crime and Security giving them that information.

20 83 Q. Do you recall when this happened?

21 A. I don't remember the date, but I think it was probably the  
22 best part of nine months or more maybe before he was  
23 actually shot.

24 84 Q. I take it now you're not in any way connecting this with  
25 the previous evidence you've given us?

26 A. No, Mr. Chairman, no.

27 85 Q. And did you believe your source?

28 A. Well, I believed him as much as I could. It was  
29 understandable that it might happen anyway because every  
30 RUC man at that time was a target, so he would be the same

1 as everybody else, only he was more vulnerable because he  
2 came across the border a bit more often than anybody else.  
3 So I did believe him that it was possible that he was  
4 right.

5 86 Q. I think that you, yourself, had made suggestions regarding  
6 cross border security around 1987, is that correct?

7 A. Yes, after the Anglo-Irish Agreement again there was  
8 concern for the safety of the RUC, because at that stage  
9 there was intelligence information, I think it came from  
10 Crime and Security, that the IRA were fully bent on  
11 disrupting the Anglo-Irish Agreement and would attempt to  
12 shoot members of the RUC that were coming over to the  
13 Republic of Ireland for meetings. As a result of that,  
14 certain security measures were put into place. The  
15 meetings were doubled up and dates and venues were varied.

16 87 Q. And I think that, as contained in the Affidavit of  
17 Discovery from the Gardaí in File No. 51 -- numbers 520,  
18 521, 522, 523, they are copy of reports you would have sent  
19 yourself relating to --

20 A. Yes, that's correct.

21 88 Q. Do you have them before you?

22 A. Yes, I have, Mr. Chairman.

23 89 Q. There is a report dated the 30th of April to Chief  
24 Superintendent Monaghan from Detective Superintendent Tom  
25 Curran requesting security procedures to be put in place  
26 for the RUC/Garda meetings in the south. That's the 30th  
27 of April.

28 A. Yes, I have that in front of me, Mr. Chairman. I have one  
29 here dated the 8th of May, 1987, from the Chief  
30 Superintendent in Monaghan stating that "*confidential*

1           *information had been received that the PIRA are aware that*  
2           *members of the RUC are crossing the border to attend with*  
3           *the Gardaí, to attend meetings under the terms of the*  
4           *Anglo-Irish Agreement". It says then, "The above*  
5           *organisation is in opposition to the Anglo-Irish Agreement*  
6           *and have planned to murder RUC officers that were coming*  
7           *across the border to meetings".*

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9           So, I received that on -- it's dated the 12th of May. And  
10          as a result of that the security plans I've outlined  
11          earlier were put into place.

12        90    Q. I think this was forwarded to the Assistant Commissioner  
13              from the Chief Superintendent in Monaghan, that particular  
14              report?

15            A. Yes, it was.

16        91    Q. And I think following that then, on the 8th of May, there  
17              was a direction from Assistant Commissioner Fanning to the  
18              Chief Superintendents in Drogheda, Letterkenny, Monaghan  
19              and Sligo indicating that *"due to threats to RUC officers*  
20              *all future personnel attending cross border meetings will*  
21              *have armed Garda escort"*?

22            A. That's correct, yes.

23        92    Q. Now, was that anything to do with the report that you sent?

24            A. No, it had nothing to do with it.

25        93    Q. Now, was your direction, your report at the time to Chief  
26              Superintendent Monaghan regarding security of the RUC and  
27              the border, was that precipitated by the information you  
28              got from your source?

29            A. It was, yes.

30        94    Q. The information that you got in relation to Bob Buchanan?

1 A. Yes, that was why I sent the report.

2 95 Q. That report doesn't specify Bob Buchanan?

3 A. This report?

4 96 Q. That particular one?

5 A. Oh, no, no, it had nothing -- it had only got to do with  
6 the reason why I sent the report about, specifically about  
7 Bob Buchanan. This was a general one.

8 97 Q. If I can just go over that again. In 1987 you expressed  
9 concerns about security of the RUC at the border, is that  
10 correct?

11 A. That's correct, yes.

12 98 Q. And you made certain suggestions and you reported to your  
13 Chief Superintendent?

14 A. Yes, I did.

15 99 Q. And he, in turn, forwarded that on to the Assistant  
16 Commissioner, and then there was a direction from the  
17 Assistant Commissioner?

18 A. Yes, that's correct, yeah.

19 100 Q. And on what basis did you first make those reports?

20 A. Well, on the basis of the information that I received from  
21 the Chief Superintendent on the 8th of May, 1987, that I  
22 just outlined there; that confidential information had been  
23 received that as a result of the Anglo-Irish Agreement  
24 there was going to be attacks on the RUC coming across to  
25 the Republic.

26 101 Q. So, in fact that wasn't your confidential information?

27 A. No, no.

28 102 Q. I just wanted to clarify that. When you got confidential  
29 information from your informant regarding specifically Bob  
30 Buchanan, what did you do?

1 A. I reported it direct to Crime and Security.

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3 CHAIRMAN: Who in Crime and Security did you report it to?

4 A. I reported to the Assistant Commissioner.

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6 CHAIRMAN: Was that still Mr. Crowley?

7 A. Yes, I think so, yes.

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9 103 Q. MRS. LAVERTY: Did you put a general address? How did you  
10 address the envelope?

11 A. Well, you just address the general address, *Assistant*  
12 *Commissioner Crime and Security, Garda Headquarters*, and  
13 you put that in another envelope and it is addressed to the  
14 Commissioner. So all letters then are sorted in  
15 Headquarters and divided up into the various offices.

16 104 Q. Do you recall if you addressed yours to the Commissioner in  
17 the inside envelope?

18 A. I addressed it to the Assistant Commissioner, but I didn't  
19 address it to him personally.

20 105 Q. So, therefore, it would, presumably, be opened in the  
21 office in Crime and Security?

22 A. Oh, it would be opened, yes.

23 106 Q. What did you say in that report? Firstly, can I ask you,  
24 why did you not report to your superior in Monaghan at the  
25 time?

26 A. Well, in relation to that, the way it worked with  
27 intelligence reports, every person who submitted a report  
28 of an intelligence nature, a nature containing  
29 intelligence, reported direct to the Assistant  
30 Commissioner. Now, he had an option of providing a copy of

1           that to his superiors, and it was an option, but most  
2           people did that, they provided copies, but you never saw  
3           the original, because that went straight to Dublin. In my  
4           case, I had posted it straight up to Dublin, but I did not  
5           provide a copy to my own Chief Superintendent. The reason  
6           I did that was I saw copies of intelligence reports in his  
7           office that I thought were carelessly handled and they  
8           weren't suitable for common reading, so I decided for that  
9           reason I wouldn't supply a report to him.

10       107   Q. You bypassed your superior and sent it straight to  
11           Headquarters?

12           A. I did, yeah.

13       108   Q. Was it handwritten or was it typewritten?

14           A. No, it was typed.

15       109   Q. What did you say in it?

16           A. I said that I had received confidential information from a  
17           reliable source that Superintendent Bob Buchanan was going  
18           to be shot by the IRA.

19       110   Q. And did you get any response to that?

20           A. No, I didn't get any response, but normally you do not get  
21           a response from Crime and Security about any matter, in my  
22           experience.

23       111   Q. Who typed your letter, Mr. Curran?

24           A. Myself.

25       112   Q. Did you sign it yourself?

26           A. I did, Mr. Chairman, yeah.

27       113   Q. And following that, was there any additional communication  
28           between you and Special Branch or Crime and Security?

29           A. No, not on that subject.

30       114   Q. Did you feel you should follow it up?

1           A. I didn't, because I had been led to believe, at least  
2           that's what I used to be told, that when a report is  
3           submitted to Crime and Security, it is examined and  
4           collated and compared with other reports of a similar  
5           nature, and that is all done in Crime and Security. That  
6           wouldn't be discussed with the writer of the report. In  
7           the end they might decide after having examined it and  
8           compared it with other documents that it wasn't as  
9           important as probably the writer might imagine. So it was  
10          never discussed or ever referred back, very seldom anyway.

11       115   Q. Are you saying once an intelligence report was sent off to  
12          Crime and Security, basically they deal with it from then  
13          on?

14          A. That's it, they deal with it. That's it.

15       116   Q. And in the normal course of events I think a lot of  
16          detectives deal directly with Crime and Security?

17          A. Yes, all detectives in the matter of intelligence deal  
18          directly with the Crime and Security.

19       117   Q. And I think they address their C77s, which are intelligence  
20          documents, to Headquarters, isn't that right?

21          A. That's correct, yeah.

22       118   Q. Have you ever encountered in your years any other  
23          information similar to that information that you passed on?

24          A. No, I never encountered as direct information as that in  
25          relation to a life.

26       119   Q. Now, I think, Mr. Curran, that subsequently the Tribunal  
27          contacted you -- well, when the Tribunal did contact you,  
28          what did you think at the time led us to you?

29          A. Well, I had no idea, I'd no idea at all, only that -- my  
30          only conclusion was I knew the two deceased men and I



1           worked in liaison with them from time to time, and I was  
2           thinking they were looking for information in relation to  
3           my association with them.

4       120   Q. Did you think it had anything to do with a report submitted  
5           by you?

6           A. No, I didn't.

7       121   Q. And subsequently having met you, we required corroboration  
8           of that report, and we wrote to the Garda Síochána,  
9           Mr. Curran, and I think correspondence ensued with you, and  
10          you were visited by a Chief Superintendent, who was in fact  
11          our liaison officer, and you discussed the matter with him.  
12          And as a result, unfortunately, that -- a copy of your  
13          report has never been found?

14          A. That's correct, it's never been found, as far as I know.

15       122   Q. Did you give all the assistance to the person who visited  
16           you in order to secure that report?

17          A. I did, yes. I relayed to him the whole story, and that I  
18          had met members of the tribunal and what I had said to  
19          them. I told him everything.

20       123   Q. Were you surprised that that report has not been found?

21          A. Well, I am, yes. But, you know, the way it is and  
22          government offices, sometimes these things get lost.

23       124   Q. What was your reaction then when Superintendent Buchanan  
24           was murdered?

25          A. Well, I was shocked that had happened. It was a thing that  
26          was always in the back of your mind, some day something  
27          like that would happen.

28       125   Q. Did you feel there was any more you could have done?

29          A. No, I don't think so. In relation to the report, I don't  
30          think so, but I regret I didn't refer back to them after he

1 was murdered, because at that time my informant had fled  
2 the scene and I didn't know where he was, but in the slim  
3 chance that if I had met him that I might have or he might  
4 have further information, and it would be slim in the  
5 circumstances, but I was sorry I didn't go then to Crime  
6 and Security and ask them and tell them the name of the  
7 informant so that maybe they might have intelligence as to  
8 his whereabouts at that time. So, that's a thing I missed  
9 on.

10 126 Q. Did you keep any copy of the report you sent?

11 A. I didn't, Mr. Chairman.

12 127 Q. Is it normal to keep copies of those reports?

13 A. It is.

14 128 Q. Have you any particular reason why you didn't keep that  
15 one?

16 A. Not as far as I can recall. I don't remember why I didn't.

17 129 Q. Do you recall if you took a note in your journal about it?

18 A. No.

19 130 Q. Do you still have your journals?

20 A. No, I don't.

21 131 Q. What happened to them?

22 A. Well, it's 23 years ago and there is not room in our house  
23 for a lot of these things.

24 132 Q. I see. Do you have any information, Mr. Curran, about two  
25 other members of the Force? Have you ever come across them  
26 personally yourself or had any information about a Mr. Leo  
27 Colton or Finbarr Hickey?

28 A. No, I've no information at all. I don't recall ever  
29 meeting Finbarr Hickey. Leo Colton joined, did his  
30 training with me, so I don't think I ever met him after our

1 training was completed or I don't remember. I don't know  
2 anything about him.

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4 MRS. LAVERTY: Thank you, Mr. Curran.

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6 **THE WITNESS WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. DURACK AS FOLLOWS:**

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8 133 Q. MR. DURACK: Mr. Curran, my name is Michael Durack, and I  
9 appear for the Garda Síochána. If I might ask you a few  
10 questions. You were in Monaghan from '73 to '94?

11 A. That's correct.

12 134 Q. And responsible for liaison from '81 to '89 or thereabouts?

13 A. Yes.

14 135 Q. Liaison with the RUC. How active was the IRA in Monaghan  
15 at that stage?

16 A. They were very active, in fact it was one of the most  
17 active periods in Monaghan. After the hunger strike which  
18 occurred, I think, in about 1981, the hunger strike in the  
19 Maze, the IRA at that time got a lot of new recruits in the  
20 Monaghan area. The '80's was the busiest time in relation  
21 to trying to control the IRA at that time.

22 136 Q. And I know that you would have had a list of potential  
23 subversives or subversive suspects?

24 A. Yes, that's correct.

25 137 Q. What number would that have run to?

26 A. It would -- well, we had a local one and one for the whole  
27 division of Cavan/Monaghan, and that would have run to  
28 probably around 200, I'd say.

29 138 Q. For each division?

30 A. That would be people that would be on the periphery of the

1 organisation as well.

2 139 Q. So about 200 for the division, and then in relation to  
3 Monaghan itself?

4 A. I can't remember now, but it would be quite substantial.  
5 But at that time the cell system had come in and it wasn't  
6 very easy to judge the strength of any cell. I would  
7 safely say cells comprised of, as far as I know, five or  
8 six people. There would have been in Monaghan -- you mean  
9 Monaghan town, is it?

10 140 Q. In your general area in the county of Monaghan?

11 A. In the county of Monaghan there would be probably about 14  
12 or 15 cells, that's to my knowledge. I can't remember  
13 exactly.

14 141 Q. Each with five or six people?

15 A. Yes.

16 142 Q. And I think you said that they operated autonomously?

17 A. Well, they operated on the direction of the Chief of Staff,  
18 but they did do their own thing, and no other cell knew  
19 what they were doing, or weren't suppose to know, because  
20 that was the directions of the Chief of Staff, as far as I  
21 knew.

22 143 Q. And I think this system was designed as a means of  
23 counterintelligence?

24 A. It was, yes, correct, yes.

25 144 Q. I take it those units were active on both sides of the  
26 border?

27 A. Yes, they were.

28 145 Q. The border was no barrier to people travelling if they  
29 wanted to?

30 A. No.

1       146   Q. In relation to their intelligence gathering in your area,  
2               were they active at that, were you aware?

3           A. I was aware that they were active, and at one stage in the  
4               '80's there was one or two that were living in the Monaghan  
5               area, used to be in the vicinity of the Garda Station  
6               having a look at those that were going on duty and coming  
7               off duty at the end of and the start of shifts. So, they  
8               were quite active at that time.

9       147   Q. Do I take it from what you are saying that they were  
10              monitoring various members of the Gardaí and their  
11              activities?

12          A. That's correct, yes.

13       148   Q. We've heard earlier there were various people in Dundalk  
14              who were attacked at various stages by the IRA. Did that  
15              occur in Monaghan?

16          A. It did many times, especially funerals of IRA shot in  
17              active service, they were attacked many times. Other  
18              meetings and also demonstrations during the hunger strikes  
19              and all that, there was clashes on many occasions, but  
20              there was no guard was ever shot during that time, in  
21              Monaghan I mean.

22       149   Q. It took the form of harassment rather than physical  
23              violence?

24          A. That's correct, yes. A form of intimidation as well.  
25              Detectives used to be followed from time to time, even when  
26              they wouldn't be on duty they would be followed, but it  
27              would all come to nothing, but it was going on.

28       150   Q. It was a form of intimidating you and a form of monitoring  
29              you?

30          A. Yes, both, yes, that's correct.

1       151    Q. They knew where you lived, they knew what shifts you  
2               worked?

3               A. Yes, correct.

4       152    Q. Equally, if they were monitoring the Gardaí in the south,  
5               they were undoubtedly monitoring the RUC in the north?

6               A. They wouldn't have the same freedom, because the RUC had  
7               much tighter security on their own people than we had. I'm  
8               sure they were at it.

9       153    Q. They would have been aware, of course, of RUC men crossing  
10              the border at various stages for meetings?

11             A. Yes, I would say so, yes.

12       154    Q. If they were keeping an eye on the station, they certainly  
13              knew who was coming and going?

14             A. Yes.

15       155    Q. I take it as Mr. Buchanan had been a regular crosser of the  
16              border, I think you suggested you often met him as often as  
17              three times a week?

18             A. That's correct, yes.

19       156    Q. That he would have been well known to anyone who was  
20              keeping an eye out?

21             A. Well, indeed he would, that's correct, yes.

22       157    Q. Now, you had expressed a concern about the safety of people  
23              visiting and coming to meetings?

24             A. I did.

25       158    Q. And the suggestion was they should have escorts, *et cetera*?

26             A. Yes.

27       159    Q. I take it that was very dependant on their attitude and  
28              what they did?

29             A. Yes, that's correct. Now, before the Anglo-Irish Agreement  
30              at all some would ask for protection and others wouldn't.

1           If they wanted protection they got it, and if they didn't  
2           wish to have protection we wouldn't give it to them, but we  
3           would have a patrol on the road just for observation  
4           purposes. As far as Bob Buchanan is concerned, he came  
5           quite often, and I asked him on one or two occasions if he  
6           would like an escort. So at all times he said that he  
7           wouldn't, he was all right.

8       160   Q. I presume that could equally have been provided as a not  
9           very obtrusive escort, but merely somebody shadowing his  
10          drive down from the border?

11          A. It could, but we'd want to know if he was coming. He used  
12          to come unannounced, and that's the way it was.

13       161   Q. At all stages the provision of protection required notice  
14          of the visit?

15          A. It did.

16       162   Q. It required a request from the person visiting?

17          A. Yes.

18       163   Q. And I don't think that at any stage Mr. Buchanan ever asked  
19          such --

20          A. He did not.

21       164   Q. What discussions did you have with him about his security?

22          A. Well, I just remember what I'm after saying. I just said,  
23          when we were discussing security, I'd say, "What about your  
24          own security? Are you happy with coming up without an  
25          escort? If you want an escort will give you an escort".  
26          He said he was all right, and that was it.

27       165   Q. Did it cause you some concern that he was using his own car  
28          and using the same car all the time?

29          A. Well, it did, but they had a system in the RUC where they  
30          didn't always use the same number plates. They had a

1           number of plates they used to change, but he always used  
2           the same car.

3       166   Q. I think we know certainly some RUC people did change their  
4           number plates, but there doesn't appear to be any record of  
5           him ever doing it?

6           A. No, I don't know if he ever did it, I couldn't say.

7       167   Q. Now, you were saying then your purpose in liaison was  
8           exchanging local information?

9           A. That's correct, yeah.

10      168   Q. More general information you would have expected to be  
11           exchanged at Special Branch, Crime and Security level?

12           A. Yes, that's correct.

13      169   Q. And I think you said in the course of your interview that  
14           within the RUC that it didn't appear that anybody below the  
15           rank of Assistant Chief Constable had access to Special  
16           Branch intelligence from the north?

17           A. That's correct, yes. They had access to Special Branch  
18           intelligence, no one below that had.

19      170   Q. And such intelligence was conveyed on a need-to-know basis?

20           A. Yes, that's correct, but it would be, again, even at the  
21           formal meetings, it would be all local policing policies  
22           and that kind of thing.

23      171   Q. But in terms of a suspicion that there was somebody within  
24           the Garda organisation cooperating in some way with the  
25           IRA, you'd expect that to be a matter the Special Branch  
26           would concern itself with?

27           A. Yes, I would.

28      172   Q. Equally the Special Branch would raise that with Crime and  
29           Security in the south?

30           A. Well, that's what I would be thinking, yes. That's what I



1 would expect.

2 173 Q. The reason I ask you the question is, it seems rather  
3 strange that it's Superintendent Buchanan is bringing this  
4 information to you, which you believed, and you suggested,  
5 I think, in your information that you thought it had come  
6 from Special Branch and they had passed it on to him?

7 A. Yes, I did find it strange. I couldn't understand it, that  
8 the likes could happen.

9 174 Q. I take it you would have expected that if Special Branch  
10 had a particular concern it would be brought up at a  
11 similar level in Dublin?

12 A. That would be my opinion before that.

13 175 Q. And at that stage it may have been assessed by whoever at  
14 that level as being either worth further investigation or  
15 not, as the case may be?

16 A. That could be, yes.

17 176 Q. I think it's quite clear from the interview which  
18 Mr. Crowley conducted that he had no knowledge of any  
19 allegation against Mr. Corrigan, so it may have been dealt  
20 with at a level below him?

21 A. I would very much doubt it. I wouldn't think that -- if  
22 the rumour or the allegation was made at any level, I would  
23 think that Assistant Commissioner Crowley would know about  
24 it. Certainly if the matter was investigated, it wouldn't  
25 be settled at a lower level. He'd have to be notified, and  
26 that would be that.

27 177 Q. Well, it does appear there was some consideration of the  
28 issue because we know Sir John Hermon mentioned it the day  
29 after the murders?

30 A. Yes, I've heard that here today, yes.

1 178 Q. And certainly the RUC, as far as he was briefed by the RUC,  
2 they had considered it further and not found any substance  
3 in it?

4 A. That would appear to be the case.

5 179 Q. So it would have been extraordinarily strange for  
6 Superintendent Buchanan to be conveying a message from  
7 Special Branch in Belfast via you to Crime and Security in  
8 Dublin?

9 A. It would, yes.

10 180 Q. Did you ever have any information at all that suggested any  
11 wrongdoing on the part of Sergeant Corrigan?

12 A. Not in relation to his duties as a policeman, no.

13 181 Q. You suggested, again, that you got information from a Brian  
14 Moroney?

15 A. Yes.

16 182 Q. And was that at any stage to do with Mr. Corrigan colluding  
17 with the IRA?

18 A. No, Mr. Chairman, it was nothing at all got to do with his  
19 official duties.

20 183 Q. I don't know whether you're aware of it, but Mr. Moroney  
21 has made a statement for the Tribunal in the course of an  
22 interview, and he said that he never saw any iota of  
23 evidence that Mr. Corrigan was colluding with the IRA?

24 A. Well, that could be, I don't know. That wasn't discussed.  
25 When I was speaking with Brian Moroney, collusion with the  
26 IRA wasn't on the agenda at all.

27 184 Q. I see. Maybe I'm misinterpreting it, but I understood this  
28 was part of your concern, that Mr. Corrigan was passing on  
29 information to the IRA?

30 A. Not at that time, no.

1 185 Q. It didn't arise from anything Mr. Moroney said to you?

2 A. No.

3 186 Q. Again, in the course of his interview, that he did in fact  
4 say to the Tribunal that he would have trusted Mr. Corrigan  
5 in relation to his job?

6 A. Yes, well I cannot comment on that because I don't know  
7 what -- Mr. Moroney's opinions on that matter. I don't  
8 know.

9 187 Q. Now, just to deal with the other matter that you say you  
10 reported to Headquarters in relation to an allegation  
11 Mr. Buchanan specifically was going to be targeted. We  
12 know there was a general view that the RUC crossing the  
13 border were targets, isn't that right?

14 A. That's correct, yes.

15 188 Q. And that they were all warned in relation to that?

16 A. Yes.

17 189 Q. And as I understand your evidence, you say you typed out a  
18 report and sent it to Crime and Security?

19 A. That's right.

20 190 Q. Bypassing your own chief?

21 A. Yes.

22 191 Q. So that nobody else knew about this allegation?

23 A. Not to my knowledge.

24 192 Q. You didn't in fact even tell Mr. Buchanan?

25 A. I didn't tell him he was going to be shot, but it was after  
26 that I suggested to him maybe he should get security or we  
27 will provide it if he wanted it.

28 193 Q. Would you not have thought it significant if you were  
29 concerned and believed your information you would have told  
30 him to be particularly careful and perhaps reduce the

1 number of his trips south?

2 A. Well, it's not that easy done in that situation. I was  
3 hoping that that would be done at a higher level, because I  
4 didn't want him to get the impression that we were trying  
5 to prevent him from coming over. We all knew that every  
6 RUC man was a target, so I didn't want to -- sometimes  
7 these people can be sensitive enough about their security,  
8 and sometimes they can be maybe slightly critical of our  
9 systems, so I didn't want him to get the impression I  
10 didn't want to see him. So that's why I didn't mention it  
11 him.

12 194 Q. But this was a man who you had grown to be friendly with,  
13 you had a good relationship with?

14 A. Yes.

15 195 Q. And who, on your evidence, you had a belief he was at more  
16 serious risk than others?

17 A. Yes.

18 196 Q. But yet you didn't think it appropriate to tell him?

19 A. No.

20 197 Q. Why would you not tell him that you had heard this  
21 information or had this information?

22 A. Well, I'm just after saying it was, to me, not my place, it  
23 was too sensitive in relation to my relationship with him,  
24 and I was reporting it in the hope it would be taken up at  
25 higher level, because if I told him he was going to be shot  
26 he might form the opinion that our lack of security  
27 wouldn't be able to protect him. I didn't want to give him  
28 that impression either.

29 198 Q. You were content to leave him at what you perceived to be a  
30 higher risk?

1 A. Well, that's the way it was done.

2 199 Q. Might it not be that different arrangements could have been  
3 made if you were aware of his heightened risk?

4 A. I don't know now.

5 200 Q. You know this report cannot be found, and it's certainly  
6 not in Crime and Security and doesn't appear -- it  
7 certainly can't be found in Monaghan, and you have no copy?

8 A. Well, it wasn't in Monaghan.

9 201 Q. I see. You never left an office copy of it?

10 A. No.

11 202 Q. And you didn't keep one for yourself?

12 A. Not that I can remember.

13 203 Q. I'm just wondering why you never mentioned the report to  
14 anyone after the murders?

15 A. I don't know.

16 204 Q. Or why you didn't mention that you had this information to  
17 anybody other than you say Crime and Security before the  
18 murders?

19 A. I don't know why. That's the way I did it, and it may not  
20 be right, but that's the way I did it anyway.

21 205 Q. Now, you mentioned in the course of your statement you  
22 thought Mr. Diffley had presumably received it?

23 A. I did.

24 206 Q. What gave you that impression?

25 A. Well, as far as I could recall he was in charge of  
26 intelligence reports in Crime and Security at that time.

27 207 Q. I may be wrong, but I don't think he makes any comment in  
28 his statement about having seen it in his statement to the  
29 Tribunal, and he was there until May 1988. I think you  
30 were talking about C77s, *et cetera*, how they operate, the

1 intelligence reports, is that right?

2 A. Yes.

3 208 Q. A member would fill out an intelligence report, could send  
4 it to his Chief Superintendent, and would quite often keep  
5 a copy for himself and send it direct to Crime and  
6 Security?

7 A. No, that's not what I said. I said that anybody submitting  
8 an intelligence report was obliged to send it straight to  
9 the Assistant Commissioner, that was the orders that were  
10 in place at the time. He had an option to send a copy to  
11 his superiors.

12 209 Q. And in that C77 would you provide information that would  
13 allow the Department to assess the grade of the  
14 intelligence or the quality of it?

15 A. Yes, you could, yes.

16 210 Q. And in this particular case were you in a position to  
17 provide that information?

18 A. Well, I didn't provide that information because I didn't  
19 report it on a C77, but I said I received reliable  
20 information, and that's as far as I went.

21 211 Q. So there was nothing upon which the evidence could be  
22 graded other than your assertion it was reliable?

23 A. No.

24 212 Q. Was that based on just one informant or was there more than  
25 one source?

26 A. Just one.

27 213 Q. In the ordinary course of things would you not see if there  
28 could be some corroborative information from anybody else?

29 A. Well, it would be mighty difficult because to get any  
30 informant is very difficult at that time, so the chances of

1 getting somebody to corroborate it would be unthinkable  
2 really.

3 214 Q. And had this source provided you with any other good  
4 information?

5 A. He had provided me with information, but I wouldn't class  
6 it as in that category. It would be medium.

7 215 Q. Just then in relation to your meeting with Mr. Crowley, did  
8 you keep any record of that?

9 A. No, I did not.

10 216 Q. At any stage?

11 A. No.

12 217 Q. So you can't be precise as to when it was?

13 A. Well, I can only say as far as I can recall in the first  
14 half of the year 1987.

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16 MR. DURACK: Thank you very much.

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18 **THE WITNESS WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. O'CALLAGHAN AS**

19 **FOLLOWS:**

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21 218 Q. MR. O'CALLAGHAN: Good afternoon, Mr. Curran. I appear for  
22 retired Detective Sergeant Owen Corrigan. Are you aware,  
23 Mr. Curran, that this Tribunal is inquiring into  
24 suggestions that there was collusion between An Garda  
25 Síochána or civilians working with An Garda Síochána and  
26 the IRA in respect of the killing of the two unfortunate  
27 RUC officers?

28 A. Yes, I'm aware of that.

29 219 Q. Do you have any evidence to give to the Chairman supporting  
30 the view or supporting the suggestion that there was such

1 collusion?

2 A. No, I have not.

3 220 Q. And I just want to be clear in respect of my client, Owen  
4 Corrigan, I'm correct when I state you under no  
5 circumstances are suggesting that Owen Corrigan colluded  
6 with the IRA in the killing of these two unfortunate  
7 officers?

8 A. No, I'm not.

9 221 Q. And you have no evidence to support such a suggestion even  
10 if you wished to make it?

11 A. No, I have not.

12 222 Q. In effect, your evidence at its height, Mr. Curran, is that  
13 Bob Buchanan said to you that there were concerns in the  
14 RUC about Owen Corrigan, isn't that correct?

15 A. That's correct.

16 223 Q. And in your own evidence you confirmed that Bob Buchanan  
17 had no specific information about Owen Corrigan, in fact he  
18 was just acting as a conduit, isn't that so?

19 A. That's so, yes.

20 224 Q. And you gave evidence to the effect as well that you,  
21 yourself, had no direct knowledge about Owen Corrigan, and  
22 in fact you were similarly just receiving information and  
23 then you passed it on?

24 A. Yes, that's correct.

25 225 Q. I'll come back to that part of your evidence in due course.  
26 I now just want to start, if I can, with the evidence you  
27 gave about the information you received suggesting that Bob  
28 Buchanan was to be killed. Can you tell the Chairman when  
29 did you receive that information?

30 A. It was about -- between six months and a year before it



1           happened. I'm not sure.

2       226   Q. Can you say where you received that information?

3           A. I have already said it was from an IRA informant, and I'm  
4           not going to speculate any further.

5       227   Q. I asked you, Mr. Curran, could you tell the Tribunal where  
6           you received that information?

7           A. I'm not going to say.

8       228   Q. You're aware of the identity of the IRA informant, isn't  
9           that correct?

10          A. Yes.

11       229   Q. And obviously that individual would be of significant  
12           assistance to this Tribunal, would you agree with me in  
13           that regard?

14          A. I would, yes.

15       230   Q. Because that individual could come and privately tell this  
16           Tribunal or, indeed, publicly tell this Tribunal that in  
17           fact the killing of Bob Buchanan had been planned months in  
18           advance, isn't that so?

19          A. He could.

20       231   Q. And if that evidence was given it would play a significant  
21           part in disputing and rejecting the suggestion that in fact  
22           these unfortunate officers were setup as a result of  
23           somebody in Dundalk Garda Station tipping off the IRA on  
24           that day, isn't that correct?

25          A. It probably would, yeah.

26       232   Q. Have you given the name of the informant to the Tribunal?

27          A. No.

28       233   Q. Could I ask you now, and I'm conscious you will not want to  
29           give his name in public, but could I ask you to write down  
30           the name of the informant and give it to the Chairman of

1 the Tribunal?

2 A. No, I can't do that.

3 234 Q. Can you explain to the Chairman why you can't do that?

4 A. Because I would have to claim privilege.

5 235 Q. I don't want to have a discussion with you about privilege,  
6 but what is the public interest or private interest that  
7 you are seeking to protect by refraining from providing  
8 that information confidentially to the Tribunal?

9 A. Well, I don't want to do that for the reason, the reason  
10 being that, first of all, I don't know where he is, and  
11 even if it happened at that time, I couldn't tell anybody,  
12 because if I told anybody there is a possibility that at  
13 some stage he might be shot.

14 236 Q. You presumably would record the names of informants in  
15 Garda documents, isn't that so?

16 A. No.

17 237 Q. Have you ever recorded a name of an informant in Garda  
18 documents?

19 A. You mean documents that I'd be transmitting to others?

20 238 Q. Or preserving for yourself?

21 A. Well, I would have recorded for myself, but that's all.

22 239 Q. And in any event, you're not prepared to give that  
23 information to this Tribunal, notwithstanding the fact that  
24 you recognise that it would be of significant importance to  
25 the Tribunal?

26 A. It may be, but I don't know how important it would be after  
27 this length of time, but I can't do that, no.

28 240 Q. The importance of it, Mr. Curran, is because of what I  
29 mentioned to you earlier on. My client, amongst others, is  
30 being inquired into by this Tribunal for the very serious

1 charge that he may have colluded with members of the IRA in  
2 respect of the killing of these two unfortunate RUC  
3 officers, and you have information which would assist my  
4 client in disputing that even further than he has already.

5 A. Well, that's speculation, Mr. Chairman. We don't know  
6 that. Even if we did, I still couldn't give it.

7 241 Q. It's a matter I will leave to yourself and the Tribunal to  
8 deal with in due course. You say that you reported the  
9 threat to Bob Buchanan to Crime and Security, isn't that  
10 correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 242 Q. And as Mr. Durack mentioned to you in his examination of  
13 you, your statement says in fact you mentioned it to Mick  
14 Diffley, isn't that so?

15 A. I didn't mention it to Mick Diffley at all. What I said  
16 was Mick Diffley was probably in charge of intelligence  
17 reports in Crime and Security at that time.

18 243 Q. I'll just read out what your statement says, and which you  
19 signed, it says: *"I didn't send my report through my Chief*  
20 *Superintendent. Unfortunately, he was somewhat lack about*  
21 *the protection of papers, so I typed it out myself and sent*  
22 *it to the Assistant Commissioner for Crime and Security. I*  
23 *think that Mick Diffley probably received it, as it wasn't*  
24 *addressed personally to the Assistant Commissioner. This*  
25 *was not a C77. It was a report written on ordinary paper*  
26 *typed by myself. I remember well what it said, that I'd*  
27 *information from a reliable source that Bob Buchanan could*  
28 *be shot by the IRA. Nobody every contacted me after he*  
29 *died. I didn't make any inquiry after he died and I'm*  
30 *sorry I didn't. I never mentioned this report to anyone*

1           *before or after Bob Buchanan died."*

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3           So your evidence, Mr. Curran, is that you think Mike  
4           Diffley received this report, isn't that correct?

5           A. I presumed when he was in charge of intelligence reports  
6           that he would have received it, and that's why I said that.  
7           I didn't suggest in any way that I discussed it with him.

8       244   Q. But you believe he would have received it?

9           A. I believed in the position he was in he would have, yeah.

10       245   Q. Mr. Diffley has signed a statement for the Tribunal dated  
11           9th November, 2010, and one of the paragraphs contains the  
12           following, he says: *"If a warning had been received about*  
13           *a threat to an RUC officer's life there would have been an*  
14           *immediate meeting between the two forces. A threat to*  
15           *another officer would in no circumstances be ignored. The*  
16           *officer in question would have to be told immediately of*  
17           *the threat."*

18

19           Would you agree with what Mr. Diffley says there,  
20           Mr. Curran?

21           A. That's what I would have expected, but that didn't happen,  
22           and I cannot comment on what he said at the Tribunal,  
23           because I wasn't here and I don't know.

24       246   Q. Can you think of any earthly reason why An Garda Síochána  
25           back in 1988 or the early part of 1989 would have sat on  
26           this report and not inquired into it?

27           A. I can't. I can't understand it.

28       247   Q. And the only basis for the suggestion that you communicated  
29           this in writing to the Assistant Commissioner is the  
30           evidence you're giving here today, isn't that correct?

1 A. That's correct, yes.

2 248 Q. Because the Gardaí have conducted a search and there is no  
3 record of your document, isn't that so?

4 A. That's correct.

5 249 Q. I want to also return to the question Mr. Durack asked you.  
6 You say you didn't mention it to Bob Buchanan, isn't that  
7 correct?

8 A. That's correct.

9 250 Q. And was the reason for that that you were concerned he  
10 would have got the impression that our security wasn't  
11 effective if you did mention it to him?

12 A. That was one of the reasons.

13 251 Q. Was there other reasons?

14 A. Well, there was the reason I already stated, that I was  
15 afraid he might get the impression we didn't want to see  
16 him. And when I was reporting it to Crime and Security and  
17 I expected the procedure that you have outlined there would  
18 take place.

19 252 Q. But you obviously took this threat to Bob Buchanan  
20 seriously?

21 A. Pardon?

22 253 Q. You obviously took the threat to Bob Buchanan seriously?

23 A. I took it seriously, yes.

24 254 Q. And I still can't understand why it is you didn't tell him  
25 directly that there is a threat to your life?

26 A. Well, I'm after stating that I expected Crime and Security  
27 to do that, and that's why I didn't do it.

28 255 Q. Would you agree with me it was grossly negligent of you,  
29 Mr. Curran, not to tell this officer that you had  
30 information which you believed -- which suggested his life

1 was under threat?

2 A. No, I would not.

3 256 Q. You say you didn't report it to your Chief Superintendent,  
4 isn't that correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 257 Q. Was there a particular reason you didn't report it to him?

7 A. The only reason was as I have stated, that I didn't want a  
8 copy of my report to be read by a lot of people.

9 258 Q. Why not?

10 A. Because in the staff and division office there are Gardaí  
11 and civilians, and I didn't think it was suitable to have  
12 copies of intelligence reports being thrown about the table  
13 for everybody to read. That's why I didn't report it to  
14 him.

15 259 Q. After Superintendent Buchanan was murdered you must have  
16 been outraged, would that be fair to say?

17 A. Well, I was shocked, yes.

18 260 Q. Were you not extremely annoyed that you had warned the  
19 authorities of An Garda Síochána within six and 12 months  
20 prior to his killing that he was under threat and nothing  
21 sufficient had been done to protect him?

22 A. Well, I wasn't aware what had been done, so I couldn't  
23 answer that really. I was shocked that it happened,  
24 certainly.

25 261 Q. But this was an officer that was visiting you, on occasion,  
26 up to three times a week prior to his killing, isn't that  
27 correct?

28 A. Yes, that's correct.

29 262 Q. After you got the information about the threat did you  
30 notice any discernable change in his manner of travel down

1 south?

2 A. No, but I was gone from that position before he was killed.

3 I moved from border security to normal policing in 1989, so

4 I wasn't in that scene when he died.

5 263 Q. According to your evidence, the time when you think you  
6 received the information about the threat was between March  
7 1988 and October 1988, isn't that correct?

8 A. That would be around that time, yes.

9 264 Q. And within that time you received and after that you were  
10 still receiving visits from Bob Buchanan?

11 A. Well, I knew he was frequenting the station, but at that  
12 stage he moved on. I knew he was visiting the station.

13 265 Q. You would have been aware that his security arrangements or  
14 lack of them had not changed in any material respect?

15 A. Yes, that's right, yes.

16 266 Q. Then after he was killed were you not irritated by the fact  
17 that no steps had been taken by the authorities to provide  
18 adequate protection for this man?

19 A. Well, I was surprised that -- well, I didn't know what had  
20 been done. You see, if my report was received and it was  
21 compared with other reports it may have been decided by  
22 wiser than me there was no need for any panic about it. I  
23 was in no position to judge at that stage what had been  
24 done about it.

25 267 Q. You also gave evidence about what Bob Buchanan said to you  
26 about Owen Corrigan, isn't that correct?

27 A. Yes.

28 268 Q. And, in effect, Bob Buchanan said that Corrigan was  
29 unnecessarily associating with the IRA?

30 A. Yes, that's correct.

1       269   Q. Would you agree with me in order to be an effective police  
2               officer in the border area and in order to gain information  
3               about subversives you do have to acquaint with people in  
4               the IRA?

5               A. Yes, I would agree with that.

6       270   Q. In fact, you did it yourself when you got this information  
7               about Mr. Bob Buchanan?

8               A. Yes, I did.

9       271   Q. I'm not going to open them in detail, but there are  
10              significant reports on the personnel file of Mr. Corrigan  
11              referring to the fact he had excellent information and  
12              intelligence on subversives in the area; were you aware of  
13              that?

14             A. Well, I was, yes.

15       272   Q. And in order for him to have excellent intelligence on  
16              subversives in the area he would want to be associating  
17              with the IRA?

18             A. That's correct, yeah.

19       273   Q. That's the way he was to get information?

20             A. That would be part of the way, yeah.

21       274   Q. You never served with Owen Corrigan, Mr. Curran?

22             A. No.

23       275   Q. And we know Mr. Corrigan served in Dundalk, Drogheda and  
24              Cork. You were never in any of those stations?

25             A. No.

26       276   Q. Did you ever work with him, even though you were from  
27              separate stations?

28             A. No, I never worked with him at all.

29       277   Q. Now, I want to deal with the issue about Bob Buchanan's  
30              concern about Owen Corrigan. Do you recall when it was he



1 raised this concern?

2 A. It was the first half of 1987.

3 278 Q. And was it raised at a meeting in Monaghan?

4 A. It was.

5 279 Q. And was it something that he just raised out of the blue?

6 A. It was, yeah.

7 280 Q. Had you heard of Owen Corrigan prior to this?

8 A. I did.

9 281 Q. Did you keep a note of what Bob Buchanan said to you?

10 A. No.

11 282 Q. Why didn't you send a report to Garda Headquarters in the  
12 same way you would subsequently send a report about the  
13 alleged threat to Bob Buchanan?

14 A. Well, I thought the matter was too serious, and it was my  
15 decision to go and see the Assistant Commissioner.

16 283 Q. And information that you received suggesting that an RUC  
17 officer was due to be murdered by the IRA, that also was  
18 extremely serious, isn't that correct?

19 A. It is, you know, but it was common knowledge that they were  
20 all targets, so it's a different scenario altogether.

21 284 Q. But the information you received suggested the RUC officer  
22 was to be targeted on one of his trips down south, isn't  
23 that correct?

24 A. I didn't say that, but you could take that out of it,  
25 certainly.

26 285 Q. Isn't that what your statement referred to?

27 A. It referred to the fact he was going to be shot, but it  
28 didn't say where.

29 286 Q. You say: *"My source was a reliable source, an IRA man. He*  
30 *said, 'There is a man from the RUC. He goes in to see you*

1           *there, he is going to be shot.'*"

2

3           So that indicates, Mr. Curran, that the threat was to the  
4           RUC officer when he travels down to you, wouldn't that be  
5           fair to say?

6           A. Well, it might and it mightn't. We know when the two RUC  
7           men were shot, they weren't shot in the Republic, but shot  
8           quite close to it, so it could happen any side of the  
9           border.

10       287   Q. And your evidence is that Bob Buchanan asked you to bring  
11           this information to the attention of Eugene Crowley, who  
12           was the Assistant Commissioner?

13           A. Yes.

14       288   Q. Did you not say to him, "Well, Bob, should this not be done  
15           through the orthodox route, which is the Assistant  
16           Commissioner?"?

17           A. I didn't say that, but I questioned him on the information,  
18           and he made it quite clear he was only the messenger and  
19           didn't know any more about it, only he was asked to do it.

20       289   Q. Did you regard it as unusual?

21           A. I did. I never experienced anything like it before.

22       290   Q. Now, you're aware that Eugene Crowley has been interviewed  
23           by this Tribunal, isn't that correct?

24           A. Yes.

25       291   Q. And your evidence is that you went to him and you told him  
26           what Bob Buchanan said to you?

27           A. Yes.

28       292   Q. And if you regard it as unfair tell me so, but I think your  
29           evidence was to the effect that Eugene Crowley wasn't  
30           interested in this?

1 A. That's the impression I got.

2 293 Q. He kept looking at the papers and asked how things were in  
3 Monaghan?

4 A. Yes.

5 294 Q. I just want to open to you what Mr. Crowley has said to  
6 this Tribunal. Mr. Crowley is a former Garda Commissioner.

7 A. Yes.

8 295 Q. For instance, in his interview conducted on the 12th  
9 February, 2008, at page 5 he said he did not have any  
10 suspicion on anybody at that time. And he goes: *"The*  
11 *first I heard about collusion was Myers and the Bandit*  
12 *book."* Then, at page 21 he says-- he was asked: *"Were*  
13 *you ever asked or are you aware of any inquiries into Owen*  
14 *Corrigan prior to that?"* And he replied: *"No, I didn't*  
15 *know anything about Corrigan until I think I might have*  
16 *been in the hospital at the time and somebody told me this*  
17 *is Corrigan. I didn't know about that. I didn't know*  
18 *about that before that."*

19  
20 So he's saying that he was never aware of any inquiries  
21 into Owen Corrigan, and of course you asked him to raise an  
22 inquiry into Owen Corrigan, isn't that so?

23 A. I did not. I told him the story. I didn't ask him to do  
24 anything.

25 296 Q. But the effect of what you were asking or what you were  
26 reporting was that there would have to be an inquiry into  
27 Mr. Corrigan?

28 A. Well, that's what I was thinking in my own mind, that there  
29 probably would be.

30 297 Q. And at page 32 of his interview Mrs. Lavery asked

1 Mr. Crowley: *"Well, if you had been given that, if*  
2 *somebody had passed on information about a member of your*  
3 *force, what would you have done about it? Answer: He*  
4 *certainly would have been investigated and brought in and*  
5 *interrogated by our own force."*

6

7 And that didn't happen to Mr. Corrigan after the time you  
8 talk about it, Mr. Curran, are you aware of that?

9 A. I am not, but I presume it didn't now.

10 298 Q. So would you agree with me, although his interview was  
11 conducted prior to you providing information to the  
12 Tribunal, there is a complete incompatibility between what  
13 you say and what Eugene Crowley says?

14 A. Yes, but there is a complete incompatibility also with the  
15 evidence that Mains gave in relation to his conversation  
16 with the Chief Constable.

17 299 Q. Well, I don't want to go into the detail of that, but there  
18 is a significant dispute into what Mr. Mains said because  
19 Witness 18, and there were only four people in the room,  
20 Jack Hermon, Witness 18, and Mains, Jack Hermon is dead.  
21 Sorry, there was only three people. Witness 18 disputes  
22 that Mains said it that to Jack Hermon. But there is an  
23 inconsistency, if we can put it at its politest, between  
24 what you say and what Mr. Crowley has told this Tribunal?

25 A. There is, yes, but I cannot comment on that.

26 300 Q. Well, one way by which that inconsistency can be explained,  
27 Mr. Curran, is in fact you didn't go down to Eugene Crowley  
28 and tell him what Bob Buchanan allegedly said to you?

29 A. That is completely incorrect.

30 301 Q. You also said that when you were with Eugene Crowley you

1           passed on "*bits of hearsay about Owen Corrigan*", isn't that  
2           so?

3           A. That's correct, yeah.

4       302   Q. Why did you think it appropriate - I thought you were just  
5           the messenger - why did you think it appropriate to go  
6           beyond what Bob Buchanan said to you and get into bits of  
7           hearsay about my client?

8           A. Well, it was just something that I thought that maybe he  
9           should know if he didn't know.

10      303   Q. Although it was simply hearsay evidence, something upon  
11           which you had no real information?

12           A. Yes, but I made it quite clear that that was what I had.

13      304   Q. As Mr. Durack said to you, you say you received that  
14           information from Brian Moroney, isn't that correct?

15           A. That's correct.

16      305   Q. And Mr. Moroney in his statement has said he never saw any  
17           iota of evidence that Corrigan was colluding with the IRA?

18           A. But this wasn't about collusion.

19      306   Q. This inquiry is about collusion, Mr. Curran?

20           A. Yeah, but the stories that I told Eugene Crowley about  
21           Corrigan wasn't about his association with the IRA or  
22           anything in connection with his duties at all.

23      307   Q. This Tribunal isn't interested in officers telling tales  
24           about other officers and things like that, Mr. Curran, the  
25           Tribunal Chairman is here to investigate allegations of  
26           collusion, and you've no evidence of that on the part of  
27           Owen Corrigan, isn't that correct?

28           A. That's correct, Mr. Chairman, yes.

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30           MR. COFFEY: No, questions.

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MS. O'SULLIVAN: No questions.

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**THE WITNESS WAS FURTHER CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. DURACK**

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**AS FOLLOWS:**

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308 Q. MR. DURACK: One question I should have asked, and in fact  
a very short question. Were you aware of a Mr. Corrigan in  
the Midlands who was involved with the IRA?

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A. I can't remember now.

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309 Q. A similar name to the Detective Sergeant?

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A. I can't remember that, Mr. Chairman. I don't recall that.

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310 Q. Were you aware of a Mr. Carrigan in south Armagh connected  
with the Provisional IRA?

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A. No, but I am aware there was a Mr. Corrigan in Monaghan  
that was involved in the IRA. That's the only Corrigan I  
can recall now.

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MR. DURACK: Thank you very much.

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**THE WITNESS WAS RE-EXAMINED BY MRS. LAVERTY AS FOLLOWS:**

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311 Q. MRS. LAVERTY: Mr. Curran, just a few matters arising out  
of that. You know the documents that were handed into you,  
the recommendations that you made. It's undated. It's  
addressed to the Chief Superintendent Monaghan and it is  
entitled "*PIRA Activities*". In that you say: "*Recent  
information indicates that the PIRA are aware that the RUC  
are crossing the border to meet with the Gardaí, which is  
part of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. The above organisation*"

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1           is determined to collapse the Anglo-Irish Agreement this  
2           year if at all possible, and part of their plan is to  
3           murder a number of RUC officers travelling to or returning  
4           from those meetings. In the light of this information, I  
5           respectfully suggest the following security arrangements be  
6           put into operation immediately:

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8           "1. That meetings be doubled up; for example that Armagh,  
9           Tyrone and Fermanagh meetings with Monaghan and Dundalk be  
10          held on the same date and the same venue.

11          2. That the venue for such meetings be varied as much as  
12          possible.

13          3. That all RUC officers attending these meeting be  
14          escorted by Detective Branch to and from the border.

15          4. That routes to and from the border be varied as much as  
16          possible. "

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18          And that's your signature, Mr. Curran?

19          A. Yes, that's correct, Mr. Chairman.

20        312   Q. And it is addressed to the Chief Superintendent in  
21               Monaghan. And it was your recommendations relating to  
22               security, the security of RUC officers travelling south?

23          A. Yes, that's correct.

24        313   Q. Now, I look at the report, the letter from Assistant  
25               Commissioner Fanning addressed to the Chief Superintendent  
26               Monaghan, Drogheda, Letterkenny and Sligo dated the 8th of  
27               May, 1987. And the heading for that is "Re PIRA  
28               Activities: Confidential information indicates that PIRA  
29               are aware that members of the RUC are crossing the border  
30               to attend meetings with the Gardaí on the terms of

1           *Anglo-Irish Agreement. The above organisation, in its*  
2           *opposition to the Anglo-Irish Agreement, have planned to*  
3           *murder a number of RUC officers travelling to or from these*  
4           *meetings. Accordingly, it will be necessary in future to*  
5           *arrange armed escorts for RUC personnel attending meetings*  
6           *at local venues in the border divisions. Divisional*  
7           *officers should so arrange."*

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9           Now, it seems from a reading of that letter from the  
10          Assistant Commissioner that only one of your  
11          recommendations was utilized, namely that all RUC officers  
12          be escorted by armed escort?

13         A. Well, as far as I can recall it all wasn't implemented  
14         anyway.

15         314   Q. And this despite your recommendations?

16         A. Yes.

17         315   Q. The next matter. Just for your assistance, Mr. Curran, I  
18                think Mr. Diffley left Intelligence on the 4th of May,  
19                1988, when Eugene Crowley was appointed Deputy  
20                Commissioner; did you know that?

21         A. I didn't know that, I forget now.

22         316   Q. Is it possible did you send in your information before the  
23                4th of the 5th, '88, May '88?

24         A. I may not have, it could have been later.

25         317   Q. Now, there is another matter. When you went to see  
26                Assistant Commissioner Crowley, did he express any surprise  
27                when you told him what Bob Buchanan had asked you to  
28                convey?

29         A. No, he did not.

30         318   Q. Did he look shocked?



1 A. He didn't look at all, he just looked at the file, kept  
2 looking at the file, and that's it.

3 319 Q. So there was no surprise?

4 A. No. He didn't display any surprise anyway.

5 320 Q. Did you know Assistant Commissioner Crowley had actually  
6 served in Dundalk at one stage?

7 A. I did know that.

8 321 Q. They must have known each other?

9 A. Well, they probably did, yes.

10 322 Q. And just for the record, I think it was Owen Corrigan  
11 served with Eugene Crowley, is that correct?

12 A. Sorry?

13 323 Q. Eugene Crowley served with Owen Corrigan in Dundalk?

14 A. I think so, yes.

15 324 Q. Sorry, it was just for the record. In relation,  
16 Mr. Curran, you've been pressed to reveal your informant,  
17 and I assume that your concerns would be in relation to  
18 Article 2 of the European Convention, that's the protection  
19 under convention to the right to life?

20 A. Yes.

21 325 Q. And I assume that your reluctance to reveal your source  
22 would also be covered by our Constitution and the right to  
23 life under our constitution?

24 A. Yes, I understand so. (Document handed to the witness.)

25 326 Q. It's a letter to the Assistant Commissioner Crime and  
26 Security, Garda Headquarters. And it's from BB King, Chief  
27 Superintendent at the time, who I think was your superior.  
28 It's dated, I think there is a stamp on it May 1988.  
29 Sorry, March, the 29th of March, 1989?

30 A. That's correct.

1       327   Q. Have you seen this before?

2           A. I have.

3       328   Q. I think it was a letter written related to an article in  
4           the Irish press on Wednesday, March the 29th, 1989,  
5           entitled "*RUC Superintendent Defied The IRA*". And Mr. King  
6           states: "*Further to telephone call from Chief*  
7           *Superintendent O'Toole I wish to say that I've read the*  
8           *article which appeared in this morning's Irish press on the*  
9           *23rd of the 3rd, 1989, and written Patsy McArdle, a copy of*  
10          *which I attach. It's true to say that the late RUC*  
11          *Superintendent Bob Buchanan travelled alone, unarmed and*  
12          *unescorted into the Republic. It's also true to say he*  
13          *would drop in unannounced to Garda Stations. He was a*  
14          *collator of intelligence for the RUC and he saw his role as*  
15          *making contact with anyone who could assist in this regard.*  
16          *In Monaghan he did not talk to the rank and file Gardai.*  
17          *In fact, few Sergeants or Gardai in Monaghan would know*  
18          *either of the deceased officers by name or rank in the RUC.*

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20          "*In recent months I am aware that the late Superintendent*  
21          *Bob Buchanan called to Clontibret Station in Monaghan*  
22          *District and identified himself to Sergeant Sullivan, the*  
23          *Sergeant in charge there. When he informed the Sergeant to*  
24          *the purpose of this visit, the Sergeant directed him to*  
25          *contact the Superintendent at Monaghan, as it was the only*  
26          *channel of communication which he would use. The Sergeant*  
27          *was concerned about the Superintendent's safety and his car*  
28          *being observed by subversives outside the station. This*  
29          *was the only call to Clontibret Station.*

30          "*On at least one occasion I discussed the matter of Chief*

1 Superintendent Buchanan's visits to Monaghan with  
2 Superintendent Curran, who was then Border Superintendent.  
3 We were concerned about his unannounced calls at the  
4 station, the parking of his private car in the station and  
5 the difficulty a station orderly had in having an RUC  
6 officer in the Public Office Area when members of the  
7 public from Monaghan would call. At that time  
8 Superintendent Buchanan was advised not to visit Monaghan  
9 unless he had previously telephoned Superintendent Curran  
10 and met him by appointment. He complied with this request  
11 and reduced the frequency of his calls.

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13 "Superintendent Buchanan called informally to Castleblaney  
14 and Corrinshigago Station occasionally. He would also call  
15 to Carrickmacross Station in the course of formal and  
16 informal meetings at district office level after making a  
17 telephone call.

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19 "The relationship which has developed between the Garda and  
20 the RUC officers arises from the meetings which are set out  
21 in the Working Party Report published in May 1986. The  
22 meetings under the heading of 'Operational Planning in  
23 Border Area' are being held since January 1987. It has  
24 always been stated at the meetings that while formal  
25 meetings are specifically set out, informal meetings may  
26 take place as arranged between officers of both forces.

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28 "The late Superintendent Buchanan was one of the officers  
29 from the RUC who worked with Garda officers established to  
30 examine and report on the subject of operational planning

1           in border areas. Under the arrangements for a programme of  
2           work, Article 9(a) of agreement between the government of  
3           the United Kingdom, Great Britain and Northern Ireland and  
4           the government of the Republic of Ireland, 15th of  
5           November, 1985. Consequently, special links of friendship  
6           were established and maintained as a result.

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8           "On the 13th of January, 1989, the late Superintendent  
9           Buchanan and I addressed the Bishops of the Combined  
10          Council of Churches at Monaghan representing the RUC and  
11          the Garda at the residence of the Reverend Cunningham,  
12          Church of Ireland minister, Monaghan. Because of the  
13          urgency of this report I regret that I cannot be more  
14          specific. It is, however, correct to say that  
15          Superintendent Buchanan would cross the border weekly and  
16          would always use his own private car. The deceased was a  
17          friendly outgoing person who enjoyed calling to members of  
18          the Garda that he knew in course of his job. Both of the  
19          deceased officers were high in their praise for Garda  
20          cooperation on the County Armagh border."

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22          Now, you have seen this letter before, I think?

23          A. Yes, I have.

24          329    Q. Is there anything in that you disagree with?

25          A. That I disagree with?

26          330    Q. Yes.

27          A. No, there is not.

28          331    Q. Does that reflect concerns you had generally?

29          A. Yes, that's correct, yes.

1 MRS. LAVERTY: Thank you very much, Mr. Curran.

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3 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Curran, thank you very much indeed.

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5 THE WITNESS WITHDREW.

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7 CHAIRMAN: We have another witness scheduled.

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9 MR. DILLON: Yes, we have one more witness for this  
10 morning. I think we can take him now. I don't think he'll  
11 take all that long. I can tell you that the witness you  
12 had scheduled for 2 o'clock this afternoon can't appear,  
13 he is indisposed, and he'll appear before you on Friday  
14 morning at 11 o'clock. If we take Mr. Mulpeter now. We  
15 will be finished by about I would have thought, say, 13:15  
16 or 13:20, if that suits you?

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18 CHAIRMAN: Certainly that suits me. Does anybody else have  
19 any objection?

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**TOM Mulpeter, Having been sworn, was examined by**  
**Mr. Dillon as follows:**

332 Q. MR. DILLON: Now, Mr. Mulpeter, I think correctly you're in fact a Sergeant with the Guards still, is that right?

A. That's correct, Mr. Chairman.

333 Q. You're based in Dundalk?

A. In Dundalk, yes.

334 Q. You're uniform branch, is that correct?

A. That's correct, in traffic.

335 Q. Now, I think that in 1989, in March of 1989 you were on duty in the Radio Control Room of Dundalk Garda Station?

A. That's correct.

336 Q. Now, when you come on duty - we've heard this said before - there is a parade, is that right?

A. A parade, yes.

337 Q. And in the ordinary course did you attend the parade before you go off to duties?

A. Yes, you do.

338 Q. Do you remember being paraded on the day, as a matter of interest?

A. No.

339 Q. And where is the Radio Room in the station?

A. When you go in the front door of Dundalk Station, up the stairs, the first door on the left, that was the Radio Room at that time.

340 Q. And was access restricted to the Radio Room or freely accessible?

A. It was restricted in some way, not completely.

341 Q. What do you mean by that?

1 A. There was a sign outside to say no unauthorised entry, but  
2 people would open the door and walk in occasionally.

3 342 Q. Now, I think the Radio Room also was the telephone exchange  
4 for the main number for Dundalk Station?

5 A. That's correct, yes.

6 343 Q. I think while there were direct lines that went to certain  
7 individual offices, if one rang Dundalk Station looking  
8 for, let's say, the Detective Branch, whatever, the call  
9 came through the Radio Room, is that right?

10 A. That's correct.

11 344 Q. Did you ever have any -- did you ever hear any suggestion  
12 that the telephone line had been interfered with?

13 A. No.

14 345 Q. And if the line had been interfered with, might you have  
15 been aware of that fact?

16 A. No.

17 346 Q. So it's if the interference is subtle and undetectable, is  
18 that right?

19 A. To my knowledge, yes.

20 347 Q. On the day you were a member of 'D' Unit, is that right?

21 A. That's correct, yes.

22 348 Q. Who was the Sergeant in charge of 'D' Unit?

23 A. My first sergeant was Sergeant Con Nolan, my second  
24 sergeant was Sergeant Jerry O'Brien, Sergeant Leo Colton  
25 was for sometime, Sergeant Pat McGee was for sometime,  
26 Sergeant Seamus Walsh as well for another period, and  
27 Sergeant Raymond Roche as well.

28 349 Q. How many people ordinarily worked in the Radio Room?

29 A. One during the night and from nine in the morning to  
30 perhaps ten at night you would have two.

1       350   Q. And were the personnel always garda officers or any  
2                civilians in that capacity?

3                A. No, garda officers.

4       351   Q. What do you know about scrambles being used in the station?

5                A. There was a direct line with the RUC, and to use it there  
6                was a scramble there which you used, which was to be used  
7                if you had to use that phone.

8       352   Q. Now, when you say direct line with the RUC, was it a  
9                particular station?

10              A. It's in Newry.

11       353   Q. Was it the same scrambler system at both ends of the wire,  
12                if I can put it that way, or was it different systems?

13              A. I don't know what system it was in Newry.

14       354   Q. When you were in the Radio Room in 1989, was it possible to  
15                make a phone call using the scrambling mechanism, if I can  
16                put it that way?

17              A. It was possible, yes.

18       355   Q. The reason I mention that is we've had evidence that when  
19                Chief Superintendent Nolan rang he had to ring on an open  
20                line because the scrambler at his end and the scrambler at  
21                the Armagh end was incompatible, but you didn't have that  
22                problem in the Radio Room?

23              A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

24       356   Q. And I think various records were maintained for calls that  
25                came into the station?

26              A. There three forms; RC1, RC2 and RC3.

27       357   Q. What do those letters stand for?

28              A. I'm not aware, it's just a room.

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30              CHAIRMAN: Radio Control maybe?



1 A. Perhaps.

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3 358 Q. MR. DILLON: And how were calls categorised between RC1,  
4 RC2 and RC3?

5 A. Ordinary calls on one form. I can't say which form was for  
6 which. Alarm calls went on a second form. The third form  
7 was for all 999 calls.

8 359 Q. Alarm calls being burglary alarms going off?

9 A. Yes.

10 360 Q. Now, you worked from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., isn't that right?

11 A. That's correct.

12 361 Q. I think you told us that on the day in question you went  
13 home at 3 p.m.?

14 A. I think I finished at 2 p.m. actually.

15 362 Q. 3 p.m. is an error, is that right?

16 A. I would have been working 6 a.m. to 2 p.m..

17 363 Q. You mentioned, "*I went home at 3 p.m. when I finished*  
18 *duty.*"

19 A. It should be 2 p.m..

20 364 Q. I think you also told us when you were in Dromad you met  
21 RUC officers?

22 A. Yes, occasionally.

23 365 Q. How did they come to the station? Did they come  
24 unannounced?

25 A. Occasionally unannounced, but the main contact with the RUC  
26 at the time was you would get a call from Dromad Station to  
27 go to the border, and you would meet a car and they would  
28 hand over, perhaps, a dispatch and you would bring that  
29 dispatch directly to Dundalk Garda Station.

30 366 Q. So, in effect, it was like exchanging correspondence, is

1           that the idea?

2           A. Yes.

3       367   Q. Did RUC personnel ever call into Dromad Station?

4           A. Very occasionally. I've a recollection of once or twice,  
5           yes.

6       368   Q. And to the best of your recollection was that unannounced  
7           or a planned visit?

8           A. Unannounced, yes.

9       369   Q. And they came in civilian attire?

10          A. Yes.

11       370   Q. What do you know about the provision of escorts for RUC  
12          personnel?

13          A. I was not aware of what procedure. Occasionally if you  
14          were in the Radio Room in Dundalk Station you would hear a  
15          call sign saying escorts picked up, but they would usually  
16          be not a call sign you'd be aware of. It was usually a car  
17          from Dublin or whatever. You would not know about it.

18       371   Q. Yes. So the provision of escorts isn't something that was  
19          arranged through the Radio Room or anything like that?

20          A. No.

21       372   Q. Now, on the 20th March, 1989, when did you hear of the  
22          murders of the RUC officers, can you remember?

23          A. I think it was on the news that evening.

24       373   Q. So you'd gone home at that point?

25          A. Yes.

26       374   Q. And I imagine you were somewhat surprised, taken aback by  
27          the news?

28          A. Yes.

29       375   Q. When had you been aware that the two officers had been in  
30          the station?

1 A. I was not aware at any stage. I did not know either  
2 gentlemen.

3 376 Q. It wasn't mentioned on the news when you watched it, was  
4 it?

5 A. On the news, yes, when it was said on the news, yes. Prior  
6 to that, I had no knowledge whatsoever.

7 377 Q. And we know that subsequently Assistant Commissioner Ned  
8 O'Dea came to the station?

9 A. I believe so.

10 378 Q. Did you meet him?

11 A. I don't believe so, no.

12 379 Q. Did you see him around the station?

13 A. No, I did not know the man at all.

14 380 Q. Was there any chat amongst your colleagues about the fact  
15 that he was in the station?

16 A. I have no recollection of any chat at all.

17 381 Q. Nonetheless, it was an unusual occasion for an Assistant  
18 Commissioner to visit the station, isn't that right?

19 A. It would be unusual, yes.

20 382 Q. Now, I think that while you didn't make a statement for  
21 Assistant Commissioner O'Dea, you did make a statement at  
22 the request of Superintendent Tierney, is that right?

23 A. Yes.

24 383 Q. And you have been given a copy of that statement which we  
25 have in typed form. Do you have it there?

26 A. I have, yes.

27 384 Q. Now, can you remember how that statement came about?

28 A. I did not remember actually making the statement at all  
29 myself.

30 385 Q. I appreciate you've given that answer, nonetheless I must

1 touch several bases. Did Superintendent Tierney ask you to  
2 make the statement?

3 A. I've no recollection whatsoever of being asked to make the  
4 statement.

5 386 Q. Now, have you had an opportunity to reread the statement?

6 A. Yes, indeed.

7 387 Q. Insofar as you can remember matters, does it accurately  
8 reflect what you wrote at the time?

9 A. Yes.

10 388 Q. I'll read this into the record. It is the "*Statement of*  
11 *Garda T. Mulpeter, made at Dundalk Garda Station on the*  
12 *21st of March, 1989. I hereby declare that this statement*  
13 *is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I*  
14 *make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I will*  
15 *be liable to prosecution if I state anything in it which I*  
16 *know to be false or do not believe to be true.*

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18 "*I'm member of Garda Síochána stationed at Dundalk Garda*  
19 *Station, Co. Louth. On the 20th of March, 1989, I*  
20 *commenced duty at 6 a.m.. I was detailed for files from*  
21 *6 a.m. until 8:30 a.m., then I was to relieve the RCR. I*  
22 *was then on my own meal break from 9:15 a.m. until 10 a.m..*  
23 *I was assistance RCR until 2 p.m. when I terminated duty."*

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25 Now, I presume what follows is, it's my photocopy here  
26 which I think is letting me down: "*I did not notice*  
27 *anything unusual in the station or in the station yard. I*  
28 *was not aware of any persons calling to the station or at*  
29 *the station when I finished at 2 p.m..*

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1                   *"This statement is correct. Signed: T. Mulpeter, Garda. "*

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4                   Now, your signature is typed in, you didn't sign this  
5                   document?

6                   A. No.

7       389       Q. Nonetheless, it is an accurate reflection of what you wrote  
8                   down?

9                   A. Yes.

10       390       Q. Now, just a few things. When you say you were detailed for  
11                   files from 6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., what does that mean?

12                   A. When you're working in Dundalk you deal with many things,  
13                   from accidents to robberies, making out summonses, whatever  
14                   it is. That's what you'd be detailed for, to complete  
15                   those.

16       391       Q. Then you say you then had to relieve the "RCR"; what do  
17                   those initials stand for?

18                   A. The Radio Control Room.

19       392       Q. Now, do you recollect an investigation being conducted by  
20                   Detective Superintendent Tom Connolly?

21                   A. I've a vague recollection of it.

22       393       Q. It's our understanding he headed up an investigation, what  
23                   I might call a forensic investigation in aid of the RUC, to  
24                   provide them with such information as could be gleaned on  
25                   this side of the border. Do you recall being...

26                   A. I recall Superintendent Connolly being in Dundalk. I  
27                   couldn't say what period he was there, exactly when, but I  
28                   do remember him being there, yes.

29       394       Q. I think you have in front of you a job sheet?

30                   A. Yes.

1 395 Q. Now, would you just explain to us what a job sheet is?

2 A. A job sheet is, if someone calls to the station and he was  
3 dealing with someone in particular and someone would be  
4 asked to speak to the person who was dealing with that  
5 particular person.

6 396 Q. Yes, I think this one, it's headed "*Callers to the Station:*  
7 *Guard Mulpeter signed a motor tax form for...*" a person  
8 whose name is given there, and you were to be interviewed  
9 and a statement taken, isn't that right?

10 A. Yes.

11 397 Q. Now, attached to that is a second page, which our  
12 understanding is that this indicates the job has been done?

13 A. The second page is blank.

14 398 Q. It's not, there is a signature there?

15 A. There is just one signature on the page, yes.

16 399 Q. J. Lane?

17 A. Yes.

18 400 Q. It seems to suggest -- you had a colleague called Jim Lane,  
19 is that correct?

20 A. That's correct, yes.

21 401 Q. That seems to suggest Jim Lane may have spoken to you?

22 A. It suggests that, yes.

23 402 Q. Do you have any recollection of that?

24 A. I've no recollection whatsoever, no.

25 403 Q. I think you told us you didn't see Owen Corrigan that day?

26 A. No.

27 404 Q. I think you were in your Radio Control Room with the door  
28 shut?

29 A. Yes.

30 405 Q. I think you have a view on the choice of Edenappa Road for

1 the return journey, could you explain that to us?

2 A. Yes, I'm aware of the Edenappa Road. We'd know it as the  
3 back road to Jonesboro. It's a very narrow road compared  
4 to what the main road was.

5 406 Q. I think it meant you couldn't turn easily?

6 A. It would be quite difficult to turn quickly on that road,  
7 yes.

8 407 Q. I think your view is that if RUC personnel came to Dundalk  
9 in northern registered cars it wouldn't be hard to see  
10 them, they would stick out, is that right?

11 A. They would, yes.

12 408 Q. Do you remember the houses in front of the station?

13 A. Yes.

14 409 Q. I think it's a street called The Crescent?

15 A. The Crescent, yes.

16 410 Q. What sort of an eye was kept in general on those houses?

17 A. I'm not aware of any eye kept on those houses.

18 411 Q. Very well. When you told us that the RUC officers were  
19 noticeable, was that because of the cars or their demeanour  
20 or what?

21 A. Their cars and they were always very well dressed.

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23 MR. DILLON: Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN: Any questions?

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27 **THE WITNESS WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. McGUINNESS AS**

28 **FOLLOWS:**

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30 412 Q. MR. McGUINNESS: Yes, Sergeant, I'm Dermot

1 McGuinness. I appear for An Garda Síochána. Can I just  
2 ask you a few questions. You were stationed in Dromad for  
3 several years before moving to Dundalk?

4 A. That's correct, yes.

5 413 Q. In 1988 you moved there?

6 A. I moved to Dundalk in late '88, yeah.

7 414 Q. And Dromad, was that the nearest station to the border?

8 A. Dromad Station is virtually on the boarder.

9 415 Q. Just south of Killeen in the north?

10 A. South of Killeen, almost beside Jonesboro.

11 416 Q. North of Jonesboro really on the map, is it?

12 A. Parallel I would have said.

13 417 Q. It's certainly north of the Edenappa Road where the murders  
14 took place, Dromad?

15 A. Dromad, I suppose as the crow flies possibly, yes.

16 418 Q. In any event, having been stationed at Dromad you were  
17 there at a time when there were several atrocities  
18 committed north of the border at Killeen?

19 A. That's correct, yes.

20 419 Q. The murder of a number of RUC men and women I think who  
21 were waiting for a cash escort coming north, isn't that  
22 right?

23 A. I'm aware of that, yes.

24 420 Q. And other atrocities?

25 A. Yes, indeed.

26 421 Q. The main road could be dangerous in itself?

27 A. It could be, yes.

28 422 Q. Were you aware that there was sort of a control zone order  
29 placed on part of that main road going north from the land  
30 border in the Republic?



1 A. No.

2 423 Q. Mr. Dillon was asking you about the Radio Control Room,  
3 you've no reason to believe or basis for believing that the  
4 lines in or out of the station were interfered with?

5 A. None whatsoever, no.

6 424 Q. And in terms of the arrangements for phone calls coming in,  
7 there were direct lines into the different offices upstairs  
8 where the Radio Room is situated, the Superintendent's  
9 room, the Chief Superintendent's room?

10 A. There were direct lines to a lot of the offices as well,  
11 yes.

12 425 Q. And certainly you had no knowledge of the impending arrival  
13 of Chief Superintendent Breen or Superintendent Buchanan  
14 that day?

15 A. No.

16 426 Q. It wasn't being talked about and you didn't hear it being  
17 talked about?

18 A. No.

19 427 Q. You wouldn't expect to hear of it perhaps unless there was  
20 a request for an escort?

21 A. Yes, that's the only time you would.

22 428 Q. Presumably you, in the course of your duties both at Dromad  
23 and Dundalk, had learned of requests for escorts in the  
24 past and had heard of the escorts actually being provided?

25 A. I'd heard of actual escorts being provided, but ourselves,  
26 we did not provide any ourselves.

27 429 Q. And in terms of any arrangements, you made no arrangements  
28 relating to attendance of anyone from the north to come to  
29 Dundalk that day?

30 A. None, no.

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CHAIRMAN: Would you it be true to say you didn't know they  
were coming, you didn't see them when they were and you  
didn't see them going?

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A. That's correct.

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CHAIRMAN: You knew nothing about them?

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A. Nothing whatsoever.

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CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

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430 Q. MR. MCGUINNESS: You wouldn't have responsibility for  
arranging such meetings or for arranging escorts yourself?

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A. No, not at all.

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431 Q. Nor would you have responsibility for keeping an eye on who  
might be in houses across the road from the garda station?

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A. No.

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432 Q. It wasn't your area of responsibility at all?

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A. No, not at all.

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433 Q. You were a uniformed guard at that point in time?

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A. That's right, yes.

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MR. MCGUINNESS: Thank you.

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**THE WITNESS WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. O'CALLAGHAN AS**

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**FOLLOWS:**

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434 Q. MR. O'CALLAGHAN: Just one or two short questions. I

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appear for retired Sergeant Owen Corrigan. Did all the

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calls that came into Dundalk come into the Radio Control

1 Room?

2 A. Not all, there were a number of direct lines to some of the  
3 offices.

4 435 Q. Evidence was given by former RUC officer, Mr. Mains, that  
5 he phoned Dundalk on the morning of the 20th March,  
6 sometime between, say, 9 and 11 a.m.. If that call had  
7 come into the Radio Control Room, am I correct in stating  
8 you would have been there for a period at that time?

9 A. I was there for a period at that time, yes.

10 436 Q. Is it your evidence that PJ Galvin was also probably there  
11 during that day?

12 A. Garda Galvin, I believe, was the actual RCR -- he was the  
13 full-time RCR person on our unit.

14 437 Q. And you went on a meal break between 9:15 and 10, Sergeant.  
15 Did anyone replace you?

16 A. No.

17 438 Q. Was there any woman in the Radio Control Room that morning,  
18 as far as you can recall?

19 A. None whatsoever.

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21 MR. COFFEY: No questions.

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23 **THE WITNESS WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MS. O'SULLIVAN AS**

24 **FOLLOWS:**

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26 439 Q. MS. O'SULLIVAN: I just have two questions. I appear for  
27 Finbarr Hickey. I think you've indicated, Sergeant, that  
28 you were on the 'D' Unit at that time in 1989, and I think  
29 we've heard evidence from a Michael Johnson, he would also  
30 have been on the 'D' Unit with you at that time; do you

1 remember that?

2 A. Yes.

3 440 Q. I think Finbarr Hickey was not on the 'D' Unit at that  
4 time?

5 A. No.

6 441 Q. So he wouldn't have been working that 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
7 shift that day you were working?

8 A. I was working 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day.

9 442 Q. Mr. Hickey wouldn't have been working because he wasn't on  
10 the same unit?

11 A. No, he wasn't on the same unit.

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13 CHAIRMAN: Any re-examination, Mr. Dillon?

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15 MR. DILLON: No.

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17 CHAIRMAN: That concludes the witnesses for today, and  
18 11 o'clock tomorrow then. Thank you very much.

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20 THE TRIBUNAL ADJOURNED TO THE FOLLOWING DAY, THURSDAY, THE  
21 30TH OF JUNE, 2011, AT 11 A.M..

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