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| 9 MS KAUFMANN: Yes, sir. We received that indication. 9 increasingly pointless in terms of actually having any | |
| 10 THE CHAIR: Yes. 10 realistic prospect of having any influence upon your | |
| 11 MS KAUFMANN: I should say that I do intend to look at the 11 decision-making. | |
| 12 consultation document when I am making submissions in 12 That is a matter of great public concern, because | |
| relation to the individual cases. Not in relation to 13 fairness obviously requires that we are able to | |
| the question of by what process, which was the subject 14 participate at this stage this critical stage which | |
| of the consultation document, the Inquiry moves forward 15 is going to, as it were, frame the whole Inquiry going | 5 |
| in terms of redaction suggesting and so forth, but in 16 forward because it is at this stage that the Inquiry | |
| terms of some of the substance of what is contained 17 will determine just how much evidence is going to be | e |
| there with respect to the approach that the Inquiry is 18 testable in any meaningful sense. | |
| 19 taking to questions of disclosure, to the threshold of 19 And so not only does this process require a fair | |
| 20 risk and so forth. 20 opportunity for us at this stage, but it is also | |
| 21 THE CHAIR: I have no objection at all to your doing that. 21 a process which insofar as it doesn't afford that fair | |
| 22 MS KAUFMANN: Yes. I think it would speed matters along. 22 opportunity is going to do grave damage to public | |
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look at the consultation document. It is right that that sheds some very helpful light upon what the Inquiry's underlying approach is. So if we can start with paragraph 9, just for the benefit of everybody who doesn't necessarily have this document in front of them, I am just going to read it: "Withholding publication of the full risk assessment, impact statement and medical evidence does limit the core participant's ability to make submissions on an application or to provide the Inquiry with material evidence relevant to it. However, unlike the position in adversarial litigation, the submissions of

a point which the chairman is not already aware of."

We submit that that position is wrong for three reasons.

core participants only add to the process if they raise

Firstly, and fundamentally, it ignores the importance of public confidence in this Inquiry and its processes. It was established in light of and in order to investigate completely improper conduct on the part of the police, the Metropolitan Police Service, in the context of a previously public inquiry, including significant failure to make proper disclosure.

Secondly, how can public confidence be commanded where this Inquiry fails to recognise the value of

1 HM58's case was his managerial role in respect of the 2 period of the infiltration of the Lawrence family, and 3 his role in respect of that.

Now, we alerted the Inquiry to that. Your answer to us is, "Well, you didn't tell me anything I didn't know". But the point is we weren't told that. Now on what ground, in fairness or justice, were we not provided with that material which was obviously of great significance in terms of the compelling need for his identity, his cover identity and his real identity, to be disclosed? So it is not an answer to us to say, "Well, I had that information and you couldn't have

added anything".

THE CHAIR: You slightly misunderstand the purpose of minded to notes. It is to indicate in short form what I am minded to do so as to prompt further submissions. In closed from officers sometimes, in open from everybody.

MS KAUFMANN: But that misunderstands the point. Your minded to note is what we had together with the other matters that have been disclosed to us. None of that, neither your minded to note nor the material that was disclosed to us, informed us of a vital fact about this particular officer that had a very, very clear bearing

upon the issues you had to decide should the cover note be disclosed, should the real name be disclosed. Yet we

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public scrutiny of the information that the police are providing.

Thirdly, proper disclosure is not only about the ability of the core participants to provide evidence with which to test the police account. It is also about the Inquiry securing public confidence in its process. So that is the importance of public confidence.

Secondly, there is fairness to the core participants. Now that duty as I have indicated still arises even though this is an inquisitorial process. That is absolutely clear from the legal principles ruling 106, 107, 112.

Part of the very reason this Inquiry was established was to establish justice for the families and victims of undercover policing. So they have a legitimate interest in its process and they are entitled to effective participation.

In the case of some of the core participants, where they have suffered conduct that crosses the article 3 threshold, the Convention itself gives them a right to effective participation in the process. So that is a separate right to the right and duty of fairness.

Now, HN58's case is a very, very good example of what we mean by the importance in and of itself of fairness. What was not disclosed to us in relation to

weren't told of it.

Your answer to that is, "You don't need to be told about it because I know". Now that is a completely wrong position to start from if you are properly having regard to the need to have fairness and the need to secure public confidence. Because we simply aren't going to have confidence in this process if we are told even though there are things you could be told about, you are not going to be told about them because I know about them. That is not the hallmark of a fair process, it is not the hallmark of a process that is going to command public confidence.

Thirdly, even if it were right -- we do not accept that it is -- that we can only add to the process if we raise a point that you are not already aware of, that is not a reason for discounting the value of proper disclosure. We repeat, this Inquiry cannot know in advance whether the core participants will have evidence or submissions that will be of value to you because you don't know about it.

Secondly, take risk for example, now we may well have evidence that is important in your evaluation of risk. For example, where it is said by the police that organisations, whatever they may be, that were infiltrated were violent or contained individuals who

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| 1 | had a violent disposition such that the officer is at |
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| 2 | risk, then obviously insofar as those organisations were |
| 3 | ones to which core participants belonged, individuals |
| 4 | were part of those organisations then the core |
| 5 | participants can have something meaningful to say |
| 6 | about it, and that will not come to light unless |
| 7 | disclosure is made of matters such as this comes to |
| 8 | material we have asked the Inquiry to disclose the |
| 9 | nature of the organisation. Either the name of the |
| 10 | organisation or if there is a good reason not to |
| 11 | disclose that in terms of the risk that the officer will |
| 12 | be identified, the nature of the organisation. Then |
| 13 | submissions can be made about violence and threat coming |
| 14 | from that organisation. |
| 15 | But if we don't know that, we can't make any such |
| 16 | submissions. |
| 17 | Can we now move on to paragraphs 15 and 16, where |
| 18 | the Counsel to the Inquiry addresses observations in |
| 19 | relation to the non-disclosure of cover names. |
| 20 | THE CHAIR: I think it was that to which you referred me |
| 21 | before. |
| 22 | MS KAUFMANN: I am sorry? Referred you when before? |
| 23 | THE CHAIR: Paragraph 9 came from this document, not from |
| 24 | the consultation document. |
| 25 | MS KAUFMANN: I am so sorry. Was I referring to the |
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"16. We note the concern explicit in paragraph 6(b) of the non-police, non-state core participants' submission that the Inquiry will limit itself to investigating currently known cases of wrongdoing, actual or alleged. The Inquiry has not so limited itself. It has already conferred that a large number of cover names will be published and the process of considering anonymity applications is continuing. So far as the Special Demonstration Squad is concerned it is already clear that a significant number of deployments can be investigated publicly. It is not necessary to discharge the terms of reference for every single Special Demonstration Squad officer's real and cover names to be published nor is it legally possible."

So it is accepted that whenever a cover name is not disclosed, for obviously reasons there will be a detrimental impact but at 16 it is said that that is mitigated in no small measure by the fact that it is not necessary to discharge the full terms of reference for every single Special Demonstration Squad officer's real and cover name be to published.

We submit that there are reasons that are not adverted to here which do emphasise the importance of revealing as many cover names as it is possible to reveal. That is which demonstrate a very pressing

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       THE CHAIR: Yes.
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       MS KAUFMANN: I am so sorry. At all times I have been
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          referring to Counsel to the Inquiry's response to the
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          consultation document and I am very sorry for the
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          confusion.
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            15 to 16 of that same document, Counsel to the
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          here I am sorry I am going to read these, so that
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          everybody understands what I am saying:
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            "15. We agreed with the non-police, non-state core
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          participants that where the Inquiry restricts an
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          undercover officer's real and cover name the effect will
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          be to inhibit the extent to which that officer's
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          deployment can be investigated. The Inquiry will be
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          able to conduct a closed investigation based on the
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          documents and the evidence of police witnesses, however
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          it will not able to inform those affected by the
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          officer's deployment and request their evidence. The
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          inhibiting effect on the Inquiry is of course a factor
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          which is taken into account when the decision to make
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          a restriction order is taken and in public interest
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          applications it is only where the factors in favour of
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          restriction outweigh the factors against, that an order
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          is made at all.
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interest in revealing cover names. I will come on to those.

Firstly, the Inquiry's task is not just to look at isolated incidents of wrongdoing. The task of the

isolated incidents of wrongdoing. The task of the Inquiry is also systemic. It is required to look at, for example, questions about the role and contribution made by undercover policing towards the prevention and detection of crime. That is a really important issue for the Inquiry, because insofar as this undercover policing operation which was both expensive and highly intrusive and went on for a long, long time, did not actually contribute in a sufficiently meaningful sense, then that demonstrates an absence of proportionality.

Now how can the Inquiry do that unless it reaches properly informed conclusions about the extent to which the group's undercover officers infiltrated were genuinely engaged in criminal activity or if engaged in criminal activity, criminal activity of a kind that merited the sorts of resources, deployment and intrusiveness that followed in these cases.

It needs to look at whether allegations of criminality were fabricated or exaggerated in order to justify policing. And it can't accurately determine those issues on the basis of the police's account alone.

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Inquiry's ability to examine the motivation for, the scope of undercover policing operations. Again issues critical to the proportionality of the deployments.

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And we know from the evidence of Peter Francis that there is conflicting evidence about the motivation for and scope of deployments. How is the Inquiry going to reach justifiable, properly evidence-based conclusions on these issues without hearing from those spied upon? Now if cover names are not revealed, then individuals

will not know they were being spied on at all. It isn't any comfort, if I may say, in and of itself that quite a lot of cover names are going to be disclosed. It is notable that in relation to a significant number of those cover names that are going to be disclosed, that is precisely because the individuals concerned have not objected or the Metropolitan Police Service has not objected on their behalf. Now purely as a matter of rationality, the reason those individuals have probably not objected is perhaps because they actually weren't involved in wrongdoing and they don't have to hide anything. But one reason why officers who do object may seek to object is precisely because they do have things to hide, and so we remain extremely concerned that a proper searching analysis and assessment is done in relation to those

clear. The test of real and immediate risk does not

2 depend upon it being present now, it is real and

3 immediate if that contingency arises, but we ought to be

4 told in clear terms --

THE CHAIR: Forgive me. It is debatable. Where I say there

6 is a risk to physical integrity under article 8, what

7 I am seeking to indicate is that there is a risk of

quite serious harm which is contingent.

9 MS KAUFMANN: I would be, I would suggest, that going

10 forward it is incredibly important that we understand

11 the nature of the risk. If you are of the view that

12 should the risk materialise because the cover name were

13 revealed for example, then it would be of a kind that

14 crosses the article 3 threshold, we should be told that.

15 That should be the basis upon which we understand you

16 are taking the decision, because we have thus far

operated under a total misapprehension that when the

18 police have come forward and said --

THE CHAIR: Forgive me. Now you have pointed out the

20 misapprehension, I am happy to clarify it for the future

21 when making decisions and rulings.

MS KAUFMANN: I am grateful, because our submission is that

23 if the risk is less than something that crosses the

article 3 threshold -- if it is an article 8 risk --

then for well-established reasons of principle that

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officers who are seeking anonymity.

In light of what is said there at paragraphs 15 to 16, it seems that some light is shed on why the Inquiry is taking the approach it is in relation to withholding disclosure of cover names. By which I mean it is setting, it seems to us, far too low a threshold of risk in its decision-making that withholding of the cover name is justified.

We will come on to this in relation to the individual applications but what we see repeatedly is that a threshold of some kind of article 8 interference, not an article 3 interference or article 2 interference so not a threat of some sort of serious injury --

THE CHAIR: That is with respect a misstatement. Articles 2 and 3 are engaged where there is an immediate or present and continuing risk to life or limb. It does not arise in cases where the risk is contingent, hence although I have overtly dealt with issues under article 8 because of interference with physical integrity, that is not to be taken as indicating that the risk to physical integrity is, if it were to occur, trivial or small. MS KAUFMANN: That is a very helpful clarification. For my part, I would suggest that actually if the risk would be

one of conduct which would cross the article 3 threshold

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should it arise, then that should be made absolutely

1 article 8 risk is something that simply falls to be 2

weighed in the balance against all the other factors

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3 calling for disclosure. And our submission is that

4 given the compelling reasons for revealing cover

5 names --

> THE CHAIR: Fine. But so long as you understand that I am dealing usually with contingent risks of potentially

serious harm, then we are at least speaking about the

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10 MS KAUFMANN: Well that is very important. It is very 11 important and I am glad we've managed to clarify that.

Can I move on to paragraph 13. That is the Counsel

to the Inquiry's approach to the mosaic effect.

This is a very long paragraph. It breaks down into three parts. I apologise to everybody here but in the interests of saving time I am not going to read it, but if everybody who needs to can read it quickly to themselves, I will then make some submissions.

The mosaic effect does appear, given the number of minded to decisions that are appearing to withhold cover and real names, it does appear to be playing a large part in your determinations or provisional determinations about restriction orders and anonymity. By which I mean that these are cases where the risk in relation to the disclosure only of the cover name is

| 1 | identified as not being very substantial, but the | 1 | the cover name and therefore that individual is not |
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| 2 | concern is that disclosure of the cover name will lead | 2 | going to be tracked down through the release of the |
| 3 | to the identification of the real name and it is then | 3 | cover name, because we are only looking at mosaic effect |
| 4 | that a greater risk materialises if the individual can | 4 | once the cover name is released. |
| 5 | be tracked down. | 5 | But if the panel is not satisfied following |
| 6 | Now, we can see from the disclosures made to us thus | 6 | representations that the risk is sufficiently high, then |
| 7 | far that so far as the mosaic effect is concerned, we | 7 | it will release the cover name and of course there is |
| 8 | are basically told nothing whatsoever about the | 8 | some possibility that efforts will be then made to track |
| 9 | evidential basis for concluding that there is or is not | 9 | the individual down. No doubt efforts will be made to |
| 10 | likely to be a tracking down. From paragraph 13 of the | 10 | track the individual down. There is a possibility, |
| 11 | note we now understand why. To put it shortly, it is | 11 | despite the assessment that the panel has made, that |
| 12 | because a Neither Confirm Nor Deny approached is | 12 | that individual will be tracked down. But the point is |
| 13 | effectively being taken in relation to disclosure of the | 13 | that the Inquiry will in that situation in making its |
| 14 | mosaic effect. | 14 | decision about whether or not to withhold the identity |
| 15 | That is we can't say anything in cases where we can | 15 | of the cover name have taken into account that risk. |
| 16 | say anything because that might lead in cases where we | 16 | Ie its risk of the likelihood of being tracked down will |
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| 18 | that would then lead to the revelation of that | 18 | be made. So we cannot see how there can be any |
| 19 | particular individual's identity. I see that you are | 19 | justification for not disclosing some information. |
| 20 | look puzzled, but that's kind of how Neither Confirm Nor Deny works. We can't say anything in this case even if | 20 | It may be that particular details cannot be |
| 21 22 | we | 21 | disclosed, precise details, but some sort of gist, some |
| 23 | | 22 | sort of substance that supports the conclusions about |
| 23 | THE CHAIR: I was wondering how you got to the end of the sentence as coherently as you did. | 23 24 | risk in relation to mosaic is, in our submission, |
| 25 | MS KAUFMANN: Being very familiar with Neither Confirm Nor | 25 | entirely justified. |
| 23 | MS KAOFMANN. Being very familiar with Neither Commit Not | 23 | This brings us to a point that is not just relevant |
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So a lot of, as it were, assessment of the extent, for example, of the 9 9 consequences to that individual should there be contemporaneous independent evidence, that is evidence 10 disclosure. 10 from the officers written at a time when they didn't have anything to hide, that may well never come to light 11 So would it be a severe case of post-traumatic 11 12 stress disorder and so forth? But something that 12 because it no longer exists. 13 13 enables some kind of evaluation of the significance and We also know that there are demonstrable 14 bearing that that evidence properly ought to have when 14 inaccuracies even in the crumbs of disclosure we have 15 weighed in the balance against all the factors calling 15 had to date. For example can I remind you of Ms Steel's 16 for disclosure. 16 submissions at the hearing on 21 November. She pointed 17 Can I now turn to paragraph 12. I can read this 17 to a description of her in the mosaic report as a "long 18 paragraph because it is much shorter: 18 term and prominent activist in the field of animal 19 "The Inquiry cannot realistically conduct a full 19 rights". 20 20 closed investigation of each undercover officer's A field she had not been active in for 20 years. 21 deployment before making a decision on anonymity. The 21 That is significant, that inaccuracy, not only 22 22 current process would ensure that the right outcome is because it throws into question of accuracy of what the 23 23 arrived at. If, exceptionally, it becomes clear later Metropolitan Police Service are reporting, but also 24 in the Inquiry that a restriction order be reviewed then 24 because the Metropolitan Police Service categorise 25 it can be pursuant to section 25 of the Inquiries Act." 25 animal rights activists as being a potential source of Page 25 Page 27 1 1 Firstly, I repeat the obvious point, that if the risk of violence to Special Demonstration Squad 2 cover name is withheld it is very unlikely that later in 2 officers. So it matters, it matters in terms of the 3 3 evaluation of the risk that an individual is said to the course of the Inquiry it will become clear that it 4 4 should be reviewed precisely because nobody who is spied pose. 5 upon will know that that is the case. It will be 5 Donal O'Driscoll recently himself received two 6 a matter of pure chance whether or not information does 6 sentences of disclosure in relation to police 7 come to light to alert the Inquiry to the need to 7 information held about him in response to a Data 8 review. 8 Protection Act request. q 9 We accept of course that there is a limit. We One of those two sentences records an entirely 10 understand your concern that we are this far down the 10 fictitious arrest. So there are real question marks 11 line and we are still engaged in this process. But we 11 over the accuracy of the evidence. 12 12 emphasise again how important this process is to getting There is also, in the witness statement of Harriet 13 the substance of the Inquiry right and to it achieving 13 Wistrich dated 31 May 2017, paragraphs 13, 73, 75 and 14 14 79, further examples which I can take you to but the its end. 15 If this stage is not conducted with sufficient 15 Inquiry can look at them in your own time. 16 breadth, then -- as I have said now on many occasions --16 So given the frequency of these inaccuracies in this 17 17 there is an incredibly serious risk that the Inquiry very limited amount of disclosure we have had, how can 18 18 will just get off to a false start, as it were, and it the Inquiry be confident that the police material it is 19 simply won't be able to reach into the past as it ought 19 relying on is accurate? 20 in order to fulfil its terms of reference. 20 Our concern -- that is the non-state 21 Now, there are current indicators already of why the 21 core participants -- is not one that we have alone as to 22 Inquiry should be very cautious about taking the 22 the accuracy of what you are being told, it is shared by 23 23 approach it is and not reaching out more to the core officers. So Peter Francis has pointed out that the 24 participants. 24 Metropolitan Police Service as applicants would be 25 25 Firstly, the issue of mass shredding. inclined to be defensive and to engage in overredaction.

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In addition, there is a further former undercover officer, he didn't work in the Special Demonstration Squad, his name is Neil Woods and he's actually here, he was a drugs squad officer. He has also recently expressed publicly his scepticism about the manner in which the Metropolitan Police Service goes about assessing risk. Now, he's here today and should you wish to hear from him, he can give evidence, but we could also put in a statement from him should that assist you in any way, but it is yet another example of where those inside the force do not share the view of the Metropolitan Police Service as to the assessment of risk and the weight to be attached to it.

Then of course there is the other important point which we need to keep in mind, which is that in respect of those officers whose identity has actually been revealed to date none, so far as we know, have been subjected to unlawful harm in the form of violence of the kind that crosses the article 3 threshold, as opposed to angry individuals remonstrating and seeking to hold them to account verbally.

So given this, we strongly submit that it cannot be concluded that a process which fails to obtain meaningful participation from those who are able to test 1 know that the officer was attached to a particular group 2 and that group or somebody within that group -- not 3 necessarily needed to identify them unless it is a core 4 participant -- is liable to be violent then an 5 opportunity should be given to representations being 6 made on that point. That can only happen if disclosure 7 is made in some form of the allegation which founds the 8

> I should just be clear that this was what Ms Allen meant in her email of 14 December in response to your ruling in relation to Rehabilitation of Offenders Act and at paragraph 38 of our response to the consultation.

Just to resolve a confusion that I think has arisen, that wasn't a submission that we were making solely in relation to spent convictions. It was something that applied to everybody.

Finally, can I then turn to annex A and to our amendments to annex A so that we can see in concrete shape and form how we say a lot more could be revealed than is being revealed.

If I could hand that up to you. (Handed)

We have attempted at the footnote to explain all of the amendments we have made which we say are matters that could be revealed. I don't propose -- I don't think it is going to benefit anyone -- I take you all

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the police accounts is likely to arrive at the right outcome. I have touched upon the assessment of the risk that an officer poses as being an area where core participants potentially have some very valuable evidence to give.

This brings me just slightly tangentially, but actually not, to previous submissions and your response in relation to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, because there you acknowledged and you accepted that in relation to spent convictions where evidence of such a conviction, if accepted, would be determinative of an application for restriction order, then you would consider giving those convicted persons the opportunity to make submissions about them.

And if there was no good reason to refuse to give that opportunity, you would do so.

Now we submit that precisely the same approach is appropriate in relation to allegations of a risk of violence that are based not upon the fact of a spent conviction but that are based upon intelligence or any other material coming from the police in respect of which, firstly that same condition applies, that is, it is likely to be determinative. And, secondly, core participants are likely to be in a position to say something meaningful about it, for example were they to

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through this, but this is something that we can each 2 read and no doubt submissions could be made on it by the 3 other parties as to why this is unrealistic. But that

is what we submit could realistically be done without any risk to the officer concerned, and should be done.

5 6 So unless you, sir, have any questions to ask about 7 that at this stage --

8 THE CHAIR: I would like to do that which I always prefer to 9 do, which is to concentrate on real examples, real 10 cases, rather than hypothetical ones.

MS KAUFMANN: That is all I wanted to say by way of background. I assume that we are going to deal with this as we did on the last occasion. I now go on to

14 HN23 and then everybody makes submissions on HN23 and we 15 move on?

16 THE CHAIR: Yes, please.

> Submissions on behalf of the non-state, non-police core participants by MS KAUFMANN re HN23

MS KAUFMANN: This is exactly one of those cases where the confusion that we have just identified has arisen, so we had been working on the premise that even though the risk assessment of the Metropolitan Police Service was

that this was an individual who would be at risk of article 3 ill-treatment, we had understood you to be disagreeing with that and to be framing --

| 1 | THE CHAIR: I have corrected that misapprehension | 1 | that is where the risk is being identified as lying or |
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| 2 | MS KAUFMANN: Yes. | 2 | as arising from, likely violence from those individuals, |
| 3 | THE CHAIR: it is a contingent risk of serious harm. | 3 | then it becomes incredibly important that there is an |
| 4 | MS KAUFMANN: Of serious harm. That obviously makes quite | 4 | opportunity to make some submissions in relation to any |
| 5 | a substantial difference to the picture. It underscores | 5 | such allegations about that risk. |
| 6 | the importance of disclosure, especially in relation to | 6 | In this case, it is interesting that we have |
| 7 | the mosaic effect. Because of course if the risk is | 7 | nothing this does seem to be really a case where |
| 8 | contingent upon the real name being revealed, then | 8 | a Neither Confirm Nor Deny approach is being applied to |
| 9 | THE CHAIR: I haven't said the factors upon which it is | 9 | this individual |
| 10 | contingent. But it is obviously contingent upon the | 10 | THE CHAIR: With respect it is not a Neither Confirm Nor |
| 11 | individual being identified by those who might pose | 11 | Deny approach. It is stronger than that. It is a flat |
| 12 | a threat to the officer. | 12 | refusal to say anything about the deployment in open. |
| 13 | MS KAUFMANN: Exactly, exactly. If his cover name is | 13 | MS KAUFMANN: I am talking now about the mosaic effect. |
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| 15 | risk of his real name being revealed, then that | 15 | himself or she says that they have no internet profile |
| 16 | obviously has a bearing upon whether or not the cover | 16 | or presence whatsoever. And yet we know nothing at all |
| 17 | name should be disclosed unquestionably, and it is all | 17 | about why this is a case in which it has been concluded |
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| 19 | through the mosaic effect, the real name being revealed. | 19 | through the disclosure of his cover name is too great to |
| 20 | Because if it were the case that you could say | 20 | be able to reveal his cover name. |
| 21 | categorically if the cover name is revealed his real | 21 | I just repeat my submissions. We submit there is no |
| 22 | identity is not going to be disclosed it won't | 22 | justification for not explaining the basis upon which it |
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| 2 | officer. | 2 | disclosure has been so limited, and in particular in |
| 3 | But other than that, there really is nothing we can | 3 | relation to the issue of identification through either |
| 4 | say in relation to HN23 and HN40 if we are meeting | 4 | the disclosure of a real name or the disclosure of |
| 5 | a brick wall. | 5 | a cover name. In some cases you say, "If the cover name |
| 6 | THE CHAIR: No, I am afraid you are meeting a brick wall in | 6 | is disclosed it will lead to identification of the real |
| 7 | these two cases and others. I did indicate in the | 7 | name" and in some cases, such as HN58 you have put it |
| 8 | opening remarks that I made on 20 November that there | 8 | the other way. So it leaves us in an impossible |
| 9 | would be deployments that could only be investigated in | 9 | position particularly when in some of those cases unlike |
| 10 | closed sessions and these are examples. | 10 | perhaps the non-police, non-state core participants we |
| 11 | MS KAUFMANN: It strikes us as extraordinary that we cannot | 11 | know who the officer is and who he infiltrated and have |
| 12 | even be told, for example, was this officer engaged in | 12 | our own view of the risk. |
| 13 | a deployment in relation to left wing groups or right | 13 | When I say "our own view" not my view, Mr Francis's |
| 14 | wing groups. How on earth can the disclosure of that | 14 | view, having been on the ground and an undercover |
| 15 | fact alone put that officer at risk? Yet we don't have | 15 | officer himself and knowing full well the nature of the |
| 16 | disclosure even of that kind of information. | 16 | groups and the risks that they pose. So when you give |
| 17 | Or the broad period that the officer was engaged in | 17 | no information in the way that frustrates those who |
| 18 | operations. | 18 | Ms Kaufmann represents it also puts us in a particularly |
| 19 | Disclosure of those two facts alone, how, from that | 19 | difficult position because they are matters that, for |
| 20 | information, could we possibly deduce who the officer | 20 | example, we know and could speak of but are unclear as |
| 21 | is? | 21 | to whether we can because of the way in which you have |
| 22 | "This was an officer who was involved in left wing | 22 | dealt with the disclosure exercise. |
| 23 | groups in the 1970s or in the early 1980s" | 23 | May I say, if for example, you take the view that |
| 24 | THE CHAIR: You were in each case told the broad period. | 24 | there is a risk of a real name being discovered by |
| 25 | MS KAUFMANN: We were told the period | 25 | disclosure of a cover name, it must be right that you |
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| | Page 37 | | Page 39 |
| 1 | THE CHAIR: That's it. | 1 | give us some indication as to why it is you take that |
| 2 | MS KAUFMANN: we are not told whether it is a left wing | 2 | view. This reworked document, annex A, with the example |
| 3 | organisation or a right wing organisation. | 3 | of gisting served on us today seems to me if one looks |
| 4 | THE CHAIR: You are not. | 4 | at it quite a sensible way of re-engaging in the |
| 5 | MS KAUFMANN: It does seem utterly perplexing that that is | 5 | disclosure process. |
| 6 | a bit of information the disclosure of which could | 6 | Because what was provided to us by Counsel to the |
| 7 | possibly put anybody at risk. | 7 | Inquiry was something of a caricature as to what would |
| 8 | Left wing organisations could include thousands of | 8 | happen if disclosure was fuller, whereas this is |
| 9 | people in that period. Hundreds of thousands of people. | 9 | a sensible and serious response which shows you that in |
| 10 | Right wing organisations equally. How does that | 10 | fact it can be done by allowing us enough information to |
| 11 | identify any particular individual? If that is the | 11 | effectively participate. |
| 12 | approach, it is, frankly, utterly perplexing. I have | 12 | At the moment, we come here, we hope to assist but |
| 13 | nothing more I can say on officers 23 and 40. | 13 | we are not assisting because you will say, "Well, |
| 14 | THE CHAIR: Does anybody else want to say anything about 23 | 14 | actually, no, this is a brick wall". So it does beg the |
| 15 | and 40? | 15 | question as to why it is we are invited here. Because |
| 16 | Ms Sikand. | 16 | we do very much want to assist, sir. |
| 17 | Submissions on behalf of Peter Francis by MS SIKAND re HN23 | 17 | THE CHAIR: I am aware of that. I was not saying that in |
| 18 | and HN40 | 18 | relation to all of the officers whose cases we are |
| 19 | MS SIKAND: Sir, as you know we have made submissions on | 19 | considering today that you are, any of you, up against |
| 20 | behalf of both those officers on behalf of | 20 | a brick wall. You are only in relation to 23 and 40. |
| 21 | Peter Francis. Sir, can I begin by making a very short | 21 | MS SIKAND: Sir, for example, if you say disclosure of |
| 22 | general point. It is one that Mr Francis wants me to. | 22 | a real name would lead to disclosure of a cover name |
| 23 | In relation to what Ms Kaufmann has said about the | 23 | because and we can only surmise why you say this |
| 24 | perceived pointlessness of continuing in participating | 24 | for example, that officer has an online presence. And |
| 25 | in what she described as window dressing, it is | 25 | most of them don't, and Mr Francis tells me that in his |
| | in what one described as window dressing, was | | |
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UCPI Preliminary Hearing 1 experience most Special Demonstration Squad officers 1 2 2 have no online presence. But say a particular officer 3 3 does, which is why you say the real name can disclose 4 the cover name. It is difficult to see how that can be 4 5 the only reason for there being a risk of 5 identification, particularly when that level of risk is 6 6 7 7 not told to us as you perceive it. 8 8 So what you called a contingent risk, where do you 9 place that risk? Is it a high risk, a low risk, 9 10 a medium risk, of there being an identification from 10 11 real on cover or cover to real? We ought to know that 11 12 so we can at least make meaningful submissions to you. 12 13 Peter Francis would say, for example, that when he 13 14 left the Special Demonstration Squad role, he was told 14 15 that he had to change his identity to the extent that he 15 16 would not be recognisable, and he would say that even 16 17 17 his own mother did not recognise him when he left the 18 18 Special Demonstration Squad such were the changes that 19 19 20 20 So even if there was an online presence of 21 a particular officer it would be impossible, we would 21 22 22 say, to be able to make the identification if it is 23 about some sort of visual presence on the internet. We 23 24 don't know. So we cannot make those submissions to you 24 25 25 apart from in these very general terms. So we do think Page 41 1 that in order to secure our continued and effective 1 kind of misconduct investigation, sir. What we would 2 participation in this process, we do need to know when 2 3 3 you say that sterile corridor is no longer sterile. Why 4 it is you say that in broad terms and what you say the 4 5 5 risk is of the identification being made one way or the other, whether it is real to cover or cover to real. 6 6 misconduct 7 7 Of course we have made that point in our submissions 8 8 in general terms to say that we are well aware of the 9 9 cover names of a number of officers such as 10 Simon Wellings, Rick Gibson, Bill Lewis, 10 11 Douglas Edwards, Rod Richardson. These are cover names 11 12 that the Inquiry has confirmed to be cover names, but we 12 13 are unaware of any harm that has come to them since 13 14 their cover names have been officially confirmed. 14 15 So we also support Ms Kaufmann when we say we do not 15

understand why it is, sir, that you cannot say in broad

extreme right wing group or an extreme left wing group."

Because we can't see why it is you can't give that

information. Because if you did, then we would then be

able to openly address you from Mr Francis's knowledge

of the risk broadly speaking of an extreme right group,

an extreme left group and how that operated on the

ground and how he sees that risk now manifesting.

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So in relation to HN23, as we have said in our written submissions, he is an officer known to Peter Francis and the group -- I will say "groups"-that he infiltrated are also known to him. In Peter Francis's admission, this is an officer who would have valuable evidence to give you about the nature of his deployment and -- I use "his" generically, sir, that is not an indication of gender -- what he was asked to do would be something that he needs to give evidence to you about, because it is likely that there was a level of violence authorised by Special Demonstration Squad managers in his deployments and the difficulty with not disclosing his cover name is that you cannot have his evidence properly tested other than by those with whom he possibly perpetrated that violence or who were witnesses to it, in that group that he infiltrated. So that's why we say it is of particular importance that you do disclose this cover name. As I say, without you giving us more as to why you say the identification of the cover name would lead to the real name, we can't see anything from our knowledge that would suggest that that would happen. So we do repeat our submission to you that his cover name should be disclosed. We are aware of the fact that he was subject to some

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like to know is was that in any way related to his time as an undercover officer, as opposed to some other time in his career. If that is right, why is it, sir, that we have not been disclosed even gisted details of that It may well be that you take the view it is because that allegation was not upheld, but that is, in my submission, nothing to the point because it may, for example, throw light on why it is in fact it becomes more important that his cover name is disclosed in case there are allegations during his deployment that could come to light by disclosing it. Those must be important factors militating towards disclosure of his cover name. Sir, as I say, without further disclosure I don't think I can assist any further. THE CHAIR: Yes. You don't want to say anything about 40? MS SIKAND: I was going to follow Ms Kaufmann on 40 on this. THE CHAIR: She has, I think, said she has no further submissions given the blank wall up against which she has come in relation to these two officers. MS SIKAND: Is that right? Okay. 40, you have seen our written submission. This is also an officer known to Mr Francis, and so are I say groups, just because it is easier to say "groups" rather Page 44

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| 2 | unaware as to why you say the revelation of his cover | 2 | his psychiatrist or the psychiatrist who assesses |
| 3 | name would be more likely to lead to the discovery of | 3 | him could just say, "If you give him a restriction |
| 4 | his real name than any other undercover officer. We | 4 | order he's going to get better". This is an astonishing |
| 5 | don't know, but we are assuming that is your position. | 5 | assertion, but it may be that the gisting has done the |
| 6 | That particularly in his case, as in 23, you say for | 6 | doctor disservice but we say we don't understand that at |
| 7 | some reason the revelation of his cover name would | 7 | all. |
| 8 | disclose his real name. | 8 | In relation to whatever you do in the end, |
| 9 | Is that right, sir? If there is a particular | 9 | regardless of what we say here, if you maintain your |
| 10 | THE CHAIR: I am sorry, I really am not going to respond to | 10 | position that you are going to let both his real and |
| 11 | questions even well-intentioned ones as yours is. | 11 | cover names be restricted, he has to be able to give |
| 12 | MS SIKAND: If that is the position, that just because these | 12 | evidence, we say, in open court because of the |
| 13 | two officers have infiltrated groups that are prone to | 13 | importance of it. |
| 14 | violence, that somehow that means it is more likely that | 14 | So unless I can assist any further, sir. |
| 15 | their real name would be discoverable from their cover | 15 | Submissions by MR FRANCIS re HN23 and HN40 |
| 16 | names, we say that is wholly wrong and there is no | 16 | MR FRANCIS: Sir, could I possibly say something. As |
| 17 | rational basis for making that suggestion or relying | 17 | I actually know these officers as we very clearly say. |
| 18 | upon that for not disclosing his cover name. | 18 | What I would like to say I have not had a chance to do |
| 19 | It is Peter Francis's view that once more this | 19 | the brief because this is all running now. These |
| 20 | officer would have valuable evidence to give you about | 20 | officers are very capable of spinning a very believable |
| 21 | the violence that was permitted by Special Demonstration | 21 | yarn, this is what we did professionally, we were |
| 22 | Squad managers to be used by Special Demonstration Squad | 22 | trained to do this. |
| 23 | officers. And we say that, not just wanton violence, | 23 | These officers I know they do in public order terms |
| 24 | sir, for the sake of it, but in order to maintain his | 24 | some very, very dangerous things. This man here is |
| 25 | cover. We say this is evidence that you have to hear. | 25 | a former undercover officer himself, Neil Woods, the |
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| 5 | THE CHAIR: Does anybody else have anything to say about 23 | 5 | whole purpose of this Inquiry is to stop the human |
| 6 | or 40? | 6 | rights abuses that were being committed by these units |
| 7 | MS STEEL: Could I just say something briefly. | 7 | and you can't do that without our participation and it |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: Of course. | 8 | is a joke that we are being excluded from this process. |
| 9 | Submissions by MS STEEL | 9 | It is an insulting joke, I have to say. |
| 10 | MS STEEL: Thank you. I just want to say I personally think | 10 | THE CHAIR: Now is not the time for an extended debate |
| 11 | it is absolutely ludicrous that we can't be told for | 11 | between us about this, but you are not being excluded |
| 12 | every officer, when we only have the number, the dates | 12 | from this process. |
| 13 | that they were deployed and the category of organisation | 13 | I have made it as clear as I can in as blunt |
| 14 | at minimum that they were deployed into. We know that | 14 | a language as I can that some officers' identities, |
| 15 | these political undercover policing units spanned the | 15 | cover and real, are not going to be revealed. They are |
| 16 | entire period that the Inquiry is looking into, so | 16 | a minority. I assure you that the Inquiry when it looks |
| 17 | telling us which particular dates that these officers | 17 | into all the deployments that it can do publicly will |
| 18 | were deployed tells us nothing unexpected. We know that | 18 | invite and welcome and found its findings upon evidence |
| 19 | there were officers deployed into political groups | 19 | from all sources. |
| 20 | during each of those periods. Telling us the categories | 20 | MS STEEL: We can't give the evidence if the cover names are |
| 21 | tells us nothing that is unexpected. The Inquiry has | 21 | not revealed. |
| 22 | decided the categories of core participants in this | 22 | THE CHAIR: That is true in relation to those cases where |
| 23 | inquiry, so we know that all those categories of groups | 23 | that does not occur, I agree. |
| 24 | were infiltrated by undercover police officers. We also | 24 | Anyone have anything to say about 23 and 40? |
| 25 | know that the Special Demonstration Squad participated | 25 | Mr Sanders you look as if you were minded to stand up. |
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| 2 | (11.24 am) | 2 | blown, that is in paragraph 16 at tab 18. And really |
| 3 | (A short break) | 3 | from his point of view he wants cover really for his |
| 4 | (11.35 am) | 4 | family against media intrusion. |
| 5 | THE CHAIR: Ms Kaufmann, I think we got to 241. | 5 | On the disclosure front, another case where we have |
| 6 | MS KAUFMANN: I had 58, but we are on 241. | 6 | nothing, but what we do know is there is a very low risk |
| 7 | THE CHAIR: You may take them in whatever order you like, | 7 | to physical safety, ie it is highly improbable, and |
| 8 | I am not wedded to any particular order. | 8 | I have to say given that this officer's cover has |
| 9 | MS KAUFMANN: I am happy to take 241. | 9 | already been blown it is hardly surprising that that |
| 10 | THE CHAIR: Fine. | 10 | assessment has been made because if there were to be |
| 11 | MS KAUFMANN: Just before I start on 241, just in the break | 11 | such a risk arising from revelation of his real name, |
| 12 | I have had an opportunity to discuss matters with some | 12 | that risk already would have materialised and it hasn't. |
| 13 | of my clients, the non-state core participants. | 13 | This is a case which does throw up in sharp relief |
| 14 | A concern was raised which I just wanted to make sure | 14 | where it is that the balance is being drawn. This takes |
| 15 | has not led you to misinterpret anything that I said | 15 | me back to the point I was making in opening by |
| 16 | earlier. | 16 | reference to Counsel to the Inquiry's response to the |
| 17 | When I was talking about the mosaic effect, | 17 | consultation: query whether because you are of the view |
| 18 | I discussed the fact that my clients, if a cover name | 18 | that you can do a perfectly full and proper inquiry |
| 19 | were disclosed, would be likely to try and identify the | 19 | without revealing all the cover names, you are actually |
| 20 | real name of the individual. It was pointed out to me | 20 | taking an approach which reduces the threshold for |
| 21 | that actually that is not necessarily true at all. For | 21 | non-disclosure of cover names or means that where the |
| 22 | example, if a cover name were disclosed, and that | 22 | level of risk is not an article 3 risk at all but is in |
| 23 | individual were identified and it was clear that they | 23 | this case |
| 24 | had done nothing wrong beyond simply being an undercover | 24 | THE CHAIR: It doesn't approach it, it doesn't approach |
| 25 | officer, then it is very possible that steps would not | 25 | article 3. |
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| 1 | Rick Gibson, that is the period where it may be that the |
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| 2 | culture was being established and being set down. So |
| 3 | given the importance of the revelation of cover names, |
| 4 | if this Inquiry is to secure any evidence of wrongdoing |
| 5 | in relation to a particular individual, given the |
| 6 | importance that as many cover names as can safely be |
| 7 | disclosed are disclosed for the Inquiry to discharge its |
| 8 | function of looking at the systemic questions that |
| 9 | arise, this very minor article 8 interference that falls |
| 10 | in the balance on the other side, in our submission |
| 11 | simply cannot outweigh the factors that favour |
| 12 | disclosure. |
| 13 | Of course, that is simply in relation to the |
| 14 | revelation of the cover name. And revealing the cover |
| 15 | name is not going in and of itself necessarily to reveal |
| 16 | the real name so it may be that the revelation of the |
| 17 | cover name has absolutely no impact whatsoever on this |
| 18 | particular officer because the real name will never be |
| 19 | revealed. As I have just said, if in fact disclosure of |

23 being made for the real name. 24 If, on the other hand, there is wrongdoing, then it 25 is likely, as I have said, that attempts will be made to THE CHAIR: No need to have that again. But you invite me

2 to revisit the decision about the cover name in the

light of your submissions?

4 MS KAUFMANN: I do.

5 THE CHAIR: Right.

Ms Sikand.

7 Submissions on behalf of Peter Francis by MS SIKAND re HN241

MS SIKAND: Sir, we do ask you to revisit your discussion

9 and we do take the view that on your only analysis your

decision is irrational in relation to this officer.

11 Sir, you said that you had a commitment and

a principled commitment to disclosing cover names in

13 every case in which it can be done without

14 disproportionate damage to the public interest or harm

to the individual concerned. Given that commitment, and

given what we know about this application, it is 16

difficult to understand your decision, which is why we

18 also urge you to revisit it.

> We made these points in our written submissions. We note that HN241 did not target any violent groups. He

22 "In terms of the individuals I came into contact

23 with, I remember one, I don't remember other names.

I did not consider him to be a violent individual. He

was a bit like Jeremy Corbyn, he never grew up."

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look at the real name. But as you yourself said at the last hearing, if there is wrongdoing, it is right that

real names should be revealed. So we cannot see any

4 justification for the decision that has been made here

5 and we would invite you to revisit it and to give 6 everybody comfort who wants to participate that is not

a state actor and that was spied upon. Everybody

comfort that you take seriously the need for disclosure

of cover names if this Inquiry is to be efficacious, and

10 that you won't let that need give for such unweighty

contradictory private interests of the individual 11 12

concerned.

13 I have nothing further to say on that, unless I can

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THE CHAIR: You are inviting me to revisit the decision that

16 I was minded to make. I have not yet made a decision,

but the decision that I was minded to make in the light

18 of your submissions?

19 MS KAUFMANN: Yes.

20 THE CHAIR: Yes.

MS KAUFMANN: And to disclose at the very least the cover

22 name.

23 THE CHAIR: We have had the debate about the cover names and

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real names generally last time. MS KAUFMANN: Exactly.

this individual's cover name demonstrates or leads to no

allegations of wrongdoing, then this officer is likely

to be left entirely alone in terms of any searches even

1 Well, he also goes on to say that he was unaware of 2 any affect upon him from his deployment. He himself did 3 not take any security measures at home. And on one

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4 occasion his identify was compromised and then he says 5 in his statement, his identity was actually blown. He

6 himself only asks for a restriction order in relation to

7 his real name and his risk assessment puts a risk of 8 physical harm if his cover name is disclosed as very

9 low. And yet, sir, you have made the minded to decision

that you have against that background.

Sir, I know Ms Kaufmann has just said it, but when you make a decision like that in relation to an officer like this against the evidence like this that we have seen, it is difficult to understand how it is you are making consistent decisions.

I don't mean that at all disrespectfully, sir, but this is an example of a decision which makes everybody stand back and say, "Hang on a moment, where did the balancing exercise go so wrong?"

We urge you, sir, to reconsider this.

21 THE CHAIR: Right.

> If I were to reconsider this, obviously I would have to give the officer concerned and his legal

24 representatives the opportunity of making whatever 25

submissions they wish to, and possibly to hold a closed

| 1 | hearing. | 1 | is that has to be detailed in a closed forum if you wish |
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| 2 | It is not a case in which I would be particularly | 2 | to test it. But the consequence of that means that if |
| 3 | keen to do so, but I think consistently with other cases | 3 | the real name merited restriction, so too on these facts |
| 4 | I would have to offer that opportunity. In those | 4 | does the cover name. |
| 5 | circumstances, would everybody be content if I were to | 5 | My other submission of principle, which is right to |
| 6 | make a ruling and decision after such a hearing or would | 6 | say openly, is that our submission is that it is right, |
| 7 | there have to be a further open hearing? It seems a lot | 7 | sir, that you balance the harm against the status the |
| 8 | of legal effort and possibly expense on an issue that | 8 | person is likely to have within the Inquiry, and the |
| 9 | may not ultimately be very important? | 9 | importance of the evidence they may come to provide, |
| 10 | MS SIKAND: Sir, obviously, if you are minded to reveal his | 10 | and, sir, the authority for that is in the principles |
| 11 | cover name, then that would | 11 | ruling at C3, subsection 5. |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: Of course, on the revised protocol that is | 12 | Those, sir, would be the submissions I would make in |
| 13 | an end to the matter | 13 | this forum and I would urge a closed hearing if you were |
| 14 | MS SIKAND: Yes. | 14 | considering revisiting the decision you were minded to |
| 15 | THE CHAIR: but assuming that the revised protocol does | 15 | reach. |
| 16 | not apply, which this being an ancient case in terms of | 16 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. |
| 17 | our decision-making doesn't. Would anybody wish there | 17 | MR BARR: Sir, may I just rise to my feet to say that since |
| 18 | to be a yet further open hearing | 18 | I made the introductions this morning, although it is |
| 19 | MS SIKAND: Sir, in the absence of further fresh evidence, | 19 | right to say that 241's application was made by |
| 20 | our advocacy if it failed today is not going to get any | 20 | Commissioner's legal team when they were assisting 241, |
| 21 | better second time, unless we have further matters that | 21 | Mr Sanders has drawn to my attention that he now |
| 22 | we can address you on. | 22 | represents 241, so I correct myself on that point. |
| 23 | THE CHAIR: No, of course. | 23 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 24 | Does anybody have anything to say about 241? | 24 | In consequence of that, is there anything you want |
| 25 | Ms Mannion? | 25 | to say, Mr Sanders? |
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| 5 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. That is very helpful. | 5 | practicality at the moment. |
| 6 | My batting order has 322 next. | 6 | If there is an image, there can be no objection to |
| 7 | Submissions on behalf of the non-state, non-police core | 7 | it being disclosed, and the concern is that at the |
| 8 | participants by MS KAUFMANN re HN322 | 8 | moment the orders that are being made in relation to |
| 9 | MS KAUFMANN: 322 is a real only case. | 9 | real names would prevent an image being disclosed. And |
| 10 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 10 | so this officer's case is an exemplar of that problem. |
| 11 | MS KAUFMANN: This officer is also in his or her 70s, | 11 | So first one has to address the principle: should images |
| 12 | doesn't actually recall what went on and was only | 12 | be disclosable? |
| 13 | deployed for two months in the Special Operations Squad. | 13 | THE CHAIR: This is an example of a case where the weights |
| 14 | The real issue in relation to this officer is the issue | 14 | on either side of the balancing exercise are feathers. |
| 15 | that is going to come up later in relation to images. | 15 | MS KAUFMANN: We just don't know that. We do not know that |
| 16 | We don't have a cover name. Obviously the only way | 16 | and if it is a feather which we can be clear about |
| 17 | therefore that this individual can be identified is | 17 | certainly we know it on one side of the balance and |
| 18 | going to be from an image of the officer at the time. | 18 | that's the harm that is going to come to this officer |
| 19 | Our submission is that that image is obviously a very | 19 | from disclosure, that is a feather. We do not know |
| 20 | important piece of evidence that should be provided in | 20 | whether it is a feather on the other side and given that |
| 21 | order that this individual officer can then be | 21 | there will be no harm to the officer should disclosure |
| 22 | identified so that any evidence can be brought forward | 22 | of an image be made, given that you are quite prepared |
| 23 | by those upon whom he or she was spying. | 23 | for other attempts to be made to identify this officer |
| 24 | THE CHAIR: I can supplement the information in the minded | 24 | through the documentation that is going to be disclosed, |
| 25 | to note about this officer. | 25 | there can be no justification for looking at whether or |
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| 2 | could assist in identifying cover names. That is the | 2 | for restriction arises from it. |
| 3 | only suggestion we make. If the officer, her or | 3 | THE CHAIR: We will discuss images when we get to it rather |
| 4 | himself, has forgotten. | 4 | than here. |
| 5 | THE CHAIR: It is perfectly possible that this officer did | 5 | MS MANNION: Certainly. Then there is nothing further to |
| 6 | not have one. The recollection about deployment may not | 6 | say now, thank you, sir. |
| 7 | be strictly correct but is in principle correct if | 7 | THE CHAIR: HN348. She had an unusual deployment and |
| 8 | I have seen a representative sample of the documents. | 8 | speaking for myself I wonder why she was deployed into |
| 9 | MS SIKAND: Thank you, sir. | 9 | this group. It is certainly one of the issues I will |
| 10 | We can't say anything more about that, other than it | 10 | have to look into in due course submission. |
| 11 | could well be that a Special Demonstration Squad manager | 11 | Submissions on behalf of the non-state, non-police core |
| 12 | could assist. But we don't know. | 12 | participants by MS KAUFMANN re HN348 |
| 13 | THE CHAIR: From this era, I doubt that there are any living | 13 | MS KAUFMANN: Yes, indeed. As I already indicated in |
| 14 | managers | 14 | relation to HN322, I have nothing really further to say |
| 15 | MS SIKAND: There it is. | 15 | in relation to her. Obviously one has to ask why she |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: or at any rate, any who can assist who are in | 16 | was employed. Her case was one where we really need the |
| 17 | a condition of health to assist. | 17 | image again, perhaps we will deal with that later. |
| 18 | MS SIKAND: Thank you, sir. | 18 | THE CHAIR: The naming stage, I can tell you that the group |
| 19 | THE CHAIR: Ms Mannion, is this one of yours? | 19 | was believed to have been a very small one and it is |
| 20 | Or is it one of yours, Mr Sanders? | 20 | conceivable that the publication of the name I think |
| 21 | MR SANDERS: It is one of mine, sir. | 21 | it is Sandra, is it not may prompt a recollection on |
| 22 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 22 | the part of those who belonged to the group at the time. |
| 23 | Submissions on behalf of designated lawyer officers by | 23 | MS KAUFMANN: Yes, we will come to that when we are looking |
| 24 | MR SANDERS re HN322 | 24 | at images as to why that is not necessarily going to be |
| 25 | MR SANDERS: The point that there was no cover name and | 25 | the case. |
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| 1 | there was no deployment whilst he belonged to the | 1 | THE CHAIR: But at the naming stage, from all that I know, |
| 2 | Special Operations Squad/Special Demonstration Squad, so | 2 | I doubt that there is anything more that can be done to |
| 3 | the meetings he attended were while he was performing | 3 | facilitate the investigation of this deployment into |
| 4 | his normal Special Branch duties. | 4 | this group, until we get to substantive phase of the |
| 5 | THE CHAIR: I am not entirely clear that is right, but the | 5 | Inquiry. |
| 6 | documents I have seen suggest it was under the SOS | 6 | MS KAUFMANN: It may be that if an image is disclosed, then |
| 7 | umbrella, even though the nature of the duty was | 7 | more can be done. |
| 8 | ordinary Special Branch. | 8 | But we can talk about that later. |
| 9 | MR SANDERS: Very well. We possibly have not seen those | 9 | THE CHAIR: Right. |
| 10 | documents. The point is there was no cover name. | 10 | Ms Sikand? |
| 11 | I don't think there is any suggestion in any documents | 11 | MS SIKAND: Sir, no. You have already indicated there is |
| 12 | that he had a cover name. | 12 | unlikely to be any Special Demonstration Squad manager |
| 13 | THE CHAIR: I have not seen any. | 13 | still alive who can assist and it seems that this is |
| 14 | MR SANDERS: He certainly doesn't think he did have one. | 14 | a deployment the justification of which is something |
| 15 | Not just that he doesn't remember it, but that there | 15 | that the Inquiry wants to consider but may not be able |
| 16 | wasn't one. | 16 | to if there are no Special Demonstration Squad managers |
| 17 | I don't think there is much more I can add. | 17 | to speak to it, because it seems quite an extraordinary |
| 18 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. | 18 | decision, but there we are. |
| 19 | Submissions on behalf of the Commissioner of Police of the | 19 | THE CHAIR: Absolutely. Until I have heard the evidence |
| 20 | Metropolis by MS MANNION re images | 20 | about it, I can only say that provisionally I agree. |
| 21 | MS MANNION: Sir, one response on the images point. I know | 21 | One of the problems I do have to look at is why |
| 22 | it is a matter we will return to again. | 22 | undercover police officers were deployed into groups |
| 23 | Simply to highlight that not having an image is, in | 23 | MS SIKAND: At all. |
| 24 | our submission a problem because you, sir, can't make | 24 | THE CHAIR: that were fundamentally harmless. |
| 25 | decisions about the effect of disclosure of any image | 25 | MS SIKAND: Of course, sir. Thank you. |
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| 1 | THE CHAIR: Do either of you have anything to say about | 1 | misconduct even if details of his deployment were made |
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| 2 | this? | 2 | public. |
| 3 | MR SANDERS: No thank you sir. | 3 | As to 1, we repeat what we have said before. The |
| 4 | THE CHAIR: Okay. | 4 | absence of a known allegation of misconduct is and has |
| 5 | Now we have the problematic case of HN58. | 5 | to be completely irrelevant at this stage for the very |
| 6 | Submissions on behalf of the non-state, non-police core | 6 | reason that if through the work of the non-state |
| 7 | participants by MS KAUFMANN re HN58 | 7 | participants misconduct has not yet come to light in |
| 8 | MS KAUFMANN: This is definitely article 8 territory. | 8 | relation to this officer because their existence has not |
| 9 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 9 | yet been identified, then you are not going to know of |
| 10 | MS KAUFMANN: So I repeat again the concerns I just | 10 | any misconduct even if there was misconduct. |
| 11 | expressed in relation to the officer 241. In a sense | 11 | You are only going to know about it once, if there |
| 12 | this, in my submission, got off to a slightly false | 12 | was misconduct, those who were spied upon know he was |
| 13 | start in that your focus from the outset in relation to | 13 | a spy or she was a spy. So that is not a good reason. |
| 14 | this officer was on real name disclosure because this | 14 | It is not a reason that actually makes any sense. |
| 15 | officer was a manager. You have been engaged in looking | 15 | THE CHAIR: If you look at it the other way round, that |
| 16 | at how that can be managed and so forth given the issues | 16 | there is an allegation of misconduct. That is a reason |
| 17 | weighing in the balance against identification of his | 17 | for disclosing the cover name. Therefore I think |
| 18 | real name. | 18 | logically it must follow that if there is no allegation |
| 19 | In our submission, the much more important focus in | 19 | of misconduct, it can be part of a reason for not doing |
| 20 | relation to this officer is to make sure that the cover | 20 | SO. |
| 21 | name is disclosed. Because revelation of the cover name | 21 | MS KAUFMANN: No, in my submission |
| 22 | will enable this officer's activities in the field to be | 22 | THE CHAIR: I readily accept the proposition that you are |
| 23 | looked at. We have discussed this before, but the | 23 | making that you can't know until the cover name has been |
| 24 | importance of that of course is to look at how that | 24 | disclosed whether there is any allegation of misconduct. |
| 25 | culture in the field that that officer was part of then | 25 | That, as an abstract proposition, is correct. |
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| 1 | informed the managerial role that that officer engaged | 1 | But I have married it up to two other things in this |
| 2 | in. The period is, as we all know, a very critical one. | 2 | man's case. |
| 3 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 3 | MS KAUFMANN: Let's come to those in that minute, but let's |
| 4 | MS KAUFMANN: He was engaged during the Lawrence Inquiry, he | 4 | go back to that. |
| 5 | managed Jim Boyling, Lambert, and so forth. So a very, | 5 | Yes, if there is an allegation of misconduct that |
| 6 | very critical officer. | 6 | makes the reason for disclosure even weightier. The |
| 7 | As we said before, his role as an undercover officer | 7 | fact that there is not an allegation of misconduct does |
| 8 | in the field is plainly important not just for all the | 8 | not flip the balance as it were. It is not a factor |
| 9 | reasons that we have given about why getting as much | 9 | weighing against disclosure. It just makes the weight |
| 10 | evidence as possible in relation to all undercover | 10 | for disclosure perhaps a little bit less. |
| 11 | officers is important, but because of the particular | 11 | But I don't even accept that, because we start from |
| 12 | nexus of events that were going on at this particular | 12 | the premise, which is accepted by you, that absent |
| 13 | time. | 13 | disclosure allegations of misconduct cannot cannot |
| 14 | So unless there is a good reason not to disclose his | 14 | come to the surface. |
| 15 | cover name weighing in the balance on the other side, it | 15 | That is a very compelling reason for disclosure. |
| 16 | should be disclosed. In our submission there simply is | 16 | You don't need the additional weight of there being an |
| 17 | not that good reason. The risk is low, if his cover | 17 | allegation of misconduct to suddenly mean that these are |
| 18 | name is revealed, unquestionably so. | 18 | pressing reasons for releasing cover names. They are in |
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| 2 | much time on the theory. | 2 | that way. People do all sorts of things, specifically |
| 3 | I know more about this man than you do, and hence | 3 | in relation to sexual issues, that many other people |
| 4 | the two other observations that I have made. In the | 4 | would never, ever have expected of them. |
| 5 | light of those two observations, I think you submit | 5 | Also, even if you are right that wrongdoing is very |
| 6 | I'm wrong the fact that there is no outstanding | 6 | unlikely in relation to this particular officer, that is |
| 7 | allegation of misconduct against him is a relevant | 7 | not the only focus of this Inquiry. As we discussed |
| 8 | factor. No higher than that. | 8 | earlier, there are systemic issues that this Inquiry |
| 9 | MS KAUFMANN: That brings us on to the other two factors. | 9 | needs to look at. It needs undercover officers' covers |
| 10 | In relation to the nature of the deployment, we | 10 | to be divulged in order to get evidence about that. |
| 11 | can't say anything because we have no idea what the | 11 | Now even if you are right and we don't accept |
| 12 | nature of deployment was. | 12 | it that you can put out of your mind the possibility |
| 13 | THE CHAIR: Of course you can't. | 13 | that this officer did wrong in his individual conduct. |
| 14 | MS KAUFMANN: But insofar as he was in the field it seems | 14 | The fact is if he, particularly at this time where the |
| 15 | very difficult to sustain that because of that it is | 15 | systemic issues are very, very important for the |
| 16 | very unlikely he could possibly have done anything | 16 | Inquiry that reason that he has not done wrong does |
| 17 | wrong. | 17 | not even begin to answer why there is a pressing need |
| 18 | As to the third, we are genuinely perplexed how | 18 | for his cover name to be disclosed in respect of the |
| 19 | something about his personal or family circumstances can | 19 | systemic questions. |
| 20 | lead to a positive conclusion that this individual | 20 | Given that we are dealing only with an article 8 |
| 21 | cannot have done wrong whilst undercover. We know that | 21 | issue, in our submission you have the balance wrong |
| 22 | officers who were married were engaged in wrongdoing. | 22 | THE CHAIR: It is an article 8 issue which involves safety |
| 23 | We know that homosexual officers were engaged in | 23 | as well as other considerations. |
| 24 | wrongdoing, we know that even Catholic priests engage in | 24 | MS KAUFMANN: I understand that. But you have the balance |
| 25 | wrongdoing. | 25 | wrong because there is an additional compelling reason |
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| 1 | THE CHAIR: Pause there, I think the example you have given | 1 | in respect of this officer as to why the cover name |
| 2 | from the True Spies documentary is misstated, but we can | 2 | should be revealed. |
| 3 | come back to that in a moment. | 3 | That is precisely because he was a manager and we |
| 4 | MS KAUFMANN: It is, we submit, impossible to rule out | 1 | |
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| 5 | wrongdoing on the basis of an individual's personal or | 5 | need to see how what he did in the field fed into his managerial responsibilities. That is a very important |
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| 2 | If his two roles are to be dealt with separately, | 2 | going to have to be some kind of screening or something, |
| 3 | how on earth is the Inquiry to deal with that without | 3 | which is not ideal and which is not the way forward one |
| 4 | connecting them? | 4 | would want. But if that means that very valuable |
| 5 | MS KAUFMANN: So what the Inquiry will do is it will deal | 5 | evidence can be obtained about their undercover role |
| 6 | entirely separately with his managerial role, and he | 6 | then that is, in those circumstances, going to be the |
| 7 | will be giving evidence in his real name, and so far as | 7 | cost. |
| 8 | his undercover operations are concerned he will be | 8 | THE CHAIR: So you are advocating that the solution that |
| 9 | giving evidence in his undercover name or a cipher and | 9 | I proposed, which is that he gives evidence in such |
| 10 | his undercover name will be known. | 10 | disguise as permits his demeanour and truthfulness to be |
| 11 | The two will be heard entirely operatically and | 11 | the subject of judgment by those who observe him and |
| 12 | therefore there is no reason why the two should come | 12 | that he should speak in his natural voice, you say that |
| 13 | together at all. | 13 | that is secondary to disclosing his cover name? |
| 14 | THE CHAIR: He will be an officer giving evidence in a cover | 14 | MS KAUFMANN: No, that can stand side by side with |
| 15 | name without a cipher being attributed to him. That | 15 | disclosing his cover name. Because that is a measure |
| 16 | will immediately | 16 | that you are proposing to put in place as a way of |
| 17 | MS KAUFMANN: He could be given a different cipher. | 17 | enabling him to give evidence in his real name but not |
| 18 | THE CHAIR: that will immediately tell you who he is. | 18 | reveal his identity, as it were. And that is exactly |
| 19 | MS KAUFMANN: That is true, actually. Because you can't | 19 | why that sort of measure could sit side by side with |
| 20 | give him a different cipher. | 20 | revealing his cover name. |
| 21 | We will have to think about that. That may be | 21 | They are not incompatible; they run side by side. |
| 22 | a problem. In which case, if it is a problem, the | 22 | THE CHAIR: All that depends upon the ease with which the |
| 23 | answer then is you don't reveal the real name but you do | 23 | link can be made. In the light of what I have read, |
| 24 | reveal the cover name. | 24 | I cannot discount the possibility that that link would |
| 25 | So it is one of the cases where you make | 25 | be made. |
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| 1 | an exception to the general principle that you apply | 1 | I do emphasise that there underlies all this a risk, |
| 2 | which is managers should give their evidence in their | 2 | a contingent risk, to his physical safety as well as all |
| 3 | real name, because this is a better way for the Inquiry | 3 | the other article 8 considerations. |
| 4 | to get the most evidence. | 4 | MS KAUFMANN: But it is put in this way, so the risk from |
| 5 | THE CHAIR: Think through the consequence of that. The | 5 | the known group is not assessed as significant. That is |
| 6 | consequence of that is that his evidence as a manager | 6 | from the people that were involved at the time when this |
| 7 | will have to be given with steps taken to ensure that he | 7 | officer was actually engaged undercover: |
| 8 | cannot be identified outside, by screens and probably | 8 | "The risk of physical attack would appear to come |
| 9 | voice distortion. | 9 | [this is in tab 15, page 15] from those currently |
| 10 | MS KAUFMANN: If you will bear with me just for a moment? | 10 | involved in groups currently in operation within the |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: Of course. | 11 | known field or from people associated with contacts HN58 |
| 12 | (Pause) | 12 | generated while deployed. Whilst I appreciate that the |
| 13 | MS KAUFMANN: As we understand it, it would be possible to | 13 | situation has developed since this deployment, I cannot |
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1 for the reasons Ms Kaufmann has already indicated we 2 find that difficult to accept -- we do have evidence 3 that whilst he was a manager his conduct was less than 4 acceptable 5 Now, it is not such a massive jump to say that if this man was capable of behaving in this way whilst 6 7 under the cloth of a manager, a Special Demonstration 8 Squad manager, on the face of it he was prepared to 9 allow N81 to be running around in the public inquiry 10 into the death of Stephen Lawrence, carrying on 11 infiltrating spying, whilst in the public gallery of 12 a public inquiry, this man must have had something to do

with that decision, we say.

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This man was investigated by the Independent Police Complaints Commission and refused to answer questions. Sir, you will know that the findings that they made about him were less than palatable.

We know also that this man authorised Peter Francis's deployments and you may think that the justification for those deployments are very much something that you would wish to consider in this Inquiry, let alone what happened whilst he was deployed but the justification in the first instance, and we also know that the Independent Police Complaints Commission found that because of his close working relationship

like you would with any other officer, as to whether he has screens or disguises or anything else other.

You, sir, have set out your two principled reasons for disclosing where possible or where the public interest allows it, et cetera, cover names where you can, but also real names of officers who are managers, because you say of course that is important because morally they should be accountable. But where those two interests or principles collide, as they do here, we say what is it that the principle of him giving evidence in his real name is nothing compared to the importance of disclosing his cover name. Because that -- that action, sir, could give you a great deal more evidence and really the public knowing his real name compared with

In those circumstances, disclose his cover name. Get the information that may or may not cast doubt on his integrity. If it doesn't, it doesn't. But it's too important an officer -- his evidence is too important to this Inquiry as a whole for you to make the decision that you have made in your minded to.

that, there is no competition, we say.

We ask you, sir, bearing all of that in mind to please reconsider your decision.

And if you reconsider no other decision, sir, this is the one you must reconsider, in our submission.

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with Bob Lambert it was inconceivable that Bob Lambert would have been able to make the arrangements for the meeting that we now know about between Richard Walton and HN81.

We know that all of this happened whilst he was a manager. We know all of this casts a great deal of doubt on his credibility and integrity as a manager. Why is it such a leap of faith to consider that there may be similar issues about his integrity whilst deployed undercover?

Sir, as far as we are concerned, those issues in themselves are enough for you to think it is extremely important and weighing in the balance the small risk that you have identified against that, the public interest clearly lies in disclosure of his cover name. When you say in your minded to, sir, at paragraph 7, that doing that could give no more information to the public of the discharge of his duties as a manager, we don't accept that.

We say once you have gone through that process, you may have information that really does cast further light on his role as a manager, which is why you must do it.

We say that he could quite properly give evidence under a cipher once you have disclosed his cover name and you can make the arrangements that you would do,

Unless I can assist you further.

2 THE CHAIR: No, thank you.

3 MR FRANCIS: Sir --

4 THE CHAIR: Mr Francis, forgive me, I am going to interrupt 5

6 MR FRANCIS: The conversation you have just had, that I have

7 been here, sir, unless we close this, it is not going 8 you are not going to allow me to make any other

g submission written or otherwise, and what you were

10 saying was correctly that he was one of my managers, but

11 not the most important manager. He was only my manager 12

from 1997 onwards.

13 THE CHAIR: You misunderstood what I said. I am afraid this 14 is one of the reasons why these proceedings have to be

conducted by advocates and by those core participants

15 16 such as Ms Steel, who are representing themselves in

their own right.

MS STEEL: She's representing extremely well, what she 18

hasn't mentioned --

20 THE CHAIR: Hold on a moment.

21 MR FRANCIS: -- is that I personally have promised

Mr Lawrence, as in Stephen Lawrence's father, nobody 22

23 knows this other than my legal team. I have personally

24 met him and I said to him that I would promise him --

25 and I did -- that I would do absolutely everything for

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| 1 | him because I and the Special Demonstration Squad let | 1 | which the practicalities of HN58 giving his evidence to |
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| 2 | him down in the last Macpherson Inquiry. That is | 2 | the tribunal, of course envisage him giving his advice |
| 3 | subject to me being thrown into prison, fined, house | 3 | not from behind a screen, in public view, with an |
| 4 | loss, I have been threatened by far more scary people | 4 | unmodulated voice, just with such facial disguise as may |
| 5 | than these people represent and anybody in this room. | 5 | prevent any immediate identification of his real |
| 6 | THE CHAIR: Mr Francis, I'm not threatening you, but I am | 6 | identity, which of course would be inconsistent with the |
| 7 | afraid | 7 | order that you were minded to make. |
| 8 | MR FRANCIS: Just to say | 8 | Sir, I had, of course, encouraged you to go much |
| 9 | THE CHAIR: Please listen to me a moment. These proceedings | 9 | further than that. |
| 10 | have to be conducted in an order for a reason. | 10 | THE CHAIR: You do and you did. That's my bottom line. |
| 11 | The order is I allowed it to lapse on one | 11 | MR BRANDON: And I failed in that regard and I am not going |
| 12 | occasion already in your case, I'm not going to do so | 12 | to go there again, but it does seem to me that there is |
| 13 | again. If you have submissions to make, they must be | 13 | a danger in some of the suggestions that are being made |
| 14 | made through Ms Sikand. If you talk to her because | 14 | and I appreciate it is very difficult to deal with the |
| 15 | we won't finish proceedings by lunch time over lunch | 15 | practical issues that arise in this case. But it seems |
| 16 | and she needs to come back on something, she can do so. | 16 | to me that there is a danger in some of the suggestions |
| 17 | MR FRANCIS: As long as she can come back after lunch and | 17 | which are being made as to alternatives which may in |
| 18 | speak on my behalf | 18 | fact reduce the public nature of the evidence which this |
| 19 | THE CHAIR: Yes, she can. I must ask you now please to sit | 19 | order permits HN58 to give. So that is the first point. |
| 20 | down. | 20 | The second point is my learned friend Ms Kaufmann |
| 21 | MR FRANCIS: You would have to call more than two Krispy | 21 | has suggested that it is entirely speculative, the |
| 22 | Kreme security to get rid of me than you did last time, | 22 | assessment of risk. |
| 23 | sir. But I will sit down. | 23 | Sir, we respectfully disagree. You have had the |
| 24 | THE CHAIR: Ms Mannion? | 24 | evidence. The evidence is available in public. It is |
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| 1 | the repetition of unfounded allegations made against | 1 | result in the publication of the real name by the |
| 2 | this officer does not assist the process that you are | 2 | Inquiry is not always correct. |
| 3 | engaged in today, sir. | 3 | MS KAUFMANN: What must happen is that any documents that |
| 4 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. | 4 | are about the officer, that are disclosed with the |
| 5 | Finally, 297. | 5 | officer's real name, can be linked with the officer |
| 6 | Submissions on behalf of the non-state, non-police core | 6 | Rick Gibson. Because otherwise it is impossible then to |
| 7 | participants by MS KAUFMANN re HN297 | 7 | know that those documents relate to the person that |
| 8 | MS KAUFMANN: This is Rick Gibson. | 8 | everyone else understands, or those who were undercover, |
| 9 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 9 | understood to be Rick Gibson. There has to be that |
| 10 | MS KAUFMANN: How things were left off at the last hearing | 10 | coming together at some point when those documents are |
| 11 | was that we raised the issue that this was an officer | 11 | released, otherwise there is a potential that relevant |
| 12 | who actually there was evidence that he had been | 12 | material is not understood to be relevant by those |
| 13 | involved in relationships. At that time, you said of | 13 | non-state core participants. |
| 14 | the period of his deployment 1974 to 1976: | 14 | THE CHAIR: Right. |
| 15 | "This was probably the period where the practices2 | 15 | MS KAUFMANN: That will have to happen at some point. In |
| 16 | started to be adopted routinely and things may have | 16 | those circumstances you may want to reconsider whether |
| 17 | started to go wrong. And whether this individual | 17 | or not you actually disclose the real name so there can |
| 18 | officer was going off piste or whether it is a practice | 18 | be no confusion. |
| 19 | is one of the things I have to try to get to the bottom | 19 | THE CHAIR: What exactly is to happen in the case of 297, |
| 20 | of." | 20 | I will hear is submissions on first of all and I will |
| 21 | Since then we eventually did obtain a statement from | 21 | then indicate to you, if I can, what I am minded to do. |
| 22 | one of the individuals | 22 | MS KAUFMANN: So submissions on whether or not there should |
| 23 | THE CHAIR: Who is known as Mary? | 23 | be a restriction order on the real name. We submit, no, |
| 24 | MS KAUFMANN: Who is known as Mary. | 24 | there shouldn't be in light of the statement you now |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: I have made a restriction order in respect of | 25 | have from Mary on the following basis. |
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| 1 | her real name. | 1 | Firstly, you already made clear the moral obligation |
| 2 | MS KAUFMANN: And you have. | 2 | to disclose real names to women deceived into |
| 3 | You have seen Mary's statement which does indicate | 3 | relationships. That was made very clear on the last |
| 4 | precisely what we had indicated by way of hearsay on the | 4 | occasion. |
| 5 | last occasion, that not only did he have one | 5 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 6 | relationship with Mary but also with another person, and | 6 | MS KAUFMANN: Secondly, the possibility that this individual |
| 7 | that is as far as she knows as far as Mary knows. | 7 | was a manager. We understand that that matter has not |
| 8 | In those circumstances we submit there is | 8 | been involved and Mr Hall on the last occasion claimed |
| 9 | a compelling reason for disclosure of the real name and | 9 | that while it still had not been worked out whether he |
| 10 | that that compelling reason plainly outweighs | 10 | was a manager, the current view was that he wasn't, but |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: At the moment I'm concerned with whether | 11 | there were indications the other way. |
| 12 | I should make a restriction order in respect of the real | 12 | So that is a possibility that has to be kept in |
| 13 | name. | 13 | mind. |
| 14 | I think the process may have been slightly | 14 | Then in the context of wanting to get to the bottom |
| 15 | misunderstood. It doesn't automatically follow that the | 15 | of when things started to go wrong, you did suggest that |
| 16 | Inquiry would publish the real name. The absence of | 16 | the public interest in publishing names becomes much |
| 17 | a restriction order means that when a document comes up | 17 | more compelling and there is clearly an indication that |
| 18 | which is part of the Inquiry's record, the real name | 18 | things went wrong here. |
| 19 | will not be deleted from it, if there is no restriction | 19 | Against that, there is the risk of infringing |
| 20 | order. | 20 | privacy rights of his widow. But even in relation to |
| 21 | MS KAUFMANN: So what you would not do is say "Rick Gibson's | 21 | that, it became clear at the last hearing that the widow |
| 22 | real name is X"? | 22 | had never actually been spoken to directly, and no |
| 23 | THE CHAIR: I will discuss in a moment what I propose to do, | 23 | statement was in existence from her on the file. This |
| 24 | but the idea, which may have engaged currency, that | 24 | is a matter of surmise and we would submit that just is |
| 25 | a refusal to make a restriction order will immediately | 25 | not a basis upon which to refuse disclosure of the real |
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| 1 | name when the other factors clearly require it. | 1 | I think. |
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| 2 | So yes, those are our submissions as to why no | 2 | MS MANNION: Yes. |
| 3 | restriction order would be appropriate in this case. | 3 | THE CHAIR: There has therefore been six months in which the |
| 4 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. | 4 | family could make whatever representation it wished to |
| 5 | Ms Sikand. | 5 | do so. You were, I think, in touch with the family, the |
| 6 | MS SIKAND: Sir, we have nothing to say about this officer. | 6 | Metropolitan Police |
| 7 | THE CHAIR: Ms Mannion? | 7 | MS MANNION: Yes. |
| 8 | Submissions on behalf of the Commissioner of Police of the | 8 | THE CHAIR: and nothing has been done in that six months? |
| 9 | Metropolis by MS MANNION re HN297 | 9 | MS MANNION: Sir, the application was put in shortly before |
| 10 | MS MANNION: Sir, this case poses a significant challenge in | 10 | the minded to note on 3 August. At that stage, sir, of |
| 11 | that an admission or a denial of what has been said in | 11 | course you were minded to restrict the real name. |
| 12 | Mary's witness statement is not possible, because HN297 | 12 | Sir, it was only on Monday of this week |
| 13 | is deceased. | 13 | I appreciate there was an indication before that time in |
| 14 | In the circumstances, our submission is at this | 14 | November that the witness statement was provided. So |
| 15 | stage bearing in mind that you cannot have an answer | 15 | in my submission it would be proper for you to hear in |
| 16 | to the allegation is to restrict 297's real identity | 16 | light of that witness statement what the family wish to |
| 17 | until you have had a proper opportunity to investigate | 17 | say to you. |
| 18 | the evidence concerning 297's deployment. That, sir, in | 18 | As I say, contact has been made before when the |
| 19 | my submission, is what you had envisaged originally and | 19 | application was being prepared, and firm views were |
| 20 | how the matters were expressed in your initial | 20 | expressed. They would be different views no doubt or |
| 21 | statement, sir, when you referred to intimate | 21 | certainly more nuanced views in light of the |
| 22 | relationships being admitted or found to be true. | 22 | evidence. |
| 23 | In our submission, that's the right course to take | 23 | THE CHAIR: I have in mind also Mary's position. She has |
| 24 | in these circumstances. | 24 | not expressed a wish to participate actively in the |
| 25 | In addition, in our submission, before you make any | 25 | Inquiry. It may be that she simply wishes to be |
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| 1 | decision about a restriction order over real name | 1 | informed about an aspect of her private life a long time |
| 2 | particularly if you are changing from the position you | 2 | ago. |
| 3 | were minded to take you would need to receive | 3 | Information which I have already stated in general |
| 4 | evidence from HN297's surviving family. It is wrong to | 4 | terms she's entitled to. |
| 5 | say that they have not been spoken to, although it is | 5 | I have a statement from her which is coherent. It |
| 6 | right to say that there's not a witness statement | 6 | doesn't appear to be exaggerated in any way. It goes |
| 7 | prepared. | 7 | sufficiently into detail for me to be quite clear what |
| 8 | They would, in my submission, be able to assist you | 8 | it is that she's saying. It is inconceivable that there |
| 9 | in potentially one or more of three ways. | 9 | would be any evidence from the family which might |
| 10 | They might have something to say about the content | 10 | contradict what she said. In those circumstances, why |
| 11 | of the allegations. It may be unlikely, but it is not | 11 | should I now make her wait to know the name the real |
| 12 | impossible. | 12 | name of the man with whom she had this brief |
| 13 | They will almost certainly have some assistance for | 13 | relationship and why should she not be told now? |
| 14 | you as to the potential impact of any disclosure in | 14 | MS MANNION: Sir, we don't accept is inconceivable. I do |
| 15 | these circumstances and on the factual situation that | 15 | accept it is unlikely, but it is not inconceivable that |
| 16 | now exists. | 16 | the family might have some evidential account to assist |
| 17 | Lastly, sir, if you were to find a compelling moral | 17 | you with. |
| 18 | claim to exist in this case, no doubt you would also be | 18 | THE CHAIR: The nature of the deployment is not in issue. |
| 19 | assisted by matters such as timing and practicalities by | 19 | MS MANNION: No. |
| 20 | hearing directly from the family. In our submission | 20 | THE CHAIR: We know the groups against which he was deployed |
| 21 | that evidence would need to be obtained and put before | 21 | and the times at which he was deployed. |
| 22 | you before a final decision could be made if you were | 22 | If what she says is true, it is inconceivable that |
| 23 | going to change the decision you were minded to make on | 23 | he told his family anything about it. I simply don't |
| 24 | the last occasion. | 24 | see how in the real world any material could conceivably |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: Ms Mannion, this was in the July tranche, | 25 | arise which might cast doubt on what she said. |
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| 1 | MS MANNION: Sir, I accept that, I have heard that, and all | 1 | family, in my submission we can't make a proper |
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| 2 | I'm asking is an opportunity be given in order to | 2 | indication to you as to what weight that should carry. |
| 3 | confirm, sir, that you are correct, perhaps. | 3 | THE CHAIR: From whom would such a statement come? |
| 4 | In any event, where I would put the weight of my | 4 | MS MANNION: I would there are surviving family members |
| 5 | submission is in terms of impact on private life and | 5 | and I would anticipate either a spouse or children. |
| 6 | family life. Sir, these circumstances as they are now | 6 | THE CHAIR: Forgive me, it is not a subject for mirth. |
| 7 | developing are different to the, as it were, simple case | 7 | You don't know? |
| 8 | of an elderly widow who has lived her life with an | 8 | MS MANNION: I don't know who would provide the witness |
| 9 | understanding of a promise of confidentiality and the | 9 | statement. I know about the family unit to know that |
| 10 | effects of distress and upset that might be caused in | 10 | those would be the options of who would be the signatory |
| 11 | respect of that. | 11 | on a statement. |
| 12 | There is now something specific. It may in the | 12 | Contact has been had with the former spouse. |
| 13 | circumstances of their family mean that there are things | 13 | THE CHAIR: Has the statement been shown from me? |
| 14 | you need to know, sir, that you don't at the moment | 14 | MS MANNION: Not yet, no, sir. |
| 15 | know. I can't speculate, I am simply asking for an | 15 | I took instructions on that this morning. It has |
| 16 | opportunity for you to receive evidence on impact. | 16 | not yet been shown. |
| 17 | THE CHAIR: I think it is important that those who make | 17 | THE CHAIR: Anything else, Ms Mannion? |
| 18 | applications based on family circumstances should | 18 | MS MANNION: No, sir. |
| 19 | understand that they have an opportunity to do so and if | 19 | THE CHAIR: I will reflect on the question that you have |
| 20 | they don't take it, then it is unlikely that they will | 20 | made for a short further period of time in which to put |
| 21 | be given a future opportunity. Those circumstances | 21 | in a statement. |
| 22 | apply here. | 22 | My current intention, whether or not I give you this |
| 23 | MS MANNION: I appreciate that, sir. I am really referring | 23 | time I state what my current intention is and I will |
| 24 | to the witness statement and the factors that might | 24 | reflect over the short adjournment whether you should |
| 25 | arise out of it, so that you could be assisted on in | 25 | have that time. |
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| 1 | respect of impact. On any view, the impact is different | 1 | My current intention is that the real name of HN297 |
| 2 | now. | 2 | should be communicated by the Inquiry to Mary. We have |
| 3 | I'm not suggesting, sir, that there is anything that | 3 | her address and we have her witness statement signed in |
| 4 | might be said to you that could or that would | 4 | her real name. |
| 5 | necessarily change any view that you had, but simply | 5 | As a piece of private information, it would then be |
| 6 | that you ought to take the time to receive evidence on | 6 | for her to decide what she wished to do with it. There |
| 7 | what the impact is in light of the facts as they are now | 7 | would be no restriction order made and therefore no |
| 8 | understood to be before you reach any decision. | 8 | obligation upon her to deal with it in any particular |
| 9 | In my submission, that is what would be required by | 9 | manner. |
| 10 | your duty of fairness under section 17. | 10 | I will reflect over the short adjournment whether |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: Why does my duty of fairness give rise to an | 11 | you should have time. It would only be a short time, |
| 12 | obligation to allow the family two bites at the cherry? | 12 | I am afraid if I do grant it |
| 13 | MS MANNION: I'm asking you to allow time for a statement as | 13 | MS MANNION: Sir, of course. |
| 14 | to impact in light of what is now known. Not in the | 14 | THE CHAIR: in which to put in a further statement. |
| 15 | abstract: would disclosure change or cause upset to me? | 15 | MS MANNION: And, sir, if I might also have an opportunity |
| 16 | Sir, in light of specific facts. That is why in my | 16 | to take instructions on the course you are minded to |
| 17 | submission it arises. | 17 | take subject to that |
| 18 | These are unusual facts, they may happen again and | 18 | THE CHAIR: Of course. In which case it may be that we |
| 19 | in my submission the proper way to deal with it would be | 19 | arrive at an agreed position or maybe we don't. We |
| 20 | in something such as this which would plainly affect the | 20 | shall see. |
| 21 | personal lives of the family and the private and family | 21 | Ms Kaufmann, the question of photographs I think can |
| 22 | lives in a way that is different to a case where no such | 22 | be dealt with really rather shortly, therefore I would |
| 23 | allegation of wrongdoing floats about at all, that you | 23 | propose to raise it now. If I have misunderstood the |
| 24 | hear from the family simply before you make a decision. | 24 | position then we can deal with it at greater length |
| 25 | And until we have a statement to present to you from the | 25 | after lunch. |
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| 1 | Submissions on behalf of the non-state, non-police core | 1 | known and therefore it cannot be revealed, as a matter |
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| 2 | participants by MS KAUFMANN re images | 2 | of fact, see Mr O'Driscoll's statement, it is very |
| 3 | MS KAUFMANN: What might be worth doing, we have a statement | 3 | often or it will be the case in some, maybe many |
| 4 | which is from Donal O'Driscoll. It might be sensible if | 4 | cases, that the revelation of the cover name is not |
| 5 | I hand that out now, we then rise and then we can just | 5 | going to enable people to suddenly understand who the |
| 6 | make short submissions about that at 2 o'clock and then | 6 | individual was. Because they were known by their first |
| 7 | follow on with the consultation point, neither of which | 7 | name, for example, there were lots of Marks. |
| 8 | I think will be very lengthy. | 8 | It may be necessary in order for the revelation of |
| 9 | THE CHAIR: No, no, they won't be. But I wanted if possible | 9 | cover name or its purpose to be realised, the purpose |
| 10 | to deal with photographs in a sentence or two. | 10 | being so that people can know that X was an undercover |
| 11 | MS KAUFMANN: Can I hand this up? | 11 | officer, for a photograph also if available to be |
| 12 | (Handed) | 12 | provided of them at the time. So that people can look a |
| 13 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 13 | the photograph and say: |
| 14 | MS KAUFMANN: This is a signed copy, the rest are unsigned. | 14 | "Ah, yes, that was Mark, I didn't know it was |
| 15 | The one I'm handing up is unsigned. | 15 | Mark Jacobs [or whoever], but now I understand this is |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. | 16 | the guy." |
| 17 | Does this have to do with photographs? | 17 | So it is important means |
| 18 | MS KAUFMANN: It is all to do with images, yes sorry. It | 18 | THE CHAIR: Forgive me, if you are talking about photographs |
| 19 | is not all to do with images; the second part is not. | 19 | in the possession of the Inquiry |
| 20 | THE CHAIR: If I read | 20 | MS KAUFMANN: Yes. |
| 21 | MS KAUFMANN: I am so sorry, no. The first is to do with | 21 | THE CHAIR: — they are documents and they do not fall to be |
| 22 | inaccuracy of information, which I made reference to | 22 | considered at this stage in the process. |
| 23 | earlier on. The second part from 6 onwards is the | 23 | I understood Ms Allen to be concerned that those who |
| 24 | importance of images. | 24 | have photographs of people they believe are Marco, let's |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: Okay. | 25 | say, would be putting themselves at risk of contempt |
| 23 | THE CHAIR. Okay. | 23 | say, would be putting themserves at risk of contempt |
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| 1 | Thank you, I have read that. I am dealing with | 1 | proceedings if they were to publish them. |
| 2 | Tamsin Allen's email of 20 December, in which she raises | 2 | MS KAUFMANN: No, that was not |
| 3 | the query about images with which I thought I was going | 3 | THE CHAIR: To which the answer is no, there is no question |
| 4 | to be asked to deal. | 4 | of it. |
| 5 | MS KAUFMANN: First of all we have to address the principle | 5 | MS KAUFMANN: That wasn't the concern. Regrettably you have |
| 6 | about whether or not images should be disclosed where | 6 | misunderstood the concern. |
| 7 | you have them in order to assist in identification of | 7 | It is: |
| 8 | officers. | 8 | "There shall be no disclosure or publication made of |
| 9 | THE CHAIR: Forgive me. That is a question that is some way | 9 | any evidence or document given, produced or provided to |
| 10 | down the line. That concerns the redaction of | 10 | the Inquiry which discloses" |
| 11 | a document, a photograph, whether it should be withheld | 11 | So these are documents in the possession of the |
| 12 | or disclosed. | 12 | Inquiry: |
| 13 | MS KAUFMANN: No, no, I am sorry. That is misunderstanding | 13 | " which discloses HN333's real or cover |
| 14 | the position. | 14 | identities." |
| 15 | What your restriction order does that is the | 15 | It is your documents, those which you are in |
| 16 | email that Ms Allen wrote is where you withhold | 16 | possession of, which actually have a utility in helping |
| 17 | an individual's real name the restriction order prevents | 17 | non-state participants to identify |
| 18 | effectively disclosure of a photograph of them if there | 18 | THE CHAIR: That is an issue which will have to be |
| 19 | is a risk that that photograph might in any sense | 19 | addressed, if it arises, at the document redaction |
| 20 | identify them. | 20 | stage. |
| 21 | THE CHAIR: Sorry, disclosure by whom? | 21 | MS KAUFMANN: The reason we are raising it now is that it |
| 22 | MS KAUFMANN: By the Inquiry. | 22 | may be that that may be leaving things very, very late. |
| 23 | So if you have a photograph the two go hand in | 23 | For example, you have decided that certain |
| 24 | hand. In cases where you are content, for example, to | 24 | individuals' cover names are going to be now disclosed, |
| 25 | reveal a cover name or the cover name simply is not | 25 | but that is going to take place after certain steps have |
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| 1 | been taken for the officers to be able to put measures | 1 | that it is a real concern I appreciate it is and |
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| 2 | in place | 2 | it matters, and we will approach it without |
| 3 | THE CHAIR: Forgive me, may I interrupt you a moment to | 3 | a preconception. Certainly the precise wording of the |
| 4 | explain what I anticipate will happen? | 4 | order will not prevent a photograph from being |
| 5 | MS KAUFMANN: Yes. | 5 | disclosed. |
| 6 | THE CHAIR: There is a witness protocol, as you know, which | 6 | MS KAUFMANN: Thank you. |
| 7 | involves a package of documents being put first of all | 7 | THE CHAIR: If that is what you are after |
| 8 | to the relevant undercover officer and then to anyone | 8 | MS KAUFMANN: That's what we are after. |
| 9 | who may have evidence to give about the deployment of | 9 | THE CHAIR: Can I take it that no one has anything further |
| 10 | that officer. | 10 | to say on that issue? If not, I will rise until five |
| 11 | It is at that stage that a decision will have to be | 11 | past. |
| 12 | made about whether or not a photograph should be | 12 | (1.06 pm) |
| 13 | included in that bundle of documents. It won't delay | 13 | (The short adjournment) |
| 14 | anything. It will be the package of documents that is | 14 | (2.05 pm) |
| 15 | given to the non-state core participant or other | 15 | Order re HN297 |
| 16 | non-state witness who is going to be invited to provide | 16 | THE CHAIR: Ms Mannion, HN297. |
| 17 | evidence to the Inquiry. | 17 | I have listened to what you have had to say. I am |
| 18 | MS KAUFMANN: Let's imagine a situation where a cover name | 18 | going to make the following order. |
| 19 | is disclosed | 19 | By 4.00 pm on Friday you must tell me whether or not |
| 20 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 20 | you intend to put in material from the family, and if |
| 21 | MS KAUFMANN: and the core participants come back it | 21 | the answer is yes, then you have until 4.00 pm on Friday |
| 22 | is known for example what particular group that | 22 | week to do so. |
| 23 | individual was in but the core participants are unable | 23 | I will defer my final decision until I have either |
| 24 | to identify it because they don't recognise, they don't | 24 | received or considered either your answer or that |
| 25 | recognise the individual from their surname and it is | 25 | material. |
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| 1 | very common name. You would not entertain an | 1 | MS MANNION: I am grateful, sir, thank you. |
| 2 | application from them saying, "Could you release | 2 | THE CHAIR: Ms Sikand, you were taking instructions from |
| 3 | a photograph of this individual so we can put it around | 3 | Mr Francis over the short adjournment. |
| 4 | and try and get ourselves in a position that we can give | 4 | Submissions on behalf of Peter Francis by MS SIKAND |
| 5 | you relevant evidence, put statements together and so | 5 | MS SIKAND: I was, sir. First of all he wanted me to |
| 6 | forth?" | 6 | apologise to you for him standing up for a second time, |
| 7 | THE CHAIR: I am not for one moment saying I would not | 7 | but he wanted me to explain to you why he did that and |
| 8 | entertain such an application. All I'm saying is that | 8 | what he didn't say, and is happy now for me to say it on |
| 9 | I don't think it arises now. | 9 | his behalf. |
| 10 | MS KAUFMANN: Even if you were to entertain that later down | 10 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 11 | the line, the wording still, on its face, would appear | 11 | MS SIKAND: He wasn't at that moment able to tell me what it |
| 12 | to prevent you from disclosing those photographs. So we | 12 | is he wanted me to say, and because he knew that this is |
| 13 | do need to revisit that wording. | 13 | our last opportunity, certainly here, to seek to |
| 14 | THE CHAIR: We may need to revisit it. I am not convinced | 14 | persuade you in relation to HN58, it was an issue |
| 15 | we do. We may need to when it arises; it doesn't at the | 15 | arising out of a discussion that you had had with |
| 16 | moment. | 16 | Ms Kaufmann when she asked you why it is you took the |
| 17 | MS KAUFMANN: Okay, I think we understand each other. | 17 | view that the fact that HN58 was a respectable person, |
| 18 | THE CHAIR: There is an enormous document redaction exercise | 18 | a married man, why that should in any way impact upon |
| 19 | which has to be undertaken before we get anywhere near | 19 | your decision-making process, and the conversation that |
| 20 | a substantive hearing. We have to do these things in | 20 | ensued, ensued. |
| 21 | order and it will be done at that stage. | 21 | He wanted me to make this point, which in our |
| 22 | MS KAUFMANN: Our concern is that at the moment, given the | 22 | submission is an important point. |
| 23 | wording of the order, that would lead you necessarily to | 23 | By definition, to be a member of the Special |
| 24 | redact a photograph. That's the concern we have. | 24 | Demonstration Squad you did have to have that cloak of |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: I note the concern. All I can say to you is | 25 | respectability about you, otherwise you were not going |
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| 1 | to get into the Special Demonstration Squad. So you | 1 | short matter? |
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| 2 | would have a wife and small children and, as | 2 | THE CHAIR: Yes, Ms Steel. |
| 3 | Peter Francis would say, hopefully live in suburbia to | 3 | Submissions by MS STEEL |
| 4 | give you that respectability and anonymity. So, you | 4 | MS STEEL: Just on that point. I mean from what we know |
| 5 | know, if you are a sort of roguish type it is most | 5 | about Rick Gibson it appears his marriage is still |
| 6 | unlikely you are going to be allowed to join the Special | 6 | intact and yet |
| 7 | Demonstration Squad. That's the first point. | 7 | THE CHAIR: Well, he's dead. |
| 8 | And he would say he fitted that profile. He had | 8 | MS STEEL: Well, okay, but it remained intact despite the |
| 9 | a wife, he had children, he lived in the burbs as he | 9 | fact that he had a relationship. I think that |
| 10 | would say. | 10 | demonstrates that you can't rely on these things. |
| 11 | But the second and more important point is this. | 11 | Also, I just wanted to mention that we know of at |
| 12 | You know, as a matter of fact, sir, Bob Lambert had | 12 | least one of the undercover officers, and I think maybe |
| 13 | a wife. Bob Lambert had a child. Bob Lambert then had | 13 | two, who had relationships with people while they were |
| 14 | more children in a relationship outside of his marriage. | 14 | undercover while their wives were pregnant. So, you |
| 15 | Bob Lambert was given an MBE, sir, for his services to | 15 | know, if anyone thinks there is any morals about these |
| 16 | the police in something like 2008. None of those | 16 | officers, then, you know. I just think you need to |
| 17 | matters, in fact, none of those if you were to look | 17 | think again, that is all. |
| 18 | at Bob Lambert, you would have then made the decision | 18 | THE CHAIR: All right. I may stand accused of being |
| 19 | that he was a respectable man based upon those external | 19 | somewhat naive and a little old-fashioned. In which |
| 20 | factors who could not possibly have been guilty of | 20 | case I own up to both of those things and will take into |
| 21 | misconduct whilst an officer. | 21 | account what everybody says about it, and I will revisit |
| 22 | That's important, we say, and that is what he wanted | 22 | my own views. |
| 23 | to say to you when he stood up earlier. | 23 | MS STEEL: Thank you. |
| 24 | THE CHAIR: Thank you for that. I understand the point. | 24 | The other brief matter that I wanted to just mention |
| 25 | I can say in reply to it that my point was rather | 25 | was in relation to whether the release of cover names or |
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| 2 | from the release of the cover names and the photographs, | 2 | in exactly the same way that we have done to date. |
| 3 | because it is actually a massively difficult thing to do | 3 | That, in practice, means that we are able to publish |
| 4 | to find the real name and no one is really you know, | 4 | usually a combination of redactions and gists. |
| 5 | we know that the ones that have been released the | 5 | It is not a blanket approach. The grounds on which |
| 6 | real names that are out there, nothing has come to them. | 6 | material is redacted or if it has to be gisted are if to |
| 7 | There is no reason why people are going to spend hours | 7 | publish the full copy would defeat the purpose of the |
| 8 | and hours tracking down real names and the reality is | 8 | application. If it would defeat any other application |
| 9 | that they almost certainly would not able to do it. It | 9 | or potential application, if it would be otherwise |
| 10 | is an extremely difficult process. | 10 | unlawful, for example, a violation of article 8 of the |
| 11 | I do only know it because John actually wrote | 11 | European Convention on Human Rights, or if the material |
| 12 | a letter to me while we were still in a relationship | 12 | is plainly irrelevant to the application and it would be |
| 13 | basically saying the real name of his father, and that | 13 | disproportionate in terms of time and effort to redact |
| 14 | enabled me eventually to track him down. So I just | 14 | it or gist it. |
| 15 | think that the cover names can safely be released and | 15 | In other words we publish as much as we lawfully |
| 16 | that they need to be released because if they aren't | 16 | can. In practice that means we publish an open |
| 17 | released people can't come forward to give the evidence | 17 | application, a risk assessment usually with a heavy |
| 18 | about what they did when they were under cover. | 18 | element of gisting, a redacted impact statement and |
| 19 | Thank you. | 19 | a very high level gist of any medical evidence. Those |
| 20 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. | 20 | documents, in addition to the minded to, sir, are what |
| 21 | Can we now move on to the consultation? If we can, | 21 | people have to respond to. |
| 22 | I am going to ask Mr Barr to open the debate. | 22 | Turning now to where we are proposing a change in |
| 23 | Submissions by COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY, MR BARR re | 23 | approach, it is where you, sir, are minded to grant an |
| 24 | consultation on proposal to change the process of applying | 24 | application to restrict a real name. |
| 25 | for and determining anonymity applications | 25 | What we are proposing is this. That we would |
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| 1 | MR BARR: Thank you, sir. | 1 | publish the open application as before. This document |
| 2 | We have already published a consultation paper and | 2 | makes clear the legal basis on which the restriction |
| 3 | also written submissions. I am not going to repeat | 3 | order is sought. |
| 4 | those documents but I do propose to summarise the | 4 | People would also have your minded to note which |
| 5 | proposals. | 5 | communicates the reasons why you, sir, are minded to |
| 6 | What they would mean if implemented would be that we | 6 | grant the order. |
| 7 | would continue normally to publish minded to notes | 7 | We would also seek to ensure that the issue did not |
| 8 | before deciding what can and should be published of the | 8 | come to a final decision before the cover name had been |
| 9 | application and supporting evidence. | 9 | published. This we consider to be an important step |
| 10 | Sir, if you are minded to refuse an application, the | 10 | which may assist members of the public and |
| 11 | applicant will usually be offered the opportunity of | 11 | core participants to come forward with evidence relevant |
| 12 | a closed hearing. | 12 | to the issue of whether or not a restriction order |
| 13 | If the applicant at that stage either accepts the | 13 | should be granted over the real name. |
| 14 | minded to decision or you remain of the view that the | 14 | In addition, where an application contains a new |
| 15 | application should be refused after a closed hearing, | 15 | feature about which argument has not been heard to date, |
| 16 | then the decision to refuse the application will be | 16 | then we will publish as much of the open evidence about |
| 17 | finalised and there will be no need to publish either | 17 | this feature as we can lawfully publish so that it can |
| 18 | the application or the supporting evidence at the | 18 | be addressed. |
| 19 | anonymity stage. | 19 | The question for today is whether, in the light of |
| 20 | We quite accept we might have to revisit that | 20 | our experiences to date, including receiving extensive |
| 21 | question if there are issues of credibility, for | 21 | submissions on anonymity at the November hearing and |
| 22 | example, at the substantive evidential stage. | 22 | further submissions today, it is necessary or |
| 23 | Sir, where you are minded to grant an application to | 23 | proportionate to do more than this in real name only |
| 24 | restrict a cover name, whether alone or together with | 24 | applications. In other words, would the redacted and |
| 25 | the real name, then the Inquiry legal team will prepare | 25 | gisted copies of the risk assessment, impact statement, |
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1 medical report if any, add anything of real material 1 we had understood it to be applying both to the process 2 2 value to the cover name, the minded to decision and the of disclosure in relation to real and cover names as 3 3 well as real names and we addressed the consultation on application? 4 That has to be weighed against the resource savings 4 that basis. 5 for the Inquiry and for the Metropolitan Police Service 5 I understand now exactly that it was only ever and those representing the officers. Preparing the 6 intended to change the process in relation to real 6 7 7 redacted versions of the documents I have mentioned names, but we maintain the position that there ought to 8 8 takes up considerable amount of the time of senior be a change both in relation to the process of 9 9 members of the legal teams, time which alternatively disclosure with respect to real and cover names and real 10 could be committed to advancing the substantive 10 names, and we take the position that the same change 11 investigation. 11 should apply to both. 12 Finally, I should emphasise that what I am 12 The changes that we have identified are premised 13 addressing at this stage is the question of what should 13 upon an acceptance, either in whole or in part, of our submission that there could be an awful lot more that is 14 be prepared for publication in relation to an anonymity 14 15 application. I am not addressing the question of what 15 disclosed in this process than is currently disclosed. 16 can be published for the evidential stage of the 16 I simply repeat the points I have made before. I refer 17 Inquiry, which is an entirely different matter and one 17 back to annex A as an exemplar of the sorts of things 18 18 that can be disclosed and of course our submissions for another day. 19 THE CHAIR: Mr Barr, I think something needs to be said in 19 identified a detailed set of matters that in our 20 20 submission can safely be disclosed in most, if not all addition to that. 21 The consultation paper has been issued in the 21 cases and where there is difficulty in relation to 22 22 context of ongoing applications by undercover officers. a particular part of that list in any particular case 23 I anticipate that towards the end of the process we will 23 then that would be a justification either for 24 get applications by managers. 24 non-disclosure or for gisting, but at the moment we are 25 25 presented with a blanket failure to disclose anything in We may get some -- notwithstanding the view that Page 125 Page 127 1 I have expressed that I expect that those in managerial 1 relation to all of those. 2 positions will provide and give evidence in their real 2 Now if it is accepted that further disclosures can 3 name. A close reader of the consultation paper might 3 be made, then you will have seen that what we have tried 4 discern in it a reluctance on the part of the Inquiry to 4 to do is to identify the kinds of issues disclosure of 5 publish anything at all, other than the open 5 which will help us make meaningful submissions. application, where I am minded to restrict the real name 6 6 Meaningful in the sense that they may enable us to 7 of a manager. 7 provide you with matters that actually could include 8 Nothing is further from the truth. That would be 8 things that you are not aware of, but meaningful equally Q a situation covered by your exception, namely it would 9 in the sense that they will go to the issue of public 10 give rise to fresh considerations which had not 10 confidence and fairness. So again, I do strongly urge 11 previously been considered. 11 very careful consideration to be given to that list and 12 MR BARR: Indeed, sir. 12 to whether or not more disclosure can be made. 13 Unless I can assist you further, that is all I have 13 It is said against us that even if it were to be 14 to say to introduce the issue. 14 accepted that more disclosure could be made, the 15 THE CHAIR: Thank you. 15 mechanism by which we propose that process takes place 16 Ms Kaufmann? 16 would add time to the whole process, and would be an 17 Submissions on behalf of the non-state, non-police core 17 unfair process because it would be impossible -- there 18 participants by MS KAUFMANN re consultation on proposal to 18 is no room for the suggestion that the affected officers 19 change the process of applying for and determining anonymity 19 in the Metropolitan Police Service to make any 20 applications 20 representations, because what we are suggesting is that 21 MS KAUFMANN: We are grateful to Mr Barr for the 21 that is a process that is undertaken by the Inquiry in 22 clarification about what the consultation process was 22 the first instance. 23 intended to review and change and what it wasn't. You 23 On that second point, about whether or not the 24 will have seen from correspondence over the last few 24 process we were suggesting is unfair in that sense, we 25 25 days that we were genuinely confused about its ambit and have never said there should not be a mechanism for Page 126 Page 128

| 1 | those affected, the applicants and the Metropolitan | 1 | in a very helpful way, I would have thought, in saying, |
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| 2 | Police Service, to make their own representations. What | 2 | "When you go through that exercise, focus on these |
| 3 | we did suggest was that the process suggested by | 3 | things" and that actually should speed the matter up. |
| 4 | yourself at paragraph 17(3) of your opening statement on | 4 | That's what we were trying to do. |
| 5 | 20 November, that is that the Inquiry assumes | 5 | What I fail to see is how that can actually slow |
| 6 | responsibility for making draft redactions or we would | 6 | things down as opposed to speed it up. |
| 7 | say setting out a draft list and redactions accompanying | 7 | THE CHAIR: The proposal was born of experience of the legal |
| 8 | it, is followed by the Metropolitan Police Service and | 8 | team conducting the exercise in the traditional manner |
| 9 | those affected having an opportunity to state whether | 9 | for the June/July tranches. |
| 10 | they accept them or dispute within an agreed timetable. | 10 | It is they who have done the work, not me. I mean |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: That proposal or that suggestion as to what | 11 | I see the end product of the work, of course, and I have |
| 12 | might occur was made in relation to the substantive | 12 | to make decisions based upon it, but I do know that it |
| 13 | exercise. I didn't have in mind that it had any part to | 13 | did take them a great deal of time and I still seriously |
| 14 | play in the anonymity exercise, not least because when | 14 | doubt the utility of their having done it. Not in every |
| 15 | I made that statement the system was not up and running | 15 | instance, in some instances it is necessary, but in |
| 16 | to deal with the wholesale redaction or the volume | 16 | a significant number of cases it is simply diverting |
| 17 | redaction of documents. "Wholesale" is the wrong word | 17 | legal effort into a path that serves no useful purpose. |
| 18 | in that context. | 18 | MS KAUFMANN: There is a distinction here to be drawn |
| 19 | The number of redactions required in large volume | 19 | between real names and cover names. |
| 20 | that will be required in the substantive phase. | 20 | At the moment in relation to cover names you are |
| 21 | MS KAUFMANN: Yes. We would simply say there is no reason | 21 | proposing to continue in the manner that you have thus |
| 22 | why that could not actually be applied in this context, | 22 | far. |
| 23 | even if that was not in mind at the time. | 23 | Our proposal is that instead of an approach which is |
| 24 | THE CHAIR: The problem is that for anything like your | 24 | not focused on the things that we are able to say would |
| 25 | proposal to be adopted, especially in relation to the 14 | 25 | be particularly helpful, the approach we are suggesting |
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| 1 | items of information that you have identified in | 1 | is that you do focus on these things which inevitably |
| 2 | paragraph 36 of your written submission, that involves | 2 | ought to speed the process up. They have to look at |
| 3 | or would involve a very great deal of legal effort on | 3 | this. You accept that so far as the process is |
| 4 | the part of the Inquiry team and the Metropolitan team, | 4 | concerned in relation to cover names they still have to |
| 5 | which would be much better devoted to getting the case | 5 | undertake the same process they were undertaking. |
| 6 | ready substantively. | 6 | THE CHAIR: Agreed. |
| 7 | MS KAUFMANN: That brings us up against the fundamental | 7 | MS KAUFMANN: What we are suggesting is a way that could |
| 8 | difference between the position you take and the | 8 | speed that process up. It appears as though proper |
| 9 | position we take | 9 | thought and consideration has not been given to that |
| 10 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 10 | yet, and it may be because our submissions have been |
| 11 | MS KAUFMANN: which is if you don't do it, then there is | 11 | read as applying only to real name, which is what you |
| 12 | going to be a real risk of jeopardy to the Inquiry | 12 | thought the consultation was all about, and therefore |
| 13 | itself. If we don't get these sorts of documents or | 13 | you have not actually thought about its utility as a way |
| 14 | these items of disclosure then we cannot make any | 14 | forward in relation to cover names. |
| 15 | meaningful representations. You are much more likely to | 15 | If that is the case, we would ask that you do think |
| 16 | find yourself making cover name anonymity orders, in | 16 | |
| 17 | circumstances which you would not do if we were able to | 17 | about it. Because if we can speed that process up that also has a bearing upon how one deals with the real name |
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| 7 THE CHAIR: Yes. 7 deployment which needs to be investigated. |
| 8 MS KAUFMANN: It may be that going forward this response to 8 Of course it needs to be investigated but it only |
| 9 the consultation, what has happened today, will enable 9 arises, so far as I know, in a few cases. |
| you to go back and think, "Well, actually, is there more 10 MS KAUFMANN: But where those cases arise it is not going |
| we can disclose in these individual cases?" And do it 11 to be something you disclose in every case if it doesn't |
| by reference to that list. Even if you don't feel able 12 arise, but where it does arise, disclose. It is |
| to disclose everything on that list in an individual 13 important. It is important for us to make submissions |
| case, it can still provide the framework by which you 14 because that goes to the balance that you are going to |
| decide upon what to disclose and how to disclose it to 15 draw between disclosure and nondisclosure. |
| us. That would be much more effective as a way forward, 16 Because if there is in that officer's case evidence |
| we would submit, than the way that things have gone so 17 that they may have been involved in discussions of |
| 18 far. 18 a privileged nature, that is a reason for disclosing |
| 19 Again, I just repeat that our annex A, which to us 19 cover names so that evidence can be given about it. So |
| 20 appears to indicate that much, much more can be 20 those sorts of bits of information are ones that we need |
| 21 disclosed than has been understood on your side, is 21 to know about if the disclosure of them is not going to |
| worthy of careful review to inform your assessment of 22 risk undermining the purpose of the application. |
| whether you can actually disclose more. That is the 23 That is our position on cover names. We submit the |
| position in relation to covers. 24 same position should apply in relation to real names. |
| 25 THE CHAIR: You will have noticed, I think, that when it 25 It is very clear to me you profoundly disagree with |
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| 1 | that | 1 | for and determining anonymity applications |
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| 2 | THE CHAIR: I do. | 2 | MS SIKAND: Sir, as you know, we just made a very limited |
| 3 | MS KAUFMANN: but our submission is exactly the same | 3 | point about this consultation because we have never |
| 4 | should apply to both, but there is no question, in our | 4 | pressed upon you the importance of disclosure of real |
| 5 | submission that more can be disclosed in relation to | 5 | names, our focus has always been on cover names. |
| 6 | cover names, should be disclosed for all the reasons | 6 | But what we have said in that regard, that we are |
| 7 | I have identified and the process we have set out is not | 7 | concerned about the disclosure and its processes in the |
| 8 | going to extend the exercise is that is currently | 8 | same way that Ms Kaufmann has already set out for you. |
| 9 | undertaking and is going to continue to be undertaken. | 9 | We are not suggesting the procedure that she is, but |
| 10 | On the contrary, it will actually reduce the time. | 10 | we have made the point that disclosure to date in our |
| 11 | Just one last point that comes up in the | 11 | view is simply not as full as it could be. We have |
| 12 | consultation. It is not strictly speaking on this, but | 12 | suggested it is, we think, a sensible suggestion |
| 13 | just if I might say something about it. It is the issue | 13 | that the separation process could be dealt with slightly |
| 14 | about real names and disclosure of real names actual | 14 | differently and that would bring about, we think, better |
| 15 | disclosure of real names in relation to | 15 | disclosure and a cultural change in the way in which |
| 16 | post-deployment conduct. That is dealt with in | 16 | disclosure is being made, where if the redactions are in |
| 17 | paragraph 3 of the Counsel to the Inquiry's response. | 17 | the first instance made by your legal team as opposed to |
| 18 | I just wanted to say that I think this misses the | 18 | by those who seek the restriction order, in our |
| 19 | point about the importance of a real name in that | 19 | submission there are bound to be overredactions in the |
| 20 | context. It is accepted now by the Inquiry that | 20 | first place. |
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| 22 | post-deployment conduct is relevant and falls within the remit of what the Inquiry is looking at. | 22 | I hear what Counsel to the Inquiry says in his |
| | | 23 | response in a footnote to his submissions on this point, |
| 23 | THE CHAIR: Maybe. I am not committing myself to | 23 | that it won't save any time, but it is not just about |
| 24 25 | investigating every undercover officer's post-deployment | 25 | time saving. Because goodness knows we have not saved |
| 23 | employment. | 23 | much time so far on this particular process. Not just |
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| 1 | MS KAUFMANN: No. No. But it is not dissimilar to the | 1 | because of separation, because before you took over as |
| 2 | situation in relation to cover names in that of course | 2 | chairman we had had plenty of delay by reason of there |
| 3 | unless people know who worked with that individual that | 3 | being no applications before the Inquiry and that wasn't |
| 4 | they were in fact an undercover officer beforehand, and | 4 | a separation process delay, so that is a cumulative |
| 5 | therefore the real name is out there, they are not going | 5 | delay which is part of the history of this very process. |
| 6 | to know that they have evidence to come forward with. | 6 | But we suggest and submit that you could consider |
| 7 | This has been characterised as a fishing expedition | 7 | looking at this process in a different way and trying it |
| 8 | on our part, but that is a mischaracterisation. Just as | 8 | in a different way, letting your legal team make the |
| 9 | with the disclosure of the cover names, it is just | 9 | redactions in the first instance and then batting it |
| 10 | a matter of fact that if and insofar as officers were | 10 | back to the Metropolitan Police Service or whichever |
| 11 | using in an abusive way information, tactics and so | 11 | core participant. |
| 12 | forth that they obtained in their role as undercover | 12 | That is our submission. We think that it will make |
| 13 | officers, it will only come to light if that connection | 13 | a difference to the disclosure that we have been given. |
| 13 | can be made and that connection can only be made if the | 14 | THE CHAIR: You suggest that, as I understand it, after the |
| 15 | real name is disclosed. | 15 | stage at which I have issued a minded to note |
| 16 | | 16 | MS SIKAND: Yes. |
| 17 | It is not about finishing. It is just about what if you are going to look at that, because there could be | 17 | MS SIKAND: Yes. THE CHAIR: — not before? |
| 18 | an issue about it, how are you going to get the | 18 | MS SIKAND: Yes, of course. We are not suggesting it would |
| 19 | evidence. That is the only way. | 19 | make a difference if we got it before, because as long |
| 20 | | 20 | as we have the right to make submissions to you about |
| 20 | Unless I can assist you further, those are our | 20 | your preliminary indication, as long as we get it |
| 21 22 | submissions. THE CHAIR: Thank you. That is very helpful | 21 22 | otherwise we end up, sir, in these meaningless |
| | THE CHAIR: Thank you. That is very helpful. | 23 | |
| 23 | Ms Sikand? | 23 | submissions to you where we look at each other, we want |
| 24 25 | Submissions on behalf of Peter Francis by MS SIKAND re | 25 | to assist, we are all here, but we can't assist. We do take issue, sir, with the comment by Counsel |
| 23 | consultation on proposal to change the process of applying | 23 | me do take issue, sii, with the confinient by Counsel |
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| 1 | to the Inquiry at paragraph 9 it was alluded to by | 1 | flag that it is conceivable such a thing might happen. |
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| 2 | Ms Kaufmann earlier in a different context in which | 2 | THE CHAIR: The consultation is about what should normally |
| 3 | he says: | 3 | happen, not what should happen in exceptional |
| 4 | "However, unlike the position in adversarial | 4 | circumstances. |
| 5 | litigation the submission of core participants only add | 5 | MS MANNION: Exactly. I mention it merely to indicate that |
| 6 | to the process if they raise a point which the chairman | 6 | we would certainly be live to that and would assist |
| 7 | is not already aware of." | 7 | wherever we think that might occur. |
| 8 | With the greatest respect, that is to misunderstand | 8 | Secondly, although I'm grateful to Ms Kaufmann's |
| 9 | even the inquisitorial process in our view. How is it | 9 | clarification that any proposal the Inquiry adopts, we |
| 10 | that we know what it is that you know, and how would we | 10 | would submit that any document or any gist or redaction |
| 11 | know that you would not be assisted by something that we | 11 | over a document the Metropolitan Police Service has |
| 12 | don't know about, sir? | 12 | ownership of, or equity in, should only happen by |
| 13 | THE CHAIR: I am afraid, it is completely unavoidable that | 13 | consultation just as would be in our submission fair. |
| 14 | position. I know things you don't know and you know | 14 | Sir, you were addressed briefly about |
| 15 | things that I don't know. | 15 | post-deployment conduct in the context of restriction |
| 16 | MS SIKAND: Exactly. But, sir, to suggest that we could | 16 | order applications. I don't know, sir, whether you want |
| 17 | only assist you in relation to a point that you don't | 17 | me to address you or respond on those points? |
| 18 | know about misses the point, if I may say so, because of | 18 | THE CHAIR: Now is your opportunity, if you want to? |
| 19 | course it is not just about the disclosure it is about | 19 | MS MANNION: Sir, again, it is in our written submissions in |
| 20 | the interpretation or the weight or the legal analysis | 20 | any event, but our submission is that just because |
| 21 | that you may apply to a particular piece of information. | 21 | management of an individual's post-deployment conduct |
| 22 | We could assist you, we hope, sir, in a different | 22 | might be relevant in a particular circumstance doesn't |
| 23 | analysis, in a different approach. Obviously you may | 23 | mean that it always will be. The Inquiry is not |
| 24 | take the view it is the wrong approach but it is still | 24 | exhaustively required to explore every remote |
| 25 | our role as core participants, because that is what we | 25 | possibility. |
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| 1 | are, to assist you. | 1 | In any event, we would suggest to you that post |
| 2 | We don't think that that is a proper statement of | 2 | deployment is an area where the Inquiry is well able to |
| 3 | what our role is at paragraph 9 and that's why we say | 3 | conduct at the very least some fairly extensive initial |
| 4 | could we look at the whole disclosure process, the | 4 | investigation of its own. |
| 5 | overarching aspect of it again, please, sir. | 5 | THE CHAIR: It is fairly easy to conceive of circumstances |
| 6 | Thank you. | 6 | in which it might be highly relevant. If, for example, |
| 7 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. | 7 | an officer was deployed into a field within or connected |
| 8 | Ms Mannion? | 8 | with trade union activity, and then went on to join one |
| 9 | Submissions on behalf of the Commissioner of Police of the | 9 | of the private concerns that deal with inquiries into |
| 10 | Metropolis by MS MANNION re consultation on proposal to | 10 | the background of prospective employees, then that would |
| 11 | change the process of applying for and determining anonymity | 11 | be highly relevant. |
| 12 | applications | 12 | Purely hypothetical, I am not suggesting that |
| 13 | MS MANNION: Sir, as you know, you have seen our response to | 13 | that I am only speaking about what I know now. At |
| 14 | the consultation, our written submissions. We agree | 14 | the moment it is purely hypothetical, but if it were to |
| 15 | with the proposal. I'm not seeking to repeat anything, | 15 | arise, then I would readily agree that that is |
| 16 | just making two very small points. | 16 | a post-deployment employment that needed to be looked |
| 17 | 1, Mr Barr explained the change for real name | 17 | into. |
| 18 | applications which is proposed and indicated that that | 18 | MS MANNION: Of course. |
| 19 | change would only be possible in circumstances where the | 19 | Sir my submission would be that the Inquiry is going |
| 20 | cover name could be published before the hearing. | 20 | to be able to see where those types of red flags might |
| 21 | We understand that. It is simply to flag that if | 21 | exist and be able then to modify its approach |
| 22 | there were to be a case where for whatever reason we | 22 | accordingly. Our position would be that as a general |
| 23 | would say that were unfair, we would flag that at the | 23 | position, a public speculative search for |
| I | | 24 | post-deployment conduct should not be a basis to refuse |
| 24 | time an application is made and it may be that the | 47 | post deproyment conduct should not be a basis to refuse |
| 24 25 | time an application is made and it may be that the longer system would have to take place there. Simply to | 25 | a restriction order where it is otherwise merited. That |
| | longer system would have to take place there. Simply to | 1 | a restriction order where it is otherwise merited. That |
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| 1 know, for seeking to challenge any decisions that 2 THE CHAIR: The position at the moment is that if there is 2 make by way of judicial review. 3 a risk assessment, and sometimes if there is only an 3 There is about to be in a few days half term. 4 impact statement, I am provided with information about 4 Certainly for my part and Ruth's part we are mothers that. 5 school age children and we are not going to be here | |
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| 6 MS MANNION: Yes, indeed, sir. 6 half term. | |
| 7 Those are my submissions, sir. 7 All I would ask is if you are extremely efficient | |
| 8 THE CHAIR: Thank you. 8 and make your decision in the next week to ten da | VS |
| 9 Mr Sanders. 9 would you please consider not taking a point on do | |
| 10 MR SANDERS: No, thank you, sir. 10 that we could get ourselves back and up and runni | |
| 11 THE CHAIR: Mr Brandon? Your part in this aspect of the 11 should we consider that a challenge is appropriate | |
| 12 Inquiry is almost over, isn't it? 12 THE CHAIR: Half term varies a little from school to | |
| 13 MR BRANDON: Yes, I thought you probably would not want to 13 as I understand it. | school, |
| hear from me, sir. 14 hear from me, sir. 14 MS KAUFMANN: Ours starts from the end of this value of the starts from the end of this value of the starts from the end of this value of the starts from the end of this value of the starts from the end of this value of the starts from the end of this value of the starts from the end of this value of the starts from the end of this value of the starts from the end of this value of the starts from the end of this value of the starts from the end of this value of the starts from the end of this value of the starts from the end of this value of the starts from the end of this value of the starts from the end of the star | week for |
| 15 THE CHAIR: Thank you. 15 a week. | VCCK 101 |
| 16 Mr Barr, anything you want to say arising out of the 16 THE CHAIR: Right. So if decisions were to be pub | lichad |
| 17 debate we have had? 17 on let me try to rephrase this | nsneu |
| 18 Submissions in reply by COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY, MR BARR re 18 MS KAUFMANN: The 19th is when we are back. | |
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| by my learned friend Ms Kaufmann would not be any 23 MS KAUFMANN: It would obviously be better for | |
| 24 quicker. 24 could be published on the Monday when we actual | |
| 25 It is because in addition to preparing a summary 25 back. Because 14 days is an incredibly short time | at |
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| 1 document of the kind that was presented today, it is 1 the best of times. | |
| 2 also because in addition their proposal would involve 2 THE CHAIR: It is a time which only the Administrative 0 | Court |
| 3 line-by-line redaction of all the underlying evidence. 3 can extend. | Jourt |
| 4 In other words, what we are already doing plus 4 MS KAUFMANN: Yes. So you can influence the amour | nt of time |
| 5 a summary, we could obviously do a summary document 5 we have to deal with a very short timetable by | it of time |
| 6 alone more quickly but that would involve publishing 6 publishing on the Monday as opposed to the Thursday. | |
| 7 less information than we do already which is not, as 7 THE CHAIR: Are those who you represent and the courts | room |
| 8 I understand it, the thrust of my learned friend's 8 generally, would it be content if I were not to publish | OOIII |
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| 10 It is the additional work which we think would take 10 of cases until the Monday that you come back? | 1 1 |
| 11 longer. 11 MS KAUFMANN: I can probably speak on behalf of eve | Tybody |
| 12 THE CHAIR: I think the Inquiry, including both you and me, 12 and say yes, on the basis that if we are going to | |
| 13 need to reflect upon what in those cases where something 13 challenge those decisions they would much rather that v | ve |
| 14 like the old exercise is undertaken could further be 14 have a proper opportunity to do so. | |
| published over and above what now is. We will need to 15 THE CHAIR: That is a small request to make, and I will 16 Above the bound of the projection of the projection of the published over any above to make, and I will | |
| 16 think about that in principle and see how it works out 16 agree to it. 17 MS KALTMANN, Less contents. | |
| 17 in practice. 17 MS KAUFMANN: I am grateful. | |
| 18 MR BARR: Indeed we will, sir. 18 THE CHAIR: Can I mention something about the future | |
| 19 THE CHAIR: Those, I think, conclude the submissions don't 19 progress of the anonymity hearings? We have still | |
| 20 they? 20 a number of tranches to go. I have made minded to | |
| 21 MS KAUFMANN: They do. Can I just say one thing in relation 21 decisions in some already and some are just coming in, | |
| 22 to your decision-making? 22 the latest batch has arrived last week as I understand | |
| 23 Submissions on behalf of the non-state, non-police core 23 it. | |
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| 24 participants by MS KAUFMANN re timetable 24 My expectation is that all decisions relating to | |
| 24 participants by MS KAUFMANN re timetable 24 My expectation is that all decisions relating to 25 MS KAUFMANN: Sir, there is a very short timetable, as you 25 Special Demonstration Squad and National Public Order | er |
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| 1 | Intelligence Unit deployed undercover officers and, in |
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| 2 | the case of the Special Demonstration Squad, managers |
| 3 | will be the subject of minded to decisions that would |
| 4 | permit hearings, closed in some cases open in all if |
| 5 | needed, in March, May and July. |
| 6 | My aim is to try and finish this process apart |
| 7 | from the odd inevitable straggler which one can never |
| 8 | hope to cope with in a strict timetable by the end of |
| 9 | July, with the final decisions rulings published in |
| 10 | early August. In that way, we can then begin to get on |
| 11 | with gathering substantive evidence and any obstacles to |
| 12 | doing so should per change judicial review be cleared. |
| 13 | MS KAUFMANN: Yes. |
| 14 | THE CHAIR: Can I take it that in the remaining batches that |
| 15 | everyone does want to have an open hearing? I know you |
| 16 | may say, well, some open hearings are more important |
| 17 | than others, but in principle does everyone wish to have |
| 18 | an open hearing? |
| 19 | MS KAUFMANN: Yes, I think so. |
| 20 | THE CHAIR: In general? Yes. Right. |
| 21 | MS KAUFMANN: Yes. |
| 22 | THE CHAIR: In that event, we will try to identify dates |
| 23 | sufficiently long in advance for you to put them in your |
| 24 | diary, because were you to make |
| 25 | MS KAUFMANN: They are already in mine. The Inquiry has |
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| 1 | been very efficient. I think is all diarised now; we |
| 2 | have big windows blocked out. |
| 3 | THE CHAIR: Excellent. |
| 4 | If last minute applications were to be received |
| 5 | because you are in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal or |
| 6 | somewhere more importantly than this Inquiry, then they |
| 7 | might not be very favourably received. Indeed the |
| 8 | answer might be a blunt no. But I throw that out in the |
| 9 | hope that it doesn't arise. |
| 10 | Thank you, all. |
| 11 | (2.56 pm) |
| 12 | (The hearing concluded) |
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