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2	[09:12] CHAIRPERSON: The Commission resumes.	2	the strikers from the koppie towards the small kraal" and
3	Lieutenant-Colonel, you're still bound by your affirmation.	3	that'll be 00034.
4	SALMON JOHANNES VERMAAK: (affirms	4	CHAIRPERSON: Ja, alright, got that.
5	further)	5	CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR GOTZ: Good
6	CHAIRPERSON: Mr Gotz, you're with us,	6	morning, Lieutenant-Colonel.
7	where were you yesterday afternoon?	7	COLONEL VERMAAK: Good morning, sir.
8	MR GOTZ: Good morning, Chairperson. I	8	MR GOTZ: My name is Anthony Gotz. I'll
9	understand that there was a five minute interlude at the	9	be asking you questions on behalf of AMCU. Lieutenant-
10	end of Mr Mpofu's –	10	Colonel, have you had an opportunity to read the two
11	CHAIRPERSON: Yes, but five minutes were	11	articles that we've referred to as exhibit OOO32 and 33?
12	wasted because you weren't here but your excuse was	12	COLONEL VERMAAK: I looked through my
13	tendered and accepted, but don't let it happen again.	13	documents and I couldn't find them.
14	Shall we carry on?	14	CHAIRPERSON: [Microphone off, inaudible]
15	MR GOTZ: Thank you, Chairperson. Chair,	15	- what the article "The Road to Marikana" looks like and
16	may we commence by introducing as exhibits two articles	16	this is what the article "You strike a gathering, you
17	which have been provided to the witness and I believer to	17	strike a rock" looks like. Did you not see those?
18	the Commissioners. The first is an article by Sean Tait	18	COLONEL VERMAAK: No, Chair.
19	and Monique Marks entitled "You strike a gathering, you	19	CHAIRPERSON: Well, I suggest you look at
20	strike a rock."	20	my copies and – you can use my copies – Adv Hemraj insists
21	CHAIRPERSON: You strike?	21	on giving you hers.
22	MR GOTZ: "You strike a gathering, you	22	COLONEL VERMAAK: Thank you, Chair.
23	strike a rock – current debates in the policing of public	23	CHAIRPERSON: I suppose you can't say no
24	order in South Africa."	24	to a lady in those circumstances. Alright, OOO32 and 33
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8	CHAIRPERSON: You'll help him once we've	8	residents by the occupants of a nearby hostel and some 40
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10	MR GOTZ: Will do.	10	a number of others were injured, is that correct?
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3	any loss of life, correct?	3	CHAIRPERSON: - under different names or
4	COLONEL VERMAAK: That's correct.	4	aliases, as it were.
5	MR GOTZ: Can you give us some other	5	COLONEL VERMAAK: Ja, no Chair, it was
6	examples of the most challenging incidents that POP has had	6	the same unit, same members, only a change of names.
7	to deal with during the period in which you were the	7	MR GOTZ: That's fine, we don't disagree
8	commander of the POP in the North-West?	8	with that, Lieutenant-Colonel. Of course after 1994 and
9	COLONEL VERMAAK: I think some of the	9	indeed after the Regulation of Gatherings Act was passed,
10	most challenges was the ethical conflict at the mines.	10	the members were trained in democratic principles in
11	There we have a lot of incidents there and just before the	11	relation to the policing of public order events, correct?
12	election in a small town, Hartbeesfontein –	12	COLONEL VERMAAK: That is correct, there
13	CHAIRPERSON: You're referring to 1994, I	13	were courses and workshops held where it specially
14	take it? You say just before the election, were you	14	concentrated on the commanders and the platoon commanders
15	referring to 1994?	15	regarding the Gatherings Act.
16	COLONEL VERMAAK: That's correct, Chair.	16	MR GOTZ: That training was done largely
17	In Hartbeesfontein the township was Tigani, there was	17	by the Belgians, correct?
18	really a lot of big conflict also between ANC and IFP	18	COLONEL VERMAAK: Belgian and France
19	supporters where they, on a weekly basis, killed one of the	19	people, the first part of the sessions, yes.
20	groups. This week you buried an ANC member, next week you	20	CHAIRPERSON: I'm sorry to interrupt, Mr
21	buried an IFP member. So that was a big challenge for me.	21	Gotz. You've seen the statement, two statements I think,
22	MR GOTZ: Lieutenant-Colonel, you would	22	of Colonel Hendrickx and he describes, he's a Belgian and
23	agree that from your experience, that it is entirely	23	he describes he was part of that whole exercise. Did you
24	possible to handle protests far bigger than what we saw in	24	ever encounter him during the course of –
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2	the following page?	2	insufficiently experienced commanders over operations as a
3	MR GOTZ: The top paragraph.	3	problem, correct?
4	CHAIRPERSON: "These methods involved?"	4	COLONEL VERMAAK: That is correct.
5	MR GOTZ: Yes.	5	MR GOTZ: And the lack of the necessary
6	CHAIRPERSON: Mm?	6	equipment or possibly the inadequate use of available
7	MR GOTZ: Yes.	7	equipment, correct?
8	CHAIRPERSON: Alright, so that's where	8	[09:51] COLONEL VERMAAK: That is correct.
9	you got. So have you now got up to "This pattern of	9	MR GOTZ: And you also identify
10	killing?"	10	inadequate information and intelligence gathering systems
11	MR GOTZ: Yes.	11	as a particular concern, correct?
12	CHAIRPERSON: Alright, okay. Well, maybe	12	COLONEL VERMAAK: That is correct.
13	the operator who has done this kind of thing before, can	13	MR GOTZ: In your evidence-in-chief you
14	arrange it in such a way that we see the last couple of	14	also mentioned a concern relating to a decrease in the
15	paragraphs on the first page and the first paragraph on the	15	number of POP personnel, as we understood your evidence.
16	second page. He's doing it now, yes. A little bit –	16	You suggested that there was a minimising of POP as a
17	that's it. Now we've got the passage you referred to,	17	consequence of restructuring that occurred during the
18	everybody can see it and now you are able to carry on with	18	1990s.
19	your –	19	COLONEL VERMAAK: Yes, Chair, with their
20	MR GOTZ: Yes, but I have read it	20	new approach they made the decision, some of the members
21	reasonably slowly so it should form part of the record and	21	must go to the police stations. What the problem with that
22	everybody should have had a sense of it. Perhaps I can	22	was, is that when a member is transferred to the police
23	summarise. Really what Bruce is saying is that what we see	23	station, in the beginning the idea was that they will work
24	from the 2000s is a very gradual increase in the number of	24	as a group with the police station and with the members of
25	killings at the hands of police and then a massive spike in	25	the police stations but then unfortunately they were used
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1	2011 due to what he refers to in that final paragraph as	1	by VISPOL and they were divided in different shifts, so the
2	being the consequence of the adoption by the SAPS of brutal	2	groups was not anymore utilised at the stations as one
3	new methods for dealing with public protests, including the	3	group. They were supposed to handle the level 1 and the
4	use of live ammunition. So what I put to you, Lieutenant-	4	level 2 unrest situations and that caused that the public
5	Colonel, is that you don't dis – first of all, you don't	5	order police decreased a lot and also it put, it made it
6	disagree with the figures that Bruce gives.	6	difficult for them with less people to handle big events,
7	COLONEL VERMAAK: No.	7	as I pointed it out in my letter in May 2012.
8	MR GOTZ: In fact, it's a concern that	8	MR GOTZ: And just so that we have an
9	you raise in HHH68, is that not so?	9	additional reference for this point, perhaps we can have a
10	COLONEL VERMAAK: That's correct.	10	look at exhibit R which is a document entitled "Police and
11	MR GOTZ: Now some of the reasons that	11	Guidelines – Policing of public protests, gatherings and
12	you give in HHH68 for the increase in certain concerns that	12	major events," if we can put exhibit R up on screen? This
13	you raise, you give a number of reasons for the increase in	13	is a document that's in fact issued by the Ministry of
14	police killings and if I can probably just summarise those	14	Police and the relevant passage appears on page 14 of that
15	for you and see whether you agree, one of the concerns that	15	document under the heading which is at the bottom of what
16	you raise is inadequate training, which is in fact the key	16	is visible on screen, "Establishment of a dedicated Public
17	problem that you identify, correct?	17	Order Policing (POPs) Unit." In this passage the Ministry
18	COLONEL VERMAAK: That's correct.	18	makes the point that in fact the public order policing unit
19	MR GOTZ: You also identify inadequate	19	is something that is required by section 17 of the SAPS
20	knowledge of applicable legislation and standing orders,	20	Act. It reads, "In terms of the SAPS Act the National
21	correct?	21	Commissioner is obliged to establish a national public
22	COLONEL VERMAAK: That's correct.	22	order policing unit and maintain the same. Such a unit was
23	MR GOTZ: That would really be a symptom	23	indeed established during 1996. During 2002 the POP unit
24	of inadequate training, correct?	24	was subject to the SAPS restructuring and aligned to
25	COLONEL VERMAAK: That is correct.	25	function at policing area level as the Area Crime Combating
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1 2	Units. As the latter name suggests, the functions also changed to include crime combating." Then the Ministry	1 2	and Marks, which is the exhibit OOO32 also identify this issue in similar terms on page 18 of their article, so
3	makes the point, "Unfortunately, this relegated the crowd	3	that'll be 00032 on page 18 and I'm not sure that it's
4	management function into a secondary function. During the	4	necessary to read the entire passage into the record but
5	subsequent restructuring process in 2006, the policing	5	perhaps we can go down to the bottom of the page. It's the
6	areas were disbanded and policing resources 'released' to	6	passage on the right-hand column or in the right-hand
7	supplement much needed capacity at station level. Again	7	column which starts, "However, even while this unit was
8	the ACCUs was affected and the name was changed to Crime	8	being restructured" and if you cast your eye over that
9	Combating Units."	9	passage, Lieutenant-Colonel, you'll see that they
10	And then on the next page, so it will be the top	10	essentially make the same point that is made in exhibit R.
11	of page 15, "The restructuring also had the effect that the	11	CHAIRPERSON: The passage is actually
12	CCUs were incorporated as a section under the division	12	quite important, perhaps we should read it. The authors
12	Operational Response Services. The ACCUs was drastically	12	talk about the restructuring of the unit which is now the
13	rationalised and more than half of its members seen	14	POP unit.
14	deployed to police station level to strengthen the 'local	14	COLONEL VERMAAK: That's correct, Chair.
16 17	crime combating' initiatives. The remaining half of	16 17	CHAIRPERSON: And they say even while
17 18	members found themselves in a situation where they had to cover bigger areas with lesser resources." And then the	17 18	this unit was being restructured, "there was a longer term
10	document on page 16 identifies the depletion of POP		plan in the mind of police leaders to decentralise public
		19	order policing. In a second round of 'restructuring' most
20	personnel as a serious problem and concludes, "The National	20 21	of the newly retrained POP members were deployed to
21 22	Commissioner must ensure that sufficient appropriate		stations where they were meant to guide local visible
22	capacity is created (whether by transferring back previous	22 23	police in the policing of public order events. However,
23 24	experienced and skilled members or building capacity through effective and focused training to other members		the required in-service training did not occur, leaving the stations ill-prepared as first responders to crowd events.
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22	to hear more evidence on this, that regard being had to	22	ORE's head, and I was complaining about it because I said
23	your background and experience, you appear to be in a	23	to them normally on spontaneous gatherings the stations are
24 25	position to make comments which would carry some value. So are you able to –	24 25	first at those gatherings and then they only have R5 and 9
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4	have been a plan B and myself should not try to approach	4	the Belgians and the France where this training started.
5	the people on the koppie with that sort of information,	5	MR GOTZ: In any event, I interrupted
6	especially also from the experience of the Monday where it	6	you. You were telling us what also needed to be done in
7	was clear at the railway track that they're not going to	7	terms of training.
8	hand over their weapons. So if you take all that	8	COLONEL VERMAAK: Okay and the last one
9	information in consideration, I believe there was another	9	was an OCT course where your operational commanders and
10	approach that you could do.	10	overall commanders were attending those courses. I know
11	MR GOTZ: Yes, I mean you've testified on	11	now lately they also send station commanders and head of
12	a number of occasions that with your experience in POP and	12	VISPOL at police stations on the operational commanders
13	in fact in crowd management operations, you would have done		training.
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20	that the Ministry makes, if we could look again at exhibit	20	assessment of the correct equipment that needs to be taken
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1	the information that they are supposed to gather during	1	but we can't say that until we've seen it, can we?
2	operations to keep the operational commander up to date so	2	MR GOTZ: Yes, indeed. Let's have a look
3	that he can make the necessary decision on it, but if you	3	at it during the adjournment.
4	have that document you will see in it there's a lot of	4	CHAIRPERSON: Is there some material,
5	requirements, also for a member to be in the information	5	cross-examination material you can usefully – I don't like
6	section, that they put some requirements for him to be part	6	the word but I will use it – deploy from now until half
7	of that group of people.	7	past 10 or would you prefer me to take the comfort break
8	MR GOTZ: Is that the document which has	8	now? I'm in your hands.
9	been handed up as an exhibit entitled "The information	9	MR GOTZ: Well, let me – let's take the
10	note" or is that a different –	10	comfort break now, it does -
11	COLONEL VERMAAK: It's a different one.	11	CHAIRPERSON: Comfort break. Let's try
12	If you just give me a minute, I have got it here.	12	to be back – sorry, Mr Chaskalson?
13	MR GOTZ: I think what we can probably do	13	MR CHASKALSON SC: Chair, given that
14	-	14	we're breaking at 12 today, can I suggest that the comfort
15	CHAIRPERSON: Handed in as an exhibit,	15	break and tea break are rolled into one at this point?
16	Lieutenant-Colonel?	16	CHAIRPERSON: We will have a comfort,
17	COLONEL VERMAAK: I don't know, Chair.	17	we'll have a hybrid break, to use a word that's been used
18	CHAIRPERSON: I don't remember it but	18	in this Commission, we'll have a hybrid break, a comfort
19	that doesn't mean anything. Have you got it with you?	19	break and a tea break at the same time. Mr Chaskalson's
20	COLONEL VERMAAK: I've got it, Chair.	20	proposal is adopted. We will now take the break that he
21	CHAIRPERSON: Well, produce it and	21	has referred to.
22	perhaps – I don't know whether there is something, some	22	MR GOTZ: Thank you, Chair.
23	point you want to make on it or I don't know whether Mr	23	[COMMISSION ADJOURNS COMMISSION RESUMES]
24	Gotz wants to take the point further.	24	[10:47] CHAIRPERSON: The Commission resumes.
25	MR GOTZ: Well, Chair, we have no – I	25	Lieutenant-Colonel, I remind you that you're still bound by
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1	think it makes the point that we have established but if	1	your affirmation. Mr Gotz, are you now ready to – what's
2	it's further support for it, we have no objection to it	2	the story about that document? Do we –
3	being handed in as an exhibit.	3	SALMON JOHANNES VERMAAK: (affirms
4	CHAIRPERSON: Well, I imagine you	4	further)
5	wouldn't object but others might.	5	MR GOTZ: Thank you, Chairperson.
6	MR GOTZ: So we have elicited that during	6	CHAIRPERSON: Procedural Manual – Public
7	evidence and I think we can make copies available during	7	order police information manual. Oh!
8	the -	8	MR GOTZ: Yes, Chair, we actually think
9	CHAIRPERSON: I'm going to take the	9	it should be introduced as an exhibit.
10	comfort break in 10 minutes so perhaps we can then, the	10	CHAIRPERSON: Alright.
11	necessary – well, perhaps let's just look at the document	11	MR GOTZ: It does have some useful
12	to see whether we want, it may - if it simply repeats what	12	information.
13	we know already then there's no point in burdening the	13	CHAIRPERSON: OOO34.
14	record even further with another document if it makes a	14	MS PILLAY: Chair, 35. OOO35.
15	point we have already, but if it's got stuff in it which we	15	CHAIRPERSON: Oh sorry, 35. Oh yes, of
16	haven't quite had in the way it's presented – I mean this	16	course, because the presentation has already been numbered
17	article for example, OOO32 has got some very valuable,	17	in anticipation. Alright, OOO35 will be the Procedural
18	well, prima facie very valuable stuff. It may be that	18	Manual, Public order or just POP information management, 1
19	other parties to the Commission may attack some of the	19	Ed 2000, is that right? As far as you know is this still
20	points made and say that we shouldn't adopt them and put	20	the current edition or is there, have other manuals, other
21	them in our report but prima facie it addresses the issues	21	editions appeared since?
22	which arise in this Commission, particularly the use of	22	COLONEL VERMAAK: Chair, as far as I know
23	paramilitary tactics and that sort of thing, which are	23	there's no other document drawn up.
24	clearly matters that have to engage our attention. So if	24	CHAIRPERSON: Alright, thank you.
	this document is like that then I think we should put it in	25	CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR GOTZ (CONTD.):
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1	Page 26409	1	Page 26411 fact that you said you thought you might, but the way it's
1	Lieutenant-Colonel, as we read this document, it was	1	
2	produced in or around 2000, correct? COLONEL VERMAAK: That's correct.	2	going I don't think it will. That'll give you an opportunity to look at the documents overnight, to bring
3	MR GOTZ: And it sets out in quite some	4	some such specificity as you can command to bear tomorrow.
5	detail the information management procedures that should be	5	MR GOTZ: Yes.
6	instituted and kept by POP units, correct?	6	CHAIRPERSON: And if necessary, if you
7	COLONEL VERMAAK: That is correct.	7	finish your cross-examination before 12, there's no-one
8	MR GOTZ: Is your point that, despite the	8	standing ready to take over from you so we might have to
9	fact that we have such information manuals available or	9	adjourn early, it'll give you an opportunity, an even
10	rather that the SAPS has such information manuals	10	longer time to study this document and come with specific
11	available, that there has been a departure from the	11	focused, helpful cross-examination – I'm not suggesting
12	principles that are set out in this document?	12	your cross-examination is unhelpful, please don't think
13	COLONEL VERMAAK: As I must look on what	13	that but you can come with specific focused cross-
14	was happening in August 2012, that was one of my concerns	14	examination on the morrow.
15	that there's a lack of information. I did not know any	15	MR GOTZ: Yes, Chair. I think what I
16	public order police member who made any inputs from the	16	would like to do now is simply ask the witness to identify
17	information section during that period.	17	for us, with your knowledge of the document, what
18	MR GOTZ: Is your point also that each	18	particular recommendations or principles are established or
19	POP unit or the POP units that are deployed in crowd	19	set out in this document and perhaps if you can identify
20	management operations need to have and apply the	20	also which specific paragraphs you think weren't,
21 22	principles, need to have in place these information	21	principles weren't adhered to during the week of August 12th
22	management systems and apply the princi8ples that are set out in this document?	22 23	to the 16th August 2012. So perhaps to get it a little bit
23 24		23 24	more focused, Lieutenant-Colonel, perhaps we can start by
	,		turning to the content of the document, perhaps we can
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11	ought to be kept and it's necessary to keep it?	11	evaluate present strategies, tactics and techniques used
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14	to that must be kept at each unit.	14	training of the personnel of operational response
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22	COLONEL VERMAAK: Chair, IRIS is the	22	utilisation and dissemination of information to the unit
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9 other paragraphs in this document you want to refer us to, 9 again with number 5 birdshot shotgun rou	
10 may I suggest that at the end of the day you just give us a 10 "I'll rather wound a protester with number	r 5 shotgun
11 list of the references and we can read them overnight and 11 birdshot than kill him with an R5 rifle." N	ow Lieutenant-
12 so on because, you know, it takes times to read them out. 12 Colonel, I understand that the point you'r	e making is that
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19 you, I suggest we move forward that way. Mr Gotz? 19 giving evidence-in-chief being led by Adv	Pillay, this
20 MR GOTZ: Yes. And Lieutenant-Colonel, I 20 point was dealt with. So I don't want to u	unduly hamper you
21 may study the document overnight and have specific 21 in your cross-examination but I think repe	etition is
22 questions that I may want to ask in relation to – 22 something to be avoided if possible.	
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1	small –	1	COLONEL VERMAAK: That was security
2	COLONEL VERMAAK: Very small ball, you	2	officers.
3	can call it ball bearings. I think they are about a	3	CHAIRPERSON: Of Lonmin?
4	millimetre in diameter.	4	COLONEL VERMAAK: Of Lonmin, on the
5	MR GOTZ: Sorry, are you finished your	5	ground, Chair.
6	sentence?	6	CHAIRPERSON: We do know that Lonmin were
7	COLONEL VERMAAK: Yes, I'm finished,	7	under the impression, which may or may not be correct,
8	Chair.	8	Lonmin were under the impression – and this is what they
9	MR GOTZ: Sorry, I didn't understand.	9	conveyed to the generals when they came - that the cause of
10	Are you not able to assist us as to where those shotgun	10	the trouble was conflict between AMCU and NUM and in fact
11	pellets were shot from or who shot them?	11	they appear to have equated the strikers with AMCU. They
12	COLONEL VERMAAK: No, Chair,	12	used the expression the strikers or the expressions, the
13	unfortunately not.	13	strikers and AMCU, almost interchangeably. Now it
14	MR GOTZ: I want to raise an issue which	14	certainly appears to have been the information which Lonmin
15	is of some concern to my client, AMCU, and it's a statement	15	had or the belief that Lonmin had. The evidence that we've
16	that you make in paragraph 4 of your consolidated statement	16	had so far seems to indicate that that may not be correct
17	LLL8, if we can have that up on the screen. In paragraph 4	17	because a number of the strikers appear to have had no
18	you're describing the events of Sunday the 12th of August.	18	union affiliations, some of the rock drill operators who
19	You say in the first sentence of that paragraph that you	19	were involved in the strike appear to have been NUM
20	received a phone call from Brigadier Calitz asking you to	20	members, there were deductions from their salaries in
21	deploy a helicopter to Marikana as a result of the unrest	21	favour of NUM and in fact some of the evidence is that the
22	there. You then say that you sent Warrant Officer	22	rock drill operators deliberately elected to proceed with
23	Padayachee and Sergeant Venter off in the Robinson R44	23	their campaign for increased emoluments up to the amount of
24	helicopter to give air support and then you, as I	24	12 500 a month, independently of the trade unions. So
25	understand what you say in paragraph 4, you received BBM	25	there are indications that Lonmin believed that the
1	Page 26422 photographs from Sergeant Venter which you then forwarded	1	Page 26424 strikers were all AMCU people and it was really, AMCU and
2	on to Brigadier Calitz as well as Brigadier Garnett. You	2	the strikers were one and the same. The indications we
3	also sent a message, you say in the last couple of	3	have are that that may not be correct. Can you take that
4	sentences of paragraph 4, you sent an SMS or a BBM message	4	any further or would you agree essentially with what I have
5	at about 13:51 to say AMCU and NUM are fighting one	5	put to you?
6	another. You don't say so expressly but I presume that you	6	COLONEL VERMAAK: I agree with what Chair
7	sent that to Brigadier Garnett of the NATJOC as well.	7	put to me.
8	COLONEL VERMAAK: That is correct, Chair.	8	MR GOTZ: Sorry, let's just be clear.
9	I can just mention, that is the information that I received	9	What the Chairperson is putting to you is that the
10	from Sergeant Venter and Warrant Officer Padayachee after	10	information that AMCU and NUM were fighting each other on
11	have landed close to the scene and that was also the	11	the 12th of August was in fact incorrect. Are you agreeing
12	information that they received from the people who was on	12	that it was incorrect?
13		13	CHAIRPERSON: No, I didn't put that.
14	the ground and that is the information that I conveyed to		
1'7	the ground and that is the information that I conveyed to Brigadier Calitz and Garnett	14	What I put was that the belief that the strikers and AMCU
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1	statement that there is friction –	1	document? This is a photograph that you took at 15:42:35
2	COLONEL VERMAAK: Correct.	2	on the 16th of August, do you accept that?
3	CHAIRPERSON: - and conflict, whether	3	COLONEL VERMAAK: That's correct.
4	physical or otherwise, between AMCU and NUM.	4	MR GOTZ: Chairperson, may I simply, may
5	COLONEL VERMAAK: Ja.	5	I indicate that all times that we reflect in the document
6	CHAIRPERSON: It merely meant that, I	6	are eTV times.
7	take it, is that right?	7	CHAIRPERSON: That's fine. I was going
8	COLONEL VERMAAK: That's correct. The	8	to ask you about that. I expected that would be the case.
9	two members of the air wing was on the ground, they get	9	It seems to be accepted –
10	this information from the people on the ground. If it was	10	MR GOTZ: Yes.
11	true, well, that is what we got land that is what we give	11	CHAIRPERSON: - that Greenwich Mean Time
12	through.	12	and eTV time are, correspond in the sense that Greenwich
13	CHAIRPERSON: Yes. No, what I meant was,	13	Mean Time is two hours behind eTV time otherwise we can
14	if there'd been an actual physical fight, a kind of trade	14	accept it as correct.
15	union based faction fight between NUM and AMCU going on	15	MR GOTZ: Yes and it all, it does all
16	that Sunday afternoon, you would have known all about it	16	depend on which photographic instrument you're using as
17	and there was no such event –	17	well.
18	COLONEL VERMAAK: That's correct, Chair.	18	CHAIRPERSON: But that exercise was
19	CHAIRPERSON: - taking place. What had	19	performed by Mr Chaskalson and we've got the benefit of his
20	happened was, two security officers had been killed on the	20	researches in that regard, have we not, and I understand
21	Sunday morning.	21	everybody accepts.
22	COLONEL VERMAAK: That's correct.	22	MR GOTZ: And this photograph, what this
23	CHAIRPERSON: But, and it was obviously	23	photograph depicts, Lieutenant-Colonel, is that Nyala 1
24	believed by Lonmin, it would appear that information found	24	which is demarcated by the red arrow on the far right, has
25	its way to you, that as I've said, Lonmin and the strikers	25	just started to deploy its barbed wire in the direction,
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11	COLONEL VERMAAK: Chair, no, I cannot	11	a striker on the koppie, either on the 15th or the 16th, the
12	assist with why and what the reason for that was.	12	road home, as it were, would be to take either one of the
13	MR GOTZ: One of the consequences or	13	two paths, the one which runs closest to the small kraal
14	perhaps an inadvertent consequence but one of the	14	which will be pretty much in the centre of the photograph
15	consequences is that you can see to the right of the orange	15	or, alternatively, the road to the right of that where you
16	circle and along that road, a large number of people	16	see the road fork.
17	moving, as we interpret the photograph, down the road	17	COLONEL VERMAAK: That is correct.
18	towards Nkaneng. Was that your impression as well at the	18	MR GOTZ: And you yourself saw the
19	time?	19	movement of strikers virtually on a daily basis moving back
20	COLONEL VERMAAK: That is correct, Chair.	20	and forth along those two pathways to the koppie and back
21	MR GOTZ: Those are people that are	21	home again.
22	moving off the koppie towards Nkaneng.	22	COLONEL VERMAAK: That's correct, Chair.
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2	COLONEL VERMAAK: That's correct.	2	maybe a minute before you're again back at that specific
3	MR GOTZ: And you will agree with me also	3	point.
4	that the Nyala that you see in both photographs is Nyala 5.	4	CHAIRPERSON: So in other words there
5	COLONEL VERMAAK: Well, I see it's been	5	were periods of about a minute when you weren't looking at
6	marked on this photo, it say 5 so I'll have to accept it	6	the group and so therefore you can't say what they were
7	but I did not know that for a fact.	7	doing during that time.
8	MR GOTZ: Okay. I think it has been	8	COLONEL VERMAAK: That is correct, Chair.
9	established by, through various witnesses and we can get	9	MR GOTZ: Lieutenant-Colonel, I hear your
10	those references if necessary, that that is in fact Nyala	10	answers. I think I should in fairness simply put the
11	5. So the position of Nyala 5 at this point, if you'll	11	following propositions to you. On slides 10 and 11 of our
12	refer back to side 2 of our presentation, had not in fact	12	presentation we have simply captured two seconds of a video
13	changed.	13	clip which is exhibit JJJ194.13. It is right at the
14	COLONEL VERMAAK: I saw it.	14	beginning of that clip and you'll see that at 15:50:23 and
15	MR GOTZ: So when one is looking at	15	at 15:50:24 Nyala 5 starts to move but at that point in
16	slides 8 and 9, one is looking at, effectively, Nyala 5	16	time the lead group of strikers is moving past Nyala 5 and
17	where it is parked across the road.	17	this clip is taken from a different angle from the
18	COLONEL VERMAAK: Chair, I can only	18	photograph that you see on slide 9 but is effectively taken
19	testify on what I've seen and what I have taken from the	19	at roughly the same time. And so Lieutenant-Colonel, what
20	air with my Pentax and with my Blackberry. As I explained,	20	1-
21	there was some times during the encircling with the	21	CHAIRPERSON: What are you putting to the
22	helicopter that you're not always, have everything visual	22	Colonel?
23	on the ground.	23	MR GOTZ: If one looks at the objective
24	MR GOTZ: I accept that you see it from a	24	evidence, the analysis that we then perform on page 12 of
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2	were, on our analysis, at 15:50:30. If you can now, your	2	MR GOTZ: Would you like us to play that
3	photograph of course is taken some two minutes after this,	3	clip, Lieutenant-Colonel?
4	what this seeks to represent, so it's not really surprising	4	COLONEL VERMAAK: I just want to show
4 5	that you don't see any people there and they've moved past	4 5	something and then you can decide if you want to play the
6	that point. Do you –	6	clip, Chair.
7	COLONEL VERMAAK: Chair, I just want to	7	MR GOTZ: Okay.
8	get to one of the photos we were shown.	8	MS PILLAY: I think the witness wants to
9	CHAIRPERSON: Mr Gotz, isn't the point	9	see the presentation, Chair, not the clip.
10	that he can't say whether that yellow arrow of yours on the	10	[11:46] MR GOTZ: Yes, no, I understand.
11	left-hand side as we look at the triangle is the route	11	COLONEL VERMAAK: Ja.
12	followed by the front group? You say there's evidence	12	MR GOTZ: Thank you. So if we can go
13	which indicates that. He says well, I was circling around,	13	back to –
14	I didn't take a photograph at the time when the group was	14	COLONEL VERMAAK: That one. Just go back
15	there, if they were there, I didn't take a photograph of	15	one. No, to the other side.
16	them where I think they were either. So you're trying to	16	MR GOTZ: Slide 10, isn't it?
17	get him to make a concession which I'm inclined to think	17	CHAIRPERSON: You want slide 10?
18	he's not really able to make, to be fair.	18	COLONEL VERMAAK: That's correct, Chair.
19	MR GOTZ: Well, Chair, of course I would	19	If you look at that policeman you will see more than, to
20	like the concession that he may possibly have been wrong in	20	his right side is a bush and if we go back to the previous
21	his analysis but I have indicated already that what we are	21	photo where the arrow is –
22	doing simply now is, in fairness to the witness, putting	22	MR GOTZ: Is that on slide 12?
23	the conclusion of our analysis of the objective evidence	23	COLONEL VERMAAK: That's it, that's it.
24	and -	24	If you can zoom in to the point where the policeman is.
25	CHAIRPERSON: I understand you're putting	25	MR GOTZ: Where would that be on your
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2	there is that Nyala 5 starts to move for the first time.	2	[VIDEO IS SHOWN]
	So it's a very short clip but you can see quite clearly		
4		4 5	MR GOTZ: Well, at 10 seconds it's
5	that it's the lead group of strikers that are moving past	5	15:50:57 and so the clip would commence at 15:50:47.
6	Nyala 5. Nyala 5 meanwhile starts to move and on our – CHAIRPERSON: What time is that clip?	6	CHAIRPERSON: You see the problem I've
7		7	got with this, I must put it to you so you can deal with it
8	MR GOTZ: Well, that – as we've indicated	8	if I'm on a dwaalspoor here, what we're debating or what
9	on slide 10, is at 15:50:23.	9	you're putting to the witness is the path followed by the
10	CHAIRPERSON: Ja. Well –	10	front group of strikers from 15:48 to 15:50. Now if they
11	MR GOTZ: We've taken two –	11	were a ball that were thrown into the air it's probably
12	CHAIRPERSON: What you've got on your	12	permissible to work out what the trajectory was from 15:48
13	page 12 is a depiction or based upon your analysis of what	13	to 15:40, 15:50, by looking at the trajectory after 15:50.
14	happened between 15:48:30 and 15:50:30 and in fact what you	14	But here's a bundle of human beings moving across the
15	- the earlier photograph is 15:50:23. So it's in that	15	ground and by looking where they were at 15:50 or after
16	period.	16	15:50 doesn't really help us to ascertain where they were
17	MR GOTZ: Yes.	17	between 15:48 and 15:50 because, as I say, if they were,
18	CHAIRPERSON: Now it seems from what the	18	you know, balls that were thrown, you can follow the end
19	witness is saying, if I'm wrong I trust he'll correct me,	19	part of the trajectory of the ball and you can work out
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12 poles.12 of that. You'll see that the, to the right of the -	
13COLONEL VERMAAK:Yes.13CHAIRPERSON:I'm reminded, it's b	
14 CHAIRPERSON: Then there's a fence from D 14 B and C, that's where Calitz went through and I'n	
15 to E, is that right?15 if that gap we see there is not where his Nyala kr	locked
16COLONEL VERMAAK:That's correct.16over the fence.	
17 MR GOTZ: Can we zoom in on the area 17 MR GOTZ: Indeed. So our assessm	
18which is between A and B?18would be that he drove through the fence roughly	
19CHAIRPERSON:A and B there also appear19middle, mid-point between the points marked B a	nd C.
20 to be fence poles, isn't that right? When was this picture 20 Lieutenant-Colonel, would you –	
21taken? Was this after Brigadier Calitz had driven his21CHAIRPERSON:In the middle, I'm i	
22 Nyala through the fence, knocked part of it down? 22 to think it's more to the left towards Brigadier – t	
23 COLONEL VERMAAK: Yes, it – 23 appear to be two fence poles, one of which is be	J. J
24 MR GOTZ: That's the second point that I 24 sideways near the top. If I was a betting man, w	
25 wanted to make, was that this – let me explain, this 25 not, I would put money on it that that's where he	went
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2 was taken by you or – Lieutenant-Colonel Botha. 2 MR GOTZ: No –	
3 CHAIRPERSON: LCRC man – 3 CHAIRPERSON: It doesn't matter rea	lly,
4 MR GOTZ: But it was taken the morning 4 for our purposes.	-
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7 COLONEL VERMAAK: No, I'm not sure that 7 there, B to C.	
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9 MR GOTZ: Be that as it may would you 9 can't. Can you help us with that? Apart from what	t you saw
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3	adjourn at noon because the technicians have to go to Wits	
4	to the seminar site to set up their equipment there. So I	
5	fear this fascinating debate is going to be, not be able to	
6	be terminated today but we can look forward in eager	
7	anticipation to tomorrow, to the exciting conclusion to	
8	this debate.	
9	MR GOTZ: I hope, Chair –	
10	CHAIRPERSON: Shall we adjourn now until	
11	tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock?	
12	MR GOTZ: I hope to be very brief in	
13	relation to this fascinating topic tomorrow, Chair.	
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