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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE FARLAM (RETIRED) - CHAIRPERSON MR TOKOTA SC MS HEMRAJ SC

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    [PROCEEDINGS ON 14 APRIL 2014]
                                                                       that, when exactly on the 13th did you make these notes,
    [09:20] CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                       Colonel?
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                                    The Commission resumes.
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    Lieutenant-Colonel, you're still under oath. Ms Baloyi?
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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           OMPHILE JOSEPH MERAFE:
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                                                                       13th, Mr Chairperson, after the operation at the railway
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           EXAMINATION BY MS BALOYI (CONTD.):
                                                          Thank
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                                                                       crossing.
                                                                              MS BALOYI:
    you, Chair. Colonel Merafe, if you would go back to the
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                                                                                                Thank you, Chair. That first
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    statement that we were dealing with last week which is
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                                                                       note, "Barbed wire between koppie and the squatter camp,"
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    0001.
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                                                                       what is that all about?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Yes?
                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                        Chairperson, we were
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           MS BALOYI:
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                                                                       thinking that that would be the place where we would put
                              And then you go to page 19,
                                                                       the barbed wire in order to stop the people there coming
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    page 19.
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     I am at page 19,
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                                                                       together with the people from the squatter camps.
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    Chairperson.
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                                                                              MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                When you say "we," you and
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           MS BALOYI:
                              And you will recall that at
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                                                                       who? Who is "we?"
    the time of the break we were dealing with paragraph 5.28.
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                                                        Me and the leaders,
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     I remember, Chairperson.
                                                                       people like Brigadier Calitz and the Colonel Scott of the
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           MS BALOYI:
                              Yes. Perhaps before we
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                                                                       POP, the TRT, the people who were present in the JOC at
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    continue with paragraph 5.28 let me refer you to exhibit
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                                                                       that time.
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    JJJ186 which is a copy of your diary. Chair, this is item
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                                                                              MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                So am I correct to understand
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    4 in our index.
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                                                                       you to be saying that you had a discussion with Brigadier
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 In your file. Yes and I
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                                                                       Calitz and other commanders?
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    see it's already been marked as an exhibit.
                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                        That is so, Chairperson.
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           MS BALOYI:
                              It is indeed, Chair. If you
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                                                                              MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                Now, the second entry or
    go to page 2 of that document which is dated the 13th,
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                                                                       rather the second, the third line, "Nyalas for block," what
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                                                                       is that, what does that mean?
    Monday, August 2012, do you see that?
                                                      Page 26684
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                                                                             COLONEL MERAFE:
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     I see, Chairperson.
                                                                                                      These were intended to
           MS BALOYI:
                                                                       put in to block the people from meeting the others by using
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                              Yes. Can I just confirm that
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    these are the diary entries that you made on the 13th of
                                                                       these armoured vehicles.
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    August?
                                                                             MS BALOYI:
                                                                                               Then if you go down to the
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                       sixth line it says, "7 Nyalas of POP for blocking." Is
                                     It is correct, on the
    evening of the 13th.
                                                                       that the same point still?
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           MS BALOYI:
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                                                                             COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                      Still correct.
                              Yes. Now keeping your finger
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    on that diary, if you would then go to exhibit QQQ5, you
                                                                       Chairperson.
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    see the copy of your notebook? Are you there yet?
                                                                             MS BALOYI:
                                                                                               Now, what time did you finish
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                       work, did you knock off on the 13th?
                                     I am.
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           MS BALOYI:
                              Now if you look at page 1 of
                                                                             COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                      Chairperson, I did not
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    that document, it is dated 13/08/12. Is that the date on
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                                                                       knock off on the day, the 13th, because I worked right
    which you made this note?
                                                                       through until the 14th at about 10 o'clock.
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                             MS BALOYI:
                                                                                               Now if you turn to the next
                                     Correct, Chairperson.
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           MS BALOYI:
                              Now, the first item on that
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                                                                       page, still QQQ5, the next page the heading date is the
                                                                       15/08/12, do you see that?
    note, it says "Barbed wire between koppie and the squatter
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    camp." Firstly let me ask you, this note, what does it
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                                                                             COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                      I see, Chairperson.
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                                                                                               Yes. In this bundle of
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    reflect? What is this note all about?
                                                                             MS BALOYI:
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     This is where I was
                                                                       documents, these copies, there is no note for the 14th of
    writing some of the notes that would serve as reminders for
                                                                       August, why is that?
                                                                  20
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    me when we drew the plan.
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                                                                             COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                      Chairperson, as I said,
           MS BALOYI:
                             Yes, and the first item
                                                                       I reported on duty on the 13th and I went on working. The
22
    there, "Barbed wire between koppie and the squatter camp,"
                                                                       14th was an ordinary working day. I did not remember to put
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24 what is that all about?
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                                                                       the date of that day as I was continuing with the job.
           COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Well, just before
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                                                                             MS BALOYI:
                                                                                               Mr Mahlangu, perhaps let the
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    witness repeat his answer. I'm not guite sure that that's
                                                                       day, the 14th and the 15th Colonel Vermaak was part of the
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    exactly what he said.
                                                                       people that were meeting in the JOC with the others.
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    The book I was using was
                                                                              MS BALOYI:
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    my ordinary scribbling book. Chairperson, as I said, I did
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                                                                       Vermaak testify before this Commission that at these
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    not knock off duty on the 13th, as I have already explained.
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                                                                       meetings he expressed concerns about the plan that was
    It was a continuation until the 14th when I went off, the
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                                                                       proposed for the operation. Did you hear Colonel Vermaak's
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    evening
                                                                       objections or concerns about the plan?
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           MS BALOYI:
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                             Now if you go back to JJJ186
                                                                                                       Chairperson, I did not
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    and you look at the entries on the 14th, under the 14th,
                                                                       hear any complaints that were made by Colonel Vermaak on
    Tuesday of that 2012, do you see that?
                                                                       those days and/or any other inputs or suggestions that he
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                    I see, Chairperson.
                                                                       made.
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           MS BALOYI:
                             Yes. Are these the entries
                                                                              MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                Now if you turn to -
    that you made on the 14th in your diary?
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                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
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                                                                                                              Apart from
           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                    That is it, yes. I
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                                                                       complaints, did you hear him make any contribution towards
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    remember this well.
                                                                       the plan that ought to be drawn up and followed?
           MS BALOYI:
                              And at the bottom of that it
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                       Whilst I was there,
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    indicates that you knocked off duty at 10PM, you see that?
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                                                                       Chairperson, in the meeting, I did not hear any complaints
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    Correct, Chairperson.
                                                                       that came from Colonel Vermaak. If such were made,
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           MS BALOYI:
                              Now, if we go back to QQQ1
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                                                                       Chairperson, it could have been together with the
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    and 5.28, "After the plan exercise with Colonel Scott, we
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                                                                       commanders whilst people were working because people were
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    did a slide presentation and briefed members on the same
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                                                                       discussing things as we were working.
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                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
    day about what the plan would be." This was on the 14th, am
                                                                                                              The question was
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    I correct?
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                                                                       whether he made any contribution towards the plan, apart
                                                                       from complaints?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    Correct, Chairperson.
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           MS BALOYI:
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                             Now the slide presentation
                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                       Chairperson, I
                                                      Page 26688
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    and briefing to members on that day, what was it? What did
                                                                        personally, I don't remember taking any such part during
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    it entail?
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                                                                        the planning.
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    They were indicating to
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                      You've worked with him
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    the members the place in which the operation was going to
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                                                                        quite a lot, haven't you, over the years? You've worked
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    take place, showing them roads and where Nyala vehicles
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                                                                        with him guite a lot over the years, is that right?
    would be deployed together with members, they were showing
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                                                         Correct, Chairperson.
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    them on the slide, together with the barbed wire.
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                      Now he named a lot of ideas
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           MS BALOYI:
                             Now, at paragraph 5.29 you
                                                                        of his own about POP work and POP operations, didn't he?
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    say that you attended the morning JOCCOM on the 15th, is
                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                          Correct, Chairperson.
    that correct?
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                      And he was of course the
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    Correct, Chairperson.
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                                                                        commander of the POP unit up to 2005, so he had a fair
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           MS BALOYI:
                             Yes. For the rest of that
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                                                                        amount of experience as well, is that right?
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    day on the 15th, what did you do?
                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                          I agree, Chairperson,
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                    Chairperson, on the 15th
                                                                        yes.
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
    we went to see an observation post. This is where the
                                                                                                      Now, the impression I get
    protesters were gathering. At that time there were
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                                                                        of him, he's not a man who just sits quietly and keeps his
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    consultations, that is, that were taking place between the
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                                                                        mouth shut. If he's got ideas and he can make a
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    police – negotiations rather, taking place between members
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                                                                        contribution, he makes it, is that right?
    of the police and the protesters. Another thing was an
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                          Chairperson, I take it
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    endeavour to bring the leaders of the union also to assist
                                                                        if I have a suggestion or I say something in the meeting
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    in this endeavour.
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                                                                        this would be taken down in writing.
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           MS BALOYI:
                             Now on the 14th and the 15th,
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                      Well, yes, except that the
   did you see Colonel Vermaak at these JOC meetings in the
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                                                                        minutes don't seem to be very complete about the full
24 morning?
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                                                                        discussion but anyway, I'm busy with a different point.
           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                  Chairperson yes, on that
                                                                        When he's at a meeting and he's got ideas on the matters,
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    the matter being discussed and he's got experience dealing
                                                                         names, Warrant Officer Kgatshe, Warrant Officer Dinyamo,
    with the matter being discussed, does he make comments and
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                                                                         Constable Motswahae and Constable Dlamini. You see that?
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    make contributions and come with inputs?
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                                                                         In fact the last one is Constable Moraka, you see that?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     I'm not saying he did
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                          I see, Chairperson.
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    not, Chairperson, but I'm saying if he did that, he
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                                                                                MS BALOYI:
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                                                                                                          Members of the POP who
    possibly did it when I was not in the meeting.
                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 No, but I'm busy with a
                                                                         are trained in the driving of the Nyala vehicle.
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                                                                         [09:40] MS BALOYI:
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    different point. It's a question of normally, I'm not
                                                                                                     Yes. Now we've had, in fact
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    interested in this particular meeting, normally when you
                                                                         we see in the letter, one of the many letters written by
    have meetings, when there are meetings and he's there and
                                                                         Colonel Vermaak, in the letter of 12 December 2012, that he
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    matters are being discussed about which he has ideas of his
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                                                                         says people who did not have experience or training in
    own, does he normally raise them?
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                                                                         driving Nyalas were deployed to drive Nyalas during the
           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                     That is correct,
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                                                                         operation. What is your comment to that?
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    Chairperson. If there is a meeting, yes, he does speak.
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                          Chairperson, in the unit
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 Yes, so he doesn't keep
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                                                                         in which I work, the public order police in Rustenburg, I
    quiet at meetings, does he, and if there's something he
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                                                                         don't remember giving keys to people to drive Nyalas who
    doesn't like he writes a letter afterwards, is that right?
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                                                                         have not been trained. So my comment will be - I can only
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     I realise that he does
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                                                                         say when Colonel Vermaak said so, I don't know how, where
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    write.
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                                                                         his words were directed to.
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 I mean I take it he's quite
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                                                                                MS BALOYI:
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    a prolific letter writer, setting out his comments on
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                                                                         JJJ186 again, which is your diary, and you look at the
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                                                                         entries on 16 August 2012 and I want to direct you to the
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    various matters, is that right?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                         entry at 15:30, what is that entry about?
                                     Chairperson, a person
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
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    feels, does that which he feels.
                                                                                                          On this day, the 16th of
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                                                                         the month of August in the year 2012, Brigadier Calitz
           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 Thank you.
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                                           Did you leave
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           COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
    either of the JOCCOM meetings on the 14th and the 15th prior
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Page 26694 phoned me at the time mentioned there, Chairperson, asking me to send 4 000 of R5 to the Lonmin JOC. I instructed 3 Lieutenant Kgolibana who is at the ammunition store, to 4 send the 4 000 rounds of ammunition to Marikana. 5 MS BALOYI: Did Brigadier Calitz tell you 6 why he required these 4 000 for R5? 7 **COLONEL MERAFE:** He only said I should 8 send this and it was an instruction, he did not explain to 9 me why he wanted this ammunition. 10 MS BALOYI: Now you make the entry at 15:30. Is there significance to the time at which you make 11 12 this entry? 13 **COLONEL MERAFE:** According to what I 14 wrote, I was writing the instruction that was being given 15 to me. More than that, no other explanation save to say, 16 Chairperson, that if I've got to issue things such as 17 ammunition being sent somewhere, I've got to put this down 18 in writing 19 MS BALOYI: Yes. What I'm asking you is 20 why do you make the entry at 15:30, at half past three in 21 your diary? COLONEL MERAFE: That is the time I 23 received the instruction, Chairperson. 24 MS BALOYI: Now if you would go back -25 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Sorry, and you

3 to them ending? 4 **COLONEL MERAFE:** The 14th and the 15th I 5 did not leave the meeting whilst it was on. I was in the meetings from the start up to the completion of the 6 7 meeting. 8 MS BALOYI: Colonel Merafe, did you have 9 any involvement with this operation on the 16th? What was 10 your involvement? 11 **COLONEL MERAFE:** On the 16th, Chairperson, 12 I did not take part in the operation at Marikana on that day. I was altogether not in Marikana, Chairperson. 13 14 MS BALOYI: Before we move on to days 15 beyond the 16th, if I may refer you again to QQQ5 and we turn to page 2 of that exhibit. Again this is entries in 16 17 your notebook and do you see the heading is 15/08/2012 and 18 then in the third line it reads, "Nyala drivers to report 19 to the JOC" and then you have names are that, Lieutenant 20 Khutu, Lieutenant Molobye. Who are these people? 21 COLONEL MERAFE: The two, Lieutenant Khutu and Lieutenant Molobye were commanders of POP which were at Marikana. 23 MS BALOYI: And further down, three lines down you say, the heading is "Nyala drivers" and you have

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                                                                                                                        Page 26697
    received this instruction telephonically from Brigadier
                                                                       we've looked at page 2. If you would turn to page 3 -
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    Calitz, did you?
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                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                                                                                              Just before you
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      Correct, Chairperson,
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                                                                       leave page 2, that entry about Warrant Officer Lepaaku
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    because I wasn't near him, that's why he phoned me.
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                                                                       being taken to the hospital which date does that entry
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            COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                             And that was a call
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                                                                       refer to, Colonel?
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    on your cell phone, Colonel?
                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                       Chairperson, Warrant
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                                      I think that there would
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                       Officer Lepaaku was taken to hospital on the 13th of August.
    have been reference in my cell phone in connection with
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                                                                       As I have already explained, this book is my scribbler.
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    this discussion.
                                                                       This is not where I'm expected to write everything in
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            COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                             So this call did
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                                                                       accordance with the date and so on. It's my own, it's a
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    come through on your cell phone?
                                                                       personal thing, Chairperson, and not an official document.
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      Chairperson, yes. On
                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                                                                                              Yes, and this note
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    the printout in my cell phone -
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                                                                       was made when, did you say, Colonel?
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            COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                             Thank you.
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                       I was just noting here
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      - there would be noted
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                                                                       so that I could remember this incident, which hospital
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    that this conversation did take place.
                                                                       Warrant Officer Lepaaku was taken to, in order to assist me
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            COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                             Yes, thank you.
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                                                                       later when I was to make a statement so that I am reminded
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            MS BALOYI:
                               Thank you, Chair. Now if you
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                                                                       about these things.
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    would then turn to page 21 of QQQ1 -
                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                                                                                              Yes, I appreciate
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                       that. Could you just tell us when you made this particular
                                      I have it.
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                                                                       entry?
            MS BALOYI:
                               The paragraph with the
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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    heading, "The session at Roots," you see that?
                                                                                                       Chairperson, on the 15th.
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                                                                                              Thank you so much.
                                      I see it, Chairperson.
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                                                                       I'm sorry to have interrupted you.
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            MS BALOYI:
                               Yes. Now Colonel, an
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                                                                              MS BALOYI:
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                                                                                                Thank you. Thank you, Chair.
    observation at the outset. You have not in your other
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    statements - this is QQQ2, QQQ3 and GGG15 - you have not
                                                                      Now if you go to page 3 and you have a date there, the 20 -
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    made any reference to the session at Roots in any of the
                                                                      in the middle, almost in the middle of the page, 21/08/2012
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    other statements. Why is that so?
                                                                      Marikana, you see that?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    Chairperson, in my
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    statement QQQ3, this was during the consultation with my
                                                                             MS BALOYI:
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    legal representative, I was responding to questions that
                                                                             CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                                                   [Microphone off, inaudible]
    were being asked, put, that were being put to me and I
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                                                                      - Adv Hemraj asked you about, Andrew Saffy Hospital is in
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    responded directly to questions.
                                                                      Wonderkop, isn't it?
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           MS BALOYI:
                                                                             COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                      Correct, Chairperson,
                              Colonel Merafe - Mr Mahlangu,
    perhaps let the witness answer the question again and then
                                                                      yes. It is in Wonderkop.
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    you interpret. I'm not sure that that was the correct
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                                                                             CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                                                   In your statement that you
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    interpretation.
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                                                                      made on the 13th, which is exhibit QQQ6, you'd already
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           MR MAHLANGU:
                                  As it pleases you. I said
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                                                                      recorded that on page 3, that Warrant Officer Lepaaku had
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    in QQQ3 I was responding to important questions that were
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                                                                      been taken firstly to the local clinic and thereafter to
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                                                                      what you described as the Wonderkop Hospital where he later
    being put to me by evidence leaders.
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                                                                      died. So you'd already recorded in your statement of the
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Specific questions,
                                                                       13th that Warrant Officer Lepaaku was taken first to the
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    actually, not important.
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           MR MAHLANGU:
                                  Specific questions -
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                                                                      clinic and then to the Andrew Saffy Hospital at Wonderkop -
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           MS BALOYI:
                              Yes.
                                                                      that's the only hospital in Wonderkop, I understand - and
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Chairperson, in the
                                                                      that he died there that day. So why did you find it
21
    statement QQQ2 and GGG15, I was making mention of the
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                                                                       necessary to write it again on the 15th?
   operations in which I was involved, starting with the 10th
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                                                                             COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                      As I have explained,
    of the month of August 2012 to the 15th of August 2012.
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                                                                      Chairperson, the document that is being referred to that I
       MS BALOYI:
                              Now if you would go to
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                                                                      referred to as a scribbler, which was taken from me,
   exhibit QQQ5, that's the notes from your notebook, now
                                                                       Chairperson, would not give correct dates to answers.
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           MS BALOYI:
                               Colonel, perhaps just for the
                                                                       strike at the municipality of Koster.
1
    record, this document, this statement QQQ6 which is your
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                                                     Oh, I see. So that's the
3
    statement, why was, why did you prepare this statement?
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                                                                        place where there was a municipal strike and then you go on
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    What was the purpose?
                                                                        to say that you received a briefing from the municipal
            COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
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                                                                        manager and it looks as if the staff were demanding a
                                             Are you referring
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    to the statement that has the CAS number at the top -
                                                                       meeting with management and there's also, there was an
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           MS BALOYI:
                               It is indeed, Chair.
                                                                        unprotected strike. So is the point that Brigadier Calitz
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           COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                             It must be a
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                                                                        didn't want the POP members who had been involved in the
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    criminal investigation of some sort.
                                                                        Marikana incidents to be deployed to deal with the Koster
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           MS BALOYI:
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                                                                       strike? Is that what you're saying?
                               Yes, I just wanted him to
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
     confirm on record, Commissioner.
                                                                                                        No, Chairperson, that's
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      I took some time,
                                                                        not what I'm saying.
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    Chairperson, because I did not want to give a confusion
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                     Okay.
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    question, I just wanted to make very sure what - Chair, a
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                        There is a line that is
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15
    murder case was being opened.
                                                                        drawn there in the question just below, drawn there, about
16
           MS BALOYI:
                               Yes. Now if you go back to
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                                                                        the question that the Chairperson is asking me about.
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    QQQ5 and you go to page 3 where you have that date,
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                                                                        Chairperson, what I'm saying here is that there was a
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     2012/08/21 and then Marikana, do you see that?
                                                                       specific instruction that I should nominate members for
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      I see, Chairperson.
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                                                                        firearm training. As we go down, the following where I
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           MS BALOYI:
                               Yes. The entries that you
                                                                   20
                                                                       write about briefing, the municipality, that is something
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                                                                        totally different, something happening somewhere else.
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    make under that heading of that date, they appear to carry
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
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    on to the next page 4. What are those entries about? Do
                                                                                                 Chairperson, I may have
23
    they relate to the operation at Marikana?
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                                                                       caused confusion in the say that I asked the question at
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                       the time.
                                      Some of the points that
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                                                                   25
    I wrote there, Chairperson, have nothing, are not connected
                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                     Anyway, he sorted it out
                                                      Page 26700
                                                                                                                         Page 26702
                                                                       but what I want to know is why did Brigadier Calitz say
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    with the Marikana incident.
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           MS BALOYI:
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                                                                       that the members need to be replaced if they were involved
                               If you look at the first
3
    paragraph, though, which says "Members that should attend
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                                                                       in Marikana shooting? I don't understand that. You had to
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    firearm training, Brigadier Calitz said they need to be
                                                                       nominate people to attend firearm training, right? Now did
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    replaced if they were involved in Marikana shooting." What
                                                                       Brigadier Calitz not want people who had been involved in
    is that entry about? What are you talking to there?
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                                                                       Marikana to attend the firearm training or did he want
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      Chairperson, we were
                                                                       people who had been involved in Marikana to attend the
    saying here that people that were involved in the Marikana
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                                                                       firearm training? I don't understand this entry that
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    shooting should not be redeployed there and then there was
                                                                       you've made, can you please explain it to me?
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    then training in the use of firearms and then there was
                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                        Chairperson, after the
11
    this instruction from Brigadier Calitz that those people
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                                                                       Marikana incident some of the police had to undergo
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    who had been involved in the Marikana incident should not
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                                                                       counselling. Some policemen's firearms had been taken from
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    be sent for that, to that training.
                                                                   13
                                                                       them. The position is that if a person, if a policeman's
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           CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                       firearm has been taken away from him, we do not give him
                                  Colonel, am I correct in
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    thinking that what that's about is, there was another
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                                                                       another firearm at the same time. So we had to let them
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    strike that you were dealing with, another unprotected
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                                                                       undergo this process of counselling.
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    strike at the municipality, is that right? That's the note
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                                                                              MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                 Now, the rest of the entry in
18
    that you made at 12:10. Now just above that there's a note
                                                                   18
                                                                       that page which falls under the heading "Koster strike at
    that refers to a strike at the municipality, what was that
                                                                       the municipality" and you carry on to page 4 and it
20
    strike? What's that word in front of strike?
                                                                   20
                                                                       concludes with "Wolmaransstad under administration" and
21
           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      Koster.
                                                                   21
                                                                       some further writing below that, am I correct that this has
22
           CHAIRPERSON:
                                  What was the Koster strike?
                                                                       nothing to do with the operation in Marikana?
                                                                   22
    Was it a strike at Koster or what -
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                        That is correct.
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Chairperson, during the

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COLONEL MERAFE:

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time that there was this problem at Marikana, there was a

in the same exhibit if you go to page 5 and the, in the

Now still dealing with the,

MS BALOYI:

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Page 26703
                                                                                                                         Page 26705
     first line 2012/08/29 Marikana presentation, you see that?
                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                    Perhaps Ms Pillay can tell
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      I see, Chairperson.
                                                                       us what the evidence was.
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            MS BALOYI:
                               Yes. Now in QQQ1, paragraph
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                                                                              MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                Yes, it would be helpful if
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     6.1 you say, "I was called up to Roots on 29 to 31 August
                                                                   4
                                                                       she did.
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     2012 and 3 to 6 September 2012." Do you see that?
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                    Insofar as it's relevant to
     [10:00] COLONEL MERAFE:
                                        I see that part, yes.
                                                                   6
                                                                       the question.
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            MS BALOYI:
                               So the date that appears on
                                                                              MS PILLAY:
                                                                                                Chair, the evidence of
     page 5 of QQQ5, that is day 1 of your attendance at Roots,
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                                                                       Colonel Vermaak related to the question of the Colonel
 9
     am I correct?
                                                                       indicating, Colonel Merafe indicating that he was better
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                       placed to handle the operation rather than General Mpembe.
                                      That's correct.
            MS BALOYI:
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                                                                       It did not relate to any threats to General Mpembe's life.
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                               Now in your, before we deal
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                                                                              MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                Chairperson, may I reserve
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     with QQQ5, in your statement under paragraph 6, "The
13
     session at Roots," you set down in paragraph 6.1 what you
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                                                                       this question? I would like to look at the transcript. My
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14
     understood to be the purpose of the meeting at Roots. Do
                                                                       recollection is as I have put it.
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
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     you see that?
                                                                                                   Certainly.
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                                                                              MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                Thank you, Chair. Now you
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      I see, Chairperson.
                                                                       then say, "I was sitting next to Major-General Mpembe and
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            MS BALOYI:
                               Perhaps in your words, what
                                                                   17
18
     did you understand to be the purpose of the meeting?
                                                                       Major-General Mpembe turned and looked at me. I said to
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      The meeting at Roots was
                                                                   19
                                                                       the Major-General that I didn't know anything of what
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     to prepare for the Commission.
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                                                                       Colonel Vermaak was talking and said that I could not have
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                                                                       been part of any member that may have made a threat on the
            MS BALOYI:
                               And you set out in paragraph
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                                                                       General due to the fact that I left the scene to take
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     6.2 what happened on the first day.
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                                                                       Warrant Officer Lepaaku to the clinic and did not speak to
            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      That's correct,
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24
     Chairperson.
                                                                       Colonel Vermaak at the scene." Now, did you, did you at
25
            MS BALOYI:
                               Now, in paragraph 6.3 you
                                                                       any point make a threat - first question, did you at any
                                                      Page 26704
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     say, "Before started in my breakaway group, Major-General
                                                                       point make a threat during the operation of the 13th or
 1
    Mpembe asked Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak to tell him who
 2
                                                                       afterwards, make a threat to kill General Mpembe?
 3
     threatened to kill him on 13 August 2012. Major-General
                                                                   3
                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                       Chairperson, never did I
 4
     Mpembe said to Colonel Vermaak if he did not disclose the
                                                                   4
                                                                       at any stage threaten General Mpembe with death.
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 5
     person that made the threat, he would lay a charge of
                                                                              MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                Did any person in your
                                                                       presence make a threat to kill General Mpembe on the 13th or
 6
    intimidation against Colonel Vermaak." Now please tell the
                                                                   6
 7
     Commission what was Colonel Vermaak's reaction? What did
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                                                                       any time after the operation of the 13th?
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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    he say?
                                                                                                       I did not come across
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                                                                       anybody who said he wanted to kill General Mpembe.
           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Colonel Vermaak said to
    General Mpembe, "Kyk na die man langs jou."
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                                                                              MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                Did you at any stage hear
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           MR MAHLANGU:
                                  That is in Afrikaans. Look
                                                                       that there was a threat to kill General Mpembe as a result
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                                                                   11
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     at the man next to you.
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                                                                       of the operation of the 13th?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     In other words, he was
                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                       I was hearing for the
14
     saying the person who had said he was going to threaten the
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                                                                       first time at Roots, Chairperson, when General Mpembe was
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     death of the General was me, was Merafe, because I was
                                                                   15
                                                                       questioning Colonel Vermaak.
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     seated next to the General.
                                                                              MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                Yes. Now, at the Roots -
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           MS BALOYI:
                              Now we've heard the evidence
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                   Sorry to interrupt. When
                                                                       you were at the scene on the 13th by the railway line where
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    of Colonel Vermaak who says that during a tea break you
                                                                   18
     told him that there had been a threat to kill General
                                                                       the killing took place, were you there when Major Mpembe
    Mpembe. Did you have that conversation?
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                                                                       was taken away from the scene or had you already left?
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           MS PILLAY:
                             Chair, just an objection.
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                       I wasn't present,
22
   That wasn't the evidence of Colonel Vermaak, Chair.
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                                                                       Chairperson.
           MS BALOYI:
                           Chairperson, I put it as best
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                   Did you hear later that
24 as I can remember. I don't pursue it at this point. I'll
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                                                                       evening that General Mpembe had been taken away from the
   look at the transcript during the tea break for accuracy.
                                                                       scene after Colonel Vermaak had spoken to the Provincial
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    Commissioner?
                                                                        reaction, response to this, if at all?
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    I did not hear anything,
                                                                                                         The General was denying
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    Chairperson. What happened is that when I came to the
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                                                                        this but it was obvious, Chairperson, that he's denying
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    scene I was also removed from the scene, I was taken away.
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                                                                        because he has to deny.
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           CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
                                Did you hear any
                                                                                                  What do you mean by that?
    dissatisfaction before you went away from the scene, did
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         There are many people
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    you hear any dissatisfaction expressed by any of your
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                                                                        that would always deny the truth, Chairperson.
    members about the decision which General Mpembe had taken?
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                  Colonel, what does it mean?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    It's true, Chairperson,
                                                                        Did you hear General Mpembe give the instruction to fire
    that the members were not happy that General Mpembe took
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                                                                        teargas?
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    over the control of the operation of the 13th.
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         Chairperson, I say Thupe
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                Was the dissatisfaction
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                                                                        was saying this, that he had heard General Mpembe say,
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    confined to the fact that General Mpembe had taken over
                                                                   13
                                                                        giving this instruction.
    control of the operation from you or was the
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                  Yes.
    dissatisfaction also about the fact that General Mpembe had
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                                                         While listening to the
    allowed the strikers to leave without any attempt to disarm
                                                                        discussion as they were talking, I could infer there are
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    them?
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                                                                        some difficulties there because it would be difficult for a
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    Chairperson, if the
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                                                                        person to point at you to say, "I heard you say so" when
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    operation was not taken away from me, there wouldn't have
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                                                                        you did not, when he did not hear it.
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    been the eventualities -
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                  Yes. Now, the entry on page-
21
           MR MAHLANGU:
                                 The dissatisfaction about
                                                                   21
                                                                               COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                                                                                                Sorry, sorry. Did
22
    the members, Chairperson, was that if the operation had not
                                                                   22
                                                                        you understand that that order allegedly given by General
23
    been taken away from me there would not have been the
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                                                                        Mpembe was over the radio?
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    eventualities that happened.
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         No, Thupe, Captain Thupe
           CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                        said he was walking together with the General at the back.
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                                Yes, I heard him say that
                                                                                                                          Page 26710
                                                      Page 26708
    in English. I'm not sure that I heard him say it in
                                                                        He also confirms what Kuhn was saying. Kuhn said he heard
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    Tswana. When did you hear the members say that, what
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                                                                        the word "teargas."
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    you've just told us?
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                     I understood you to say
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    After the operation of
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                                                                        that he also said that Kuhn told him that he heard General
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    the 13th, about the 14th or so, members were mentioning
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                                                                       Mpembe?
    their dissatisfaction.
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                                                                                                         Yes, sir. When they
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 They didn't mention it to
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                                                                        started talking about this topic, Chairperson, Thupe said
    you on the scene on the 13th before you left?
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                                                                        "General, I heard Kuhn saying you had said teargas but I
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    The 13th, Chairperson,
                                                                        also heard that word coming from you, teargas."
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    after taking Warrant Officer Lepaaku and I came back, I
                                                                               MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                  Thank you, Commissioner. Now
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11
    wasn't there long to have a discussion with the members.
                                                                        the notes on page 5, are these notes that you made on the
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           MS BALOYI:
                             Thank you, Chair. Now in
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                                                                        29th, on the day itself?
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    your breakaway group, we're still at Roots, was there any
                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         Correct, Chairperson.
    discussion at all relating to the firing or the
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
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    circumstances of the firing of teargas, the first teargas
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                                                                        line, it says - in fact starting with the first line, it
    during the operation?
                                                                        says "2012/08/29 Marikana, presentation for the
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    Yes, there was. There
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                                                                        16/08/2012." Do you see that?
                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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    was that discussion, Chairperson.
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                                                                                                         I see, Chairperson.
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           MS BALOYI:
                             What was the discussion,
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                 Yes, and you have a list of
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    Colonel?
                                                                   20
                                                                        items. What does this note speak to?
           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                    The discussion was that
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                        Here we were talking
   Captain Thupe had been told by Kuhn that Kuhn heard General
                                                                        about headings of what topics we were going to discuss.
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   Mpembe give that instruction. And Thupe also insisted,
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                                                                                                 And if you go further down,
24 General, "I heard you saying teargas."
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                                                                        about three-quarters of the page there's a date 2012/08/30,
           MS BALOYI: And what was General Mpembe's
                                                                       you see that?
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                                                                       long discussions there, Chairperson, because people would
 1
            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                       That's correct.
                                                                       still come to give evidence before the Commission.
 2
     Chairperson.
                               Is this still - these notes.
 3
            MS BALOYI:
                                                                              MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                Thank you, Chair. At page 7
 4
     do they still pertain, do they still relate to Roots, the
                                                                       the first line, "Team of experts" and then you have a list
 5
     session at Roots?
                                                                   5
                                                                       of names there, now is this, at page 7, is that a
            COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                       continuation of the entry that you made on the 4th of
                                      Yes, it is so, Chair.
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            MS BALOYI:
                               And then if you turn to page
                                                                       September 2012? Is that a continuation of what we see at
     6 you have a date 2012/08/31 Marikana, do you see that?
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                                                                       page 6, or not?
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     It looks like "Brigadier" at the end, "Presentation at
                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                       Chairperson, no, it is
     Potchefstroom." The top half of the page, you see that?
                                                                  10
                                                                       not so. This is where I had met the team of experts.
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                       I see, Chairperson.
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                                                                       These are people with experience in public order policing
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                               Does that still relate to the
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                                                                       who were not part of the people, of the operation at
            MS BALOYI:
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                                                                       Marikana.
     session at Roots?
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                       It's up there where you
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                                                                              MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                Is that the team, is that the
15
     start about it, yes, but down here where it refers to the
                                                                       task team of POP experts that you refer to in paragraph 7
     date of the 3rd, I remember having met experts, police
                                                                       of QQQ1?
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                       Correct, Chairperson,
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     experts at the Elgro Hotel -
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            MS BALOYI:
                               Yes, before we get there I
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                                                                       ves.
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     would like you to look at the entry 2012/09/03, do you see
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                                                                              MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                Now Colonel, what did you
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     that?
                                                                       understand to be the purpose of this meeting or your
            COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                  21
                                                                       meeting with this team of experts?
                                       I see, Chairperson.
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            MS BALOYI:
                               Yes, and the first line is
                                                                  22
                                                                       [10:19] COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         My meeting with the
23
     "Potchefstroom for debriefing." Is that still the session
                                                                  23
                                                                       experts, the team of experts, Chairperson, was to explain
                                                                  24
                                                                       to them the part which was played by the POP members at the
24
     at Roots?
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                                                                       Marikana operation - instruction, national instruction, the
            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                       That is correct,
                                                      Page 26712
                                                                                                                        Page 26714
     Chairperson.
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                                                                       tactical option, execution or -
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 2
           MS BALOYI:
                              And under that date in the
                                                                   2
                                                                              MR MAHLANGU:
                                                                                                     And to explain what he has
                                                                       said now in terms of the POP, if we did in accordance with
 3
     last line you have "application for videos and vehicles"
 4
     and then "video units," I think it is. What is that entry?
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                                                                       national instructions, the tactical option as well as the
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      This entry refers to
                                                                       execution of -
     that, the allegation that there was, we had a shortage of
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                     Now, was that about what
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                                                                       happened on the 13th or the 16th, or both?
     videos and the video operators mentioning that they were
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     driving around in a marked vehicle which exposed them to
                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                        They were actually
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     danger.
                                                                       generalising everything that happened in Marikana. They
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           MS BALOYI:
                              And the next entry is on the
                                                                       were interested in the role of the POP throughout, from the
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     4th. It says "2012/09/04" you see that?
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                                                                       13th up to the 16th, Chairperson.
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      I see, Chairperson.
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                     You couldn't help them on
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           MS BALOYI:
                               Is this still the session at
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                                                                       the 16th at all, could you?
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     Roots?
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                      Correct.
                                                                       because I was not there.
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           MS BALOYI:
                              Now in the last line of that
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
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     entry, you have a line that says "Minimise presentation."
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                                                                       about the 16th? What could you tell them about what
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     What is that about? What is that entry?
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                                                                       happened on the 16th, you weren't there?
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                                                                                                        As I say, I couldn't be
           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      Chair, we were saying
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
     that because there are other people that would come to give
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                                                                       of any help on the 16th, Chairperson, because of my being
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     evidence, that we should not expatiate broadly on our
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                                                                       absent.
22 documents, that we should only write important - or we
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                                                                              MS BALOYI:
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    should not have too long discussions because people will
                                                                       you set out what they asked you about. Do you see that,
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24 still come and testify before the Commission.
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                                                                       7.2 at page 23?
           MR MAHLANGU:
                                 That we should not have
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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1	Page 26715 Chairperson, yes.	1	Page 26717 the operation, what did you say to that?
2	MS BALOYI: Yes. And you say they asked	2	COLONEL MERAFE: I answered yes, that
3	you about, 1. whether what happened in the operation was	3	there were people with the necessary expertise and were
4	in accordance with the training of POP.	4	sufficient.
5	COLONEL MERAFE: Yes.	5	MS BALOYI: Yes. And then in 7.3
6	MS BALOYI: And 2, about use of barbed	6	[indistinct] you say that, "I explained my involvement in
7	wire, whether use of barbed wire was wise, you see that?	7	the drawing of the plan on 14 August. As I was not present
8	COLONEL MERAFE: I see.	8	on the 16th, I was unable to give any comment about issues
9		9	of command and control and the use of force on that day,"
10	MS BALOYI: About command and control. COLONEL MERAFE: That's correct.	10	is that correct?
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	·		COLONEL MERAFE: That's correct,
12	were sufficient POP commanders deployed in the operation.	12	Chairperson.
13	COLONEL MERAFE: Yes.	13	MS BALOYI: Now if we look at paragraph
14	MS BALOYI: And the use of force on 16	14	8, in fact before we do that perhaps let's deal, let's
15	August.	15	continue with QQQ5 just to complete it. In page 7 still,
16	COLONEL MERAFE: Correct.	16	the entry under 2012/09/05 at the bottom of that page, you
17	MS BALOYI: Your involvement in the	17	see that?
18	presentation of the plan.	18	COLONEL MERAFE: I see that, Chairperson.
19	COLONEL MERAFE: Yes.	19	MS BALOYI: It starts, "Major-General
20	MS BALOYI: And why the POP did not draw	20	Annandale opened the session of the morning." If you turn
21	the plan, do you see it?	21	to the next page, what was this discussion on the 5th – in
22	COLONEL MERAFE: It is correct,	22	fact, perhaps let me ask you first, is this still at Roots,
23	Chairperson.	23	this entry?
24	MS BALOYI: Yes. And in paragraph 7.3	24	COLONEL MERAFE: This was at the Roots
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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    to be explained to the National Commissioner.
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                                                                                MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                   Now -
           CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                                COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                 You've seen exhibit L,
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                                                                                                                 Sorry, sorry, I
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    haven't you? Exhibit L was the final product, as I
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                                                                        missed that. Do you mind repeating it please, Mr Mahlangu,
    understand it, of what happened at Roots. So it was being
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                                                                        what is the answer?
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    prepared and expanded and dealt with during the period of
                                                                                MR MAHLANGU:
                                                                                                       That we were talking about
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    the conference. Now, is what was presented to the NATCOM
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                                                                        the equipments that were being used there and that the
    that evening on the 6th of September, what had been prepared
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                                                                         members that were being used there were people trained in
    so far, which ultimately went into exhibit L?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                     That is correct,
                                                                                MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                   Perhaps, Colonel Merafe, if I
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    Chairperson.
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                                                                        could ask you to repeat your answer to my question. I
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           MS BALOYI:
                              [Microphone off, inaudible] -
                                                                         asked you, those entries there, what were they about?
    at page 9 at the top you have four names and the last name
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                          Let me take them one at
    on that list is General Mpembe. Immediately after that you
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                                                                        a time, Chairperson, to explain them. I was saying there
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    have General Phiyega, you see that?
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                                                                        why on the date of the 16th more live ammunition was used
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Correct, Chairperson.
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                                                                        than rubber. There's also talk of press conference, press
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           MS BALOYI:
                             Now, the notes that follow
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                                                                        conference that was held by the PC. We also spoke about
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    after you write General Phiyega, you have notes to the end
                                                                         the involvement of the negotiator, what job he was doing.
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    of that page, what is that?
                                                                        Also gas masks as part of the equipment of the police,
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                        whether this was sufficient during the use of gas. And
                                     These were points that
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    were raised by General Phiyega in the meeting when she came
                                                                         also trying to find out if the members were properly
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    in.
                                                                        briefed before going to Marikana and also to talk about
                                                       Page 26720
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 Some of it, I take it, are
                                                                        whether the members that were used in Marikana were people
                                                                        that were properly trained for the job they were to do. At
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    the remarks that she made at the meeting, is that correct?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Correct, Chairperson.
                                                                        the end of the day we then - Chairperson, we were also
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 Ms Baloyi, would it be
                                                                        talking about what it is that was done right and what it is
    convenient for us to take the first comfort break at this
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                                                                        that was done wrong in order to correct that which had been
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    point?
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                                                                        done wrong because this is an organisation that keeps on
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           MS BALOYI:
                              It is convenient, Chair.
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                                                                        doing this job.
                                 We'll take the first
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           CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                  Now perhaps for completion,
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    comfort break. Let's try and be back within 10 -
                                                                        on that page 10 you have an entry 2012/09/10, you see that?
                                         COMMISSION RESUMES]
           [COMMISSION ADJOURNS
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                                                         I see, Chairperson.
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    [10:54] OMPHILE JOSEPH MERAFE:
                                                                               MS BALOYI:
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                                               (s.u.o.)
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           EXAMINATION BY MS BALOYI (CONTD.):
                                                          Thank
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                                                                        has nothing to do with the operations from the 10th of
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    you, Chair. Colonel, we were finishing off the entry in
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                                                                        August to the 16th August?
    QQQ5 at page 8, that entry of 2012/09/06 and you had just
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                                                         That is correct.
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    confirmed that the notes that you find on page 9 are notes
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                  Now if you would go back to
    of what the National Commissioner would have said, am I
                                                                        QQQ1 and we look at paragraph 8 at page 23, now at
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    correct?
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                                                                         paragraph 8.2 you deal with the letter of Colonel Vermaak,
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Correct, Chairperson.
                                                                        the letter of 28 May 2012 and that is exhibit JJJ113.
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           MS BALOYI:
                              Now if you look at page 10 of
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                                                                        Chairperson, it is item 9 on our list of documents.
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    that same document, immediately after the third line which
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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    says "Closure," you have "Wearing of bulletproof vest,
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
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    sharp ammunition, press conference, role of the negotiator,
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                                                                        of you? It's 137, in fact, Colonel. I do apologise for
    gas mask, briefing to go to Marikana, training." What are
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                                                                        that.
24 those entries about, or those notes?
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                  These are some of the
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                        meeting was held, Chairperson, some of the members of the
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                                  Yes.
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           MS BALOYI:
                                                                        POP police were taken and put at station level to do crime
                              Yes. Thank you, Chairperson,
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    my mistake. Now the letter - you have that letter in front
                                                                        prevention duties and they were divided into shifts, which
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    of you, JJJ137. In the second - this is a letter from
                                                                        made it difficult for me to use them at the time I needed
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    Colonel Vermaak to the Provincial Commissioner and to the
                                                                        them.
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    provincial head, operational response services. Now in
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                                                                                                 And in paragraph 3.2 where
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    paragraph A1 he says, "This office attends on 17 May 2012 a
                                                                        you say, "The recourses that are available to POP to handle
    provincial ORS conference at POP Potchefstroom which was
                                                                        unrest situations are not effective enough," what were you
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    held by Brigadier Calitz." And then in paragraph 2 he
                                                                        talking to there?
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    says, "During this conference Brigadier Calitz handles the
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                        to explain that if you do not have enough members to manage
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    latest instructions from national ORS head office, the use
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                                                                        and control unrest situations, it makes it difficult.
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    of force during unrest situations." And then he lists in
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
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    paragraph 3 what he says are the concerns. He says there,
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    "During the conference Brigadier Calitz handled the latest
                                                                        in paragraph 8.3.4, I beg your pardon, if you would go to
    instructions from ORS head office, the use of force during
                                                                        paragraph 8.3, sorry, you also say, "I am also aware of the
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                                                                        letter of Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak dated 12 December 2012
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    unrest situations" and then in 3 he says, "The following
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                                                                        which has been submitted to the Commission." This is at
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    concerns were raised during the meeting by the POP unit,
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    especially by Lieutenant-Colonel Merafe." Do you see that?
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                                                                        page 24, you see that?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      I see, Chairperson.
                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                        That is so, Chairperson.
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           MS BALOYI:
                              Now if you look at exhibit
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
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    JJJ113 or perhaps even before can I just confirm, you were
                                                                        exhibit HHH68 - Chairperson this is item 11A in our list of
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    present at this meeting?
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                                                                        documents = do you have the letter, Colonel? HHH68?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      That's correct,
                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                    Thank you. What item is
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    Chairperson.
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                                                                        it? You did tell me.
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           MS BALOYI:
                                                                               COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                               And if you look at JJJ113,
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    the heading of the document is "Minutes of the provincial
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                      11A, thank you.
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    operational response meeting 2012/05/16 at 9H00." Is that
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
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    the meeting that Colonel Vermaak refers to?
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                                                                        letter?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    If we could go through a
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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    few pages down. I agree, yes it is, Chairperson.
                                                                        Chairperson.
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           MS BALOYI:
                             Yes. Now we have discussed
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
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    at some length in your evidence the discussion about the
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                                                                        from Colonel Vermaak dated 12 December 2012. It's
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    operation of the 22nd of May, which Lieutenant-Colonel
                                                                        addressed again to the Provincial Commissioner and to the
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    Vermaak refers to in paragraph 4 of this letter. Now I
                                                                        provincial head, operational response services. Do you see
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    would like us to discuss paragraph 3.1 under the concerns
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                                                                        that?
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    that he raised and 3.1 he says, "POP members were withdrawn
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         I see, Chair.
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    from POP units to form part of shifts at station." And
                                                                               MS BALOYI:
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    then 3.2, "The recourses that are available to POP to
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                                                                        that letter and then paragraph 11 thereof, he says, "During
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                                                                        the unrest at Lonmin, Amplats and Impala, the following
    handle unrest situations are not effective enough." "3.3
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    POP members are divided to assist at different stations,
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                                                                        shortcomings were identified." Do you see that somewhere
    areas that are not unrest related," do you see that?
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                                                                        in the middle of the page?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    I see, Chair.
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         I see, Chair.
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           MS BALOYI:
                             Yes. Do you confirm that you
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
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    raised these concerns?
                                                                        were involved with the operation in Lonmin until the 15th of
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    I agree with that. I
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                                                                        August. Where he talks about unrest at Amplats, do you
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    raised some of the concerns.
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                                                                        know what he's referring to?
           MS BALOYI: Perhaps just tell us more
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                        Chairperson, though I was not personally in charge at the
    about what in fact are the concerns under these three.
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24 What exactly were you raising?
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                                                                        Amplats incident.
           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                  At Rustenburg when this
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
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    operation?
                                                                        involved in this operation, all of them are aware, they
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                        know the legislation under which they operate. I mean they
                                    I was involved,
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    Chairperson.
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                                                                        know about the Gatherings Act, the Firearm Control Act, the
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           MS BALOYI:
                             And where he talks about the
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                                                                        new Dangerous Weapons Act and the Criminal Procedure.
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    unrest at Impala, you know what he's referring to?
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                  And in paragraph 11.1 he
           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                        says, "Members allow illegal actions at certain areas and
                                    I do know, Chair.
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           MS BALOYI:
                             Were you involved in that
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                                                                        the next day they take steps again, for example illegal
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    operation?
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                                                                        strikers or marchers. These actions confuse the public and
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    I was present, working
                                                                        they neglect their responsibility to protect and serve."
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    there Chairperson.
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                                                                        Now with respect to these three operations that we are
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           MS BALOYI:
                             What was your involvement?
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                                                                        talking about and with specific reference to POP members,
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    I was the operational
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                                                                        do you know what Colonel Vermaak is referring to there?
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    commander of that operation, the person in charge there.
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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           MS BALOYI:
                             Yes. Now, at 11.1 Colonel
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                                                                        gets his words from, Chairperson. For instance, where he
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    Vermaak says he has identified these shortcomings and from
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                                                                        speaks of illegal marchers and strike, if he had mentioned
    this letter it is not clear whether it applies to all three
                                                                        where, I would at least have an idea where he is referring
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    operations or not but let me ask you anyway, 11.1 he says
                                                                        to.
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    "Members don't have commanders with experience in charge at
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
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    unrest scenes." Now with respect to Lonmin, with respect
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                                                                        [11:13] COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
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    to Lonmin, what was your observation or your opinion of the
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                                                                        Colonel Vermaak did specify what he was referring to in
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    experience of commanders that were involved in the
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                                                                        respect of illegal actions in certain areas. Are you going
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    operation in Lonmin, POP commanders?
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                                                                        to put that to the witness?
                                                                               MS BALOYI:
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                                                  Commissioner, I - during the
                                    Pertaining to Lonmin,
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                                                                        tea break.
    Chair, the members, the commanders who were in this
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                                                                               COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
    operation are vastly experienced people - I worked with a
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
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    number of them in a number of operations in KwaZulu-Natal
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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    and some of them led operations where I know about their
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    experience.
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                                                                        letter of Colonel Vermaak for the first time, this letter
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           MS BALOYI:
                             And the operation in Amplats?
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                                                                        we're looking at at the moment, HHH68?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                    At Amplats I had
    captains with whom I had worked for a very long time who
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                                                                        was forwarded to my unit after it was sent to the
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    were commanders and who had worked in operations and did
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    not fail us. I'm talking of Captain Sefike and Captain
                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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    Kotsedi who are in our unit in Rustenburg and Captain
                                                                        Colonel Vermaak at all? Did you ask him about these things
    Tebogodi from Mafikeng was sent to come and assist us, he
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                                                                        that you don't understand?
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
    is also vastly experienced.
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           MS BALOYI:
                             And the operation in Impala?
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                                                                        discuss this with him, Chairperson. Firstly, we did not
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    As I explained, at
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                                                                        know what areas he was referring to and the letter was not
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                                                                        directed to me.
    Impala I had taken control as operational commander.
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
           MS BALOYI:
                             And in paragraph 11.2 Colonel
                                                                                                     I understand that but I
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    Vermaak says, "Commanders don't know or have the
                                                                        take it you had a fair degree of contact with him during
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    legislation under what they can act." Do you know what
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                                                                        the period after the letter was written, which was the 12th
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    commanders, which commanders he is referring to, which POP
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                                                                        December 2012, is that right?
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    commanders he is referring to?
                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         Correct, Chair.
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                        Chairperson, Colonel Vermaak had written things questioning
                                     Chairperson, I don't
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    know.
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                                                                        me. I was expecting that I would be questioned about these
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           MS BALOYI:
                             And what is your experience,
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                                                                        allegations.
    of commanders, of POP commanders that would have been
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                     Yes, well, wasn't it
    involved in these operations relating to this allegation?
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                                                                        sensible then to say to Colonel Vermaak, look here, I'm
           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                  Our members who were
                                                                        going to be questioned about these matters or I may be. In
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Page 26731 Page 26733 order to enable me to comment, can you perhaps give me some at unit level. Chairperson. 1 details, particulars, so that I understand what it is that 2 MS BALOYI: 2 Thank you, Commissioner. 3 you, the point that you're making? 3 Colonel Merafe, you deal with this in paragraph 8.3.3 of 4 **COLONEL MERAFE:** Chair, we don't work at your statement at page 25 and you say, "I deny that any of 5 5 our trainers are people without practical experience. In the same area, Chairperson. I'm at Rustenburg and this, but we only meet when there are these difficulties. 6 my unit we have experienced trainers who train in crowd 6 7 CHAIRPERSON: And did Brigadier Calitz 7 management in the province, nationally and SADC countries." discuss this letter with you at all? 8 Do you see that? 8 9 9 **COLONEL MERAFE:** I explained some of it -**COLONEL MERAFE:** That is so, Chairperson. at our meetings, Chairperson, with Brigadier Calitz, we 10 And then at paragraph 11.7 10 MS BALOYI: 11 would from time to time touch on these things. 11 Colonel Vermaak says, "In the past, video cameras were part 12 MS BALOYI: And at paragraph 11.6 Colonel 12 of the issued equipment to trained member and every single 13 Vermaak says, "Members are not properly trained at training action and negotiation were recorded for evidence purposes 14 institutions. Some of the instructors were never exposed later when needed. POP don't have this capacity anymore." 15 to any of the incidents which he must lecture. There is a What do you say to that, to the concern or complaint that big difference between book knowledge and experience on the 16 16 POP does not have the capacity to record, to record for ground." Do you see that? 17 17 evidence purposes? What is your comment to that? 18 COLONEL MERAFE: I see that, Chair. 18 COLONEL MERAFE: Chairperson, I would 19 MS BALOYI: What is the training that is 19 only say that we did not have sufficient of these, but we 20 offered in crowd management? 20 did have. Any policeman that comes 21 **COLONEL MERAFE:** 21 MS BALOYI: And you deal with this in 22 from a station and gets involved in the public order unit, 22 paragraph 8.34, am I correct where you say -23 undergo what we call a basic public order police training 23 **COLONEL MERAFE:** Correct, Chairperson. 24 24 and also a course in crowd management. MS BALOYI: And you say at page 26, 25 MS BALOYI: And the basic police training "Video cameras are issued to each unit and there are enough Page 26732 Page 26734 trained video operators." Do you see that? course, who attends that course? Is it a course that is 1 1 attended only by the POP? 2 2 COLONEL MERAFE: That is correct. 3 **COLONEL MERAFE:** Basic POP training is Chairperson. And to help the Commission, I have got 4 attended only by the POP. Remember the basic police Warrant Officer Masinya, Warrant Officer Ndlovu, Warrant 5 training is for every policeman. So - Chairperson, to say 5 Officer Khumalo, Warrant Officer Tlalang and Constable all, each and every member of the police undergoes a basic Mahume to name just - and Warrant Officer Lesolang. I have 6 6 7 7 police training course. So every policeman who is being mentioned people, a number of about six people that have been to video training courses. That is not all, Chair. 8 sent to POP is already aware of that but we then cause them 9 to undergo a basic POP course. 9 Other units, I know that they do have trained video 10 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: But Colonel, the 10 operators. 11 criticism in that paragraph is really that the instructors 11 MS BALOYI: And then at paragraph 11.8 it 12 on these POP courses do not have practical experience. 12 says, "I never saw any commander anymore with a voice 13 **COLONEL MERAFE:** I see, Chairperson, but 13 recorder when he negotiates with leaders for reference I do not agree with that. Why I say so, in the unit where 14 purposes afterwards." Do you see that? 14 15 15 I am I have Warrant Officer Maluleke. This is a person **COLONEL MERAFE:** Correct Chair, I see it. 16 16 with such experience, Mr Chairperson, that we are able to MS BALOYI: What do you say to that? 17 send him to countries outside South Africa, such as 17 What is the complaint and what do you say to it? 18 Botswana, to train them in POP and we would not put 18 COLONEL MERAFE: The video recorder per 19 ourselves at a level where we would send a person that does se, the thing referred to, it's true that we do not have

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these in our units but we have operational diaries. This

happen. When we are involved in negotiations, say I'm

is where we keep records of the unfolding events as they

talking to somebody and he is talking to me, this would be

taken down in writing as it is being done. That is what we

would then use after the incident.

not have the ability to go and train people in other

24 the police training in Pretoria and the Moloto training

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countries. We also have Warrant Officer Powe, he does this

22 training throughout the country. We have Lieutenant Khutu,

they go to train in institutions such as Ulundi and also at

25 unit, that is where we send our members, I am talking about

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            MS BALOYI:
                               You deal with this in
                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         Yes, but my explanation,
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     paragraph 8.3.5 and you say, "I agree that POP should have
                                                                        sir, is I do not agree with him that people that have
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     voice recorders but also point out that as a matter of
                                                                        undergone this training, to be sent to training
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     practice during negotiations there is always a scribe who
                                                                        institutions -
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     must keep a full note of what is discussed." Is that
                                                                               MR MAHLANGU:
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     correct?
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                                                                        again?
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                      Correct, Chairperson.
                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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            MS BALOYI:
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                               And then in paragraph 11.9
                                                                        said I'm not going to agree with this, with this sentence
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     Colonel Vermaak says, "During all this unrest since
                                                                        that in training institutions we have got people without
     February 2012 there was not one member of POP that took
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                                                                        experience. The reason for that is that I have already
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                                                                        raised that I've got Warrant Officer Maluleke, I've got
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     still photos of the crowd or leaders that could assist the
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                                                                        Warrant Officer Powe, those two members are stationed at my
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     investigating officer to identify them afterwards. In the
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                                                                         unit and they are always used at training institutions of
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     past every POP unit had a still camera for this purpose."
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                                                                        POP.
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     What is your comment to this, if any?
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      Chair, in my unit we do
                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                     Would you agree with the
     have a still camera, Chairperson. It is being used if
                                                                        proposition that POP members should, must undergo training,
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                                                                        that it was a problem which existed as late as May in 2012?
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     there are gatherings. Even the people investigating the
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     cases, the detectives, if there's information that they
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         Chairperson, I
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     require we hand over the photos to them, that have been
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                                                                        understand what is being said but what I can bring forth to
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     taken by the person I've mentioned.
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                                                                        the Commission, that there is in-service training and that
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            MS BALOYI:
                               We have dealt with the
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                                                                        there was a lack of this in-service training part, not
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     complaint in paragraph 11.8 about unqualified people being
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                                                                        necessarily that people were altogether not trained. As
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     used to drive Nyalas and then at 11.9 Colonel Vermaak says,
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                                                                        people trained and the training should be continuous so
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     "The availability of information before incidents does not
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                                                                        that to make the people - to use his words - sharp, to be
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     exist anymore. In the past there was an information office
                                                                        ready for any action.
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     at each unit and they managed their own informers. Some of
                                                                                CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                      Yes. So as of May 2012
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                                                                        there was a problem in relation to the training which POP
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     them were attending courses to handle informers." Now
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     dealing with that part where he says "In the past there was
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                                                                        members had been receiving, is that correct?
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     an information office," what is the position? What was the
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                          At that time.
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     position in August 2012 and what is the position today?
                                                                         Chairperson, there were some difficulties to do in-service
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                                                                        training because members of POP at POP unit level are
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      Chairperson, even at
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     this time there is in my office an information office.
                                                                         trained. What is important, Chairperson, is that we
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     There are members there, some of them have undergone
                                                                         should, on a monthly basis, to keep training POP members to
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                                                                         keep them up to date.
     courses as informer handlers.
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            MS BALOYI:
                                                                                CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                      You see there's an exhibit
                               Now, in paragraph 12 Colonel
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                                                                        which we have before us, exhibit QQQ4 which is the minutes
     Vermaak makes suggestions.
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Before you go on to
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                                                                        of the public order police conference held in the Manhattan
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     paragraph 12, can I go back to paragraph 11.6 dealing with
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                                                                        Hotel, Pretoria on the 29th May 2012. You attended that
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    the question of training. Now do you not agree with what
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                                                                        conference, isn't it?
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     Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak says there? Do you not agree,
                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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     do you not agree with Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak says in
                                                                        Chair.
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     paragraph 11.6?
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                                                                                CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                        page 2 of the minutes deal with the address by the Deputy
            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      Yes, Chairperson, I
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     cannot agree because here, here mention is being made of
                                                                        National Commissioner for Operations, that was General
     training institutions. I am at unit level and not in a
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                                                                         Masemola and he said that members must come up with
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     training institution. I explained that the people in my
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                                                                         solutions, that mistakes had happened to restructuring but
    unit are being trained and the experience that they have.
                                                                         they had to be corrected, all units had to be nationalised
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Chairperson.

as agreed in the national management forum, is that right?

That's correct,

COLONEL MERAFE:

CHAIRPERSON: So you can't, you're not in

24 a position then to disagree with what Colonel Vermaak says

25 about training institutions, am I correct?

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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  And once the units had been
                                                                       being made now, there are members who are presently
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    nationalised, then the units were to be resourced in terms
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                                                                       involved in these courses.
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    of, amongst other things, training. Do you he said that?
                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      It is correct.
                                                                       corrected me to ask you about what was the position as at
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    Chairperson.
                                                                       August 2012?
            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  And he said that POP
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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    members must undergo training stick to public order
                                                                       at that time, Chair. In May the problems were brought to
    policing as their primary function and that the OCT course
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                                                                       the fore but in August we had not been able to put in the
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     doesn't give members the proper training to deal with
                                                                        suggestions that were made then.
    protest actions, do you remember that?
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                                                                              COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
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                                                                                                              Yes, thank you,
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                       Colonel.
                                      That's correct, Chair.
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            CHAIRPERSON:
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                                  And do you agree with what
                                                                              MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                 Thank you, Commissioner.
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    he said?
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                                                                       Colonel, we were looking at paragraph 12 where Colonel
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    [11:33] COLONEL MERAFE:
                                        As I have explained,
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                                                                       Vermaak makes suggestions and then in 12.2 he says, "Go
    yes, Chairperson. It is true that our members did not
                                                                       back to the basics that worked in the past, for example
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    receive regular training because of the shortage, we did
                                                                       SAP15s, operational diary for every section, out handing
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                                                                       and back handing register for equipment, signed by the
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    not have sufficient members. POP training, for well known
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    reasons, has got to be continuously in training in order to
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                                                                       platoon/section commander, tasking form issued by the
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    be ready to face any situation that may exist.
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                                                                       commander, poor shift report where successes are mentioned
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Yes. So it does appear
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                                                                       and all information that the commander must have the
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                                                                       knowledge of." Do you see that?
    from reading the minutes of the meeting, conference, that
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                                                        I see, Chair.
    there were quite serious problems that had to be dealt with
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                                                                              MS BALOYI:
    as far as the public order policing function of the SAPS
                                                                                                 Yes, do you agree with -
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                                                                       these are recommendations that he is making. Do you agree
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    was concerned. Would you agree with that?
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      Chairperson, it's true.
                                                                       that these are necessary areas of improvement?
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    I take it that these meetings that were even held at
                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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    national level was to show the problem that existed
                                                                       that - because in my evidence already I have mentioned that
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    nationally in the public order policing.
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                                                                       we use operational diaries. SAP15, each and every
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                Now this meeting was on the
                                                                       policeman who comes on duty has to sign on, more especially
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    29th of May 2012. Do you know whether anything was done to
                                                                       all the non-commissioned officers have to sign the SAP15.
    address the concerns expressed by General Masemola before
                                                                       We have these, we use them. We also have registers. There
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    the 13th of August 2012?
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                                                                       is no way in which we can give equipment to people without
           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                    Chair, no, that was not
                                                                       putting them in the register. I personally, Chairperson,
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    done. These were things that were being thought were for
                                                                       if I post members that are under my control, I write a
    the future.
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                                                                       tasking form which states they should do one, two, three.
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                              MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                 And finally on this letter,
                                Thank you.
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           COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                          General, what is
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                                                                       you see in paragraph 12.3 and 12.4 that he makes a
    the position with training at unit level, with those POP
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                                                                       recommendation that the R5 rifles that are issued to, I
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    units under your command?
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                                                                       think it's section commanders, should be replaced with
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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15 birdshot, number 5 birdshot shotgun, you see that? 16 **COLONEL MERAFE:** I see it there, Chair. 17 MS BALOYI: Yes. Do you agree with this 18 recommendation? 19 **COLONEL MERAFE:** Chairperson, I don't agree with it and I am prepared to give reasons why I say 21 so. The first reason, Chairperson, in each and every 22 section of the POP when going out, police would have 23 information that they are going to attend to some rioting. 24 Whilst going there, Chairperson, they could, along the way, come across something say like an armed robbery. In armed

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24 in the public order police members. But as it is,

COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:

past or what the position is.

2012 and as presently as well.

COLONEL MERAFE:

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Chair, if the question

Well, as at May

Chairperson, as of May

would be repeated again, if the Commissioner would explain

the members that were - because of the shortage that we had

thereafter, as of now there are refresher courses that are

whether she is referring to the present moment or in the

22 2012 it was, we had a difficulty in refreshing or training

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1 robberies you cannot use, don't use birdshot. Amongst the

- 2 equipment that is being issued to the members, Chairperson,
- 3 it is important there must be an R5.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Isn't this
- 5 situation in the context of crowd management and crowd
- 6 control?

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- 7 COLONEL MERAFE: Also in crowd management
- 8 and control, Chairperson. I have mentioned that our
- 9 members are trained in the use of all these different kinds
- 10 of weapons. It's true, yes, an R5 is not being used in
- 11 crowd management. According to me, Chairperson, in a crowd
- 12 you don't even need the birdshot because we have used
- 13 [indistinct] are not legal, they can cause some injuries
- 14 there and there and so far so good.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON: Yes, what Colonel Vermaak
- 16 was suggesting was that you go back to the previous
- 17 position where, as he says in paragraph 12.4, every POP
- 18 section which consists of eight members was issued with
- 19 only one R5 or R1 and the other members were issued with
- 20 shotguns with rubber rounds and number 5 birdshot. So he
- 21 wasn't suggesting that there shouldn't be an R5 to deal
- 22 with, or an R1 to deal with the armed robbery kind of
- 23 situation you talk about, but what he was saying was it
- 24 shouldn't just be R1 sorry, R5 or rubber balls. There
- 25 should also be the use of birdshot, as had been the case
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 - previously and he gives a reason. He says if you can't
- 2 use, as I understand him, if you can't use the rubber
- 3 balls, the rubber balls don't work and we know that at
- 4 Marikana they didn't work the rubber balls don't work, if
- 5 teargas doesn't work, it didn't work at Marikana either,
- 6 then all you can use is an R5 and he says he'd rather hurt
- 7 or wound a protester with birdshot than kill him with an
- 8 R5. Now you don't do you agree with that?
- 9 COLONEL MERAFE: Chairperson, I still do
- 10 not agree. The number 5 and the triple A, the birdshot
- 11 that he's referring to here, they are capable of killing a
- 12 person. We recently had cases in Mothotlung where those
- 13 equipment were used. We have one at Bapong where birdshot
- 14 was used to kill. In truth, Chairperson, in crowd
- 15 management we do not go there to kill, we go there to
- 16 manage and control the crowd, the situation.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON: Yes, I understand that but
- 18 if your bird sorry, if your rubber balls aren't working
- 19 and your teargas isn't working and your stun grenades
- 20 aren't working, what can you use? At the moment it would
- 21 appear, all you can use is an R5, isn't that right? And
- 22 water cannons, sorry if water cannons don't work, they
- 23 didn't work at Marikana, teargas doesn't work, it didn't
- 24 work at Marikana, rubber balls don't work, didn't work at
- 25 Marikana, stun grenades don't work, didn't work at
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- 1 Marikana, then all you can do is use R5s. This is what
- 2 happened and 34 people were killed. Now how many people
- would have been killed if only shotguns, if shotguns with
- shotgan
- 4 birdshot had been used? 34 as well?
- COLONEL MERAFE: Chairperson, I do not
- 6 want the Chairperson to put pressure on me to agree to what
- 7 I did say. I'm saying, Chairperson, I have been in the
- 8 public order policing for 27 years. It's only in Marikana
- 9 that this incident to happen this equipment, rubber
- 10 bullets, stun grenades, water cannons were capable of
- 11 controlling the crowd, because I still don't agree with the
- 12 birdshot. To me, Chairperson, they would cause problems
- 13 more than anything.
 - CHAIRPERSON: Well, don't R5s cause
- 15 problems?
- 16 COLONEL MERAFE: In POP environment where
- 17 I was, where I have been, I have never used R5 on the
- 8 crowd.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON: If you had been at Marikana
- 20 at scene 1 on the 16th August, would you not have used R5s
- 21 on the crowd either?
- 22 COLONEL MERAFE: I am please asking
- 23 Chairperson not to put me at Marikana on the 16th because I
- 24 wasn't there at all.
 - CHAIRPERSON: That's why I asked you a

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- conditional question. I asked you if you had been there -
- 2 you said you've never used it on a crowd. It was used on
- 3 the crowd at Marikana on the 16th of August. I know you
- 4 weren't there but if it had and it was used on the crowd
- 5 at Marikana on the 16th with fatal consequences for a lot of
- 6 people, right?
 - COLONEL MERAFE: Yes.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON: Now what we're doing is
- 9 we're comparing, we're testing what Colonel Vermaak said.
- 10 I'm not saying it's necessarily right but I'm testing what
- $11 \quad \text{he said. Now if, instead of R5s, birdshot had been used,} \\$
- 12 are you able, with the benefit of your expertise and expert
- 13 knowledge built up over the period of years that you've
- 14 been doing POP work, to tell us what you think would have
- 15 happened or do you decline to answer the question?
- 16 COLONEL MERAFE: I was not the overall17 commander nor the operational commander at Marikana. I
- 18 think who would be able to say what would have happened
- To think who would be able to say what would have happene
- had we used this equipment on that and this equipment. Idon't want to answer on their behalf.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON: Alright. I can note that 22 you decline to answer the question, thank you.
- 23 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: But let's look at
- 24 the 22nd of May, the incident of the 22nd of May. None of
 - the, the force available to pops was assisted on that day.

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    The TRT had to come in and fire live ammunition, isn't that
                                                                         invited to explain what he is referring to with paragraph
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    correct?
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                                                                         11.3 of HHH68 and his answer -
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Correct, Chairperson.
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                                                                                CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                       Maybe I should translate it
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           COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                           Thank you.
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                                                                         for the benefit of those who -
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
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                                                                                MS BALOYI:
                                       Chair, I just have a
                                                                                                   Thank you, Chair.
    concern that there may be a difficulty with the subsequent
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                                                                                CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                       - from the screen. He
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    transcription of this testimony because there are times
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                                                                         says, yes - the question is asked, "If you can then turn to
    when the witness and the interpreter are talking
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                                                                         11.3" says Ms Pillay, "Colonel, 'Members allow illegal
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    simultaneously and maybe if we could just ask Mr Mahlangu
                                                                         actions at certain areas and the next day they take steps
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    to make sure that the witness has stopped speaking before
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                                                                         against, for example, illegal strikers or marchers. These
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    he interprets.
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                                                                         actions confuse the public and they neglect their
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 I know it's difficult, Mr
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                                                                         responsibility to protect and serve." Then Ms Pillay
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    Mahlangu, but please try.
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                                                                         continues, "In the context of - does this apply to the
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           MR MAHLANGU:
                                  I will try, Chairperson.
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                                                                         Marikana operation and if it does, what -" The Colonel
                                                                         says in reply, yes, specifically to the Marikana operation.
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 It's been suggested to me
    that this is the appropriate time for us to take the tea
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                                                                         It's a point which I personally raised that the public were
    adjournment. Let's see if Ms Baloyi gives her consent.
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                                                                         allowed to go from Nkaneng, the informal settlement, to the
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           MS BALOYI:
                              It is certainly a convenient
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                                                                         koppie and to move back with dangerous weapons from the
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    time.
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                                                                         Monday onwards. There was never any attempt made to
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 Thank you, Ms Baloyi.
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                                                                         address these people or to deal with these police officer
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           [COMMISSION ADJOURNS
                                         COMMISSION RESUMES]
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                                                                         in respect of the weapons which were being carried to and
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    [12:21] CHAIRPERSON:
                                    The Commission resumes.
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                                                                         fro. In the mornings early we flew over the area, then
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    You're still under oath, Colonel. Ms Baloyi?
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                                                                         there were very few people on the koppie and according to
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           MR MAHLANGU:
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                                                                         my opinion these people could have been disarmed with
                                  Chairperson, I just want to
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    put on record that the interpreter from now on would be
                                                                         minimal potential for big conflict. It's one of the
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                                                                         aspects which I meant there, that you can't allow people
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    Kasane Elias Mabunda.
           CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                         one day to take illegal action and the following day wish
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                                 You've been working hard
    all morning. I think it only fair that you should be
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                                                                        to act against them.
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    relieved at your post.
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                  Chair, perhaps just to
                                  Thank you, Chair.
                                                                        indicate to Mr Mabunda that he is not required to interpret
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           MR MAHLANGU:
           OMPHILE JOSEPH MERAFE:
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                                             (s.u.o.)
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                                                                        the questions when they are put to the witness in English,
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           EXAMINATION BY MS BALOYI (CONTD.):
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                                                          Thank
                                                                        interpret only the answer. Now Colonel Merafe, arising
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    you, Chair. Colonel, we were dealing with HHH68 and if you
                                                                        from what the Chairperson has read, I have the following
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    could go back to paragraph 11.2 - point 3, sorry, on page 2
                                                                         question. On the Monday, 13th August, did the police allow
    of that letter and I asked you about what Vermaak, Colonel
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                                                                        strikers, protesters, marchers, to move around with
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    Vermaak says about allowing members, "Members allow illegal
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                                                                        weapons?
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    actions at certain areas and the next day they take steps
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         Ja. on the 13th the
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    against, for example, illegal strikers or marchers." Are
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                                                                        police did not stop those strikers to move around with the
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    you there?
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                                                                        weapons. Thus we had the incidents which occurred on the
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                        13th.
                                     Ja, I see it.
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           MS BALOYI:
                              Yes. Now Chairperson, if we
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                  And from the 13th up to the
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    - we've arranged with the technician, if we refer to day 7,
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                                                                         15th when you were involved with the operation in Marikana,
    207 rather of the transcript at page 25517 starting at line
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                                                                        did the police - did the police engage in discussion and
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    5, do you see that, Colonel?
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                                                                         negotiations with the strikers about the carrying on
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                        weapons or not?
                                     I see it.
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           MS BALOYI:
                              Yes. Now in line 5 up to
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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   line 11, do you see the question that is put to Colonel
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                                                                        the 15th, that is while I was still there at Marikana, yes,
    Vermaak by -
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                                                                        the police they had some discussion with the strikers in
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        COLONEL MERAFE:
                                   I do.
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                                                                        connection with the weapons.
           MS BALOYI:
                             And Colonel Vermaak is
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                                                                               MS BALOYI:
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    police have attempted to disarm the strikers on the 14th and
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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    the 15th?
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                  And on the 22nd of May 2012,
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     That time, Mr Chair, we
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                                                                       the incident that you were attending, that was a crowd
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    were still in discussion with the strikers, that is till
                                                                       control incident?
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    the 14th through to the 15th. The discussions was among
                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
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    ourselves, the police and the strikers. Thereafter we
                                                                                                 And on that day in fact,
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    wanted also to involve the members of the unions in order
                                                                       we'll get to the detail later on, you in fact ordered
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                                                                       members of the TRT to open fire with R5 rifles on parts of
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    to come and address the strikers. To negotiate in good
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    faith - we could not disarm the strikers because we were
                                                                       the crowd.
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    still discussing with them otherwise there will be some
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                        No, I disagree with you
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    fighting between us and them. We were still on the
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                                                                       there.
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    negotiation stage, that we could not mix the two things at
                                                                              MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                  Okay, we'll deal with that
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    the same time.
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                                                                       answer. You deny having issued such an order.
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           MS BALOYI:
                              Chairperson, those are our
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                        I didn't say to them
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    questions.
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                                                                       that they should shoot at the people but I said that they
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 Thank you. Mr Wesley, I
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                                                                       use R5s.
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    believe you're going to cross-examine first on behalf of
                                                                              MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                  Use them in what manner?
    the evidence leaders, is that correct?
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                        Just at the ditch where
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           MR WESLEY:
                               Chair, yes. Thank you very
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                                                                      our vehicle has fallen, just to shoot on the ground, just
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    much.
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                                                                       to make some sound so that they shouldn't come closer to
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           CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR WESLEY:
                                                        Colonel.
                                                                  21
                                                                       the police.
22
    good morning.
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                  To fire their R5s then into
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Good morning,
                                                                  23
                                                                       the ground.
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    Chairperson.
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 It's already half past 12,
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                                                                      was not directed to the people but on the other side, just
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                                                                      in the direction where our vehicle fell.
    Mr Wesley.
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           MR WESLEY:
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                                                                             MR WESLEY:
                               Good afternoon, Colonel.
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    Colonel, usually I would begin at the correct place to
                                                                      you through that and I also want to do it with some
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    begin which is the beginning but I want to address two
                                                                      photographs which I hope you wil find interesting, where
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    issues which you addressed now at the end yourself in your
                                                                      you can explain exactly what happened that day. The second
    testimony and the first one is a statement that you made.
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                                                                      issue I want to deal with you, you mentioned two recent
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    You were being led on the statements or view by some of
                                                                      events, Mothotlung, am I correct? Please excuse my
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    your members that, you were in fact asked, would less
                                                                      pronunciation.
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    people have been killed if birdshot had been used rather
                                                                             COLONEL MERAFE:
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    than R5s - it was by the Chair. You then went on to
                                                                             MR WESLEY:
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    explain in your answer that you've been in public order
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                                                                             COLONEL MERAFE:
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    policing for 27 years, you explained that - I'm summarising
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                                                                             MR WESLEY:
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    your answer - that Marikana was the first time where you
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    saw that rubber rounds and stun grenades were incapable of
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                                                                             MR WESLEY:
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    controlling crowds. Am I correct so far?
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                                                                      incidents, these were recent. When did they occur?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     That is so.
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                                                                             COLONEL MERAFE:
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           MR WESLEY:
                               You then made a very emphatic
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                                                                      happened just some few months ago, just after Marikana and
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    statement. You said, and my note is also cryptic so you
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                                                                      then Bapong it was before Marikana.
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    may have used more words but you said words to the effect
                                                                             MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                Bapong was before Marikana.
    that, in public order policing I have never used R5 rifles
                                                                      Mothotlung, did you, were any members of your unit – I just
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    on a crowd.
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                                                                      want to get the exact word that you used to describe it -
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     I spoke the truth, yes.
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                                                                      any members under your command present?
           MR WESLEY: But Commissioner Hemraj then
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                                                                             COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                                                      Yes, those who were
24 directed your attention to the events at Tlabane on the 22nd
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                                                                      operating there, they were from my unit, my satellite at
   of May 2012, is that not correct?
                                                                      Klipgat.
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1	MR WESLEY: Is that public order policing	1	like a question.
2	members?	2	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Yes, thank you.
3	COLONEL MERAFE: POP members.	3	Was your unit from Klipgat the only police members
4	MR WESLEY: You said at this incident	4	attending that scene where birdshot was used?
5	birdshot was used to kill?	5	COLONEL MERAFE: Well, there were some
6	COLONEL MERAFE: Well, according to the	6	other police from Mothotlung police station. They were
7	investigation it is how it has been detected.	7	party, they joined my unit.
8	MR WESLEY: Was the use of birdshot or	8	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Were there other
9	has the use of birdshot been authorised in recent times,	9	POP units present apart from the one from Klipgat?
10	the use of birdshot by POP members or any SAPS members for	10	COLONEL MERAFE: There were only,
11	that matter?	11	initially they were only from Klipgat but the others they
12	COLONEL MERAFE: No, it was not permitted	12	joined them at a later stage after the incident.
13	in recent times.	13	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: And the members
14	MR WESLEY: Were these members that were	14	from the station that joined your unit, were they in
15	under you, from your command, issued with pellets or	15	possession of shotguns?
16	birdshot?	16	COLONEL MERAFE: No.
17	COLONEL MERAFE: Chair, we are still	17	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Thank you.
18	investigating how did they find it, who, where did they get	18	MR WESLEY: Now you mention in paragraph
19	it.	19	8.1 of exhibit QQQ1 against the words "Use of pellets – I
20	MR WESLEY: I understand but my question	20	am aware that there is evidence that some of the strikers
21	is, officially, you're the commander, were they issued?	21	on 16 August 2012 were shot with pellets." Correct?
22	MR MABUNDA: According to his knowledge,	22	COLONEL MERAFE: That is so, Chair.
23	Chair, they were not given officially.	23	MR WESLEY: We know of – you can take my
24	MR WESLEY: Yes. Please, all your	24	word for it there's four injuries, birdshot, four people
25	answers must be according to your knowledge. These members	25	that picked up birdshot injuries and at least one death
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     was not there, you are just telling me. I hear from that.
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           MR WESLEY:
                               I accept then, but you do say
                                                                       on the screen you also state that the content of that
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    emphatically in paragraph 8.1 that none of the members
                                                                       statement is true and correct. That's a reference to QQQ2.
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    under your command were issued with pellets.
                                                                       Do you see that? The whole paragraph reads, "I drafted the
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           MR MABUNDA:
                                                                       unsigned statement that is dated 30 November 2012 myself."
                                 Once, Chair, if we give them
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
    the weapons we write down what type of weapons we have
                                                                                                        Okay, yes.
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     given to each individual.
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Ammunition.
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                                                                       content of that statement is true and correct."
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           MR MABUNDA:
                                 Ammunition, we write it
                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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    down.
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Well, just before
                                                                       did you begin drafting that?
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    Marikana, it was long ago that it has been, there was some
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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    letter which said that we have stopped to use the birdshot,
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                                                                       the date on the bottom.
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     so we wouldn't be in a position to issue them or to
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
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    authorise it to them because seeing that it has been
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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    stopped, the usage of.
                                                                       statement, ja, on the bottom of the statement. I've
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           MR WESLEY:
                               Yes, we'll get to that
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                                                                       inserted or put down the date on which I drafted it.
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    letter. The simple point I want to actually make after all
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
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    of that is that at Mothotlung we know that at least your
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                                                                       the document, I think maybe that's what you're referring
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    members were not issued with birdshot. Nevertheless, and
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                                                                       to. It's up on the screen now. You made provision in the
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                                                                       attestation certificate for the document to be signed at
    I'm not saying it was your members that shot, we know that
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                                                                       Rustenburg POP on – and the date is 2012-11-30 at time
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    birdshot was used at that place then to kill people. Is it
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    not also feasible, despite the fact what you say, that
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                                                                       09:45. Okay, so we know that you did that, you wrote that
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                                                                       there but when did you start drafting this? Same day?
    birdshot was not issued to your members at Marikana, that
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
    they could likewise have obtained birdshot elsewhere and
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                                                                       which date when I started to draft it because I will be
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    used it to kill on the 16th of August?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    That is so, yes, Chair.
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                                                                       lying to the court but I will just, estimation that it is
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           MR WESLEY:
                              Thank you, Colonel. Now we
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                                                                       around there, that date.
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    can go to the start. Colonel, I want to take you through
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
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    your statements just to understand how they came about.
                                                                       that, the previous day or the week? Can you try and be a
                                                                       little bit more specific?
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    Time is an issue, so it's not always necessary for you to
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
    refer to the document. If I do feel it is 100% necessary
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    to see a quote or something, then of course I'll refer you
                                                                       and then you hand it over for typing. It could be in that
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    to it but for the most part I'm going to try and read from
                                                                       week.
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    my notes what is in a paragraph just to save some time, if
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
    you don't mind. In paragraph 1 of QQ3, now that's your
                                                                       QQQ2 out of your own volition or were you told to do so?
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    supplementary statement dated 29 November 2013, QQ3 - it's
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                                                                       In other words, did you decide to do it yourself or did
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    actually QQQ3, I beg your pardon, QQQ3. In paragraph 1 you
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                                                                       somebody come and ask you or tell you to do it?
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    state that you drafted what is now exhibit QQ2, I see it's
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         Mr Chair, I wrote this
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                                                                       statement on my own. Nobody asked me to do that.
    up on the screen. You drafted what is referred to there,
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    the unsigned statement that is dated 30 November 2012
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                   Okay, so you decided yourself
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    yourself and you also drafted what is statement GGG15.
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                                                                       to make, to draft this statement?
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    What's referred to there as the unsigned statement that is
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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    dat3d 30 November 2012, that is now what is before this
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
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    Commission as QQQ3, QQQ2.
                                                                       rather obvious, is when did you finish? Is that on the 30th
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                The statement you're
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                                                                       of November 2012?
    referring to at the moment is QQQ3 and the unsigned
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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    statement which he drafted himself is QQQ2.
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
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         MR WESLEY:
                              Is that correct?
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                                                                       it.
           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                   Correct.
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                       were then provided with a copy that Mr Wesley - QQQ6. What
     it was during the course of that week, so I will say that
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     that is the date which I completed it.
                                                                       we've also done, Chair, is we're enquiring with IPID
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            MR WESLEY:
                                Now, reference has been made
                                                                       whether there were any statements because the witness
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     to - and I don't want you to go there - to QQQ6. It's a
                                                                       doesn't remember. He says he does remember he did a
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     manuscript statement that's dated 13 August 2012.
                                                                       statement for a case but he doesn't quite remember what
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     Reference has been made to that but also to another
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                                                                       else he did. So we're waiting for a response from IPID,
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                                                                       whether they have any copies of his statement.
     statement that you refer to in your evidence that I just
     want to touch on quickly. On 11 April you referred to a
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                                                                              MR WFSI FY:
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     statement that you drafted before Roots. That's one that
                                                                       also mention, we've checked, we can't find such a statement
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     neither the Commission nor the evidence leaders nor
                                                                       in our possession but we will also be following this up
                                                                       with IPID.
     apparently SAPS had seen and you said you were given an
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
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     undertaking that this matter would be looked into. Is
                                                                       was no such, no statement of the kind we're now discussing
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     there such a statement that you drafted before Roots?
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     Don't worry about the statement on the screen. Is there
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                                                                       on the police hard drive?
     another statement, the one you testified to about on the
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
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     11th April that you would have drafted before Roots?
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                       Except the statement
                                                                       was one -
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     which you see before this Commission, I don't remember
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
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     another one.
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                                                                       SAPS hard drive that we were given, it's just not there.
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            MR WESLEY:
                                Okay.
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                                                                       We're not saying it doesn't exist and we will follow it up.
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                   Ms Baloyi says she's trying
            COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                              Are you referring
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     to a statement made to IPID, Mr Wesley?
                                                                       to follow it up too, so -
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
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            MR WESLEY:
                                Commissioner, I don't
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
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     actually know what the statement was because we haven't
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                                                                       sooner than the other.
     seen it. All I know from the testimony is that it was made
                                                      Page 26764
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    before Roots. QQQ6 was made with regard to, we know that
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
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    the incident on the 13th, for purposes of opening a docket.
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                                                                       IPID documents that we received, Chair, but we'll follow
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     I'm not going to be referring to an IPID statement but it
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                                                                       this up. Colonel -
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     could be that there is an IPID statement. Maybe we can ask
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
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    the Colonel. Colonel, other than the statements that we've
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                                                                       wasn't given to the evidence leaders but was on Colonel
                                                                       Scott's computer, was there anything of that kind there?
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    seen of yours that are before the Commission now, was there
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
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     another statement you maybe gave to IPID?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    Well, Chair, I cannot
                                                                       Chair, but again we'll make the necessary enquiries.
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    remember but if it is there you can just show, bring it
                                                                       Colonel, to come back to the thrust of what I want to get
    here so that I could see it.
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                                                                       at, I'm saying forgetting QQQ6 which you see here and the
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           COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                           Colonel, I recall
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                                                                       other statements which you may have given to IPID, QQQ2
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    you saying that - you were asked whether the statement you
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                                                                       which I refer to as your unsigned statement, that is a
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    made for IPID was a warning statement or a witness
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     statement and you confirmed that you in fact made a witness
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                                                                       in time to the events before and at Marikana during 10 to
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    statement to IPID.
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                                                                       16 August than any other statement that you made.
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                    Chair, there where I
                                                                              MR MABUNDA:
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    work, the people of IPID would come and look for a
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                                                                       understand your question, that you are referring to the
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    statement sometimes then I wrote. I cannot be sure but if
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                                                                       statement is closest to Marikana or what.
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     is there any statement, it could be produced before the
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                  Okay, I'll make it simple.
    Commission -
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                                                                       Marikana, if I refer to Marikana, the events there, I'm
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 Ms Baloyi, you've turned
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                                                                       referring to the events between 10 and 16 August 2012.
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    your light on, do you want to say something?
                                                                       What I'm putting to you is that – and it's obvious, QQQ2 is
           MS BALOYI:
                           Yes, thank you, Chair.
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                                                                       the one statement that was written to, that you wrote
24 Chair, following the Chairperson's questions to the witness
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                                                                       closest in time to those events. The other statements you
   about whether he made a statement or not before GGG15, we
                                                                       wrote later.
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     I don't agree. Chair, I
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                                                                                                        Well, that is correct,
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    will disagree with that because once I complete my
                                                                        Mr Chair. If I don't understand your question, I will tell
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    statement I would insert or put a date, then I will say
                                                                        you that I don't understand what you are saying but if I
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    that that is the day on which I made the statement.
                                                                        see that you are putting the questions, that which mislead
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           CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                        me, then I will say no.
                                 Ms Baloyi, you turned your
                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
    light on. I didn't notice it initially.
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                                                                                                    Well, with that promise we
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           MS BALOYI:
                                                                        can take the lunch adjournment.
                             Yes, thank you, Chair.
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                                                                                                            COMMISSION RESUMES1
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    Chair, what is being put to the witness is not factually
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    correct. We have QQQ6 which is a statement prepared by the
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                                                                        [14:08] CHAIRPERSON:
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    witness and signed by him and that is closest to the events
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                                                                        Colonel, you're still under oath. Yes, Mr Wesley?
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    in Marikana, in theory.
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           MR WESLEY:
                                                                               CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR WESLEY (CONTD.):
                              Chair, may I respond?
           CHAIRPERSON:
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                                 Yes, of course.
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                                                                        Thank you, Chair. Colonel, we've established that between
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           MR WESLEY:
                              I prefaced my question with
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                                                                        16 August and 29 November you didn't draft a statement,
    "leaving aside QQQ6 and the other statement that you
                                                                        another statement other than QQ2, QQQ2.
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    referred to," which he may have made and then given to
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                                                        I hear.
    IPID. My question was specifically prefaced leaving those
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                                                                               MR WESLEY:
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    aside.
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                                                                        events at Marikana were fresh in your memory.
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 Yes. I think in those
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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    circumstances that the objection must be disallowed. You
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                                                                               MR WESLEY:
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    may proceed, Mr Wesley.
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                                                                        memory of the events at Marikana that you had was better
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           MR WESLEY:
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                                                                        then that later on because it was closer to the time?
                              Colonel -
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           CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                 He's answered the question
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                                                                               MR WESLEY:
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    anyway, so you may as well carry on with the next one.
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                              Yes. It's not a difficult
           MR WESLEY:
                                                                        set out a detailed exposition or version of the events at
                                                       Page 26768
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    matter. Let me maybe ask you this way. Now understand, we
                                                                        Marikana.
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    know about QQQ6 so put that one side and forget about it,
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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    okay? Will you do so?
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                                                                               MR WESLEY:
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    Put it aside won't help
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                                                                        detailed exposition of events before Marikana as well and
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                                                                        here specifically you refer to meetings on the 22nd or
    me. I should always remember about it.
           MR MABUNDA:
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                                                                        rather the events on 22nd May and various other meetings
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                                Because some of the things
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    which I've mentioned in the QQ6, they go into the other
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                                                                        that you had prior to the events at Marikana.
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    statements. As a result I'm not prepared to be told that I
                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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    should put it aside because it has something to do with the
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                                                                               MR WESLEY:
    statements which I've just produced -
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                                                                        wanted to give a complete or full exposition of the events
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           COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
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                                                                        at Marikana and before Marikana.
                                           Colonel, after -
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    - that I've got to
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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    remember, the things which I have to remember they are
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                                                                               MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                   When you drafted QQQ2, having
    contained in QQ6. Thus I'm saying I won't agree with you
                                                                        read it and we'll go through it in detail now-now, you
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    that I should put it aside because it has got something
                                                                        didn't think that you'd have to draft another statement for
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    with my statements.
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                                                                        this Commission. Did you think that while you're drafting
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           COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                           Colonel, after you
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                                                                        this, I'm going to have to draft another one at some point
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    made this statement QQQ6 on the 13th of August, the next
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                                                                        in time?
    statement that we know about that you made is QQQ2 which
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                          Ja, well, I have drafted
    was made on 30 November 2012, is that right?
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                                                                        that one and then if it happened that there will be some
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    That is correct, Chair.
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                                                                        other thing which I've forgotten or omitted, I could also
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           MR WESLEY:
                             Colonel, let me make an
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                                                                        write about it.
    agreement with you now. If I ask you a question that you
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                                                                               MR WESLEY:
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                                                                                                   But you tried to write it all
24 don't understand, will you undertake to say to me, Mr
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                                                                        down in QQQ2, though?
    Wesley, I don't understand what you're saying?
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                          Chair, I'll say that I
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    just made all attempt to, the way how I could remember it.
                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         I agree with you, Chair.
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           MR WESLEY:
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                                                                               MR WESLEY:
                               Yes, absolutely. Can the
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    Commissioners accept that QQQ2 is the most reliable written
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                                                                        happened at Marikana would also, for the same reason, have
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    version of the events at Marikana and before that, made by
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                                                                        been extremely important for purposes of the police
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    you?
                                                                        explaining to these Commissioners what happened at
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                                                                        Marikana.
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      Chair, all the
    statements which I have just made, as far as I'm concerned
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                                                         I will agree, yes Chair,
    that they could be admitted in this Commission.
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                                                                        because thus I'm one of the witnesses on behalf of the
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            COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
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                                             Is it the most
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    comprehensive statement you've made?
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                                                                                                  After you drafted QQQ2, what
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                                                                               MR WESLEY:
           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      Te comprehensive
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                                                                        did you do with it?
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    statement should be allowed as much as other statements
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         Chair, I would like to -
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    that I have submitted.
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                                                                        is it the unsigned statement?
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           MR WESLEY:
                               No, the question really is,
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                                                                               MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                  Yes. Please forgive me, it's
    is it the most comprehensive statement that you made?
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                                                                        the unsigned statement, that's right. What did you do with
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                                                                        it after you'd finished drafting it?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      As far as I am concerned
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    I will say that, yes.
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         Well, I had it, it was
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           MR WESLEY:
                               Thank you. Now we heard you
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                                                                        in my possession but I knew that Pretorius was also in
    testify about your professional life in SAPS and your
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                                                                        possession of the copy of that statement.
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    experience in public order policing, which I may say is
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                                                                               MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                  Pretorius, sorry, we've got
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    extensive and we'll return to that but at Marikana during
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                                                                        several Pretoriuses. Are you referring to Brigadier
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    that week 10 to 16 August and please accept, I know you
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                                                                        Pretorius?
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    weren't there on the 16th of August so let's say, let's be
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         Ja, Brigadier Pretorius.
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    specific, let's say 10 to 15 August - you were one of the
                                                                               MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                  Okay. I'm only asking
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    leading exponents of public order policing in the police
                                                                        because you'll remember the police's attorney is Mr
                                                      Page 26772
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                                                                        Pretorius as well, so we don't want to be confused.
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    that was there.
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                              COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                    I agree, Chair, that I'm
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    one of them.
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                                                                              MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                  Brigadier Pretorius. Now you
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           MR WESLEY:
                              I'd go so far as to say that
                                                                        must please accept my word for it, what I'm going to put to
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    if you look at your experience and the courses that you've
    done as well, so it's your practical learning and your
                                                                        leaders, an IPID hard drive. That was fairly early on in
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7 theoretical learning, you must be regarded as somewhat of an expert on public order policing. 8 9 CHAIRPERSON: An expert on public order you hesitate? If you're not an expert on public order 10 policing after 27 years, when are you going to be an 11 12 expert? 13 **COLONEL MERAFE:** I don't doubt myself, 14 your worship, as far - concerning the knowledge of the POP 15 but I won't put myself to that title of that aspect. 16 MR WESLEY: I accept that. Let me phrase 17 it then a little more simply. I understand, you're obviously not a vain person. You know the job of public 18 19 order policing very well. 20 COLONEL MERAFE: I know the job, yes. 21 MR WESLEY: And being somebody who knows 22 the job very well and having been there, your insights about what happened at Marikana would have been extremely

24 valuable to the police for purposes of understanding their

own conduct during that week.

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you now. We received what we called, amongst the evidence 7 the Commission. We received it before 30 November 2012 so your statement, we didn't find it on there and it was, 9 obviously it wouldn't have been on that hard drive. Do you 10 agree? **COLONEL MERAFE:** Chair, I don't 11 12 understand as to whether you say that would be the hard 13 drive of the police or the IPID. 14 MR WESLEY: We also then later on 15 received what we called initially the SAPS hard drive. We didn't find QQQ2 on that either, also probably for the 16 17 reason that we received that prior to 30 November 2012, which is when you drafted the document. You accept that? 18 19 COLONEL MERAFE: Chair, I don't 20 understand whether you said you found the statement, you 21 received the statement before or at a later stage. That I 22 cannot understand very well, what do you mean by that? 23 MR WESLEY: Okay, well -24 CHAIRPERSON: What he's saying is he got a hard drive containing the IPID, the statements that IPID

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    had. Your statement, there wasn't a statement from you
                                                                                MR WESLEY:
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                                                                                                    So what we then know is that
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    there. Then they also got a hard drive from the police but
                                                                         after you drafted the statement you gave it to Brigadier
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    they got it before the 30th of November and they didn't get
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                                                                         Pretorius and we know then it was saved by her on at least
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    your unsigned statement there either. That's what he's
                                                                         one of her hard drives and also then saved at some point in
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    putting to you. You accept that?
                                                                         time on Colonel Scott's, one of Colonel Scott's hard
           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                         drives.
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                                     I accept that, yes.
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           MR WESLEY:
                              Now during September last
                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
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    year, 2013, we started obtaining several more hard drives
                                                                         as far as I know is that it was in Brigadier Pretorius.
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    from individual members in SAPS. Did you hear about that
                                                                         That he could have forwarded it to somebody, as Scott, I
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    process?
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                                                                         think he will be having the knowledge of saying that who,
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Chair, I heard about
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                                                                         or he is the one who knows who sent it through to Scott.
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    that.
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                                                                                                    But I heard you use the
                                                                                MR WESLEY:
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           MR WESLEY:
                               Now will you please accept -
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                                                                         phrase "nodal point."
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    I can show you, I can show your legal team as well - we did
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                          Well, where we make the
    find your statement which became QQQ2 in two places on the,
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                                                                         statement, that's is in the office of Brigadier Pretorius,
    what we call the SAPS further hard drives. One, as you've
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                                                                         is where the statement has been handed, in his office.
    indicated, was on Brigadier Pretorius's yellow hard drive
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                                                                                MR WESLEY:
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    in a folder called "Marikana master statements/statements/"
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                                                                        from that office again?
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    and the document there is called "Statement Merafe 7 dot
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
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    docx" and it has a date modified, 2012/12/03 and time
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                                                                                MR WESLEY:
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    08:48. So we found your statement in that folder on
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                                                                         of April - let me, before I get to that, do you know if
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    Brigadier Pretorius's yellow hard drive. Do you accept
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                                                                         your statement was then distributed after you gave it to
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    that?
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                                                                         Brigadier Pretorius? Do you know anything?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     I have already explained
                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                          Yes. Well, I have a
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    that, ja, I agree.
                                                                         knowledge that it can be sent to some other people, yes.
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           MR WESLEY:
                               Yes. And the date modified,
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    I don't want to argue with you about it, will you accept
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    that the date modified is an indication of when the
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4 document was saved on that hard drive for the first time? 5 COLONEL MERAFE: Yes. I understand -CHAIRPERSON: 6 The date, Mr Wesley? 7 MR WESLEY: The 3rd January 2012. 8 CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. 2012 or 2013? 9 MR WESLEY: 2012. 10 CHAIRPERSON: How can that be? 11 MR WESLEY: No, that can't be. 12 CHAIRPERSON: The statement deals with 13 events that took place, amongst other things, in August 14 2012. So it would have required considerable foresight or 15 prescience to have made that statement on the 3rd of January 16 2012. 17 MR WESLEY: Chair, I hadn't picked that 18 up, I do apologise. There must be an error there but you've testified you gave it to Brigadier Pretorius. We found it on her hard drive. 21 **COLONEL MERAFE:** That is so, Chair. We also found it on one of 22 MR WESLEY: Colonel Scott's hard drive, the same document, "Statement Merafe 7." **COLONEL MERAFE:** That is so, Chair.

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Now you testified on the 11th of April that you thought that QQQ2 was drawn from a computer because they, meaning us, the evidence leaders, went through the hard drives. Do you remember that? 5 **COLONEL MERAFE:** Chair, I admit that 6 they, I overheard when you say that they said you needed 7 some hard drives, so I agree that it could have been 8 distributed in that way. That is the moment when you were 9 looking for the hard drives. 10 MR WESLEY: Do you know why QQQ2 was not provided directly to the Commission or the evidence leaders 11 12 before it was found on the hard drive? 13 **COLONEL MERAFE:** Chair, I don't have any 14 knowledge how you didn't receive it before. 15 MR WESLEY: What we were given was the 16 statement that is now GGG15 before the Commission. Do you 17 have that document with you? We're going to have to look 18 at it. 19 COLONEL MERAFE: I have opened it, yes. 20 MR WESLEY: Okay, if you can open that 21 and then -22 CHAIRPERSON: That's the statement dated 23 the 20th of December 2012, whereas the document to which 24 counsel has been referring you, QQQ2, was, as we've seen, unsigned but appears to have been finally typed on the 30th

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     of November 2012. So in other words this QQQ2 was finally
                                                                          numbers, do you see that?
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                                                                                 COLONEL MERAFE:
    typed at the end of November 2012. For some reason it
                                                                                                           I see that, Chair.
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     wasn't signed but what was done instead was another
                                                                                 MR WESLEY:
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    statement was prepared which is GGG15 and that was actually
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                                                                          have inserted paragraph numbers in pencil on my copy and
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    attested by you on the 20th of December. Sorry, you deposed
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                                                                          I'm going to be following those if I refer to a paragraph
    it actually, you signed it and swore to it on the 20th of
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                                                                          number. Paragraph 1 begins, the sentence there, "I am
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     December 2012. That's the point counsel is putting to you.
                                                                          Lieutenant-Colonel." The second one, "I hereby make the
     Is that right, Mr Wesley?
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                                                                          following statement," that's paragraph 3 and so on and so
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                     That is so, Chair.
                                                                          on and so on.
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           MR WESLEY:
                               Now if you - well, I've done
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                                                                                 COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                                 MR WESLEY:
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    a very cursory comparison of the content of GGG15 which is
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                                                                                                     So I'll be able to lead you
     the statement which is up there now, and QQQ2 which is the
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                                                                          through it and you'll be able to follow me. Okay, so "I'm
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                                                                          Lieutenant-Colonel," that's paragraph 1 if you've got that.
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    statement that you drafted but never signed. Now I'm going
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    to take you through them but some of the differences
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                                                                          The rest just follow.
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     between the two on the surface are fairly innocuous and
                                                                                 CHAIRPERSON:
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     really amount to a change in nuance or accent, but others
                                                                          subsequent pages if you can just tell us where on the page
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     are not.
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                                                                          the paragraph begins and give us the opening words of the
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Chair, I would love that
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                                                                          paragraph.
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    the question should be repeated so that I could understand
                                                                                 MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                     I'll do so, Chair, I'll do
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                                                                          that. Now paragraph 2, well, start with paragraph 1 just
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           MR WESLEY:
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                                                                          to put you in the picture. You say, "I am a Lieutenant-
                               I asked you please to do that
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    and I'll happily, happily rephrase it. I've looked at
                                                                          Colonel in the South African Police Service stationed at
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    GGG15, triple G15. I put it to the one side and I've taken
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                                                                          Rustenburg public order police unit and posted as the unit
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    QQQ2 and I've put it on, next to GGG15. I've looked at
                                                                          commander under immediate command of the provincial head
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    them, I've compared the content and I see that they're not
                                                                          ORS, Brigadier Calitz." That's paragraph 1.
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    the same. Some of the changes aren't so serious, they're
                                                                                 COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                                                           That is so, Chair.
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                                                                                 MR WESLEY:
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    not big changes but others, I will argue at the end of the
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    day, are guite serious and are big changes and I want to
                                                                          Paragraph 2, after you have now introduced yourself and
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    take you through those now to see if you agree with me.
                                                                          remember you wrote this document, you say the following and
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    [14:27] COLONEL MERAFE:
                                       Chair, I understand.
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                                                                          this explains the purpose of this document. You say, "I
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           MR WESLEY:
                              If you look at -
                                                                          hereby make the following statement to give my version in
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           CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                          respect of the Marikana Commission of Inquiry held at
                                 Sorry, before you get
                                                                          Rustenburg Civic Centre." Do you see that?
    there, before you ask him anything, can you remember when
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                                                                                 COLONEL MERAFE:
    you signed what is really the second statement, the one of
                                                                                                           Yes, I see that.
    the 20th of December 2012, can you remember when you looked
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                                                                                 MR WESLEY:
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    through it that there were bits in it that differed from
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                                                                          at GGG15. I can tell you that GGG15 doesn't contain a
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    what had been in the earlier statement, that there were
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                                                                          sentence like that or a statement to that effect. Will you
    changes that were intentionally made - mistakes or
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                                                                          accept that?
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    something that you picked up in the first statement that
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                                                                                 COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                          it doesn't contain that statement which, of which you talk.
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    you wanted to make sure weren't repeated in the new one?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                    Chair, when I wrote the
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                                                                                 CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                       May I ask you something
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    first statement I wrote it alone and then - while the
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                                                                          else before we carry on? Did you give a - you say that the
                                                                          statement which is GGG15, which we'll call the second
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    second statement, I wrote it with the help of my attorneys.
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 [Microphone off, inaudible]
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                                                                          statement for brevity, that was prepared by you and your
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    the question, but if that's the best answer you can give,
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                                                                          attorney, is that correct?
    we'll leave it there.
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                                                                                 COLONEL MERAFE:
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compiled?

Chair, I'm going to return to

that point. We may get some further information, but let's

24 just look at the two documents. In paragraph 2, or let me

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explain it to you this way, QQQ2, there aren't paragraph

MR WESLEY:

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CHAIRPERSON:

or did your attorney have a copy of your first statement,

exhibit QQQ2, before the second statement GGG15 was

Did you give your attorney

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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Yes, he knew what I
                                                                         that it was on advice that you were given that this was
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                                                                         then included, this type of material in GGG15.
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     wrote in that one.
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                                                                                                          Ja, it can happen that
           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 Did he have a copy?
                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Yes, the copy was given
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                                                                         you give a statement by just a mere estimation, then they
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    to him.
                                                                         will advise you that what would be the precise word to be
                                                                     6
                                                                         used. That is the advice which one gets from your lawyer.
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           MR WESLEY:
                               Then another difference that
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     I picked up is in paragraph 4. It's actually paragraph 3
                                                                                MS BALOYI:
                                                                                                   Chair -
     of GGG15. Right at the bottom, you see there is a
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                                                          You say it in general -
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     difficulty on that document with paragraph numbering
                                                                         and on the other hand I wrote "resource."
    because paragraph 3 has got paragraph 3 and then paragraph
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                                                                                MR MABUNDA:
                                                                                                      I will refer to the
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                                                                         resources and resources, just where I mentioned the names
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    4.1, 4.2 and 4.3. So it doesn't quite follow but at the
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    bottom of the first page there's a sentence and it reads,
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                                                                         and hence in the second one I will say that resources,
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     "All operational members in my unit are training in crowd
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                                                                         those are the terminology which help you just to be advised
     management and weapon handling." Do you see that?
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                                                                         to put them in sequence, thus the difference.
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     I see that, Chair.
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                                                                                MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                    The difficulty I have with
            MR WESLEY:
                               Now in QQQ2 you don't tell
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                                                                         that answer is that in QQQ2 I cannot find an equivalent
    the Commission anything about your members having training
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                                                                         sentence where you merely say to the Commissioners, POPS
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     in crowd management and weapons handling.
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                                                                         Rustenburg, my unit, has resources. I have gone through it
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Chair, I have explained
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                                                                         many times.
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    that while writing the GGG15, I was being, I have been
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                          Paragraph 5, "During all
    helped by my lawyer. So maybe he has discovered that there
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                                                                         these challenges police management in the province and
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                                                                         national made some intervention by providing us with
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    was something which concerned the law, that is as far, as
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    if Q2 - which it was not there in Q2, that he wanted me to
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                                                                         personnel and resources."
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                                                                                CHAIRPERSON:
     add now at this GGG15. That is when writing the second
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                                                                                                      I must say, Mr Wesley, I
                                                                        get the impression that paragraph 8 of GGG15 is more or
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    statement, referring to GGG15.
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                                                                        less a summary of the fifth unnumbered paragraph on page 1.
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           MR WESLEY:
                               Are you saying you were asked
                                                                        I don't know if there are any significant changes. They've
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    to add something?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     My explanation, Chair,
                                                                        covered the same ground and in fact to some extent used the
    is that when writing GGG15 I have been advised, not that I
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                                                                        same language.
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                                                                                MR WESLEY:
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    have been forced that I should add something, but my lawyer
                                                                                                   Yes Chair, they do. Let me
     advised me, that's different.
                                                                        take it further because I don't want to debate it with the
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           MR WESLEY:
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                               Your lawyer -
                                                                        Colonel. We'll get to the later paragraphs now-now but
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           MS BALOYI:
                              Chairperson, I'm not sure
                                                                        could you then look at paragraph 3 of QQQ2? I want to show
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    that the interpretation is correct and perhaps the witness
                                                                         you something else which is troubling. Paragraph 3 of
    should repeat his answer for a proper interpretation.
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                                                                        QQQ2, I'll read it to you. It reads as follows, "There
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                        have been challenges in how POP units operate in the
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                                 Repeat your answer please,
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     Colonel, and let's see whether the interpreter got it
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                                                                        country due to the changes that was done in the police due
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    right.
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                                                                        to restructuring processes. Some units were closed whereby
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                        members were posted to stations and limited resources were
                                     Chair, I said that I've
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     been advised with some other points which were needed in
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                                                                        left at the units. This challenges led to ineffectiveness
     the GGG15 by my lawyer, those who could be of importance in
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                                                                        in the way public order incidents were policed. It is a
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    front of this Commission to assisting the Commission to
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                                                                        known fact that Rustenburg cluster on its own has more
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    make some additions.
                                                                        mining companies, resorts, factories and venues to host
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           MR WESLEY:
                               I understand what you're
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                                                                         major events and more influx of people from other areas and
    saying. You're also saying GGG15, in the same paragraph
                                                                        countries seeking for employment, thus creates more
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     you say, "The unit is also in possession of water cannon
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                                                                        informal settlement near their work place. According to
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    and armoured vehicles" and that isn't in QQQ2.
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                                                                        statistics, we are the highest in policing gathering for
           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     I agree, ja. It is so
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                                                                        the past two years." That's correct, that's - the way I've
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   there, Chair.
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                                                                        read it?
           MR WESLEY:
                               Okay. Now you've explained
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         That is a point, yes.
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           MR WESLEY:
                               Yes. Now the Chair just
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    refer to maybe some paragraphs in GGG5 being meant to
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    convey the content. Would I be correct in saying if you
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    read paragraphs 5 and 6 of GGG15, that's meant to convey
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    what I've just read to you? Have a look at paragraphs 5
    and 6 of GGG15. Let me read them to you. Paragraph 5,
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    "The POP unit at Rustenburg do currently experience a
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    hostage in personnel as members are lost due to
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    restructuring and transfers. These challenges led to
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    additional pressure on the remaining officers as members as
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    the same and more incident must be polices with lesser
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resources." "6. The Rustenburg policing area is dominated

You see the really important

by mining companies, resorts, factories as well as venues

14 that host major events." Were those two paragraphs meant to more or less convey what's in paragraph 3 of QQQ2? 15

16 **COLONEL MERAFE:** Yes, it's the same,

Chair. 17

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difference which I picked up from these two texts then is the following. In paragraph 3 of QQQ2 you say something negative, quite negative about the police. It's the following, "These challenges led to ineffectiveness in the way public order incidents were policed." That is, we're going to get to that allegation in future but I will submit

Page 26789 couple of things. One is that SAPS management was aware of

the challenges. We know that because otherwise they

wouldn't have been able to, wouldn't have known they had to

make such interventions. And, two, being aware of these

challenges they made some interventions but not all. Do

6 you see that? 7

COLONEL MERAFE: Yes, Chair, that is so permanently so. They came for intervention, after that they will go back. That's why it is mentioned that provincial management as well as national management make some interventions.

12 MR WESLEY: Sorry, part of that needs to 13 be translated.

MR MABUNDA: They were not being placed on a permanent basis. They were just, the time when I need to be helped they will send some people to come and help me, during those interventions thus.

MR WESLEY: So every now and then they'll make some intervention when you need it?

20 [14:47] COLONEL MERAFE: Well, at the present 21 moment, no, I'll say no because it only depends because

22 there are some changes now. Now there are new members

23 brought in and new vehicles brought at the province.

24 MR WESLEY: I'm going to ask you about the position as it is now.

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It's a serious allegation to make. Do you see that

2 allegation there? You wrote it.

MR WESLEY:

3 **COLONEL MERAFE:** As far as I'm concerned, 4 Chair, I was just putting down what it is there, showing 5

to you now, I put it to you it's a damning allegation.

some points.

MR WESLEY: 6 And I've no doubt that -7 we'll get to that, what you've said there. You've already confirmed it's true. It was true, I'm not fighting with 8 9 you about that, please understand that, I'm not but what concerns me is if you go and look at GGG15 there's no such 10 11 allegation in GGG15.

12 COLONEL MERAFE: Chair, all the points 13 which I've just written in both, GGG15, the unsigned statement, as far as I'm concerned those are the points 14 15 which I knew myself as Colonel Merafe and I wrote them down as they stand. 16

17 MR WESLEY: I accept that, I accept that. 18 We're going to get to how GGG15 came about but I accept what you say. Some of the stuff was changed very slightly but I want to get your view on it. Look at paragraph 5 of QQ2, QQQ2, triple Q2. In that there's a part where you 22 tell the Commission the following, "During all these

23 challenges police management in the province and national 24 made some interventions by providing us with additional

25 personnel and resources." What this suggests is that - a

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COLONEL MERAFE: 1 Okay.

2 MS BALOYI: Chairperson, that's not a complete translation of the witness's statement, what he's

just said, Chair.

5 MR WESLEY: Chair, might I for the record also say I did ask Ms Baloyi specifically if she does pick 6

7 up a problem, being a linguist herself, to mention it.

8 CHAIRPERSON: No, I understand that. It

9 isn't a problem. What - I think the best way to do it,

let's get the witness to repeat his answer, then listen to 10

11 the interpretation and then if you think there's a problem

12 then let us know.

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MS BALOYI: Thank you, Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON: Colonel, can you please

15 repeat your answer?

16 COLONEL MERAFE: Chair, first of all

17 there are some processes which are lawful to be followed.

18 For instance, like the vehicles, they buy them but not been

19 bought but there's some procurement that is to be followed

20 in order - processes to be followed when buying the

21 vehicles. As far as the staff itself, the police, are

22 concerned, there is also a training process for the

23 duration of two years. They don't just recruit and bring

24 them there and then. They had to undergo some processes or

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some training before they are brought over to POP.

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           MR WESLEY:
                               You mentioned also, if I can
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    just expand a bit, I think you left a part out that, in
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                                                                                CHAIRPERSON:
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    fairness to you, you said something about as and when you
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                                                                                MR WESLEY:
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    had a need, national or provincial would send it additional
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    personnel or something to that effect, is that correct?
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                                                                                CHAIRPERSON:
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                     Chair, I was referring
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                                                                         but I'm not sure you put it to the witness.
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                                                                                                    In paragraph 5 of QQQ2 I said
    in the previous - that is when I encounter some challenges.
                                                                                MR WESLEY:
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    It is then that I'll ask the province to help me as well as
                                                                         to you, I read it to you and I said to you that this
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    the national office to help there and then.
                                                                         suggests the following, SAPS management was aware of all
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           MR WESLEY:
                               There and then?
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                                                                         the challenges that you're facing and being aware of these
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                         challenges they made some interventions - not all the
                                     Yes.
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           MR WESLEY:
                               Right. Now you'll remember
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                                                                         interventions, some interventions. That's what paragraph 5
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    that the passage we're dealing with here is the following
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                                                                         of QQQ2 means. You agreed with me.
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    sentence, "During all these challenges police management in
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
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    province and national made some interventions by providing
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                                                                                MR WESLEY:
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    us with additional personnel and resources." Now I went
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                                                                         tells us, paragraph 8 of GGG15, what that tells us about
    and had a look at QQQ2 to look now where is this addressed
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                                                                         SAPS management is that they were aware of the extent, the
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    and I found what to me appears to be the sort of opposite
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                                                                         magnitude of the incidents, that because they were aware of
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    or equivalent paragraph which is paragraph 8 in GGG15. Now
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                                                                         the extent and the magnitude of the incidents they felt
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    paragraph 8 reads as follows, "Due to the extent of some of
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                                                                         compelled - had, you used the word "had" - felt compelled
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    these incidents and to ensure that it is being addressed
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    effectively and sufficiently, provincial and national
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    management had to intervene and provide additional
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                                                                         that they then did was such as to ensure that after they
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    resources from within and from other provinces." Is that
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                                                                         had intervened, public order policing - you - were able to
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    correct, what I've read?
                                                                         address those incidents effectively and efficiently.
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      Ja, that is the truth.
                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
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           MR WESLEY:
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                                                                                MR WESLEY:
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    to me a couple of things which you're trying to say, is
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    that, one, SAPS management was aware of the magnitude or
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    the extent, the whole extent of the problem - of the
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    incidents, rather, the incidents that you're facing. Not
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7 the problems, the incidents you're facing. Two, that 8 because of that, SAPS management felt compelled to 9 intervene. You use the word "had," they had to intervene. 10 So they felt compelled to intervene because of all the 11 serious problems you're facing and they did that to 12 "ensure," ensure the solution and that the intervention by 13 the SAPS management was such as to ensure that after the 14 intervention these incident were being addressed by public 15 order policing, your unit, effectively and efficiently. Am I correct in my understanding of the meaning that I have 16 17 ascribed to paragraph 8? 18 **COLONEL MERAFE:** Chair, that is so. 19 MR WESLEY: You'll also agree with me then, in as far as SAPS management is concerned they look a 21 lot better if you read paragraph 8 of GGG15 than if you read paragraph 5 of QQQ2. 22 CHAIRPERSON: What do you say about that? 23 Shouldn't you tell him why you say that?

Chair, the reason is what

MR WESLEY:

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question, SAPS management look a lot better if you read paragraph 8 of GGG15 than they do if you read paragraph 5 7 MS BALOYI: Chair, Chairperson, I think 8 in fairness to the witness Mr Wesley should do what the 9 Chairperson invited him to do, which is to say to the 10 witness in what respect, exactly what does he mean and he's not done that. All that Mr Wesley has done is to repeat 11 12 the same question. 13 MR WESLEY: Chair, the reasons why I say 14 it is exactly the content of the two paragraphs. The witness has agreed -15 16 CHAIRPERSON: In fairness to the witness 17 I think you should put it in a more focused way. 18 MR WESLEY: Chair, in fact I've got 19 sufficient from the witness on this point. Let's not -20 CHAIRPERSON: No, well, I'd like to ask a 21 question about the same paragraph. You've got QQQ2 in front of you? 22 23 **COLONEL MERAFE:** Yes, I have. 24 CHAIRPERSON: Now the fifth paragraph, the one that Mr Wesley has been asking you about, says

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    "During all these challenges police management in the
                                                                         expressing concern about the use of force in suppressing
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    province and national" - so that's national at head office
                                                                         unrest and they are raising that, these are concerns. In
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                                                                         GGG15 it's watered down, it's now softer, less critical.
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 - and the provincial
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    office, the Provincial Commissioner's office, "they made
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                                                                         that are being address.
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
    some interventions by providing us with additional
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    personnel and resources. There has been several meetings
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                                                                                CHAIRPERSON:
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    held where management raised their concerns regarding the
                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
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    use of force during unrest situations." So that seems to
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                                                                                CHAIRPERSON:
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    say that management, that must be national management and
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                                                                         you've got both statements it doesn't really matter because
    provincial management, were concerned, they were worried,
                                                                         the one supplements the other, as you say they talk to each
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                                                                         other, but if of course one hasn't got QQQ2 and one only
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    they were to some extent dissatisfied with the use of force
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    during unrest situations. Am I reading it correctly?
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                                                                         has GGG15, one doesn't know about the concern and the
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Correct, Chair.
                                                                         criticism, does one?
           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 Now if I look, however, at
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
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    GGG15, one sees that that statement has been considerably
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                                                                                                      Alright. I think on that
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    watered down. The concern has gone. What paragraph 8 says
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    is, "Due to the extent of some of these incidents and to
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    ensure that it's being addressed efficiently and
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    sufficiently - effectively and sufficiently - provincial
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                                                                         [15:21] CHAIRPERSON:
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    and national management had to intervene and provide
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    additional resources from within and from other provinces.
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                                                                         hearing tomorrow at about half past one I'll be giving the
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    In addition to above, several meetings were held in order
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                                                                         rulings on the application for the in camera, for the
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                                                                         Commission to sit in camera and to receive evidence via
    to address the, amongst other, following challenges -
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    insufficient personnel, use of force during uprising,
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                                                                         television link and I will merely read the rulings. The
    training." So what was previously a matter for concern on
                                                                         reasons will be available from the Secretary of the
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    the part of management, they were worried and dissatisfied
                                                                         Commission and he'll be able to send them electronically to
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    with what was happening, now simply is a challenge that
                                                                         anyone who wishes to have them and I think he may even have
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    national and provincial management are seeking to address.
                                                                         a couple of hard copies for those who want them in hard
    So there is a difference, isn't there? The full force of
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                                                                         copy form. So at about 1:30, just before 1:30 tomorrow
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                                                                         I'll be making the, giving the ruling or alternatively
    the sentence that I read you from QQQ2 has been watered
    down, it's been diluted. The concern is gone. Now it's
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                                                                         refusing the rulings, as the case may be. You're still
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    just a challenge, the concern on the part of management
                                                                         under oath, Colonel. Mr Wesley?
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    about the way force was being used in suppressing unrest.
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    What now is simply said is, there's a challenge and they
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                                                                                CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR WESLEY (CONTD.):
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    sought to address it. Now why was that watered down? Why
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                                                                         Chair, thank you. Colonel, before we proceed with other
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    was that made less strong, less critical perhaps than was
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                                                                         differences between the two documents that we are going
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    the case in QQQ2?
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                                                                         through, QQQ2 and GGG15, the subject matter, though, of the
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                         paragraphs that I've been dealing with is the same. In
                                      Chair, I will fail to
                                                                         paragraph 5 of QQQ2 you're talking about difficulties with
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    answer but I will make some attempt. At GGG15 I have been
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    helped by my lawyer. I'm trying to compare the two
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                                                                         personnel and resources, in GGG15 there's mention made of
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    paragraphs - they speak to each other - as far as it's
                                                                         the provision of additional resources. That was the
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    concerned they speak the same language, that's the two -
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                                                                         problem in a nutshell and that was, those were - I don't
    but the direction statement GGG15 and this statement
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                                                                         know if it was all, we'll let to other challenges later but
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    regarding the resources and the awareness that was made to
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                                                                         certainly some of the challenges that led you to say in
22 police management seems to be the same things that have
                                                                         paragraph 3 of QQQ2 that these challenges led to
    been addressed. It's how we understood it, ja, Chair.
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                                                                         ineffectiveness in the way public order incidents were
        CHAIRPERSON:
                               No, the difference is in
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                                                                         policed.
   QQQ2 it's the national and provincial management that are
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
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COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:

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Thank you.

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           MR WESLEY:
                               Now, just to digress then on
                                                                                MR WESLEY:
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                                                                                                    There's a question here that
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    that just a little bit, your supplementary statement is
                                                                         I was going to put to you. I'm going to say that, I just
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    QQQ3. Now we will return to this in more detail but I just
                                                                         want to mention it, if I come back at a later stage and say
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    want to point out to you and ask if I'm correct in this, in
                                                                         there's another question, this is it - just for the record.
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    paragraph 3 of QQQ3 you address the minutes of a provincial
                                                                         Let's just go back to GGG15. In GGG15 there is no specific
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    operational response meeting of 16 May 2012 and you say, "I
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                                                                         mention, and I'm using the word "specific," mention made of
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    raise my concerns about the shortage of personnel and
                                                                         the provincial operational response meeting that was held
    equipment for POPS in the North-West." It's the same
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                                                                         on 16 May 2012.
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    challenge or difficulty that you're referring to in the
                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                          That is so, Chair.
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    other paragraphs, personnel and equipment.
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                                                                                                    And it follows from that as
                                                                                MR WESLEY:
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                      That is so, Chair.
                                                                         well, there's no specific mention of the fact that
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           MR WESLEY:
                               And then the last, you deal
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                                                                         Brigadier Calitz attended that meeting.
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    then with there being insufficient personnel and the
                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                          That is so, Chair.
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    equipment problems and then you finish that paragraph by
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                                                                                MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                    Do you know why reference,
    saying the following, "I am still waiting for matters to
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                                                                         specific reference to that meeting was left out of GGG15?
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    improve to this day." Do you see that?
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      Yes, I see it.
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                                                                         been left out.
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           MR WESLEY:
                               And that statement you made
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                                                                                MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                    Was it your decision to leave
    on 29 November 2013. You can look at the last page, you'll
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    see it was attested to on 29 November 2013.
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      That is so, sir.
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                                                                         evidence-in-chief - the two statements QQQ2 and GGG15 - I
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           MR WFSI FY:
                               So from that we can conclude
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                                                                         might have not included some facts that I actually have
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    that by 29 November 2013 at least the personnel and
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                                                                         included earlier on. It's possible there.
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    resource problems that you'd been complaining about since
                                                                                MR MABUNDA:
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                                                                                                      I do agree, your worship,
    early 2012 had not been fixed in the North-West Province.
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                                                                         that there could be some left, some omission concerning the
                                                       Page 26800
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      Yes, I - yes, that is
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                                                                         two statements as far as that is concerned, as I explained
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                                                                         that earlier in my chief, when testifying in chief.
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    SO.
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           MR WESLEY:
                               And just to remind you, these
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                                                                                MR WESLEY:
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    were the problems that you said that lead to public order
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                                                                         of QQQ2 you tell the Commission the following, "There has
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    incidents in North-West Province being policed in
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                                                                         been several meetings held where management raised their
    effectively.
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                                                                         concerns regarding the use of force during unrest
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                         situations. The issue of training of members was also
                                      That is so, Chair.
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           MR WESLEY:
                               So when there's mention made
                                                                         raised. Due to workload and lack of personnel it was not
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    in paragraph 8 of GGG15 of management ensuring or taking
                                                                         possible. This has been communicated with Brigadier Calitz
    steps to ensure that incidents are policed effectively and
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                                                                         during 16 May 2012 during ORS provincial conference held at
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    sufficiently, that's not correct.
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                                                                         Potchefstroom." Now as I read that, I think the Chair
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      Chair, concerning GGG15
                                                                         touched on it earlier, you don't suggest that the meeting
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    - management had to intervene or it's a process that
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                                                                         was held for the purpose of addressing those issues. I'll
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    management should undergo. It was an ongoing thing. It is
                                                                         ask you directly, was the meeting held specifically so that
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    not a matter of intervening now and then it's finished -
                                                                         management could raise their concerns?
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
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    it's a continuation.
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           COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                             Can I just ask you,
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                                                                         the management and the members of the police, we can raise
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    Colonel, that however GGG15 is worded, you did not seek to
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                                                                         our concern on the ground level concerning what we need.
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    take away from that statement that, "This challenges led to
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                                                                         So the issues - management, they were issues actually
    ineffectiveness in the way public order incidents were
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                                                                         raised by some of during the meeting because we needed to
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     policed." You don't seek to water that down at all?
                                                                         inform management of what is happening on the ground level.
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                      Yes, Chair, by not
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                                                                               MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                   I understand that, there's no
    having enough resources that is a cause that will lack
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                                                                         translation needed there. So rather than this meeting
                                                                         being called by management or whomever so that management
    effectiveness of the North-West.
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can raise management concerns with you on the ground, you

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    went to a meeting where you told management, these are my
                                                                        in GGG15 there's no specific mention made of this
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    concerns.
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                                                                        conference. Do you agree?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                   Chair, the environment
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         I agree, Chairperson -
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    in which we work, there is what we call participative
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                                                                               MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                   Or the attendance of Major-
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    management - that means that we also take part in the
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                                                                        General Mpembe at that meeting.
    environment where we work - up and downwards communication,
                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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    totally.

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    all of us have to raise points, even management can raise
                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                         General Mpembe was
    points. Then we engage each other.
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                                                                        present in that meeting.
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          MR MABUNDA:
                               That is the meeting for
                                                                               MR WESLEY:
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    everybody, for all bodies to raise our concern, from the
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                                                                        GGG15.
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    upper and lower.
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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          MR WESLEY:
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                             I understand what you're
                                                                        GGG15 - since that meeting or going to my unit or what has
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    saying and I actually see your point here. This difference
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                                                                        happened, now are we trying to resolve so -
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    might not be so important. If I can refer you, the
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                                                                               MR MABUNDA:
                                                                                                     He says that he is
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    equivalent is paragraph 8 in GGG15. Now in that you say
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                                                                        explaining both in QQQ2 as well as GGG15, some of the
    that, "In addition to the above, several meetings were also
                                                                        statements are the general, some have something to do with
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    held in order to address, amongst others, the following
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                                                                        Marikana.
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    challenges - insufficient personnel, use of force during
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                                                                               MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                   I must ask you again, is
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    uprisings and training." And what you've just explained is
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                                                                        there any specific reason that you can give why a specific
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    that because of participatory management - is that the
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                                                                        reference to the POP national conference was not made in
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    term, participatory management?
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                                                                        GGG15?
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          COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                   Participative
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    management.
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                                                                        that I included it in QQQ2 so that's the omission in GGG15,
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          MR WESLEY:
                             Participative management.
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                                                                        you'll find that I didn't put it.
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          COLONEL MERAFE:
                                   Yes, yes.
                                                                               MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                   Now the references to these
                                                       Page 26804
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           MR WESLEY:
                               You complain to management,
                                                                        meetings and conferences that I've mentioned to you, they
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    management can complain to you and that's the way it works.
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                                                                        give dates, they give the names, type of conferences or the
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Not necessarily
                                                                        type of meetings and even mention people that were there.
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    complaining but engaging -
                                                                        That found its way into paragraph - let me just say this,
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           MR WESLEY:
                                                                        with those names and those references to the people and
                               Engage.
           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     - each other on matters
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                                                                        references to dates and in some places references to where
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    of importance or the matters that have an impact on the
                                                                        the meetings were held, that enables one to go and ask the
    work itself.
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                                                                        direct question for the minutes of meetings, those very
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           MR WESLEY:
                               Ja. I have no difficulty
                                                                        meetings. Do you agree with me on that?
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    with that. Let's go on in GGG15. In GGG15 no specific
                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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    mention is again made of another important meeting or
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                                                                        Chairperson.
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    conference and that's the POP national conference of 28 or
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                                                                               MR WESLEY:
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    29 May 2012. Now before you answer that, was it 28 or 29
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                                                                        this information made its way into GGG15 in paragraph 8 and
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    May that this conference was held, can you remember? Just
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                                                                        the part that deals with meetings says, is the second part
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    clarify that for me because I've got both dates in various
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                                                                        in paragraph 8 and it reads, "In addition to the above,
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    documents.
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                                                                        several meetings were also held in order to address the,
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     My own statement is
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                                                                        amongst others, the following challenges - insufficient
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    dated the 28th of May at Manhattan.
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                                                                        personnel, use of force during uprising and training." You
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           MR WESLEY:
                               Ja, but that -
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                                                                        agree with me?
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     The conference was a two
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                                                                               COLONEL MERAFE:
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    day conference.
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                                                                        Chairperson.
22 MR WESLEY:
                       Okay, that explains it. It was 28 and
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                                                                               MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                   And there we're not told the
    29 May. Sorry, I just wanted to understand that.
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                                                                        days that these meeting were held, when they were held and
         COLONEL MERAFE:
                                   That is so, sir.
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                                                                        the places, people who attended, in this paragraph. None
           MR WESLEY:
                             The point I'm making is that
                                                                        of that information is provided.
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COLONEL MERAFE: Yes, Chair. I said I 1

- have [indistinct] with GGG2. QQQ2 was written before QQQ -2
- 3 this statement GGG15 was made, so this one I have mentioned
- 4 specific days, meetings that were held but here, because I
- 5 already mentioned in the first statement, I wouldn't
- mention (indistinct) because it will be repetition of what 6
- 7 I have already mentioned.
- [15:41] CHAIRPERSON: That is not going to fly 8
- 9 because we've already said that obviously if you have QQQ2
- 10 then you know all the things that have been left out of
- 11 GGG15 but if you've only got GGG15 and QQQ3 only appears
- much later, then the sorry, QQQ2 only appears much later, 12
- 13 then the reader has only got QQQ, sorry, GGG15 hasn't got
- 14 all that extra information. So it doesn't help to say that
- 15 you get the information when you look at GGG2 - QQQ2,
- because if you haven't got QQQ2 you haven't got the 16
- 17 information, so that bird is not going to fly but what we
- 18 do know is there were two very important meetings which you
- 19 mention in QQQ2 which indicated that there was concern at
- 20 head office and at provincial level - it's a point we
- 21 discussed earlier in another context - about a number of
- 22 matters and one of them was in respect of the use of
- 23 rubber, I think, and force generally and there were other
- 24 problems with training and lack of proper resources and so
- 25 forth. And these are actually spelt out in the minutes of

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- the Manhattan Hotel conference, which I think actually took
- place on the it is the 28th, isn't it? It's the day 2
- 3 you've got in your - is that right?
- 4 MR WESLEY: Chair, he says it's the 28th
- 5 and 29.

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- 6 CHAIRPERSON: Ja. So we've now got the
 - minutes of that and we can see what happened there. There
- 8 were some quite strong critical comments being made by
- 9 General Mawela, for example, who said the police need - I'm
- 10 quoting from QQQ, it's QQQ4, is it - he said "The police
- 11 need to change the manner in which they deal with
- 12 protesters. Police officers are not wearing proper gear,
- 13 lack of command and control." We hear complaints, similar
- complaints here about Marikana. Whether they're justified 14
- 15 or not is a matter we've got to look at but the very point
- was made on the 29th of May. "No record of planning for 16
- 17 marching to take place." Well that, the planning records
- 18 we have here are mainly produced afterwards so that's also
- 19 a bit awkward. And then - so there are a number of quite
- 20 strongly worded points made here by General Mawela and then
- 21 also strong points made, I think I put some of them to you,
- 22 by General Masemola. So we only know about these because
- 23 we finally got your statement, the unsigned one, sometime
- 24 after we got the other one, GGG15. So that's really the
- thrust of this cross-examination. Now I think I did ask

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you before in respect of a slightly different point, I take

- it the same answer applies here, you can't exactly explain
- to us why, when your revised statement GGG15 was prepared,
- all these important things were cut out. Am I right in
- saying that?

COLONEL MERAFE: That is so, Chair.

7 MR WESLEY: Colonel, there's one more

8 difference which I want to point out but before I point

9 that out you must please remember what, when we began your

10 cross-examination, I pointed out to you. This document,

11 your statement, your unsigned statement, we found it on a

12 hard drive. It wasn't given to us amongst a bundle of

13 statements. It wasn't handed in, in Commission, we found

14 it. Do you understand that? That's a concern, but let's

15 just go back to the documents. This is the last one -

16 CHAIRPERSON: Before you go back to the

17 documents, the question I want to ask relating directly to

what you've just asked, can you tell us why you never

19 actually signed and deposed to, swore as being correct, the

20 exhibit QQQ2? It remained as an unsigned draft, didn't it?

21 COLONEL MERAFE: I made this statement

22 and then thereafter it has been typed. At a later stage I

23 met with my legal adviser and then we made GGG15. I had

24 not yet signed that statement and sent it through to the

25 Commission -

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CHAIRPERSON: And is it fair to say that

GGG15 was effectively designed to replace QQQ2? QQQ2 was

3 unsigned. It wasn't obviously, it wasn't going to go out

in the world because it was unsigned and you made a new

5 statement which included some of the material in QQQ2 and a

6 lot of extra material as well, of course, that hadn't been

7 there before. That's right, isn't it?

8 COLONEL MERAFE: Chair -

9 CHAIRPERSON: So effectively GGG15 was

10 designed to replaced QQQ2, is that right?

11 MS BALOYI: Chairperson, if perhaps I may 12 assist? Mr Mokothedi was involved in taking these

13 statements. My understanding is that the members of the

14 SAPS, some of them went and prepared their own drafts and

15 then subsequently held consultations with the legal teams

16 and the legal teams drafted proper statements to be

17 presented to the Commission. I'm concerned, Chairperson,

18 by the meaning of "replaced," that no improper meaning

19 should be given to it.

20 CHAIRPERSON: Oh, sorry. You're quite 21 right, I didn't use the word precisely. By replaced I

22 meant took the place of a statement that had not yet been

23 issued and was to be the statement that would be published,

as it were, to the evidence leaders and the Commission. So

there was a draft, as it were, which he prepared himself

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20 21 intention, your worship, but some people, you get some

repeated? Did you choose not to repeat those instances

So was it your

Chair, I've been helped

advice on the way, your worship.

COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:

24 that appear in QQQ2 and not in GGG15?

COLONEL MERAFE:

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22 election then to leave out those details that were not

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    and that draft never got beyond being a draft, never made
                                                                         with those people who have got the knowledge of law.
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                                                                                CHAIRPERSON:
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    its way to the Commission and evidence leaders and the
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    parties. In its place came the new one that had been - the
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                                                                         - fair, you were being assisted now by a trained lawyer.
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    one you referred to - which was prepared with the
                                                                         Trained lawyer went through your draft and, I imagine, said
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    assistance of his legal advisers. That seems to be the
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                                                                         something like, well, you don't need that, that's
    position, doesn't it?
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                                                                         unnecessary detail and cut it out. So that's probably -
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           MS BALOYI:
                              Yes, Chair.
                                                                         you didn't decide on your own to leave those things out, it
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           MR WESLEY:
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                                                                         was on advice, probably for the reasons I've given. Is
                               Could I then go to the last
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                                                                         that right?
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    one -
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           COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
                                            Sorry, before you
                                                                                                          That is so, Chair.
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    do that. Colonel, at the time you made GGG15, where was
                                                                                MR WESLEY:
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                                                                                                    Colonel, can I point out a
    this unsigned QQQ2? Where was this statement? Did he have
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                                                                         difficulty I have with that answer, the answers that you've
    it with him?
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                                                                         just given? You say that GGG15, you went through a process
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     I wrote it on my own.
                                                                         and then this was drafted specifically, well, for the
                                                                         Commission or drafted for whatever purpose but dealing only
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    It was there and thereafter we made GGG15, after
                                                                         with Marikana and leaving out other stuff, is that correct?
    consultations.
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 And you told us that the
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
                                                                                                          Matter related to my
                                                                         unit per se - then we talk about Marikana, with involvement
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    lawyer who helped you or the legal person, I'm not sure if
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    it was a practising lawyer who helped you draft GGG15, had
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                                                                         of my unit members.
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    a copy of QQQ2, isn't that right?
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                                                                                MR MABUNDA:
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           COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                         matters concerning Marikana altogether in, contained in
                                     That is so, Chair.
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           CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                         GGG15.
                                 And one can see that in
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    fact phrases and so on that appear in QQQ2 were taken over
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                                                                                MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                    Can I just point out to you
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                                                                         that in GGG15, paragraph 7, you deal with the following.
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    and put into GGG15, some of the same words and so on, is
                                                                         You say, "This year 2012 has been the most challenging in
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    that right? Is that right? You nod your head, the
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    microphone can't see you.
                                                                         that there were many incidents of public interest and
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     That is so, Chair.
                                                                         violence in Rustenburg cluster. This included the
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  I think you should
                                                                         following, strikes and unrest at Impala Plats, uprisings at
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    interpret that, Mr Interpreter. What did he say? I take
                                                                         Moreleng, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera." And then you
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    it he said yes.
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                                                                         also deal in paragraph 9 with the events of 22nd of May.
            MR MABUNDA:
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                                 He agrees, he says yes.
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                                                                         GGG15, on the face of it, also deals with - well, that
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            CHAIRPERSON:
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                                  Alright.
                                                                         matter that you've described there is also dealt with in
            COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:
                                            Then I don't
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                                                                         QQQ2. You do deal with it, you cover both. The difference
    understand, Colonel, if GGG15 was to replace QQQ2, why is
                                                                         is that in GGG15 there's a lot less detail than there was
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                                                                         in QQQ2.
    all the detail not repeated in it?
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
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                                                                                COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     My answer concerning
                                                                                                          I agree, Chair.
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    QQQ2, I took every - I was writing everything in full
                                                                                MR WESLEY:
                                                                                                   Can I just take you then just
    detail. GGG15, it has something to do solely with
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                                                                         to the last difference and I've alluded to it now. Have a
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    Marikana. I was just writing about Marikana.
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                                                                         look at paragraph 9 of GGG15 and I want to ask you a
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            CHAIRPERSON:
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                                  The problem with that
                                                                         question. I'll read it aloud and then please listen and
                                                                         then I want to ask you a question. "On the 22nd of May 2012
    argument is that QQQ2 was also intended for this Commission
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    and was also concerned with Marikana, wasn't it?
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                                                                         there was an illegal march by plus-minus 15 000 miners at
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            COLONEL MERAFE:
                                     Well, it was my
                                                                         Impala Mines where miners intended to proceed to court to
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release previous arrested miners who were due to appear

assortment of weapons. The policing of the march was a

personnel to manage it effectively. Even though we had a

lack of personnel, we did manage to control the situation

and stop the march, disperse the people. This was done by

huge challenge as the POP unit did not have enough

before court. These miners arrived with pangas, sticks and

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1 utilising our trained tactics, the use of our armoured

- 2 vehicles as barriers, use of CS canister and rubber
- 3 bullets. We were assisted during the incident by our local
- 4 VISPOL and tactical response team members, TRT." Do you
- 5 see that? I've read it correctly.
- 6 COLONEL MERAFE: Yes, I've seen it.
- 7 MR WESLEY: Now to make my point can I
- 8 ask you, if I read that paragraph how am I going to know
- 9 that on the 22nd of May you ordered TRT members to open fire
- 10 with R5 rifles? And I'm not saying at crowds, you've said
- 11 you told them to shoot into the ground. Am I able to
- 12 deduce that from the paragraph I've just read to you?
- 13 COLONEL MERAFE: Seeing that I did not
- 14 write it there, you wouldn't have found it, that part of
- 15 the sentence because it doesn't appear there on there.
- 16 It's not contained in that statement.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON: In fact the statement as we
- 18 have it, para 9 is incomplete because it says that you
- 19 managed to control the situation I'm reading from the
- 20 third sub-paragraph of 9. "Even though we had a lack of
- 21 personnel, we did manage to control the situation and stop
- 22 the march, disperse the people. This was done by utilising
- 23 our trained tactics, the use of our armoured vehicles as
- 24 barriers, use of CS canister and rubber bullets." That's
- 25 all it says, but if you look at the other document, the
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 - fuller document QQQ2, you find that that's not a complete
- 2 account of what happened. Let me refer you to that and on
- 3 the first page, the sixth paragraph, I'm taking you from
- 4 about, from about the tenth line from the foot. You
- 5 describe how you tried to negotiate with the people, they
- 6 wouldn't co-operate and they threw stones at you and the
- 7 members. You then say, "I instructed members to use
- 8 teargas to disperse the crowd." That's the CS canister you
- 9 referred to. "I instructed members to use teargas to
- 10 disperse the crowd. It was not effective enough for them
- 11 to disperse." So that didn't help. "I communicated with
- 12 the air wing commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak, over
- 13 the radio to throw CS canisters," that's teargas canisters,
- 14 "to the crowd from the air. The situation was becoming
- 15 very tense and I ordered members to use rubber bullets. We
- 16 ran short of rubber bullets." So the rubber bullets didn't
- 17 do the trick either because you didn't have enough of them,
- 18 you ran out of rubber bullets. "One of our armoured
- 19 vehicles fell into a hole," it must have been a pothole,
- 20 "and participants ran to it, trying to burn it with police
- 21 officials inside." So you still haven't managed to solve
- 22 the problem yet. "Then I instructed TRT members to make
- 23 use of their R5s to scare the people attacking our members
- 24 and save lives. VISPOL members," that's visible policemen,
- 25 "that were requested from different stations arrived.
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- There was more visible policing at the scene. We
- 2 ultimately managed to restore public order."
- 3 Now it's quite clear from that fuller account,
- which you wrote yourself, that the shortened version which
- 5 the lawyer helped you to prepare, doesn't tell the whole
- 6 story. It's not correct to say that "We managed to control
- 7 the situation, stop the march, disperse the people by
- 8 utilising our trained tactics, using our armoured vehicles
- 9 as barriers, using CS canisters" that's teargas canisters
- 10 "and rubber bullets." You actually did the trick, you
- 11 saved the situation because when you ran out of rubber
- 12 bullets you got the TRT people in, they fired with R5s,
- 13 live ammunition but into the ground in front of the
- 14 marchers, the marchers obviously thought it was unwise to
- 15 stay there with live ammunition being fired at them and
- they turned around and retreated, isn't that right? So
- 17 that's I mean you were very lucky actually that no-one
- 18 was hurt or killed in the thing but nevertheless you
- 19 succeeded, without loss of life or injury, to control the
- 20 situation, isn't that right?

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- COLONEL MERAFE: That is so, Mr Chair.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON: But you did so not the way
- 23 described in para 9, the passage I read, but through the
- 24 intervention of the TRT in the manner you described in your
 - other statement. That's correct too, isn't it?

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- 1 COLONEL MERAFE: As I just explained,
- 2 Chair, I said to this Commission that I've been assisted in
- 3 connection with writing the GGG15 and I agree there are
- 4 things that I mentioned in QQQ2 that does not appear here
- 5 in length to explain the actual things that happens on the
- 6 ground. I do agree totally.
 - CHAIRPERSON: Thank you for that answer.
- 3 Mr Wesley, would you object vigorously if we take the
- 9 adjournment till tomorrow morning now?
- 10 MR WESLEY: Can I ask one question?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON: I don't know what the
- 12 question is.
- 13 MR WESLEY: It's going to be very short.
- Colonel, just dealing with this because you testified a lotabout Colonel Vermaak and you've read JJJ137. You must
- 13 about coloner vermaak and you've read 333137. Tou ma
- 16 recall paragraph 15 of that letter, that's his letter of 28
- May. Let me read to you what he said about you. He said,"Lieutenant-Colonel Merafe handled the situation very good
- Electeriant coloner werare narialed the situation very good
- 19 with minimum power." He commended you, do you see that?
- 20 COLONEL MERAFE: Okay, Chairperson.
- 21 MR WESLEY: Thank you, Colonel. Thank
- 22 you, Chair.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON: On that positive note we'll
- 24 take the adjournment till tomorrow morning.
- 25 [COMMISSION ADJOURNED]

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