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I regret that I am unable to vouch for the accuracy of any part of the ensuing transcript. Due to the extremely poor sound quality of the recording the greater part of Mr Dolinchek's answers, and also many of the questions, particularly on Tape No 2, are inaudible.



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CHAIRMAN: (Incomplete) ... Friday, the 9th of May 1997, and this is to record an informal discussion between Martin Dolinchek, presently of ... (inaudible) ... and staff members of the Truth Commission in Durban. Thanks for coming down to meet us today. This is a as I have said it's an informal discussion, and by mutual agreement we have chosen not to subpoena you, because you've indicated that you will be open and frank with us and tell us as much as you know. I think I must that at any stage if we feel that you are withholding stuff from us we will obviously reserve the right to call you by subpoena, in which event you will be subject to the provisions of the Act, which means that you'll be compelled to answer any questions even though they may incriminate you, etcetera, you have the right to legal representation and that sort of thing, but at this stage there doesn't seem to be any call for that.

I think the two primary things that we want to talk to you about are the position that pertained in Durban prior to 1978, January 1978, which was the date of the murder of Rick Turner, and the position that pertained with regard to BOSS and MI and the Security Branch, where I understand there was some overlapping of functions, and security functions, and the situation after that, and how you fitted into that security family at the time, and anything you may know about the assassination of Dr Turner, as well as about your role, and other role-players in the Seychelles incident, which came later.

Anything else anybody else wants to add? Okay.

We haven't really discussed in any great detail how we're going to run this, so should I just kick off?

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(Inaudible comments from other staff members)

CHAIRMAN: Okay. All right, well then I think I am not going to lead him. I think provided we do it in a coordinated way, and we don't talk on top of each other, so that this thing can pick up the recording, then we can all just ask questions as and when we like, provided that they follow a sequence and a chronology.

Perhaps just to start off you can just tell us - I understand that your background in this country's security establishment was with RI, is that right? --- Ja.

Which is the Republic ... (inaudible) --- Ja.

I joined the police force in 1964, beginning of '64, and I was drafted into the Security Branch out of the actually they took me out of the train, I was ... (inaudible) ... to go to Durban North Police Station ... (inaudible)

Sorry, can I just interrupt? Were you an immigrant to this country? --- Ja.

Were you a young person then? --- Ja, a young person.

Where had you come from? --- From the former Yugoslavia ... (inaudible)

Were your parents immigrants here, or had you immigrated here? --- No, I myself.

You yourself? --- Ja.

Did you have a background in the police in that country? --- No. I was ... (inaudible) ... then

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they drafted me into the Security Branch, Northern Transvaal, when what I was doing, I was listening to the tapes to Peter Hain, and transcribe the tapes - nothing much ... (inaudible) ... then I was transferred, I came in '64 back

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the uniform branch in Pretoria Central Police Station. I was in the Flying Squad. Then at the end of '64 they called me back to Security Branch without me asking. Actually my commander said, "Why do you want to do that?" Somebody from Security Branch say you go where we ask you. Then a few months there I interview one day Beyers Naude when he was still in the South African Racial - what - Race Relations Institute. ... (inaudible) ... was very good, but I asked him just questions like a newspaperman. So a week later Mike Geldenhuys, who was a captain then, and he was in charge of RI, but I didn't know at that time it was so secret. He called me, he say, "I am transferring you to RI." I didn't even know what RI was ... (inaudible) ... so he says, "It's very secret. If you tell anybody you're there, you know, you will be sort of ... (inaudible) ... but you will get a R40,00 bonus." In those days R40,00 was good.

Was that a branch of the police, or was it ... (intervention) --- It was a ... (incomplete)

... a forerunner of BOSS ... (intervention) ---

... or was it military intelligence? --- No, no.

Can you explain that a bit? --- That was basically Security Branch Intelligence. It was

basically a special investigation and surveillance.

That's what it started out to be. Then my first task was to - Robert Kennedy came here on a visit, so I pretended I am from the Yugoslav news agency, TANYU, falsified documents through the Security Branch ... (inaudible) ... themselves, and I went to the Robert Kennedy ... (inaudible). But I didn't get better news than the newspapers did, but in any case

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I had a free ride around. Then I come back, then Sunday Express, a chap called Roberton - I forget his first name. Roberton I think, Roberton. He knew me still from Welkom Police Station, and the next thing was a big headline in the Rand Daily Mail, it's a mystery spy ... (inaudible) ... so they thought I was exposed so they threw me to Cape Town ... (inaudible) ... I was kicking my heels around doing nothing for a few months. Then they took me to Durban here. I was kicking my heels for a few months on the Berea in a hotel, that I've forgotten what it's called now. Then I rejoined the RI office here in Durban. The basic job of that office was surveillance of a list of people, suspected people. The one guy I remember was Errol Strachan. He was a ... (inaudible)

(Inaudible) --- (Inaudible) ... sit there in some little path near the house ... (inaudible) ... but nothing happened, nobody visited him. He didn't ... (inaudible) ... then later on they asked us to start collecting as well.

So you started off as a surveillance field worker, rather than in connection ... (intervention) --Actually that was RI, but our basic work was to ...

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(inaudible) ... plus there was some agents who were attached to RI who operated independently. I would say like Rhoodie, Eschel Rhoodie, for instance. They were a special ... (inaudible) ... but they were still - but now they were - those guys they just were a step removed from RI, though they come under the RI administration ... (inaudible) ... keep it secret.

(Inaudible) --- Ja. As a matter of fact that reminds me of two things. Shell Garages were selling some

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fuel- some additive or something, and our chief, who was Blackie Swart, said we must immediately find out who started this ... (inaudible) ... chemicals, you know. I thought it was so stupid, but - in any case that's what we were doing basically. Then in 1968 BOSS was formed secretly, with only police establishments and the Security Branch. They say, "You people will start a bureau for State security. Go to Port Elizabeth, collect your cars," and then when we come back the Security Branch comes there, they say they will take our offices. It's not their office ... (inaudible) ... they will reclaim the Security Branch. They were quite hostile. And then we went to - we didn't know where first we met the ... (inaudible) ... but they had no offices ... (inaudible) ... it's quite incredible. It's common. Then we hired a back room of some house in Umbilo, down there.

Now, at that stage was it attached to ... (intervention) --- We didn't know. It was all in the air. They say, "We will create a special unit which will be under General van den Berg," blah, blah, blah.

The old woman says to me ... (inaudible) ... it was all done - it looks like overnight. So we go to the house in Umbilo, we hire our few rooms at the back. It's the servants' quarters at the back. So ... (inaudible) ... post office instals a telephone. There's an old man and an old woman there ... (inaudible) ... and we all drive big cars. The old woman says to me ... (inaudible) ... I say, "Why ... (inaudible) ... all dress funny. I've been waiting for three years for a telephone ... (inaudible) ... so I told my chief ... (inaudible) ... for a month was playing cards ... (inaudible) ... then the thing stabilised. We got the

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offices near Blue Waters Hotel, and then we had our mandate. It says some will go overseas to the embassies, some will work locally ... (inaudible)

But under what is this under the Prime Minister's office, under the ... (intervention) --Under the Prime Minister's office, under Hendrik van den
Berg. But then there was a big trouble ...
(intervention)

So not police budget? --- No.

The department of the Prime Minister's. --Ja. That was in '68, because the BOSS was announced only a year later, but it started functioning a year before. But at headquarters they had some problems.
They took ... (inaudible) ... Vorster say they can ... (inaudible) ... there was this ... (inaudible) ... that was the DMI headquarters at the time. So van den Berg's people come from Pretoria and they chase - actually they chase the DMI guys out. They occupy the offices. Then they found in some cupboards - I didn't see it, but it

bottles of branch ... (inaudible) ... and syringes, and special injections ... (inaudible) ... natural sugar substance. In other words if you're drunk you inject it and then you get sober. But if you do it too often I believe it's no good for heart. That's what ... (inaudible) ... so a fortnight later the army comes there and chase BOSS guys out ... (inaudible) ... I was not there, but it was common knowledge. The DMI were still under P W Botha, and there was no ... (inaudible) ... then I worked in Durban, and then I was transferred to headquarters, I was on the Africa desk. What we usually did was Department of Home Affairs there was a visitor's slip ... (inaudible) ... to

their homes, because they must put their addresses there, and we debrief them (inaudible) ... most of them they were not ... (inaudible) ... must fill in those slips ... (inaudible) ... and there was nothing ... (inaudible) ... the next thing was '74 I was transferred to Durban office here. I was doing basically labour field, and sort of anywhere wherever some investigation had to be done ... (inaudible) ... experience, so I wasn't very senior. Now, at that stage we had a capacity already for telephone intercepts. We alone were intercepting about up to 70 telephones ... (intervention)

(Inaudible) --- Yes, but Security Branch in Fisher Street had capacity to about 400. Then the military expanded their own intelligence. They were in that house near the railway station, that big building there. They also had about capacity for 400, but it was

all overlapping, no co-ordination \dots (inaudible) \dots for example, I asked one day for an interception.

(Inaudible) --- That Soobrimany, that correspondent. Soobrimany.

Soobri? --- Soobri, ja.

Ja, he works for the SABC at the moment. --- Is it?

Ja. He was banned for a bit. --- He started a ... (intervention)

A newspaper, that's right. --- So he had a telex and telephones.

(Inaudible) ... Soobri Govender? --- Ja, Soobri Govender, that's him. So I was given that investigation, so I asked for the telephone and telex intercept. So they approved it. Just before they approve it Security Branch

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comes and says, "But we also have Soobri on ... (inaudible) ... now, the telex and telephone." It was such an overlapping, unco-ordinated sort of a ... (inaudible) ... now we come to Rick Turner. One day there was ... (intervention)

So at this stage you were a desk officer, you weren't doing any field work, or surveillance, or ... (intervention) --- No, no, no. We had a special - in the BOSS there was a special directorate of surveillance, so if I want any surveillance I must apply in writing, and they bring the surveillance, the Durban surveillance. It was in the same building, but completely separate.

So you say you didn't do physical surveillance yourself? --- No, no.

You did earlier on with RI? ___ With RI. basically a surveillance unit, and special investigations was a step removed from RI itself, but under RI administration. So one day there comes a request from head office to interview Rick Turner for possible releasing from house arrest. So I didn't know how to get - actually I knew about Rick Turner, but I I looked at the file ... didn't know what he was. (inaudible) ... so I looked at the questions, then I compiled a questionnaire from the files, and then I asked Dick Usher. That was a journalist here at the Daily News. Dick Usher. I invited him for lunch. So I say could he introduce me to Professor Rick Turner for an interview, and I explained to Dick Usher why. I said headquarters want an interview, they want to lift the banning order. So he said sure. The next day he phoned me, he says, "You can phone this number. There's Rick Turner there." So I phoned him. So

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he says, "No problem. Come and see me." I think it was Friday in the morning when I come to his house. He was staying there ... (inaudible) ... so we had an interview, which I surreptitiously recorded. It was all high ... (inaudible) ... high above me. It was from ... (inaudible) ... as a matter of fact I thought ... (inaudible) ... it was above me. As a matter of fact when they transcribed it the transcriber said, "What is this?" because it was needed to be edited, so we looked for somebody to edit it properly to make sense because it was all academic. That was that. So we despatched this thing to head office, so we hear nothing. Until one day we hear he's killed.

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How long before he died was that interview? I think a month, but not more. I am not sure, but it was quite - a month, not more ... (inaudible) ... then everybody was suspected who did it. We said it was Security Police ... (inaudible) ... some people said it might be somebody from Pretoria. So we put things together. The same evening there was a black ANC ... (inaudible) ... askari, who worked in Fisher Street. He was attacked at about 9 o'clock or something that night. He was working on his car and he was gunned down. And now the Security Branch rushed there. So they sort of that was the same night that Rick Turner was killed. So we looked on the map. It says from KwaMashu up there will be - let's say they come there at 10 o'clock to see what happened, and give them another half an hour to confer or something, and then they - let's say later they kill Rick Turner. That's how we figured it out. And Andy Taylor's name was mentioned, but now again he has a very bad

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reputation. He was ... (inaudible) ... as a matter of fact they picked up one of my sources. His name was Gerald something. He worked for South African Breweries. They picked him up, and before I could get him out of Fisher Street he was like that. They said sorry ... (inaudible) ... in any case there was, I must say, quite strong reaction from head office on Turner's killing. So they took firearms. They took my firearm, they took two other firearms, but I didn't know if they took any firearms in the Security Branch, because the thing become very contentious. It become - you know, people become scared to talk about it. So it come back

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clear ... (inaudible) ... and that's more or less it.

Was that Murder and Robbery who took your firearm?

--- No. My chief from - oh, ja. No, my chief from

Pretoria took firearms and handed it over to Murder and

Robbery. I didn't do it direct.

And did you - you said he took two more ... (inaudible) --- Ja. One was Bill Colley, and the other one I don't know who took that, but I think it was somebody ... (inaudible)

And Bill Colley, was he BOSS? --- He was BOSS, ja. I don't know where he is now. I wanted to find out, but ... (inaudible) ... because we've got other sections which was secret, and he was working there ... (inaudible)

And did the investigating officer take a statement from you? --- No.

Never? --- Never. He never asked me for a statement.

You never gave a statement to Chris Earl, the investigating officer from Murder and Robbery? ---

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Did you have any contact with them at all? --No, never. I was just told that the firearm will be given to Murder and Robbery. And then it came back the same way.

Was that your own firearm, or ... (incomplete) --- It was my own - my own firearm.

(Inaudible) --- Well, you could - you had access to the firearms. Fill in the form and you will get a firearm. Like when I joined ... (inaudible) ...

they gave me a firearm and it was stolen from my hotel.

I was fined R2 000,00. It was one of those things. I say I will never take a Government firearm again.

Do you think the investigation was a competent investigation, or were they not looking very hard? --- As I say the headquarters was very upset about Rick Turner's ... (intervention)

The BOSS headquarters? --- Ja. That was my perception. The Security Branch they kept a low profile. They wouldn't talk about it. My chief at the time ... (inaudible) ... that was my impression, that they were annoyed with this. But now again one guy who come from head office was talking about Rick Turner, so he says he feels the Minister of Police ... (inaudible)

Jimmy Kruger. --- Jimmy Kruger ... (inaudible)
... had a party up at police headquarters, and he said
... (inaudible) ... ANC games.

Can you give us an idea of what surveillance Turner was subject to prior to his death? --- Oh, okay, yes.

And by whom? --- Yes. That came out later on.

They said Rick Turner was a client of Security Branch.

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Because what happened one day ... (inaudible) ... one day Dick Usher says to me, he says that Rick Turner escaped. But, you know, Dick Usher is ... (inaudible) ... so I reported this to my chief. And then half an hour later the whole of Fisher Street was in Rick Turner's house, and Rick Turner was there. So later I said to - Dick Usher phoned, so I said to Dick Usher, "How can you say that?" He says, "But how can't you take a joke?" Then I ... (inaudible) ... so he was

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basically a Security Branch client. They had him on the telephone intercept ... (inaudible) ... as a matter of fact this I learned subsequently. They had a mobile surveillance just check from time to time, and then they had a standing surveillance, who was a retired policeman next-door. They made a hole in his garage and then he stood ... (inaudible) ... but I don't know ... (intervention)

Jack Tubb? --- Was it Jack Tubb? I don't know, but it was just - and apparently he did funny things ... (inaudible) ... so apparently, so Rick Turner with his girlfriend, or something ... (inaudible) ... but in any case it's ... (inaudible)

So as far as you know he wasn't under BOSS surveillance? --- No. He was not, but I saw in his file a report, because we had a very strong presence at the University of Natal. There were lots of field operational reports which were on the file about Professor Turner. But he was not surveilled under the ... (inaudible)

But did you get the reports? In that video you said that reports would be compiled from the surveillance data and it would be sent to head office in Pretoria. ---

/No, no.

No, no. From reports, no. Maybe I said, for example, if I ordered a surveillance on somebody, surveillance must give me a surveillance log or report. Then I compile this thing. Or telephone intercepts. Then I compile the relevant - I take the relevant items from the report, or from the surveillance log, and send it to head office. I just said it's a procedure. But we

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didn't in this instance he was not under our surveillance. But we had reports - from the students, informers, or people that are full-time there - on Rick Turner and others, which of course we compiled a report and sent it to head office.

And that would be done, what, every month? --No, as soon as it's been ... (incomplete) ... because
we'd have date of receipt, date of dispatch. And I mean
if there is a time lapse you're in trouble. It must be
done immediately, otherwise it becomes ... (inaudible)

Yes. And then I met Professor Turner's mother in Seychelles. She said to me that Fosier(?) Fisher told her that I was a frequent visitor. I don't know where they got it, but I remember we were sitting in the lounge, and Fosier Fisher was not even introduced to me. What I presume was that she was a coloured woman, quite tall. She came from the kitchen and she gave us a cup of tea. That was the first and last time I saw Turner or his ... (inaudible)

And do you know who was the Security Branch surveillance officer, or the desk officer in charge of the surveillance on him? --- No, I don't know. They worked completely separate. But it come out later on that he was a - what they call a client of Security Branch.

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Because that's - obviously they had a telephone log - I mean intercept on him, we didn't. Because if they didn't we would. See what I mean? But it was their subject. That's for sure.

And did you ... (incomplete - end of Side A, Tape

1) ... by the Security Branch? --- 24 hours from experience I know is very difficult. You must have lots of people, and would be only a top priority. I would say that he was under spot-check surveillance day and night, and they had the static surveillance in that next-door neighbour who was an ex-policeman. But how good he was, that I don't know.

Because I am just wondering if he was under that sort of surveillance why doesn't anybody know who killed him? --- Ja. But I don't think he was under 24 hours, because, believe you me, surveillance ... (inaudible) ... sometimes they make up their own rules. But in any case that's ... (inaudible)

What time was the shooting? --- About midnight ... (inaudible) ... Jack Tubb was asleep. But what happened, our chief in Durban, the BOSS chief, sent Colley to the nearest police station. I think it was ... (incomplete)

Bellair? --- Bellair, to inquire from the local police - who was on the scene first, I believe - to ask them what they found. At that time it was - I think Blackie Swart. No, Fouche. I think Fouche was acting, Franz Fouche. But in any case. So they told him they found cartridges which looks like - that's a policeman, a sergeant or somebody, told him - you see police ammunition, the old one, was made by the mint, South

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African Mint. Apparently the cartridges found there was police, 9mm mint. That's what he told him. But as soon as he left, what he told me, he also reported it to the

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Security Branch, and they summoned the two guys, said

(why - why is he ... (inaudible) ... you see what I mean?

But I, other than that, only ... (inaudible)

(Inaudible) --- Ja, he was overseas. That was our station overseas in London and Europe, America. And we was then ... (inaudible) ... like in Kinshasa ... (inaudible)

(Inaudible) --- That was attached to General van den Berg. It was only a small component. As far as we were concerned they were a squad ... (inaudible) ... they did examine the mail and ... (inaudible) ... or even interrogated like ... (inaudible) ... but today they're denying it. But not to me. They say it to other components ... (inaudible)

Who was working in that ... (inaudible) --- As far as - Mike Keen(?) was there, van Meyer(?) was there, and one old ... (inaudible) ... it was only three or four people.

(Inaudible) --- Okay, then - ja ... (inaudible) ... can say so. He will know better than I do.

(Inaudible) ... is alive? --- My goodness.

(Inaudible) --- (Inaudible) ... there?

No, he's still there. Do you recall how ... (inaudible) ... how you were notified about the death?

--- Rick Turner's death?

Ja, and when? --- I think it was - he was killed between 11 and 12 o'clock or something like that.

That was then - the next day the chief called me, he says,

"Rick Turner is dead." Security Branch notified him ...

(inaudible) ... but then it was on the radio. It was in the newspapers, in the later editions.

(Inaudible) --- My basic recommendation was I said he is - he is not a communist, because he was banned under the Communism Act. He's a French Socialist, because he was talking about some ... (inaudible) ... and all that sort of thing. He was a very reasonable guy. No ... (inaudible) ... he's very eloquent, but what he was saying was above me, as I am saying with the transcript ... (inaudible)

(Inaudible) --- No, I don't know, because they
... (intervention)

How long before the expiry was he killed? When you interviewed him it was about a month before he died.

--- That's right, ja.

And the banning order was coming up to the end.

--- (Inaudible) ... review.

For review, yes. --- Review. That's what the interview was all about, to contribute to that review file.

Why, if he was a special Security Branch client would BOSS be asked to do that? Would they see it as more objective? --- I don't know. It's like if I investigate something I will ask my people, and at the same time I can ask ... (inaudible) ... to look at the same subject ... (inaudible) ... then I can see - I can be more objective. I will see what ... (inaudible) ... I suppose so, but I am only guessing.

(Inaudible) --- We didn't wear labels. I was doing anything what come along which needed more

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(experience than the others.

(Inaudible) --- We had a student section, a labour section, an ANC section, but nothing structured like today. Today is more structured, you have ... (inaudible) ... but in those days ... (inaudible) ... but today is also ... (inaudible)

So just - what was the sort of - the bar room gossip about ... (inaudible) --- As I told you, after the rumpus from head office, and the ... (inaudible) ... the SBs and us, and finger pointing and ... (inaudible) ... they just keep shut. Nobody must say nothing.

But you must have heard something. You must have spoken among your mates. --- That's ... (inaudible)

People must have ventured opinions. We've had other Security Police come here. We've had Jimmy Taylor, we've had Andy Taylor. --- Andy Taylor.

Andy Taylor told us it was you. --- Ja.

The investigating officer, Chris Earl, says you are the most likely suspect ... (inaudible) ... so ... (incomplete) --- We discussed it. We say that probably Andy Taylor and his people, because the same night that askari was almost killed in KwaMashu. So we sort of ... (inaudible) ... want nothing. If they suspected old Rick Turner it would take them about an hour. It's about between half past 11 ... (intervention)

Because, I mean our knowledge of Andy Taylor is that, other than that incident, he had nothing whatsoever to do with white suspects. He was black suspects only. Ja, well he was - he had nothing

whatsoever to do with white suspects, and in the normal course of events it would have been absolutely inconceivable that he would go

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off on his own and kill a white suspect - from our understanding of ... (incomplete) --- That was general gossip.

Was there ever any discussion about this group Scorpio? --- I remember that come later on. A student from Cape Town, he was ... (inaudible) ... I only know what I read in the ... (inaudible) ... but I don't think ... (inaudible) ... there were lots of sort of self-motivated vigilantes who would do that, thinking the State would approve certain actions against -because we had in our area certain lecturers' cars ... (inaudible) ... burned down, and a church in Umbilo was burned down, and things like that. And we were - we didn't know who was doing it, but we guessed that there must be some sort of vigilante group who thought that they were doing the State a favour. But there was lots of things ... (inaudible)

What car did you have at the time? --- I had a Ford - I had a kombi, I had a Ford Cortina, I had a Volkswagen, a Valiant - various cars.

A Volkswagen Kombi? --- Ja.

A green one? --- A green one, ja.

(Inaudible) ... Cortina? --- Blue.

And are you aware that your kombi was placed at the scene of the attack on two other activists? ---

Well, we've got that on dockets, that your kombi was seen at the attack on Errol Strachan's house. You

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know Errol Strachan? --- Yes, I know him.

And you know that his house was attacked. --Yes.

Before Rick Turner died? --- He was - I don't know if it was before or later.

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Ja, it was before. --- No. Nobody asked me for that.

You were never interviewed by the police in connection with those cases? --- No. That's news to me.

You were never interviewed in connection with the attack on Fatima Meer's house? --- No.

Again your car was placed at that scene, the green kombi. --- No, never interviewed, never asked. It's absolute ... (inaudible)

The witness that placed you at Errol Strachan's house was a person ... (inaudible) ... he saw a green kombi coming down the road ... (inaudible) --Nobody asked me for that.

(Inaudible) --- No.

(Inaudible) --- (Inaudible) ... the newspapers. Not daily, but they were prominent.

(Inaudible) --- Ja, the same night.

(Inaudible) --- Yes, that's right.

You know - this is the docket. Chris Earl, who we spoke to, the investigating officer, says that he was told to take the file to Pretoria, the docket to Pretoria, where it was taken away from him, and the docket was closed. --- That I wouldn't know.

No, no, but he told us. He told us he believes that the Security Branch headquarters would have stopped

his investigation, and he believes that it was very,
very obvious and very clear that the shooting was
carried out by a member of the security family, you
know, the ... (incomplete) --- Ja.

Whoever. He doesn't know who it was. But he says

in his - this is a translation of all the dockets here.

It says that, you know, your name comes up two or three times. --- Ja.

Now, why ... (intervention) --- It was in newspapers as well. Mrs Turner came to see me also.

Ja. Now, why - it seems to me amazing that you were never questioned. --- I was not questioned, but my firearm was taken away by my divisional chief, and he told me that it will be given to ballistics, and he returned it after a few weeks.

Ja, but I mean that so a ridiculous form of investigation. If you're going to shoot somebody are you going to - seriously going to use your own registered firearm? --- That's what happened.

So I mean that's going through the motions.
-- Ja.

Why do you think it was that Chris Earl - was there an understanding in the security establishment that they wouldn't - that if one of them was suspected that the CID or the Murder and Robbery Unit just would leave you alone? It seems amazing that they didn't even come and talk to you, ask you where you were, or what BOSS was doing with regard to Rick Turner. --- Ja.

I mean why didn't they come and talk to you? I accept what you're saying, that you didn't - I hear what you're saying, that you didn't do it, but it seems to me

amazing that they didn't even come and talk to you, to say, "Listen, what is BOSS doing with regard to Rick Turner? Did you speak to him a month before the " ... (intervention) --- Well, that's why I've become a suspect.

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That's one of the reasons. --- That's one of the reasons, because it was even in the newspaper. Because I said later on to Dick Usher, I said how can he say that when I asked him friendly to arrange a meeting, because I didn't know the guy, I didn't want it to be boorish or something like that. Then he turns around as though I was there every day ... (inaudible) ... but anybody who knows Rick Turner, I met him for the first time. I don't think he would be the sort of a chap who will like me to be in his house. But anyway I don't know, but it was in the newspaper.

How many people were in the BOSS office in Durban at that time? How many were you? --- It was about 35.

Really. And how senior were you? --- I was about in the first 10.

But why would you have been asked to ... (inaudible) --- I suppose I would say that I am -that I can talk ... (inaudible)

But as far as you know were no BOSS people interviewed? It wasn't just that you weren't interviewed. They didn't interview anybody in BOSS as to what interest they had in Turner. I don't think so. Not from the docket. --- No. But I don't know. Maybe they interviewed ... (inaudible) ... I don't know. I don't know.

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(Inaudible) --- No, they tested the vehicle.

(Inaudible) --- (Inaudible)

Now, what about petty harassment. You know, sitting drinking in the middle of the night, and you decide, let's go and ... (inaudible) ... whoever Security Branch surveillance team, "Let's go and slash their tyres,"

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because we know that happened a lot. Henry Webster, Lawrence Schlemmer, they all had their tyres slashed -Rick Turner many times. --- That's what I am saying. We had lots of ... (inaudible) ... specially at night. You wake up in the morning, the reports come in that this car was ... (inaudible) ... tyres slashed, or the house burnt down, and what-not. We thought somebody is on the loose ... (inaudible) ... vigilante groups, which - but ... (inaudible) ... must put it in the context. There was a sort of a anti-Communist sort of a mania among the public, and anybody who could do anything ... (inaudible) ... people would say, "What I can do for you people?" or something, and they will be too happy to do it on sort of a vigilante initiative. That was - Durban was ... (inaudible) ... I think Pretoria was also. Jo'burg was even worse.

Ja. No, that clearly was going on, but I mean surely people who were in the security establishment also did that to them? We've been told by ... (intervention) --- Oh, you mean intimidation?

Yes. --- Ja, sure. Ja. That was, they say - or even surveillance. You send open surveillance and just intimidate people so that other people say, "I can't meet you," ... (inaudible) ... it's open

intimidation. That's one of the ... (inaudible)

Now, do you know a guy called Wolman? Do you know a security policeman called Bobby Wolman? --- I heard about him, but I don't know him. Maybe I know his face, but I heard about him. He's one of the interrogators, I think.

Because he expressed a view that this was an attempt

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by somebody in the security establishment to intimidate him. --- Who? Rick Turner?

Turner, and it went wrong. --- That's his opinion.

Did you hear that story? --- Yes, I heard that he was not meant to be shot, but he was shot. But it's just one of the stories.

(Inaudible) -- ARCHIVI was puzzled. I can't see that ... (inaudible) ... at first we thought that it was just plain criminals, but it couldn't be. It was done professionally.

(Inaudible) --- Except that cartridges were found which would say it was not too professional, but now again ... (inaudible)

Why do you think it was done professionally? --Because there was no footprints, no other marks, no nothing, the time when it was done, the way it was done.

You'd have to be quite a good shot ... (inaudible)
... fleeting view. --- (Inaudible)

(Inaudible) ... through the window. --Through the window.

(Inaudible) --- Ja.

(Inaudible) ... they were intending to miss? --Ja. I don't know, but that was one of the theories.

Was that a theory, or was that in fact what happened?

That is what in fact happened, that the bullet hit the burglar guard and deflected and ... (inaudible)

Is that from ballistics on the bullet, or from a mark on the burglar guard?

That was a mark on the burglar guard ... (inaudible) /How many

How many shots were fired?

One shot. One shot ... (inaudible) --- Ja, well there was no footprints.

No, but that could be ... (inaudible) --- Ja.

But, you see, as far as we have got people ...

(inaudible) ... newspapers, but as far as I know he was of interest to the security establishment, the Security Branch and ... (inaudible)

But at that time, if you think back to the late 1970s, even though there was an anti-Communist thing, assassination was not normal, was not usual, particularly with regard to whites. --- Ja. Intimidation was the order of the day. That's one of the tactics which intelligence people use.

Did you meet Advocate Steve Jansen on any occasion? A tall, very tall, Afrikaans man. Big, a big man, Steve Jansen. --- Oh, he was sent by BOSS?

Ja. --- To see me.

Ja. --- I met him in the police commissioner's office.

Well, Steve Jansen ... (intervention) --- But I forget if he was Jansen or something like that.

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officer, Chris Earl - he tells me that he spoke to Martin Dolinchek in the Seychelles on two occasions, and that on the latter that you boasted to him that you played a part in Turner's murder. --- (Inaudible) ... I don't know. There was a guy sent from BOSS to represent me. Maybe I making ... (inaudible) ... but it was in the commissioner's - the Seychelles police commissioner's office. He was sitting here, the commissioner was sitting there.

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"Advocate Jansen is of the belief that Dolinchek is suffered from an exaggerated ego, and that his claim to be involved in Turner's murder is simply an idle boast." Did you say something like that in order to show him that you were a ... (intervention) ---I don't talk like that. It against my nature. I am a plain guy. I don't just talk like that. But what happened - but nobody was there. The commissioner of police took me from there. I was in army stockade, so he took me from the stockade, he said please go to his office. And I am sitting. He says, "There's a Mrs Turner here. She wants to see you in connection with the death of her son. So do you know Mrs Turner?" I said, "No, but I know her son, or I knew him." So then he say to me, "Do you want to see her, but you don't need to see her?" I said, "Yes, very well. I've see Mrs Turner in his office, and then I've seen her when I was in Supreme Court ... (inaudible) ... that's the only time I discussed Richard Turner. The commissioner only asked me. He had no idea, but I explained to him. That's it. I didn't discuss this thing with nobody.

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It's not in my nature to talk rubbish.

Was Jansen your defence attorney? --- I don't know, but I can find out - but I don't know if I can He was sent by ... (inaudible) ... to find out. Seychelles, and I him maybe twice met commissioner's office. The commissioner was sitting he was sitting here, I was sitting (inaudible) ... and we discussed purely ... (inaudible) ... but he never appeared in court. But he came ... (inaudible) ... then the military intelligence come to me and say, "We know your guy. He was in that hotel ... (inaudible) ... behaved just like any other spy. /He was He was asking ... (inaudible) ... that's what I know. You see, that's what amazes me. People were talking so much. Like Mrs Turner said, "You were daily going to my son's house." I said ... (inaudible) ... she says, "Fosier Fisher told me." I said ... (inaudible) ... but I also think that Turner wouldn't have me as a companion, because he was very academic and I am a very ... (inaudible) ... person.

(Inaudible) --- Ja.

(Inaudible) ... by BOSS? --- No, because it wasn't our client. Because sometimes a client ... (inaudible)

Do you know ... (inaudible) --- (Inaudible)

Did you have a brother-in-law who also ... (inaudible) --- Van Scheer.

What's his name? --- Ivan van Scheer ... (inaudible) ... selling cheese now.

Where is he, in Holland now? --- That's - I phoned him - when I was in Seychelles I phoned him up just to report, but he didn't even ... (inaudible) ...

but he retired on medical grounds and then he left ...

(inaudible) ... my ex-wife says he's in Holland ...

(inaudible) ... he told me he'd send a photograph from Holland. He's selling cheese now ... (inaudible) ... that's all I know.

He was also working in BOSS. --- He was in BOSS. He was in headquarters and then he was here in Durban office. He was in charge of the diplomatic mission.

(Inaudible) --- (Inaudible)

And Jeffrey Wright? Did you ever come across him or have anything to do with him? Do you know the name?

--- /Wright?

Wright? Ja, but ... (inaudible) ... but Wright is quite common. In connection with what?

He was charged with Errol Strachan's attempted murder. --- Okay. Oh ja, that's from the municipality now.

Ja. --- Ja, I know. He was a part-time private detective. I remember. He was ... (incomplete - end of Side B, Tape 1) ...

(Incomplete) ... just for the record we're talking about John du Preez, ex BOSS agent. --- Ja. He phoned me. I have no idea who gave him my phone number, but possibly the old hands gave it. He phoned me once in Richards Bay, and he phoned me that his house has burned down and he just escaped with the shirt he had on. Now he's in ... (inaudible) ... he phoned me the other day, he says if I can give him some freelance job. I said I would think about it, but I just answered him to be polite, ja.

BOSS conducted their own investigation into Rick Turner's death. Do you know ... (inaudible) --- No. I will suppose so, because my firearm was taken from me, but nobody asked me directly what happened. They just asked me, they said, "Did you return to that house after that interview?" so I said, "No, I didn't."

(Inaudible) --- But that was just sort of asked me.

You don't know the outcome of that investigation?
--- Nobody told me.

So is it your view that this is going to be an unsolved crime? --- Well, it all depends.

Unless we get confession. --- Yes.

Have you heard the name Alexander Lambert? ---

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It's spelt Lambert, L-a-m-b-e-r-t, which is an English name. --- Lambert ... (inaudible)

(Inaudible) ... left for Sweden. How long after - this was January of 1978, was it? Then you were moved to Pretoria, were you? --- No. No.

So when you were sent to the Seychelles were you still based in Durban? --- Still here, yes.

Why were you selected? --- I don't know.

Did you get your instructions from Pretoria? --From Pretoria ... (inaudible) ... Maharani.

Yes. --- On a Christmas Eve, I think it was 1980.

And did he explain what was going to happen? --No, he says everything is gone, because I was - I did
... (inaudible)

Okay. This was after - when Mantrin(?) was (. overthrown? --- That's right.

Some of them came to South Africa ... (inaudible)
... and people like that. Was there a guy called
Gerrard? --- Gerrard, ja. A tall guy, yes. Actually
that was the only one I interviewed, and then he was
giving me ... (inaudible) ... they didn't do it because
of Gerrard or anybody else, they did it because ...
(inaudible)

(Inaudible) ... it's an extraordinary thing to do though, I mean to overthrow a government to get these ... (inaudible) ... rights. Why could they not have got them in say Mauritius or the Comores? --- It's economic. Apparently Seychelles is just in the right place to run - to refuel and run very economically.

It's all a matter of

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geography ... (inaudible)

Can I pick up on this? The - you explained to me before we started recording that the responsibility for the mission was transferred from national intelligence to military intelligence. That was so. I was - - told beforehand, before it commenced, maybe in October, but I am not so sure, to contact Mike Hall, who was ... (inaudible) ... and they asked him to propose a plan of action, a coup plan. How many people were ... (inaudible) ... what weapons, what were the chances of ... (inaudible) ... then they sent Mike Hall to Seychelles well in advance to have a look, so that we can plan on reality, not on ... (inaudible) ... he come back with a plan, which was basically accepted. only proviso was that he must not recruit local people,

but he must recruit people from overseas, so (inaudible) ... would. So that's when Neil Barnard and divisional head came down, plus Jimmy (inaudible) ... and Neil Barnard say everything was all right, we go ahead. We must get in touch with Mike Hall. And I was ... (inaudible) ... the Maharani Hotel and I couldn't get him. Then early next morning they said, "Don't worry because we're having breakfast with him at next to the Hotel Blue Waters, and they finalised ... (inaudible) ... then a month or two later we got a message ... (inaudible) ... to Pretoria ... (inaudible) ... and in Pretoria the same Claasen comes to Mike Hall, he says, "Sorry," he says, "the operation is not any more with us, but with the MI," that's with military intelligence, which they had . (inaudible) they went there ... (inaudible) ... in charge. So Mike Hall says he's coming in connection with the Seychelles operation ...

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(inaudible) ... very abrupt. So he says who ... (inaudible) ... but the say the Prime Minister. He says, "Bring me a letter from the Prime Minister" ... (inaudible) ... so we went back to BOSS headquarters, and ... (inaudible) ... headquarters they got the letter from the Prime Minister by fax ... (inaudible) ... down there. I went about a month and a half before the ... (inaudible) ... What were you supposed to do while you were there? --- I was to keep an eye on things ... (inaudible) ... the final planning ... (inaudible)

You were familiar with the plan. Apparently it was to come through Swaziland and to collect them all in Swaziland. --- Ja.

(Inaudible) ... a rugby team. --- That was basically Mike Hall's plan which ... (inaudible)

The MI took it over and then - and selected the people from special forces. - -- --No. No, what happened, Mike Hall says to me, "How can I get people from Europe at short notice?" He says, "I'll recruit locals ... (inaudible) ... and he asked me, he says to nobody, let us keep (inaudible) ... and one day I was called to Hilton, the army ... (inaudible) ... administration and the ... (inaudible) ... (inaudible) ... and he came with, you know, a Russian ... (inaudible) ... ammunition and RPG rifles and a box of 25 ... (inaudible) ... which Mike Hall said, "I don't need rocket launchers." Okay, I agreed, because it's very bulky. It's very big, it's not actually bulky to transport, but it's very big in size and so on. So he said, "Is will leave this thing So he says that now to get the weapons to Seychelles. The plan was that the

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weapons will be there before the people arrive. So we were looking for a yacht, a motorised yacht, and a captain who could take it there, and we would wrap the whole thing into a plastic case and seal it, and we can throw into ... (inaudible) ... but that plan didn't work. When people found out what it was all about we didn't say Seychelles, we said will you take it to Mauritius or somewhere ... (inaudible) ... and the yachts also cost too much. So then it was decided to buy again these cricket bags, put a false bottom in, dismantle AKs ... (inaudible) ... done, and they went through Piet Retief, through Swaziland ... (inaudible)

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So Mike Hall basically was cover? --- Mike Hall, this was his idea. He says in Ireland you get something like ... (inaudible)

Yes, yes, yes. --- Apparently it's very well known.

Frothblowers. --- Frothblowers, ja. That would be our cover ... (inaudible)

No, but what I am saying is didn't they use a known mercenary like Hall to obscure the fact that in fact it was a State run operation? --- Oh yes.

If it went wrong they could say, "Who the hell's this guy ... (inaudible) ... always been in the Congo," etcetera. --- Yes. Yes.

And a lot of these other guys are also mercenaries. --- They were all --ja.

Antonio Monetta and those guys, and Blue Kelly Australians, Italians. As a matter of fact he
was recruiting among - first he recruited among persons
he knew from the past. So it wasn't such a good idea,
but

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now again they thought the Seychellois are stupid, they would not recognise him. Because in a proper border control you take the passports and you go through it, and if you've got United Nations mercenary list ... (inaudible) ... that is a security breach if you do that.

(Inaudible) --- But they selected him exactly for that ... (inaudible) ... you're quite right.

Otherwise if they want to do it themselves they get the special forces to do it.

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But some of the people were special forces though, or they had been special forces ... (inaudible) --They had been, ja. They had been, but they were no more ... (inaudible) ... special forces.

They had no serving DMIs, special force South African-based soldiers at the time? --- I can't give you ... (inaudible) ... but I would think most unlikely. But former Rhodesian, or probably former SADF ... (inaudible)

I think you were interviewed about this and you said that Major-General Charles Lloyd, the officer commanding South-West African Security Forces, was the man with intimate prior knowledge of the bungled Seychelles coup: --- Did I say that?

Lloyd was an SADF ... (inaudible) --- Oh yes.

But before Lloyd was appointed - before was appointed. --- That's quite right. Lloyd was chief of military ... (inaudible)

Of BOSS? --- Of BOSS, ja. Before he even joined I knew him ... (inaudible)

Was Lloyd ... (inaudible) ... Charles Lloyd. --Charles Lloyd, yes ... (inaudible) ... they hardly know
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him ... (inaudible)

Were those questions ever put to P W Botha?

I don't know about the Seychelles. Because in fact the court found that there was no Government involvement.

But there was - I mean Hall in his book said that the first plan the Cabinet rejected. --- Ja.

And then they came back to him and said, "Now we've approved it." --- That's right, but it was

only ... (inaudible) ... like recruit only from (overseas; the arms cache would be established beforehand ... (inaudible) ... to remove all those risks. It was only minor alternations.

But do you think that if we went through the Cabinet papers, which we've now been given access to, that we would find that? --- Well, I don't know how they work, but I know there was a Prime Minister's letter ... (inaudible) ... transferring the operation from BOSS to ... (intervention)

Did that operation have a military name? --(Inaudible) ... maybe they had, but if I give a code
name I won't use it to tell the people who are involved.
I will say you ... (intervention) ... but in my memos
to higher up I will talk in code, you see what I mean?
So that code is strictly so that the bureaucracy don't
cotton on what we're talking about. But the people
around me need not know the operation name ...
(inaudible)

These guys like the ones that - the ones who were left behind in the Seychelles, Brooks, Carey, England and Purin and yourself, plus the woman, who I think was released, wasn't she? She was a wife or something. - She was a common-law wife.

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Ja. And was she also - she was brought along just to make it look like it was a social thing? --- Yes.

Okay. --- Though I don't know the real ... (inaudible) ... because she was unknown ... (inaudible)

Brooks, Carey, England and Purin, who were they?

Were they mercenaries? --- Brooks was former - I am saying what he told me. He was ... (inaudible) ...

what's the SAS?

The Special Air Services. --- Ja.

Rhodesian? --- Rhodesian, but he also said he was ... (inaudible) ... Roger England was a ... (inaudible) ... in England, and he was also - he said he was with the army in ... (inaudible) ... military forces.

He was in the South African miliary forces? --No, in Rhodesia. He's from England. Carey was an old
mercenaire extrordinaire ... (inaudible) ... who was the
other one?

Purin, Jeremiah Purin. --- Oh, Jeremiah was an old pilot ... (inaudible) ... Kloof, operating a second-hand car business in Durban. Is he still alive?

According to this document he's aged 57, so ... (inaudible) --- 57?

Ja. --- No, heres 1777 or Justice

Yes, 57 at the time. --- (Inaudible)

He was sentenced to death because he shot a Seychelles sergeant. --- I don't know ... (inaudible) ... that was the only casualty, but he was shot in ... (inaudible) ... I don't think Purin shot him.

Then Peter Duffy, why did he go there? --Peter Duffy is one of the cheerleaders, very handy, but
he's also an old mercenary. But I see just in the
brackets

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between ... (inaudible)

Carey, ja. --- He was involved ... (inaudible)
... British Airways ... (inaudible) ... so I don't know
... (inaudible)

And as far as you're concerned we would be 100% accurate if in our report we describe this as a South African Government backed operation? --- That's correct.

And they paid the money to get you out? --- 22 million dollars, ja.

How did it happen? It was just like a trade-off?
--- It was a trade-off.

But you were sentenced then. --- I was sentenced to 20 years.

To 20 years. --- And then the President ... (inaudible) ... I wasn't told that directly, but he said to me ... (inaudible) ... then I was under the impression ... (inaudible)

(Inaudible) --- Then they told me, "As soon as we get the money ... (inaudible) ... paid them 22 million dollars. But in any case while I was in the military stockade there there was an army uprising.

22 million rand. --- No, it was in dollars ... (inaudible) ... the Seychellois they don't know what a rand is. It was 22 million dollars. That was compensation.

And they released all of you, or just you? --- All of us.

All of you? --- All of us. As a matter of fact while we were there there was a military coup d'etat there, and it started in the military stockade. So they

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come to me, a very young chap, "What's the size of your shoes?" I said, "Why?" He said ... (inaudible) ... so I said to him, I said, "Listen, ... (inaudible) ... then

you will be in real trouble." So I said, "Why do you want me?" He said ... (inaudible) ... they say it jammed. I said I don't know nothing ... (inaudible) ... in any case they got me out, but then they were drinking so much about 2 o'clock in the afternoon they just disappeared, and they locked us all up ... (inaudible) ... it took about three-quarters of an hour ... (inaudible) ... when we were released. He said to me, he says, "What can I do?" ... (inaudible) ... then one day I got - nine months I was there ... (inaudible)

So you were held naked for nine months? --Nine months, yes.

In solitary? ---In solitary. I probably deserve it, but in any case it's just one of those things. I suppose if I were anywhere else I would be shot ... (inaudible) ... in the morning he handcuffs me ... (inaudible) ... in any case all I could say to them ... (inaudible) ... I am unlucky ... (inaudible) ... you are the leader of this group. So by 4 o'clock they rounded most of the people up. Now that sergeant ... (inaudible) ... just standing naked ... (inaudible) ... and the major who was in charge of the stockade was also ... (inaudible) ... he looks at me and he says, "Thank you" ... (inaudible) ... and then later on the President said to me ... (inaudible) ... "What can I do for you?" I said ... (inaudible) ... called me one day and said, "Listen, I'm on an island about 200 miles ... (inaudible)

Who else there was it? --- It was Peter Carey,

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Purin, Roger England, and ordinary troops.

And how long did you stay there? --- We were there for about two and half years.

And when you were released did you go back into BOSS? --- No. I came ... (inaudible) ... in the meantime, you see ... (inaudible) ... but you see on the island you can't ... (inaudible) ... so I come back and I get to my father-in-law's place here in ... (inaudible) ... and I got a message that I must report to BOSS ... (inaudible) ... in any case the headquarters was ... (inaudible) ... so I was scared. Then they sent somebody else to me. They knew ... (inaudible) ... "You don't say hello and what not." I say, "You people ... (inaudible) ... once in intelligence you're always in intelligence." So I said, "What do you mean?" He said, "You can't run away," ... (inaudible) ... he said Jack Kent wants to see you.

And who was Jack Kent? ... (Inaudible) ... so I didn't go. Then they sent another one. Then I had to go. So Jack Kent ... (inaudible) ... affection, and he hugs me, and he says ... (inaudible) ... no tea no nothing, and he asks me the same thing, "What happened in Seychelles?" He was very straight. He says to me ... (inaudible - end of Side A, Tape 2) ... but I already made an arrangement with the amnesty ... (inaudible) ... I have no access to documents ... (inaudible) ... I went to Ireland ... (inaudible) ... then I come back. So Nhlanhla, Joe Nhlanhla, and my immediate boss was ... (inaudible) ... demand your pension, so I wrote to ... (inaudible) ... I wrote him a letter and I explained the whole thing. So he send about a month later two ... (inaudible) ... I didn't

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come and crawl to you. Number two ... (inaudible) ...
can never be direct. I know you knew ... (inaudible)
... but you're asking me, "Why are you sulking, why are
you ... (inaudible) ... instead of saying that ...
(inaudible) ... I mean it's impossible to lie ...
(inaudible) ... thank you for nothing ... (inaudible)

I think that's probably about all, unless you can think of anything else that we need to know. --- If you ask me I'll answer, but I have no notes, no ... (inaudible)

What are you currently doing? Are you responsible for ... (incomplete) --- It's unofficially ... (inaudible)

When did you join ANC Intelligence then? I mean in the formal way? --- In the formal way was in '86.

I want to ask a question. It's not related to this ... (inaudible) ... did ANC Intelligence conduct their own investigation into the murder of Dulcie September? --- I was ... (inaudible) ... it was conducted, but at a higher level.

Did they ever make a conclusion? --- Well, they ... (inaudible)

So was a CCV ... (inaudible) --- Yes, a CCV, but I am sure John ... (inaudible) ... was in charge, and he would know, because we separated ... (inaudible) ... one set went to the ANC outside and the other set to the ... (inaudible) ... and he was the outside ... (inaudible) ... but all what was discovered was in the ... (inaudible) ... not in court ... (inaudible)

On the tapes that we've got that Joan Turner made you talked about an elimination squad. Is that the same

/thing?

thing? Kuhn, k-u-h-n. --- That was one of them. I
... (inaudible)

(Inaudible) --- (Inaudible) ... when I was in Shell House ... (inaudible)

(Inaudible) ... retired now? --- No, he's in SAS ... (inaudible) ... he's in counter intelligence, SAS, ... (inaudible)

He still works for the government, Mike Kuhn?

Ja. When we had that meeting with Lourens, Auerbach and ... (inaudible) --- When was it?

It was about two months ago. Kuhn was supposed to be there, but in fact he had been sent overseas to Bonn or somewhere. --- Ja.

He came to see us when he came back. --- (Inaudible)

Who, Kuhn? --- ^ (Inaudible)

In fact they were all retired. The only one who was a serving officer was Kennedy. --- Kennedy, ja.

But Kuhn will have information on the killing of a number of people, assuming that ... (inaudible) ... I mean they killed a guy called ... (inaudible) ... in Lusaka ... (inaudible) ... Gordon Webster claims that they killed a journalist called Keith Wallace in England. --- In London.

Yes. --- (Inaudible) ... that was their ... (inaudible)

Ja. --- Why we knew about the ... (inaudible) ... divisions or sections ... (inaudible) ... but then we were told, "Don't gossip with other people ... (inaudible) ... with alcohol" ... (inaudible) ... nobody stood next to the bar, that's the club bar, and we drank

together ...

/(inaudible)

(inaudible)

But you said they were going into Mozambique and Rhodesia and also knocking off people. --- They were well - ja, for interrogation. They used to go to Swartkop ... (inaudible)

Were they interrogating captured guerillas in Rhodesia? --- The ANC cadres. Anybody who had any connection with South Africa ... (inaudible) ... but we only found out later on ... (inaudible)

But you would say they would have interrogated those guys who were captured in the Wankie campaign? -- Yes, they did.

(Inaudible) -- There were a lot of cadres coming through Mozambique ... (inaudible)

Do you think once they had interrogated them they eliminated them? Was it a standard procedure? --- (Inaudible)

From your knowledge of the history of the South African Security Services would you say they were the first organised hit squad unit? --- As far as I know.

And when BOSS was disbanded what would have happened to that unit? Would it have been taken over by somebody else, or ... (incomplete) --- (Inaudible)

Because BOSS became DONS and DONS became NIF.

-- Yes. I left ... (inaudible)

And Leon Lelett, there was ... (intervention) --

- Yes. He was a ... (inaudible)

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Ja. --- Like ... (inaudible) ... Liebenberg.

Ja, that's right. Crime reporter. Now, there's a big story that he received a call - he was on the night desk at The Mercury, and he received a call from a black /man

man claiming to be from the ANC, claiming responsibility as ANC for the murder of Rick Turner and the attacks on Errol Strachan and Fatima Meer. --- (Inaudible)

Yes, I know. --- (Inaudible)

Now, that has happened very, very shortly after the shooting. Now, who would have put that sort of thing into ... (incomplete) ___ (Inaudible) ... people like Leon Mellet ... (inaudible) ... by whatever police, by police headquarters, by ... (inaudible) ... ag, he was here ... (inaudible) ... he said he was a specialist from the ANC. Stadler? --yes ... (inaudible) ... at that level. And that's why they wanted the newspapers to be used. What can they get out of a newspaper as intelligence information? Very little ... (inaudible) ... or to use the cover ... (inaudible)

And Franz Steenkamp at that stage was head of the Security Branch in Durban. --- Ja.

At the time of Turner's death. --- (Inaudible)

Matthieu, Dan Matthieu? --- (Inaudible) ... he
was not security.

No, he was Murder and Robbery. Head of CID. ---

But he was on the scene immediately after the shooting, and he took - he was very abrupt, and was in fact rather rough with the two girls. When he arrived there they were trying to phone their mother, their real

mother, not Fosier. --- The one in Cape Town.

Ja, and he very roughly pulled the telephone out of Jan Turner's hand, and locked them in the bedroom.

--- Well, that I didn't know, but I wouldn't be surprised ... (inaudible)

/You say

You say you guys have got information ... (inaudible) ... I was meaning that ... (inaudible) ... I was meaning that ... (incomplete - recording ends)



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