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- Q. Sir, in your discussions with Mr. Rosenblum did you ever ask Mr. Rosenblum why he didn't cross-examine Pratico and Chant at the preliminary?
- A. No, I didn't because that's a frequent occurrence, almost a matter of practice unfortunately.
- Q. Not to cross-examine eyewitnesses at a murder trial?
- A. On a preliminary. I'm speaking trials generally.

  Preliminaries in generally. Like my own view is that very often defence really make a strategic error by not waiving the preliminary because there's no better preparation for the Crown's case and to plug some holes in it than a good run at the preliminary so...
- Q. Well Mr. Khattar...
- A. The defence counsel that does a lot of cross at a preliminary does so with some risk. And sometimes, you know, it has to be decided on an individual case basis, of course. Sometimes you have to, sometimes you're better off signing the waiver.
- Q. You ever, agree or stated yesterday that based on the evidence before the jury you could understand who Mr. Marshall was found guilty at trial.
- A. Sorry, give me that again, Mr. Barrett.
- 2 12:10 p.m.
- Q. I say you've testified based on the evidence before the jury you could understand how Mr. Marshall was found guilty at trial?

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### MR. BARRETT

Those will be all my questions.

### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

Mr. Edwards, when you were discussing matters with Simon Khattar some time later, did he ever indicate to you that he had interviewed any witnesses other than Marshall?

### MR. EDWARDS

No, he didn't.

#### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

Because he seemed to feel that he was restricted in discussing anything with Crown witnesses.

#### MR. EDWARDS

Yes.

#### COMMISSIONER EVANS

So he really was flying in court with Marshall as a witness and he did not have the statements of what the Crown witnesses were going to say.

#### MR. EDWARDS

That seems to his evidence, yes.

#### COMMISSIONER EVANS

Now as far as your predecessor and yourself is concerned, it appears that those statements are available. But if a defence counsel wants the statements, surely you're not expected to prepare his defence. And if he wants them, he goes over to you

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and gets them, or writes for them, isn't that what you do?

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Yes, although my practice has been to, particularly in the major cases, to mail them out, whether there's a request or not. But certainly if the request comes before the statements are mailed out, they're available. Now that's been the practice as long as I've known the business.

#### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

And then if something turns up later, you will send that on as well.

### MR. EDWARDS

Oh, yes, I think the Crown is obliged then.

## **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

I always thought defence counsel was being paid and, in this case, we were told that money was no object as far as the defence.

#### MR. EDWARDS

Yes.

### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

They'd be out moving around, interviewing witnesses as fast as the police.

#### MR. EDWARDS

Yes. I think when we had the general discussion at the beginning there, I think I emphasized that, you know, generous disclosure practices by the Crown should never replace the need...

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### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

Preparation.

### MR. EDWARDS

For diligence by defence counsel.

### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

Thank you.

### MR. BISSELL

My Lords, before I begin, I didn't wish to interrupt Mr. Barrett when he was cross-examining Mr. Edwards, but there was one point that I think I should clarify or put our position on the He suggested that Robert Anderson's testimony had been record. that Donald C. MacNeil called Mr. Anderson to advise him of the results of the polygraph examination and that was the telephone call that Inspector Marshall said he overheard being made at the hotel following the polygraph examination. Both Mr. Pringle's notes and my notes suggest that Mr. Anderson, or Judge Anderson rather, when he testified, has said that he received word from Sydney, either by the prosecutor or the R.C.M.P., and that's at page 9142 of the transcripts. Volume 50 of the transcripts as well. So I don't think it could be said with any conclusion, with all due respect, that that was necessarily the call that Al Marshall overheard being made at the hotel following the polygraph examination. I just wish to put our interpretation on the record so that silence is not deemed to be consent.

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### EXAMINATION BY MR. BISSELL

- Q. We're moving down the batting order, Mr. Edwards. I have just a few questions for you. In the first area, questions relate to questions which Mr. MacDonald put to you, what must seem like months ago, but it was last week, about disclosure in the 1971 R.C.M.P. police investigation.
- A. Yes.

- Q. And whether or not that ought to be disclosed. And I would suggest to you, sir, that there is a separate duty of disclosure that's totally independent of the 1971 R.C.M.P. investigation or the activities of Al Marshall. And that was a duty to disclose the evidence of Jimmy MacNeil that came forward to the Sydney Police Department and to Lou Matheson in November '71 following Mr. Marshall's conviction. There was a separate duty to disclose that, whether or not there was ever a 1971 reinvestigation, would you not agree with that?
- A. Well, let's say it had stopped there.
- Q. Yes.
- A. That those statements were taken from Jimmy MacNeil and the Ebsarys and no more was done. Certainly there's a duty to disclose that, in my opinion. But the fact of the matter is it didn't stop there, of course.
- 23 Q. No.
- A. And the reinvestigation took place and with those results.
- Q. I'm not suggesting that there was no duty to disclose the '71

- R.C.M.P. investigation.
- A. Yes.
- Q. I would just suggest that there is a duty as well to disclose the evidence of Jimmy MacNeil.
- 5 A. All of it.
- 6 Q. All of it, yes.
- A. All of it, yes.
- Q. And so whether or not, and Judge Anderson, of course,
  testified that he was aware of the results of the investigation,
  but whether or not he was aware of the results, ever received
  Al Marshall's report, there was the duty to disclose Jimmy
  MacNeil's statement. Wouldn't you agree with that?
- A. I would.
- Q. I don't want to get into the, which version of the paperdropping episode is correct and when it occurred, but I would
  simply ask you two questions on that. First of all, don't you
  agree that the statement of Patricia Harriss is an important
  statement, the first statement of Patricia Harris, No.1, that
  that's an important document?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And wouldn't you also agree that taking your recollection of events...
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. That that document was not forthcoming from John
  MacIntyre at the very beginning.

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- Q. That he had a number of opportunities to advise you and to advise Inspector Scott and Staff Sergeant Wheaton of the existence of Patricia Harriss No. 1, that statement.
  - A. I think that's fair, yes.
  - Q. Now I detected some criticism in your evidence of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in that you felt the 1982 investigation, they were not vigorous in pursuit of their investigation, particularly in regards to the Sydney Police Department and Chief John MacIntyre. Is that correct?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. That's despite my learned friend's suggestion that they had tunnel vision and focused in...
  - A. That they were too vigorous, yes.
    - Q. Okay. Yet you didn't have to push Staff Sergeant Wheaton or Corporal Carroll to go out and interview the various so-called eyewitnesses, did you?
    - A. Oh, no. Insofar as the investigation went, it was done in what I felt to be a competent manner. I'm aware of the criticisms made through Mr. Pugsley and they're valid. But, generally speaking, I was impressed with the investigation and it's probably gratuitous for me to say it, in a sense, but I think it's important to underline that had it not been for that reinvestigation, Donald Marshall probably would still be in Dorchester.

- Q. In fact, you've described it in your own notes at the time, I believe your note of April 16th, that it was a detailed investigation.
- A. Yes.
- Q. In referring to it. Now just, your desire to have Staff
  Sergeant Wheaton question John MacIntyre.
- A. Yes.
- Q. You would acknowledge, sir, that he did at least on two occasions speak to John MacIntyre.
- 10 A. I acknowledge that he did?
- Q. That he spoke to John MacIntyre on at least two occasions.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Whether or not he questioned him in the fashion that you would have liked.
- A. I can acknowledge that he spoke to him on two occasions, right.
- Q. And that John MacIntyre briefed you and he briefed Inspector Scott as well.
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. So what was your purpose in wanting Staff Sergeant Wheaton to question John MacIntyre to take a statement following... in the form that you suggested that they had done with Patricia Harriss and Maynard Chant?
- A. Well, it seemed to me that to properly assess the credibility, I suppose, of the recanting by those witnesses, one had to

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- explore and explore fully the reasons why they had lied in the first place. And it seemed to me that you'd go to the investigators.
- Q. But you testified also that by April, at least, you were fully satisfied that there was lots of evidence that Donald Marshall was not guilty of the offence. You were content.
  - A. Oh, yes. I was content that there was sufficient evidence to prove that he had not done the murder. But I was not content with the fact that Chief MacIntyre and Bill Urquhart, in particular, had not been questioned fully.
  - Q. Was that with respect to an inquiry into the means and methods of the Sydney Police Department in conducting the investigation, or solving the murder?
  - A. Well, it would be basically the means and methods that would go to the heart of the credibility of Chant, Harriss, and Pratico.
  - Q. But an investigation of the means and method, you will agree, is something that your department wished to have put in abeyance, or at least that was your interpretation of the instruction that you got from Mr. Gale.
  - A. That was something that, I think, that the proper characterization of that would be that, in effect, our Department acknowledged the reluctance of the R.C.M.P. to do that investigation and said, "Well, we don't need that right now. We'll get back to it."
- Q. But was not your instruction to Staff Sergeant Wheaton that

- he was to put that part of it in abeyance at the time?
- A. Yes.
- Q. I would ask you to refer, sir, to Volume 34, page 88. Do you have it, sir?
- 5 A. Yes, I have it.
- 6 Q. Paragraph 4.
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. And that suggests that there were consultations with you with respect to interviewing Chief MacIntyre and Inspector Urquhart in regards to the allegations of Chant, Pratico, and Harriss?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. "Mr. Edwards has advised me that he further discussed the matter with Mr. Gordon Gale of the Attorney General's Department."
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. "And it was felt these interviews should be held in abeyance for the present."
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Does that suggest any reluctance on the part of Staff Sergeant
  Wheaton to...
- A. Well, he's writing that on May the 20th. So it's almost exactly a month after the report, or after the instruction, and I'm a little uncomfortable with that word.
- Q. But it's not a confirmation of the R.C.M.P.'s reluctance to

- interview Sergeant Mac... to question Sergeant MacIntyre and
  Inspector Urquhart on their means and methods.
  - A. No, it's not an expression of reluctance but it's not exactly an expression of "we want to go and do this but they won't let us", either.
  - Q. No, I would suggest it's a simple statement of what happened.
  - A. Well, I put it to you... The advocate is coming out. The word "discussions", I suggest, begs some questions about what discussions. What was the nature of the discussions? It hardly reveals the fact that when I used the verb "urge", I don't think I'm overstating it, that I had been "urging" them to go and question the investigators. So, yes, it's accurate as far as it goes, but it doesn't say it all.
    - Q. Yes, and I guess that brings up my next point. You use the word now "urged", earlier with my friend, Mr. MacDonald, you used the word "emphatically".
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- Q. In stating what you did. But I would suggest that your notes, which were made at the time, or shortly thereafter.
- 20 A. Yes, right.
- Q. Use somewhat softer terminology. Would you agree with me?
  I'd refer you to..
- A. Okay, let's have a look at them.
- Q. Volume 17, page three.
- A. Would you give me the date, Mr. Bissell?

- Q. Yeah, that's...
- A. February 23rd, the 11 p.m. phone call?
- Q. 23rd, yes.
- A. Yes.
- 5 Q. That's right.
- A. So I called him at 11 o'clock in the night, suggested investigation not complete until MacIntyre questioned, though he should not be privy, et cetera.
- 9 Q. The verb there is "suggested". That's somewhat softer than...
- A. That verb is softer than "urge" but...
- Q. But it's a note you made at the time.
- A. Yes.
- Q. And at page 10 at Volume 17.
- 14 A. The date, again?
- Q. April the 19th. Excuse me, April the 17th. There you, the very last two sentences of the note. There you're saying that you thought he should do something.
- A. Sorry, maybe I'd better refer to the... What's the page number in Volume 17?
- Q. Page ten, Mr. Edwards.
- A. Page ten and whereabouts?
- Q. See the sentence: "Told Wheaton that I thought he should get entire file." Note of Saturday, April 17th, the last entry of that note.
- 25 A. Yes, okay. "Told Wheaton I thought he should get the entire

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- file. Said he would go down Monday and get it." Yes. Again...
- You told... Q. 2
- All right. Α.
- But, again, that's not emphatically telling him to do something, Q. wouldn't you agree? 5
- I guess it's a matter of argument.
- Q. Well. But those were notes that you made at the time.
- They were notes I made at the time and, "Look, Harry, I think 8 you'd better go down and get the entire file. Don't you think 9 That was something like the discussion. I can't it's time?" 10 recall it word for word but it wasn't, "Well, gee, Harry, maybe 11 you should do it." 12
  - But on the issue of the search warrant, you felt that a search warrant should be used to get the file, is that correct? Either that or just ask them to give them, turn over the file?
- Yeah, I think I said "to threaten the use" and then I told Mr. 16 MacDonald part of the conversation I required... I recalled about putting it in your hip pocket and taking the soft 18 approach first.
- Q. But have the search warrant there and use a search warrant 20 if necessary. 21
- If necessary, yes. 22 12:30 p.m.
- And they'd already met him on a couple of occasions and Q. 24 asked Chief MacIntyre if they had all the relevant material. 25

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- Q. So the soft approach hadn't exactly been working, I take it.
- A. The soft approach had been too soft.
- Q. You wanted a harder soft approach.
- 5 A. That's right.

### COMMISSIONER EVANS

Like a stick it in your back pocket.

### MR. EDWARDS

That's right. The polite but firm request approach, I suppose, is what I'm...

#### MR. BISSELL

- Q. But you said the only reason that they gave you that they didn't want to use a search warrant is because it was another police force. That was the only reason ever proffered to you.
- A. Yes, other than Inspector Scott says in the notes there, he said, "Well, we couldn't be sure of getting it all that way.
  - Q. Yeah, exactly. That was my point. That your note suggested there was more than one reason expressed to you as to why it wouldn't be proper to, why they didn't wish to use a search warrant.
  - A. Well, there was, all right, more than one stated reason but I can't for the life of me understand the rationale for that reason, "Couldn't be sure of getting it that way."
- Q. Well, I don't want to get into an argument on whether or not you agreed or disagreed.

A. No, okay.

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- Q. I think that's better left for another time.
- A. Sure, of course.
- Q. But what was the reason you wanted them to get the file?
  Was it for the murder investigation or was it an investigation into the practices and procedures of the Sydney Police
  Department, particularly the investigators in the Marshall case?
- 9 A. It was for the murder investigation.
- 10 Q. Well...
- 11 A. And...
- 12 Q. Sorry.

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- A. And my view is that you can't separate it off because the
  main witnesses in the murder investigation, there was
  reasonable and probable grounds to believe at that time there
  may be evidence in that file relating to them, or maybe other
  witnesses.
  - Q. Fine, and then I would suggest to you, Mr. Edwards, that the proper course is to do exactly what the R.C.M.P. asked you to do, and that was to get an order from the Attorney General of Nova Scotia, under Section 31, Subsection 2 of the Police Act. Isn't that what 31 Subsection 2 is designed for?
- A. It's designed to, for that purpose. That can be a purpose but I don't understand why resort would have to be made to the Police Act in a murder investigation.

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- Q. But doesn't the <u>Police Act</u>, particularly Section 1, envision that applying when another department is brought in to take over an investigation from another department? I would suggest to you that the proper way to get the police file from the Sydney Police Department was this section, the legislative scheme in place that covers that particular situation that you were confronted with in 1982? Where another police department is coming in investigating a file already investigated by a police department?
- A. Well, maybe that's arguable but it wasn't my opinion as to the proper way.
- Q. Well, wouldn't you agree, sir, that as a principle of law, that where there exists an alternate method of obtaining documents and material, alternate to the intrusive power of a search warrant, that it's preferable that you use that power first?
- A. Again, in the circumstances that pertained at this time, all I can say is, in my view, the search warrant was the preferred way. But I think we have to put this in perspective. And I didn't really believe, and it was my impression... Well, I can't say what they believed, but I didn't really believe that there would be any difficulty in getting the entire file, if only they would go down and say, "Give us the entire file."
- Q. But you were telling them to use the stick of the search warrant...

- A. If you have to. If you have to. That was the...
- Q. But you say, sir, it depends on the circumstances and I suggest to you that the circumstances in this particular case are the circumstances envisioned by the <u>Police Act</u>, Section 31, Subsection 2.
- A. Like I say, I recognize that that's an argument. I don't feel that way.
- 8 Q. Pardon?

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- A. I don't feel that way.
- Q. And you don't feel that as a matter of principle in terms of getting a search warrant under the <u>Criminal Code</u>, that if an alternate means exists to get the material you're seeking, an alternate statutory scheme...
- A. Yes.
- Q. That you must use that statutory scheme before you use the intrusive power of a search warrant?
  - A. I think generally speaking that's the rule, yes, generally speaking.

## **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

Mr. Bissell, under the Police Act, who applies?

#### MR. BISSELL

Who applies? No one needs to apply. The Attorney General signs the direction, so I suppose the police force wishing.

## **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

In this case, the R.C.M.P. wishing.

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### MR. BISSELL

Yes.

### COMMISSIONER EVANS

Would have made an application to the Attorney General of Nova Scotia.

### MR. BISSELL

Yes, I don't think there's a formal application set out. In fact, that's exactly what they did because Mr. Edwards' notes indicate that they suggested to Mr. Edwards that an order be obtained under the Police Act, or a direction.

### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

But as far as Mr. Edwards was concerned, that was kind of a slow process in which they were white-gloving the Sydney Police Department for some time and he wanted them to get the files now and suggested to ask for it, make a demand for it and to back that up, have a search warrant in his back pocket.

#### MR. BISSELL

Yes, I guess my answer to that, My Lord, would... I don't really wish to argue right now, is that there was an alternate method.

#### COMMISSIONER EVANS

Oh, yeah.

#### MR. BISSELL

That covers this situation and that's the... In fact, the case law requires. 25

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- A. And the other point, I guess, to try to get the picture complete here, my note of April 19th says that Gordon Gale was going to speak to the A. G. re direction under the <u>Police Act</u>. The <u>Police Act</u> was never mentioned to me by the R.C.M.P. That was the only mention I recall. I don't believe there's any reference in my notes other than that to the <u>Police Act</u>.
- Q. Where are you reading from, sir?
  - A. I'm reading from my note of Monday, April 19th. I'm looking at the original note, so. The paragraph beginning, "This a.m. phoned by Herschorn in an unrelated matter," the end of that paragraph.
  - Q. If you refer at page eight of Volume 17, your note of Friday, April the 16th.

### MR. CHAIRMAN

What page?

## **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

April 19th, page 10.

# MR. BISSELL

But I'm asking the witness to refer to page eight.

### MR. EDWARDS

- A. Okay.
- Q. The note of April the 16th.
- A. Yes.
- Q. The paragraph that starts with "And call with Wheaton..."

- 1 | A. Yes. They wanted a direction from the A.G.
- Q. To the Chief.
- A. To the Chief, yes. But all I'm saying is that the <u>Police Act</u>
  wasn't mentioned. Maybe that's what they intended, but it
  wasn't mentioned to me.
- Q. I see, but that's what, in effect, the <u>Police Act</u> does. It's a direction to the, to proceed in a general...
- 8 A. That's, in effect, what the Police Act does, yes.
- Q. So it was the police that suggested that procedure, that that's what they wanted. Whether they identified it...
- 11 A. They wanted the order to come from Halifax, yes.
- Q. And in terms of conducting an investigation into the practices and procedures of the Sydney Police Department, well, that's something that there would have to be a specific direction from the Attorney General, as well, for them to do, would you not agree?
- A. No, definitely not.
- Q. Where do they get their authority to go in to a municipality policed by another police department to conduct that investigation?
- A. They were already over that hurdle when they were invited in by John MacIntyre...
- Q. To reinvestigate a murder.
- A. To reinvestigate the murder case.
- Q. But your own Department said they didn't want an

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investigation of practices and procedures at this stage.

A. Well, you're jumping ahead to April 19th.

#### MR. CHAIRMAN

I take it you're going to be awhile, Mr. Bissell.

### MR. BISSELL

About another five or ten minutes.

#### MR. CHAIRMAN

We'll adjourn until two o'clock.

12:39 p.m. INQUIRY RECESSED UNTIL 2:02 p.m.

# MR. CHAIRMAN

Mr. Bissell?

### MR. BISSELL

Thank you, My Lord.

- Q. Just a few more questions, Mr. Edwards. I think when we broke at noon, we were talking about the jurisdiction of the R.C.M.P. to go into the City of Sydney's jurisdiction to conduct an investigation of the, I suppose whether or not Chief MacIntyre counselled perjury, which would be the end result of an investigation into the practices and methods of the Sydney Police Department, is that fair to say?
- A. No, I wouldn't frame it that way, Mr. Bissell. What I was talking about then was questioning the City Police as part of an ongoing murder investigation. Now it may very well have been that that investigation could have led in that direction, hypothetically.

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- Q. I thought your instruction to hold that part of it in abeyance was that it was felt by your departmental people that that was really a second part. We have to determine who committed the murder and whether or not it was Donald Marshall. And then an investigation into what the Sydney Police Department did was a second component.
- A. Well, you'd have to ask the departmental people about that but my view was that that was part of an ongoing murder investigation. For example, if I may illustrate.
- Q. Sure.
- A. Let's say that when Harry Wheaton was talking to Chant,
  Chant had said, "Well, I testified the way I did because John Q.
  Public, who lives down on Townsend Street in Sydney, told
  me if I didn't, I'd be in trouble." Now surely no one would
  suggest that Harry Wheaton wouldn't swoop right in on John
  Q. Public and ask him the "why for." My difficulty is that John
  MacIntyre was in no different position than the John Q. Public
  that I just used in the illustration.
- Q. Well, I guess I would take exception that nobody would challenge whether Harry Wheaton would swoop in and take a statement from...
- A. I'm sorry?
- Q. John Q. Public. I'm not sure it can be said that Harry Wheaton would swoop in and take a statement from John Q. Public in that particular situation. Surely that's a separate...

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Q. Is that a question or is that an argument?

#### MR. CHAIRMAN

Well, I don't know if it's a question or an argument. But it seems to be a very logical answer to the question.

### MR. BISSELL

- Q. The point, you would acknowledge, though, would you not,
  Mr. Edwards, that the R.C.M.P. don't have primary jurisdiction
  in a municipality of less than 17... of more than 1700 people.
- A. I acknowledge that but, again, I take the view, and I may be wrong, of course, that that hurdle was overcome on February 3rd. John MacIntyre gave them the murder investigation to do. They needed no more than that.
- Q. Okay, but John MacIntyre, I would suggest to you, didn't give them the mandate to go in and investigate the Sydney Police Department.
- A. He gave them the mandate to do whatever was necessary to investigate that murder.
- Q. The ultimate mandate must come from the Attorney General's office, though, is that not correct?
- 21 A. That's not correct.
- Q. The mandate to go in...
- 23 A. In my view.
- Q. You disagree that the <u>Police Act</u>, or the police contract for the Province of Nova Scotia, I would suggest to you, requires the

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mandate to come from the Attorney General's Department.

A. Perhaps that was Mr. MacIntyre's rationale in having me there. I was the agent of the Attorney General and I concurred that the R.C.M.P. should do the investigation.

#### COMMISSIONER EVANS

Mr. Bissell, are you drawing a distinction between coming in to examine or to reinvestigate a police department and, on the other hand, coming in to reinvestigate a murder in which the police department may be involved?

#### MR. BISSELL

Yes, I think there's a difference between the two. Their mandate was to investigate a murder.

#### COMMISSIONER EVANS

And that murder involved the conduct of the Sydney Police.

MR. BISSELL

Peripherally, yes, but I don't think it... But if the purpose of your investigation of the activities of the police department are to determine whether or not further charges are warranted, then that's a separate investigation, I would submit, and re...

#### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

But, generally, if the R.C.M.P. are instructed to go in and investigate a police department, it's usually because of some police corruption or things of that kind, isn't it?

#### MR. BISSELL

Or allegations of some wrong...

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It's their mandate and if the Attorney General instructs

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them to hold it in abeyance or stop, their authority is derived from the Attorney General, if the Attorney General considers an investigation of the police department as separate and distinct from the murder, which I would submit Mr. Gale must have when he issued that instruction, then that is the limit upon the authority of the R.C.M.P. in the situation.

## **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

When they're ordered to investigate and they're told to halt, they halt.

### MR. BISSELL

No, they're ordered to investigate a murder, which they did investigate, and brought to a successful conclusion, able to get a conviction of the individual who committed the murder and were awaiting further instructions to proceed, if the Attorney General so wished, on to the methods and practices of the Sydney Police Department. But I would suggest that the Attorney General had other options. Rather than having the R.C.M.P. do that, the Attorney General may have preferred that that be done through the Police Commission, for example, under the Police Act. That's the point that I'm trying to make.

### MR. CHAIRMAN

That's not the point that's before us. That's not the point Mr. Edwards is making. The R.C.M.P. are called in to reinvestigate the conviction of Donald Marshall, Jr. of the offence of murder.

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### MR. BISSELL

Correct.

#### MR. CHAIRMAN

Flowing from that as a result of their investigation, someone else was charged but they didn't know that when they started out.

### MR. BISSELL

No.

### MR. CHAIRMAN

And as part of the investigation, they naturally go to the three principal witnesses at the original murder trial and these principal witnesses now say we gave evidence that was not correct because we were scared of the police or they, at least they raised the suspicion that there may have been police pressure in the taking of these statements. Are you suggesting that the R.C.M.P. should not then go and interview the police who took these statements?

### MR. BISSELL

Well, they did speak to the police who took the statements.

#### MR. CHAIRMAN

Go and take statements.

#### MR. BISSELL

I suppose how they do is up, I mean there certainly is ample evidence that they spoke to the principals involved. Admittedly, they didn't take statements but they sought instruction as to whether or not there was to be an investigation or the taking of

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statements from these people as part of the practices of the

Sydney Police Department and the instruction that came from the

Attorney General to Mr. Edwards via Gordon Gale, I would

submit...

### MR. CHAIRMAN

Was to hold it in abeyance.

### MR. BISSELL

Hold that part of it in abeyance.

# MR. CHAIRMAN

But that was long after. When I say "long", you know, days after. As I understand Mr. Edwards' evidence, he had been urging the R.C.M.P. to take a statement from MacIntyre and Urquhart. Subsequently, instructions come from Mr. Gale, who had concluded that the evidence had gone far enough to enable them to, to enable an application to be made to the Court of Appeal for a review and to introduce whatever fresh evidence might be required. That was later. Anyway, that's more argument than...

#### MR. BISSELL

Yes, I agree, My Lord.

#### MR. EDWARDS

A. I guess if I could just, to make my answer complete, if that was the concern of the R.C.M.P. that they didn't have jurisdiction to go in, I can tell you that that concern was never addressed to me. They never said to me, "Look, we don't have jurisdiction to go in and question MacIntyre and

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- Urquhart." "We don't have jurisdiction to go in and get the file. We need an order under the <u>Police Act</u>." That wasn't... It may have been a concern but it wasn't communicated to me.
- Q. It may not have been put to you, I would suggest, in terms of jurisdiction but what then was the purpose for you going to Mr. Gale and getting some instructions on it with respect to the interrogation of John MacIntyre?
- A. Because by that point, it was obvious to me that the R.C.M.P. weren't going to go in on their own accord and I felt it important in order for them to do a complete investigation, that those questions be undertaken.
- Q. And the response that you got from Mr. Gale, or as you interpreted, was to hold that part of it in abeyance, is that not correct?
- A. That is correct. Although I don't recall the specific conversation with Gordon Gale, I am sure that I let him know that what I had urged the police and that the police were reluctant to go on my urging.
- Q. One other area that I want to go into just for a few moments, sir, is the decision to go under 617(b) or (c). Now you indicated, I believe, that you met in June with Mr. Gale and Mr. Rutherford.

2:17 p.m.

25 A. That's correct, yes.

- Q. It was clear, was it not, at that meeting that the ultimate decision whether the reference would be under paragraph

  (b) or (c) was the decision of the Minister of Justice.
- 4 A. No question.
- 5 Q. Not of any of the participants.
- 6 A. That's right.
- Q. And your intention to hold an inquiry such as this would have come to naught had the Court of Appeal decided that under (c) you didn't have the power to ask questions.
- 10 A. No question.
- 11 Q. Yeah.

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- A. They had the discretion, the ultimate discretion to say what they were going to hear.
- Q. Also your ability to conduct an inquiry, such as you testified that was your intention, would also depend upon the instructions that you received from the Attorney General's office, is that not correct?
  - A. The reason for my pause is that, of course, you're correct that the Attorney General's Department would have ultimate control there, but I had conducted several inquiries, you know, that obviously haven't had the high profile of this one, and hundreds of trials and I have never had any direction as to who I should call or...
  - Q. Those are magisterial-type of inquiries.
- 25 A. That's correct, yes.

- Q. And surely...and surely there is quite a distinction between that though and...
  - A. Oh, yes, this...this in those ways is the unique situation, but I never had any indication from anyone that I was going to receive a list of witnesses if you want.
- Q. Fine.

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- A. I mean there was a general discussion on June 9th between or among Gale, Rutherford and myself and I believe both of...both of them would agree with my recollection that I was the one who was going to be making those decisions.
  - Q. But would your plans not have been frustrated by what later became the policy of your Department that there would be no such inquiry until the Ebsary matter were...Ebsary trials were disposed of?
- A. Well, that's...that again, I guess, is hypothetical, but yes.
  - Q. But that became...that became the policy of the Department.
- 17 A. That became a policy, and a valid one.
- 18 Q. Yeah.
  - A. But that still would not have hampered the scope of the inquiry. I think that would have been, as far as I know, left to me and to make a submission to the Court and then what...whether they accepted it or not that was something else.
- Q. Unless your superiors took a different view as to how that inquiry should be handled.

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That's always a possibility, but again that's speculative.
And, since you raised that policy, Mr. Bissell, thatI think
that there is a parallel situation and I had never heard it
been articulated in public before. There was, of course, a lot
of criticism about the inquiry being held until after the
Ebsary matter was concluded. And I just want to point out
that there's a parallel under the Fatality Inquiries Act which
you're probably aware of, that when there is a criminal
matter arising out of the same circumstances as the matter
you're holding the inquiry on the inquirythe inquiry shall
be adjourned until that matter is complete, so

Q. Yeah. Now I wasn't...

### MR. CHAIRMAN

I think we're getting at cross purposes here somewhat too. Your question started out with 617(c). If it had gone under 617(c) my recollection is Mr. Rutherford told us that the first...the minute of counsel that had been drafted was to proceed under 6...the Minister of Justice would proceed under 617(c) and then there was a courtesy call to advise the Chief Justice of the intention of the Minister, and there was a subsequent change. But if you had gone at that time...

#### MR. EDWARDS

That's right.

#### MR. CHAIRMAN

There would have been no worry about prejudicing the

rights of Mr. Ebsary.

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Because the Ebsary charge hadn't been laid.

### MR. CHAIRMAN

There was no charges laid or any indication that charges might be laid.

#### MR. EDWARDS

Excellent point, right.

#### MR. BISSELL

Oh, I think that's a matter, I acknowledge that the charges hadn't been laid but you would be trying the matter through an inquiry process when there was an intention, I would submit, was there not, to charge Mr. Ebsary as soon as Mr. Marshall was acquitted. Is that not the...

#### MR. EDWARDS

That was the game plan, if you want, but sequentially the matter of Donald Marshall's guilt or innocence had to be resolved first in our view. There is some debate on...

#### MR. CHAIRMAN

This is all very illuminating, but I'm at a loss to see what concern that is to the RCMP.

#### MR. BISSELL

Well, it's a concern not solely to the RCMP but to the Department of Justice, the suggested reason for the change. I just wish to point out that Mr. Rutherford testified that the reason for

## 12320 MR. EDWARDS, EXAM, BY MR. BISSELL the change was concerns expressed about whether or not evidence could be called under 617(c). MR. CHAIRMAN 3 But that was not his concern. He told us that he was 4 satisfied under the Ontario decision that there was no doubt that 5 under 617(c) there could be very wide-ranging inquiry. 6 MR. BISSELL 7 That it had happened under...it had happened in the [Gourecki?] case. MR. CHAIRMAN 10 We sometimes follow the law of Ontario with reluctance. 11 MR. BISSELL 12 Occasionally. 13 COMMISSIONER EVANS 14 Depends on who's presiding. 15 MR. BISSELL 16 Those are the questions I have. Thank you, Mr. Edwards. 17 MR. CHAIRMAN 18 Mr. ...lost me, now which way to we go? 19 **COMMISSIONER EVANS** 20 Outhouse. 21 MR OUTHOUSE 22 It's my understanding, My Lords, is that I would be... 23

All right. We only see you on rare occasions, Mr. Outhouse.

MR. CHAIRMAN

### MR OUTHOUSE

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That's correct.

### **EXAMINATION BY MR. OUTHOUSE**

- Q. All right, Mr. Edwards. You'll forgive me for shouting at you from the bleachers back here.
- 6 A. Okay, sir.
- Q. The record indicates, I believe, that Staff Wheaton was stationed in Sydney as the plainsclothes coordinator from 1980 until '82, is that correct?
- 10 A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And that you were the Crown Prosecutor, I guess, for the County of Cape Breton since 1978.
- 13 A. That's right.
- Q. Now, I take it that over that period of time your overlapping
  period with Staff Sergeant Wheaton in Sydney that you
  would have had a number of dealings with him in your
  professional capacity.
- A. I did, but my recollection of them is overshadowed by this, of course.
- Q. All right. I'm certainly not going to ask you to recall them, but other than to confirm that you were involved in a number of other cases with him.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, as a result of your dealings with him back then did you form the opinion that Staff Sergeant Wheaton was a highly

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- competent investigator?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And as a result of those dealings did you form the opinion that he was a reliable police officer?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. Would you take Volume 17, please, page 3.
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. And I want to refer you to your note there in the middle of the page, the February 23rd note.
- 10 A. Yes.
- Do you have that? Now, when my learned friend, Mr.

  MacDonald, asked you about that note, page 3 of Volume 17.

  When Mr. MacDonald asked you about that note you said,

  and this is at Volume 65 of the transcript, page 11734, that

  the reference in your note to the Department having had,

  and I quote, "The opportunity to decide on it, " wasn't a

  reference to the RCMP questioning MacIntyre.
- 18 A. Yes.

- Q. Now you're not suggesting though, I take it, that you instructed Staff Sergeant Wheaton on February the 23rd,
  21 '82, to go and interrogate or investigate Chief MacIntyre?
  - A. I'm sorry. Could you run that by me again?
- Q. I say you're not suggesting that you were instructing Staff
  Sergeant Wheaton on February 23rd, '82, to go and
  interrogate or investigate Chief MacIntyre.

- 1 | A. That's what...
- Q. What?
- 3 A. That's what I am...
- Q. Doesn't it say that you're not...you're suggesting an investigation won't be complete until that is done?
- 6 A. Yes, that's what it says, right.
- 7 Q. Is that correct?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Now, I suggest to you...
- A. Okay. Maybe I missed the point of your question. No, I'm not saying that he has to do it right then.
- Q. Sure.
- 13 A. Is that what you mean?
- Q. Sure. That's going to be part of the investigation.
- A. That's going to be part of the investigation that he should do before he calls his investigation complete.
- Q. And as I go through your notes that subject is next again discussed on or about April the 19th. I don't find any other reference.
- A. There's no other reference in the notes, but...and I have no specific recollections, but I know that there were...there were several times that we discussed it in that vein.
- 23 2:30 p.m.
- Q. But April 19th came, the murder investigation was just about complete, all important statements were had, all

- important witnesses interviewed virtually at that stage.
- A. Yes.
- Q. And the crunch point was obviously coming that the investigation wasn't going to be complete until MacIntyre was investigated, but that point was obviously now at hand, correct?
- A. Yes, precipitated by the events of the Friday before.
- Q. And when that very question was then put, and I'm not going to get into why it was put, you clearly had discussions about this with Staff Sergeant Wheaton and perhaps
  Inspector Scott as well, and you then went to Gordon Gale, correct?
- 13 A. Wait now, on April...
- Q. 19th as I understand your...
- 15 A. 19th, yes.
- Q. And what Mr....those were the very instructions that came back, that is, hold that part of the investigation in abeyance.
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. And that's what you communicated to Staff Sergeant Wheaton.
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And at no time did you tell Staff Sergeant Wheaton after
  April the 19th that he should now go ahead with that,
  correct?
- A. After April 19th, no.

- Q. And at no time after April 19th did you tell then
  Superintendent Scott to go ahead with it, correct?
- A. After April 19th that's correct.
- Q. Okay. Now, just to change gears to another topic. Mr. Evers.
  You indicated in your evidence and this is found in Volume
  67 at page 11988.
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. That Mr. Evers' evidence didn't play very well in the Appeal Division, correct?
- 10 A. That was my feeling, yes.
- Q. And you had originally thought that his evidence would be quite potent.
- A. Yes.
- Q. And I just want to clear up any possible misunderstanding about that. You're not in any way suggesting that it was
  Staff Sergeant Wheaton or Inspector Scott who had misled you into thinking that his evidence was...
- 18 A. Absolutely not, no.
- <sub>19</sub> Q. No.
- 20 A. No.
- Q. And, in fact, you yourself had questioned Evers on April the 8th, '82.
- A. Yes, yes.
- 24 Q. You...
- A. No, there is no criticism, direct or indirect, intended there.

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- Q. All right. You questioned Mr. Evers and you were satisfied yourself that his evidence would be, I believe your words were "extremely compelling".
- A. I can remember being asked by Mr. Justice MacDonald just
  before Evers got on the stand, he said, and I don't think the
  transcript picked it up, but it was kind of an aside, "Is this
  compelling evidence?" That was the...and I nodded "yes".
  - Q. Now, I can't find any note anywhere of your conversation with Evers on April the 8th. Is there one?
- 10 A. No, if it's not here I don't have one.
- Q. Well, perhaps Mr. Pink or Mr. Saunders can point it out to me.
- A. I don't think there is.
  - Q. So when you were writing your report to the Department, to your superiors in Halifax, sometime between April 22nd and May the 3rd of '82 you were recapping your conversation with Mr. Evers based on your memory alone. You had no notes from which you were working.
- A. I think that's fair. I believe I interviewed Mr. Evers by
  phone at that time. I think I called him in New Brunswick,
  he was in Sackville, New Brunswick.
- Q. I think that's right.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. I think that's right. All right. I want to go to the July 12th meeting.

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- A. Okay.
- Q. And your evidence concerning this starts in Volume 67 at page 11885. Now, I wasn't here for Mr. Whalley's testimony, so you'll forgive me if I get it a bit wrong.
- A. Well, we're even, neither was I.
- Q. I've read the transcript and as I read it he certainly
  conveyed the impression, in the written word at least, that
  Staff Sergeant Wheaton played a rather major role in that
  July 12th meeting. Now, you were there and I think that
  you'll agree with me that, in fact, Staff Sergeant Wheaton
  played a rather minor role in that meeting.
- 12 A. I'd agree with that, yes.
- Q. Now at the bottom of page 11885 in your evidence you were asked how long the meeting was and you said you had no specific recollection.
- 16 A. That's right.
- Q. It was long, could have been two or three hours, maybe longer.
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And then over on page 11887 you were asked about the evidence of Staff Sergeant Wheaton to the effect that the meeting was both morning and afternoon, do you recall that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Mr....Staff Sergeant Wheaton had testified that it went in the

- morning.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Then it broke for lunch, came back.
- 4 A. Uh-hum.
- Q. And your recollection was that he could be right, you couldn't say.
- 7 A. That's right.
- Q. Now I put it to you, though, that having had a chance to reflect on it that that meeting, in fact, was both morning and afternoon, in fact it was all day, am I correct?
- 11 A. I'm in no better position than I was before. I, of course, had
  12 heard Staff Sergeant Wheaton give evidence that it was both
  13 morning and afternoon, so I've had lots of time to try to...
- Q. All right. Do you have your Daytimer there?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Perhaps you'd just dig it out for that day.
- 17 A. No, I don't.
- 18 Q. Perhaps you...
- 19 A. Wait now, yeah.
- Q. If you turn to that day.
- 21 A. July 12th.
- Q. July 12th. You'll see in handwritten...your own handwriting.
- A. Yes. "Spent all day with Chief MacIntyre, Mike Whalley,
- Harry Wheaton and Bill Urquhart re Marshall."
- 25 Q. So you agree with me now?

- A. Yeah. The only problem, I see there's an appointment already noted there at 2:00 p.m., "Inspector Urquhart, re..." re a case that we were working on at the time.
- Q. Is it likely that Inspector Urquhart joined you in the afternoon at two o'clock?
- A. It's not likely. I think he was there for part of the morning.

  But I can't speak with certainty.
- 8 Q. Sure.
- 9 A. Either way.
- Q. But your note, you'll agree with me, is written in the past tense. It's not "planning to spend" its says that you "spent the entire day".
- A. Agreed, yes.
- Q. And you wouldn't be going back months later and writing that in. That would have been something that was written in your Daytimer fairly close to the event.
- A. Probably sometime that week, yes.
- Q. Sure. So, to that extent, at least, you'll agree with me that
  Staff Sergeant Wheaton's recollection of July...of that July
  12th meeting is a little crisper than yours?
- A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Now...
- A. Probably.
- Q. Now, in answer to a question put to you yesterday by my learned friend, Ms. Derrick, you indicated that at no time

- were Whalley or MacIntyre standing up during that meeting and pointing out things, I think was the way she put it.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Now I want to suggest to you that in a day-long meeting...
- A. Yes.
- Q. That it's very unlikely that at some stage during that
  meeting they weren't up, walking around pointing out
  things, talking, making their points, and that you weren't,
  and that perhaps someone else wasn't, do you agree with me
  or disagree?
- A. I might have got up to go to the washroom or something like
  that, but my office with a desk and a conference table in it
  and the number of individuals who was in it, there wasn't
  too much room to walk around I can assure you.
- Q. Now, I'm not going to ask you to check these references, but
  I'll give you the page numbers so that they're on the record.
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. On page 11885 you describe that meeting as being intense.
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And on page 11886 you say that the Chief banged his fist on the table and demanded to know what's going on, "What is this?"
- 23 A. That's right.
- Q. And on page 11893 you acknowledge that the meeting...in the meeting with Whalley and Urquhart there it was

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- virtually impossible for you to effectively question the Chief about these matters.
  - A. That's right.
  - Q. You also said at another point in your testimony, and this is on page 11900 that you really didn't have the opportunity on July the 12th in the meeting with the Chief and Urquhart to press them as to how Pratico and Chant came up with the same stories because, and I'm quoting, "It was hard to keep that meeting on track."
- 10 A. That's right.
- Q. And you've testified that Mr. Whalley's parting shot at that meeting was that "If you take this case to court," by you he meant you.
- 14 A. Yes, no question.
- Q. "You'll be laughed out of the courtroom."
- 16 A. That's right.
- Q. And I suggest to you he said that in a contemptuous, disdainful fashion.
- A. Yes, it was not received as a compliment, that's for sure.
- Q. That's for sure. Now, then after the meeting, well,
  immediately following that meeting, despite the fact that
  Mr. Whalley has testified before this Commission that he
  had no problem with your conduct at the meeting, only Staff
  Sergeant Wheaton's, he promptly went to the Attorney
  General or the Deputy Attorney General, I should say, and

- complained that you weren't impartial. Isn't that correct?
- 2 A. That's right.
- Q. But despite all of those things that I've just gone through.
- 4 A. Yes.

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## 5 MR. CHAIRMAN

Mr. Outhouse, we're getting back...you're following right in the footsteps of Mr. Barrett. You're making great speeches, but we don't seem to get...

#### MR OUTHOUSE

Well, My Lord, just let me ask one more question and I'm finished on this topic.

## MR. CHAIRMAN

13 All right.

## 4 MR OUTHOUSE

- 15 Q. But despite all that.
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. You say that the Chief and Whalley weren't aggressive with you during that meeting.
- A. I said the Chief and Whalley didn't stand over me pointing their fingers and...
- 21 Q. I see.
- A. Yeah.
- Q. Would you say that Staff Sergeant Wheaton's impression that they were aggressive towards you, at least to that extent, was right?

- A. Well, aggressive, I mean, John MacIntyre and I exchanged some pretty, what, direct remarks to one another. But the impression didn't go beyond that.
- 4 Q. That's good.
- 5 A. Okay.
- Q. All right. In the spring of 1982 I just want to confirm what other things you had on your plate to set your notes in context, and that's the last area I want to question you about.
- 10 A. In when of '82?
- Q. Yeah, in the spring of '82.
- 12 A. Spring of '82.
- Q. Starting through February really, and I'm not going to ask you to look at the details of your Daytimer, but first of all I understand you had another murder that occurred in February.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. That was the Weatherbee case.
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And there's frequent reference to that throughout your notes.
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. It was in connection with that case, I believe, that the second fist pounding that you witnessed by the Chief occurred, am I correct?

- A. That's correct.
- Q. Yeah. I'm...I won't go into that, but that was something that...that name Weatherbee appears frequently in your diary throughout that time.
- 5 A. Yes, that was a first degree murder.
- Q. And in addition to that you had the Ebsary matter, and by that I mean the stabbing matter.
- A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And that appears very frequently.
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. And you were receiving information about Mr. Ebsary from
  Detective Woodburn, I believe it was.
- 13 A. That's correct.
- Q. And again, just generally reviewing your Daytimer
  throughout that spring, it appears as though you were
  carrying a fairly heavy load of trials and preliminaries
  throughout that time.
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. Now let's go to the notes. You told my learned friend, Mr.

  MacDonald, that you normally take notes, "normally" was

  your word, although you stopped short of saying you were

  compulsive about it. Is that a fair characterization of your

  evidence?
  - A. That's fair, although I think I did acknowledge, and if I didn't I should have, that the number of notes in this case

- would be more copious than...
- Q. You did say that.
- A. Yeah.
- Q. You did say that. But you do agree with me that for the most part the notes that we have here in Volume 17 aren't contemporaneous notes, and by that I mean they're not notes that you made while you were talking to people, either on the phone or in person.
- A. No, I, you know, I think a lot of the notes are contemporaneous.
- 11 Q. Most...
- A. Well, we could go through them bit by bit I suppose and...
- Q. Yes, well, unfortunately we...
- 14 A. ...I think it's identified.
- Q. ...to a degree. Unfortunately I have to to a degree and...
- 16 A. Sure.
- Q. ...we'll get to that. I suggest to you, though, that for the most part they are recapitulations after you finished either the meeting or the conversation and you are then summing it up.
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Either shortly after the meeting or in some cases not so shortly after the meeting.
- A. Okay.
- 25 Q. That's fair enough.

- A. Yeah, that's fair.
- Q. Now, and I gather as well, that you didn't keep scraps of paper, and you'll often hear witnesses who seem to have very fine notes say, "Well, I kept notes as I went along and then I made these better set of notes and threw the scraps of paper away."
- A. No, you see like the notes of December 6th...
- 8 Q. Yeah.

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- 9 A. ...for example.
- 10 Q. Sure.
- 11 A. The scraps of paper are right here.
- Q. So you were, when you were doing them after the meetings you were reconstructing them from memory not scraps of paper is my point.
- 15 A. That's right.
- Q. Now look at what I take to be a contemporaneous note. If have Volume 29, page 33. Do you have that, Mr. Edwards?
- 18 A. Yes. Yes.
- Q. Now it says it's your note and the only reason I know is because I'm looking at the tab. Do you agree with me it's your note?
- A. It's my writing, yes.
- Q. Okay. And it has a date, March the 17th, '82.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 | Q. And I want you to look at that note and tell me what it is.

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- A. That may be a note I took when I was talking to Evers, although I...
- Q. Well the record shows you spoke to Mr. Evers on April the 8th.
- A. Um. But the content there, oh, maybe I got that from Harry Wheaton.
- Q. Staff Sergeant Wheaton when he heard from Evers...
- A. Yes.
- Q. The record will show, and I'm not going into the documents, but...
- A. Yes.
- Q. MacAlpine who originally got the documents to test for blood, deliver...the exhibits, turned them over to Evers on the 17th of March. Evers returned them to...immediately did his analysis, returned them to MacAlpine on the 18th.
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. The evidence is that before a formal report ever came in...
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Evers called Wheaton.
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Wheaton, in turn, called you. Now...
- A. So that's likely the call.
- Q. That's likely the call. Certainly when you look at the note it talks about a single fibre...
- A. "Used stereomicroscope."

- Q. "Fibres consistent," do you see that?
- Yes. A.
- All those things. Q.
- Yes. A.

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- Okay. So this is what I mean by a contemporaneous note. Q. 5 You would have...
- Yes, that I'm writing that down...that information as... A. 7
- Sure, as you're talking with Staff Sergeant Wheaton. Q.
- A. That's right.
- It's disjointed and it's sketchy. Q. 10
- Yes. Α. 11
- Q. But you're marking down the information that he's giving 12 you. 13
- Yes. A. 14
- Okay. Now, we'll come back to that in a little while, but for Q. 15 now I just wanted to make the point that that's what I mean 16 by contemporaneous and most of these notes aren't of that 17 sort. 18
- Okay. A. 19
- Now apart from not being contemporaneous in the sense Q. 20 which I've just described, they don't...the notes aren't 21 exhaustive either are they? They don't represent all of your 22 contacts with Staff Sergeant Wheaton or Corporal Carroll for 23 that matter.
- That's right, yes. A. 25

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- For example, you indicated in your testimony at page...at Q. Volume 65, page 11729 that you were told by Wheaton 2 and/or Carroll on or about February 22nd that Ebsary had 3 virtually admitted to the crime in a telephone conversation and yet that doesn't appear anywhere in your notes. 5
- Right. A.
- And you had been told by them about their first visit to Q. Dorchester and that's not mentioned in your notes. 8
- A. Right.
- Q. And your conversation with Evers of April 8th isn't 10 mentioned in your notes. 11
- A. No. 12
- Or your conversation with Mr. Rosenblum on the 3rd of Q. 13 April isn't in your notes. 14
- A. Right. 15
- Q. So, and I could go on but the only point I wish to make... 16
- A. Yes. 17
- Q. Is that you agree with me that these notes don't purport to 18 be comprehensive and aren't comprehensive. 19
- A. No, and if any other meaning was conveyed by me it was 20 unintentional. 21
- Q. I'm not saying that you were attempting to convey that, Mr. 22 Edwards. Now, while I'm hesitant to embark on the task 23 which you spoke about earlier going through these notes, I 24 feel compelled to do it and unfortunately for that purpose I 25

- think it's necessary to look at the handwritten notes rather
  than the typed ones. And in Volume 17 those handwritten
  notes start at page 21. You have your originals there and...
- 4 A. I do.
- Q. And perhaps it might be just as easy if you perhaps kept the book open but used your originals.
- A. Okay. You're starting at what page now?
- 8 Q. Page 21 in Volume 17. These are the handwritten versions.
- 9 A. Okay.
- Q. Okay. Now as I understand it from your evidence you made the first notes on February the 21st.
- A. Yes.
- Q. And the note for February 3rd, for example, that we see at the top was something that you made on the 21st of November.
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. There is no indication there that that's so, but you know that it's a fact.
- 19 A. That's right.
- Q. Is there any reason why it doesn't indicate when you've made the note?
- A. Well, the only reason would be that I started writing on February 21st and didn't put the date at the top of the page.
- Q. All right. And your...what you're doing...
- 25 A. In other words, no reason.

- Q. Okay. What you're doing is going back and recapping from your memory the events that had unfolded from February the 3rd to the 21st, correct?
- A. That's right.
- Q. Now, the original page, and while it doesn't show here, the original page that you have is a legal foolscap size, if I can put it that way.
- 8 A. Yes.
- Q. It's been reduced for photocopying purposes.
- 10 A. Right.
- Q. And at the first page of your notes, you can tell from the original, is all in the same pen, correct?
- 13 A. That's right.
- Q. And it was probably made all at one sitting on the 21st.
- A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Correct.
- 17 A. Right.
- Q. Now when you turned to page 22 in Volume 17 it says,
  "Notes continued", do you see that? And your notes starts at
  the top, "Notes continued, February 21st, '82."
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. You'll agree with me that you've changed pens.
- 23 MR. CHAIRMAN
- Changed what, pens?

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Changed pens.

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- A. Possibly, I can't tell.
  - Q. Well, all right. I suggest to you that the notes that you made on what we call in our exhibit book page 21, and what appears in the exhibit book as 22, weren't made at the same time. That is something interrupted you, you went away for however long and came back to it.

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Or else your pen ran out of ink and you picked up another one.

#### MR OUTHOUSE

Well, My Lord, the original is there and I don't think that hypothesis washes with the quality of the ink at the bottom of page 1.

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- 19 A. I don't know.
- Q. All right.
- A. I can't tell from that.
- Q. In your original, the notes that you have there, I believe there is a telephone message from Mr. Donovan attached to it. Is that correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

- Q. That's not in the book, but that is there.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Now, 23, 24, appear to be written all at the same time as page 22, is that correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, when we go over to page 25 this is the one we were dealing with earlier.
- 8 A. Yes.
- Q. This is where you have the note about the 11:00 p.m. call with Staff Sergeant Wheaton.
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. And you agree with me that that page from February 23rd, '82, down to and including the last entry on that page, is all written in the same pen.
  - 2:52 p.m.

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- A. It appears to be.
- Q. Looking at it, does it not leave you with the impression that it was all written at the same time?
- A. That it was all written at the same time?
- 19 Q. Yes.
- A. I don't think it was.
- Q. Well, let me ask you this. Would you have taken this legal pad home with you on the night of February the 23rd?
- A. I may have.
- Q. I appreciate you may have, Mr. Edwards, and I'm just trying...

- I'm not trying to be devious, I just want...
- A. And I'm not trying to be evasive, believe me.
- Q. As much information before the Commission as I can about these points.
- A. Yeah. No, I mean...
- 6 Q. No times appear.
- A. At that time, you see, I may have taken material home. I can't recall, six years ago.
- Q. But you'll see the "11 p.m." by Mr., by the call to Staff
  Sergeant Wheaton, correct?
- A. Yes.
- Q. But there's no note before that about the time you met Staff
  Sergeant Wheaton and then you were off work for personal
  reasons.
- A. Yes.
- Q. There's no, February 5th there's no, or the first entries on February the 25th, there's no times. But when we get down to 2:45 p.m. in the afternoon, there's a time, correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And then when we go over to the next page, the continuation of February the 25th, which is again, certainly appears to be in the same pen, there's another time "3:40 p.m.", correct?
- A. Yes, there's a time there but you say "the same pen"...
- Q. I'm not saying you couldn't have had the same pen and kept it for weeks and weeks.

- A. Yeah, it's all...
- But you write... Q.
- Government-issued pens. A.
- Sure. You were writing on the same page, correct? Q.
- Essentially all the same. A. 5
- You were writing these things on the same page? Q.
- A. Yes. 7
- And I suggest to you, Mr. Edwards, and I want you to think as O. 8 hard as you can about it, that that page, that entire page that 9 we see there, 25 and 26, was written all on or about February 10 the 25th?
- I don't think so, Mr. Outhouse. I believe I put those entries in 12 separately, but I can't rule it out definitely. 13
- Okay. Now just while we're on that page, in the copy that we Q. 14 have on page 25, "11 o'clock" appears very distinct, "11 p.m.". 15
- A. Yes. 16

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- But on the originals, it's not. There's a penciled over and I Q. 17 can't tell whether it's "one o'clock" or "11 o'clock". 18
- Α. There is a pencil mark there, all right, no question. 19
- Q. In fact, this penciling appears throughout the notes in places. 20
- There's underlinings in pencil and I'm just wondering when 21 they got on there.
- Oh, I can't tell you specifically. 23
- Q. It was before... 24
- It was at least a year or two later. 25

- Q. Okay, it was before these notes went, were produced for the purpose of this Commission, though, because the underlinings appear in these handwritten notes that the Commission had, correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you recall putting them there?
- A. I recall highlighting them, underlining, yes.
- Q. And, obviously, given the note at, that we look at underlined on page 25, that wasn't a note that had anything to do with the Marshall case or the Ebsary case. That had to do with your dealings with the R.C.M.P. and perhaps your dealings with your superiors. That particular one with the R.C.M.P., you were highlighting that.
- A. Wait now, I've lost you.
- 15 Q. Well...
- 16 A. Are you referring to the "11 p.m." paragraph?
- 17 Q. Yes.
- A. And your question, that had to do with my dealing with Harry Wheaton?
- Q. Yes, at the point in time when you were highlighting that, you were focusing on your relationship with the investigation and Harry Wheaton and not on whether Donald Marshall was guilty or innocent or on whether Mr. Ebsary should be convicted. You weren't grappling with those problems.
- A. I can't tell you what I was grappling with at that time.

- 1 | Q. All right, fair enough.
- A. I think I may have been simply reviewing my notes.
- Q. Go to page 27.
- A. Yes. Now that's a different pen. It's a different colour.
- Q. Sure. And that's a note that you likely made at home, is that correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. And it's a note that you made of a call that you had that evening with Harry Wheaton.
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. And so you wrote and you made a separate page of it and that's, you would say, a contemporaneous note or fairly close in time. It was recorded...
- A. I would say that that would have been made immediately after the phone call.
- Q. Okay, fair enough. Now when we go to page 28, do you have that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. You have specific times there—9:05 and 11:35.
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you agree with me that that's a contemporaneous note or at least made very shortly after the meetings referred to in the notes?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Now at 11:35 a.m., Staff Sergeant Wheaton was in your office.

- 1 | A. Yes.
- Q. And at that time, he confirmed to you that the meeting with Chief MacIntyre was on for that afternoon?
- 4 A. Yes.
- Q. And certainly left you with the impression at that time, if he didn't expressly say so, that he was still planning on attending.
- 8 A. Yes.
- Q. Now when you go over to page 29, that's the following Monday, I believe.
- 11 A. I'll take your word for it.
- Q. Well, March 1st is, as I understand it, the Monday that Staff
  Sergeant Wheaton called you and told you that he was at the
  meeting.
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. You started, as I understand from the top of the page, you started making those notes at 4 p.m.?
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. That afternoon, and Staff Sergeant Wheaton had been there in the morning.
- A. Yeah, well, he had called in the morning.
- Q. Called in the morning, I'm sorry.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And, in fact, he had...
- A. Then he came at 1:30.

- Q. Yes, and he brought Patricia Harriss in, correct? He and Carroll were both there?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Harriss was there.
- 5 A. Yes. He brought Patricia Harriss in at 3 p.m.
- 6 Q. Yes, that's right.
- A. At 1:30 p.m., I'm sorry, he had left a message.
- 8 Q. Yes.
- 9 A. And at 3 p.m., he and Carroll arrived with Patricia Harriss.
- Q. All of these notes, you agree with me, were made after Harriss was in and gone.
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And I can find no note of actual discussions with Harriss. It's your summary that we see here.
- 15 A. That's right.
- Q. Now when you were recapping at four o'clock in the afternoon what had happened in the morning, the note that you have is that Wheaton told you that he hadn't been at the meeting with MacIntyre on Friday, the 26th, that just Scott had been there, correct?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You didn't understand or recall that he was only for part of the meeting, that he stayed for part of the meeting and then left. That wasn't your understanding.
- 25 A. No.

- Q. And, if I read your note correctly, you say you remember wondering why Wheaton had not thought this investigation more important than surveillance exercise but I did not communicate this to him.
- 5 A. Right.
- Q. So you thought of it when you spoke to him in the morning and didn't raise it with him.
- 8 A. Right.
- Q. It was certainly in your mind when you went to write these notes at four o'clock in the afternoon, correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. But you didn't communicate it to him.
- 13 A. Right.
- Q. You had seen him once in the meantime and spoken to him once in the meantime.
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. Didn't communicate it to him, correct?
- 18 A. I...
- 19 Q. Correct?
- 20 A. Right.
- Q. You're used to this.
- A. From your angle.
- Q. Sure. Now isn't it entirely possible that this was simply just a misunderstanding between you and Staff Sergeant Wheaton, that he was there for part of the meeting but missed the tail

- end of it. You never questioned him about it and so it never came up between you.
- A. That's a possibility, yes.
- Q. Sure. Now go to page 31 and look at the entry there for March the 5th.
- 6 A. Okay, now that's on two different pieces of paper.
- Q. Leave aside the small piece for the second, and go to the big piece.
- 9 A. "Met at office"?
- 10 Q. Yes.
- 11 A. Yes, okay.
- Q. Now just, do you see those first two paragraphs that are there?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Now, first of all, let me ask you whether or not those notes that we see there on Friday, March the 5th, were made on March the 5th or on some other day?
- 18 A. I believe they were made on March the 5th.
- Q. But you have no recollection of that actually being so.
- A. Oh, certainly not.
- Q. And, in fact, when you look at the page that you have in your original notes there.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. The small page, which is found in our exhibit book on page 43, it's gotten separated in the reproduction process. When

- you look at that tear-out from a notebook.
- A. Yes.
- Q. That covers that same day, doesn't it, March the 5th?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And it covers the same events, too.
- A. Yes, the meeting at the office with Harry Wheaton.
- Q. Also the discussion with Urquhart.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 O. And it covers them in more detail.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And it has precise times.
- A. It has one precise time, 3:30 p.m.
- Q. Oh, yes, that's right. The first one just says "a.m." You're quite correct.
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Now I suggest to you that the note that we see on page 43 of
  Volume 17 was made on or about March the 5th, but that the
  one that we see on page 31 wasn't.
- 19 A. I can't...
- Q. Okay, let's go down...
- A. I can't help you one way or the other.
- Q. Perhaps I can help you if we go to the next item.
- A. Sure.
- Q. The next one says: "Monday or Tuesday, March 8th or 9th."
- 25 A. Yes.

- Q. "Urquhart comes to office. Tries to find out about investigation. Tell him I'm not at liberty to discuss."
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. Next line says: "Had meeting with Wheaton. Didn't record date."
- A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Do you see that?
- A. Yes, I see that.
- Q. Clearly that note couldn't have been made on March the 8th or the 9th, if you couldn't remember when you had the meeting with Wheaton.
- A. The note could have been made on March 8th or the 9th, but
  the meeting didn't take place or didn't necessarily take place...
  Well, it wouldn't have taken place on the 8th or the 9th or I
  would have remembered the date.
- Q. Look at the next one, Wednesday, March 17th.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. "Met at noon with Wheaton."
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. "Says he has talked to Lou Matheson."
- A. Yes.
- Q. Now, again, it's a very brief note. Are you saying that that's something you made after the meeting with Mr. Wheaton was over and you wanted to record the substance of it?
- A. No, I can't say when it was made.

- Q. No. When we go down, though, to Monday, March the 22nd.
- A. Yes.
- Q. You see "3:10 p.m." and then sort of a detailed note of what happened there.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And then "3:50 p.m."
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. When we turn over the next page, we have "4:00 p.m."
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And "4:20 p.m."
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. And I suggest to you, you have the original of your notes there in front of you.
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. When you read the contents of those two pages that we see here at pages 31 and 32, you look at the pen again and you look at your more detailed note for March 5th, which we find on page 43.
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. The most reasonable conclusion that you can draw is that pages 31 and 32 were all written on March the 22nd.
- 22 A. Yes, I'd agree with that.
- Q. So you were going back and recapping events from March 5th through to the 22nd.
- 25 A. Apparently so, yes.

- Q. Now while we're on the 22nd, I want to draw your attention to the note at the top of page 32. Do you have that?
- A. Yes.
- Q. It says: "4:00 p.m. Spoke with Wheaton. Said he had been contacted by Dolph Evers who confirms that fibres on knives taken from Ebsary's wife's basements came from Marshall's jacket."
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. "He had saved original exhibits."
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. "Wheaton asked me to check at courthouse for Seale's jacket.

  I returned call. Not there."
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. "I did and returned call. Not there." Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Now the difficulty that I have with that is that your contemporaneous note of your conversation with Wheaton is dated March the 17th.
- 19 A. Uh-huh.
- 20 Q. That's found...
- 21 A. Yes, I see your difficulty.
- Q. It's found in Volume 29, page 33. It appears to be inconsistent.
- A. It does, yes.
- Q. And it would appear, if I take your contemporaneous note as

- being correct, that while this note shows you had a conversation with Wheaton at 4:00 p.m. on March the 22nd and he informed you about these fibres, that that, in fact, happened on the 17th.
- 5 A. Unless I had two conversations.
- 6 Q. There's no note certainly...
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. On the 17th.
- A. No.
- 10 Q. About that, is there?
- 11 A. No.
- Q. No notes in the ones that we find here.
- A. Uh-huh. Maybe if I can just take a moment to read them, Mr.
  Outhouse.
- 15 Q. Certainly, Mr. Edwards.
- A. You know, unless there were two telephone calls.
- Q. And if there were, you didn't make a note of the other one, at least, a note that was recorded along with...
- 19 A. That's possible.
- Q. This chronology from March 5th through to the 22nd.
- 21 A. Right.
- Q. All right, now there are no notes that I can find from March the 28th through to April the 19th. Is there any reason for that that you can think of?
- A. Not that I can think of, no.

- Q. So there's no notes during that period and then when we go to page 34... I might say, My Lords, that in the book, Volume 17, the notes start on page 34 and then there's page 35 and 36 which is a typed memorandum to Mr. Edwards from Mr. Williston. That appears, to me, to just be put in there out of sequence and certainly Mr. Edwards' original notes don't have that. Correct, Mr. Edwards?
- 8 A. You're referring to what now?
- Q. Now if you look at page 35 and 36.
- 10 A. Of Volume 29?
- Q. I'm sorry, Volume 17, Mr. Edwards, I apologize, your notes.
- 12 A. 35 and 36.
- 13 Q. Yes.
- A. Yes, that's Mr. Williston's memo.
- Q. And they're sandwiched into your April 16th/19th notes, but they're not in your original...
- A. They're not my originals, no.
- Q. That's just a glitch in the xeroxing process, correct?
- 19 A. A glitch.
- Q. All right. Now the note at the top of page 34 where these begin, notes made April 19th '82, beginning at 9:00 a.m., correct?
- A. Right.
- Q. Now do you agree with me, first of all, that that note at the top is in a different pen?

- A. It appears to be, I agree with that, yeah.
- Q. Do you know when it was put there and why?
- A. No, I mean there's no way I can remember putting that there.

  The why part of it would be so that I would know when

  exactly those notes were made because, obviously, they were
  a significant set of notes.
- Q. It's your handwriting.
- 8 A. Oh, no question.
- Q. Okay. Now I only have one more question in terms of these,
  the writings, and we'll go back to the typed copies. There are
  a couple of questions on substance.
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. But if you would just flip over in your originals to the meeting with Donna Ebsary on April the 17th, and in Volume 17, it's found on page 39, My Lords.
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. Do you have that? You agree with me that it appears that you completed your notes down to the meeting with Donna Ebsary and then there was a break and you came back and you started again.
- A. Yes.
- Q. With a different pen and continued on?
- 23 A. That appears right, yeah.
- Q. Do you have any knowledge of why the interruption or how long it lasted?

- A. No.
- None, okay. All right, now if you would stay with your O. original handwritten notes, Mr. Edwards, I think that would 3 be all right. But for everyone else, if anyone cares to follow at 4 this stage, we can go back to page eight of the typed versions. 5 Now I'm referring to notes that you made of April the 16th and probably in your handwritten copies, you're down at 7 about page two and it's the part about your meeting with Superintendent Scott and Staff Sergeant Wheaton, the discussion about the Attorney General's Department, do you 10 have that? It appears at the bottom of page eight in the 11 typed version. 12
- A. Yes, the paragraph beginning "In call with Wheaton"?
- 14 Q. Yes, that's correct.
- 15 A. "Suggest that he..." Yes.
- Q. Now you wanted them, and this we've heard a thousand times over, to demand the file and use a search warrant if necessary.
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And they wanted, their position was they wanted direction from the A.G.
- 22 3:14 p.m.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And I suggest to you that it was really Inspector Scott as the commanding officer who was the one taking that position.

- A. Yes, that's fair.
- Q. And that's the way that meeting was left. That is, when that meeting was over there was no doubt in your mind that to get the RCMP to go in and do what you wanted them to do that you were going to have to get a direction from the AG.
- 6 A. That's right.
  - Q. And you say that in Volume 66 of the transcript at page 11788. There's no need for you to refer to it. Those were your words. Now, having left the meeting that way...
- 10 A. Yes.

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- Q. And by the way, with no indication whatever there that
  Harry Wheaton was going to leave that meeting and go
  down and get things from the Chief, which is something my
  learned friend Mr. Pugsley suggested to you this morning.
  There was no suggestion of that at the meeting, was there?
- 16 A. That he was going to do it after that meeting.
- Q. Yeah. He was going down that afternoon and get things from MacIntyre.
- 19 A. No, there's another...there's another note on that, I believe.
- Q. Not on this day.
- 21 A. No.
- Q. But certainly there is no note here.
- 23 A. That's right.
- Q. At two o'clock you meet. There's no suggestion at that meeting that Wheaton is then going down and get things

- from the Chief that afternoon.
- A. No.

- Q. And, in fact, as you say, that meeting was left on the basis you were going to get a direction from the AG and they weren't going to go without it, correct?
- 6 A. Right.
- Q. Yet, when you go to the next day, page 10 in our version,
  that's on Exhibit 7 of the exhibit book, Volume 17, and it
  appears just before Monday, April 19th, '82, in the originals.

  The quote is, "Told Wheaton that I thought he should get the
  entire file from city police. Said he would go down Monday
  and get it." Do you see that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Now you leave a meeting the previous day.
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Where it's clear to you that they're not going to go get it without a direction from the Attorney General.
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. Superintendent Scott, who is the officer in charge, takes that position. Yet if this note is correct.
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. The very next day, before you've ever gotten a direction from the AG.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 | Q. You say to Harry Wheaton, "You go down to the police

- station and get that file," and Harry Wheaton says, "Yes, I'll do it on Monday."
- A. Yes. That's what the notes says.
- Q. You recognize that Superintendent Scott was the commanding officer.
- 6 A. I did, yes.
- Q. I suggest to you that it would be almost unthinkable that the very day after the meeting you've described.
- 9 A. Yes.
- Q. You would be suggesting to Wheaton that he go down and get the file. You already determined they weren't going.

  Scott had taken that position and you were going to get a direction from the Attorney General.

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But my friend leaves out what's on page 9.

### MR OUTHOUSE

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#### MR. PINK

The conversation earlier in the day with Mr. Wheaton.

#### MR OUTHOUSE

Q. I'm not leaving it out. I'm sure Mr. Edwards is well aware of what's in his notes. I'm just suggesting that after this discussion about the file and the RCMP not going down and demanding the file you're now suggesting it to Staff Sergeant Wheaton again on Saturday.

- Mr. Pink has piqued my curiosity now. Where is the... A.
- Well, he's referring, I presume, well, I don't think he's Q. sworn, but he'd like to give evidence I'm sure, I'm sure he's referring to the fact that your notes show that Mr. Wheaton had, in fact, gone despite previous indications, to the police station and gotten statements. And I guess maybe the inference that Mr. Pink would like you to draw in your answer is that having gotten some of it he can go down now and get the rest and demand the entire file.
  - A. Uh-hum.

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#### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

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#### MR OUTHOUSE

- Q. Is that your rationalization? 14
- A. My rationalization. 15
- I shouldn't say that to you. I should have said it to Mr. Pink. O. 16
- No, I'm looking for that reference. Α. 17
- Q. Perhaps, Mr. Edwards, I'll spare you the trouble and we'll leave it to be argued about. I...the record is there, and it 19 speaks for itself.
  - You know, the only thing I can suggest is that he said they A. wanted a direction to the Chief from the AG to turn over the info on the 16th, and then me telling him that I thought he should get the entire file from the city police. Maybe Scott wasn't as definitive. Maybe he was indicating that was a

- preferred option the day before. I can't help you.
- Q. Well, all right, be careful. Because you've already gone on record, as I pointed out, as saying in Volume 66 page 11788 it was clear to you that they weren't going to get that file.
- A. Yes.

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- Q. Unless they had the direction from the AG.
- A. Yes. There was no doubt that that was my ...that was my feeling by the time I called Gordon Gale on Monday.
  - Q. Anyway, when you were writing these notes up on Monday that was something that you recall two days earlier having told Wheaton.
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And that was what you recalled two days earlier he responded.
- 15 A. Yes.
  - Q. I'd...I suggest to you that if the date is wrong...let me rephrase it. I suggest to you that his ready answer would have made a lot more sense on Saturday, April the 24th because, in fact, he did go down on Monday, April the 26th and get the entire file. That's what the record shows.
- A. I lost you, I'm sorry, Mr....
- Q. Well, what I'm saying to you is if you're wrong about the
  date as you...it appears you were about the conversation
  with Wheaton in terms of the knives and Evers. If the date
  is wrong, the date is off, in fact, Staff Sergeant Wheaton did

- go down on the 26th of April and pick up the entire file and was planning to do that as of Saturday, April the 24th. So if you said to him on Friday that he better go...or Saturday, April the 24th go get that file he would have said, "Yes, I'm going on Monday," and that's what he did. I'm just questioning the date.
- A. Yes. But that doesn't jive with my recall at all.
- Q. All right. Go to page 11. This is...this is something that Mr.
  Barrett, my friend, has already touched on.
- 10 A. Right.
- Q. In the middle of page 11 it says, "In meeting with Wheaton also discussed advisability of questioning Rosenblum." I'm not going to go on...
- A. Which date is this?
- 15 Q. This is April 19th now.
- 16 A. Okay.
- Q. And this is a meeting that presumably took place on the 19th. Okay.
- 19 A. Yes. Yes. Okay. I have it.
- Q. All right. Now, that note was made of a meeting on the
  19th and it was made, according to your recollection, on the
  19th. You made the note on the 19th, the meeting was the
  19th.
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. And that note, I take it, is as likely to be accurate as any of

### MR. EDWARDS, EXAM. BY MR. OUTHOUSE

the other notes I find here.

- A. Yes.
- Q. I always hate that question. I was going to ask you whether you're as sure of that as you are of everything else in your notes, but I won't. I'll spare you that. I suggest to you, Mr. Edwards, that that note is inaccurate. You would never have said, what this note says to Staff Sergeant Wheaton because you had already, yourself, questioned Mr. Rosenblum.
  - A. Oh, no, I mean, I had had the conversation with Mr.

    Rosenblum, questioned him, but I didn't feel that that conversation formed part of the police investigation and that he should be...he should be questioned by Staff Sergeant Wheaton independently and probably in more detail that I did.
- Q. Did you ever follow up on that request?
  - A. I don't think so, no.
  - Q. And were you questioning in any way that Mr. Rosenblum would change his answer or that you couldn't prepare an affidavit for Mr. Rosenblum to sign based on your conversation with him?
  - A. No, but I didn't have a written statement from him so I assume that that was my rationale.
  - Q. Well, I know that that's what you're assuming and I'm not imputing anything wrong in motive or otherwise. I'm just suggesting to you that the note is inaccurate and it's an

- inaccurate reflection of what happened at that meeting.
- 2 A. Well, I disagree.
- Q. All right. In your original notes that you have in front of you you'll notice that someone has underlined the word "Rosenblum" in that line, correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- Q. And you'll notice that they have then put an "X" after the line.
- 9 A. Yes, someone did, yes.
- Q. And for some reason that doesn't appear in the copies that we have, the "X" doesn't, the underlining does. Why is that?

  Do you have any explanation?
- A. No idea.
- Q. Does it appear to you in looking at it that somebody has looked at it and said that you're wrong?
- 16 A. No.

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# COMMISSIONER EVANS

Did you put the "X" there?

### MR. EDWARDS

- A. I don't think so. I may have but if I did perhaps it was just to note that passage, but that doesn't say to me that somebody marked that wrong.
- Q. Well, and I'm only interested if you marked it wrong.
- A. Well, I know I never marked it wrong. I can guarantee you of that.

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MR. EDWARDS, EXAM. BY MR. OUTHOUSE But you agree with me that there are very...there are, O. 1 throughout your notes, your originals, there are penciled underlinings. 3 Yes. A. Now, it's not your recollection that you made them, or you O. 5 don't know one way or the other. 6 That's right. I don't know one way or the other. Α. 7 Q. All right. A. But I can tell... MR. CHAIRMAN 10 Before all of these notes came into the possession of 11 Commission counsel, did anyone else have access to them other 12 than you? 13 MR. EDWARDS 14 After they came into the... 15 MR. CHAIRMAN 16 After you made them, between the time you No before. 17 made the notes and the time that... 18 MR. EDWARDS 19 They were turned over to Commission counsel. 20 MR. CHAIRMAN 21

Yes.

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No, no, I don't think so. Not that I can recall.

### 12369 MR. EDWARDS, EXAM. BY MR. OUTHOUSE MR. CHAIRMAN 1 So... 2 COMMISSIONER EVANS 3 Your secretary transcribed them. 4 MR. EDWARDS 5 Secretary transcribed them, but other than that. 6 MR. MacDONALD 7 We've never had the original notes. Commission counsel has never had the original notes. MR. CHAIRMAN All right. You still have them. 11 MR. EDWARDS 12 Yes. 13 MR. CHAIRMAN 14 But have they...all right, then read...try it the other way. 15 Have these notes been in the hands, to your knowledge, other 16 than from...for the purpose of your secretary transcribing them 17 been in the hands of any person other than yourself? 18 MR. EDWARDS 19 Well, after the ... after Mr. Pink and Mr. Saunders were 20 appointed counsel they had them in their possession for awhile. 21

MR OUTHOUSE

I perhaps should say for the completion of the record, My Lord, that obviously I've had them as well to look at.

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### 12370 MR. EDWARDS, EXAM. BY MR. OUTHOUSE MR. PINK 1 And other parties have had access to the original notes. 2 MR. EDWARDS 3 Yes. 4 **COMMISSIONER EVANS** 5 Who's fond of making x's? 6 MR. CHAIRMAN 7 I hope this... MR OUTHOUSE I can only assure the Commission that I haven't. 10 MR. EDWARDS 11 Will the X-maker please stand up? 12 MR OUTHOUSE 13

- 14 Q. Mr. Edwards.
- A. Yes.
- Q. You do not claim authorship of those x's or the penciled underlinings.
- 18 A. Or deny it.
- 19 Q. Yeah.
- A. I don't think I made the "X". I may have. But I can tell you if I did it was just to note that place not to say, gee, that's wrong.
- Q. You go on in that note to say "It would be extremely material to the admissibility of the present testimony to show that the defence did not know of this evidence at the

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- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. "Must be able to show that the evidence," and you agree that there is a typo there, it should say, "Was not left out by the defence."
- 6 A. That's right.
- Q. "For tactical reasons."
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- Q. It doesn't say told Staff Sergeant Wheaton that I had already questioned Rosenblum about this and I want him to take statements to confirm it. Nothing of that sort.
- A. It doesn't say that but I believe I did tell Mr. Wheaton that I had spoken with him.
- Q. I see. Do you honestly recall that now, Mr. Edwards, or are you just speculating?
  - A. I'm saying I'm pretty sure, but I may not have, it's...

### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

He starts off by saying "In the meeting with Wheaton also discussed advisability of questioning Rosenblum," and then he keeps right on. "I told him," who's he telling that to?

#### MR OUTHOUSE

Telling Wheaton.

#### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

"That it would be extremely material to the admissibility of the present testimony of Chant and Harriss to show the defence

did not know of this evidence at the trial."

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My point, My Lord, is that Mr. Edwards' own evidence is that he had already questioned Mr. Rosenblum on that very point and satisfied himself that they didn't know.

### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

All right. So, he's passing it on to Wheaton.

#### MR OUTHOUSE

That certainly isn't what he's saying. He's not saying they didn't know. He's saying it's important to find out, to determine.

#### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

Well, he's probably explaining to Wheaton, who is a police officer, how important it would be for the counsel to know about it.

#### MR. CHAIRMAN

That's right. He should have...

#### MR OUTHOUSE

Yes, but my point, My Lord, and ...

#### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

Maybe I'm...

#### MR OUTHOUSE

God knows I'm not here to answer questions, but if Mr....if someone in Mr. Edwards' position speaks to a defence counsel of Mr. Rosenblum's repute and gets certain assurances from him, he is then not going to sic a police officer on that defence counsel

without telling the police officer of his previous conversation and the content of it and why he is sending him.

### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

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Well, I would think it's equally as logical when you read that first part, "In meeting with Wheaton also discussed advisability of questioning Rosenblum." I find it would be almost inconceivable for Mr. Edwards to have this discussion without not mentioning it, but I can't see any reason why he would note it.

#### MR. OUTHOUSE

Neither can I.

#### MR. CHAIRMAN

You know, this makes logic...you know, I have no difficulty accepting the logic of the reasoning that's been articulated by Mr. Edwards with respect to that paragraph, that note, and certainly whatever he may know, any...I would think any prudent Crown Prosecutor would suggest to the investigating officer that, if for no other reason, for completeness of the record, that he go and interview Mr. Rosenblum and get a statement from him.

### MR OUTHOUSE

Well, My Lord, as I said, I'm not here to argue with you. I have...with respect, I have the greatest difficulty understanding the way that note is put in the context that this witness, Mr. Edwards, had already spoken to Mr. Rosenblum and gotten the

very information which he's asking Staff Sergeant Wheaton to get.

But I don't propose to argue with you.

#### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

There may be a little difficulty here in that we seem to be casting, and some certain counsel are casting Mr. Edwards in the role of an investigator rather than the role of a prosecutor. And that isn't his function. He got some information and he passes it on to the investigator.

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That's the very point I'm just here waiting to make. That, you know, and I think I've made the point before, that I felt that here my involvement in the investigation was very close to the fine line past which I shouldn't go. And, you know, I...I felt it was part of the police investigation to speak to Mr. Rosenblum.

### MR OUTHOUSE

- Q. Mr. Edwards, I just have a couple of more questions. Can you tell the Commission why you made no notes from April the 20th to July the 12th?
- 19 A. I think I...
- Q. To July the 12th.
- A. Yes, well, July the 8th there is a few that were made at the...
- Q. Oh, I'm sorry.
- 23 A. ...Chambers application.
- 24 Q. I didn't...
- 25 A. But other than that, yes, you're right, and I believe I gave

- that in my direct and I can't answer it. There is some
  correspondence in there which would fill in some of the
  blanks. There's May correspondence and there's also... Well,
  there was the meeting with Rutherford and I've
  acknowledged that I was remiss there.
- 6 3:31 p.m.
- 7 Q. There was also meetings...
- 8 A. I will always regret not having notes of that meeting.
- Q. But there were also meetings with Wheaton and Carroll during that period and you kept no notes of those.
- A. There could have been.
- Q. In fact, your Daytimer discloses, for example, a meeting with Carroll and a meeting with Wheaton?
- A. Yes.
- Q. After that, separate meetings with them, isn't that correct?
- A. Well, if you say they're there, I'd have to look to check.
- Q. And, in fact, I...
- 18 A. Assuming you're correct.
- Q. And I don't want there to be any misunderstanding about the document that Mr. Pugsley circulated this morning. I don't know whether it's been marked as an exhibit.
- A. Yes, it has.
- Q. If it has, it should be clarified that it's simply a recap of contacts that appears in you notes.
- A. Yes, that's the way I took it.

- Q. And it is not an exhaustive summary of your contacts with Wheaton and Carroll.
- A. That's right.

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### MR. CHAIRMAN

Were you involved in prosecuting the other murder trial in that period?

#### MR. EDWARDS

The Weatherbee?

#### MR. CHAIRMAN

Yeah.

### MR. EDWARDS

As it turned out, that became a guilty plea. But after considerable legwork had been done to get it ready.

### BY MR. OUTHOUSE

- Q. Mr. Edwards, one final question. There are no entries in your Daytimer for meetings with anyone concerning the Marshall case, including Staff Sergeant Wheaton and Superintendent Scott on either April the 16th or April the 19th. Isn't that correct? You can confirm it if you wish, but I'm sure that's what you'll find.
- A. No, not on April 16th nor the 19th.
- 22 Q. Nor the 17th.
- 23 A. Pardon me?
- 24 Q. Nor the 17th?
- A. Nor the 17th. Nor...

- 1 | Q. Those are all my questions, Mr. Edwards.
- A. Well, I was going to say the following Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, there's no notes of meetings there either.
- Q. There is a meeting, I believe, on the 26th concerning Oscar Seale?
- 6 A. In my Daytimer?
- 7 Q. Yes.
- 8 A. In August?
- 9 Q. If I said "August," I'm mistaken.
- 10 A. April.
- 11 Q. April.
- A. Okay, your question was April 19th?
- 13 Q. Yes.
- 14 A. There's no note.
- 15 Q. April 16th?
- A. Friday, April 16th, there's no note there at all. April 17th,
  which, of course, is a Saturday, no note. And April 19th, and
  then the following Friday, the 23rd and Saturday, the 24th, no
  note. And Monday, the 26th, no note. But on the 26th, 10:45,
  Oscar Seale. I believe I met with Oscar Seale that day.

### **COMMISSIONER EVANS**

Do you make a note when you go fishing?

#### MR. EDWARDS

Maybe that was off for personal reasons.

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## 12378 MR. EDWARDS, EXAM, BY MR. OUTHOUSE MR. OUTHOUSE 1 Those are all my questions. 2 MR. CHAIRMAN 3 Now it's twenty to four and it pains me to suggest, Mr. Edwards, that you... You've been extremely patient and that 5 you're going to have to come back next week. We still have one, 6 two, three... Well, I assume that Mr. Wildsmith and Mr. Ross and 7 Mr. Saunders wish to cross-examine this witness. MR. SAUNDERS 9 I have very few questions, My Lord, of Mr. Edwards, at this 10 stage. 11 MR. CHAIRMAN Can I get some indication? 13 MR. ROSS 14

I think I'm going to require a minimum of 20 minutes, My Lord.

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Mr. Wildsmith?

# 19 MR. WILDSMITH

Probably a little bit longer, maybe half hour.

### MR. CHAIRMAN

We'll adjourn until Monday at 9:30. And I have to remind counsel again before we leave that the responsibility of Commission counsel is to canvass all areas and, as the Rules of Evidence do not apply with the same rigidity, Commission counsel,

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# MR. EDWARDS, EXAM. BY MR. OUTHOUSE

1	in effect, do a lot of cross-examination during examination-in-
2	Chief. And if an area has been thoroughly canvassed by
3	Commission counsel, endless repetition certainly doesn't help the
4	Commission and doesn't convince us of anything. But that doesn't
5	mean that some cross-examination isn't necessary or warranted.
6	But I'm detecting repetition, matters that have been so thoroughly
7	canvassed by Mr. MacDonald in his examination, which is his duty.
8	If we had Utopia, we'd be striving for that sometime between now
9	and, I don't know when, there would be no need for any questions
10	after Commission counsel completed. With these words of
11	wisdom, I trust you'll have a good weekend. Enjoy your
12	cucumbers!
13	3:36 p.m. INQUIRY ADJOURNED UNTIL 9:30 a.m. MAY 30th.

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