In the Matter of the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1888 & 2005 and

In the Matter of an Inquiry into the retirement of the former Commissioner of Police convened by a Commission issued by HM Government of Gibraltar on the 4th February 2022 in Legal Notice No 34 of 2022 ("the Inquiry")

Gibraltar Garrison Library 2 Library Ramp Gibraltar

Wednesday 19 July 2023

#### Before

### SIR CHARLES PETER LAWFORD OPENSHAW, DL Commissioner of the Inquiry

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1		1	drew attention to some concerns or
2	(Wednesday, 19 July 2023)	2	drawbacks, as I then saw them, including the
3	(10.13 a.m.)	3	potential costs to the taxpayer, but as a result
4	THE COMMISSIONER: Good morning,	4	of constructive representations that I have
5	everyone. I am very sorry for getting you	5	received, particularly from the GBC, I am
6	here early and then having a late start but	6	persuaded that those concerns can be met by
7	things have developed. As you know, this is	7	a detailed protocol. I propose, therefore, to
8	the fourth preliminary hearing of the inquiry.	8	allow live broadcasting, subject to conditions
9		9	
	On behalf of everyone, I am very grateful to		to be set out in the protocol, which I will circulate for comments and then issue as a
10	the curator and staff for making the Garrison	10	
11	Library available to us, even in this heat. If	11	document on which we can proceed. So now
12	anybody wants to take their jackets off, I am	12	I will hand over to Mr Santos, counsel to the
13	very willing for them to do so. Let me start	13	inquiry, who will go through the rest of the
14	with referring to items 8 and 9 on the agenda.	14	agenda. Yes, Mr Santos.
15	Item 8 deals with the admissibility of the 19	15	MR SANTOS: Good morning, sir, and first
16	witness statements and item 9 addresses	16	of all can I also, on behalf of the inquiry
17	further information and documents to be	17	team, thank the Garrison Library for
18	obtained regarding those 19 witness	18	facilitating the early arrival today and
19	statements. I have already decided that those	19	especially for organising air conditioning for
20	items on the agenda should have been	20	today. Thank you to everybody for arriving
21	discussed in private but I can say now that in	21	early. I am sorry that we have not kicked off
22	my opinion, they should not, and cannot, be	22	on time but that was a matter which arose
23	heard today in any event. Soe explanation	23	recently, which caused that. I am optimistic,
24	has been given to the parties, but I cannot say	24	obviously now, that we should be able to get
25	any more than that and I cannot now sensibly	25	through all items on the agenda today and
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2	broadcasted where circumstances call for	2	managed by the UK National Police
3	that. We hope to circulate a draft protocol in	3	Coordination Centre. The Police Service of
4	the next 14 days and will afford core	4	
			Northern Ireland agreed to support the
5	participants and GBC the opportunity to	5	investigation through these mutual aid
6	provide input before it is finalised. Seventh,	6	arrangements. As part of the incident
7	we have restriction orders, although there	7	response, Attias & Levy and the inquiry
8	may not be a huge amount to say on that,	8	commissioned Hedgehog, a private cyber
9	given recent submissions by the parties and	9	security company based in Gibraltar, to
10	particularly the government parties, and then	10	examine Attias & Levy's systems. It is
11	there as you have said already, sir, items 8	11	common established practice for law
12	and 9 will not be dealt with today. So	12	enforcement to work collaboratively with
13	moving on immediately to item 2 on the	13	private incident response teams such as
14	agenda, which is an update on the data	14	Hedgehog. An image copy of the computers
15	breach. That was a breach relating to	15	seized with consent from Attias & Levy was
16	documents held by the then solicitors to the	16	supplied to Hedgehog by PSNI officers to
17	inquiry, Attias & Levy. This update is	17	assist their work. In February 2023 an
18	largely based on an investigation which has	18	investigative decision was taken for digital
19	been conducted by Senior Investigating	19	forensic officers from the PSNI Cyber Crime
20	Officer John McVey. Then inquiry is very	20	Centre to attend Gibraltar and examine the
20	grateful to him and his team for the work	21	computer systems within Attias & Levy.
21	they have carried out on this important issue.	22	They received full cooperation from
22	The criminal investigation remains live, with	23	Hedgehog and also were granted full,
23	some suspects believed to be currently out of	24	unfettered access to the servers and computer
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2	photographs of printed documents and not	2	led by solicitor to the inquiry, Charles
3	photographs of a computer screen. The third	3	Simpson, who came on board in February in
4	document is a letter addressed to a core	4	quite difficult circumstances and have since
5	participant, relating to disclosure matters,	5	been instrumental in ensuring the ongoing
6	which was also recovered, and finally there	6	progress of the inquiry. The inquiry has no
7	was an email chain containing the general	7	received sworn statements, in some cases
8	call for evidence which has also been	8	more than one statement, from 69
9	recovered. The forensic examiner has	9	individuals. We have then reviewed those
10	stressed that when a breach of this nature	10	statements for relevance to the issues being
11	occurs by an employee within a firm, known	11	investigated. Of the 69, the inquiry deemed
12	as insider threat, it is very difficult to prevent	12	43 of the statements received to be relevant
13	the occurrence, or subsequently ascertain	13	to the matters in the provisional list of issues.
14	with certainty the full extent of the activity.	14	Since drafting written submissions last week,
15	The forensic examiner in the report states as	15	the statements of Nicholas Pyle and Darren
16	follows: "Throughout my investigation of	16	Grech have been circulated to the core
17	these devices, I have not located any	17	participants and, therefore, all 43 relevant
18	evidence to show significant data exfiltration,	18	statements have now been disclosed to core
19	although an event such as copying a large	19	participants. There is one further statement
20	quantity of documents can occur without	20	submitted to the inquiry by a non-core
20	leaving a trace. Only four public inquiry	20	participant, which the inquiry is still
21	documents of concern are known for certain	22	considering including as to relevance. That
22	to have been breached by the suspect within	23	person is not one of the 43 listed in our
23	Attias & Levy. This should, at this point, be	24	written submissions but due to the complex
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6	10 of our witness submissions, so I will only	6	give an exact date for completion of the
7	provide a quick summary. On 23rd February	7	exercise at present, until we have completed
8	2023 the inquiry received a witness statement	8	the initial technology assisted review of
8 9	from an RGP officer, raising concerns	9	documents. The solicitors to the inquiry are
9 10	relating to the RGP disclosure process which	10	aiming to provide a realistic time estimate in
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11	was being conducted in an office in	11	the early part of next week but they are very
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13	matter to the RGP and an independent		responsive statements, which is 28th August,
14	investigation was launched by Senior	14	and recognise that disclosure therefore needs
15	Investigating Officer John McVey into the	15	to be facilitated well in advance of that
16	issue. On 17th March 2023 two further	16	deadline. Turning to the Operation Delhi
17	witness statements were received by the	17	defendants' disclosure. When they provided
18	inquiry and, following a request by the	18	disclosure to the inquiry, they provided a list
19	inquiry, 10 days later they too were provided	19	of documents which they called Category C
20	to the RGP. Following the investigation, on	20	and D documents, which they were unable to
21	15th May 2023 the inquiry received a copy	21	provide to the inquiry as they had received
22	of a report by Officer McVey into the issue.	22	them solely through the criminal
23	We received an updated version of that report	23	proceedings. Mr Cooper K.C. for the
24	for disclosure to core participants on 29th	24	Operation Delhi defendants' requests at
25	June 2023 and have passed that on. For the	25	paragraph 9 of his written submission that the
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1	deadlines. We understand that access is	1	THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, does anyone
2	currently taking place and obviously	2	want to say anything about the disclosure
3	additional time will be afforded, as is	3	process or the mechanism of it?
4	reasonably necessary for witnesses going	4	MR GRANT: I have some submissions to
5	through that process, to provide statements.	5	make on behalf of Mr Richardson in relation
6	In the light of this outstanding disclosure, the	6	to the long stop dated on 28th August.
7	inquiry has proposed a long stop date of 28th	7	THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. With the
8	2023, on month prior to the main inquiry	8	fans in the background, you do need to speak
9	hearing, for any further witness statements by	9	it is not very convenient, I know, but
10	core participants so as to permit a fair	10	MR GRANT: Thank you, sir. Sir, as the
10	opportunity to review any new material and	11	inquiry is aware, since retiring Mr
12	file any evidence addressing it. Obviously,	12	Richardson has had no access to
12	that additional opportunity relates only to	12	contemporaneous documents and has
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14	evidence addressing documents received	14	required to rely upon his own memory of
	since the original deadline for exchange of		events. His objective, of course, is to assist
16	responsive witness statements and is not an	16	this inquiry to the best of his ability and he is
17	opportunity to simply give further evidence	17	grateful to the Commission and to counsel
18	on all issues. Now that we are nearing the	18	for the inquiry for recognising the challenges
19	end of the preparation of evidence, work can	19	which he has faced in this regard in relation
20	be completed on the electronic bundle. We	20	to providing evidence and for their patience
21	continue to use Epiq's TMX bundle and have	21	and understanding in taking the relevant
22	already uploaded all admissible statements	22	steps to allow him to access documents. As
23	and documents received so far to that bundle.	23	Mr Santos has said, his evidence will reflect
24	The next step, which is commencing now, is	24	the remaining part of the contemporaneous
25	preparation of a chronological disclosure	25	material of his which the RGP will have let
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25	footage show to him by the RGP and intends	25	that we may need to make an application in
24	Mr Richardson has reviewed the body worn	24	MR COOPER: And I simply put it on record
23	MR GRANT: Understood. Sir, in addition,	23	THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, I agree.
22	you.	22	MR COOPER: Informally.
20	THE COMMISSIONER: Excellent, thank	21	THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, informally.
20	provide that list within seven days of today.	20	discussing this
18	MR GRANT: So sir, I will propose a list to	19	may be that I can make progress by
17	wanted to know.	17	that material will be provided to us and it
10	THE COMMISSIONER: Okay, that is all I	10	clearer indication can be provided as to when
15	there are any issues at all.	15	now. So it is really a question of whether a
14	ready, we will provide them, so I do not think	14	as we had anticipated receiving it before
13 14	waiting for a list and as soon as the list is	13	statements addressing that further disclosure
12	given, as I understand, and we are now just	12	the core participants to file further witness
11	delayed everything. The access has been	11	complying with the 28th August deadline for
10	that was discussed, and of course that has	10	real risk that we will be in difficulty
10	time to get the orders, given the investigation	10	present, it remains outstanding and there is a
8 9	MR CRUZ: Sir, it is clear that it took a little		disclosure request but I simply flag that, at
8	proposed are acceptable.	8	progress being made with regards to this
7	our perspective, the timelines that are		am grateful for the indication as to some
6	whether Mr Cruz can assist on this, but from	6	readily within the possession of the RGP. I
5	MR SANTOS: Yes, sorry, I do not know	5	namely schedule, section C and D, materials
4	there?	4	annex to the affidavit served in January,
3	in charge of the RGP end of this process, is	$\begin{vmatrix} 2\\ 3 \end{vmatrix}$	aware that we requested items set out in the
2	THE COMMISSIONER: There is someone	2	item 3(e)(i). At present, the inquiry will be
1	seven days thereafter if that is workable.	1	appear. It is simply with respect to agenda
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25	of those documents to be provided say within	25	Mr Cornelio, Mr Caine and Mr Sanchez, I
24	agreeable to the Commission, and for copies	24	MR COOPER: I am obliged. On behalf of
23	within seven days of today, sir, if that is	23	Sorry.
22	provide a list would be provided to STI	22	anybody else want to make a contribution?
21	addressed and we hope that copies will be	21	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. Does
20	MR GRANT: We understand that it is being	20	also assist the inquiry.
19	administrative problem?	19	will, nevertheless, be of relevance and will
18	THE COMMISSIONER: Is that an	18	the view that audio of those electronic files
17	exactly the issue.	17	impaired, Mr Richardson is nevertheless of
16	MR GRANT: Precisely, sir, yes. That is	16	body worn footage may, in any way, be
15	getting copies?	15	extent that the visual quality of any of the
14	THE COMMISSIONER: Is the difficulty	14	same event and date, sir, yes. Sir, to the
13	writing to STI in short order on that.	13	MR GRANT: Yes, we are referring to the
12	documents has been identified and we will be	12	warrant, the visit to execute the warrant?
11	the meantime, that a very discrete list of	11	actually execute. The attempt to execute the
10	indeed provided. I can advise the inquiry, in	10	THE COMMISSIONER: Sorry, it was not
9	copies of those documents requested are	9	MR GRANT: And sir, to the extent that
8	Nevertheless, he will be greatly assisted once	8	THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.
7	the documents he proposes to rely upon.	7	MR GRANT: Precisely, yes.
6	unable to confidently provide a reliable list of	6	the execution of the warrant.
5	than envisaged and he is, at the moment,	5	THE COMMISSIONER: Oh, at the time of
4	his perspective, has been more cumbersome	4	MR GRANT: The body worn footage.
3	arduous. The upshot is that the process, from	3	THE COMMISSIONER: Sorry, the what?
2	categorised and this has made the task more	2	proceedings.
	has so far reviewed are not dated or	1	to rely upon this footage in its totality in the

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1 due course, subject to when that material is 1 would then restrict the need for the RGP to 2 2 received. give specific witness statements. 3 3 THE COMMISSIONER: Perhaps I might THE COMMISSIONER: You are very fond 4 4 of the word "granular". I am not quite sure just indicate that I do not at the moment 5 anticipate that much of the evidence 5 what it means. 6 submitted is going to be admissible, because 6 MR CRUZ: Yes, I do like it. I suppose item 7 I do not think that it bears directly on the 7 by item, document by document, 8 8 investigation by which I mean -points at issue as identified. 9 MR COOPER: Perhaps we can come back 9 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. 10 to you having had our informal discussions 10 MR CRUZ: If the issue is, if I can put it in this context, whether certain information was 11 and indicate if any formal applications need 11 12 to be made. 12 given by Mr McGrail to the Attorney General 13 THE COMMISSIONER: Correct. 13 or the Chief Minister or the Interim 14 14 MR COOPER: I am grateful. Governor, that may or may not require some 15 15 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, sorry? degree of investigation. But the details of the 16 16 MR CRUZ: Sir, insofar as the RGP is investigation for the last three years, the sort 17 17 concerned, we received copies of witness of information that in essence was the subject 18 statements, other peoples' witness statements 18 of the NOLI(?), we would suggest is 19 in late April and May, the 60-odd statements. 19 absolutely irrelevant to that. Now, if the 20 20 So we have gone through them. We have view by certain --21 gone through the exhibits. We received, as 21 THE COMMISSIONER: I think you are 22 22 you may know, sir, the more recent pushing at an open door there, but I will 23 statements I think last night or the day 23 define that later on. 24 before, Mr Breck and Mr Pyle, and so we 24 MR CRUZ: Indeed, sir. And all I am saying 25 25 have not had a chance to digest all that. But is, insofar as we are talking about 28 August Page 25 Page 27 1 the position with RGP, insofar as the officers 1 deadlines, insofar as the RGP is required 2 are concerned, all save two out of the six 2 because the decision is that certain 3 3 officers that are giving evidence, have now information needs to be detailed (not to use 4 filed their second statements and they do not 4 the word granular again) in that case the RGP 5 5 will file evidence that addresses that issue. If intend to file any more. Two should be filing 6 them during the course of this week, or the 6 it is not necessary, we do not want to. We 7 7 next seven days or so. What is important to have done enough. 8 us is that the RGP will be filing its own 8 THE COMMISSIONER: I entirely --9 9 responsive statement in relation to matters MR CRUZ: But we need to reserve our 10 that it has now read about, but of course the 10 position and flag it. We have already extent to which it needs to and how far it indicated that two Counsel to the Inquiry and 11 11 12 goes, is somewhat dependent on your 12 solicitors have been carrying out for some 13 comment a moment ago and on one of the 13 weeks ---14 14 other agenda items. So, to the extent that it THE COMMISSIONER: I have the point 15 obviously needs to understand what issues 15 very much in mind. MR CRUZ: Thank you, sir. 16 are going to be ventilated, clearly the RGP at 16 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes? 17 the right time, which is only when it knows --17 18 THE COMMISSIONER: I am not going to 18 MR SANTOS: Just very quickly in response 19 19 have a wide-ranging investigation of to those three contributions, taking Mr Cruz 20 Operation Delhi if that is on your mind. 20 first of all, I think that I will have things to 21 21 MR CRUZ: Precisely. So, for example, that say in relation to issues and in relation to is an item, there might be other items in 22 other items on the agenda which may inform 22 23 23 which you indicate in due course that what he has just said. But we are very alive 24 actually the matter is not going to be dealt 24 to the points that he is making. In terms of 25 with in a granular basis. That of course 25 Mr Grant, those timelines do sound

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1 acceptable. I would ask Mr Grant and Mr 1 Turning to witness examination -- I am 2 2 Cruz to please keep the Inquiry informed as happy to give way. 3 to progress, because we cannot have open 3 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes? 4 4 ended delay. We need to be informed and if SIR PETER CARUANA: Mr Chairman, the 5 we are required to step in, as we have done in 5 Government parties agree the schedule of 6 6 the past, we are only happy to do so. dates, the timetable in the context of a 7 7 In terms of Mr Cooper, yes, happy to discuss hearing scheduled for the current hearing 8 8 informally, but also just to repeat what I said, dates. Now, we have heard this morning 9 hopefully once the technology assisted 9 passing reference to certain matters that 10 review takes place, which I am told should be 10 might disturb that or might not disturb that in the future and that is a matter entirely for 11 taking place in the next couple of days, early 11 12 next week we should have a much clearer 12 you, sir. But I have instructions from one of 13 picture as to timeline on the RGP disclosure, 13 my clients, the Chief Minister, to flag that the 14 14 because we will know exactly how many Government is going to be making 15 15 documents we are dealing with. representations to you, Mr Chairman, at a 16 16 Turning then to item 4 on the agenda, which later date, about the appropriateness of the 17 17 is procedure at the Main Inquiry hearing, Committee of the Inquiry sitting during the 18 there are three items to be considered under 18 period of the forthcoming General Election 19 this hearing. Firstly, the timetable up to the 19 Campaign which necessarily and by law 20 20 Main Inquiry hearing, then the procedure for needs to take place before December, if it 21 witness examination and then finally the 21 transpires that that will come to pass, which 22 22 is now looking increasingly likely that it will witness list. 23 23 Taking the timetable first of all, that appears straddle the election campaign with the 24 24 to be agreed by all parties, but just to recap, sittings in whole or in part, and the 25 25 28 August is the deadline for further witness Government wishes to make representations Page 29 Page 31 1 statements addressing any further disclosed 1 for your consideration for the event that it 2 material; 15 September is the deadline for 2 does come to pass, given in particular the 3 3 core participants to file written opening nature of this Inquiry and the parties involved 4 statements; 21 September I will file a written 4 in it. Just to flag up, therefore, to reserve the 5 5 opening statement; and on 21 and 22 right to submit these representations to you 6 September we will have designated reading 6 and that my having allowed the moment to 7 7 days. On 26 September, that is the first day pass does not prejudiced that. 8 when the Main Inquiry hearing commences. 8 THE COMMISSIONER: You have flagged 9 9 THE COMMISSIONER: Because we have it up very clearly. 10 10 agreed not to sit on Monday, 25th? MR SANTOS: I am grateful for him having 11 flagged that up. The only thing I would say MR SANTOS: Correct. As all core 11 12 participants will have experienced thus far, 12 is that if that transpires and if they take the 13 the Inquiry team has been as understanding 13 view that they need to do so, then I would 14 14 and as flexible as possible in granting invite them to do so as soon as possible. But 15 15 extensions of time for provision of that is all I propose to say. 16 documents and witness statements, and I 16 THE COMMISSIONER: That is obviously 17 17 believe we are yet to refuse an extension of sensible. 18 time, but I should give advance warning that 18 MR SANTOS: Turning to the witness 19 19 as we get closer to the hearing, that approach examination procedure, this is a matter which 20 20 was addressed first of all at the first may change, because we will not have the 21 21 same room for manoeuvre. Now, I recognise preliminary hearing and addressed further in 22 22 that obviously that means that we need to our written submissions for today, and we 23 23 provide the remaining items of disclosure as have benefitted from input by a number of 24 24 quickly as we can and, as I say, we will do core participants in their written submissions. 25 25 THE COMMISSIONER: And from me. so.

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2	that there is broad agreement on the general	2	We will then indicate either (1) that we
3	model that we have proposed, which is that	3	intend to pursue the topic, issue or question
4	for seven witnesses, who we refer to as	4	with the witness; (2) that counsel for the CP
5	unrestricted witnesses, who we refer to as	5	should pursue the topic, issue or question
6	so-called traditional model, allowing	6	with the witness; or (3) that the topic, issue
7	questioning by representatives other than	7	or question cannot be pursued. If the CP
	Counsel to the Inquiry. Those witnesses are	8	disagrees with our indication, it will be open
8 9	identified in paragraph 20 of our written	9	
			to them to apply in writing to the
10	submissions, and just for the benefit of the	10	Commissioner for permission to question the
11	public, they are Mr McGrail, the Chief	11	witness as proposed. Generally, cross-
12	Minister, the Governor at the time, Nicholas	12	examination as we see it in courts does not
13	Pyle, the Attorney General, the DPP, the	13	take place in an inquiry context, but if there
14	Chairman of the Gibraltar Police	14	is good reason for a CP's representative to
15	Association, Dr Britto, and former	15	ask a question or a series of questions of a
16	Superintendent Paul Richardson. In our	16	particular witness, they may apply to the
17	written submissions we had proposed that the	17	Commissioner in writing by no later than
18	opportunity to cross-examine our unrestricted	18	seven days before the witness is due to give
19	witnesses would be afford to counsel for all	19	evidence. Any permitted questioning may be
20	core participants. However, at least two core	20	subject to time limits by the Commissioner.
21	participants have submitted that the right to	21	We consider that this hybrid model is the
22	cross-examine our unrestricted witnesses	22	appropriate approach given the need to
23	should be limited to counsel for other	23	balance careful management of the Inquiry in
24	unrestricted witnesses only. There does have	24	light of the window for the Main Inquiry
25	to be a balance here and, while we do not	25	hearing, balancing that with proper
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1 A number of CPs have raised concerns as to 1 am not sure how workable that can be as it 2 2 the timing for applications and particularly would involve, it seems to me, giving 3 3 the need to make applications to question a advance notice of questions to witnesses 4 4 witness seven days in advance of their which parties may understandably not wish 5 evidence and to go through the procedure 5 to give in all circumstances, but I am open to 6 with Counsel to the Inquiry 14 days before 6 hearing suggestions as to how that can be 7 that evidence. We recognise that 7 accommodated. 8 8 I think it is probably worth going through the circumstances may arise where such note is 9 9 witness list and then inviting submissions on not possible, for example, where oral 10 10 evidence given, either by that witness or a the examination procedure and the witness 11 different witness gives rise to the need to 11 list together, because there is a slight 12 question on a particular issue. Of course, 12 crossover in relevance. 13 there has to be sufficient flexibility to allow 13 In our open submissions we have also set out 14 14 for ad hoc applications of that nature. But a list of the 43 witnesses whose evidence has 15 15 those must be the exception rather than the been deemed relevant by the Inquiry to date. 16 16 norm. What we cannot and will not accept is Due to time constraints, it will not be 17 17 possible for all of these witnesses to give oral receiving ten pages of questions the day 18 before a witness is due to give evidence 18 evidence, nor is it desirable for them to do so 19 19 because that will make our role completely for time and resource reasons. We need to 20 20 unworkable. There has to be general concentrate on the unrestricted witnesses 21 compliance with the deadlines set and the 21 whose evidence is central to the matters 22 22 under inquiry. The evidence of other less parties must organise themselves so that they 23 23 are in a position to give notice within the central witnesses can be assessed by the 24 24 time period set, subject to anything arising Commissioner on the basis of written 25 25 thereafter. evidence and contemporaneous documents Page 37 Page 39 1 Another point raised by the Government 1 and the mere fact that they will not be 2 parties is that where witnesses give oral 2 questioned does not mean that the Inquiry 3 3 evidence that impugns the evidence of a CP, will accept them as entirely relevant and 4 there should be a right to allow that CP's 4 entirely truthful. 5 5 counsel to cross-examine the witness. While We have therefore categorised witnesses into 6 I recognise the force of that submission, I 6 three main groups. Category 1, witnesses 7 7 who we recommend should give oral would submit that to enshrine a right to 8 8 question in such circumstances would be to evidence; category 2, witnesses who we 9 9 go too far. What I would submit is that recognise may need to give oral evidence but 10 10 where there is a factual dispute or a we currently recommend will not need to do 11 credibility issue, that would be a strong so; and category 3, witnesses who we 11 12 starting point for an application to question a 12 recommend will not give oral evidence. The 13 given witness, limited of course to that 13 Inquiry will shortly be writing to all 14 dispute or issue, but that should be done 14 witnesses in categories 1 and 2 to inform 15 15 within the procedure I have already them of the likelihood or possibility that they 16 16 summarised. will be required to give evidence at the Main 17 17 Finally, we recognise that time and resource Inquiry hearing. In our submission, this list 18 management cannot displace the overarching 18 should now be the basis upon which the 19 19 priority of fairness to parties who may be Inquiry proceeds. However, if, following 20 criticised, who must be afforded the 20 responsive statements and provision of 21 21 opportunity to participate fully in the process. pending disclosure, any core participant 22 A further point is made which is that whether 22 considers that a given witness should be 23 23 there should be transparency to all CPs about bumped into a different category, then it 24 the questions of which notice is given by any 24 would be open to them to make written 25 other CP. I understand the reasoning but I 25 submissions to that effect as early a possible

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2	exchange of responsive statements, so we	2	primarily to the background to the Operation
3	would say by 4 September 2023 at the latest.	3	Delhi prosecution and does not directly
4	Again, picking up some of the points made	4	address the specific matters identified in the
5	by the core participants in written	5	subparagraphs of issue five. I would
6	submissions, a number of additional	6	respectfully remind you, sir, of your ruling
7	witnesses have been identified by the core	7	granting core participant status to the
8	participants as potential candidates for	8	Operation Delhi defendants where you ruled
9	category 1 or even for unrestricted witnesses.	9	as follows at paragraph 14:
10	Addressing each of them in turn, first we	10	"Issue five does not require or indeed permit
11	have Lloyd DeVincenzi. Two parties have	11	me to conduct something equivalent to a
12	highlighted Mr DeVincenzi as a potential	12	criminal trial of a conspiracy investigation or
13	category 1 witness. Mr McGrail in	13	even an assessment of the merits of the
14	paragraph 8 of his written submissions	14	charging decision in respect of that
15	proposes that Mr DeVincenzi be considered	15	investigation and I would warn against the
16	for category 1 because he has given	16	applicants from seeking to use the Inquiry for
17	potentially important evidence on the Chief	17	either of those purposes."
18	Minister's motivations in losing confidence	18	Finally, we have other members of the
19	in Mr McGrail and also in relation to a	19	Gibraltar Police Authority. At paragraph
20	meeting on 7 April 2020. Mr Richardson	20	5.23 of the Government parties' written
21	also refers to that meeting.	21	submissions, they make the point that if Mr
22	While we recognise the basis for these	22	Pyle's failure to seek their attendance to give
23	submissions, our proposal in the first instance	23	oral evidence is going to be treated as an
23 24	would be to clarify the position through a	23	acceptance by him of their evidence and will
24 25		24	prevent him from contradicting it in evidence
23	request for further evidence from Mr	23	prevent him from contradicting it in evidence
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2	statements are redacted prior to publication	2	concerns. They have been flagged and I
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4	provide CPs with redacted versions of	4	think we just reserve our position to see the
5	witness statements removing irrelevant	5	consequence.
6	material prior to the hearing in order that any	6	THE COMMISSIONER: We cannot now
7	further submissions as to allegedly irrelevant	7	sort out the detail.
8	material may be made before statements are	8	MR CRUZ: No, we cannot.
8 9	-	9	THE COMMISSIONER: But the principle is
-	uploaded to the Inquiry website, which		
10	would take place at the end of the Main	10	very clear and I have taken it on board.
11	Inquiry hearing. Our intention is also that at	11	MR CRUZ: Thank you, sir.
12	the conclusion of the main hearing, the	12	THE COMMISSIONER: Yes?
13	Commissioner would make a general	13	SIR PETER CARUANA: As briefly as I
14	restriction order preventing publication or	14	can, sir, the Government parties do submit,
15	collateral use of any of the redacted material.	15	as my learned friend the CTI has indicated,
16	Hopefully, those steps would address the	16	that there is a case for the Chair to consider
17	concerns raised by Mr Cruz, although I	17	about whether, even in relation to the hybrid
18	should say that on the other hand, core	18	principle, given the sort of witnesses that that
19	participants do have to accept the reality that	19	might entail, there is a case to be made for
20	this is a public inquiry and it is an inevitable	20	permitting at least the unrestricted witnesses
21	consequence of the process that some	21	whose evidence, or for that matter other core
22	statements which are relevant and which are	22	participants, is impugned in a way that Mr
23	not challenged by questioning or contradicted	23	Chair considers to be sufficiently serious, the
24	in evidence or submissions, will ultimately	24	opportunity to cross-examine. You will
25	be uploaded onto the Inquiry website as a	25	always, sir, be the judge, of whether there has
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1	the time as to the	1	highlight parts of the evidence in the witness
2	THE COMMISSIONER: Well, I used to	2	statement.
3	cross-examine people myself a very long	3	SIR PETER CARUANA: But what he
4	time ago. I am entirely familiar with the	4	extracts orally cannot be the only evidence
5	problems.	5	that you have, sir. The witness statements
6	SIR PETER CARUANA: With respect to	6	are themselves evidence available to you
7	my learned friend, the complaint or the	7	THE COMMISSIONER: Correct.
8	contrary submissions to his about the	8	SIR PETER CARUANA: when you are
9	impracticality of a seven day notice rule, is	9	considering your report.
10	not a question of the parties organising	10	THE COMMISSIONER: That is entirely
11	themselves, rather it is a matter of evidence	11	correct.
12	that he might elicit in oral examination of	12	SIR PETER CARUANA: Thank you.
13	which it will not have been possible to give	13	Finally, I am grateful to my learned friend for
14	seven days' notice in advance.	14	indicating his own view on it, and it will be
15	THE COMMISSIONER: I completely	15	sufficient if you, sir, would ratify that view, it
16	agree.	16	is obviously not for the parties, it is entirely
17	SIR PETER CARUANA: Excellent. The	17	for you, to decide who you call to give oral
18	Government parties also believe that cross-	18	evidence and who you do not. So all I want
19	examination should be permitted of any	19	to be sure is that in accordance with the usual
20	witnesses, or rather re-examination should be	20	rule, we would not be prejudiced in putting
21	permitted of any witnesses that have been	21	contrary submissions or even commenting
22	cross-examined, and on this question of	22	adversely about the evidence of a witness
23	transparency, I do acknowledge the point that	23	whom we have not asked should be called to
24	Mr Santos has made this morning, that there	24	give oral evidence.
25	is an issue to be addressed, even if, sir, you	25	THE COMMISSIONER: That arises in the
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1	were minded to agree with our submission	1	context of members of the Gibraltar Police
2	that if all the parties that give notice to CTI	2	Authority, and possibly others.
3	about questions that they would like him to	3	SIR PETER CARUANA: Yes.
4	put to witnesses should be shared with others	4	THE COMMISSIONER: But I have the
5	so that there is transparency of what is being	5	point and I completely agree.
6	fed in to CTI, there is an issue to be dealt	6	SIR PETER CARUANA: Yes. In which
7	with and that is that it might not be	7	case we do not have to make submissions
8	appropriate, or would not be appropriate to	8	about wanting to call certain people for fear
9	give notice of questions to witnesses.	9	of prejudice of being lumbered with their
10	THE COMMISSIONER: Again, I	10	evidence.
11	completely agree.	11	THE COMMISSIONER: I agree.
12	SIR PETER CARUANA: So, perhaps we	12	SIR PETER CARUANA: Thank you, sir;
13	could work together, all of us, on that to see	13	that is all I have to say.
14	if that could be left.	14	MR CRUZ: If I may, you specifically asked
15	The other point that I would just like to say,	15	me to address a specific issue but I had not
16	two more points briefly. The first is that we	16	had a chance to address the other issues
17	entirely agree, and we have so submitted in	17	about who should ask questions and when,
18	writing, that the witness statements of the	18	and suffice to say that in our submission
19	witnesses should stand as evidence in chief in	19	what we said is that we needed to have some
20	accordance with the usual rule, rather than	20	flexibility for a lot of the reasons that Sir
21	the only evidence that you, sir, will have to	21	Peter has brought to your attention. We
22	go on and we will have to defend ourselves	22	received what you are suggesting in good
	-	23	spirit, by which we mean we think it is
23	on, all the core participants, is the evidence	- 45	
23 24	on, all the core participants, is the evidence that is able to be elicited orally.	23	perfectly sensible the approach that is being
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1	is if, for example, the police witnesses are the	1	examination of unrestricted witnesses, and on
2	subject of criticisms, I want to be able to get	2	that point I would share the position taken by
3	up on my feet and have a chance to address	3	my learned friend Mr Caruana that
4	that issue. I do not think there is any	4	unrestricted witnesses should be cross-
5	suggestion that that should not be the case.	5	examined by counsel for other unrestricted
6	The reason I raise that is because at some	6	witnesses, otherwise it might become open
7	point there is a suggestion by two core	7	season for all and sundry.
8	participants, McGrail and the Government	8	The third point is the point made about the
9	parties, that there should be a restriction on	9	giving of oral evidence by all the members of
10	the ability to ask questions to those who	10	the police authority. On that, I agree with the
11	represent those unrestricted witnesses, and	11	position advocated by Mr Santos. In any
12	insofar as the police is concerned, given our	12	event, if a decision were to be taken at a later
13	extraordinary kind of overlap with all of	13	stage I would also support the position taken
14	these events, what we would say is that that	14	by Mr Wagner on the point, which is that it is
15	restriction should not apply to us, in other	15	premature at this stage whether or not to call
16	words we should be in the same position as a	16	any of those witnesses. For example, one the
17	core participant with so much interest in this	17	points of this court has been addressed by Dr
18	to ask whatever questions, subject to	18	Joe Britto in his second witness statement in
19	relevance, that are deemed appropriate for us,	19	relation to discrepancies between the
20	particularly when one of our key personnel or	20	Commissioner of Police and the Gibraltar
21	actions are being put into question and we	21	Police Federation, so it may well be that the
22	should have an ability to stand and make	22	parties think there is no issue which requires
23	representations. We absolutely understand	23	the giving of oral evidence. Until all the
23	that it is a matter for you on the day.	24	evidence is gathered and until the list of
25	THE COMMISSIONER: Fairness so	25	agreed facts is taken, then I would submit it
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1	requires.	1	is premature to
2	MR CRUZ: Thank you, sir.	2	THE COMMISSIONER: All these
3	MR NEISH: May I address you?	3	assessments and categorisations are
4	THE COMMISSIONER: Of course, but you	4	provisional and can change. They are not set
5	have to speak into the microphone.	5	in stone.
6	MR NEISH: I am doing that. I just have	6	MR NEISH: That is all I have to say, sir.
7	three very brief points to make. I have made	7	Thank you very much.
8	a brief written submission whereby I agree	8	THE COMMISSIONER: I agree. Yes?
9	with the approach advocated by counsel to	9	MR GRANT: Sir, if I may very briefly just
10	the inquiry.	10	touch upon the point made by
11	I would just like to make three points. The	11	THE COMMISSIONER: I am sorry you
12	first point which I made in the submission is	12	have to stoop over like that.
13	that the procedures and processes should not	13	MR GRANT: I am trying to speak into the
14	be cast in stone and you, sir, have already	14	microphone as much as I can.
15	given an indication	15	THE COMMISSIONER: If we put
16	THE COMMISSIONER: It is all -	16	something bulky underneath that stand, that
17	MR NEISH: that it is all fair.	17	would make it more convenient for you,
18	THE COMMISSIONER: It is all flexible.	18	because you are going to get backache at this
19	MR NEISH: Exactly, because this is an	19	rate.
20	inquiry which is leading to all sorts of	20	MR GRANT: Thank you, Sir Peter, for his
21	surprises along the way and where we are	21	pragmatism in pushing the microphone
22	working to very tight timescales, so that is	22	towards me.
23	very reassuring that you, sir, have taken that	23	In relation to the cross-examination of
24	approach.	24	unrestricted witnesses by counsel for other
25	The second point is the question of the	25	unrestricted witnesses, we are not asking for
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1	a particular special status for Mr Richardson	1	MR WAGNER: Yes, and one point that may
2	at all. We just want to ensure that the	2	be useful from the inquiry rules, Rule 10, is
3	questioning is fair and balanced. There is a	3	that when making an application to question
4	sliver of individuals who are core	4	witnesses by a CP, the representative must
5	participants but not unrestricted witnesses,	5	state the issues in respect of which they wish
6	and I echo Mr Neish KC's submissions in	6	to question the witness and whether the
7	relation to avoiding a situation akin to open	7	question raises new issues and, if not, why
8	season, so just to reiterate that point.	8	the questioning should be permitted. That
9	THE COMMISSIONER: I have the point.	9	does seem to be, particularly in respect of the
10	MR GRANT: Understood. Sir Peter has	10	dynamic applications during the hearing, that
11	proposed at paragraph 5A of his submissions	11	it would constrain or at least require the
12	the ability to cross-examine witnesses who	12	parties to address their minds to why, if
13	have impugned other witnesses. In our view,	13	something is not a new area, they effectively
14	Mr Richardson's view, this would serve to	14	want to regurgitate or put what the CTI has
15	only increase the temperature and upset the	15	already put in a different way, they would
16	balance and character of the questioning, and	16	have to justify that and that would be a
17	for that reason we do not agree with Mr	17	matter for you, sir, as to whether you allow
18	Caruana's position on that point.	18	that.
19	THE COMMISSIONER: I will keep the	19	THE COMMISSIONER: It is easy to state
20	temperature low.	20	these rules.
21	MR GRANT: Thank you, sir. Just one final	21	MR WAGNER: It is.
22	point, if I may, in relation to paragraph 4D of	22	THE COMMISSIONER: But it is more to
23	the Government parties' open submissions	23	being able to apply them, but in general
23	that there be transparency about the	23	terms I am not going to allow people to go
25	questions, our view is that this process is	25	over ground already covered by the CTI.
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3	to apply.	3	MR SANTOS: Just to clarify, what I meant
4	MR WAGNER: And it would be a right to	4	was witnesses who have not been called to
5	apply, and we agree with that proposal. We	5	give live evidence. Witnesses who give live
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6	do not agree with the Government's	6	evidence, at the end of the day or within
7	submission that CTI should give notice of	7	24/48 hours, the intention is to
8	questions requested for the same reasons as	8	THE COMMISSIONER: And their
9	Mr Neish said, that it would lead to collateral	9	evidence, of course, will be on the website in
10	battles over topics and questions and that	10	any event.
11	seems an unnecessary use of time.	11	MR SANTOS: The evidence will go up on
12	In relation to witness statements standing as	12	the website once they have completed their
13	evidence in-chief, we agree with CTI's	13	evidence.
14	proposal - we think this is what CTI's	14	THE COMMISSIONER: And the witness
15	proposal is - that there will be some eliciting	15	statement which is part of their evidence,
16	of what might be considered to be	16	again, we will sort that out very shortly.
17	examination in-chief.	17	MR SANTOS: Yes. We want to engage in
18	THE COMMISSIONER: Highlighting, as I	18	that irrelevance(?sic) process before the
19	call it.	19	inquiry starts because, as you rightly
20	MR WAGNER: Highlighting, exactly, and	20	anticipate, we cannot have debates over
20	we say that that is important in a public	20	redactions while the evidence is being heard.
21	inquiry context because the public will not	21	We want to engage on that before.
22	have the witness statements.	22	THE COMMISSIONER: So does this
24	THE COMMISSIONER: And it is	24	answer your question?
25	extremely difficult to know whether a	25	MR SANTOS: Yes, because this issue arose
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2	hearing perhaps online. We now say that that	2	agreed facts. I will take each of them in turn
3	is necessary.	3	because I think there may be plenty to say
4	THE COMMISSIONER: I think that is	4	from others on each of these items.
5	increasingly likely. I agree.	5	The provisional list of issues which was
6	MR SANTOS: And we would ask that	6	settled at the second preliminary hearing is
7	maybe after this hearing, since we may have	7	expressly stated to be provisional and subject
8	a bit more time	8	to change as matters develop. For this reason
9	THE COMMISSIONER: I have already	9	the inquiry team considered going into this
10	asked about the practicalities of that, which it	10	hearing Before this hearing was heard the
11	is not very convenient to discuss it in open,	11	inquiry team considered whether any matters
12	but we will sort that out.	12	could or should be removed. In our written
13	MR SANTOS: I am very grateful.	13	submissions we queried two items in
14	THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Thank you	14	particular, namely issue 2, the RGP's
15	very much. I am sorry, I have rather lost the	15	investigation into an assault on a helicopter
16	thread of where we had got to.	16	pilot and crew member in Gibraltar in March
17	MR SANTOS: I just wonder whether	17	2017; and issue 7, the RGP's involvement in
18	anybody else wants to address item 4; if not,	18	and/or handling of the Alcaidesa claims. We
19	I will pick up very, very small points. I am	19	expressly asked the Government parties to
20	grateful for Mr Neish KC's contribution.	20	clarify in their submissions whether those
21	What I should emphasise, just in case anyone	21	incidents would be relied on. The
22	was confused by what was said, is that we	22	Government has addressed this at paragraph
23	have not disclosed the responsive statement	23	67 of their written submissions, stating that
24	of Dr Britto because that will be disclosed	24	both of these matters are reasons why the
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2	First, in fairness to Mr Cruz, for procedural	2	airport incident or the incident at sea, a
3	reasons he did not have Mr Pyle's affidavit	3	criminal trial of the assault investigation or a
4	until Monday of this week and after	4	forensic examination of complaints made by
5	submissions were made, and therefore the	5	the GPF, to take a few examples. The focus
	relevance of some of the issues in the	6	-
6			of the inquiry as demonstrated by the witness
7	provisional list may not have been as obvious	7	list is the impact of these events on Mr
8	to him before reading that affidavit.	8	McGrail ceasing to be Commissioner of
9	Second, whether a matter should be on the	9	Police, including the extent to which the key
10	list of issues is a different question to	10	parties had these matters in mind during
11	whether in due course the inquiry will	11	April and May 2020.
12	conclude that the matter was a reason or	12	That is what I propose to say on the issues,
13	circumstance leading to Mr McGrail ceasing	13	and I would invite submissions on that before
14	to be Commissioner of Police. The time for	14	turning to agreement of facts.
15	substantive submissions as to the latter	15	THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. Of course, I
16	question will be the main inquiry hearing. At	16	have read your skeleton argument, but you
17	present, and from the outset, the inquiry has	17	want no doubt to give some outline of the
18	proceeded on the basis of the reasons and	18	points you make so that everyone
19	circumstances identified by the statutory	19	understands them.
20	participants, and we do not believe it is	20	MR CRUZ: Yes, sir. I think obviously we
21	appropriate to rule out any of those yet.	21	start from a premise that it is only in April
22	Finally, and perhaps most importantly, each	22	and May we see witness statements, and I
23	issue on the list must be read in conjunction	23	think that is important because we are only
24	with the introductory wording, and I think it	24	able to make the assessment about the
25	is worth reading that introductory wording	25	provisional list of issues in the context of
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1 of them but different to some; obviously the 2 Government parties might have a different 3 position, but it is important to retain public 4 confidence in that context and so what we 5 absolutely are adamant about is this should 6 not become an inquiry into the policing of 7 Gibraltar since 2010, the first incident. 8 THE COMMISSIONER: I agree. 9 MR CRUZ: Well, sir, I am very pleased 10 about that and I have been instructed to make 11 that point. That being said, it is in our view -12 obviously clearly not the view ours - a pretty 13 unanswerable submission that what you did 14 before you became Commissioner of Police 15 might be relevant to your appointment but it 16 absolutely cannot be relevant to your 17 removal or the threat of removal which 18 makes you leave, and so to the extent that 19 matters had been touched upon that really 20 talk about pre-1st May 1918(sic) we say that 21 actually in law they are simply not capable of 22 being matters that are relevant. 23 THE COMMISSIONER: It is said to be 24 relevant to the confidence in which he was 25 held by Mr Pyle and the Chief Minister.

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1 MR CRUZ: Mr Pyle we would say, with all 2 due respect to Mr Pyle, is perfectly entitled to 3 get on the stand and say: "Look, I never liked 4 this guy, I have always thought he was 5 useless and he should never have been 6 appointed." That is a matter for him to say. 7 He can say that. It does not mean that we 8 have to go into the reasons back to 2010 that 9 he has formed that view. 10 THE COMMISSIONER: That is quite a 11 robust summary of his evidence, but in 12 essence that is exactly what he is saying. 13 MR CRUZ: But my point is that that does 14 not, in our submission, give licence under the 15 current mandate to then start exploring 16 reasons why he, back in the day that Mr 17 McGrail was a constable, did not like the 18 way he looked at him. That is a matter for 19 them. So our position is that the real issue 20 here is when he was Commissioner, what is 21 it, and we have the answer in Mr Pyle's own 22 witness evidence. I saw it only two days ago, 23 but Mr Pyle specifically - specifically -24 points to a letter that he sent Mr Britto in 25 which he identifies two issues and two issues

1 alone. Now, obviously Mr McGrail's 2 position is different. Mr McGrail's position 3 is it actually has nothing to do with that, it is 4 all to do with Operation Delhi. Fine, that is 5 Mr McGrail's position so we understand the 6 relevance, although even in that respect we 7 think it should be constrained, and I think I 8 have read the updated submission of Mr 9 Wagner that there is some agreement that 10 perhaps that first opening paragraph that says "the handling of the matter by the RGP is not 11 12 the width that this should be given." But 13 those are the issues, and we point to the 14 Police Act because ultimately removals of 15 policemen can only be done in accordance 16 with the law, and the Police Act just gives us 17 a very clear steer of what that was, and both 18 the Government parties at the time and the 19 submissions on behalf of those who were 20 acting for Mr McGrail make it very clear that 21 those sections, the interplay of sections 34 22 and 13, is the only basis upon which a person 23 can be removed. Therefore we say that for 24 this inquiry to now go into the reasons -25 good, bad, ugly, whatever they are - as to

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1 why Mr Pyle had confidence in Mr McGrail 2 is entirely irrelevant - entirely irrelevant -3 and should not be considered. That would 4 actually limit the inquiry to the issues that 5 really I think everybody wants to know, or 6 those who called this inquiry, want to know 7 the answer and the public are entitled to, 8 which are about the issues that were raised 9 and the reasons that were given for removing 10 or threatening to remove Mr McGrail, and those are articulated by both sides. There is 11 12 no difference. Just because Mr Pyle a year 13 later or two years later writes a witness 14 statement and goes: "By the way, I did not 15 like all of this stuff about him", he can still 16 say that, absolutely he can say that, but it is 17 not a matter for us to go into because it 18 cannot have influenced him because he 19 specifically said what influenced him, and 20 the Chief Minister, the other person, 21 specifically said that those things did not 22 influence him. So it is our submission that 23 this is a powerful submission, that one has to 24 look at the law --25 THE COMMISSIONER: Do not these

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1	points go to the weight of what they are	1	that the Commissioner was not even
2	saying?	2	Commissioner. Well, if we have to go into
3	MR CRUZ: No. We say the parameters of	3	that, we will go into that.
4	the inquiry, sir - and this is the point - the	4	THE COMMISSIONER: Hang on. A clean
5	inquiry cannot come to a conclusion, we say,	5	bill of health from whom?
6	that issues not raised by the people at the	6	MR CRUZ: Adam & Ratkin.
7	time were the reasons beyond the exploration	7	THE COMMISSIONER: No, that is not
8	of those that have been suggested at the	8	right. He conceded that there was no right of
9	material time, which is the Delhi issue, and	9	arrest.
10	so on, and we do not believe that one can	10	MR CRUZ: And apologised to the entire
11	actually go and almost backfill in order to	11	police force, and this was under the time of
12	somehow find some other reason that was not	12	Mr Yome as Commissioner, not Mr McGrail.
12	used or utilised by any of the parties at the	13	THE COMMISSIONER: You can argue that
13	time, and those issues are three, four and	13	is a clean bill of health but he is not referring
15	five. So everything else, while it may be	15	to the other activities that took place at the
16	relevant to explaining why Mr Pyle or	16	airport.
17	anybody else had confidence or did not have	17	MR CRUZ: I am talking about the airport
18	confidence, it may be relevant in that context	18	incident.
19	but the investigation - I am going to risk the	19	THE COMMISSIONER: Or the arrest of the
20	word again - granular investigation of those	20	senior officers.
21	issues has no bearing whatsoever.	20	MR CRUZ: Well, with all due respect, I
22	Mr Wagner in his submissions, although he	22	think that is precisely the risk that we are
23	does not quite - he is not on all fours with	23	already seeing. If we start to engage in this
24	my analysis of the 13 and 34 sections of the	24	process what we are going to do is go back to
25	Police Act.	25	pre-Mr McGrail being Commissioner and ask
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3	deliberations where you take this away with	$\begin{vmatrix} 2\\ 3 \end{vmatrix}$	reference to his 3 June letter, so he does not
4	you because I think it is an important point	4	say it - so therefore it is frankly irrelevant.
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5	and it influences the production of evidence	5	6
6	by us and all the rest, Mr Wagner's	6	might be relevant to
7	suggestion which we saw last night seems to	7	THE COMMISSIONER: Both he and the
8	address potential concerns that might be had	8	Chief Minister said it at the time.
9	by others about this sort of background noise	9	MR CRUZ: But they did not give it as a
10	to the lack of confidence but at the same time	10	reason, sir, to encourage the GPA to invite
11	strongly encouraged people to avoid going	11	him to step down or to make representations,
12	into those issues in a detailed, not to say	12	a 34 process, nor did they give it as a reason -
13	granular, fashion. So that is the main point.	13	when Mr Pyle in his evidence says: "I met
14	THE COMMISSIONER: Is not the answer	14	with Mr McGrail and I said to him: 'If you
15	to this to cover it by agreed facts? Most of	15	want to know the reasons why I have got this
16	which are agreed.	16	problem, these are these, let me give you the
17	MR CRUZ: They may or may not, but even,	17	3 June letter'." In that 3 June letter you do
18	sir, in your questioning about the clean bill of	18	not find them. That is the position.
19	health it just demonstrates - I know you were	19	Now, the fact that he said: "Look, I have
20	just testing that but I know it might	20	other issues with this gentleman," and he
21	demonstrate that there is nothing to be agreed	21	wants to explore, with all due respect, and I
22	on this position. So the question	22	say this in a general sense, if we are going to
23	THE COMMISSIONER: We can agree what	23	adopt the sort of Lewis idea of funnel, it is
23	has happened and we can agree what	24	our view that that needs to be adopted, and it
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have the background, we have requested it and we know what they mean when they say the airport incident, we know what they mean when they say, to an extent, the helicopter assault pilot incident, but we no longer are going to look at the facts of those incidents at all, except in so far as were known to and were considered by the key players at the time." In my submission that would be a helpful approach internally, it would be a helpful approach externally and the benefit would be that it avoids arguments later, which no doubt will occur, for example in relation to the airport incident, about restriction of evidence, because you could say: "We have restricted the issue list, that is covered by that and we are not going to allow this evidence," which in my submission is on

balance a more logical approach than retaining the issue list as it is and the equal prominence of each issue, and then making

that issue is actually very carefully

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The only other point I make about the GPF, the Gibraltar Police Federation, evidence is:

decisions about that.

1	caused to lose confidence by something of	1
2	which you were unaware at the time.	2
3	MR WAGNER: Precisely, and that is the far	3
4	more elegant way of expressing what I was	4
5	going to express.	5
6	THE COMMISSIONER: I have had time to	6
7	think about it, Mr Wagner.	7
8	MR WAGNER: I am grateful. I have set out	8
9	the quotation from Beer, which I will not	9
10	read, about the importance of the issues list.	10
11	In my submission it is important for two	11
12	reasons. It is important as an internal	12
13	document for the inquiry because it is in	13
14	effect - it describes the funnel.	14
15	THE COMMISSIONER: Otherwise we lose	15
16	our way.	16
17	MR WAGNER: Because otherwise you lose	17
18	your way, exactly, and all the decisions about	18
19	what oral evidence to hear, what to restrict,	19
20	what questions to ask, all of that all comes	20
21	through that funnel of the issues list. That is	21
22	the point of the issues list, particularly where	22
23	the terms of reference of this inquiry are very	23
24	vague, as in they do not - if you look at the	24
25	Covid inquiry terms of reference there is a	25
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1	three page list of all sorts of very clear issues	1

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2	that are - some quite detailed, granular, or	2	only about complaints made to the GPF.
3	however you want to put it - and then there	3	THE COMMISSIONER: That is correct.
4	are separate issues lists as well, whereas here	4	MR WAGNER: All I say on that is - it is
5	there is effectively a line just saying: "Go	5	difficult because some of the points that I
6	investigate what happened." So the issues	6	would like to make are based on - I do not
7	list is a fundamentally important document,	7	think any particularly contentious or private
8	for internal reasons, but then for external	8	points of principle are made by CTI in the
9	reasons for the individuals giving evidence to	9	closed submissions, so I will not raise them,
10	the inquiry, the CPS and the public it also	10	except to say in the generality that we are
11	describes the limits and in effect the duties of	11	concerned that the approach that the inquiry
12	the inquiry to investigate. I respect the point	12	is currently taking is in effect to square the
13	that my learned friend made about the	13	circle, to say: "Yes, this issue is very
14	reservation which is in, I think it is in 1(b) of	14	carefully circumscribed in the issue list but
15	the issues list, that says proportionate to the	15	because it is useful background we will allow
16	importance of the issue as the Commissioner	16	certain of the contentious evidence to be
17	decides.	17	admitted."
18	THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.	18	THE COMMISSIONER: I have the point
19	MR WAGNER: I think that was added, it	19	but I think this is not the time to discuss that,
20	may have been added after we raised out	20	because I think this really is issue 8
21	concerns at the outset. But in my submission	21	primarily.
22	and to conclude, now it would be a	22	MR WAGNER: Yes. Sorry, I did not hear
23	reasonable time to revisit the issues list,	23	that.
24	which should not be set in stone, and to say,	24	THE COMMISSIONER: I think the
25	at least in respect of some issues: "We now	25	submissions you have just made are really

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1	primarily directed to issue 8 in the agenda.	1	THE COMMISSIONER: Is that not in the
2	MR WAGNER: To an extent but there is a	2	last point?
3	GPF witness, Mr Morello, who is nothing to	$\begin{vmatrix} 2\\ 3 \end{vmatrix}$	MR WAGNER: Exactly, and it was included
4	do with item 8 and who raises very similar	4	in the issue list.
5	issues. I do not think there is any restriction	5	THE COMMISSIONER: It went in as item
	on that. I will not say what he says	6	9 in the issue list.
6			
7	THE COMMISSIONER: No, correct.	7	MR WAGNER: Exactly. Mr Pyle's stated
8	MR WAGNER: but it raises exactly the	8	intention as to his powers under section 13
9	same issues, that there is absolutely	9	and consideration of whether it mattered that
10	enormous amount of evidence that Mr	10	Sir David Steel was arriving soon. That is
11	Morello has given, including documentary	11	not the only consideration in terms of
12	evidence	12	lawfulness, there is also the GPA process as
13	THE COMMISSIONER: Very little of it is	13	well, but the simple point is: just because a
14	relevant.	14	reason should not have been taken into
15	MR WAGNER: It is very important - all I	15	account does not mean that it was not taken
16	would conclude in saying is it is very	16	into account and certainly does not mean the
17	important now in my submission to make	17	inquiry could not reach a conclusion on that,
18	absolutely clear what approach is being taken	18	or should.
19	to the GPF evidence because it will dictate	19	THE COMMISSIONER: I agree.
20	the extent to which Mr Cruz, I on behalf of	20	MR WAGNER: I am grateful.
21	Mr McGrail, Mr Gomez, will need to go	21	THE COMMISSIONER: Sir Peter Caruana,
22	through that line by line and respond.	22	I have sort of made the points that you have
23	THE COMMISSIONER: We will seek to	23	made in your skeleton because there is no
24	identify what parts of that statement is	24	point in my just sitting here listening, giving
25	relevant.	25	everyone the impression that I am agreeing
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3	those reasons given from its agenda. It can	3	were not said at the time. We have to allow
4	restrict them, I agree entirely with what CTI	4	for the possibility that things were not said at
5	has said that all these issues are subject to the	5	the time but played a role, things were said at
6	chapeau that it is only to the extent that they	6	the time but did not play an important role
7	are relevant. It is not reasons only, sir, and I	7	and, as Mr Wagner rightly says, just because
8	think Mr Cruz's submissions overlooked this,	8	the proper way to do things is set out in
9	it is reasons and circumstances. I just do not	9	statute that does not mean that we can
10	see that - you can narrow the issues, as I	10	exclude the possibility that things were not
11	think you have already and will when you	11	done as the statute foresees them to be done.
12	consider the evidence, to what is relevant to	12	So for all those reasons one cannot simply
13	the issue under inquiry, but I do not think	13	look at the statute and just set the boundaries
14	you can eliminate the issue altogether to the	14	of the inquiry on the basis of that, nor can
15	extent that they are reasonable, unless, sir,	15	one look at what was said at the time and set
16	you take the view that you do not feel that	16	the boundaries based on what was said there.
17	you need to interest yourself in what Mr Pyle	17	Issue 6 is dealt with, for example, in
18	says he is the man who pulled the trigger that	18	paragraphs 20 and 23 of Mr Pyle's evidence
19	caused Mr McGrail to opt to retire.	19	and there he says that his loss of confidence
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21	reasons that were given and I think those are		reason of a number of incidents and matters,
22	the reasons that I should investigate. Sorry, I	22	which he then goes on to explain, and he says
23	may have given the impression that I was	23	in terms that they began early on after his
24	about to cut you out. Perhaps you did not	24	arrival in Gibraltar. When he gets to
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6	MR SANTOS: It is not - precisely,	6	a WhatsApp message as well, so there is a
7	precisely, that does not mean that it is going	7	basis for at least inquiring into whether that
8	to take a huge amount of attention. What I	8	played a role.
9	should add is that perhaps I was at fault by	9	THE COMMISSIONER: Subject to all the
10	not dealing with the agreement of facts	10	points
11	together with this, because I think that the	11	MR SANTOS: Of course.
12	agreement of facts has a very important role	12	THE COMMISSIONER: that Mr Cruz
13	to play in this proceeding.	13	makes about the merits of it.
14	THE COMMISSIONER: I am hoping that	14	MR SANTOS: Of course.
15	many of the facts	15	THE COMMISSIONER: Like sitting on the
16	MR SANTOS: Precisely.	16	Appointments Commission. I have got the
17	THE COMMISSIONER: of these historic	17	point.
18	incidents can be agreed. What inferences we	18	MR SANTOS: Sir, that is what I propose to
19	draw obviously will not be agreed, and I am	19	say in response and if I may turn to
20	certainly not expecting anyone to agree that	20	agreements of fact. We have canvassed in
21	there was fault.	21	our submissions the benefits of the core
22	MR SANTOS: No.	22	participants working collaboratively to seek
23	THE COMMISSIONER: But the facts	23	to agree as many facts as possible in advance
24	probably can be agreed.	24	of the inquiry hearing, and it seems to the
25	MR SANTOS: Correct, correct. We are	25	inquiry team, on the basis of the evidence
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2	submissions, we would propose the	2	unless we start off with a draft, and if you
3	following procedure - and I do not suggest	3	can start off with a draft that would be
4	that this be set out in stone immediately, but I	4	extremely helpful.
5	would ask for everyone to consider it during	5	MR SANTOS: I agree, and the procedure
6	the course of today so that we can start it off	6	that I have suggested allows everybody to
7	as quickly as possible - and by way of	7	have a say.
8	indication, what we would suggest is	8	THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.
			MR SANTOS: And it does not foreclose
9 10	something along the following lines: by the	9	
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11	core participant will produce a first draft of	11	think that a lot of these facts can be agreed.
12	agreed facts for that issue and circulate this	12	THE COMMISSIONER: I think at some
13	to other core participants, copying in the	13	stage in one of your skeleton arguments - not,
14	inquiry. 14 days later, so by the 17th of	14	I think, the 50 page one, or was it 40 pages? -
15	August, each core participant should produce	15	you did encourage me to say something to
16	a marked up version of that document,	16	encourage people to agree facts.
17	proposing any amendments and this should	17	MR SANTOS: Yes.
18	be sent to the inquiry team. The inquiry team	18	THE COMMISSIONER: It seems to me
19	will then review these marked up versions	19	that, on a proper analysis, the actual area of
20	and seek to produce an agreed document and,	20	disputed facts is quite small, and there is a
21	by the 31st of August, the inquiry team will	21	great deal here that can be agreed and no
22	circulate a final draft, so that the core	22	party will lose out by coming to an
23	participants can submit any final comments	23	agreement.
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3	draughtsman's licence; in other words, the	3	are content with the timeline proposed.
4	onus is not on the recipients of the list to	4	THE COMMISSIONER: Then this is
5	make a case for inclusion of exclusion:	5	probably a dangerous and unwise question,
6	everyone has the same status in the creation	6	but does anyone have anything to say about
7	of the list.	7	anything else?
8	THE COMMISSIONER: Correct, but you	8	MR CRUZ: Sir, I have something to say
9	have to start off with something or else	9	about that. I think the proposal in counsel's
10	SIR PETER CARUANA: Indeed, sir, yes.	10	submission is that, once all the disclosure is
11	MR NEISH: Sir, may I suggest	11	complete, that is when the applications will
12	THE COMMISSIONER: Again, sensibly,	12	be made. It seems that Sir Peter's live
13	you are speaking to me rather than the	13	outside of that because it has been there
14	microphone, which I do the whole time -	14	before. Now, from the RGP's perspective,
15	sorry, come again?	15	we look at the protocol and we look at
16	MR NEISH: I would suggest that at the end	16	section 25, and it is certainly the case that it
17	of the process of trying to agree facts, if there	17	is likely that we will be making quite a lot of
18	are facts which are incapable of being	18	applications, depending on how the issues,
19	agreed, that we also draw up a list of those	19	the agreed list and all of that, is constrained,
20	facts which are not agreed, and that, I think,	20	the evidence we need to file. So, what I
21	will help the inquiry focus on the factual	21	would just put in as a reservation is that, as
22	issues.	22	we understand the submissions that have
23	THE COMMISSIONER: I agree. I think	23	been made, it is expected that, after the 28th
24	what might be possible to draw up is a	24	of August deadline, there will be written
25	chronology in respect of which some points	25	applications for restricted orders in relation
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2	applications.	2	objections on police methodology, and that
3	THE COMMISSIONER: You are	3	kind of objection.
4	suggesting that the process should be	4	MR CRUZ: Indeed, sir, and, yes, it is not
5	inclusive in the first place rather than	5	just limited to relevant evidence; if there is
6	exclusive?	6	relevant evidence that were to touch on areas
7	MR CRUZ: And, indeed, I am just flagging	7	that are considered sensitive
8	the timing. Counsel for the inquiry in his	8	THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, I understand
9	open submissions said that this will happen at	9	that.
10	the end of the disclosure process, on the 28th	10	MR CRUZ: we would be making an
11	of August. We are working to that. As far as	11	application and so on.
12	we are concerned, we are not making an	12	THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, you have two
12	application before then. To the extent that	13	points; one is relevance and admissibility,
13	Sir Peter makes his application, if that is	14	and the other is some other area of sensitivity
15	ventilated or we know about it and it captures	15	or confidentiality.
16	some things, great, but we will also know	16	MR CRUZ: Yes, and all I am flagging is that
17	what evidence is going to be admitted. So,	17	I have read my learned friend's submissions
17	our application will shrink substantially if	17	on the timing of that, to be one that needs to
18	the, dare I say, issues and the detail behind	19	be decided on written submissions after the
20	those issues also shrinks.	20	28th of August. That is how I read his
20	THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, exactly. I	20	MR SANTOS: That is not my submissions.
21	think the second point has more foundation.	21	I would clarify that immediately. Anything
22		22	
23 24	MR CRUZ: Yes. So, sir, I am just flagging	23	that we are being provided with - what I
24 25	it just so that we do not find ourselves surprised, because I am working on that	24	would suggest is that we start working on these applications the moment the disclosure
23	surprised, because I am working on that	23	these applications the moment the disclosure
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1	timescale of after the 28th of August to make	1	is given, because otherwise we are going to
2	our applications, which is when we will	2	be really up against it on this, and I
3	know exactly what is going in.	3	sympathise with the RGP because it is the
4	MR SANTOS: I am a bit concerned by that	4	one that is going to have, this issue is
5	because I fear that that is going to lead to an	5	probably going to arise most for and in
6	application being dealt with, you know, at the	6	respect of most documents, but I think that
7	beginning of the hearing, which is what we	7	we should start that process immediately.
8	are seeking to avoid. I think the proposal	8	THE COMMISSIONER: But there are other
9	that we had made was that any further	9	- for example, the statements of the three
10	application - the Government's proposal was	10	defendants
11	that any application should be made by the	11	MR SANTOS: Those have already been
12	11th of August. I think that, if we - I mean,	12	circulated.
13	one thing is agreeing facts and another thing	13	THE COMMISSIONER: I know, yes, but
14	is admissibility of evidence, and just because	14	we need to focus on what parts of those are
15	you agree a fact does not mean the evidence	15	admissible.
16	that goes to that fact becomes inadmissible or	16	MR SANTOS: Yes.
17	will not go up on the inquiry website. So, I	17	THE COMMISSIONER: Relevant and
18	think that it is probably best for us to engage	18	admissible.
19	to make sure that we are not left dealing with	19	MR SANTOS: No, that is a different
20	a very sizeable application in mid-	20	question, but my point is as to any
21	September, because I think that is exactly	21	applications for redactions on the basis of,
22	what we want to avoid.	22	for example, public interest and operational
23	THE COMMISSIONER: But the principle	23	matters, etc., etc., which I recognised from
24	that you are seeking for is clear, that only	24	the outset may require redactions to be done
25	admissible evidence should go up on the	25	before matters are put on the inquiry website.
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1	I think that should start in earnest now, I do	1	many documents that give rise to that kind of
2	not think that we can leave that until the end	2	objection, are there? I may be wrong.
3	of August.	3	MR CRUZ: I think, sir, it all depends a little
4	MR CRUZ: With all due respect to my	4	bit on the constraints that are put. In other
5	learned friend, I mean, at paragraph 45 of his	5	words, if, for example - and I think you have
6	open submission, we understood this to	6	indicated that it is not the case - but if, for
7	mean: no such applications, making	7	example, you know, on issue 5, the first
8	reference to applications to withhold	8	paragraph of that, which had the handling by
9	documents, for example, and in respect of	9	the RGP of Operation Delhi, if that brings
10	disclosure, circulated thus far - that the	10	about detailed consideration of the search
10	disclosure process remains open and	10	warrant, the application for the search
11		12	warrant, the evidence behind the search
12	ongoing, and the deadline for final	12	
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14	August. "These arguments should take place	14	should not be part of this, but if that requires
15	after that date, although any application in	15	that, our evidence
16	respect of disclosure which has already been	16	THE COMMISSIONER: The application for
17	provided by the inquiry should be made well	17	the search warrant was plainly relevant.
18	in advance of that date." I understand what	18	MR CRUZ: Well, it then means that
19	he now means by that, but, clearly, the point	19	everything that goes behind it is a lot of
20	that we make is that, as the issues narrow, if	20	documents, and all of that is very likely to be
21	they narrow, or as the matters that we have	21	subject to an application by us.
22	been discussing today suddenly, you know,	22	THE COMMISSIONER: I think what is
23	allow us to focus, we will know the extent of,	23	likely to be relevant not so much is what was
24	for example, Operation Delhi, and all the	24	known, but what was disclosed.
25	details are going to be put into the inquiry. If	25	MR CRUZ: Well, the interaction - and I do
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1 course, we do not need to make these 1 me, what are you referring to now? 2 2 applications because the evidence is simply SIR PETER CARUANA: To this whole -3 3 not going to be there. So, that is the point paragraph 11 of my written submissions. 4 4 that I am flagging now. THE COMMISSIONER: Paragraph 11.1? 5 THE COMMISSIONER: Obviously, if there 5 SIR PETER CARUANA: 11.1. 6 6 were a conversation or conversations THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. 7 7 involving the Commissioner of Police, those SIR PETER CARUANA: And the reason 8 8 are highly relevant to the application for the why we subjected that to a very short 9 search warrant. If there were such 9 timetable is in recognition that we have really 10 conversations - none were actually 10 been tardy; we were invited by the inquiry to 11 11 do this some time last year. So, I think the mentioned in the application, and that is, 12 plainly, quite an important point. 12 onus is on us to do this quickly. But I think it 13 MR CRUZ: Yes, I understand. I am just, I 13 is also right, sir, to say that the Government 14 14 guess, trying to - the reason I stood up is was there very much - the large share of that, 15 15 because I understood the timescale to be one the largest part of that application relates to 16 16 which suited us, you know, because we things that the Government, points that the 17 17 would then see what really was going to be Government took in a broader brief of the 18 considered. 18 public interest, at a time that the RGP was 19 THE COMMISSIONER: I think the answer 19 not a party and was not a core participant, 20 20 is that I will leave you to sort this out and, actually, many of the issues, the bulk of 21 between you, and I think it can be sorted. 21 the issues in my application relate to RGP 22 MR CRUZ: We will, and in light of the sort 22 type security issues. In fact, now that they 23 of developments, it is then incumbent on us 23 are parties, they are much better judges than 24 24 to make an application perhaps earlier. we about the extent to which they are 25 25 THE COMMISSIONER: If you cannot worried, for example - the largest redaction Page 125 Page 127 1 come to an agreement, then I will have to 1 that we sought was one of the appendices to 2 resolve it, but I expect you can. 2 the previous Commissioner McGrail's section 3 3 MR CRUZ: Thank you, sir. 15 of the Police Act report to the Chief 4 SIR PETER CARUANA: Sir, on the basis of 4 Minister, which discloses all manner of 5 5 what you have just said, presumably you do names and ranks of police officers, of police 6 6 not want to hear contributions from anybody training methods, the training that policemen 7 7 else about this? have ... 8 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, sure. 8 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, and 9 9 SIR PETER CARUANA: Well, it just seems operational procedures. 10 10 to me, sir, at paragraph 11 of my written SIR PETER CARUANA: Operational submissions, you will see our proposal to try procedures. Now, there are two ways of 11 11 12 and narrow the concerns expressed by CTI 12 doing this. Either, now that the RGP is a 13 13 party, I reduce my own application to things and by Mr Cruz. As to a timetable for this, 14 14 first of all, I think it is right to say that my that the RGP, who are now able to do it, 15 learned friend, Mr Santos, is plainly right 15 cannot do because they are not RGP issues, 16 when he says that redaction is not about 16 or we defer mine for a few more days and I 17 issues, it is about documents, and nothing in 17 try to agree a joint application with the RGP. 18 the procedure suggests that documents are 18 The Government has no wider or narrower 19 19 going to fall out of the reckoning before the security concerns than the RGP. They are 20 20 start of the oral hearing. So, I think the primarily responsible for security in the first 21 moment that Mr Cruz seeks is not actually 21 instance, and the Government are not in the 22 ever going to happen. So, in paragraph 1, I 22 first instance. So, that might be a way to 23 offered to comply with my modified 23 proceed. The other thing that we suggested 24 24 application by next Friday ... was that, in respect - and I think this is really 25 THE COMMISSIONER: Sorry, just forgive 25 what the CTI's concern is - is that, in relation

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1	to disclosures that we have already all	1	in my submission, and it has to be dealt with:
2	received, we should make any redaction	2	if there was any inappropriate pressure, then
3	applications by the 11th of August, and (iii)	3	why was there inappropriate pressure? What
4	there, sir, is my suggestion in respect of	4	were the motivations? And the way that Mr
5	disclosures not yet received. In other words,	5	McGrail has always expressed it is that there
	when the STI circulates them, they indicate a	6	are reasons why - I will not go into the
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7	reasonable period, by reference to the volume	7	reasons - why pressure was being applied by
8	of the disclosure, a reasonable period after	8	the people it was being applied by, and
9	disclosure for the making of redaction	9	particularly the Chief Minister, because of
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23	of Op Delhi is outside of the issues because it	23	of certain documents from within Op Delhi,
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3	Caruana has identified. I have not had this	3	suggestion. In terms of the final deadline, I
4	matter on my table since September or	4	think that the suggestion made by Mr
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6	seen the evidence in the last sort of three	6	would say is that the starting point is the
7	weeks, and the last of it only a day or so ago.		documents policy, which says that 14 days
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9	through the evidence and produce the	9	be made. So, the default position would be
10	application that we need to produce. It is not	10	14 days, but, obviously, if it is only a small
11	going to be by that date in July. You know,	11	amount, then maybe we might try and
12	if we are ambitious and we can do it by the	12	shorten that. If it is a very large amount, we
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20	in some respects. So, there might be areas	20	not accept that. If, sir, after due
21	that overlap, and I am certainly happy to	21	consideration of submissions made today you
22	work with the counsel to the inquiry in	22	go, "Look, I think this issue is out", then, of
23	relation to that. So, your message, "Leave it	23	course, documents related to that issue
24	to you guys to work out", I think is	24	simply go away. So, an early indication, and
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1	and what we were discussing this morning	1	no, that is correct.
2	was perhaps that write to the parties in the	2	MR SANTOS: And the submissions will not
3	next 24 hours or 48 hours, setting out a	3	require going into those reasons. It is more
4	procedure where we think it would fairly	4	points of principle.
5	THE COMMISSIONER: I will cause a	5	THE COMMISSIONER: No, correct. I
6	possible formulation of the questions to be	6	know this is a concern to you. You can have
7	circulated and, when we have agreed what	7	your say on the draft. Is there anything else
8	the questions are, I will invite arguments on	8	we can do?
9	it and the matter will require a ruling.	9	MR SANTOS: Not on my list.
10	Because, essentially, and put very crudely,	10	THE COMMISSIONER: Since I have said
11	Mr McGrail and perhaps others want to know	11	that really - well, I have withdrawn items 8
12	why the nolle was issued and, no doubt for	12	and 9 from the agenda, that really is the end
13	sound reasons, the Government are going to	13	of it.
14	resist answering the question, and, indeed,	14	MR SANTOS: Core participants will hear
15	you are probably going to say that there is no	15	from us on items 8 and 9. They're not
16	right to ask the question, but that needs to be	16	disappearing.
17	sorted out.	17	THE COMMISSIONER: Correct. I invite
18	SIR PETER CARUANA: Sir, the position of	18	people to stay around, hang about, as Mr
19	the Attorney General is that he will not,	19	Cruz would probably say, as I will, and any
20	unless ordered by a court of final recourse to	20	informal progress that can be made I would
21	do so, he will not disclose publicly the	21	encourage. Thank you very much.
22	reasons why he entered the nolle - for	22	(12.43)
23	reasons that he has explained publicly	23	(The hearing adjourned)
24	already, and that is that it would defeat the	24	
25	reasons for entering into the nolle. And my	25	
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1	concern, therefore, is that, if there is an		
2	argument to be had, as the Chair has just		
3	suggested, that argument cannot itself require		
4	me to touch on the reasons.		
5	THE COMMISSIONER: Of course not. I		
6	entirely - I mean, I apprehend that the		
7	Attorney General may well say that he is		
8	entitled, and possibly required by law, not to		
9	address the question.		
10	SIR PETER CARUANA: Thank you, sir.		
11	Subject to that clarification, whatever you		
12	direct.		
13	THE COMMISSIONER: And I am going to		
14	have to decide whether that is a tenable		
15	position or not. But I have attempted to		
16	formulate what seemed to me to be the		
17	relevant questions on which we can change -		
18	it is no good if we do not agree what we are		
19	arguing about.		
20	MR SANTOS: But I am happy to clarify that		
21	one of those questions will not be, "What		
22	were the reasons?", and submissions will not		
23	require		
24	THE COMMISSIONER: One of those		
25	questions is not, "What were the reasons?" -		
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