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RECORD OF INTERVIEW- STUART JOH

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INTERVIEWEE: STUART JOHN HILL

INTERVIEWER/S: DETECTIVE INSPECTOR KEN BEMI

LEGAL OFFICER: THERESA HAMILTON

RE: OPERATION GRAND

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COPY TAPE 1 OF 1 - RECORD OF INTERVIEW BETWEEN PARTIES DETECTIVE INSPECTOR KEN BEMI OF THE CRIME AND MISCONDUCT COMMISSION AND STUART JOHN HILL. HELD ON THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2005 AT SOUTHPORT. ALSO PRESENT CRAIG HAWKINS.

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RE: OPERATION GRAND

KB= Detective Inspector Ken Bemi (CMC)
CH= Investigator Craig Hawkins (CMC)
SH= Stuart John Hill

- 1 KB We just might turn that down a little bit.
2
3 SH Yeah sure no worries. I can do that.
4
5 KB The time now is 10:11 am on the morning of Thursday the 13th day of October 2005. I'm
6 present at 18 Egerton Street, Southport and I intend to conduct an audio recorded
7 interview with Mr Stuart John Hill in relation to a current investigation – inquiry – at the
8 Crime and Misconduct Commission in Brisbane is undertaking in relation to the Gold
9 Coast City Council elections held in March 2004. For the purpose of voice identification
10 I'll ask every person present here starting with myself to state their full and correct name.
11 My full name is Kenneth William Bemi. I am a Detective Inspector of Police currently
12 performing duties at the Crime and Misconduct Commission in Brisbane.
13
14 CH My full name is Michael Craig Hawkins. I'm an investigator with the Crime and
15 Misconduct Commission based in Brisbane.
16
17 KB Your full name Stuart?
18
19 SH My full name is Stuart John Hill and I'm a resident at 18 Egerton Street, Southport.
20
21 KB And your date of birth?
22
23 SH Eleventh of the Twelfth 1947 (11.12.47)
24
25 KB As I stated earlier Stuart I intend to conduct an audio recorded interview with you today
26 in relation to the matter I have outlined and by that I mean whatever you, myself or my
27 colleague says here will be recorded as we speak. Do you clearly understand that?
28
29 SH I clearly understand that yes I do.
30

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31 KB And do you agree to participate in this interview of your own free will here today?
32
33 SH To the best of my knowledge I do.
34
35 KB In other words that you agree with ...
36
37 SH Yes I agree to it yes.
38
39 KB Do you require any other person here to be present with you during this interview?
40
41 SH No, no, no.
42
43 KB In relation to the Gold City Council elections held on the 27th March 2004 can you
44 explain any involvement that you had in them, if any?
45
46 SH Yes I was campaigning with Roxanne Scott umm meaning handing out pamphlets also on
47 the day of the election I was ahh going around each Polling Booth to make sure things
48 were running smoothly.
49
50 KB Whereabouts was that?
51
52 SH Ahh the Polling Booths to the best of my knowledge was ahh umm Southport. There was
53 one – there was one Southport, two in Labrador ahh one in – like well I suppose it would
54 be Southport another one. Ahh Evandale was another one and that's the best that I ahh
55 my knowledge.
56
57 KB What about leading up to the election? Did you support Roxanne Scott in any way?
58
59 SH Ohh the only thing is ahh over the phone ahh when I copped a heap of bloody abuse from
60 people and also I had signs outside my place and we used this place as a headquarters in
61 time to get the pamphlets out in time and well I really believe some people what we
62 deliverin' 'em was quicker to deliver 'em by motor scooter or motor bike whatever sort
63 of thing.
64
65 KB Perhaps if I can take you a step back. How did you first meet Roxanne Scott?
66
67 SH Well I believe that ahh Dawn Crichlow who is the Councillor for Division 6 wasn't doing
68 the right job and I found out that Roxanne Scott was running for being a Councillor of
69 Division 6.
70
71 KB How did you find that out?
72

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73 SH Ahh ohh you know on the grapevine, word – I can't name any particular person at this
74 stage - it's a long time ago and I contacted Roxanne to offer my assistance because there
75 was – there was at that stage there was no-one involved or best of my knowledge.
76
77 KB How did you contact Roxanne?
78
79 SH I rang her up – I lead to believe that she worked at umm ahh for ahh for the Government
80 in umm ohh yeah you know some [ui] in Southport where their offices are health and
81 safety there or something there.
82
83 KB When did you first contact her can you recall?
84
85 SH No I can't recall that.
86
87 KB But it was before the elections obviously?
88
89 SH Ohh yes it was before the elections.
90
91 KB Was it long before the election?
92
93 SH Ohh well say mediocre I suppose.
94
95 KB So are we talking about months or?
96
97 SH Ohh yeah a couple – a few months.
98
99 KB And what gave you the motivation to contact Roxanne Scott?
100
101 SH Well from what I was told and after meeting Roxanne she seems to be a very straight
102 woman and an honest woman and a woman that would get off her backside and do
103 something.
104
105 KB Did you meet her before you first contacted her to offer your support?
106
107 SH I, I made arrangements to meet her and talk to her and see from my own opinion if – if
108 I'm going to sort of virtually get involved with someone that I don't know.
109
110 KB And you met Roxanne?
111
112 SH I just met Roxanne the once.
113
114 KB Whereabouts did that meeting take place?
115
116 SH At Australia Fair that's all.

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117
118 KB Was there any other person present with you when you met with her?
119
120 SH No
121
122 KB And during this meeting can you outline what she said to you?
123
124 SH Pleased to meet 'ya. I'm Roxanne Scott. Ahh I'm Stuart Hill and she said I'm running
125 for Division – a candidate for Division 6. And I said ahh yes and that's how it sort of
126 carried on and I made my own assumption at the time that well at least I've got someone
127 that's straight or is my own opinion will get off her backside or their backside and do
128 something which was needed in Division 6. Ahh Roxanne – at least I would say she'd be
129 able to lie straight in bed well as the old saying goes you know. But I never been – I'm
130 not inclined that way you know.
131
132 KB So as part of that support after you had the meeting with her obviously you were
133 impressed by her and you agreed to support her election campaign?
134
135 SH That's correct yes.
136
137 KB And you outlined before that you had signs up here supporting Roxanne Scott?
138
139 SH That is correct.
140
141 KB And pamphlets – did you have any pamphlets printed?
142
143 SH No I didn't have them printed. Where they got printed from I don't know but there was
144 some given to me and I went around – I said well – on a map I said I'll do this little bit
145 around here and then I got a phone call either from Roxanne or from someone I'm not
146 real sure you know that they were going to do it quicker by motor bike. They were goin'
147 to put it out to an agent or something.
148
149 KB That's what you've stated earlier on?
150
151 SH Yeah yeah
152
153 KB So as far as you were concerned ahh you had signs out the front of your house and you
154 assisted Roxanne Scott's campaign by actually arranging for the delivery of some
155 pamphlets and, and doing that yourself?
156
157 SH Yes that's correct.
158
159 KB Did you assist her in any other way?
160

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161 SH No
162
163 KB You've already said on polling day you attended Polling Booths.
164
165 SH Ohh that – yeah that way yeah yeah.
166
167 KB Do you belong to any group or organisation?
168
169 SH No
170
171 KB Did you make any financial contributions at all to Roxanne Scott's campaign?
172
173 SH No, no I didn't.
174
175 KB Are you aware of where Roxanne Scott received any financial funding from her
176 campaign?
177
178 SH No I'm not. I'm lead to believe that she ahh took her long service to fund her own
179 campaign. That was what I lead to believe ahh but I don't think Roxanne was ever ahh
180 involved in ahh in umm any wrong doing is that the word I gotta use.
181
182 KB Who was she running against?
183
184 SH Ahh Councillor Crichlow.
185
186 KB Were there any other candidates running in this Division 6?
187
188 SH Not to my knowledge no.
189
190 KB Are you aware of a organisation or group called the Southport Citizens for Change?
191
192 SH I have heard along the line that was it but I had nothing to be involved with that
193 organisation.
194
195 KB Were you ever a member of that organisation?
196
197 SH No
198
199 KB Do you know what that organisation or group stands for?
200
201 SH No I don't.
202
203 KB Do you know who runs that organisation?
204

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205 SH No I don't.
206
207 KB If I can just refer you to a number of documents here.
208
209 SH Yes
210
211 KB Before I do that do you know a company called Quadrant – Quadrant Printing?
212
213 SH No I don't.
214
215 KB Are you aware of the role Quadrant Printing may have played in printing up pamphlets or
216 any other election material for Roxanne Scott?
217
218 SH I don't know but they could have done ohh but I don't know.
219
220 KB The first document I'd like to draw to your attention to is a ahh invoice from Quadrant.
221 Quadrant is situated in Robina.
222
223 SH Right
224
225 KB In Glenferrie Drive and it's a printing business. They advertise, they print and they were
226 involved in the ahh election in the sense that they printed a lot of pamphlets for various
227 candidates.
228
229 SH Right
230
231 KB Now the reason why I'm interested in these invoices is they're addressed to – well the
232 first one is dated [pause] – it actually covers the period ahh during March 2004 for
233 various expenses incurred and it's addressed to the Southport Citizens for Change care of
234 Stuart Hill, 18 Egerton Street, Southport.
235
236 SH Right
237
238 KB Can I just swap with you there Craig?
239
240 SH Ohh you right.
241
242 KB If I can just show you that.
243
244 SH If I can read it. [pause] I see yeah.
245
246 KB So hence my question to you is why does your name appear on the Quadrant invoice
247 under Southport Citizens for Change?
248

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249 SH Well I was ahh I was asked by who I can't remember at this stage would I put my name
250 on those advertising signs outside meaning Stuart – S Hill – right 18 Egerton Street,
251 Southport which is virtually – and would I ahh be – use my name I'm lead to believe to
252 ahh umm what it – it was ahh [ui] Dawn's campaign [ui] and I said yeah well don't see
253 any problem with that at all. Also ahh with that – then I copped a lot of abuse over the
254 phone from Dawn Crichlow's little followers.
255
256 KB Who asked you to put your name on the signs?
257
258 SH Ohh gee I couldn't tell you.
259
260 KB Was it Roxanne?
261
262 SH Ahh no it wasn't Roxanne no. It was a male ahh if I could remember who it was I don't
263 know.
264
265 KB Were you part of Roxanne Scott's campaign committee at all?
266
267 SH Yeah well it was – as I said early in the piece there but I had nothing to do with the
268 financial side [ui] dollars or anything like that you know.
269
270 KB Do you know who her campaign manager was?
271
272 SH Well I was lead to believe it was myself and that ahh it was mainly myself [ui] handling
273 the pamphlets but as I said before I had nothing to do with the money side of it.
274
275 KB Do you know if she had any other campaign manager?
276
277 SH I don't think so. I don't know. I couldn't answer that one at all.
278
279 KB So you consider yourself to have been her campaign manager?
280
281 SH Well yes to, to look after the [ui] side of it on the day and to deliver some pamphlets in
282 this area.
283
284 KB Now if we can just go back to your name on the signs.
285
286 SH Yes
287
288 KB How was your name on the signs? How did it appear?
289
290 SH Ahh "S Hill" I think.
291
292 KB Is it auth – did it say something "authorised by S Hill" or?

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293
294 SH Yeah could – authorised by me yes.
295
296 KB Alright. And did you have to pay any money at all?
297
298 SH No
299
300 KB But you can't recall who approached you and asked you to put your name on the sign?
301
302 SH No I can't at this stage. No I don't. I'd have to sort of ring up and find out who it was.
303
304 KB So how could you explain your name appearing under this invoice under Southport
305 Citizens for Change?
306
307 SH Well they probably sent it and I didn't receive it because I can honestly say we have
308 problems here with our bloody mail. The other day me next door neighbour gave me my
309 mail which was in their letterbox. I have my own PO Box. Now mail does go missing
310 around here. I can honestly say that and I'm not the only one that will say that too
311 because we've got, you know different people we get different mail and different people
312 in the letterbox and so forth.
313
314 CH [sound of coughing] Pardon me.
315
316 SH So that's – yeah I – it's probably been sent and, and ahh you know and it never turned up
317 here.
318
319 KB So how was this invoice paid? It was sent to you here?
320
321 SH Well that's what I was just saying you know it could have [ui] sent to me.
322
323 KB But, but can you recall receiving this invoice?
324
325 SH No that's what I'm saying. No I haven't.
326
327 KB You can't?
328
329 SH No I haven't.
330
331 KB You never received it here even though it's addressed to 18 Egerton Street?
332
333 SH No not best of my knowledge. So whoever sent it there has probably sent it to me there
334 just [ui] paid it out of their own pocket I presume. I don't know.
335
336 KB But in any event you didn't pay any outstanding amount?

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337
338 SH No no.
339
340 KB Are you aware of a firm called Hickey Lawyers at all?
341
342 SH Yes
343
344 KB How are you aware of that firm?
345
346 SH Because Mr Hickey ahh or Hickey Lawyers own or Tony Hickey one of the principals
347 like owns, owns this house here.
348
349 KB He owns this house?
350
351 SH Yes. We rent it off him.
352
353 KB So you're a tenant?
354
355 SH I'm a tenant. And Judith Hickey which is ahh Tony's ex-sister-in-law. Right?
356
357 KB Alright. There's another invoice here also from Quadrant.
358
359 SH I see.
360
361 KB That totals \$1,279.65. Once again it's addressed to Southport Citizens for Change care of
362 Stuart Hill of this address.
363
364 SH I see. Well once again as I say there I haven't received this material at all and ahh I don't
365 know.
366
367 KB Just for the record that first invoice I referred to from Quadrant...
368
369 SH Yeah
370
371 KB ... is for the amount of \$5,012.64.
372
373 SH Right
374
375 KB And this was also expenses incurred in March 2004 - printing - lot of printing costs.
376 That's what Quadrant did.
377
378 SH Ohh well you know I've got - I've had signs 'cos I had a heap of signs given to me...
379
380 KB Yep

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381
382 SH ...to place around the, the electorate you know Division 6 here where the polling booths
383 were which I did ahh but as to invoices as I said now we got a new postie now. As I said
384 the other day I found – well the next door neighbour come to me with, with mail [ui]
385 come to here and it was plainly said 18 Egerton Street and it was in their letterbox.
386
387 KB I have here another document – once again from Quadrant – covering the March period.
388 This time for the amount of \$295.63. It was sent from Quadrant addressed to the
389 Southport Citizens for Change care of yourself for finished art, art materials, quick cuts,
390 CD backup, a lot of election campaign accessories.
391
392 SH Yes, yes.
393
394 KB For advertising.
395
396 SH I see.
397
398 KB I'll just show you that.
399
400 SH Yeah
401
402 KB And can you comment on that?
403
404 SH No I can't once again. Exactly the same as before.
405
406 KB Right. You didn't receive it, you didn't pay the outstanding amount?
407
408 SH I didn't receive it no. I haven't received it no.
409
410 KB The next invoice is also from Quadrant for the period ahh March 2004 for the amount of
411 \$199.38 for the same type of services provided. And I'll show you – that's also
412 addressed to yourself.
413
414 SH Right. No I haven't received that either.
415
416 KB You never received that?
417
418 SH No
419
420 KB And likewise another invoice from Quadrant addressed to the Southport Citizens of
421 Change – for Change care of yourself. That's for the amount of \$618.75 once again
422 printing costs with the election.
423
424 SH I see. No. [ui] received no.

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426 KB So summarising you certainly didn't – well you can't recall receiving any of these
427 invoices...
428
429 SH No
430
431 KB ...and you certainly didn't pay any moneys to Quadrant?
432
433 SH No
434
435 KB And was there any person that requested you pay the outstanding amount to Quadrant?
436
437 SH No
438
439 KB Do you know if Tony Hickey was responsible for paying Quadrant?
440
441 SH I didn't – after the election I heard that he was the solicitor for Roxanne Scott or whatever
442 it was you know. But...
443
444 KB So you have heard of the organisation Southport Citizens for Change?
445
446 SH I have heard of it yeah.
447
448 KB But you don't know who's involved?
449
450 SH No I don't.
451
452 KB You don't know what they stand for?
453
454 SH No I don't.
455
456 KB Were you asked by either Roxanne Scott or any other person if you minded if your name
457 and address appeared under Southport Citizens for Change?
458
459 SH I can't recall that at all, no.
460
461 KB Were you involved in assisting any other candidates apart from Roxanne Scott?
462
463 SH No, only Roxanne Scott.
464
465 KB Are you aware of any developer contributions at all to Roxanne Scott's campaign?
466
467 SH No I don't recall anything like that. As I said before I'm not in the financial side of it. All
468 I was involved in it there was handing out pamphlets and ahh

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469
470 KB And signs.
471
472 SH And signs, yes.
473
474 KB And on polling day you went around to various booths?
475
476 SH Yes to make sure that everything ran smoothly.
477
478 KB And what did you do exactly? Can you just expand on that?
479
480 SH Ohhh
481
482 KB You went around to the booths and what did you do?
483
484 SH Ohh I just walked up to the ones that were handing out pamphlets on behalf of Roxanne
485 Scott and just say is everything okay. We have had a lot of problems well especially
486 myself with the Opposition Dawn Crichlow. She's a snake in the grass. Fair dinkum
487 she's – she's got more moves than a pogo stick.
488
489 KB Did you have to sign any authorisation for your name to appear on the advertising sign for
490 Roxanne Scott?
491
492 SH Not that I can recall at this stage, no.
493
494 KB And how many meetings did you have all up with Roxanne Scott?
495
496 SH Ohh that I couldn't tell you. I wouldn't have a clue. But I would say that at the
497 beginning I know when I – in my own mind I said ahh to myself that Roxanne was a
498 decent sort of a woman and she was straight down the line and in my opinion and my
499 opinion only and that's why I decided to go with Roxanne.
500
501 KB So you're saying that you initiated the contact with her to begin with. She didn't contact
502 you for support?
503
504 SH That's correct. I, I ahh I rang Roxanne. Ohh well I got the number and that there and said
505 well we'll meet and see what one and another looks like you know.
506
507 KB And you offered her your support?
508
509 SH Yes
510
511 KB That's how it all came – she didn't request it?
512

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513 SH No, no, no I offered her my, my support.
514
515 KB And you said before that you didn't make any financial contributions to her?
516
517 SH No I didn't make any, no.
518
519 KB Are you aware of a fund called the Lionel Barden Trust Fund at all?
520
521 SH I have heard of it but I was not involved in that. All sorts of things come out in the media
522 don't they?
523
524 KB That's how you learnt about it?
525
526 SH Yes
527
528 KB Did Roxanne Scott make any mention to you at all whether – sorry where she was
529 sourcing her funding for election campaign from?
530
531 SH I can't recall anything like that. If I did I'd say so. But I don't think so. I can't recall that
532 back – back that far ago. But ahh no.
533
534 KB And as we know Roxanne Scott was unsuccessful running against Councillor Crichlow.
535 Have you had any further contact with Roxanne Scott after the election?
536
537 SH Yes yeah. I've asked Roxanne would she mind standing again for ahh for umm you
538 know running again as a candidate for – against Dawn Crichlow you know in Division 6.
539 Umm but Roxanne hasn't given me an answer for that you know she's gotta make up her
540 own mind. And the way things are going, the way the crap that was said in there and as I
541 said in my statement to the CMC when I sent it up there there's 10 concerns that I had
542 that was thrown at me and you people were the first people to come and, and interview
543 me or even speak to me. Now ahh umm the election was held what was it in March 2004
544 and umm it – well there's a lot of water goes under the bridge [ui] if you don't write
545 bloody things down I got a bad memory.
546
547 KB This is the first time we've actually seen your letter. I can advise you now that a lot of
548 the – well all these points you do raise are I would umm in my opinion are outside the
549 jurisdiction of the CMC to investigate.
550
551 SH Ohh yeah right.
552
553 KB But I do note that...
554
555 SH Yeah sure.
556

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557 KB ...and I will take a copy.
558
559 SH You can have that copy yeah by all means.
560
561 KB And ahh it's certainly outside the terms of reference for this particular inquiry.
562
563 SH Ohh yeah rightyo. But I -- I sent up I know that for a fact but I think in Clause 8 there that
564 -- that gives you a very good strong indication what Councillor Crichlow is about you
565 know. She's a snake in the grass. Slimy snake in the grass and one day -- there's an old
566 saying goes -- you give 'em enough rope they'll hang themselves. And she's got the rope
567 around her neck. It's a matter of kickin' the bucket from underneath her.
568
569 KB Could you suggest anyone we may be able to contact to find out about the Southport
570 Citizens for Change -- a contact person there in that organisation?
571
572 SH Wouldn't have a clue (ha ha ha ha) [laughing] -- to be honest with you I would not have a
573 clue. I'd have to sort of go and hunt around and you know at this stage straight off the
574 top of my head no I wouldn't have a clue.
575
576 KB Do you wish to add anything further to this interview here today?
577
578 SH No I don't ahh no I don't.
579
580 KB Craig?
581
582 CH Do you have any concerns about your name being used on the Citizens?
583
584 SH Yeahhh that's -- it's a bit of surprise to me because honestly as I said before and I'd swear
585 it on a stack of Bibles -- never seen that before.
586
587 KB And you didn't authorise it?
588
589 SH No I didn't sign nothin' I didn't give any money. No my signature -- [ui] sign my
590 signature a dozen times over but whoever can forge it can't be [ui] bloody good.
591
592 KB Alright so you certainly didn't consent to your name being ahh ahh placed on an
593 invoice...
594
595 SH Well I didn't know.
596
597 KB ...under Southport Citizens for Change representing that you have some affiliation with
598 that organisation.
599
600 SH Didn't know.

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602 KB And it was never raised with you by Roxanne Scott?
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604 SH No
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606 KB By any other person?
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608 SH No
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610 KB So you can't explain how it got there your name with Southport Citizens for Change?
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612 SH The only [ui] they probably [ui] is the signs outside my place and on, on the pamphlets
613 that were handed out. That's what the only authorisation [ui] but I don't know.
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615 CH Umm you said earlier this was the Headquarters for who?
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617 KB Ahh for Roxanne we – we used this here 18 Egerton Street.
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619 CH Did she have another address that was the Headquarters?
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621 SH No not to my knowledge no.
622
623 CH Thank you.
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625 KB Thank you for that.
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627 SH Alright
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629 KB Do you agree that what you've stated here during this interview has been true and correct
630 to the best of your knowledge and belief?
631
632 SH Ohh best of my knowledge yes.
633
634 KB And are you happy with the way this interview has been conducted by us here today?
635
636 SH Yes, yes.
637
638 KB Thank you for your time once again ...
639
640 SH Thank you.
641
642 KB ...ahh Mr Hill and the time now is 10:36 am on Thursday morning the 13th day of
643 October 2005. This interview is now concluded.
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