

them, during the course of moving the loyalist group away from the town centre to away from the interface area. So, those opportunities for dialogue did take place but I have to say the officers themselves were trying to piece together exactly what had taken place. I remember speaking to Alan Neill around what had taken place. I can't remember exactly at what point that was and he said to me, again from memory, that they had done their best to try and pull some of those people back from attacking some of the other people that were obviously being assaulted. But it was general information. If specific information had been relayed to me then I would've been thinking about scene preservation at an earlier stage. My focus had been on the preservation of life and prevention of a recurrence of disorder.

19. I did not give any specific instructions to the Land Rover crew before I left the scene. They were due to conclude their period of duty so it was for Sergeant **P89**, their frontline supervisor, to debrief them at the termination of their duties. I am sure, however, that before I left the scene I told every officer to make a contemporaneous note of what had happened. I would have done that as a matter of routine.

20. When I returned to Portadown police station at about 04.00 after carrying out my other supervisory duties in the other two sub-divisions, I was advised by Sergeant **P89** who updated me on his visit to the hospital. He told me that he had attended hospital and met members of the Hamill family and other people who had been much less than courteous to him. He said he had been unable to find out about the injured men's medical condition. Looking at my notebook [**Page 9960**], I see that I then rang the Craigavon Area Hospital myself and spoke to the senior House Officer or Consultant "*on return to Portadown made enquiries with CAH reference the extent of injuries to the two males who had previously been assaulted. Informed by doctor in the ICU that one of the two Hamill had sustained serious head injury which may be life threatening and he was to be transferred to the neurological department at RVH*". I think I had put the question "Were the injuries in any way life threatening?" The Doctor prevaricated a little bit then said that one of the two injured men would probably be transferred to the Royal Victoria hospital. When