

5. The operation was in relation to the death of Robert Hamill. I was informed that following investigative work undertaken by the PSNI individuals were being arrested in Northern Ireland and Wales. One of those being arrested was James Michael McKee.
6. Each of us was assigned to supervise interviews being carried out as part of the interview phase of the operation and I was assigned the interview of James Michael McKee. It was made clear to me that I was to take no active part in the interview but was there simply as a supervising officer acting as an observer and that I should take notes during the interview about what was discussed.
7. I do not recall receiving a briefing from the police prior to the interview but I can remember sitting in an office at Gough Barracks waiting for the interview to commence, there were delays because those arrested wanted the same solicitor a [REDACTED] and the Police wanted simultaneous interviews so there was some delay while other solicitors were arranged. When the interviews were ready to go I was taken to the custody suite where I was introduced to the Detective Sergeant and the Detective Constable who were to conduct the interview. I don't recall any briefing from them other than a cursory introduction.
8. I cannot recall now whether I knew prior to the interview or subsequently about the substance of the case as I had not been involved in the supervision of the case until being briefed on 10 April 2001. It was clear to me, at some point, that a complaint had been made, an investigation was underway into the death of Robert Hamill, and the suggestion, I think, that officers were present in the general area and didn't take steps to intervene. Michael McKee's role would have been in terms of the alleged conspiracy to cover up that murder and the particular issue of disposing of clothing of those directly involved in the murder.
9. The interview with James Michael McKee commenced and I recorded contemporaneous notes [Pages 16232 - 16238] which were intended to brief Chris Mahaffey and therefore were not verbatim. I used a shorthand note and