

# Robert Hamill Inquiry

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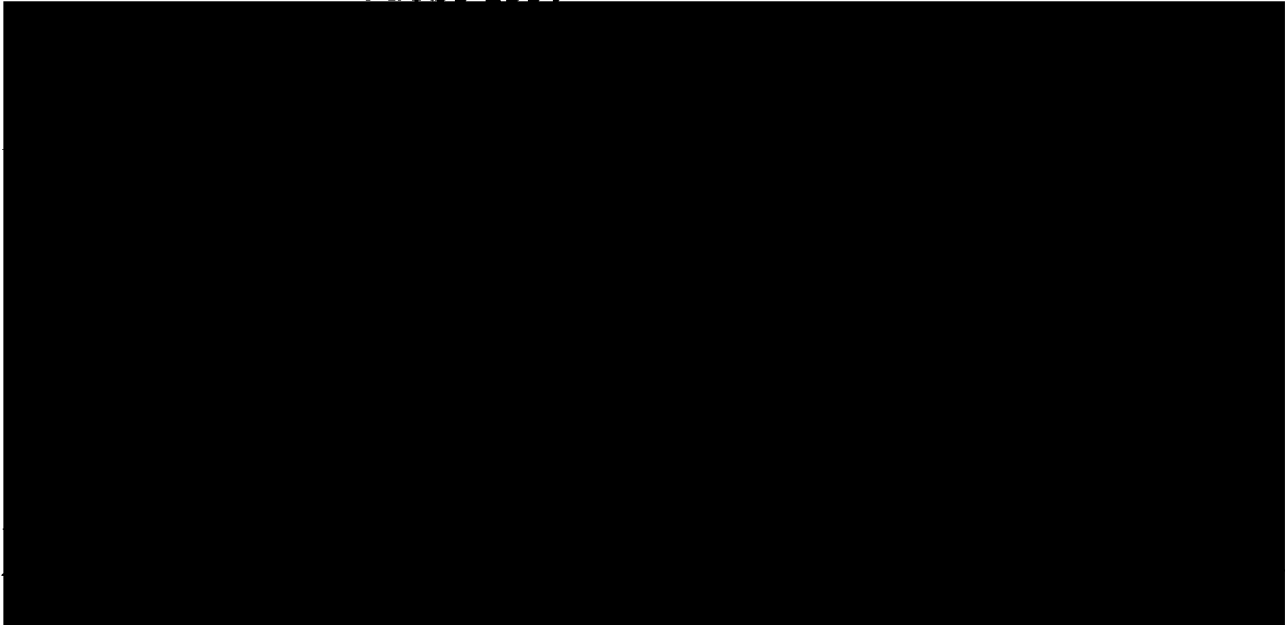
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**CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL (PSYCHIATRIC) REPORT**

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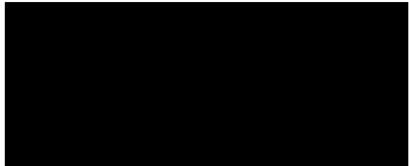
I interviewed P40 on 12 August 1997, 16 September 1997, 7 October 1997, 10 January 2000 and 10 April 2000. I understand he is claiming compensation following his involvement in a fatal assault at Portadown on 27 April 1997.

**INTERVIEW ON 12 AUGUST 1997**




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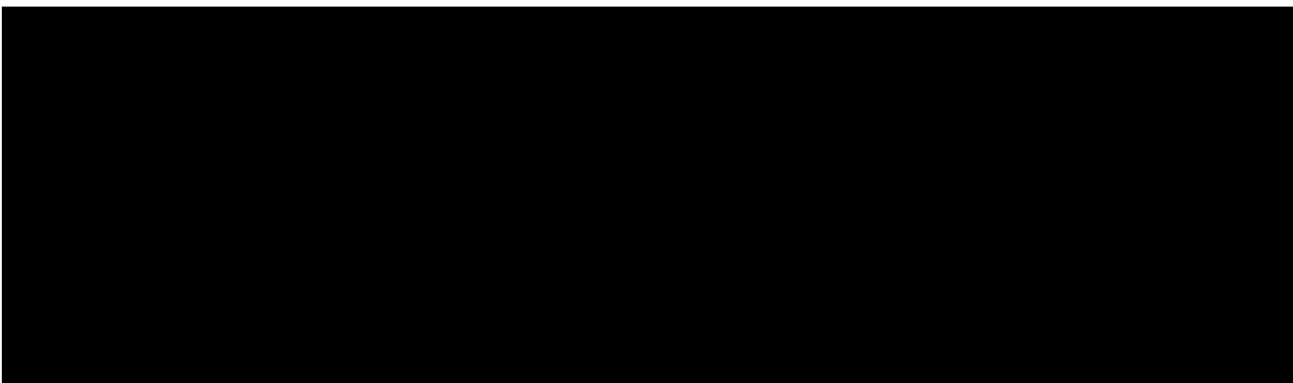
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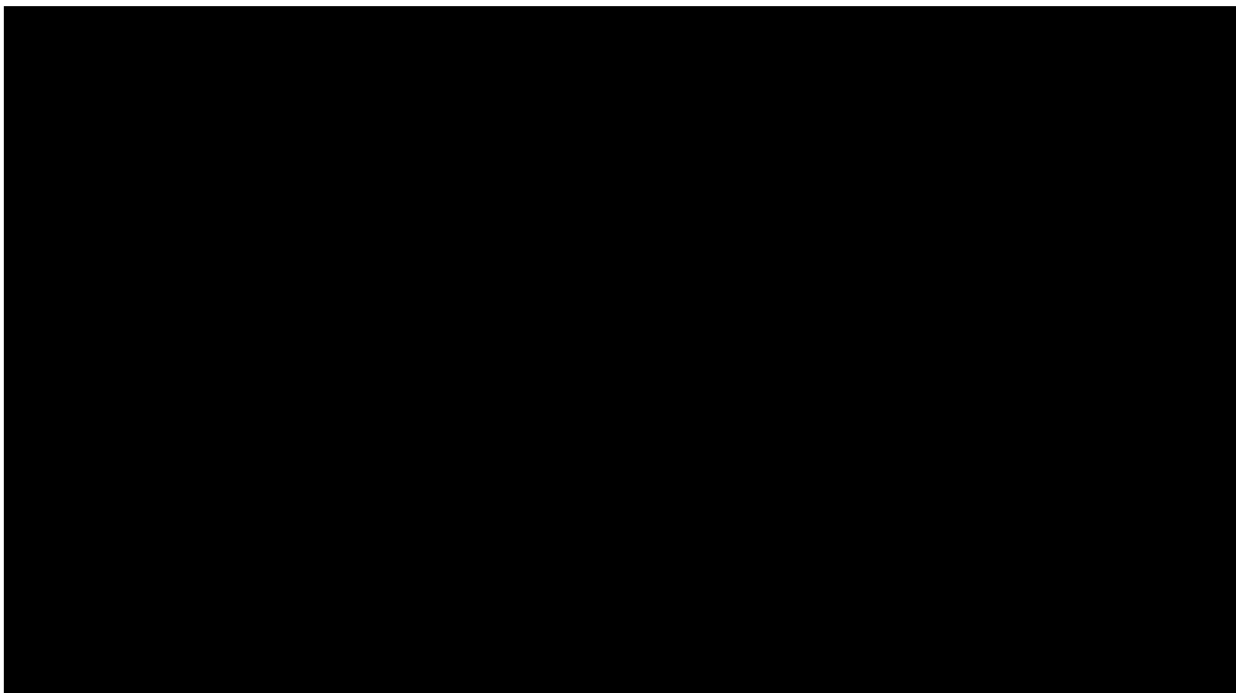
  
**PERSONAL DETAILS**  


He attended Markethill Primary School, Markethill High School, Armagh Technical College and a government training centre. He worked as a labourer for about four weeks and as a welder and sprayer for several years. He joined the RUC Reserve in 1985. He had served in Clogher, Portadown Station, Mahon Road and then Portadown Station again. He had been in Portadown Station for the past ten years. He told me he had been shot at when he was serving in Clogher and he had attended the scenes of several shootings, explosions etc. He had injured his knee in 1985 when climbing over a fence and he had been assaulted on duty in October 1996.

**PAST MEDICAL HISTORY**  

**HABITS**



**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS**



**HISTORY OF PRESENT CONDITION**

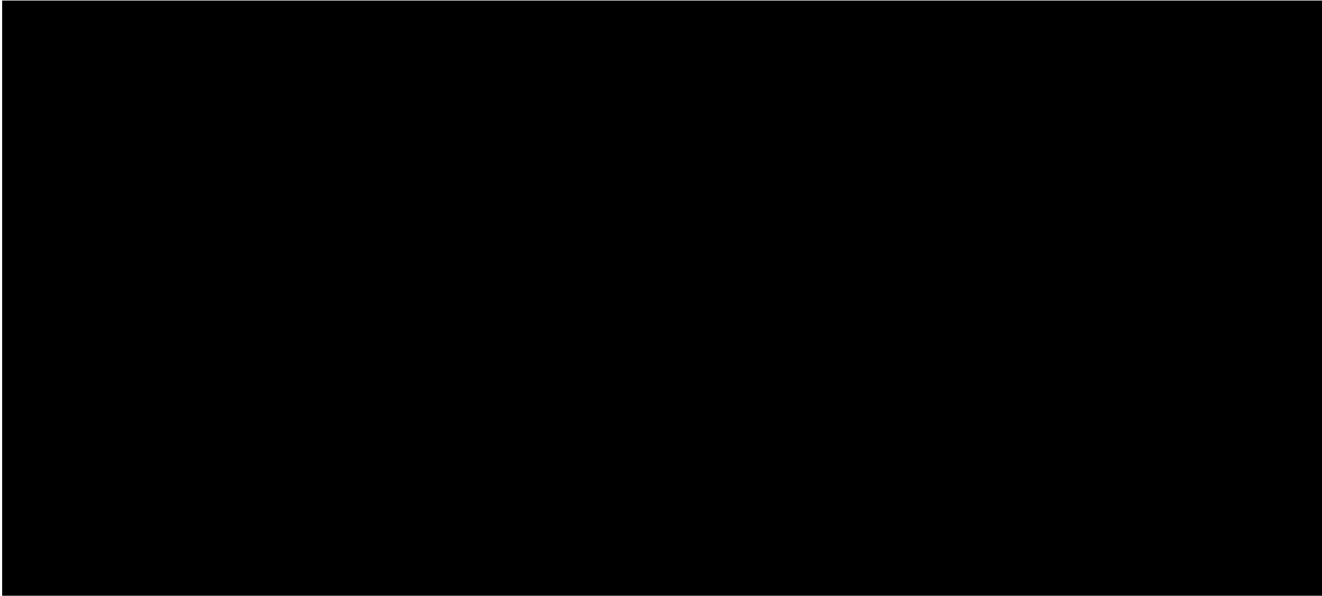
He told me that there were about sixty people present at the time of the incident. There were three policemen and one policewoman. "I done my best". He said that at times he asked himself if he should have done something different but he concluded that there was nothing he could

have done. He told me he did not witness the killing but he did see the body covered in blood. He told me that the worst aspect of the situation was the loss of life, the helplessness and not being able to do anything.

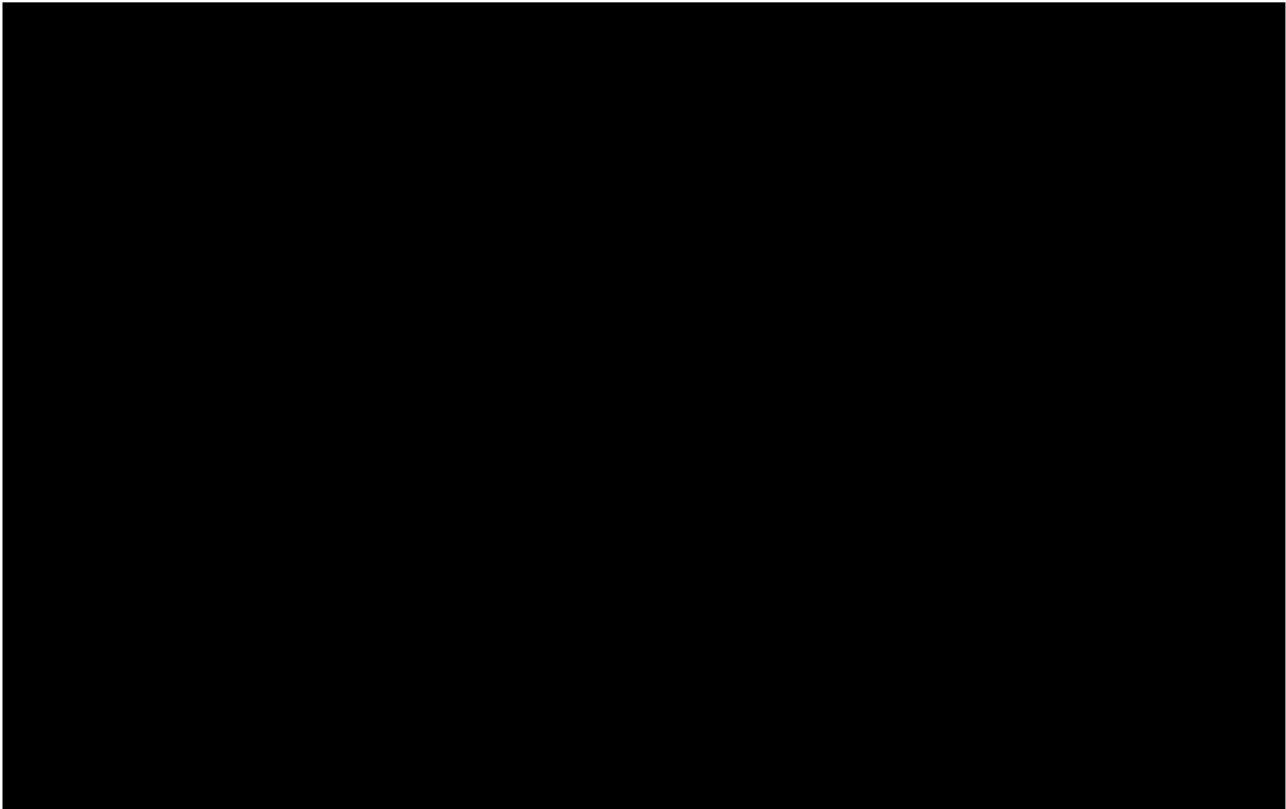
He told me that following the incident he went home around 4.00 am but was called back to the station to make a statement and did not get home again until around 11.00 am. He said that he had asked himself if the job was worth it but he did not know where else he would get such good pay. He told me he had been off work for two to three weeks and then went back for about four days. He said he was not sleeping and could not manage the return to work. He experienced palpitations. He went off work again. He told me that at the time of our interview he was having better days but he did not feel back to his old self.

**REVIEW ON 16 SEPTEMBER 1997**

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**REVIEW ON 7 OCTOBER 1997**



**INTERVIEW ON 10 JANUARY 2000**

P40 told me that his contract had not been renewed and his appeal against non-renewal had been unsuccessful. He told me that he had been off work following an assault on duty in October 1996, he had

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He complained of "flashbacks". He said he would have wakened up sweating and he related this to "reliving that Hamill thing". "I don't think there'd have been a month went past without a bad night at least".

#### **INTERVIEW ON 10 APRIL 2000**

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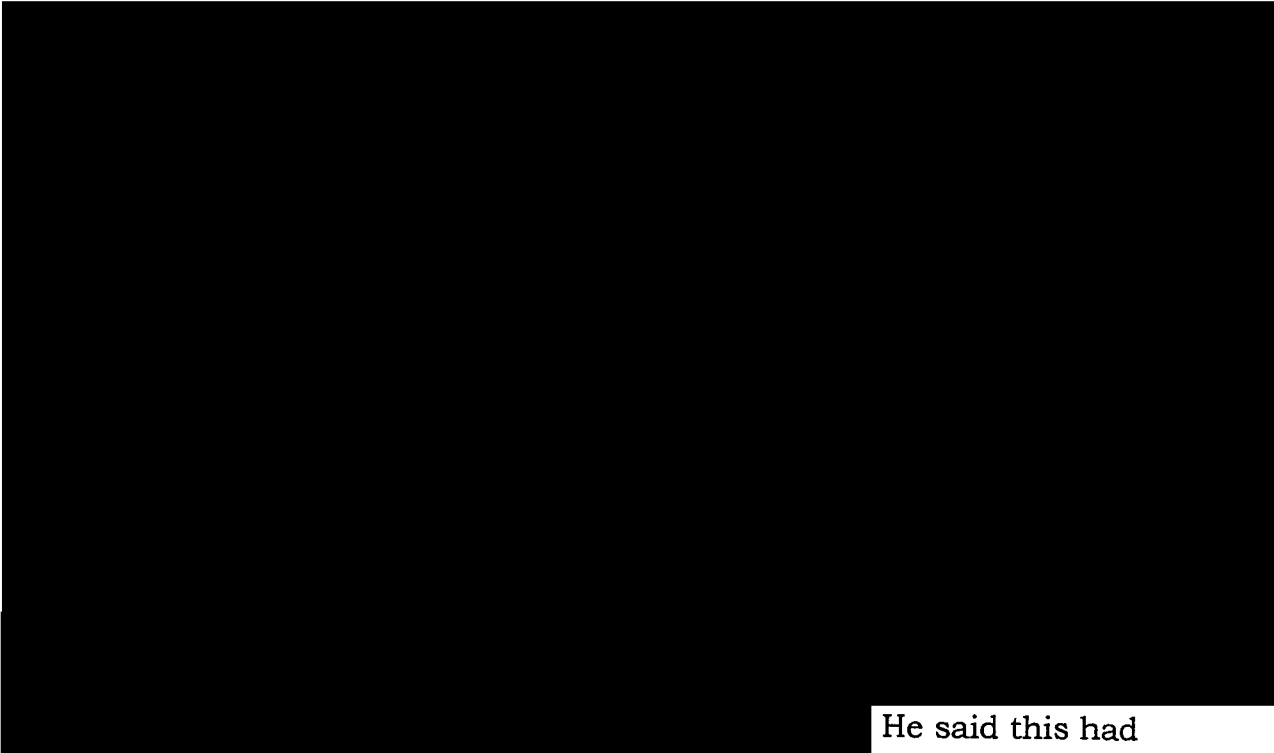
I inquired further about his reaction at the time of the Hamill incident. He said that it was "nothing out of the ordinary". He said that about a week later he started to experience disturbance of his sleep. He said he had dreams and sweating. "I know now it was guilt". He said he asked himself whether he could have could have fired a shot to disperse the crowd.

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He told me he had been in the back of the Landrover at the time of the incident. He saw two fellows lying on the road. One of them was lying in a pool of blood with a broken bottle to one side. I asked him what his

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reaction was at that time and he said "I can't remember having any reaction". P40 told me that, having decided not to intervene, he had not been in severe danger from the crowd. "I don't know what I thought at the time".

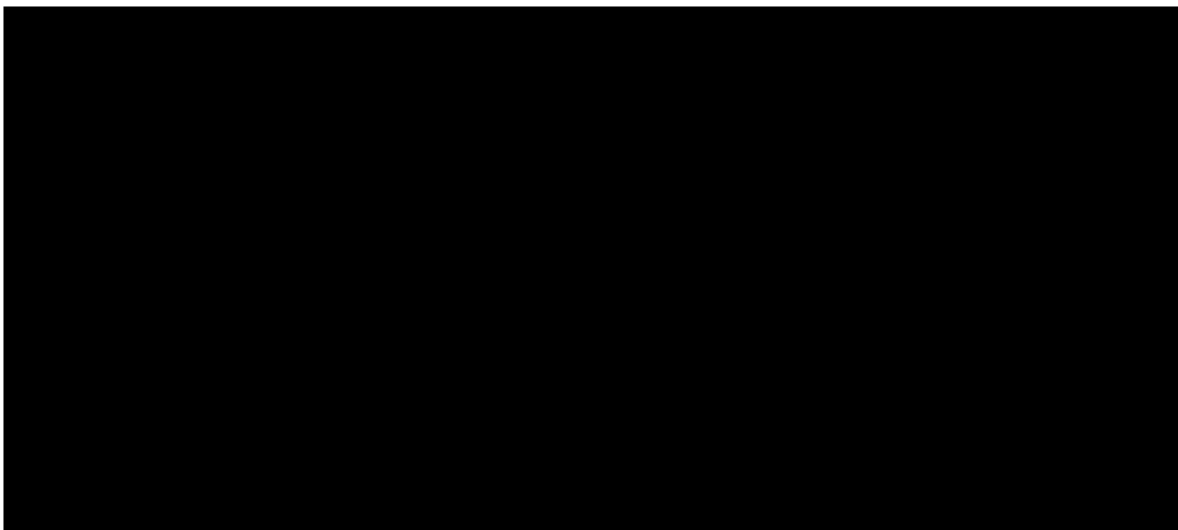


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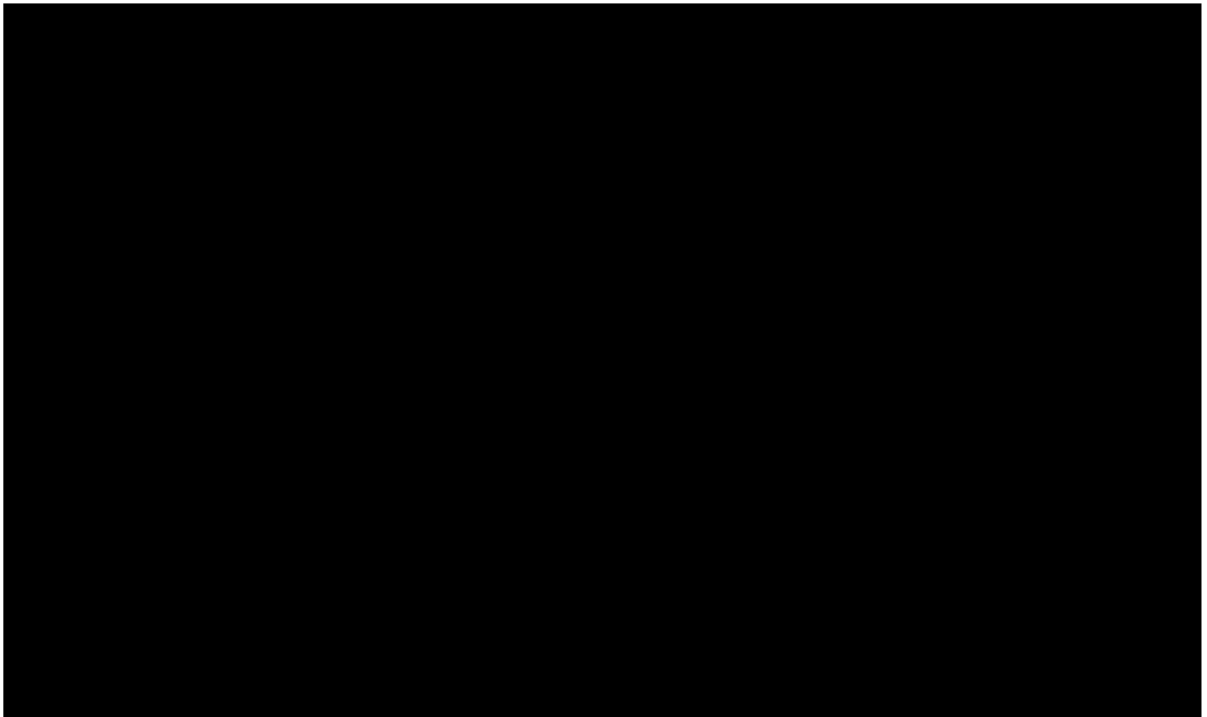
made him realise that he had a decision to make at the time of his involvement in the incident and he decided to save his own life.

**OPINION**

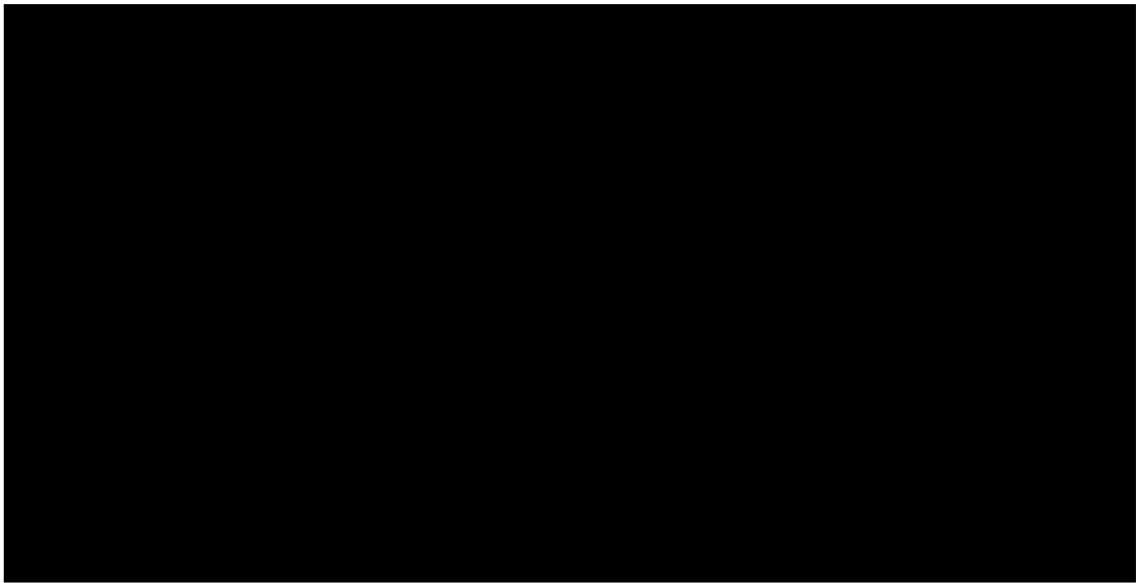
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**DATED ON THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2000**



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