

- (f) Police to issue further media appeal for witnesses?
- (g) IO to explain radio transmissions on file. In particular, the timings against the Tape Counter. Is there a record/transcript of pocket phone communications or is the Tape Counter this record?
- (h) IO to confirm Forms 17/3 have been served.
- (i) IO to secure statement from RUC officer who checked possibility of related video evidence. This statement should highlight exactly what enquiries were made and the outcome.
- (j) Has Alaister Henvey been interviewed in relation to his alleged boast to Tracy Clarke re Reserve Constable Atkinson? What further action is proposed by the IO re this disturbing aspect? In particular, has a record of telephone calls made from Portadown Station on 27/28 April been secured? Has consideration been given to securing a record of telephone calls emanating from Reserve Constable Atkinson's home during the same period?
- (k) Have police yet identified the stocky, short brown haired male in his late thirties wearing dark trousers and a blue/green shirt who apparently pulled at Constable Neill accusing him of taking no action. *We suspect this individual is Colin Hull.*
- (l) IO to accompany Supervising Member to scene of murder.

Recommendation

That we meet D/C Superintendent McBurney and Superintendent Anderson as early as possible week commencing 19 May 1997. In my opinion the IO should be advised the current investigation papers are insufficient for our purposes and that all parties concerned should be reinterviewed. It is during interviews that we can concentrate on issues such as why police did not discharge warning shots, do the officers involved know well any of those arrested or their families, more detailed timings pertaining to the outbreak of trouble and police allegedly debussing the landrover etc. The witness statements secured will concentrate specifically on the conduct of police at the scene.

Your views are awaited.

[Handwritten Signature]
 GREG MULLAN
 15/5/97
 May 1997

18/5/97 Excellent mmmbk. All matters agreed. Monday evening 19/5/97 in adv.



8. FILE NOTE

Confirmed arrangements for meeting 7:00 p.m. on 19/5/97 @ Portadown NCC Station. Telephoned Supt Anderson asking him to attend also.

[Handwritten Signature] 19/5/97

Officially we have only been advised that Ms [REDACTED] is representing Diane Hamill who apparently was not a witness to the incident under investigation. In consequence I see no necessity to seek Ms [REDACTED]'s approval before issuing letters to potential witnesses. However, it may be the case Ms [REDACTED] will claim to represent a number of individuals whereupon the letters issued to her clients should be copied to the solicitor's office for her information. It may be the case Ms [REDACTED] will advise her clients not to co-operate with the supervised enquiry. We must await and see.

In the interim I suggest the IO is directed to make approaches to the following: Tracey Clarke, Stephen Bloomer, Pauline Newell, Tracy McAlpine, Kelly Lavery, Shelly Liggett, Robert Jameson, Kyle Magee, Victoria Clayton, P51 [REDACTED], Michelle Jameson, Lisa Hobson, Jennifer O'Neill, Timothy Jameson, P45 [REDACTED], Simon McNally and P44 [REDACTED]

As I see it, the above are in the main persons on the loyalist side who may be in a position to give us some evidence in relation to the alleged inactivity of police. Witness statements have been secured from a number of these persons during the course of the murder investigation. Nevertheless, they, in my opinion, all require to be interviewed once again and their minds concentrated on the issues subject to our supervised investigation.

On the nationalist side Colin Prunty, Maureen McCoy, D [REDACTED], (albeit he was unconscious during most of the period which concerns us), E [REDACTED] F [REDACTED], Mr Hull and Thomas Mallon should be invited for interview in your presence.

In addition to the above those charged to date ie Dean Forbes, Stacey Bridgett, Wayne Lunt, Rory Robinson, Marc Hobson and Alaister Henvey should also, via their respective solicitors, be invited to tender evidence in relation to the conduct of police at the scene.

No doubt as the enquiry proceeds we may be made aware of additional witnesses who require to be interviewed.

With regard to the four police officers subject of the complaint, I see no valid reason to defer indepth interviews of these members until all witnesses have been seen. In consequence I would favour directing the IO to set up police interviews as soon as practicable.

* Prior to all interviews, we will prepare a list of issues/questions which we would wish the IO to clarify/ask."

Notwithstanding the above, there are a number of points I consider we should raise with D/C Superintendent McBurney:

- (a) What is local police practice re issuing FRGs to mobile landrover patrols?
- (b) Where is SOCO report?
- (c) Reserve Constable Atkinson and Constable Neill admit to using their batons. Where are the related baton reports?
- (d) Have door to door enquiries been made at all flats overlooking Woodhouse Street/Market Street/Thomas Street junctions?
- (e) Have police as yet interviewed Mr Hull. Apart from Mr Hull Thomas Mallon, Colin Prunty, Maureen McCoy, D [REDACTED] E [REDACTED] F [REDACTED], are police aware of any other potential witnesses from the nationalist camp?

20 Questionnaires - Completed by Mark Brown, Lee Stockdale, Noelle Moore, Lisa Hobson, Kenneth Milligan, Michelle Jameson, P51, Robert Jameson, Victoria Clayton, Thomas Mallon, Kyle Magee, Stephen Bloomer, Matthew Bloomer, Rory Robinson.

- * Lisa Hobson observed scuffling in Market Street - no witness statement on file.
- * P51 observed scuffling at junction Thomas Street/Woodhouse Street - no witness statement on file.
- * Thomas Mallon warned police in landrover of potential trouble - no statement on file.
- * Stephen Bloomer observed start of fight before moving off - no witness statement on file.
- * Rory Robinson saw a few scuffles - no statement on file.

L Tape Transcripts

Divisional Channel 19

1.45-02 - first radio transmission from landrover "need back up over in the town".

1.56-57 - JD "We have a fairly serious situation here, he is actually up in the town centre at the moment".

The remaining calls up to 2.01-54 refer to police seeking back up.

M Tape Counter

0200 - Woman Police Constable from landrover requests ambulances to the scene.

348 - from landrover - "Alert all mobiles anyone available there's anything up to 50 people here getting it hard to contain".

Most of the remaining entries refer to police attempting to verify the identity of Wayne Lunt and making enquiries to ensure St Patrick's Hall was cleared of patrons.

N Photographs of scene of disorder
Photographs of body of deceased
Map of Portadown town centre

Conclusion

Although there are a large number of statements on file, they mainly concentrate on the assaults in Market Street and the identification of the parties concerned. I consider the documentation to be totally inadequate for the purpose of our supervised investigation and suggest the following:

The IO must contact [REDACTED] forthwith, advising her it is his intention to approach witnesses identified as being at the scene and asking her to submit any evidence which may assist the investigation.

13 Michelle Jameson - Witness Statement 9.5.97

- (a) Whilst in the company of Heidi Reaney and her boyfriend, Glenn, heard people shouting "Come you fenian bastards". By herself walked towards town centre where she observed a number of people in Market Street between Woodhouse Street and Thomas Street. An RUC landrover was parked adjacent to the Alliance and Leicester But Ms Jameson did not see any police officers on the street.
- (b) People were running around and screaming and it was then she realised a sectarian fight was ongoing. Upon walking towards the crowd she heard bottles breaking and observed a female kneeling over a male who was lying injured. This female was screaming for help and an ambulance. Knelt down beside the injured male who by his breathing sounded "as if he couldn't get any air".
- (c) During this time saw police standing near the landrover on the opposite side of the street. Ms Jameson then left the scene.

14 Sergeant [REDACTED] - Witness Statement 10.5.97

Re interview of Marc Hobson.

15 Paul Hobson - Witness Statement 9.5.97

- (a) With Jonathan Wright was walking towards town centre. Stopped at Church and saw police moving people towards his end of town. Saw body lying in middle of the street with an ambulance nearby.
- (b) Did not see anyone fighting.

16 Desmond Hamill - Witness Statement 8.5.97

On 8.5.97 identified the body of his son Robert.

17 Inspector McCrum - Witness Statement 7.5.97

With Sergeant **P89** arrived at scene of disturbances sometime after 1.50 am. Deployed resources to keep rival sections apart.

18 Sergeant **P89** - Witness Statement 7.5.97

Along similar lines to Inspector McCrum's witness statement.

19 Heidi Reaney - Witness Statement 11.5.97

- (a) At around 1 am on 27.4.97 in the company of Michelle Jameson began walking to Portadown town centre stopping with her boyfriend Glen Mercer en route.
- (b) Miss Reaney would not appear to have witnessed the disorder and she remained with Glen Mercer whilst Michelle Jameson walked on towards the town centre.

6 D - Witness Statement 28.4.97

As he entered Market Street from Thomas Street was attacked. Remembers nothing more until he regained consciousness at hospital.

7 Detective Constables McDowell, [REDACTED] Detective Constable Keys, Constable [REDACTED]

Of minimal value for supervised investigation.

8 David Morrow - Witness Statement 1.5.97

Ambulanceman - At 1.52 am on 27.4.97 received report of incident at Portadown town centre. Arrived at scene at 1.58 am. Saw hostile crowd and two injured persons. Conveyed injured parties to hospital.

9 Constables [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] P34

Re arrest of suspect assailants.

10 Glen Stewart - Witness Statement 8.5.97

Accompanied David Morrow to scene of disturbances. At approximately 2 am arrived at Thomas Street/Market Street junction. Observed two casualties lying on roadway. Rendered first aid to Robert Hamill before the latter was placed in landrover.

11 Kyle Magee

Whilst in company of Victoria Clayton, Jennifer O'Neill, Timothy Jameson and Stephen Bloomer, observed a crowd start fighting at Woodhouse Street/Thomas Street junction. Walked towards 20 persons involved in fracas whereupon he noticed an RUC landrover parked outside the local Alliance and Leicester Building Society. Observed 'a couple of police exit the landrover and walk over to the fight'. Subsequently observed fight and watched the arrival of the ambulance.

12 P45 - Witness Statement 9.5.97

From his flat overlooking junction of Market Street/Thomas Street, observed skirmishes in street below. In particular witnessed 4/5 persons kicking at a person who was lying on the ground apparently unconscious. There was an RUC landrover parked nearby. "There were people near it as the police went towards them they backed off". Witnessed the arrival of a second RUC vehicle and the subsequent arrival of an ambulance which conveyed the injured parties away. "I do recall something like when the police were trying to help the man on the ground some of those around were still trying to kick at him but were pushed away".

K Additional Witness Statements

1 Reserve Constable Murphy - Witness Statement 27.4.97

- (a) On mobile patrol with Constable Cooke and Reserve Constable Warnock.
- (b) Upon arrival at Market Street in response to radio transmission, observed two persons lying on the street being comforted by females. Assisted police to keep rival factions apart. Had baton drawn but did not use it.

2 Constable Orr - Witness Statement 27.4.97

On mobile patrol with Constable A [redacted] 1.47 am responded to radio transmission for assistance. Upon arrival at junction Thomas/Market Street, observed several police vehicles at the scene. Assisted to move back crowd. Directed Reserve Constable Warnock to return to station and sign out an FRG.

3 Constable Godly - Witness Statements 29.4.97 and 9.5.97

Communications Officer, Portadown RUC Station. At 1.47 am on 27.4.97 received radio transmission from Reserve Constable Cornett requesting back up vehicles in town centre. At 1.48 am received radio transmission from Reserve Constable Cornett requesting ambulances to town centre.

4 E [redacted] - Witness Statement 27.4.97

- (a) With her husband, D [redacted] Robert Hamill and her sister F [redacted] left St Patrick's Hall shortly after 1.20 am on 27.4.97. Walked along Thomas Street in direction of Market Street. Observed RUC landrover parked in Market Street facing the bottom of the town.
- (b) Suddenly attacked by 20/30 persons. Robert Hamill and her husband were kicked unconscious. Tried to protect D [redacted] whilst screaming for an ambulance. Spoke to an officer wearing glasses who advised her to put D [redacted] in the recovery position.

5 F [redacted] - Witness Statement 27.4.97

- (a) Observed Robert Hamill falling to ground after being kicked/punched. Assailants continued their violent attack before withdrawing. She attempted to assist Mr Hamill who was heaving difficulty breathing. At this time noticed her sister comforting D [redacted]
- (b) Left Robert Hamill and ran to an RUC landrover parked at entrance to Woodhouse Street. Appealed for help and was told by a small male officer that an ambulance was on its way. 'A few minutes later' an ambulance arrived and conveyed the injured parties to hospital.

F Additional Evidence used in Charging of Randolph Robinson

Constable Adams - Witness Statement 27.4.97

On mobile patrol with Reserve Constable Silcock. At 1.47 am heard radio transmission for assistance. Upon arrival at scene of disturbance some minutes later, observed police attempting to keep rival factions apart. Also saw two persons lying on the ground being attended to by other members of the crowd. Dismounted and assisted police to move crowd.

G Additional Evidence used in Charging of Alaister Henvey

1 Alaister Henvey - Witness Statement 7.5.97

- (a) To the effect that he did not participate in the assaults.
- (b) Between 1.30-2.00 am observed rival factions taunting each other in the vicinity of the Woodhouse/Thomas Street junction. There were approximately 5/7 police on the ground at this time.
- (c) Saw two males lying close to each other in the main street with 3/4 females standing over them. The police had a line across the main street from Thomas Street to Woodhouse Street.
- (d) Did not see the two injured men assaulted but did observe scuffles between rival factions.

2 Reserve Constable Warnock - Witness Statement 27.4.97

Following radio transmission at 1.47 am arrived at junction of Thomas/Market Street at approximately 1.50 am. Assisted police already at scene. On directions of Constable Orr returned to the local station and signed out an FRG. Returned to scene of disorder. Did not use FRG.

H Background Information on Persons charged

Of minimal evidential value for our purposes.

I Dr Crane - Preliminary Pathologist's Report 9.5.97

Principle findings 'Head injury'.

J Related Notebook Extracts

- (a) Constable A - Along similar lines to officer's witness statement of 27.4.97. Nothing of fresh evidential value.
- (b) Reserve Constable Atkinson - Merely records outbreak of violence and injury to two persons. Identifies a number of civilians at scene of disorder.
- (c) Constable Neill - Nothing of fresh evidential value.
- (d) Reserve Constable Cornett - Nothing of fresh evidential value.

1 Colin Prunty - Witness Statement 8.5.97

- (a) Shortly after 1.30 am on 27.4.97 left St Patrick's Hall with Maureen McCoy. Travelled down Thomas Street with the intention of crossing the main road to enter Woodhouse Street. Ahead of him were D [REDACTED] E [REDACTED], Robert Hamill and F [REDACTED]
- (b) Believed everything was safe as observed RUC landrover parked in the main street. Suddenly heard 'get the fenian bastards' whereupon a large crowd ran at the persons ahead of him and dragged Robert Hamill to the ground at the front of the Thomas Street junction. The mob began to violently attack Mr Hamill who appeared unconscious. D [REDACTED] intervened but was put to the ground and violently attacked.
- (c) Mr Prunty also physically intervened but was of little assistance due to the large number of attackers. "By this stage the police had got out of the landrover and were over at the crowd. There were either two policemen and a woman or three policemen and a woman. They ran in to try and stop it".
- (d) Described how one officer grabbed him whilst a second grabbed one of Mr Hamill's assailants and placed him in the rear of a landrover.
- (e) When police became involved most of the mob backed off. During this time a couple of bottles were thrown - one narrowly missing Mr Prunty. Shortly afterwards an ambulance came and took Mr Hamill to hospital.

2 Maureen McCoy - Witness Statement 9.5.97

- (a) Places Mr Hamill, Mr and Mrs DE [REDACTED] and F [REDACTED] behind herself and Colin Prunty as they approach the town end of Thomas Street.
- (b) Saw parked RUC landrover and considered it was safe to cross into Woodhouse Street despite the presence of a crowd.
- (c) Upon approaching the crowd heard shouts of 'fenian bastards'. Was aware persons were being attacked and ran to opposite corner of Thomas Street. Observed crowd kick and punch at their victims. Ran across Market Street towards its junction with Thomas Street. Saw male lying unconscious in the centre of Market Street and gave him assistance. Aware at this time of police officers to her left. Waited with F [REDACTED] and Robert Hamill until arrival of ambulance.

7 Robert Jamison - Witness Statement 9.5.97

- (a) Witnessed approximately 15/20 persons fighting in the middle of the road. Observed an RUC landrover parked facing down the street. Did not see any police get out of it.
- (b) Related individuals involved in fighting.
- (c) Moved away from scene of disorder and upon looking back saw dark coloured police car arrive at scene. Observed three police officers dismount and go into the middle of the fight.
- (d) Police began moving crowd back. At this stage second police car arrived. Identified Reserve Constable Atkinson as getting out of this vehicle carrying an FRG.

D Evidence Assimilated in connection with Charging of Stacey Bridgett

- 1 Statements of Reserve Constables P40 Cornett, Atkinson, Constable Neill and Tracy Clarke are the same as those recorded in connection with the charging of Dean Forbes.
- 2 Constable Cooke - Witness Statement 27.4.97
 - (a) 1.47 am on 27.4.97 whilst on mobile patrol with Reserve Constables Warnock and Murphy, heard urgent radio transmission for assistance.
 - (b) Upon arrival at approximately 1.50 am observed two persons lying on roadway with several RUC officers between them and a hostile crowd.
 - (c) Assisted other police to move back crowd.
- 3 Reserve Constable Silcock - Witness Statement 27.4.97
 - (a) On mobile patrol with Constable Adams.
 - (b) At 1.17? am received radio transmission of disturbance in Portadown.
 - (c) Upon arrival several minutes later saw two males lying on roadway. Observed one of the men who was unconscious and having difficulty breathing. Radioed for ambulance and remained with the injured parties until they were taken to hospital.
 - (d) On several occasions was required to push hostile crowd away from injured parties.

4 Reserve Constable P40 - Witness Statement 27.4.97

- (a) Was in landrover when male approached stating that his friends were coming towards the town centre from St Patrick's Hall. Subsequently heard shouting and observed Constable Neill being pulled by a male who was shouting at him.
- (b) Exited landrover and observed several fights taking place. Approached by a male who he escorted to Woodhouse Street where he physically stopped a second male from joining the fracas.
- (c) Observed two males lying on roadway adjacent to Thomas Street. Made way to Thomas Street and assisted police to move back crowd.
- (d) Ambulance arrived and injured males escorted to hospital.

5 Woman Constable A - Witness Statement 27.4.97

- (a) Whilst on mobile patrol with Constable Orr on 27.4.97 heard radio transmission at approximately 1.47 am by Reserve Constable Cornett requesting assistance at Portadown town centre.
- (b) Upon arrival at scene at approximately 1.55 am noticed two males lying in vicinity of Market Street at its junction with Thomas Street. Assisted other police present during which time she detained Wayne Lunt and proceeded to push crowd back. Mr Lunt was released as it was not practicable to arrest him at the time.

6 Tracy Clarke - Witness Statement 10.5.97

- (a) Observed two persons lying on the street. One of these was surrounded by a number of persons who were kicking him about the head/body and jumping on him.
- (b) Tracy Clarke identified the assailants.
- (c) Observed a number of police behind the crowd that were attacking the persons on the ground. "As far as I could see police were not doing much to stop what was happening. The next thing I remember more police arrived and pushed the crowd back".
- (d) States that she met Alistair Henvey (one of the assailants identified by her) the following evening and he related having being telephoned that morning at 8 am by Reserve Constable Atkinson and advised to get rid of the clothing he was wearing the previous night. According to Ms Clarke, Mr Henvey also told her that Reserve Constable Atkinson was telephoning him every day and updating him about police investigations.

- (c) At this time and without warning Constable Neill was pulled ~~at~~ by a male who said, "You sat there and watched that happen". Constable Neill unaware of what male meant and got out of landrover. Observed verbal exchange between rival groups which suddenly developed into a series of fights. Intervened in one of the fights and extricated male to Woodhouse Street. The male was then punched by another person who was taken by Constable Neill to the landrover. Another fight began adjacent to landrover and Constable Neill separated parties involved. Back up still awaited at this time.
- (d) Observed one body lying in Market Street and one lying at mouth of Thomas Street. Approached both who were being attended by females and observed they were unconscious. Checked person in Market Street who was lying in what he initially believed to be a pool of blood but could see no cuts. This person was breathing (rasping). Realised pool was in fact alcohol. Ensured ambulance had been called and assisted to move crowd up the street. During this time observed a male kick Robert Hamill. Other police arrived and confronted taunting crowd. Situation finally calmed.
- (e) Recalls batoning on the leg a male with a goatee beard who was attacking an individual in a group of persons with whom Reserve Constable Atkinson was involved.

3 Reserve Constable Cornett - Witness Statement 27.4.97

- (a) At entrance to Woodhouse Street landrover stopped. Reserve Constable Cornett opened observer door and was told by a passing male that "my friends are coming down Thomas Street".
- (b) A male approached Constable Neill's door and began shouting at him whereupon all police dismounted the landrover.
- (c) At this time Reserve Constable Cornett observed a number of fights and heard women screaming. The Reserve Constable immediately returned to the landrover and radioed for assistance "as two people had been injured". A female then approached the Reserve Constable screaming abuse whereupon the officer ran over to one of the males to ensure he was breathing. Proceeded to reassure two females present that an ambulance was on its way. Went to second male who was unconscious before returning to landrover where she witnessed a youth struggling with Constable Neill.
- (d) Approached by a distressed female who the Reserve Constable comforted.
- (e) Other police arrived followed by the ambulance which removed injured males from the scene.

- (d) 1.40 am - as landrover moved off Kerb male in his thirties believed to be heading home from St Patrick's Hall, mouthed something as he passed in front of landrover. Two other youths approached this person at mouth of Woodhouse Street and words were exchanged. Reserve Constable Cornett opened landrover door and told two youths to go home.
- (e) Aware of commotion behind landrover. Suddenly Constable Neill pulled from landrover. Debussed and observed male in an altercation with Constable Neill. Became aware of verbal exchange between 10-12 Catholics and loyalist crowd. Without warning 3/4 scuffles developed whereupon Reserve Constable Cornett radioed for assistance. Moved to Market Square and extricated a male who was being attacked. Attacked by bottles. At this time became aware of one body lying in Market Street and a second at the junction of Thomas Street/Market Street. Kept crowd back using his baton whilst Constable Neill checked the injured parties who were also being assisted by a number of females.
- (f) Loyalist crowd continued in their attack on both police and Catholics. Constable Neill pulled one person from crowd and Reserve Constable Atkinson accompanied the pair to the nearby landrover. At landrover the Reserve Constable was confronted by male in his thirties and a struggle ensued. During this time the Reserve Constable observed three youths jumping on the head of the body lying in Market Street. Immediately went to the assistance of this person and remained there until arrival of other police. Throughout confronted by belligerent loyalists and was required to use baton against Rory Robinson.
- (g) Estimates it took ambulance 10-15 minutes to arrive and it remained at scene for further 15 minutes. "Incident lasted approximately one hour before peace was restored".

2 Constable Neill - Witness Statement 27.4.97

- (a) In the process of moving landrover from Market Street to High Street a male in his thirties mouthed at police. When Reserve Constable Cornett opened door this male warned of a crowd coming down Thomas Street from St Patrick's Hall.
- (b) Two youths, one of who was Stacey Bridgett, confronted the male and were told by Reserve Constable Cornett to move on. Two males proceeded to approach landrover and speak to Reserve Constable Cornett.

Conclusion

From reading the RUC sequence of events one would have difficulty in finding fault with the actions of police at the scene. This police version portrays a picture of outnumbered RUC officers being overwhelmed by the extent of the disturbances yet, nevertheless, doing everything possible to restore disorder.

On the surface one may conclude as above but further analysis raises important issues which must be addressed. For example,

- (i) Having prior knowledge of the potential for serious confrontation, why did the crew remain in the landrover?
- (ii) Why did the landrover crew not task reinforcements in the expectation of likely disorder rather than wait until same occurred?
- (iii) Was the landrover equipped with an FRG and, if so, why was it not used to disperse the attacking mob?
- (iv) Why was the RUC landrover positioned in Market Street in the first instance? Was it a routine patrol or was trouble expected?
- (v) Was consideration given to discharging warning shots?

I do not propose to elaborate on the above at this juncture bearing in mind that explanations may be contained in documentation yet to be summarised/analysed. Nevertheless, I consider it important that at an early juncture we have uppermost in our minds the questions that the public at large are demanding to be answered.

B Internal RUC Messages

Refers to police moving in to restore order, the injuries sustained by D/Robert Hamill, the death of Robert Hamill and the subsequent arrests.

At this juncture I do not consider there is anything in the Internal RUC Messages which is significantly important from an evidential viewpoint.

C Evidence Assimilation in connection with charging of Dean Forbes (Key Points)

- 1 Reserve Constable Atkinson - Witness Statement 27.4.97
 - (a) Details Public Order duties in Portadown town centre during early hours of 27.4.97.
 - (b) Other crew members Constable Neill (driver), Reserve Constable Cornett (observer), Reserve Constable P40
 - (c) 1.30 am - parked in layby at Market Street/Woodhouse Street junction. At this time several small groups of people were making their way from Bridge Street to town centre. At this time all quiet.

Further to minute 4, please see attached folder delivered to the Commission at 3.10 pm on 13 May 1997.

According to D/C Superintendent McBurney, the folder contains all documentary items assimilated by him to date during the course of his investigation. A brief summary of the fresh evidential papers now to hand is as follows:

A Sequence of Events

As I see it, the most salient points to arise from this RUC version of events is as follows:

- (a) Prior to disorder breaking out at around 1.40 am on 27 April 1997, the crew of the RUC landrover at the scene were aware of the potential for conflict with the convergence of Catholic/Protestant groups in the vicinity of Market Street.
- (b) Landrover crew intervened when Stacey Bridgett and Dean Forbes confronted Tom Mallon. At this time police remained in landrover.
- (c) Upon being made aware by an unknown male, possibly Colin Hull, that a fight was in progress and upon hearing screams, police officers debus.
- (d) Several separate fights broke out and Constables Neill, P40 and Atkinson physically intervene extracting Colin Prunty from the crowd.
- (e) Constable Neill restrains Mr Prunty's attacker and brings him to landrover but a fight develops leading to the assailant escaping.
- (f) RUC landrover comes under missile attack by loyalist youths.
- (g) Police observe D [REDACTED] Robert Hamill lying on the roadway being attended by E [REDACTED] F [REDACTED] and Maureen McCoy. Police assist and attempt to separate loyalist crowd from injured parties. Constable A [REDACTED] also assists and Reserve Constable Warnock is also present at the scene.
- (h) Whilst dealing with an aggressive Colin Hull, Reserve Constable Atkinson observes three unknown males jump on the head of deceased. Reserve Constable Atkinson goes to assistance of deceased.
- (i) Reserve Constable Atkinson batons Rory Robinson as the latter attempted to break through police lines. Mr Robinson had been observed by witnesses assaulting the deceased.
- (j) Constable Neill batons Marc Hobson on the leg.
- (k) Police attempt to push back loyalist crowd and identify several of those involved. Reserve Constable Silcock assists to push back crowd.
- (l) 1.58 am - ambulance arrives and conveys D [REDACTED] Colin Hull and Robert Hamill to hospital.
- (m) Police push loyalist crowd into West Street.