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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM ALEXANDER RONALD McCAREY

DATED THIS *22nd* DAY OF *July* 2009

I, WILLIAM ALEXANDER RONALD McCAREY, Assistant Director of the Public Prosecution Service, declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence at the Inquiry I will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

1. Between 1997 and 1999 I was a senior legal assistant and my role was to consider files submitted to the Director by police as to whether to prosecute or not.
2. On 30 October 1997 I attended a consultation with Gordon Kerr QC, representatives of the police and the witness Colin Prunty. A copy of my note of consultation is now produced and shown to me containing page numbers **18062 – 18063**. I didn't deal with the murder investigation as I was concerned primarily with a different investigation; the neglect of duty allegation. I don't recall why I attended that consultation and can't even speculate.
3. I have been asked whether I was aware of statements from other witnesses who identified Wayne Lunt as the man in the Rangers scarf. I did not deal with the file into the murder of Robert Hamill as such but looking at my note of July 1999 it does seem that I considered there were persons identified in the area at the time of the incident. I was not, however, focusing on that at the time as I was looking at a different investigation file.

4. I produced a report in July 1999 on the neglect of duty case. It also dealt with the allegation that Robert Atkinson had tipped-off Hanvey. I concluded, on the basis of the file presented to the DPP, that there should be no prosecutions. That report begins at page **19243**.

SIGNED:

W.A.L. Leary

DATED:

22 July 2009