

4. At a later stage I was asked to consider a file against the police and to consider their position in relation to any criminal liability, particularly in relation to the offence of unlawful neglect of duty. This related to the four police officers in the Landrover.
5. I was asked to consult with a number of specified witnesses in this case to assess their evidence and give opinion. Counsel rules in Northern Ireland would be that I should not consult with a witness without an attending solicitor, and that requirement was fulfilled by the DPP officer. At this time, I certainly had received the police file, but whether or not it was complete at that stage I do not know. It is not unusual for further statements to come to light during the course of an investigation.
6. I had consultations with four witnesses. They were Jonathan Wright, Witness A, Witness B, and Colin Prunty. I cannot fully recollect who instructed me on that particular matter but a handwritten report produced and shown to me at **28455** suggests I was instructed by Mr Roger Davison. I saw Colin Prunty with both Mr McCarey and Mr Kitson on separate occasions. It was primarily the DPP who determined who should be present at those meetings but on one or two occasions I may have looked at a witness's statement and said that I thought that there should be a consultation with that witness.
7. I consulted with Jonathan Wright on 17 October 1997. The purpose of the consultation was to assess his credibility as a witness and the reliability of his statements. I can see from my advice at page **28339** that Mr Roger Davison was in attendance but I cannot recall who else was there and I have not recorded it. I have been shown Mr Roger Davison's note of the consultation which refers to Detective Sergeant Bradley and Detective Superintendent Cooke being present. That note is produced and shown to me containing the page numbers **17591 to 17592**.
8. The presence of DSupt. Cooke suggests to me that this was being handled as a high profile case and it was considered appropriate for a senior officer to be present.