



60. Following my Inquiry interview one matter occurred to me which concerned Mr [REDACTED] I was a Police Prosecutor in the Magistrate's Courts when I was stationed in Cookstown and Omagh and Mr [REDACTED] acted for many defendants. I got to know him well and we had constant robust exchanges in the hearing of cases. He was forthright, honest and professional in every way. Mr [REDACTED] was one of the most honourable men I have ever known. It could be said of him without reservation that his word was his bond.
61. At some time shortly after I became aware of the allegation that R/Constable Atkinson may have acted improperly following the Hamill incident, I telephoned Mr [REDACTED] to his office to confirm that he was aware of the allegation and that it would be included in his remit of the supervision of the investigation. I did so simply to ensure that there was full disclosure of information to those who had a need to know it and proper co-ordination between agencies. I cannot remember the exact date or time of the telephone call which was quite short. I outlined to Mr [REDACTED] the nature of the allegation which had been made and the reasons for my call. I cannot recall if he already knew of the allegation but simply said something to the effect that you never know what comes up in an investigation, we will see what the evidence is. I did not ask for any other reaction or opinion – I was simply relaying information and double checking on process.
62. The possible significance of this call only came to mind after interview and when I was reading the transcript. If I had realised the possible significance I would have mentioned it during my interview but did so afterwards to ensure full clarity of my action and purpose. I contacted my solicitor and reduced this recollection into writing on the 28 September 2007 [page 74272]; I now incorporate it into this statement.

SIGNED:  .....

ROBERT FREDERICK HALL

Dated:  .....