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(Reconvened at 1:30 p.m.)
COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Good afternoon. ALL COUNSEL: Good afternoon.

COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Mr. Tallis.
CALVIN FORRESTER TALLIS, continued:
BY MR. HODSON:
Good afternoon, Mr. Tallis. When we adjourned I guess nine or ten days ago we were just dealing with, the subject matter we left off on was the Section 690 proceedings, but $I$ just want to go back to one document. You will recall that $I$ asked you a number of questions and went through some materials from the police reports, and some materials, and I asked you the question that whether or not, if you would have received this information or document, whether you would have done anything with it in connection with your defence of Mr. Milgaard. And there was one document $I$ neglected to put to you. If we could call up 006799. And
this is a document that has been called many things, $I$ think the 'script document' is what it has been most commonly referred to, it's a five-page document. The evidence that we have
heard in the Inquiry is that it was believed to have been prepared by Raymond Mackie in late April/early May of 1969, and he testified that it was his thoughts or theories or notes. And if we can go to the fifth page -- and you have had a chance to review this document recently, Mr. Tallis?

Umm, yes, you showed it to me this morning. Yeah.

And $I$ think that it was included in material that you had asked me to read some time ago.

And did you receive a copy of this as part of your disclosure back in 1969 or ' 70 ?

No, I did not.
And can you tell us, if the information in this document or the document in itself, can you tell us what, if anything, you would have done with the information or the document in preparation for the defence of Mr. Milgaard?

Well, $I$ can speak in general terms. First of all it's my view that it would have assisted me, and secondly of course, if there had been a voir dire with respect to the Section 9(2) application and the circumstances under which that statement was given, this certainly would have furnished a great
deal of background information dealing with potential circumstances that might have been dealt with on that voir dire, if one had been held. Secondly, it was the type of information that $I$ was hoping to get in my interview of Mr. Roberts, because I was aware of the polygraph, but as I indicated to you the other day, I was not able to get any real assistance from him in terms of background information and so forth.

And I think you --
I don't know whether that answers it -Yeah.
-- in a sufficiently comprehensive way or not.
And I think you told us, when we were talking about the Section 9 sub (2) procedure, that if there had been a voir dire, that you would have expected Mr. Roberts, Mr. Mackie, and perhaps some other officers to be called in the absence of the jury so that you could probe the circumstances under which Nichol John's statement arose; is that fair?

Yes.
And so, in connection with the evidence you gave on that subject matter, I believe what you are
telling us that a document of this nature would have been of assistance to you in that endeavour?

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Well looking at it in retrospect it would have been helpful, in my view, if $I$ had had it when $I$ was talking to Mr. Roberts. I've already indicated to you I had serious doubts about whether he was being forthcoming and cooperative, and this at least would indicate to me that there was much more background than what he disclosed to me.

If we can now go to document 333222. I just want to go over, and we dealt with this document on our last sitting day and we got sort of part-way through trying to identify the dates and times that you met with Mr. Williams and the documents that were prepared, so I'm just going to quickly go through some of the documents we already touched on to see if we can put this in a better
time frame. And this is the starting document of October 23rd, 1989, and it looks as though there would have been a telephone discussion with you and Mr. Williams, and I think you told us last sittings that that would have happened. If we can then go to 157030, and we touched on this as well, and this is Mr. Williams' letter to you of October 23, 1989, confirms the discussion of October 19th, '89, which $I$ think you told us you don't dispute happened on that date, and then as well this is when you got the waiver signed by Mr. Milgaard which, if we can go to 157032 , we brought that up as well.

And then if we go to 333324 .
And, again, $I$ think we went through this document and I'll just bring it up. And this is an October 31, 1989 memorandum from Eugene Williams to his file, and it appears to confirm a meeting for November 6, 1989 at the courthouse. And I think when we look at the other documents, Mr. Tallis, that it appears that there was an initial perhaps brief meeting with Mr. Williams in person, followed up by some written questions, and then a further in-depth interview; does that sound correct?

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Yes, that sounds correct to me, although I don't have specific recollection of the dates and, necessarily, the sequence, but $I$ think you've developed a sequence and $I$ do not disagree with that --

So --
-- sequence.
-- it would appear that there would be a fairly brief initial meeting with Mr. Williams; do you have a recollection of that?

My recollection of that first meeting is that it was quite short, $I$ couldn't give you the number of minutes now, but $I$ think that it was just sort of an introductory type of meeting and indicating that -- what you have mentioned about questions, and so on, that would be forwarded.

Then if we can go to 157044 . And, again, this is February 23 rd from Mr. MacFarlane, of ' 90 , to you. And, again, $I$ think we've dealt with this, it just confirms the undertaking to receive your responses to questions, and I think we touched on that.

And if we can go to 335388 --
just try and do this chronologically -- and go to page 390, I think you identified for us these would be the two pages of questions that were sent
out for you to consider; is that correct? .

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Then if we go to 335388, and I think this is the document where we left off last day, March 27th, 1990, and it talks about a meeting on March 21, I think it says '1969', presumably that should be '1990'. And so it would appear, Mr. Tallis, that Mr. Williams met with you to go over your answers to those questions and interview you; is that fair?

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Q No it was not, as far as I knew, -Yeah. -- and $I$ certainly was not taping it or recording

And I think Mr. Williams made notes of the discussion that were later forwarded to you; is that correct?

Yes. Now I don't recall the letter that he sent to me, but $I$ certainly do recall receiving from Mr. MacFarlane the memorandum that had passed between Mr. Williams and Mr. MacFarlane, and so that's the one that $I$ am quite sure that $I$ read over and used as sort of the working paper for when $I$ met with Mr. Wolch.

So on March 21, 1990, that appears then to be the date that you had your meeting with Mr. Williams; prior to that time had you met with either Mr. Wolch or Mr. Asper to discuss the defence of David Milgaard?

I don't think I had. I've, I know that you've asked me about that, and $I$ don't think $I$ had a meeting before that.

If we could then go to 335386 .
COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: That's prior to
March 21, '89?
MR. HODSON: 1990, yes, prior to the meeting with Mr. Williams. It says '1969' -COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Yes. MR. HODSON: -- but $I$ think the meeting was

March 21 of 1990.
COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: So it means 1990 instead of '69?

MR. HODSON: Yes.
BY MR. HODSON:
Is that -- I'm referring to the document -Yes, yes.

COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: And your answer, sir, was that you had not met either Mr. Wolch or Mr. Asper respecting your defence?

Not before that date.
COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Okay, thanks.
BY MR. HODSON:
If we can go to 335 -- oh, sorry -- 386 . This is
the May 11th, 1990 memo from Mr. Williams to Mr.
MacFarlane, and it summarizes in the second paragraph the meeting that Mr. Williams had with you on March 21, 1990. And I think you have had a chance to go through this previously Mr. Tallis, is that right, this memorandum, and I think you told us that this was given to you prior to testifying at the Supreme Court; is that correct? Oh yes, yes.

Okay. And are you able to say that it would accurately set out what you, some of what you
would have provided to Mr. Williams?
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Umm, yes. I think that when Mr. MacFarlane phoned me and asked if $I$ had received it, and this I think was partly as a result of Mr. Wolch having contacted him, I indicated that certain details had to be fleshed out but that, that it was, it was not all of the conversation but hit significant points of it.

And, as far as this memorandum, was there anything in this memorandum that was incorrect or improperly stated? And, if you like, I can go through it with you.

No, I don't think so, other than that there are some things that, umm, should be added. If we can maybe just go to the second page. And, again, these are Mr. Williams' words and gets into the issue of testifying:
"At this juncture $I$ suggested to his Lordship that his client was facing a substantial circumstantial case and wondered why Milgaard didn't take the stand. His Lordship indicated that Milgaard was reluctant to be cross-examined. Among the factors that were considered was the knowledge that

Milgaard would provide damaging admissions."

And, again, is that -- would you agree with that as a summary of what you would have told him?

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$Q$ Yes, that was a significant part of it, but I'm sure it was discussed in more detail than that, but --

And a fair --
-- we've gone into it earlier in these proceedings and $I$ don't want to be repetitious.

So generally, what you told this Commission of Inquiry, would you have told similar things to Mr. Williams?

Yes. I can't, you know, say precisely word for word, but the 'damaging admissions', I know that was in connection with the stopping of the lady and the additional motive of maybe looking her over for purse-snatching or robbing.

And then the memo goes on to say:
"Secondly, Mr. Milgaard appeared to him
to be vague in dealing with the issues
that would be covered during his
testimony. For example, Milgaard did not explain why he threw the compact out of the car window. Nor did he respond
to the question "where did it come from?" Thirdly, Mr. Milgaard's denials were lukewarm. These denials were not characterized by the outrage and the vehemence that one would expect from someone confronting an unjust accusation. For example, Milgaard denied saying anything to Wilson in the Calgary bus station. The words attributed to Milgaard were tantamount to a confession."

And, again, would that be an accurate summary, subject to your earlier qualifications, of what you would have told him?

Well, may -- a portion of that, obviously, is Mr. Wilson's impressions --

Williams?
A -- Williams' impressions. For example the words "I don't know" in response to certain questions, he clearly interpreted that, in my view, as a lukewarm response, or the denials, but -Q Would those be his words as opposed to your words?

A That's right. I mean:
"The words attributed to Milgaard were tantamount to a confession.",
those are not my words. But this, I recognize, is a report that he made to someone else, this was an interoffice memorandum.

If we can go again, so $I$ think March $23 r d, 1990$, the next document is 335401 . So we're now jumping ahead about a year and a half, December 18th, 1991, and in late November 1991 the Minister of Justice ordered a reference to the Supreme Court which started in January of 1992. And I'll go through this letter and some subsequent correspondence but, before $I$ do, can you tell us whether, after your meeting with Mr. Williams on March $23 r d$-- pardon me -- March 21st, 1990, do you recall meeting with either Hersh Wolch or David Asper?

Well, there came a time where $I$ had a meeting with Mr. Wolch and Mr. Asper and I think that was subsequent -- I'm quite sure that was subsequent to the meeting with Mr. Williams, but prior to -yes, I'm getting this mixed. It was subsequent to the meeting with Mr. Williams and then later on $I$ met with Mr. Wolch alone, he came to Regina, and that meeting in my recollection was longer than the meeting $I$ had with Mr. Asper and Mr. Wolch. Okay. And let's just talk about the second
meeting with Mr. Wolch alone. Do you recall if
that was around the time of the Supreme Court reference or the month or two prior?

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Yes, I think that would be a fair characterization of it because before meeting with Mr. Wolch I think that he had pressed Mr. MacFarlane or somebody in Ottawa to make available to me the memorandum, which I did, and when I met with Mr. Wolch I had it --
$Q$ okay.

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So the meeting then between March 21,1990 and, let's say, January, 1992, you had one meeting with Mr. Wolch and Mr. Asper; is that correct?

A Yes.
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And do you recall how long that meeting was and what was discussed?

No, I don't recall how long it was except my recollection is that it didn't seem like a very long meeting, at least comparing it with the meeting that $I$ had with Mr. Wolch later on.

Okay. What about your meeting with Mr. Williams as far as the time, was it a longer meeting, shorter meeting?

Oh, it would be quite a bit shorter than the meeting I had with Mr. Wolch.

I'm sorry, with Mr. Williams?
No, the meeting I had with Mr. Williams was quite a bit shorter than the one that $I$ had with Mr. Wolch.

COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: The last one, sir?

A The last one, yes.

BY MR. HODSON:
Okay. And so the meeting with Mr. Wolch and Mr. Asper I think you said was -- do you recall what was discussed at that?

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Well, just in general terms we discussed $I$ think aspects of the steps that were being taken to exonerate him, but as far as all the details, I
wouldn't be able to recall them now.
Are you able to tell us whether there would have been a discussion about what David Milgaard told you had happened on January 30 and 31, 1969?

I think there probably was in general terms, but $I$ also at that time, $I$ think $I$ made it clear that in order to flesh things out, I would have to read not only the case, that is, the reasons for judgment at the Court of Appeal, and I may have had them there, as well as any other documentation. At that time $I$ think $I$ still hoped that maybe my file or some aspects of my file would be located.

Q And were you prepared to review the transcript of the trial if requested to do so?

Yes. I wasn't requested to do so at that time and --

If we can go back to this document then. I think -- maybe we'll just go through this, and it's a letter from Mr. Wolch to Mr. MacFarlane and at this time the Supreme Court reference has been set and this letter deals with the release of your interview, and you recall an earlier document, Federal Justice gave an undertaking to you not to disclose the contents of your interview and I
think you told us last sitting that that was at their request or was that at your request that this undertaking was provided?

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I didn't ask for it, but $I$ think it was something that they were doing at the time.

So he says:
"You will recall at our last meeting that Mr. Williams indicated that Justice Tallis had placed restrictions on the release of the interview. Mr. Justice Tallis informs me that he felt that it was a very qualified release of privilege only authorizing him to be interviewed and not to be released beyond that. Mr. Justice Tallis indicated to me by telephone that he felt the privilege in this matter was Mr. Milgaard's to release if he so deemed appropriate. He further indicated that his interview was one in which his comments were perhaps summarized and he was not asked to verify the accuracy of the notes taken. He expressed a view that if in fact there was to be any release of privilege
he would appreciate having the summary sent to him so that he may determine its accuracy and make corrections if
necessary."
Again, are you able to tell us whether that would be a fair summary of your position as communicated to Mr. Wolch?

Yes, I think $I$ was very -- I was obviously very concerned about solicitor/client privilege and that was something that $I$ viewed as very important because it was David's privilege, it wasn't mine as far as $I$ was concerned.

Okay. And I think we --
And if it goes into the public domain without waiver of solicitor/client privilege, I didn't think that would be the right way to do it.

Okay. Now, we had shown last day the waiver that was provided to you by Mr. Milgaard. Was that -did that provide you with sufficient comfort or did you still have concerns?

Well, $I$ think that for the purposes of giving evidence at the Supreme Court, my recollection is that a waiver was actually filed -Okay.
-- the morning $I$ was giving evidence. I don't
recall the language of it now, but $I$ had not up to that time seen an actual waiver with respect to testimony before the Supreme Court of Canada. If we could call up 335402, and this is December 30, 1991, this is from Mr. Williams to you, and again refers to Mr. Wolch's letter and the comments attributed to you, that you may be prepared to release the undertaking, and:
"This release is subject to your verification of a summary that $I$ prepared of our conversation. A copy of my summary that covered a portion of our discussion accompanies this letter. Other notes that I made of our conversation were not transcribed or summarized elsewhere.

If after reviewing the summary, there are clarifications that are necessary, please advise."

And then about the undertaking. If you go to the next page:
"Accompanying this letter are copies of Mr. MacFarlane's letter to you dated February 23, 1990 ..."

Which I showed you, and as well the May 11th,

1990, and maybe we'll just call that up, 335386, and this is in fact the summary that Mr. Williams provided you, correct, and asked you to review?

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Okay. Then if we can go ahead to 157236 and go to page 238 , and again this is Mr. Wolch's letter to Mr. MacFarlane -- or to Mr. Williams, he's copied you, it talks about the privilege being released and he says:
"We would strongly suggest that if Justice Tallis approves of the notes of the interview that you immediately forward same to us so we can determine whether or not David Milgaard will release privilege in a general sense. We would also ask you to forward to us copies of any other notes taken from your interview with Justice Tallis and we would undertake that if we are going to release privilege that we would not do so without confirming their accuracy
with Mr. Justice Tallis first." And again, $I$ 'm not sure, this was just copied to you, Mr. Tallis. Do you remember anything specific about what's discussed in this letter?

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A Well, I thought there might be an argument made that the waiver given for the purpose of talking to Mr. Williams was a limited waiver and I know that $I$ wanted to be sure that there was a waiver of solicitor/client privilege with respect to testimony at the Supreme Court level. In my opinion, $I$ viewed the privilege as being David's privilege and it was not something that $I$ could waive, it was something that he would have to waive if he was going to with the advice of counsel and, as $I$ mentioned earlier, my
recollection is that the formal written waiver was actually filed during the proceedings in the Supreme Court and I think right at the very opening I mentioned $I$ had not seen a copy of it. Okay.

And so one was made for me right then and there. Would it be fair to say that your concern at the time, Mr. Tallis, was that in the event that you were going to give evidence, or even talk about what David Milgaard discussed with you, you wanted to be sure that privilege had been properly waived by Mr. Milgaard; is that fair?

Yeah, that's a fair summary.
And as far as the decision as to whether or not privilege should be waived any further than it was, or retracted or whatever, that that would be a subject matter that David Milgaard and his counsel at the time would be dealing with as opposed to you; is that fair? That's correct.

And do you recall being advised of any concern by Mr. Wolch about David Milgaard waiving the privilege in a general sense for the purposes of your giving evidence at the Supreme Court?

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I think during our interview he indicated that he
probably would waive the privilege, but of course that's an indication to me that he would have to get instructions from his client.

Okay. So then if we can go to 158496, and I think you told us, Mr. Tallis, already that during this time you did not read the newspapers nor follow in the media what was happening with this case; is that correct?

No, I didn't.
And so would it be fair to say that based on discussions with either Mr. Williams, Mr. Fainstein or Mr. Wolch, you would have been generally aware that a reference was going to be held and that you may need to give evidence at that reference; is that fair?

That's correct.
So here's a letter of January 4th, '92 from Mr. Wolch to Chief Justice Lamer.

COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: 14th I believe.
BY MR. HODSON:
I'm sorry, January 14th, 1992, and it's talking about what witnesses are going to be called, and if we can go to 158498, and what Mr. Wolch writes here:
"In connection with David's evidence,

Mr. Fainstein advised that the Court may be interested in hearing from Mr. Justice Tallis. David has indicated a willingness to waive privilege, and with that in mind, we attended in Regina last weekend to meet with Justice

Tallis. We understand Justice Tallis
does not have his files, although he has searched for same, and he indicated to the writer that he has been deliberately avoiding the publicity and emerging evidence in order to keep his memory as unaffected by recent developments as possible."

Let me just pause there. I take it from this that it would have been in early January that you had the meeting with Mr. Wolch, '92?

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I think that's correct.
Then he goes on to say:
"Justice Tallis expressed certain
concerns, and in particular felt that
the sanctity of solicitor/client
privilege is so important, he was
concerned that the public would be given
the wrong impression. He was clear that
the privilege belonged to David, and if it was to be waived, it should be as objectively and fairly done as possible."

Would that be a fair summary of what you would have communicated to Mr. Wolch? And then it says:
"Accordingly, His Lordship suggested, and we agreed that the information His Lordship would put before the Court
testify or provide a statement for the
Court's purposes. His Lordship was
concerned that a statement would be
interpreted as perhaps what he selected
to put before the Court, or if it was
pursuant to an interview as to what the
interviewer chose to select."
And again, would that have been something you
would have told Mr. Wolch?
It certainly sounds like the position $I$ would have
taken. I don't recall it specifically, but I
would think that's an accurate statement.
And then it says:
"Accordingly, His Lordship suggested,
and we agreed that the information His
Lordship would put before the Court
should be in answer to what the Court
feels is important."
Is that accurate?
Well, yes, $I$ think that's stating the obvious.
"Previously Justice Tallis was
interviewed by a Federal Department of Justice official, and notes were made of this interview and provided to the Minister. We were never shown a copy of the notes. Justice Tallis could peruse those notes and see if they reflect what he said, and presumably get them to confirm with his memory.

Our attendance on Justice
Tallis last weekend was on the urging of the Department of Justice, and we do confirm that our client's instructions are that we are willing to waive privilege, but we certainly require further guidance in this area."

And again, you had mentioned -- the memorandum from Mr. MacFarlane, or $I$ think it's the memorandum from Eugene Williams to Mr. MacFarlane of May 11, 1990 --

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-- that summarized in Mr. Williams' words what was discussed at your interview?

Yes.
Was that document, that memorandum, would you have shown that to Mr. Wolch at your meeting in early January, 1992?

Yes, at the last meeting I had with Mr. Wolch in Regina $I$ had that document and that was sort of $a$ working script and $I$ actually put some notes on it and he asked if he could see it, so I invited him to come around and look over my shoulder at my desk.

And would you have shared with Mr. Wolch at that meeting the same type of information that you had shared with Mr. Williams back in March of 1990? Yes, I think it was fleshed out in more detail with Mr. Wolch.

If we could then go to 153531 , and again this is a letter from Mr. Wolch to you. The Supreme Court reference has started, but you have not testified yet, and here's where Mr. Wolch advises you:
"... that David Milgaard is prepared to waive privilege in order to assist the Supreme Court in arriving to a just conclusion."

And I think in fact a waiver was filed with the Court.
"I do share your concern that the public not be misled into believing that solicitor/client privilege is not sacred and that what is happening here is the norm."

Would that have been a concern that you expressed?

Yes. I had always thought that solicitor/client privilege was sacrosanct unless waived by the client.

And then he says:
"Accordingly, David's position is that questions by the Supreme Court should be answered but the privilege is waived for that purpose and not to allow other parties to fish for what they think might advance their case."

And do you have any recollection of this subject matter coming up, Mr. Tallis, about who would question you at the supreme court reference and any views you had on the subject matter?

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Well, the one thing that $I$ recall in either speaking to Mr. MacFarlane or Mr. Fainstein was
that they had somehow or other had got the impression that my position was that $I$ would only be questioned by the Chief Justice of the Court. This was news to me. I was quite appalled at the suggestion and $I$ indicated to whichever one I spoke to that that had never been my position and I asked that steps be taken to dispel that notion. Did you in your discussions with either Mr. Fainstein or Mr. MacFarlane, did they advise you where they got that information from?

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No, and I didn't ask.
And are you able to tell us whether that's something that they believed had come from you, that it was your request?

I can't tell you what they believed, but they certainly had taken it seriously.

Let me --
Because whoever it was that spoke to me raised it with me.

Did they attribute, though, this request as being your request?

That was the implication I got.
Okay.
But, you know, I may have misread their comments, but $I$ certainly had that sense, and that's why I
asked them, or asked whichever one $I$ spoke to to take steps to dispel that notion.
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And would it be fair to say, as you stated earlier, Mr. Tallis, that your concern about whether there was a waiver or a limited waiver or the extent of the limited waiver was not whether it should or should not be granted, but whether you were able to testify; in other words, whether

And $I$ think that was resolved at that time with the document being filed.
a proper waiver was given?
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$Q$ That's right.

I wonder if we can go to 117085, and this is a March 2nd, 1992 letter from Mr. Wolch to Robert Frater, Department of Justice, and I think Mr. Frater was one of the justice lawyers assisting with the reference and the calling of witnesses, etcetera, and in this letter he states:
"Justice Tallis - at the last meeting with the Chief Justice it was my understanding that His Lordship will be doing the questioning of Justice Tallis and that we should be submitting questions. From our perspective the most relevant question would obviously be whether David maintained his innocence throughout Justice Tallis' representation of him. I spoke with Justice Tallis on Saturday, February 29, 1992 and he has received no instruction on the issue of refreshing his memory. As you know he does not have a file and he is hesitant to read material without some direction."

And then:
"His Lordship advised me that he had received a copy of his jury address from Mr. MacFarlane, but he is not certain whether he should be reading material or not. I had the excerpts from Milgaard's evidence as to where he refers to Justice Tallis but out of an abundance of caution $I$ have not provided same to His Lordship."

And $I$ think he's referring to Mr. Milgaard's evidence at the reference. So again there's mention here about the Chief Justice doing the questioning of you and $I$ think you've already told us your position on that. Is there anything you wish to add based on this letter?

No. I wasn't -- I of course didn't receive a copy of this letter and $I$ wasn't aware of its contents until you showed it to me.

COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Can I see the top of it, Mr. Hodson, please?

MR. HODSON: The top?
COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Thanks.
BY MR. HODSON:
Q March 2, 1992.
And then if we can go to, the
doc ID is 232815, and this is March 4, 1992 which is the date $I$ think you gave your evidence. If we can go to page 232820, and you'll see Mr. Wolch states:
"My lord, $I$ believe the first witness scheduled is Justice Tallis. I don't believe the nature of the questioning has been determined as to who will be questioning or what the parameters are.

Your lordship may recall that there was some suggestion that the Court may do the questioning. I can reiterate our position, if the Court wishes, in regard to the solicitor-client privilege. Our position very simply is that some time ago the Court raised some concern over two issues, one regarding disclose which $I$ believe has been answered, and another regarding the matter of David Milgaard testifying at trial.

We will obviously wish to
co-operate with the Court in any way.
The Court feeling those matters are
important, David has waived privilege
for the court to be able to ask whatever the Court considers important. That is our position.

If the Court feels that
everybody should question his lordship, then we will obviously abide by the Court's decision. Our position is that the Court should determine what the Court wants to know because it is such a rare procedure to have, in effect, counsel testify as to disclosures, or whatever, with his client. We are in the hands of the Court."

And Chief Justice Lamer says:
"I am given to understand that

Mr. Tallis has asked to be treated like
any other witness and therefore all
previous witnesses were offered to you
to be examined -- except in this case to
you Mr. Beresh. I don't think this
touches upon your client. I think we
should proceed according to the
witness's wishes, that he be dealt with as any previous witness.

Given the nature of the
testimony, it is not very important who leads off. Maybe the Court could lead off."

And then goes on and Mr. Brown starts. So again, would that fairly capture, Mr. Tallis, your position as to giving evidence at the Supreme Court reference?

Yes, in the light of what $I$ had, particularly in the light of what $I$ had been told by either Mr. MacFarlane or Mr. Fainstein.

If we can go ahead, move on to the RCMP. In 1993 did you become aware that the RCMP were conducting an investigation in late '92, 1993 with respect to allegations of criminal conduct and misconduct on the part of various government, Crown, police officials?

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Well, there came a time when somebody involved in it contacted me and later they arranged to meet with me. I couldn't tell you the date, but I'm sure that you have it in the materials there. If we could call up 044867 , and $I$ think it's April 29th, 1993, an interview, it looks like Inspector Sawatsky, Sergeant Williams and Constable Jorgenson, interviewed you in Regina; is that correct?

A Yes, I'm sure that's correct as to date and personnel.

And it goes through parts. If we could go to page 866 which $I$ think --

COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Is this really Sergeant Williams or is it Eugene Williams? This would be a sergeant of the RCMP.

COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Okay, thank you.
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BY MR. HODSON:
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So if we can go to the next page and there's a comment here, and these are the RCMP notes, they say:
"In so far as disclosure is concerned, Tallis stated that he knows that he received material before the preliminary hearing and the trial. Cannot be specific about the material he received. Feels that the S.C.C. addressed the
issue of disclosure. At the time he made the assumption that he was getting full disclosure. No reason to believe that he wasn't. Justice Tallis pointed out, that given disclosure of the day, he may very well have received more than he was entitled too. (Note research material on file concerning correspondence between Mr. Tallis \& Mr. Caldwell which certainly appears to deal with the aspect of disclosure.)"

Again, would that be an accurate summary of what you would have told the officers?

I think it probably is. It doesn't have too many details, but of course one of the things that $I$ explained to them, that $I$ only could, $I$ only knew what $I$ had received based on the correspondence that they had, $I$ was in no position to judge what I had not received that they may well have been probing, but they didn't go into that with me and I could understand why, because $I$ would have had to say, well, $I$ didn't know about the existence of this or that.

Then it says:
"Mr. Justice Tallis recalls being
supplied with the statements of Lapchuk
\& Melnyk by Mr. Caldwell and that he had these statements to go over with, with Milgaard. He also recalled the Crown making Frank \& Roberts available to him for interviewing. He recalls no surprise witnesses by the Crown.

Indicates co-operation on the part of the Crown."

Would that be accurate?
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Yes, of course subject to the discussion about the date when $I$ received the Lapchuk and Melnyk information, but that was a matter of record, so they obviously had that. If we can then go to the next page which is 865, it says:
"Mr. Justice Tallis pointed out that his S.C.C. Testimony explains the aspect concerning David Milgaard not taking the stand. From the beginning he took a great deal of time to explain to David Milgaard what would be going on and in terms that Milgaard would understand. That he had ongoing discussions with Milgaard. He could not add anything
more to his S.C.C. Testimony in this area."

Again, would that be a fair summary of what you would have told the officers?

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Yes, that's a distilled summary of it.
And then they write:
"During an interview with Mrs. Milgaard,
it was suggested that there may have been collusion between TALLIS \&

CALDWELL. ... The aspect of collusion was briefly touched upon with Mr.

Justice Tallis, who stated that such a statement is absurd."

Does that accurately record what you would have told them?

Yes. Once again, it would be a distilled version. And then scroll down. The scribbler, I think we've touched on that. And then here:
"Mr. Justice Tallis had no objection to Justice Bence's charge to the jury. In fact, he felt that the charge to the jury was favourable to the defence.

Justice Tallis also pointed out that the defence received several favourable rulings during the trial."

Again, let me pause there. Would that be a fair summary of what you would have told him?

Yes, mindful of the fact that $I$ did not have all that material in front of me and $I$ had not read it over, so $I$ was speaking there from pure recollection and without the benefit of having read over all of the material that, you know, is certainly before this Commission.

And then:
"During the Prelim or the Trial, he does not recall MILGAARD ever suggesting to him that specific witnesses were lying or fabricating their evidence."

And, again, does that accurately record what you would have told the RCMP?

Well $I$ think that one of the things that $I$ would say on that, $I$ certainly didn't know of anything that pointed to that, and I think that that's a very distilled version of how $I$ felt.

Could you maybe expand on how you felt, or maybe you could answer the question for us now?

Well $I$ was quite concerned about the fact that I hadn't been able to get anything, really, by way of background from Mr. Roberts, and I don't see any reference to that here, but I'm sure that $I$
mentioned it in our discussions. I am not sure now, going back all those years, but it's -- there were concerns that $I^{\prime} m$ sure that $I$ thought about. COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Mr. Hodson, I'm sorry, I didn't --

MR. HODSON: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: I wasn't clear on, from that answer, as to whether --

MR. HODSON: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: -- Mr. Tallis
recalled Mr. Milgaard ever suggesting to him. MR. HODSON: Yes.

BY MR. HODSON:
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Yes. Just the paragraph that $I$ have got circled there; do you recall, at any point, Mr. Milgaard suggesting to you during the preliminary hearing or trial that specific witnesses were lying or fabricating their evidence?

Well he certainly indicated that he didn't have any blood on his person, he certainly had indicated that he had not killed the girl or had anything to do with her, I mean all these are matters that $I$ dealt with in the supreme court of Canada. And so that has to be read along with the whole picture.

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Right. And I think you've told this Commission that -- and we went through in some detail last sitting -- what Mr. Milgaard told you, and compared that to what the evidence was at trial of Mr. Wilson, Ms. John, Mr. Cadrain?

Yes.
And so, again, is that your answer; that he gave you a different version of events than other witnesses testified at trial on some matters?

Yes, and $I$-- I indicated during the course of the Supreme Court of Canada hearing, you know, when $I$ was asked specifically about, you know, "did he ever admit or did he deny doing it", and $I$ think $I$ covered that in that hearing. And, of course, I knew that the -- this material was available to investigators.

Did he ever say "lookit, Ron Wilson is lying, he's making that up" or "Nichol John is lying or making that up", or words to that effect?

Well, that was his position, I mean implicit in his denial, not only that he had nothing to do with it, but that he -- and our discussions, of course, discussed his so-called "friends".

Yeah, okay.
And, I mean, he certainly disagreed with them.

Q says:
"Milgaard never suggested to Mr. Justice Tallis that he felt that the S.C.P. were attempting to frame him and Mr. Tallis had no concerns in this area either. Justice Tallis pointed out though, that in fairness to David Milgaard, there was nothing to suggest this, that would cause him to consider this at that time."

And would that be a fair recording of what you would have told the RCMP at the time?

I think it probably sets it up in a distilled form.

Just to conclude matters, Mr. Tallis -COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Could I just get you to confirm that page number?

MR. HODSON: Sure.
COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Was it 865?
That's what you said.
MR. HODSON: Yes, 044865 .
COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Thanks very much.
MR. HODSON: The doc. ID is 044864.

COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Right.

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I should add that I never, I did not see that document until it was shown to me during the course of these proceedings.

BY MR. HODSON:
The RCMP summary?
Yes. Now in the years following that, David Milgaard's conviction, and in particular the time frame 1989 to 1997 , there was a great deal of publicity regarding this case and commentary and criticism by some regarding the conduct of the investigation and trial and the conduct and, indeed, misconduct of the participants in the investigation and trial. As well, in the media, we have seen various reports where those views were repeated and in fact attributed to some commentators, or to the media, and as well we have seen evidence that similar information regarding people's conduct was provided to the authorities as part of the efforts to re-open the investigation, and as well provided to the RCMP in 1993 so that they could conduct their investigation. And these allegations, if $I$ could call them that, or suggestions included allegations of unprofessional conduct and misconduct on the part of many, including you, Mr.

Tallis. And I don't propose to call up the details, it's all in the record. I will call up one document and perhaps just summarize for you, in a general way, what has been said about the work that you did on this matter. If we could call up 032805. And this is the report of August 15th, 1994, and this is the result of the RCMP investigation, and if we can go to page 032818. And I referred to this document earlier, and with respect to suggestions -- if we can actually, actually go to the next page -- I referred to the allegations made that -you don't need to call that out -- but allegations that Mr. Kujawa, Mr. Caldwell and others were part of a conspiracy where they deliberately withheld information from you. And if we can just go back to the previous page, one of the allegations that the RCMP also investigated is at the bottom:
"It is alleged that there was collusion
. . ."
call that out please:
"... that there was collusion on the
part of Caldwell, Tallis and the Saskatoon police and that since there was an assumption of Milgaard's guilt,
he was given only a token defence."
And that may well have been what the RCMP asked you about in '93; is that correct? -

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summarize; in one, the allegation that you gave a
token defence; two, that you colluded with Mr.
Caldwell and the police, umm, to give a token
defence; three, there has been references made in
some of the materials that, in your role as legal
counsel to the police association at the time,
that that would influence your conduct in
defending Mr. Milgaard to his detriment; fourth,
because you were engaged through Legal Aid you
didn't put in a full effort; and five, that you
didn't follow up on anything that David Milgaard
told you or call any witnesses on his behalf.
Now I'm summarizing, generally,
what's in the materials, Mr. Tallis, and I think I
provided the background documents for you to
review; is that correct?
Yes.
And, again just generally, would you like -- I'd
like you to respond and comment about what has
been said about you and your role in this matter?

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Well I think that throughout the course of my testimony $I$ have tried to outline the situation as I saw it and $I$ do not intend to revisit all those areas unless I'm specifically asked to.

I do, however, say this; that the allegations that you have outlined to me amount to an allegation of corruption and professional misconduct of the most serious type that $I$ can think of when focusing on an advocate's role. I have already spoken of my view of the role of an advocate and the duties that an advocate has, $I$ endeavoured to fulfil those duties, and $I$ categorically and emphatically reject any imputation of corruption and professional misconduct of this kind.

I can tell you that it is very painful to have allegations of this nature made against one, particularly when you have used your best endeavours to achieve a hoped-for result.

Now having put my response in rather emphatic terms to say the least, but I hope in a measured way, I try, and I think I have looked at this in a rather philosophical way. I know that there are always people who will grasp on an allegation of sinister motives when
statements of this kind are made, but at the end of the day and in a philosophical way, I think that the airing of some of these issues before a Commission of this Inquiry will have an educative effect. And when $I$ use the term "educative effect" I think it is of a positive nature, and one can only hope that with that airing, albeit years and years later when memories fail in some respects, one can only hope that objective and fair-minded people will reconsider the tentative views that they may have expressed along the way. I do not want to weary you with additional comments because $I$ think that sums up my feelings and situation as best $I$ can in response to your question without being too long-winded.

Thank you very much, Mr. Tallis, those are all my questions. I would like to thank you and your counsel for the time you took to review the binders and binders of materials that $I$ provided to you, and the Commission thanks you for that. It might be an appropriate -- do
you want to break at this point, Mr. Commissioner, or go on?
be called for, sure. (Adjourned at 2:44 p.m.) (Reconvened at 3:04 p.m.)

BY MR. GIBSON:
Mr. Justice Tallis, as you know my name is Bruce Gibson, I act for the RCMP. We had a chance to say "hello" at the end of the break. I --

Yes. You can omit the prefix, it's no longer applicable.

I won't be very long with you.
COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: It's hard to live a thing like that down, Mr. Tallis. I guess I never will.

BY MR. GIBSON:
Yeah. If we could just call up 23959 from the transcript, I'm just going to walk through some of the areas Mr. Hodson went through with you, and I promise not to belabour those points. At this page Mr. Hodson put document 007037 to you, which was your August 21st, 1969 letter to Mr. Caldwell, and at the bottom of that page, if we can just call up, the word is "I would". And if you go to the next page, please, $I$ just want to read the first few lines of that page. It says:
"'... I would certainly want you to make
it a point to check to see whether or not there are any witnesses that you do not propose to call who may be able to give evidence of assistance to the defence. If the City Police Department have not turned over all of their material to you in this connection $I$ would be obliged if you would look into this matter prior to the completion of the preliminary hearing.'"

And I suppose at that point, Mr. Tallis, it was clearly your understanding that the investigation into the death of Gail Miller was being handled by the Saskatoon City Police department; is that right?

That's correct.

And you weren't aware that the RCMP were assisting the file, assisting on the file, rather, for a couple of months during the outset of that investigation?

No, I think that that's a fair statement. Okay. And, again, $I$ believe the evidence was that Mr. Caldwell went back to the city police department and asked for all the statements taken so that he could fulfil your request to see if
there was any information that might assist you?
Well, $I$ wasn't privy to the exchanges in that connection, but I'm sure $I$ made that assumption. Okay. Now if we could just go to 23963 , please, of the transcript. And, again, if we could just call up that part, and I'll just read that to you, again it's a question from Mr. Hodson:
"When you would meet with Mr. Caldwell, if you are able to tell us from your recollection of this file, or even on your recollection of practices at the time, would a prosecutor show you, for example, police reports or anything of that nature or discuss them or what would be the type of information you might get in a face-to-face meeting with the Crown?"

And the answer is:
"A I'm quite sure that one was not allowed access to police reports, ..."

And again, there are a number of police reports that Mr. Hodson went through with you during your days on the stand, and $I$ take it that you never reviewed any of the police reports?

A That's correct.

And as far as your disclosure went, then, it would have been whatever was provided by the police to Mr. Caldwell in this case, and then whatever Mr . Caldwell looked at and felt was relevant to disclose to you, and I suppose that's how the chain of disclosure would go?

I think that's a fair assessment. And, you know, I know that police reports were certainly off limits at that time.

Okay. In we could go to 24752 of the transcript, please. And, again, I'll try to summarize this rather than go through specific paragraphs with you, but Mr. Hodson raised the issue of the city police and the RCMP, who were assisting the city police in the investigation at the outset, initially suspecting an unknown rapist may have been the killer of Gail Miller, and you'll recall numerous discussions about that over the days on the stand?

Yes, I do.
And if we could just call up the Riddell report, 065399 . And $I$ believe this report was one that was put to you, and in that report Inspector Riddell does make reference to that theory, that it could have been an individual who was also --
carried out those rapes that may have killed Gail Miller. And at the top of that document, there, there is a stamp that references the RCMP forwarded this copy on. Anyways, it was received by the Attorney General's Department March $28 t h$ of 1969, and again it was with the AG's office, then, about eight days after it was prepared by the RCMP. And your evidence, my understanding is Mr. Tallis, that you have never seen this document up until you were preparing for the Inquiry?

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That's correct, it was only after it was produced during these proceedings that $I$ was shown a copy of it, and I believe Mr. Hodson and my counsel asked me to read it.

And, again, your evidence is that any disclosure that you received during 1969 was through Mr. Caldwell and would not have been through anybody else in the Attorney General's office; is that correct?

A Mr. Caldwell was the, subject to what $I$ said with respect to Mr. Wolff, the city prosecutor, it was through Mr. Caldwell's office, and I think he was the only one that $I$ dealt with there. I believe Mr. Perras was also there, but $I$ don't recall having anything to do with him in connection with
this matter.
And, again, your evidence is that back then police reports were simply not handed over to defence counsel anyways?

That's correct.
Okay. If we could go to 24761 of the transcript, please, if we could just call up that portion. And here -- and, again, $I$ 'm going to try to paraphrase -- Mr. Hodson took you through some city police department documents that were on the Gail Miller investigation file, and 105520 is the police report that he makes reference to there, which is a report that was prepared in February of 1969 by Lieutenant Penkala, and it references a possible connection between a couple of rapes and the investigation of the Miller death. And then if we can go a ways down on that page, please, it references another document there, being 009298 , and again it's a letter prepared by Lieutenant Penkala to the Crime Index section of the RCMP. If we can go to the next page of that transcript, please. And again at the top there, starting there, it goes into quite a bit of detail with respect to the connection between the modus operandi of the two rapes and the Miller
investigation that was ongoing. And, again, your evidence is that such reports, even the city report here or this Crime Index letter, is a document that was not provided to you and would not routinely have been provided to you at that time?

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That's correct.
Okay. So, if the city police don't forward something over to Mr. Caldwell, then obviously that's something that you would not receive because, again, the only disclosure that you received was what Mr . Caldwell received, and then he would review it, determine if it was something that was relevant for defence purposes, and then provide it or not provide it?

Yes, $I$ think that's the way it would work. Okay. And so what might be considered relevant by the city police at the time, and would necessarily be forwarded over to Mr. Caldwell, may be influenced by the police's current theory of the crime or their understanding of the case?

Well, $I$ can't speak for them, but that's one inference that a person might draw.

And --
As you have.

And again as we have seen, and Mr. Hodson take -has taken you through the documents, initially the city police, in their investigation, thought there might be a connection between the rapes that had occurred previous to the Miller murder and the Miller murder, and that eventually that changed with the evidence of Albert Cadrain, Ron Wilson, Nichol John, and later with Craig Melnyk and George Lapchuk when that evidence came to light, and you were obviously provided with the statements of Mr. Cadrain, Wilson, John, Melnyk, and Lapchuk?

Yes.
As opposed to any connection to the other -Yes.
-- rapes or other occurrences that happened prior to the Miller murder?

Yes.
Yeah. Now you had the opportunity to examine Ron Wilson at both trial and at the prelim, and you were asked by Mr. Hodson about whether you had any concerns at that time about the police pressuring Mr. Wilson to change his evidence, and if we could just call up, from the transcript, 24308, please. If we can just call that portion up, and just
right about here, Mr. Hodson asks:
"Did you have the sense, Mr. Tallis, when dealing with Mr. Wilson at the preliminary hearing and at the trial, that he may have been pressured by police into testifying against his friend?"

And then your answer follows:
"A Well $I$ certainly wondered why he changed his testimony, and what the motive was, but there was nothing that he came up, even when $I$ was questioning him at the preliminary, with the suggestion that he was pressured into doing that. At least that's as $I$ recall the preliminary hearing evidence that you have referred me to. I ...",
and then it goes on to the next page at the top: "... was certainly exploring it.

Q And again, beyond exploring it, did you ascertain anything or -- of the nature that might support the contention that the police were responsible for influencing Mr. Wilson to give evidence that was not true?"

And your answer is:

> "A No, I didn't."

And $I$ take it, again, that was what you also told the RCMP when they were investigating such allegations back in 1993, that back in 1969 when you were dealing with the case, that nothing of that nature came to your knowledge?

That's correct.
You've offered us some impressions about Mr. Wilson on the stand and how you would deal with him as defence counsel, and did you ever get the impression that Mr. Wilson was trying his best to be convincing in the evidence that he was giving? I know you indicated to us that you felt he wasn't
a reluctant witness; did you feel that he was trying to be convincing as well with his evidence --

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Well --
-- or is there anything more you can tell us on that?

Well I guess, based on my discussions with David and my personal assessment of him, I thought he was a treacherous type of person and $I$ think that, trying to look back, I'm sure that he was trying to be convincing.

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Yeah. And is there anything more that you can recall from that? I know that's a difficult question years later.

Well it's a very broad question, but even when confronted with conflicting testimony under oath, for example about the time frame or the time factor, he certainly portrayed himself as one who had given it additional thought with the result that he, in fact, doubled the time.

Okay.
Things like that certainly would be indicative of someone who was trying to portray himself as a truthful person even in the face of things like that. Now I don't think $I$ can really be any more specific than something like that for you, but he -- he certainly, $I$ think, was probably trying to do that.

Okay, thank you, those are all the questions I have.

BY MR. FOX:
I think I'm next, Mr. Commissioner. Mr. Tallis, for the record I'm Aaron Fox and I represent Eddie Karst, and I'm sure I'll lapse into the habit of calling you My Lord somewhere along the way here but I'll try and work on that in any event. I
just want to cover a few areas with you, Mr. Tallis.

You've talked a little bit about the evidence of Nichol John and some of the evidence that came out about whether or not Gail Miller had been stabbed by someone who was right-handed, and I think the Nichol John evidence that talked about -- she appeared to be describing seeing the stabbing taking place with the right hand, you recall that evidence that we're -- that I am talking about?

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Yes, $I$ recall those statements in her statement, I just don't recall whether she -- I don't think she adopted all of those statements at trial.

Yeah. When you got to trial, though, one of the issues that you wanted to hopefully bring out or one of the points that you wanted to bring out was that David was left-handed?

Very definitely, and $I$ had actually spent a fair bit of time checking, $I$ think was it $a$, either a text or some writings in medical jurisprudence about the angle of cuts and so on, and I'm quite sure that $I$ also had solicited some medical advice on it because $I$ thought that was a significant point to deal with in this case, and $I$ believe $I$
not only -- I also canvassed it with Dr. Emson in the light of instructions that $I$ had received. Sure. And the obvious significance of it is that if this, if this victim, if Gail Miller had been stabbed apparently by a right-handed person and David, if you could establish at the trial that David was left handed, that would be something that would suggest he was not the perpetrator of the crime?

Yes. I thought that was a material fact that pointed in his favour.

Now, one of the questions then as defence counsel as you would be preparing for that is trying to determine how am $I$ going to establish in front of the jury that he's left handed, one of the ways would be obviously if he were able to get on the stand and testify to that; that would be correct?
Would that be correct?

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Yes.
And in this particular case, as $I$ understand it,
you were able to extract that information from Mr.
Karst when he testified?
Yes. From reading over the record, I am quite satisfied that $I$ asked him the question the way $I$ did and that he answered it quite directly.

And I think just for the record, I think it's actually the transcript doc ID, I think, I hope I've got this right, is 076809 , and I think that exchange took place at 815 and 16.

COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: That's the trial transcript?

BY MR. FOX:
Trial transcript. There we are, okay. I think it starts about at the bottom of page 815. This is your questioning of, cross-examination of Detective Karst. You talked to him about he having obtained a statement from David in Winnipeg and of course you would have known from that some sketches were drawn and perhaps Detective Karst would have made some observation as to whether David was left or right handed; that would be correct?

Yes.
So the question again:
"Q And I believe that it is also fair to
say that you observed David writing?" And Detective Karst acknowledged that he did. Go to the top of the next page:
"Q And you specifically recollect that he is left handed?

A That's right.
Q That is he wrote left handed?
A He wrote left-handed, yes.
Q You noted that specifically at that time?

A That's right."
That would be consistent, $I$ take it, from your recollection of the type of questioning that took place of Detective Karst?

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Oh, yes, I mean, I don't dispute that record, and I'm quite satisfied that it accurately reflects the question and his direct answer.

And you mentioned I think when Mr. Hodson asked you about that, that others perhaps had sort of qualified their answers on that point a bit as to whether he was right or left handed?

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Yes. I think that there was some qualification, I think it was Lieutenant Penkala who said, well, I meant a person using his right hand, so to speak. $Q$

And I think you indicated that there was no suggestion of badgering or pressure being applied to him at that time to make a statement perhaps or say something that he wasn't prepared to say?

Yeah, I think that's a fair summary of my recollection. Naturally at this late date $I$ can't recall all the specifics, but certainly that
Yes.
fairly summarizes my recollection.
Did you have any knowledge of Detective Karst on a professional basis in 1969 or during your time period that you were practicing?

Well, I suppose I had cross-examined him many times through the years and that would go back quite a few years before that, so -- I'm just trying to think. I think by the time this case was before the courts, he had been on the force for a number of years.

When you asked him about whether Mr. Milgaard was right handed or left handed, and I think the issue probably would have been fairly obvious as to why that question would be significant, did you have any concerns about him not answering you in a forthright manner?

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No. I knew that he was an experienced officer and I'm sure that my sense was he, along with Staff Sergeant Edmondson, would certainly be thinking about those type of things.

And did you have any concerns that he might want to hide the fact, for example, that he observed that this individual was left handed versus right handed and not reveal that to you?

No, I don't think that that thought crossed my
mind.
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When we get the boxes and boxes of disclosure I'm not sure if we've got a benefit there or not, but it's certainly changed. But when $I$ look at this report, for example, if $I$ can highlight that area there:

> "Further investigation of this girl when she was interviewed gave one the feeling that she was telling the truth and she emphatically stated she could not recall any time while they were in the City of Saskatoon during the morning of the murder at which time Wilson or Milgaard had left the vehicle ..."

This is Mr. Karst's report in talking about Miss John. Obviously you weren't provided with that at the time?

A That's correct.
Having said that, $I$ take it you would take some comfort in the fact that at least the police are recognizing, gee, if this girl looks like she is telling the truth and if she is telling the truth, there's a problem here?

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Yes. Well, the report indicates that.
And those sort of inquires, in other words, here we've got evidence that points towards guilt, here
we've got evidence that points towards him not being involved, that type of analysis would be the same sort of analysis that you would be doing all of the time as well, would that not be correct, as defence counsel?

Yes, probing, and $I$ guess my share of speculation too.

Sure. If we could bring up Detective Karst's report of March 7th, 1969, and that's document 009233, and if we could turn to 009235 , this is Detective Karst's report and I'm just going to run through there. This is sort of his analysis of some of the issues that he identified after having spoke with David and this is after Albert Cadrain had come in with his statement. Number 1:
"That his arrival time in Saskatoon
coincided with the time of the Murder." Obviously that's a concern. It doesn't mean that David Milgaard was involved in the murder of Gail Miller, but it looks like he was in Saskatoon around the time the murder took place.

Mr. Tallis, again that would be an issue that is obviously going to have to be investigated and pursued, that wouldn't surprise you?

A Oh, no.

And obviously one that you want addressed as well in preparing your defence for him?

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"He can be placed in the vicinity of
the Murder due to his own admission. That would just be another factor?

Yes, using vicinity, from my perspective, in a rather broad sense.

In that west area?
Yes.
Somewhere $20 t h, 22$ nd Street?
Yes.
In the avenues. Number 3:
"And we know he was travelling in the
lanes having been told from same by tow
trucks which we have information and
statements with regard to."
So that he was travelling in the lanes, cold morning, lots of snow, poor car. Doesn't mean he committed an offence, but it's something that sort of calls out to be why was that, you know, how come was he doing that; would that be fair? Yes.

Number 4:
"Also that Milgaard attended at the

Cadrain residence and also through his own admission was in an excited condition and although he denies this, Cadrain stated that he had blood on his clothing, this clothing not being found or located at this time."

So again, just Albert Cadrain says he came there, he had blood on him. Milgaard denies it, but something has got to get -- you know, we want to find out what the bottom, what the answer is to that, again, a question that needs to be answered?

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Q Number 5:
"Also that from Insp. Ridell's conversation with the other youth
involved, Ronald Wilson in Regina, stating that certainly Milgaard was excited giving the reason of his girl friend having ditched him for one of the other youths when in fact it was found through Milgaard's statement that he was a little excited and in a hurry due to the fact that he was going to see his girl friend in St. Albert ..."

Also this girlfriend being Sharon Williams giving her side of the story and gives the address there. So, in other words, Ron Wilson says, well, David is upset because his girlfriend got ditched, ditched him, that's Nichol John, but then Milgaard says, well, I'm in a hurry because I want to see my girlfriend Sharon Williams, that's why we were going to Edmonton. Doesn't necessarily mean guilt or innocence, but it just raises a question why is one person giving one story and the other person giving something different; would that be fair?

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Yes. That was obviously part of the investigation.

Number 6:
"That we know these persons were under
the effect of drugs through their own admission."

Now, on the drugs issue, that was further canvassed and it looked like at the end of the day there wasn't much in the way of drugs used that morning or that night, I think that was sort of the conclusion that you came to?

Well, the information $I$ had, and $I$ think ultimately it was conceded, was that drugs were not used on the trip at all. One of the concerns, though, would be obviously if drugs were used, might have that had some impact on behaviour and so on, so not surprisingly that the police would want to at least find out what the situation was with that?

I have no doubt that it would be an area of inquiry on their part.

Number 7 :
"Also that these persons were in financial trouble."

That would have been an issue obviously that you identified, that if they were making a trip to Alberta and didn't really have any money, maybe there's a motive to commit an offence to obtain money, you saw that as an area of concern as
well?
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And again, not necessarily anything that's conclusive in any way, but not surprising that the police might look at that and say, well, that means we've got to dig a little deeper; would that be fair?

Yes.
Item number 9, there was some indication from one of the service station attendants that while the vehicle was being fixed at the garage at Avenue $P$ Milgaard made various attempts to clean the vehicle out. If there's some indication of that, that might be some indication that he's trying to get rid of evidence, that's a possibility?

Well, $I$ don't -- but $I$ don't think there was anything to support the suggestion that items of any major interest were thrown out.

On March 7th, 1969, if there's some indication that there was some cleaning out of the vehicle -Oh, yes.
-- you definitely would want to follow that up? That's right, that's a lead that would undoubtedly be followed up by an experienced investigator. Item number 10 just again points out the time factor, that they were wandering around in the area where the murder occurred about the time the
murder occurred, a very broad time frame and a very general area, but it does at least, when Albert Cadrain comes in and says hey, this fellow walked into my house that morning of the murder with blood on his clothes, we now know that, yeah, he was at least in Saskatoon that morning would be a cause for further follow-up; would that be correct?

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Yes.
If $I$ can turn to the next page, the first paragraph:
"Intensive interrogation and questioning of Milgaard by myself and S/Sgt. Edmunson reveal that he does not account for this period of time and states he just doesn't remember other than probably driving around looking for his friend "Shorty's" residence."

Again, doesn't necessarily mean he's done anything wrong, but the police are saying we're not really getting much in the way of detail from him might be a reason why they were suspicious; fair to say?

A Yes, I'm sure that was an area of inquiry on their part.

And it's a similar concern that you expressed, that when he gave answers that were a little bit evasive or not very clear like why did you throw the compact out and doesn't give an answer, or how did it get there and he doesn't really give an answer, that would cause you some concern and caused you a concern that if he got on the stand and testified like that, it might be viewed by the jury with some suspicion?

Yes.
About halfway down, if $I$ can:
"Also noted that Milgaard has in fact received psychiatric treatment during the past years from the Psychiatric Centre in Yorkton ..."

That was also an area that you had some concern about in the sense that you didn't want that information before the jury?

A That's correct.
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And again, it's not really determinative of an issue, but perhaps if we're looking for someone who has committed a fairly serious and horrendous offence, some psychiatric problems in the past might somehow point towards that? It's not conclusive, but it's just something else you would
keep in mind; correct?

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I have no doubt that many investigators would be checking on that type of background.

Sure. And from you, as a defence counsel point of view, would have preferred that that not be in front of the jury because of the detrimental effect it might have?

Well, and furthermore, $I$ think that it would not be properly admissible evidence unless one did something that opened the door for it to get in. I agree with you completely on that, you would hope you would be able to keep it out, but at the same time always a concern that you don't want to accidentally open the door that it might be able to come in?

That's correct.
Okay. This next paragraph:
"It was also noted that although Milgaard's reason for driving in the lanes in this City on the morning in question his explanation for being in the lanes was that he was looking for his friend's residence ..."

And again, that's sort of reflective of your own concerns, why is he out driving around in the
lanes if he doesn't really know the area, somehow somebody might view that with some suspicion?

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intimacies and so on, and David certainly didn't feel there was anything to that suggestion or inquiry on my part and, you know, one of the things that $I$ wondered about, frankly, and discussed with him, do you think your "friends" are doing this with the prospect of getting some money out of it, you know, in terms of rewards and so on, so to make a long story short, he couldn't come up with, and $I$ don't use that in a disparaging way, he couldn't come up with anything concrete as to why they were doing this.

Would it have been a subject matter discussed with his family?

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I think I primarily -- I think I discussed it with
him. After all, you know, his family weren't really involved in those discussions.

Did anything come back to you during that time period that suggested that any one of these three had been subject to coercion or undue pressure by the police causing them to give a false statement, did anything come back to you suggesting that? No, but, you know, $I$ was concerned along the way later on, $I$ was wondering about Inspector Roberts' role, but I've already discussed that -Yeah.

A -- in as much detail as $I$ can recollect.
Q
And it looks like, at least at the preliminary hearing because you've got a little bit more of a free rein in cross-examination at the preliminary hearing, you are not at the trial, that you were at least trying to probe Ron Wilson to see if he would give you any hint or suggestion that he might have been coerced or pressured somehow into giving a false statement; do $I$ have that correct? That's correct, I certainly probed that with, you know, I suppose in a rather cautious way because I didn't want to give him too many ideas -Yeah.
-- being the type of person he was, but there was nothing really forthcoming on that.

And I'm assuming from that, that sort of gave you the message that this isn't going to be very fruitful if $I$ try and pursue that at trial because he's just not biting on any suggestion that there might have been some pressure put on him?

Well, having interviewed Mr. Roberts, there wasn't anything that $I$ was able to elicit from him that would strengthen ones hand in that area.

Just on that, you mentioned that you spoke directly with Mr. Roberts. Did that happen very
often, that you would speak directly with an officer involved in an investigation?

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No, but in this particular case he was -- you see, I wanted to -- I did this through Mr. Caldwell, I wanted to speak to him because of this polygraph background.

Right.
And I knew a little bit about the types of questions that were put both before and frequently after the actual administration of the test because they are often indicative of certain things that could take place, but $I$ didn't get anything of value from Mr. Roberts at all on that. Did you speak with any other officers about the polygraph?

No. I think that my understanding was that Mr. Roberts was the one who did it and he was the operator and he represented to me that his participation was solely that as, of a technician, so to speak.

So it appeared as though --
"I was a mere operator."
The impression you were left with was that in terms of the administration of the polygraph, whatever that involved, it was Mr. Roberts who was
involved in that, no indication of anybody else specifically being involved in that?

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That's right.
Just -- I'm jumping around a little bit here, but just talking about Nichol John, it appeared, it seemed to appear from your question, that you had, or there was some knowledge that there was a matron present when she was at the cells or at the police station?

Well, you know, I've tried to recollect the details of that, and having read over the transcript, $I$ must have maybe had some information that $I$ picked up casually about it, but $I$ just can't recall. I noticed that $I$ used a specific name and that's what leads me to think that $I$ was probing to see whether or not there was something of value there, but $I$ don't recall whether $I$ later spoke to, spoke to the matron before or after or anything, without my file $I$ just couldn't be precise, but you are quite right in, that in directing my attention to this, $I$ obviously had some reason to do it.

Q And am I correct that Nichol John, both at the preliminary hearing and at trial, notwithstanding the various forms of cross-examination by Mr.

Caldwell and then yourself, at no point in time indicated that she was coerced or pressured or gave an indication of that into giving her statement?

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That certainly is my recollection, and I've already told the Commission or Commission Counsel about my impression of Nichol John, particularly at trial, and what $I$ thought the judge's impression of her was.

Yeah. And $I$ can appreciate the distinction between an answer on her part which is "it didn't happen" versus the frankly more damaging answer of "I don't remember".

Yeah.
I just want to talk about Ron Wilson for a second. If we can turn to the transcript, page 12738, this is a questioning of Mr . Karst and I'm just going to ask you to comment on this. This was Mr. Hodson -- sorry, myself questioning Mr. Karst, I said to him:
"If $I$ can turn to Ron Wilson's
transcript at page 5956, Mr. Wilson was asked here about sort of his state of mind at various times and he was asked the question:
"Q So if I stopped you on the street the day before David Milgaard's trial and said "do you think he murdered Gail Miller" what would you have answered me, truthfully?"

He answered:
"A Yes."
He talks about how he changed his mind afterwards. Do you have any comment on that, Mr. Wilson's state of mind, whether he did believe or didn't believe?"

Mr. Karst answered:
"A I didn't know whether to believe him or not most of the time, so $I$ can't say $I$ believed him or I didn't."

You would sort of agree with Mr. Karst's assessment of Mr. Wilson?

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Well, $I$ don't think $I$ would be as charitable as Mr. Karst. I've indicated that I considered

Mr. Wilson a treacherous type of person and that was based on my discussions with David and my own assessment, so as $I$ say, $I$ don't think $I$ could be that charitable.

If we turn to the next page then, answer -- the
question was, was there anything -- I'm sorry, the top half:
"Q Was there anything after that caused you to give Mr. Wilson's evidence some weight or testimony some weight?

A Well, I suppose when Inspector Roberts had completed his examination, I placed weight on that.

Q If Inspector Roberts hadn't completed his examination, if you are able to do that hypothetically, take Inspector Roberts out of the equation, what would your view have been on the reliability of Mr. Wilson?

A Very dubious."
Are you able to comment on that, Mr. Tallis?

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Well I really can't speak --
Do you see how --
-- I can't speak --
Sorry.
-- for Mr. Karst, but it does tell me at this stage that $M r$. Roberts played a bigger role than he led me to believe.

And could you see how for example, from Mr. Karst' perspective, while he obviously views Ron Wilson
as a very dubious witness, if Mr. Roberts comes back and says "well here's the examination we did on him, here's his statement", why he might take some comfort in that?

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Well, $I$ can't speak for him on that, but $I$ can understand how this would arise.

And --
Because, you know, Insp -- Mr. Roberts was an inspector, albeit from another police force, and probably at that time -- and I'm just saying "probably" -- held himself out as being sort of one of the expert polygraph operators in Western Canada. Otherwise, he likely wouldn't have been brought in, but that's just an assumption I'm making years later.

Yes. And $I$ think we've heard some evidence on that already.

Yeah.
I'm just going to go back now, if $I$ can, just directing your mind back to 1969 versus today. Today it would be fair to say that -- well, maybe you are able to comment on this or maybe not -but it would be a fairly common practice to see statements that are actually videotaped or certainly audio taped, that; you would see that
fairly frequently?
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In '69?
No, today?
Oh. Well you and some of your colleagues actively involved in the defence bar would be in a better position than $I$ am.

Uh-huh?
But from my post-defence counsel work $I$ know that it's not uncommon for statements to be videotaped, whether they're confessions or witness statements, and sometimes confessions include reenactment of a crime and they are videotaped. So I think that it, in a sense, has progressed through taping of interviews and -- although, looking at the reports, some taping was -- had occurred in this particular case -- and then moved along to the point where you had audio/videotaping.

Yes. In 1969, 1968-'69, this murder occurred January 31st, 1969; to your knowledge, back at that time. Was it a very common practice to tape statements?

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I don't think it was a common practice, and $I$ can't specifically recall, but what $I$ do know from
the material Mr. Hodson asked me to read that there was some taping --

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There's an indication of that, yes.
-- of certain statements. Now I didn't get copies
of those tapes so that's the best I can tell you.
And I --
It wasn't a general practice in every case, that $I$ recall, but it may well have been starting in serious cases.

If -- in terms of disclosure in 1968-'69 would you ever expect, at that time, to receive disclosure directly from the police or would that come through the prosecutors office?

Oh the protocol was always, in my experience, always through the prosecutors office. In 1969 I think you indicated that you were -- we know now that at the time David was charged in the spring of 1969 , by that time two rapes and a sexual assault had occurred in Saskatoon, and I think you've already indicated you were not aware of that at that time?

That's correct.
And we don't need to bring up this document, but document 039527 , Mr. Commissioner, that's just the December 14 th, ' 68 StarPhoenix article. COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: 039 what? MR. FOX: 039527. That is just the warning
that appeared in The StarPhoenix.
COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Okay.
BY MR. FOX:
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if $I$ can put it that way?
Yeah, a 'street connection' is a good term, I mean
me was the type of person that was involved in
enough things that he usually seemed to know what

And I'm assuming that person, that wouldn't have been a police officer, that would just have been somebody that you -- sort of a street connection, if $I$ can put it that way?

Yeah, a 'street connection' is a good term, I mean
me was the type of person that was involved in enough things that he usually seemed to know what
was going on.
And $I$ take it that inquiry didn't -- nothing came back from him to indicate to you "there is somebody out there been committing some sexual assaults" --

No.
-- "and maybe you should check that"; nothing like that came back?

No, that's true.
And I'm assuming, throughout 1969 through to David's trial in 1970, there again was no indication that there's, there's a rapist out there in the City of Regina -- or in the City of Saskatoon that's loose committing these offences? No, nothing like that came to my attention. The -- you've indicated, Mr. Tallis, that had you been aware of the two rapes and sexual assault that had occurred you might have been able to have led some evidence on that or brought that out that there is a, perhaps a perpetrator out there who's committed these offences, it's not David, so maybe that's the person responsible for it; that's, that's sort of the defence line that you would try and pursue I'd take it?

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Well, as I indicated to Mr. Hodson, in light of
the contents of the reports which he referred me to I think -- and $I$ know $I$ would have thought at the time -- that a very compelling argument could have been made for the admission of that evidence with a view to establishing that the offence was probably committed by a third person, albeit one that could not be identified by name. Now I can only say that I've actually covered that in earlier testimony.

Yes.
And this, to me, is quite a significant matter, and I think that the law at that time certainly was that it would be open to an accused charged with an offence to show that the offence was probably committed by a third person.

Now if you -- sorry?
No, go ahead.
No? If you were going to sort of pursue that before the jury, though, I take it, once again, you would have to tread somewhat carefully -Well --
-- because you don't want, for example, the jury to think that your accused has perhaps been involved in other offences?

A No, but $I$ think that the issue of admissibility of
that evidence would be first determined in the absence of the jury, and that might even involve calling the individuals who were attacked and sexually ravished or nearly ravished, and if the evidence is viewed -- was viewed as relevant and probative of that issue, then it would be admitted and you would call the evidence with the benefit of having had that determination made in the absence of the jury.

Let me give you an example of what $I$ was referring to. In detective or in Constable Cressman's report -- this is document 004102 , that's April 15th, '69, if you could bring that up -- in this report (V1)--- (V1)-, who was one of the victims, was shown some photographs, and it's recorded here -- whether she would do that at a trial or not $I$ don't know -- but at least at that time it was indicated in the report that she immediately picked out the photo of David Milgaard and one other male person. She didn't identify them as the person who had assaulted her but said these were two people that she recognized there. And again, when $I$ say 'tread carefully', that's an example where as defence counsel, if I'm going to go down this route, I've got to be very careful
that this doesn't backfire on me and (V1)--- (V1)-
happens to say "yeah, that is the person that assaulted me".

What was the date of that?
That? April 15th, '69.
No, but the date of the (V1)- offence?
Umm --
Oh, all right.
COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: I think it was October or November of '68?

BY MR. FOX:
October or November of '68, yeah.
Well the reason I ask that, if I may, is that you are quite right one would have to be careful, but if you could demonstrate, which $I$ think you could have in this particular case, that David was not in the city at that time, then of course that would remove the consideration that you have quite properly raised with me.

And you would have to demonstrate that he wasn't in the city at that time?

Well, I think it would be prudent to.
Otherwise -- of course.
Yeah.
Otherwise there might be the suggestion that he

was involved?
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Yes.
And now when $I$-- and what $I$ am not suggesting to you, Mr. Tallis, is that you wouldn't go down that route, but another question then you would have to look at; "okay, if she has picked out his picture, but I, then $I$ want to establish that he wasn't in the city in October of 1968 , how do $I$ do that?", that would mean either finding an alibi for him or having to put him on the stand?

Yes.
And, again, that brings back to the consideration of "do I want to put him on the stand or not"? My point being, simply, there is a multitude of considerations that you would have to look at as you work through that line of defence?

From what $I$ can remember, in general discussions, I think that independent evidence would have established that he was not in the city on that occasion.

If we can turn to the (V4)---- (V4)--- complaint, this was the lady who was -- claimed to have been assaulted or was assaulted the morning of January 31st, 1969, gave a very specific time as having been assaulted at 7:07 a.m. that morning.

A Yes.
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And, again, that evidence might point towards another perpetrator having assaulted her and also having killed Gail Miller; that's what you would hope to do with that evidence as a defence counsel?

I -- it would be part of all the circumstances that would be canvassed in the application to adduce this evidence designed to show that the perpetrator of this murder/sexual assault was probably a third person, albeit one that could not be identified by name. And of course as I've indicated earlier, and $I$ don't want to be too repetitious, this would involve a consideration and calling of evidence as to the modus operandi of this individual, and that included some of the unique features or similarities that are canvassed in police reports and which were canvassed with me.

Q And it would be fair to say, as defence counsel, part of my assessment would be am I perhaps gonna put before the jury the possibility that there is two completely different perpetrators, in other words that same person -- that the jury, that the Crown may be able to establish the same person
couldn't have committed the murder and also the assault on (V4)---, in which case I've now got two separate perpetrators and the possibility that the previous rapist also assaulted (V4)---, someone completely different killed Gail Miller; that's just something you would have to consider as you decide whether you're going to embark down that road or not?

Oh, I'm sure it would be weighed. But I guess, realistically speaking, $I$ probably would have assessed it this way, and it's sort of almost, there's almost an element of statistical causation involved here; the likelihood of two different rapists operating in that area of town on a 40 -below morning is highly unlikely. Certainly, that would be an argument that would be advanced by the defence --

Sure.
-- in support of the contention that this was relevant and admissible evidence going to an issue in the case.

Sure.
Now I appreciate that the point you take is really a point that the prosecutor might take in arguing against its admissibility but $I$ think, on the
question of admissibility, a very compelling case could be made for its admission, and that the point you make probably would go more to the weight --

Sure.
-- than to its admissibility.
Yeah, $I$ don't know if there's any question as to the admissibility. It would be a question of whether or not, at the end of the day, you could suggest that it is likely the same perpetrator or whether the Crown, because of timing, the comparison of the type of offence that occurred, distance and so on, whether or not we're really talking about two different, two different people having committed two different offences that particular morning. And that's just the type of analysis that you, as defence counsel, would have to make in deciding do $I$ want to go down that road or not; would that be correct?

That's correct. But I'd have to say, at the end of the day, on balance, looking back, I think the factors are more compelling with respect to the admission of that type of evidence and putting it forward.

Did you ever make any inquiry of the police as to
was there someone else out there committing rapes or assaults?


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No, anything $I$ did was through Mr. Caldwell, because that was the protocol. And I think I mentioned to Mr. Hodson that $I$ remember on one occasion early in the going I saw I think Lieutenant Short in the corridor somewhere and asked him some minor matter and he said, well, anything of that nature would have to go through Mr. Caldwell's office, and $I$ knew that that was the way in which it was being handled and treated as such.

And did you ever make any inquiries of Mr. Karst on any matter in relation to this investigation other than your questioning at the preliminary hearing or the trial?

I don't, $I$ don't think that $I$ ever spoke to him directly. Anything was either at the preliminary hearing or trial, or seeking information from Mr. Caldwell, as the correspondence discloses. Thank you, Mr. Tallis, those are all the questions I have.

I wonder if we can break for just a few minutes. COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Yeah, yes. Just very few.
(Adjourned at 4:09 p.m.)
(Reconvened at 4:15 p.m.)
BY MS. KNOX:
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Thank you. Mr. Tallis, for the record my name is Catherine Knox, we've met on previous occasions, and you know of course that $I$ am acting as counsel for the prosecutor, T.D.R. Caldwell?

Yes.
And, for the record, you and $I$ have not discussed your role or Mr. Caldwell's role in the involvement in this case except on an occasion when Mr. Halyk and $I$ visited you at your chambers in the Court of Appeal with respect to the civil suit that was pending against our client?

Yes, that's correct.
Okay. Now, sir --
And just so there is no misunderstanding, I think you had a solic -- had a waiver -Yes.
-- of privilege -Yes, there would have been.
-- that had been furnished to you? Yes, through the offices of Mr. Rodin, I believe, who was handing the civil file at the time. Okay.

But you requested and we provided you with documentation to show that there had been waiver of privilege and you could discuss certain matters with us.

Now, sir, I get the
impression -- and perhaps you can correct me if I'm wrong -- that out of a sense of obligation to keep yourself as focused on your own knowledge as possible in this case, that primarily you've declined to follow what's been happening in the press, you haven't been reading transcripts of evidence, witness statements, except as more recently provided to you by Commission Counsel? That's a fair statement.

Okay. So to a large extent, except as may have arisen in the course of your discussions with your counsel and Commission Counsel in preparation for your testimony here, you have not followed or read the evidence of Mr. Caldwell when he appeared before this Commission?

No, I haven't, unless $I$ was asked to read certain portions.

Q Okay.

A But $I$ wasn't making it a practice of following the testimony.

Q Okay. Now, Mr. Tallis, like you Mr. Caldwell testified, when he was before this Commission for a number of weeks, that at a -- from his personal and his professional point of view, in the years through the '90s up 'til the time of this Inquiry, that it was painful for him to have his professional integrity and his personal integrity called into question, sometimes in the national media, and you've expressed that sentiment today. What Mr. Caldwell has said though, on the record, is that in reviewing all of the information that has now been made available to you, and going back into his old file, he realizes with the benefit of hindsight that there are some things on the file that he should have disclosed to you, and I take it you are aware of that?

Not in any specific way. Okay.

I assume that you are probably referring to the particulars concerning the sexual assaults that had occurred within a certain time frame, but I didn't have a chance to look at any of the details or anything like that until Mr. Hodson actually made them available to me and asked if $I$ would read a fairly large booklet of police reports, so

I think that fairly summarizes the situation. But as far as what Mr. Caldwell has said, as outlined by you, I accept that that's what he has said but I haven't really focused on that.

Okay. Sir, to ensure that $I$ don't cause any misimpression on your part or create any error in the record, what Mr. Caldwell has testified to is that his file did not contain the police complaint reports with respect to the (V1)- and (V2)----rapes, which were the actual rapes that Larry Fisher subsequently plead guilty to; were you aware of that, that those reports were not in his file?

I think I may have been told that by Mr. Hodson, but -- in going over this, but --

Okay.
-- I could be wrong on that too.
I'll take you through some documents --
In any event, I can't speak for Mr . Caldwell on that part.

No. I'll take you through some documents that support his contention or his evidence that the materials were not known to him or he had not made a connection about previous rapes, and the first document $I$ 'm going to ask to have brought up is

009386 . This is a copy of a laboratory report that was actually in his file with his handwriting on it; and you've seen this report before? Yes, that one $I$ recall being shown. Okay. Mr. Commissioner, if I could have your permission, I'm going to pass the witness a colour photocopy of this report. COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Okay.
(Witness reading) Yes, $I$ have had a quick glance at it.

And, sir, there is two parts or three parts that $I$ want to direct your attention to. First off you will notice that there is a file number that $I$ have just covered up with my finger, but it's a different file number than the Gail -- it's 286-69, which is a different file number than the file number assigned to the Gail Miller murder file, which I believe was 641-69; so you see it has a different file number?

Yes.
And the second part, it refers to (V2) (V2)-(V2)----- and (V1)--- (V1)- -Yes. -- which is circled on the copy that we have before us, circled in the colour photocopy that we
have; you will see that?
A
$Q$
Yes.
Now I want to take you back to the top, and you'll see a notation in the handwriting that's been identified in what we know to be Mr. Caldwell in a pen ink that's visible on the colour photocopy, that he made a notation to his file that this is a "different file" and made a presumption, he has testified, that it had nothing to do with the Gail Miller murder.

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$Q$

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A
$Q$
And I am using "misfiled".

A
Q

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Q
But I am unable to, and it would be improper for me to, usurp the role of the Commissioner in passing judgement on anything like that.

And please understand that $I$ am not asking you to usurp the role, but $I$ just want to make sure that
And if, of course, he concluded that it was a different file and was accordingly irrelevant to the issues in this case, $I$ suppose one could make that kind of mistake.

Uh-huh, yes.
But I am unable to, and it would be improper for
we're clear that when Mr. Caldwell testified before the Commission, that he indicated that in hindsight he recognized --

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A
$Q$ Yeah.
-- that there were some things that he should have turned over to the defence, that he wasn't addressing the (V1)- and (V2)----- rapes, -Yes.
-- he was talking about other assaults that I will take you to very shortly.

Yes.
So from that point of view in 1969 he made a notation that indicated he was of that belief at that time, would you agree, when he said
"different file"?
Yes, $I$ view it in that context. And in making the comment that $I$ did a moment ago I'm mindful of admonition that Mr. Hodson gave me the other day about not going into certain areas that were not proper for me.

Okay. And with respect to that, Mr. Gibson asked you in his questions to you about the reports, the RCMP reports of Inspector Riddell and Rasmussen that went back to March of $' 69$ where they did reports that went to their division commanders in

Regina who sent them to the Attorney General's Office in Regina, which would of course be the head office for the prosecutions here in Saskatoon; are you aware that Mr. Caldwell had no idea, like you, that those reports existed and they only became known to him in 1993-1994? No, I have no knowledge of that.

Okay. Well, again, the evidence before the Commission, and there will be further evidence I believe from Crown officials and police officers, that those reports were never part of the prosecution file just like they were never part of the Saskatoon Police Service file, so again, in terms of whether he was acting in good faith, I'd ask that we sort of take that part, that information off the scales that $I$ want to set out here with you, if $I$ can use that phrase. He thought the lab report was put in as filed by mistake, he didn't have the Rasmussen and Riddell reports about their belief of a possible connection and he's testified that he didn't have, that he can recall, any knowledge that there was a series of unresolved rapes on the west side at that time, and Mr. Hodson and others have taken you to newspaper reports. Your indication is as a
defence lawyer, as a father, as a husband, you had no knowledge that there was a serial rapist on the loose, to use the language others have used in these proceedings, in 1969-'70 did you?

A clear on that.

Yeah. And --


A

It may have been developing, but as I say, the Threinen case was $I$ think in the ' 70 s, probably '73, '74 or thereabouts, and the term was certainly used in that connection, at least among the people in the community that we lived in, which wasn't that far from at least some of the areas where abductions had taken place, so it was very much on people's minds.

And that was ' 73 Mr. Hodson indicated last time, last week, maybe '74 that that case occurred?

It's somewhere in that neighbourhood, so the term serial killer was definitely being used at that time, but before that, I'm afraid I can't assist you any more than that.

Okay. And in that case, Mr. Threinen had a number of victims where he abducted and killed various people?

There were -- my recollection is that it was, the number was four.

Yeah.
Two and two I believe --
Okay.
-- you know, within a relatively short space of time.

Okay. Now, sir, again with the Commissioner's
permission $I$ 'm going to pass you three, this time I have original documents from the prosecution file that $I$ 'm going to ask you to look at in respect to my next series of questions.

Mr. Commissioner, I'm passing to the witness the original of the (V4)---- (V4)--- statement of January 31st, 1969. The document number is 006404 .

COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: Do you want to continue this in the morning? I see it's 4:30. MS. KNOX: Oh, certainly.

COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: I don't know
what -- would you like the witness to look at that at his leisure before we convene tomorrow or what?

MS. KNOX: What I would like to do, because I am very cautious of taking original documents, I have coloured photocopies, I'll give him the coloured photocopies and return the originals to Mr. Hodson until morning.

COMMISSIONER MacCALLUM: All right, that will be fine. Thank you.
(Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.)

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