

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY CONSTABULARY

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Statement of Witness

Statement taken

On 16/9/99

At (location)

Loreburn St
Police Station
By DI Leshi

Surname:

Bollier

Maiden Name:

N/A

Forename(s):

Edwin

Title: Mr

Place & D.O.B:

4/11/37 in Zurich

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Others Present

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If witness at or near locus,
give physical desc.

Height:

Build:

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STATES:

I have been interviewed by Scottish Police Officers on numerous occasions in the past.

In addition to my previous statements I would like to make the following statement:

10 About a year ago I asked the Swiss Authorities to ask the Scottish Authorities by means of a request for Judicial Assistance that I be granted an opportunity to view the original fragment of the MEBO MSTB Timer found at Lockerbie from the PAN AM 103 Air Disaster.

20 In response to this I received an invitation from the

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Crown Office to come to Scotland on 13th September 1999 to discuss the whole matter

On 14th September 1999 at about 4.15pm 4 Police Officers entered the room and gave me the opportunity to examine the original MST 13 timer fragment.

One officer opened a sealed glass phial, removed and placed on the table a plastic bag containing the fragment for me to examine

I examined the fragment using a magnifying glass of about 10x magnification and a pair of specially adapted spectacles. I established that the fragment was coloured green, lacquered on one side and identified it as being manufactured by 'Thuring', Switzerland. This type of PC board was used in the 20 MST 13 Timers supplied to the (MC) S.B. This type of PC board was used in at least 5 MST 13 Timers supplied to the Libyan Army

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When asked what I could see by Ms Watson, Procurator Fiscal Depute in the presence of Mr D Harvie of the Criminal Investigations Team Crown Office. I said that the solder points where a relay would normally be connected to the board showed that there had never been any soldering there (ie no structure). The edge of the solder point on the fragment that I was shown had no distance between it and the edge of circuit board. Thuring' PC boards normally have a 1mm gap between the edge of the solder and the edge of the PCB. Seeing this I said "This fragment cannot be from a working timer."

Ms Watson then asked me why not and I said "There is no structure on this solder point to indicate that a relay had been soldered to this point. For me this fragment is "fabricated". By this I meant that it came from a PCB that never had any electronic component

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parts inserted into the board. This was heard by all those present during the examination.

I now request that this fragment be examined by 5 American Experts and 1 Expert from RACAL in the field of electronics and physics, to confirm that a relay was never soldered onto that fragment.

On 15th September 1999, during the course of the morning an officer in a white knee length coat appeared and showed me in the presence of Mr Harvie and Ms Watson, as well as the Interpreter, one missing bit from the fragment (the sawn out piece).

This piece was a light brown, beige colour from the first series of 3 prototypes. At the same time he asked me to look at the green piece. This was no longer the same fragment as the one I had been shown on the 14th September 1999. This fragment had two solder points and there was still no evidence

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that a relay had been soldered to it.

Q Mr Ballier have you had any contact with the Defence?

A Yes.

Q When and how did you speak to them

A 9.00 pm last night by telephone he was in Holland

Q Who did you speak to

A Alistair Duff.

Q Who instigated the contact.

A I phoned him

Q Can I ask why

A I asked him ~~if~~ ^{my} he was ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{MC} when he was coming to Scotland

Q Why did you ask him that.

A Because I have a couple of legal questions for him about the interview and generally in connection with the Lockerbie matter, specifically about my rights here.

Q Did the conversation discuss any other matters.

A It was short conversation and he said he would ring me after 5pm

I have nothing to add at this moment

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Q Can I ask you one further question

A Yes.

Q Are you saying in the statement that the fragment you were shown on Monday 11th is from a PC Board supplied to the Libyan Army in at least 5 MST 13 Timers.

A ~~Five~~^{ER} of the same type or similar ^{(MK) ER}
A Five timers with PC Boards that were of the same type or with similar boards were supplied to the Libyan Army. ~~P. B. B. B. B.~~