

APPENDIX C

FORENSIC REPORT CONCERNING TAPES OF CORONER'S PROCEEDINGS

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Dear [Name redacted],

Re. Six audio cassette tapes of Billy Wright inquest, Northern Ireland.

Of the six audio tapes supplied to this laboratory on the 24th March 2003, Coroners 1/99, Coroners 2/99 and Coroners 3/99 have information recorded to the left and right channel of a stereo pair. The tapes Coroners 4/99, Coroners 5/99 and Coroners 6/99 have only recorded information the right channel of the stereo pair.

The six tapes have been recorded on a Neals type of recorder, speech recorded to the left channel of a stereo pair with time and date information recorded to the right channel. The recording machine has recorded at ¼ speed, so each side of a C90 cassette tape will last for approximately 3 hours.

Tape Coroners 1/99; this tape has information recorded to the left and right channel. The recording was started at 11:59:50 on 22/02/99 and runs to 14:52:30. However at approximately 14:52:20 the tape was rewound to the 13:51:40 point and then switched back into record at 15:22:50 and records up until 16:23:00.

Tape Coroners 2/99 has recorded information to the left and right channel between the times 16:23:00 and 17:12:00 on the 22/02/99 and 12:01:50 to 14:02:20 on the 23/02/99.

Tape Coroners 3/99 has recorded information to the left and right channel. The recorder was initially switched to record on the 23/02/99 at 14:02:40, it was then switched out of record at 14:06:30. At 15:16:50 the recorder is switched back into record until 16:56:30 when it is switched off.

Tape Coroners 4/99 has time information only recorded to the right channel. The tape has recorded time information between the times 11:40:00 to 14:39:40 on the 24/02/99. There is a machine generated audible tone recorded to the left channel at the start of the tape, apart from this tone the left channel has no recorded information.

Tape Coroners 5/99 has recorded time information only between 14:31:40 to 16:21:00 on the 24/02/99 to the right channel. This tape also has the recorded tone on the left channel at the start of the recording but no other recorded information.



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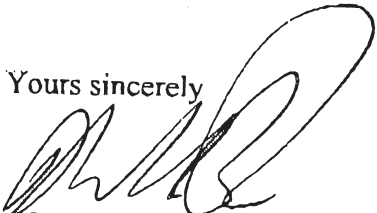
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Tape Coroners 6/99; machine generated again the left channel of this tape is recorded with the tone at the start of the tape only. The right channel indicates that the recorder was switched into record on the 26/02/99 at 11:39:00, it was then switched off at 14:02:40. At 16:15:30 the machine was switched back into record and then finally switched off at 16:26:50.

As can be seen from above the tapes 4/99, 5/99 and 6/99 have no speech information recorded to them. The fact that the right channel has recorded machine generated time and date information, and the initial tone recorded to the left channel at the start of the tapes indicates that the recording machine was switched into record. On the assumption that these tapes are original recordings, not copies, it would seem that either the microphones inputting to the right channel were defective or disconnected or that there was a fault with the recording machine.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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