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HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY

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being heard before:

SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman)

MR DAVID LANE

MS GERALDINE DOHERTY

held at

Banbridge Court House

Banbridge

on Wednesday, 8th June 2016

commencing at 10.00 am

(Day 210)

MS CHRISTINE SMITH, QC and MR JOSEPH AIKEN appeared as  
Counsel to the Inquiry.

1 Wednesday, 8th June 2016

2 (10.00 am)

3 WITNESS HIA409/R14 (called)

4 CHAIRMAN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Before we  
5 start can I just remind everyone that if you have  
6 a mobile phone, please turn it off or place it on  
7 "Silent"/"Vibrate", and photography is not permitted  
8 either here in the chamber or indeed anywhere on the  
9 Inquiry premises.

10 Yes, Ms Smith?

11 MS SMITH: Good morning, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies and  
12 gentlemen. Our first witness today is Ronald Graham. He  
13 is HIA409/R14. Mr Graham wishes to take an oath.  
14 I meant to check with you this morning. When I spoke to  
15 you last week, Mr Graham, you were happy to waive your  
16 anonymity and I asked you to think about that. Are you  
17 still happy for your name to go into the public domain?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 **WITNESS Ronald Graham (sworn)**

20 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Please sit down.

21 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

22 MS SMITH: Now Ronald Graham's statement to the Inquiry is  
23 at KIN030 to 40. He gave a statement to the police in July  
24 of 1980, which is at 10271 to 10276. He also gave  
25 a statement to the Kincora Inquiry. Unfortunately

1 I have not written down the page reference, but it was  
2 in tandem with what he had told police in 1980. The  
3 report conclusions about Ronald Graham's evidence are at  
4 KIN75257 to 75259. That's paragraphs 4.29 to 4.40 of  
5 the report.

6 Now, Ronald, you will see that your statement to the  
7 Inquiry is on the screen. Can I just ask you to  
8 confirm that is the statement that you gave --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- to the Inquiry? You signed that on 18th May of this  
11 year.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. Is that right? You are now 57, Ronald. Isn't that  
14 right?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. I know we were talking about birthdays. You have  
17 a birthday coming up shortly. Your personal details are  
18 set out there in paragraphs 1 to 3. When you were first  
19 taken into care, you went into Bawnmore for three years.  
20 Isn't that right?

21 **A. Yes, that's correct.**

22 Q. And you were there from October '71 until January '74.  
23 You enjoyed your time in Bawnmore and you have no  
24 complaints to make about it or you certainly were  
25 unaware of any abuse taking place in that home. Isn't

1           that right?

2   **A. Yes, that's right.**

3   Q. You say that at paragraph 4 there of your statement, if  
4   we can just scroll down, please. You also talk about the  
5   staff that you remember from Bawnmore. You developed a  
6   good relationship with the matron, who was BM2, BM2, and  
7   BM3, the Superintendent at the time. I am just going to  
8   remind people, Ronald, that although you are happy for  
9   your name to go into the public domain, none of these  
10   names can be used outside of this room without the  
11   permission of the Inquiry. You say he was a lovely man.  
12   You got to know him and his family well during the years  
13   you were in Bawnmore.

14           You say there were certainly some thugs and bullies  
15   in Bawnmore when you were there, but you found it  
16   a relief compared to what you had been experiencing at  
17   home. You were not abused there and you didn't see any  
18   abuse taking place.

19           You then you thought returned to your family home  
20   and then your father took ill, but we know, in fact,  
21   that you were in Kincora on three separate occasions.  
22   The first was from 2nd December 1974 until 4th January  
23   '75, and so you were actually in Kincora when your  
24   father was ill and during his short illness and  
25   subsequent death on 10th December of that year.

1           Sorry, Ronald. This is difficult. Are you happy  
2 for me to continue? If you need a break at any time,  
3 please just say and we'll take a break.

4           You went to Liverpool for a few days after your  
5 father's funeral and then you were brought back and  
6 taken to Kincora. Mr Semple was reluctant to have you  
7 back, because he said that you and Mr Mains didn't get  
8 on together. I am not going to call up the references,  
9 but there are page references to that at KIN76685 and  
10 76686, where it is recorded in your social work material  
11 that you were not going to stick Kincora much longer.

12           You were back in Kincora on 10th January 1975, but  
13 that was only for one night, because you were then sent  
14 to Rathgael the next day, 11th January '75 -- that's at  
15 KIN76677 -- for assessment. Rathgael had an assessment  
16 centre, and you went in there and you were assessed as  
17 not in need of a Training School Order, and, in fact,  
18 during your time in Rathgael you actually saw  
19 a psychiatrist. Now I know, Ronald, you don't remember  
20 seeing the psychiatrist, but there is a report in the  
21 papers at KIN120361 and that's dated 11th February '75,  
22 and he essentially says that Rathgael isn't the place  
23 for you. You don't need to be on  
24 a Training School Order.

25           So you end up going back to Kincora on 13th February

1 1975 and you are there until 10th June 1975. So  
2 a four-month period of time in Kincora. It is during  
3 this last period of time that you were there that the  
4 abuse that you experienced happened. Isn't that right?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. You ultimately then left Kincora to go into -- you were  
7 boarded out into a foster family and that was in  
8 June~'75.

9 Now paragraph 10 of your statement here that's on  
10 the screen you say that during the time you were in  
11 Kincora -- we are only now going to talk about the last  
12 period of time -- you shared a room with boys that you  
13 name there.

14 **A. Uh-huh.**

15 Q. You would go for walks during the day and mostly you  
16 went to see BM3, who had been in charge of Bawnmore. At  
17 night you stayed in and you watched television.

18 "Mr Joe Mains was the warden at Kincora. Mr Raymond  
19 Semple was an assistant warden, and Mr William McGrath  
20 worked as housemaster at that time."

21 Paragraph 12 you say that:

22 "Initially William McGrath came across as a caring,  
23 gentle and sympathetic man. He would often pat you on  
24 the head and ask you how you were doing, but things  
25 quickly changed."

1           Now I am going on to read out what you say about the  
2           sexual assaults you suffered from William McGrath. Now  
3           I know you are finding this difficult. So I will read  
4           this out, Ronald. Okay?

5           **A. Yes.**

6           Q. "The first sexual assault took place around the  
7           beginning of March 1975. I was having a bath and the  
8           bathroom door was locked. I heard someone trying to  
9           open the door and a man's voice asked who was in the  
10          bath. I said, 'It's Ronald Graham. Who's that?' The man  
11          said, 'It's Mr McGrath and I want to get something'.

12           I told him to wait and I heard him walking away.  
13          I remember getting out of the bath and putting a towel  
14          around me. I went out of the bathroom and into my room.  
15          When I went into the room, Mr McGrath was sitting on one  
16          of the boys' beds. I asked him to leave as I wanted to  
17          get changed. He said, 'No. I've a job to do'. I got  
18          my clothes and went out of the bedroom. I walked  
19          towards the bathroom and Mr McGrath walked behind me.  
20          He followed me into the bathroom and closed the door  
21          over slightly. I still had the towel around me and  
22          I walked over and sat on the toilet. I was still  
23          holding my clothes.

24           Mr McGrath walked towards me and I could see that  
25          his trouser zip was open. I set my clothes down beside

1 the toilet, and when I looked up, he had taken his penis  
2 out and was holding it in his hand. He said, 'I'm going  
3 to stick this up you'. I was scared and said that I was  
4 going to tell Mr Mains.

5 Mr McGrath said that Mr Mains would not listen to me  
6 and he would hit me if I didn't cooperate with him. He  
7 told me to turn round and hold on to the toilet.

8 I turned round and he said, 'Open your legs'. He pulled  
9 the towel off me and anally raped me. I kept telling  
10 him to stop but he wouldn't. The rape lasted about five  
11 or ten minutes. When he stopped, he told me to keep  
12 quiet about it.

13 I felt physically sick and I was sore. I was crying  
14 the whole time. I wiped myself with toilet paper and  
15 I remember I was bleeding.

16 When I came out of the bathroom, I met another  
17 resident on the landing and he told me to stay away from  
18 Joseph Mains, Raymond Semple and William McGrath, but it  
19 was impossible to avoid them as they worked in the home.  
20 I remember seeing Mr McGrath the following day and he  
21 just smiled at me."

22 Now can I just pause there, Ronald, and ask you  
23 this -- the person who told you to stay away from them,  
24 was he one of the boys you named earlier in your  
25 statement?



1 **A. Yes. I think it was, yes.**

2 Q. It was, and can you remember who it was?

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. But you think it was one of those boys that you shared  
5 a room with?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. What did you take him to mean by saying, "Stay away from  
8 them"?

9 **A. It's that what happened -- after what happened, I think  
10 that he was trying to say to me, like, "Keep away from  
11 them", you know.**

12 Q. Do you think he realised what had happened to you in the  
13 bathroom --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- and that's why he said it?

16 **A. Yes, yes.**

17 Q. Paragraph 20 you say that although you knew what had  
18 happened to you wasn't right, you were too afraid to  
19 tell anyone about it and you felt ashamed and disgusted.

20 You remember that a social worker called to Kincora  
21 a few days after you had been raped. McGrath knew that  
22 the social worker was visiting and had warned you not to  
23 tell them anything.

24 "The meeting with the social worker took place in  
25 the room next door to Mr Mains' office. It would have

1           been easy for someone in Mr Mains' office to hear what  
2           was being said."

3           When we were talking last week, Ronald, you were  
4           describing that room to me. There was like a connecting  
5           door that led into the extension that led to the place  
6           that Mr Mains lived in. Is that right?

7           **A. Yes.**

8           Q. So it's a room just as you went through the corridor --  
9           through the front door it would have been probably the  
10          second room on the left-hand side?

11          **A. Yes.**

12          Q. Paragraph -- sorry. In your statement to Hughes when  
13          you were -- you gave evidence to the Hughes Inquiry and  
14          in your statement -- actually the statement is at 75617  
15          I think -- you actually said that you -- yes, that is  
16          the statement that you gave to the Hughes Inquiry. You  
17          said that you had told your social worker that you  
18          didn't want to stay in Kincora and you said that:

19                 "I didn't make it clear why I didn't want to stay,  
20                 but she never made any attempt to find out from me the  
21                 reasons and didn't ask me for the reasons. On one  
22                 occasion she told me that I didn't know how lucky I was,  
23                 this being in relation to my circumstances."

24                 She told you that it didn't matter what you wanted  
25                 about Kincora, that you had to go back. You remember

1 appearing before the Juvenile Court. You told the  
2 magistrate that you didn't want to go back to Kincora,  
3 but you weren't able to say why, but he seemed puzzled  
4 by your reaction you thought, and your social worker was  
5 present in court when you said that, but she never asked  
6 you anything more about it, and you were expressing your  
7 views strongly to the court that you didn't want to go  
8 back to Kincora.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. This would have been, though, before the abuse was  
11 happening. Isn't that right, Ronald?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. So even though you hadn't been abused the first two  
14 times you were in Kincora, you were saying you didn't  
15 want to go there?

16 **A. Uh-huh.**

17 Q. And is there any reason why that was or was it because,  
18 as Mr Semple had told somebody, you didn't get on with  
19 Joe Mains?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. That was the reason you didn't want to go back?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. So it was essentially unrelated to any abuse, because  
24 you had not been abused --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- at that time?

2 At paragraph 23, going back to your statement at

3 035 -- sorry. I beg your pardon. It is 033.

4 Paragraph 23 -- if we can just scroll up a little bit  
5 more -- you say that after the first sexual assault by  
6 Mr McGrath you cut your wrists. It was a cry for help  
7 but your social worker didn't read the signs.

8 "When the social worker left, he said, 'Well, you've  
9 done the right thing keeping quiet. No-one would listen  
10 to a boy, a simple boy like you. What goes on here  
11 stays here. You remember that'."

12 I asked you if your social worker knew that you had  
13 cut your wrists and you said that she did know, but that  
14 you didn't get any treatment, that McGrath had given you  
15 a bandage, and he knew that you had done it, but nobody  
16 really asked you why you'd done this.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. About a week later you say you were lying on your bed  
19 reading a book when McGrath came into the room.

20 "He said 'I want you to do something'. I asked him  
21 what and he said, 'I want to look at your underpants'.  
22 I asked him why and he said, 'I just want to see them'.  
23 I was scared, but I took my underpants down.

24 McGrath undone -- Mr McGrath undone his trouser  
25 buttons and took his penis out. He told me to lie face

1 down on the bed and open my legs. I did this and he got  
2 on to the bed on top of me and anally raped me. I was  
3 crying and biting into the counterpane. I told him it  
4 was hurting me. The rape lasted a few minutes, and when  
5 it was over, he forced me to masturbate him. Afterwards  
6 he said, 'Don't you be saying anything'."

7 So that's the second incident, Ronald. Are you  
8 okay? Are you sure now, because we can take a break?

9 **A. Oh, no. Carry on.**

10 Q. Okay. Well, I am going to relate -- I will maybe  
11 summarise from here on in, Ronald, because I can see  
12 that just me reading this out is upsetting you.

13 So paragraphs 24 to 26 that I just read, that was  
14 the second incident following McGrath.

15 Paragraphs 27 to 28 you recount the third time this  
16 man abused you.

17 29 to 30 you talk about the fourth time.

18 31 to 32 you give details of the fifth incident  
19 involving McGrath.

20 The sixth incident is paragraph 33.

21 Then paragraphs 34 and 35 is the seventh time.

22 You talk in all of this about the threats that he  
23 was -- he was making throughout all of these incidents  
24 of abuse.

25 Paragraph 36 you say that you also remember a night

1 when you were in Kincora when Joseph Mains took three or  
2 four boys, including yourself, to a hotel in Bangor in  
3 the home's minibus.

4 "When we arrived outside the hotel, he turned around  
5 to us and said, 'You're going to do what you're told  
6 here'.

7 The other boys went into the hotel, but I didn't go  
8 in. They were in the hotel for about an hour, and when  
9 they came out, they were crying."

10 The other boys did not tell you what had happened.  
11 When we were talking about this earlier, you say you  
12 were told -- there was a couple of boys went into the  
13 hotel and you were told to stay in the minibus. They  
14 came out, and although you said it was an hour, you felt  
15 it was hard to say how long they had been in there. You  
16 didn't know why they went in and you didn't know what  
17 happened to them in there, and you said to me that there  
18 was one boy who was crying, but nothing was said.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Did you ever ask them afterwards, "What happened in that  
21 hotel or why were you crying?"

22 **A. No, I didn't. You had an idea then what was going on,  
23 like, but you just didn't say anything.**

24 Q. And what was your idea of what was going on?

25 **A. I suppose now, looking back at it now, you had an idea**

1           **what was going on. Then you just didn't.**

2       Q. But when this incident happened, you had no idea what  
3       was happening to these boys --

4       **A. No.**

5       Q. -- or why they might have been crying or ...?

6       **A. No.**

7       Q. And you didn't think to ask them, you know, "What went  
8       on in there? What upset you so much?" or anything like  
9       that?

10      **A. No.**

11      Q. You also made the point when we were talking last week  
12      whenever you were talking to the police in 1980, Ronald,  
13      you never mentioned this incident about being taken to a  
14      hotel by Joe Mains, and can you say why you didn't tell  
15      the police that?

16      **A. No.**

17      Q. You go on to say that when it was your turn to go into  
18      the hotel:

19           "... a police Land Rover stopped at the opposite  
20      side of the road and we were taken back to Kincora."

21           Now that was the same occasion; it wasn't  
22      a different occasion?

23      **A. No, the same.**

24      Q. It was just one incident where you were taken out in  
25      this minibus?

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. And how did you know it was your turn to go into the  
3 hotel?

4 **A. He told me to get ready to go in.**

5 Q. Okay, and this police patrol stopped. So you never  
6 actually went into any hotel --

7 **A. No.**

8 Q. -- and you have no idea why you were going in --

9 **A. No.**

10 Q. -- or what was being said to you? Joe Mains never said  
11 anything to you about why you should be going in there?

12 **A. No.**

13 Q. And did you know what was going on?

14 **A. No.**

15 Q. When we talked last week, you said that you now believe  
16 that the boys were abused in that hotel.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. But you said you can't remember who told you that.

19 **A. No.**

20 Q. Or can you remember when you were told that, or when you  
21 heard that, or when that became something that you  
22 believed, Ronald?

23 **A. It was afterwards, a long time afterwards, you heard the  
24 stories then, like.**

25 Q. Years later?



1 **A. Years later, like.**

2 Q. And was this -- would this have been after The Hughes  
3 Inquiry, years after that even?

4 **A. Yes, yes.**

5 Q. Going back to your statement at paragraphs 39 to 41, you  
6 talk about the final rape. Again he warned you not to  
7 tell anyone and you said that you left Kincora the  
8 following day. You said:

9 "Leaving Kincora was like coming out of hell and  
10 going into heaven, that the nightmare was over."

11 You relate who the two social workers were when you  
12 were in Kincora, and you said that you were afraid to  
13 tell them, but you did say that you wanted to leave  
14 Kincora.

15 You, Ronald, have spoken to a number of people.  
16 You remember you spoke to Chris Moore on a Spotlight  
17 programme. Isn't that -- isn't that right?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Just when you were talking to The Hughes Inquiry there's  
20 a number of things that came out in respect of that. At  
21 KIN76691 you were asked about confiding in McGrath and  
22 telling him -- I'm sorry. It's not -- this is papers  
23 that went to the Hughes inquiry, but this seems to be  
24 some record of your time, and if I can just get the  
25 actual passage. It is towards the top of that page.

1       Sorry. That's 76691. This seems to be social work  
2 material on you, Ronald, which says that:

3           "Ronald Graham started work as a porter. He became  
4 increasingly restless in Kincora, especially when he  
5 wasn't working. He wants to buy a [something or  
6 other]."

7           But if we can scroll on down, it says that:

8           "He has been talking to Mr McGrath in Kincora and  
9 secretly informing him of a job he was involved in the  
10 weekend after he came back from Kincora.

11           On 15th February Ronald Graham was complaining of  
12 a sore ear and head. Mr Mains sent him to Dundonald  
13 Hospital, but he was not detained. Later Ronald Graham  
14 talked confidently to Mr McGrath about acquiring his  
15 injuries. He and a few friends were asked to do a job  
16 which involved stealing a car."

17           Sorry.

18 CHAIRMAN: It is:

19           "... talked confidentially ..."

20 MS SMITH: "... confidentially ..."

21           Yes. Sorry.

22           "... confidentially to Mr McGrath about acquiring  
23 his injuries. He and a few friends were asked to do a  
24 job which involved stealing a car. However, several  
25 older boys chased them and after a scuffle drove the car

1 away."

2 Then on down it talks about you wanting an immediate  
3 move from Kincora.

4 "He said he didn't mind where it was as long as he  
5 got out of Kincora."

6 That's obviously some time just prior to 9th March,  
7 some time between 16th February and 9th March, because  
8 then it talks about your social worker calling at  
9 Kincora on 9th March:

10 "Ronald Graham had kept an appointment with the  
11 youth employment and gone to Stormont Hotel to work as  
12 a porter. I talked to Mr Mains and Ronald Graham is  
13 keeping out of harm's way for the time being.

14 I discussed the possibility of living-in employment, but  
15 Mr Mains ..."

16 The next line is kind of -- is missing. Then if we  
17 just scroll on down, it says:

18 "I called and found Ronald down in the dumps.  
19 He complained about having to remain in Kincora and went  
20 on to ..."

21 CHAIRMAN: "... talk of his visits ..."

22 MS SMITH: "... talk of his visits to Palmerston and  
23 Ettaville."

24 At this stage you had a relative who was in  
25 Palmerston -- isn't that right --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- and Ettaville? So those are incidents while you are  
3 in Kincora and you are being abused in this period of  
4 time. You are telling the social worker that you are  
5 unhappy, but it is also suggesting that you were talking  
6 confidentially, that you were confiding in William  
7 McGrath about some incident involving you and other boys  
8 getting up to criminal activity. Do you recall that?

9 **A. No, I don't.**

10 Q. Paragraph 48 of your statement, going back to that, if  
11 we can -- it is at page 037 -- paragraph 48 you said:

12 "At the time McGrath was a well-known and respected  
13 member of the community. He boasted that he had friends  
14 in high places and that he had paramilitary connections.  
15 I knew he had a gun, as he placed it in my mouth during  
16 one of the last sexual assaults against me.

17 I believed McGrath when he said no-one would listen  
18 to me. I thought that I would be abandoned by my family  
19 and friends if I reported the sexual assaults and that  
20 I would be treated like an outcast by the community.  
21 I also feared that I would be hurt or killed if I told  
22 anyone."

23 Now we have had this discussion, Ronald, and you  
24 know whenever you spoke to the police, you never told  
25 them that McGrath had put a gun in your mouth. You said

1 to me that you don't know why you didn't tell them. You  
2 didn't tell The Hughes Inquiry either, and you didn't  
3 mention it to Chris Moore when you spoke to him. So the  
4 first people that you told about McGrath having a gun  
5 and putting it in your mouth is when you came to speak  
6 to the Inquiry. Isn't that right?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. Can you say why you didn't say that before?

9 **A. They never asked specifically about, you know ...**

10 Q. Though you were asked in The Hughes Inquiry about being  
11 threatened --

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. -- and specifically about being threatened by McGrath,  
14 and if we can just look at that. It is KIN72763 I think  
15 is the page reference. You see here you are being  
16 examined about -- sorry. Maybe that's the -- sorry.  
17 That's not quite the reference. Sorry. It is 72765,  
18 two pages down.

19 You see here that Mr Gillen, as he then was, was  
20 your own counsel in the Inquiry, and he was asking you  
21 about McGrath and about social workers and that, and if  
22 we can just scroll on down, there at D it says:

23 "Q. Apart from the disgust which I'm sure the  
24 tribunal can well understand, had McGrath threatened you  
25 in any way or was there anything about him that made you

1 fearful of him?"

2 You said:

3 "He would have threatened me, yes.

4 Q. What did he say?

5 A. He just said, 'You know what would happen to  
6 you. You know who my friends are'."

7 So you were being asked there about being threatened  
8 by McGrath, but you didn't tell Mr Gillen --

9 **A. No.**

10 Q. -- who was your own lawyer --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- about the gun. We were talking about this,  
13 Ronald, and the whole transcript of your evidence is  
14 there. What you said to me was that when you were being  
15 questioned during The Hughes Inquiry, you felt as though  
16 you were the person who was being accused of some  
17 wrongdoing. Is that right?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Paragraph 52 -- and I am going to jump I am afraid  
20 between your statement and other pages -- but  
21 paragraph 52 you talk about going to Rathgael and then  
22 going back to Kincora. Although it is in the wrong  
23 sequence in your Inquiry statement, we know that  
24 Rathgael was actually before the abuse period, if I can  
25 put it that way, in Kincora.

1     **A. Yes.**

2     Q. But you also said about Rathgael that you enjoyed your  
3     time there. You remember one incident involving another  
4     boy, but that you got that resolved and you felt safe  
5     and secure when you were in Rathgael. Someone had made  
6     a sexual advance towards you at Rathgael. You punched  
7     him and knocked him unconscious, but that was another  
8     boy. It wasn't a member of staff. Isn't that right?

9     **A. Yes, that's right.**

10    Q. You said that a member of staff found out. You were  
11    both punished and had extra chores the next week, but  
12    that did not happen after you had been abused by  
13    McGrath. It actually happened before?

14    **A. Before it.**

15    Q. Paragraph 56 of your statement -- I should say that your  
16    life after care is set out in your statement and I am  
17    not going to go into all of the details of that -- but  
18    at paragraph 56 at 038 you said that you went to see the  
19    Reverend Ian Paisley and told him about what had  
20    happened to you in Kincora.

21            "I respected him and believed that he would do  
22    something about it, but he did nothing. In fact, he  
23    denied ever having -- having ever spoken with me and  
24    also denied knowing anything about William McGrath."

25            Again this is the first time that you ever told

1 anybody, Ronald, that you spoke to the Reverend Ian  
2 Paisley about what happened to you. In fact, you said  
3 when I asked you last week that that -- you told him  
4 some time after you left Rathgael.

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. But we know that you went to Kincora after you left  
7 Rathgael. So can you be sure when it was you told him?

8 **A. It was after Kincora.**

9 Q. After Kincora?

10 **A. After Kincora.**

11 Q. Some time after Kincora. Before or after you spoke to  
12 police and Hughes?

13 **A. Before.**

14 Q. Before you spoke to them?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. Because if we look at KIN72763, again you didn't tell  
17 the police that you had told him. Isn't that right?  
18 Then again this is Mr Lavery, who was acting for the  
19 Health & Social Services Boards in the Hughes Inquiry,  
20 is asking you -- if we can just scroll on down --  
21 talking about McGrath and you said that:

22 "He boasted in the home about who he knew.

23 Q. Boasted about what?

24 A. What they were, what friends they knew, what MPs  
25 they knew. He gave him a name and he named me one and



1 I named him one."

2 Mr Lavery asks you:

3 "Did you know MPs too?

4 A. I knew Mr Paisley before he was an MP.

5 Q. You could have mentioned it to him, could you  
6 not?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Why not?

9 A. Because I was afraid and disgusted with it.

10 I didn't think Mr Paisley would have time to listen to  
11 me.

12 Q. Mr Paisley was a clergyman?

13 A. He was, yes.

14 Q. And you were a sort of supporter of his party  
15 too, were you not?

16 A. I supported him not because he was a clergyman  
17 but because of what he stood for.

18 Q. Was he not a man you could have trusted?

19 A. Yes, I could have trusted Mr Paisley.

20 Q. Yet you didn't complain to him?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Thank you."

23 So you were telling Hughes something that was not  
24 right, if you had told Ian Paisley before you gave  
25 evidence to Hughes, and you were being specifically

1       asked, Ronald, about, "Well, could you not have told Mr  
2       Paisley?" You actually say, "No, I never told him. I  
3       didn't think I could".

4       **A. Yes.**

5       Q. But you're telling us that you actually had told him?

6       **A. I told him, like. I remember having a conversation with  
7       him. I could have meant it in --**

8       Q. Sorry?

9       **A. I said I remember the conversation with him.**

10      Q. You were saying to me that you thought that that  
11      conversation took place before you spoke to the police  
12      --

13      **A. Yes.**

14      Q. -- in 1980.

15      **A. Yes.**

16      Q. So some time -- did the conversation take place when you  
17      were in Kincora or after you'd left?

18      **A. After I left.**

19      Q. After you'd left, but before there was any police  
20      inquiry?

21      **A. Yes.**

22      Q. And do you remember even where that conversation took  
23      place?

24      **A. No.**

25      Q. No, or --

1 **A. I think it was -- I think it was in the Stormont Hotel**  
2 **when I worked there.**

3 Q. When you worked there?

4 **A. Yes. He would come over for a cup of tea.**

5 Q. Right, and you think you might have told him then?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Can you remember even what his reaction was, Ronald?

8 **A. He said -- he just looked at me. As far as I can**  
9 **remember, like, he didn't say much, so he didn't.**

10 Q. Okay, and did you ever have any other conversation with  
11 him about it or was that the end of it?

12 **A. No, that was the only one.**

13 Q. Just that one?

14 Paragraphs 57 to 63 you talk about giving evidence  
15 at the trial of Mains, Semple and McGrath. In fact,  
16 they pleaded guilty, but you might have called to give  
17 evidence initially --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- and they pleaded guilty, so you didn't have to.  
20 Isn't that right?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. But you said that before the court case you were  
23 actually approached and threatened about giving  
24 evidence?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. And you talk about that at 038. If we just can scroll  
2 on down there just, you said you were approached by two  
3 men in a car and threatened with a gun. One of the men  
4 said, "You're Ronald Graham, aren't you? I wouldn't go  
5 near the High Court if I was you. We're friends of  
6 McGrath, and the next time we see you you'll be in  
7 a wooden box". Did you tell the police about this  
8 threat, Ronald?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. Did they do anything about it?

11 **A. No.**

12 Q. Because you say there at paragraph 60 that they said you  
13 must have imagined it. Later you questioned them again,  
14 as you were very concerned about your safety, and the  
15 police admitted, at 62, that there had been a the car in  
16 the area. However, they said that someone must have left  
17 it there overnight. It was your understanding any  
18 vehicles left unattended would be towed away. Police  
19 told you not to worry about it. You would be safe, and  
20 then the men were convicted.

21 You said that you found the police investigation and  
22 legal process going tough. You still live with what  
23 happened in Kincora every day. You don't feel victims  
24 had your day.

25 Just before I move on, McGrath was interviewed about

1 you on 1st April 1980. He said -- I don't need to call  
2 this up -- it is at KIN10498 to 99 -- at the bottom of  
3 page 19499 (sic) he basically said that your allegations  
4 were a lie, that they were unbelievable, and when asked  
5 why a series of boys should complain about him, he said  
6 that it was a hazard of his job. So that's as much as he  
7 said about the allegations that you made against him,  
8 Ronald, until he pleaded guilty in respect of you.

9 We know that he pleaded guilty, in fact, to three  
10 counts in respect of you, one of buggery, one indecent  
11 assault and one of gross indecency, which would have  
12 been sample counts, specimen counts. He received four  
13 years in total.

14 Just about -- some more things about your evidence  
15 to the Hughes Inquiry. You told them at KIN72746 that  
16 you liked Mr Mains. You described him as a massive big  
17 man, but you were afraid to confide in him. That was  
18 contrary to what was being recorded in the social work  
19 records, that you and he didn't get on and you were  
20 saying you didn't want to go to back to Kincora because  
21 you didn't get on with Mains. Did that change in some  
22 way? Did your view of him change or ...?

23 **A. It did in a way, you know. There's -- Mains -- how do**  
24 **you say it -- he was the kind of man you would look up**  
25 **at -- you could look up at as -- you know, as you would**

1           **with BM3, say. You know, going through that system, you**  
2           **were always taught to look up and respect him, like.**  
3           **You know, he kind you gave that impression.**

4    Q.    So from an initial period in the first two times you  
5           were in Kincora when you didn't like him and that was  
6           why you didn't want to go back to Kincora because you  
7           didn't get on with him --

8    **A.    Yes.**

9    Q.    -- that changed. The third time you actually did  
10           acquire a degree of respect for him. Is that what you  
11           are saying?

12   **A.    I did in a kind of a way, yes.**

13   Q.    Well, you certainly were unable to tell your family, and  
14           you talked about being asked a couple of times what was  
15           wrong with you by other boys -- that was in Kincora --  
16           and you said that you didn't tell them what was wrong  
17           with you.

18            You also told the Kincora Inquiry -- sorry -- The  
19            Hughes Inquiry, I should say, at 72760 that you didn't  
20            know that there was anything happening to others, and  
21            again that's -- the incident about the hotel, you didn't  
22            tell them about that?

23   **A.    No.**

24   Q.    You also had made a complaint about a housefather  
25           treating you like a child to your social worker and you

1           were spoken to by the housefather. So this is again  
2           when you were talking to Hughes at 72765. You were  
3           trying to explain to them why you couldn't tell your  
4           social worker what was happening, because you had made  
5           a complaint that the housefather had sent you to bed and  
6           was treating you like a child and therefore -- that got  
7           back to the housefather. The social worker spoke to the  
8           housefather about that and you were spoken to. I take  
9           it by the housefather you meant Semple?

10       **A. Yes.**

11       Q. So you were afraid to tell your social worker in case  
12           something got back to McGrath essentially. Isn't that  
13           the position?

14       **A. Yes, yes.**

15       Q. You also then spoke to the journalist Chris Moore. You  
16           feature in his book under a pseudonym, Ronald, and that  
17           was -- I will just check what I have done with ... Yes.  
18           He talks about you in a chapter which is at KIN5053,  
19           chapter 8, entitled "Enter the Beast". This is where  
20           he's talking about McGrath, and he talks -- he describes  
21           you as "Sammy" to protect your true identity.

22                   Now we have gone through this and the details that  
23           he gives there are clearly about you.

24       **A. Yes.**

25       Q. So you accept that you were "Sammy" and that you talked

1 to Chris Moore. Isn't that right?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. And you knew that at the time you spoke to him you  
4 didn't want him to disclose your identity, but you are  
5 now happy for people to know that --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- you are "Sammy"?

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. And I will just look at a few things. You say that --  
10 you said that:

11 "In the toilet on the landing McGrath had raped  
12 a young boy -- we will call him 'Sammy' to protect his  
13 true identity -- on his final day in the hostel as  
14 foster parents waited downstairs to take him to a new  
15 home in the same toilet McGrath had raped the boy on his  
16 first few days at Kincora."

17 Sorry. He raped you in the toilet on the final day  
18 where the foster parents were waiting downstairs. You  
19 told us it was actually the day before you left Kincora  
20 that the final rape took place. Isn't that right?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Then it goes on to give details about you, which are  
23 correct, and just in the second page of the book there  
24 it says:

25 "Sammy's statement that he had repeatedly been raped



1 by McGrath was eventually used to confront the beast and  
2 it was the basis of charges to which McGrath eventually  
3 pleaded guilty, thereby removing any possibility that  
4 his evidence would be heard in open court."

5 In other words, you didn't have to give evidence  
6 about him. It goes on to say that -- this is the part  
7 here where -- you told -- Chris Moore has recorded that  
8 you said to him that you did once tell one of the many  
9 social workers you had to deal with:

10 "... but that she just laughed, as McGrath had told  
11 him they would if he dared to speak out. In spite of  
12 her reservations, the social worker did raise Sammy's  
13 complaint with Mains and McGrath. Sammy was called in  
14 after they had time to discuss his allegations to hear  
15 McGrath describe him as a liar in front of Mains and the  
16 social worker and to see Mains turn his back on him."

17 So I was discussing this with you last week,  
18 Ronald, and when we got to this point, you said

19 "Well, I thought Sammy was me, but this can't have been  
20 me" and you can't remember telling Chris Moore that.  
21 Isn't that right?

22 **A. Yes, that's right.**

23 Q. And if you did tell him it, it wasn't true --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- because you definitely didn't tell any social worker?

1    **A. No.**

2    Q. And there was never an incident where a social worker  
3       confronted McGrath --

4    **A. Yes.**

5    Q. -- in Mains' -- told Mains and McGrath about you. Isn't  
6       that right?

7    **A. Yes, that's right.**

8    Q. If we can scroll to the next page about other things  
9       that you did tell him that you do say, it says:

10           "Even with Sammy McGrath boasted about his contacts,  
11       how high up in the Orange Order and in Loyalist  
12       paramilitary groups like the UDA as well as politicians  
13       such as Paisley. Sammy remembers McGrath's boast that  
14       during the 1974 Loyalist strike he was involved in talks  
15       with representatives in the Northern Ireland Office.  
16       McGrath did mention Tara to Sammy, asking one day if he  
17       had ever heard of the group, then explaining the name of  
18       the organisation is something to do with the Free State.  
19       At this point, according to Sammy, McGrath burst out  
20       laughing and said there was more to the word 'Tara' than  
21       he could ever begin to understand. He said it was part  
22       of the Orange Order but a part of the Order made up of  
23       Protestants who thought differently from the rest of the  
24       Orange Order, people who believed that Catholics should  
25       have no say in society."

1           That's what you remember McGrath telling you --

2   **A. Yes.**

3   Q. -- about Tara. Is that right?

4   **A. Yes.**

5   Q. Says -- you went to say -- tell Chris Moore that:

6           "McGrath would test the boys politically as they  
7           watched the news on television."

8           How did he do that, Sammy? What kind of things --  
9           sorry. Ronald Graham. What kind of things was he actually

10          --

11   **A. Your response. You know, if something came up with the  
12          IRA or how you responded to Protestant things, how you  
13          reacted, he would watch your expression and your body  
14          language, so he would.**

15   Q. Was the impression that you -- that he was trying to  
16          recruit you for his organisation --

17   **A. Yes.**

18   Q. -- Tara? Is that really what that was -- this  
19          conversation --

20   **A. Yes. That was the feeling you got, like, yes.**

21   Q. That was the feeling you got. That wasn't just you but  
22          the other boys who were in Kincora?

23   **A. Yes.**

24   Q. And that -- and you actually go on to say that, because  
25          you say that:

1           "Occasionally if he was satisfied that the person  
2 concerned was a Protestant with strong anti-Catholic  
3 views, he might be invited to consider membership of  
4 Tara."

5           You remember some boys living in Kincora were  
6 involved with Loyalist paramilitary groups, occasionally  
7 the UVF, but mostly the UDA.

8           Then this is, you know, another thing where he  
9 actually asks you about weapons in the house in 1990.  
10 So after you have -- long after you have given your  
11 evidence to Hughes Chris Moore says during the  
12 television interview, the Spotlight programme:

13           "I asked him if there had ever been any evidence of  
14 weapons in the house, because another former Kincora  
15 resident I traced to London told me on one occasion he  
16 saw one of the boys with a gun. Sammy said he was never  
17 aware of any guns in the home, although boys did boast  
18 about having weapons."

19           So again you didn't say, "McGrath had a gun" --

20   **A. Yes.**

21   Q. -- "because I saw it"?

22   **A. Yes.**

23   Q. That was years later as well?

24   **A. Yes.**

25   Q. And you don't know why you didn't tell him McGrath had a

1 gun?

2 **A. No, no.**

3 Q. Okay, but you go on to relate, though, about a lad whose  
4 name you forget one night coming in very late and  
5 McGrath being on duty. I am not going to read through  
6 all of this, but you accept that that's something you  
7 did tell Chris Moore --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- about this other boy's activities, and then if we can  
10 scroll down to the next page, the bottom line about this  
11 incident that you were relating to Chris Moore is that:

12 "For Sammy", for you, "it was a reminder that  
13 McGrath had contacts on the outside and that if there  
14 was going to be any trouble, he had a means of dealing  
15 with it. It certainly discouraged Sammy from reporting  
16 McGrath, so he continued to force his unwanted  
17 attentions on the boy."

18 That was the reason that you were relating that  
19 incident, which had paramilitary connotations --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- and how McGrath dealt with that in the home --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- to Chris Moore.

24 Well, Ronald Graham, everything that you said to Chris  
25 Moore you stand over apart from the business about the

1 social worker and telling the social worker. Isn't that  
2 right?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Paragraph 65 you talk about receiving £35,000 as  
5 a result of a civil claim that you brought, although you  
6 say that you didn't feel right about having the money  
7 and you felt like dirty money. So you gave most of it  
8 away to charity.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. As I say, your life after care, Ronald, is recounted  
11 there in paragraphs 66 to 69. The Panel have read all  
12 of that and I am not going to do that, save to say that  
13 in paragraph 71 you say that despite the difficulties  
14 coming to the Inquiry has caused for you personally, you  
15 still believe that assisting with the Inquiry is the  
16 right thing to do and you are still hopeful that it will  
17 finally help you to put the past behind you and move on  
18 with your life and get some closure.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Well, Ronald, that's all I want to cover with you  
21 and all I want to ask you, but is there anything that we  
22 haven't gone through about your time in Kincora --  
23 I obviously didn't -- I stopped going through the  
24 painful details, but is there -- I want to assure you  
25 that the Panel have read your entire statement --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- but is there anything that we have not covered or  
3 anything more --

4 **A. No.**

5 Q. -- about your time in Kincora that you want the Panel to  
6 know about?

7 **A. No. That's everything.**

8 Q. Okay. Well, one final question is -- from me anyway --  
9 is that we ask people who come to speak to us about what  
10 recommendations they think the Inquiry should make in  
11 its report when it concludes all of its work. So I know  
12 you have had time to think about that since last week.  
13 So is there anything you'd like to say about that?

14 **A. I'd just like to thank the Panel for giving me an  
15 opportunity to say my side of the story.**

16 Q. I have nothing further I want to ask you, Ronald.  
17 The Panel Members may have some questions.

18 Questions from THE PANEL

19 CHAIRMAN: Mr Graham, there are a few questions I would  
20 like to ask you. Do you feel up to answering them --

21 **A. Yes. Go ahead.**

22 Q. -- or would you like a break before we --

23 **A. A wee break.**

24 Q. You would like a break?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. Well, we'll give you five minutes or so --

2 **A. Yes, yes.**

3 Q. -- and if you let the witness support officer know when  
4 you feel up to coming back in.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. Thank you.

7 **A. Thank you.**

8 **(11.05 am)**

9 **(Short break)**

10 **(11.15 am)**

11 CHAIRMAN: Do you feel up to being asked a few more  
12 questions, Mr Graham?

13 **A. Yes, sir.**

14 Q. Thank you. If I could just take you back to what you  
15 were telling us about the time you were in Bawnmore, you  
16 were in Bawnmore for a number of years. Isn't that  
17 right?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. And with the exception of what you said about the  
20 bullying, it seems to have been a happy time for you  
21 there. Is that right?

22 **A. Yes, it was.**

23 Q. BM3 was the Superintendent?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. And how did you find him as a person to respond to?



1 **A. I found him -- he was like a father figure --**

2 Q. Uh-huh.

3 **A. -- and BM2 was like a mother figure.**

4 Q. Yes, and what form did the bullying that you have  
5 described take?

6 **A. It's like -- how do you explain it -- there'd be fights  
7 in the wee square at the back of Bawnmore --**

8 Q. Yes.

9 **A. -- the wee square. There'd be fights between the boys  
10 now and again, and they'd come up if you were walking  
11 along and bump into you and start a fight and things  
12 like that.**

13 Q. Uh-huh, and when that sort of thing happened, did any of  
14 the staff catch on to what was happening and try and  
15 stop it?

16 **A. No. It would be -- it would be kind of a thing -- how  
17 do you say it -- there was a long corridor in Bawnmore  
18 to the bedrooms, and in between there's a fire door  
19 going out to the yard. So there would be a boy watching  
20 for a member of staff coming through --**

21 Q. I see.

22 **A. -- to tip you off when the staff did come.**

23 Q. So the bullies would have a lookout --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- watching out for the staff coming, but were you ever

1       aware of BM3 or any of the other staff taking  
2       precautions to stop you or anybody else being bullied in  
3       that way?

4       **A. There was a -- what was his name -- there was a member**  
5       **of staff -- what was his name? I think it was --**  
6       **I can't think of his name at the moment, but he knew**  
7       **what was going on and, you know, he would kind of like**  
8       **tell you to keep away from a certain lot of boys.**

9       Q. Yes. That sort of thing is very difficult for people to  
10      stop, but one way of dealing with it is simply to turn  
11      a blind eye to it; another is to try and catch people at  
12      it; or warn children like yourself to be careful and  
13      come and speak to the staff. What way would you,  
14      looking back on it, describe the staff attitude? Was it  
15      turning a blind eye, or doing their best to stop it, or  
16      how would you --

17      **A. No, I think -- I am trying to remember him. He is**  
18      **a scout master in the home. He is also a scout master.**  
19      **I'm just trying to remember. He is a Catholic. He is**  
20      **the only Catholic member of staff. He was very -- how**  
21      **would you say -- he made you feel safe when he was**  
22      **around. There was nothing went on when he was around.**

23      Q. I see. Well, then later on you were in Kincora, as you  
24      have told us, for three times. The first time was for  
25      about a month; then you were there overnight; and then

1 the third time you were there for about four months  
2 altogether. Isn't that right?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. And it's only during the third time that you were there  
5 that you were abused in the way you have described. Is  
6 that correct?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. And if I just can ask you about that, after the first  
9 attack on you that you describe, you said that another  
10 boy warned you to keep away from not just McGrath but  
11 Mains and Semple as well.

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. Can you remember who the boy was?

14 **A. No.**

15 Q. Did any other boy give you a similar warning at any time

16 --

17 **A. No.**

18 Q. -- you were in Kincora?

19 **A. No.**

20 Q. Just that one boy?

21 **A. Just that one boy.**

22 Q. And then there were a number of other occasions when you  
23 were attacked in a similar way. I don't need to ask you  
24 about that, but you've told us about there was a night  
25 when Mains took two or three other boys as well as you

1 in the minibus which the home had down to Bangor.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. You have described what happened there. First of all,  
4 can you remember either the name of the hotel or where  
5 in Bangor it was?

6 **A. I think it was**

7 Q. That's the one down --

8 **A. That's the one down on**

9 Q. Yes, a big old building --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- just of Bangor?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. And how did they go in? Were they each taken in one at  
14 a time or did they go in as a group?

15 **A. No, they went in one at a time and so did Mains.**

16 Q. Mains went with them?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. Leaving the rest of you in the minibus I presume?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. And would he come back with the boy or come back without  
21 the boy and the boy came out later?

22 **A. He came back on his own.**

23 Q. And then the boy would come out later?

24 **A. He would go back in. He would go back in.**

25 Q. He would go back in for him?

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. And how long with each boy would the boy have been in  
3 the hotel? I appreciate you can't tell all these years  
4 later, but was it a short time or did it seem to you to  
5 be a long time?

6 **A. It seemed a long time sitting in the bus --**

7 Q. Yes.

8 **A. -- you know, but looking back on it now, it was about**  
9 **five or ten minutes, ten minutes, fifteen minutes.**

10 Q. And you said how, as I think you put it, the boys were  
11 crying. Did each boy show signs of having cried or  
12 were -- was he still crying when he came out of the  
13 hotel toward the minibus?

14 **A. Yes, yes.**

15 Q. Still crying? And then what you have described if there  
16 were three others apart from you, then the second would  
17 be taken in and then the third would be taken in. Is  
18 that how it happened?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. And there would have been I imagine a short period when  
21 the boys, including the boys who had come back crying,  
22 would have been on their own with you before Mains came  
23 back out to you. Is that right?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. Well, did either of you or the other boy say to the one

1 who had just come out, you know, "What's wrong with you?  
2 Did something happen?" or anything like that?

3 **A. You would just him what was wrong with him, you know,  
4 because the person is so upset, but they wouldn't ...**

5 Q. They wouldn't say?

6 **A. No, and then Mains would come on the scene and then you  
7 just had to shut up and mind your own business and tell  
8 the boy to stop crying.**

9 Q. On any occasion later on back in Kincora itself either  
10 that night or some other occasion did you ever ask any  
11 of those boys, you know, "What happened to you that  
12 night in Bangor that you were crying"?

13 **A. No.**

14 Q. No.

15 **A. It was the kind of thing amongst the boys you couldn't  
16 talk to them, you know. It was something that we --  
17 something that I was ashamed of and you didn't want  
18 other people to know what was going on.**

19 Q. Yes. Then you were the last of the four in the sense  
20 that the others had gone in, but you weren't taken in.

21 **A. No.**

22 Q. That was because you have described there being a police  
23 Land Rover pulling up.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. And you all then went back to Kincora. Is that right?

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. Now on any of the other occasions when you were in the  
3 home do you remember seeing any well dressed sort of men  
4 visiting the home during the day? Perhaps I should ask  
5 you, first of all, were you working all the time when  
6 you were in?

7 **A. No. I would be at the home some -- most of the time**  
8 **during the day.**

9 Q. Right, and were you normally the only boy in the home  
10 during your four months during the day, in other words,  
11 left by yourself in the home?

12 **A. There would be a few of them hanging around sometimes.**

13 Q. Sometimes, but might there have been occasions when you  
14 would be the only boy --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- who wasn't out that day?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. And then there might be other days there would be  
19 others, you know, at the weekend, whatever, hanging  
20 around. Is that right?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Well, do you remember any men who looked, for example,  
23 like officials or businessmen or people in suits coming  
24 in?

25 **A. There were -- yes, there were people visiting with suits**

1           **and ties on them.**

2       Q.   Yes, and was that during the day?

3       **A.   Yes.**

4       Q.   And did they ever speak to you, for example?

5       **A.   No.**

6       Q.   And would they speak to Mr Mains?

7       **A.   They would speak to Mr Mains, and he would tell you to**  
8           **stay in the sitting room when people like that were**  
9           **coming.**

10      Q.   Yes, and did these people sort of go round and inspect  
11         the place or did they go into a room to speak to  
12         Mr Mains? In what way did it work in the way you could  
13         see it?

14      **A.   Yes. They went into the office, which is next to the**  
15           **living room, and they talked to Mains, and then after**  
16           **that they took a walk around the place.**

17      Q.   Yes, and at the time did you think anything odd about  
18         that?

19      **A.   No.**

20      Q.   Did they give the impression from the way they were  
21         behaving that they were officials of some sort?

22      **A.   That's the impression we got. They were officials.**

23      Q.   Yes. We know, for example, that one of the duties of  
24         the councillors on the Welfare Committee was to go out  
25         and go round each of the homes and carry out



1 an inspection. Might that have been what they were  
2 doing?

3 **A. Sometimes, yes. You know, you were told not to say**  
4 **nothing to them if they asked you. If they asked you,**  
5 **say, "What do you think of this place?", you had to say,**  
6 **"Oh, it is lovely. It is nice. The food is great and**  
7 **staff are fantastic", like.**

8 Q. Did any of those men ever seem to be in a room by  
9 themselves with one of the boys?

10 **A. No, no.**

11 Q. And were there any visitors who came at night or in  
12 circumstances that would have struck you either then or  
13 now as suspicious; in other words, not the same type of  
14 behaviour you have just described?

15 **A. Yes. That happened a few occasions.**

16 Q. In what sort of circumstances?

17 **A. You would be asleep and you would hear movement and you**  
18 **would waken up and then you would see somebody leaving**  
19 **the room.**

20 Q. But if you saw a person leaving, might that have been  
21 Mains or Semple or McGrath?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. Or would it have been somebody who had come into the  
24 house from outside?

25 **A. No, it would be one of the housemasters.**

1 Q. Yes. Did they go round and check the rooms at night  
2 just to see everything was all right?

3 **A. Yes. They did occasionally.**

4 Q. Were you ever aware during the four months you were  
5 there of any of the boys being taken out, apart from  
6 that visit to Bangor, to go to pubs or hotels or  
7 anything like that?

8 **A. No.**

9 Q. No, and as far as Mains was concerned, he was the person  
10 who was in charge, and did you work at all during the  
11 time you were in Kincora?

12 **A. I think -- I can't remember, to be honest.**

13 Q. No. Were you aware that some of the other boys perhaps  
14 were going out --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- to jobs --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- whether shipyard or something like that?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. And did they hand over their pay packets when they came  
21 back?

22 **A. I'm not -- I'm not certain.**

23 Q. You don't know?

24 **A. No.**

25 Q. Did you ever see Mains or anybody on the staff giving

1           them money --

2   **A. No.**

3   Q. -- on a Friday or a Saturday or something like that?

4   **A. No. I can't remember. Sorry.**

5   Q. Thank you. Just one other thing I wanted to ask you and  
6       that is about the time you were at the court and the  
7       resident magistrate was considering where you were to go  
8       and you said that you didn't want to go back to Kincora.

9   **A. That's right.**

10   Q. I think you said he seemed rather puzzled by that. Did  
11       anybody, either the magistrate or the social worker who  
12       was with you, ask you afterwards, "Well, why is it that  
13       you don't want to go back to Kincora? What's wrong?"

14   **A. I can remember I was taken out of the court and went  
15       inside a room, and the social worker was asking, "Why  
16       are you so adamant not to go back to Kincora?" and  
17       I just says, "I don't want to go back".**

18   Q. I see. That was before you had been abused. Isn't that  
19       right?

20   **A. Uh-huh.**

21   Q. So for some reason you didn't like Mr Mains at that  
22       stage?

23   **A. Yes.**

24   Q. But when you were giving evidence to the Hughes Inquiry  
25       some years later, as you have seen today, you said you

1 actually liked Mr Mains. Did you get to like him later  
2 on?

3 **A. Yes. He came across the same way as BM3 would come**  
4 **across, you know. I remember -- the impression he gave**  
5 **you that he cared and he was concerned about you, like,**  
6 **compared to the other two.**

7 Q. Yes. Just two final questions. You know now, of  
8 course, because of the criminal investigation and  
9 prosecutions that several other boys apart from you were  
10 abused by McGrath and other boys were abused by Mains  
11 and Semple over quite a long number of years altogether.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. Had you any inkling at all at that time that that sort  
14 of thing was going on involving other boys?

15 **A. No.**

16 Q. And you've heard I am sure the allegations that there  
17 were what are described as prominent people, businessmen  
18 or people of that standing locally who were visiting the  
19 home in order to abuse boys. Now I know you were only  
20 there for four months, but did you get any impression  
21 that that sort of thing was happening in your time?

22 **A. No, sir.**

23 Q. No, and did it come as a surprise, therefore, to you  
24 when you heard those sort of rumours?

25 **A. It did, yes. It did. Came as a bit of a shock.**

1 Q. Yes. Thank you very much, Mr Graham, but my colleagues  
2 may want to ask you some questions as well.

3 MS DOHERTY: Thanks very much, Mr Graham. That has been  
4 very helpful. Can I just ask in relation to the time  
5 that you went to Bangor, do you remember the names of  
6 any of the boys that were with you in the minibus?

7 **A. No.**

8 Q. You can't remember --

9 **A. No.**

10 Q. -- who they ...? Okay. The other question is you know  
11 the time that you complained to your social worker? You  
12 were wanting to watch the news and you were told to go  
13 to bed and then you complained to your social worker,  
14 and you say then that it came back to you, that the  
15 staff knew about that. Can you just tell me a wee bit  
16 about that?

17 **A. I told the social worker, and McGrath came back to me**  
18 **afterwards and he says, "You complained to your social**  
19 **worker" and I says, "Yes" and he said, "Well, I told you**  
20 **I hear everything. It comes back to me".**

21 Q. Right. So that was quite a strong message to you?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. When you talked to the social worker -- you know, when  
24 you complained to the social worker about it, did she  
25 give you any indication she was going to talk to the

1 staff? Did she say to you, "Well, Ronald, I will  
2 raise that with them"?

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. So you were surprised when it came back that way?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. Okay. Thanks very much, Mr Graham.

7 **A. No problem.**

8 MR LANE: Just a couple of things. Obviously you came to  
9 like Mr Mains, but at the beginning what put you off  
10 him?

11 **A. It was the way -- it was after a few days in the place**  
12 **you kind of like -- you're made feel welcome and then**  
13 **after that it's you were more distant then. He just**  
14 **didn't bother with you, like, as ...**

15 Q. Was there any hint that he abused you or anything like  
16 that?

17 **A. No.**

18 Q. Nor Semple either?

19 **A. No.**

20 Q. And in terms of the sort of dynamics in the place who  
21 was the most powerful figure? Was it Mr McGrath?

22 **A. Yes. He had -- McGrath had a kind of -- the impression**  
23 **I got was between Semple and Mains McGrath was on his**  
24 **own.**

25 Q. Uh-huh. Right.

1 **A. And he never -- you -- fairly rarely you wouldn't see**  
2 **Mains in the building or Semple when McGrath was there.**  
3 **It was always McGrath on his own.**

4 Q. So during the day time who was -- was Mr McGrath on in  
5 the mornings or ...?

6 **A. Mornings.**

7 Q. And Mr Semple?

8 **A. In the evening then.**

9 Q. Right, and Mr Mains?

10 **A. In between.**

11 Q. Right.

12 **A. He ...**

13 Q. Okay. Thank you very much.

14 **A. No problem.**

15 CHAIRMAN: Well, Mr Graham, you will be glad to hear that's  
16 the last question we want to ask you. We appreciate  
17 from what we have seen that this has not been an easy  
18 experience for you, but we are very grateful to you for  
19 facing up to it and coming to tell us about the  
20 experiences you have had. Thank you very much for doing  
21 that.

22 **A. Okay.**

23 Q. Thank you.

24 (Witness withdrew)

25 MS SMITH: Chairman, our next witness today is not going to

1 be available to give evidence until 1.30 and it will be  
2 by way of Livelink.

3 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

4 MS SMITH: So we will have to set up the chamber in any  
5 event.

6 CHAIRMAN: Well, we will start as soon as we can after 1.30.  
7 Thank you.

8 (11.35 am)

9 (Short break)

10 (1.30 pm)

11 (By videolink)

12 WITNESS HIA185/R19 (called)

13 MS SMITH: Good afternoon, Chairman, Panel Members. Our  
14 next witness is James Miller. He is "HIA185/R19". He  
15 wishes to take a religious oath and he is happy for his  
16 anonymity to be waived, Chairman.

17 James, can I just check that you can hear me  
18 all right?

19 **A. Yes, Christine, I can. Thank you.**

20 Q. Thank you. I just want -- I confirmed with you earlier  
21 there is a bible present on the desk in front of you.  
22 Isn't that right?

23 **A. I have it in my hand.**

24 CHAIRMAN: Now, Mr Miller, can you see and hear me all  
25 right?



1 **A. I can, yes. Thank you.**

2 **WITNESS James Miller (sworn)**

3 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, James. If at any time you can't  
4 hear what's happening or can't see something on the  
5 screen, do please tell us straightaway and we will try  
6 and sort it out.

7 **A. Thank you.**

8 **Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY**

9 MS SMITH: Now, James, as I explained to you last week  
10 when I had an electronic conversation with you, I am  
11 just going to tell the Panel where there are some  
12 documents relevant to your time in Kincora in your  
13 bundle.

14 His statement is at KIN006 to 014. There are police  
15 statements at KIN10238 to 39 and that's from 18th  
16 March 1980. A further statement from 5th October 1980  
17 is at KIN76580, and the statement to Sussex Police is at  
18 7 -- of 7th June 1982. I haven't written down the  
19 page reference number, but I am sure I will come across  
20 it somewhere else in my notes.

21 James, when I spoke to you last time, you were  
22 anxious that the Inquiry see a photograph of you, which  
23 would have been taken when you were aged 14 --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- which was before you went into Kincora. So I am just

1 going to call that up now so that the Panel can see  
2 that.

3 **A. Okay.**

4 Q. It is at KIN120653. I know you can't see what's in  
5 front of the screen in front of us. I will just confirm  
6 that this is what the Inquiry has seen and that's the  
7 photograph that you were able to scan through to us last  
8 week. Isn't that right?

9 **A. Yes. Well, David done it here, yes, the policeman.**

10 Q. That is a photograph of you and your mother at that age?

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. Well, you are now aged 54, James, and if we can go  
13 back to your statement at 006, please, your personal  
14 details are set out there in paragraphs 1 to 4. You  
15 actually spent some time in Barnardo's in Ballycastle --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- in a home -- a Barnardo's home in Ballycastle. That  
18 was between 1966 to 1969 or '70. You were aged about 4,  
19 and then you went back to live with your mother when you  
20 were aged about 8.

21 In paragraph -- you talk about your time in that  
22 Dr Barnardo's home in paragraphs 5 to 8 of your witness  
23 statement. I am not going to go through that with you.  
24 You certainly have no complaints to make about your time  
25 in that home. Isn't that right?

1 **A. That's right. It was a very nice place, yes.**

2 Q. Okay. When you went to Kincora, you were there from  
3 15th October 1977, when you were aged 15, until 20th --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- June 1978, when you were aged 16. So a --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- total of eight months in all.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. Okay. I know --

10 **A. It seemed longer, you know.**

11 Q. And certainly whenever you were speaking to the Inquiry,  
12 you thought you were younger than you actually were when  
13 you went in, but the documents we have managed to obtain  
14 suggest, in fact, you were aged between 15 and 16.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. You don't know why you went there, but you remember that  
17 the social worker who took you -- you talk about this in  
18 paragraph 10, if we could just scroll down -- you think  
19 it was just because of the circumstances.

20 "There was nowhere else to put me. I still remember  
21 the name of the social worker who brought me there,

22 KIN335 ."

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. "My mother brought me to Police Station,  
25 because she couldn't look after me. He picked me up

1 from there and drove me to Kincora."

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. You go on to talk about the staff that you recall.

4 "The three men in charge of Kincora were called  
5 Joseph Mains, William McGrath and Raymond Semple.

6 I don't remember the names of any of the ancillary  
7 staff. I think there was about seven or eight staff in  
8 total, but those were the main wardens. Mains was the  
9 top boy. He was the boss" --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- "and you had to do what he said."

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. You also go on then in paragraph 12 to describe what you  
14 remember about Kincora --

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. -- and you say that:

17 "On the face of it it looked like a normal place.  
18 It had a nice layout and good food."

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. "On the surface everything looked good, but it wasn't  
21 anything -- but it was anything but good. As you went  
22 in the front door there was a big dining room on the  
23 right and a TV room on the left. Directly behind that  
24 was an extension and that's where Joseph Mains operated  
25 from."

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. "His office was on the left and there were showers on  
3 the right. Then there was the kitchen and a hall that  
4 ran back to another extension where they kept the  
5 freezers and stuff like that."

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. "Upstairs there were two big bedrooms at the front.  
8 They were shared bedrooms. You didn't have your own  
9 room."

10 **A. No.**

11 Q. "Then there were another two shared bedrooms and  
12 a bathroom on either side."

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. There were no more than four boys to a room and there  
15 was only ever about twelve boys in Kincora at any one  
16 time."

17 **A. Yes, that's right.**

18 Q. There was also an attic in Kincora.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. And who stayed in the attic? Can you remember,  
21 James?

22 **A. Yes. In my time there nobody. It was empty at that  
23 time. The most -- the most I understood ever were to  
24 stay in it was like two from my understanding, but  
25 I never remember anybody in it.**

1 Q. Okay. Well, certainly the maximum number of boys that  
2 would have been in Kincora was about twelve that you  
3 think.

4 **A. Yes, but as I said to you last week, I don't even**  
5 **remember twelve being in there at the time I was there.**  
6 **I think it was more like nine.**

7 Q. Okay. Well, you go on in paragraph 13 here to talk  
8 about the abuse that you suffered. You say that:

9 "The main instigator of abuse was William McGrath."

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. "He is dead now. I think the other two are still  
12 alive."

13 But I was able to tell you last week they are dead  
14 also.

15 **A. Yes, so I understand, yes.**

16 Q. "The abuse started off with what we would now call  
17 grooming, but at the time I didn't know what it was. He  
18 would do simple things like tuck me into bed and get  
19 into bed beside me. He was playing daddy, and looking  
20 back, it was a bit twisted, but at the time I just  
21 thought it was the norm."

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. "When you were having a bath, McGrath would come in and  
24 dry you off."

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. "He wasn't -- he wasn't the only one who did this. All  
2 three of them did."

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. "I remember Mains would dry himself off in front of you  
5 completely naked."

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. "I got -- it got a lot worse than that. It got to the  
8 point where McGrath was sexually touching me."

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. Scroll on down, please. Sorry. Just before that,  
11 when -- no. Sorry. I will just finish this. At  
12 paragraph 14 you say:

13 "The sexual abuse started within the first week. It  
14 continued over the entire two years I was there."

15 We know that, in fact, you were not there for two  
16 years. You were there for eight months. It may have  
17 seemed like two years to you --

18 **A. Yes, yes.**

19 Q. -- but it really only was eight months, James.

20 **A. I know, yes. It seemed like that, yes.**

21 Q. "I have thought about it and I would say McGrath abused  
22 me on 325 occasions, ranging from getting into bed with  
23 me to buggery. He used to bring me downstairs behind  
24 Mains' office and down to where the freezers were. It  
25 was quieter for him down there."

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. "The things he used to do to me were sick. He would try  
3 to get me to have an erection, but I wasn't old enough.  
4 I wasn't even developed, which was the way McGrath  
5 preferred it. He used to say" --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- "he liked boys with no hair between the legs."

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. When we were talking last week, I was working out --  
10 I was asking you how did you calculate this figure?  
11 I mean, where did you get --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- the figure of 325 times from, James?

14 **A. Yes. I thought about it, you know, over the years, and**  
15 **as I said to you last week, I am not saying that I was,**  
16 **you know, assaulted 325 times. Far from it. What I'm**  
17 **saying is that it was, you know, a combination of little**  
18 **things maybe seven or eight times a day where he would**  
19 **simply, you know, walk up against you deliberately and,**  
20 **you know, he would feel your bum on the way past, you**  
21 **know, that sort of stuff. So it wasn't sexual assault**  
22 **as such. Do you understand?**

23 Q. So you were saying that there were minor incidents  
24 involving him that you didn't, you know --

25 **A. Many.**



1 Q. -- consider to be --

2 **A. No.**

3 Q. -- in the same category, as it were, as the major abuse  
4 he committed on you --

5 **A. True.**

6 Q. -- but that all of that added up to a large number of  
7 times when this man was engaging with you. Is that  
8 a fair way of putting it?

9 **A. Yes. It may have been more, you know. This is just  
10 a hypothetical figure. Does that make sense?**

11 Q. Yes, I understand. You go on to say at paragraph 15  
12 that he would make you masturbate him.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. "He thought there was nothing wrong with it. I don't  
15 recall him ever forcing me to give him oral sex. He  
16 definitely bugged me on more than one occasion. I  
17 remember once I was bleeding from the anus for a week  
18 after one of his attacks."

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. "McGrath was sick. There was definitely something wrong  
21 with his head."

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. "He used to bring religion into it all the time as  
24 well."

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. "He would say things like, 'Oh, it is all right' and  
2 quote the bible."

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. "He was very powerful within his domain. He was the  
5 master and you had to do what he said."

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. You go on to talk about the abuse happening both during  
8 the day and at night. You say:

9 "McGrath was very clever. He did it when nobody  
10 else was around, when he was the only one on duty.  
11 During the day there might have been two people on duty,  
12 but at night there was only ever one."

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. "The wardens didn't live in the home, but McGrath only  
15 lived 100 yards down the road."

16 You say:

17 "It defies belief that he was a happily married man  
18 with a family."

19 **A. Yes, it does, yes.**

20 Q. You go on to say:

21 "I don't recall any physical abuse from McGrath or  
22 the other wardens in Kincora. It was all sexual and  
23 emotional abuse. The place operated on a system of  
24 fear. As soon as you walked in the door, you just got  
25 a feeling. McGrath" --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- "used to say things like, 'Your family don't care.  
3 That's why you're in here. We look after you and we  
4 love you'."

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. "He would say, 'When you grow up and leave, what will  
7 I do without you?'"

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. Now can I just ask -- you say that -- you're saying  
10 there, if we can just scroll back a moment, please,  
11 about the fact that as soon as you walked in the door  
12 you just got a feeling about Kincora. Can you maybe say  
13 a little bit --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- more about what you meant by that, James?

16 **A. Well, it's hard to put -- to find into words, but it is  
17 just like an atmosphere that you get when you go in  
18 somewhere that some... -- everything is not what it  
19 appears. I know it's hard to describe, but that's the  
20 sense -- it is like a sense of foreboding. Yes?**

21 Q. Did that maybe happen after you had been abused? Every  
22 time you went back in the door you had that sense, or  
23 did you have that right from the start?

24 **A. Well, more or less, but remember I was at school, you  
25 know. I went to School. I was**

1 always in when everyone else was out. Does that make  
2 sense?

3 Q. Uh-huh.

4 A. And McGrath, he principally worked during the day,  
5 because obviously he had a family. Yes? So he was  
6 usually the one that was there and he came in early in  
7 the mornings, you know, you know. So he was actually  
8 there like 90% of the time that I was there, you know.

9 Q. Well, were there other boys about when this abuse was  
10 going on?

11 A. Not usually, no, because Kincora was a working boys'  
12 home. So most of the guys in there actually did work.  
13 So they would be out a lot longer, and the fact I was  
14 a school kid basically, you know, I was actually within  
15 the confines of the home when they actually weren't.  
16 Yes?

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. And McGrath was usually the only one that was on apart  
19 from maybe when the cook came in or the cleaner or  
20 whatever, you know. She used to come in I think about  
21 5 o'clock, you know, somewhere round about that, you  
22 know, and then about 7 o'clock in the morning or  
23 something like that, but McGrath would make sure that he  
24 was not really on the scene then. Did that make sense?

25 Q. Okay.

1 **A. I mean, he was very meticulous, you know, in the way he**  
2 **done things. He was very organised, you know, and he**  
3 **had a lot of visitors to the home as well that I did not**  
4 **know at the time.**

5 Q. Well, I will come back to things later, but if we can  
6 just go back to your statement which is on our screen  
7 here --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- at paragraph 18 --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- you say that Joseph Mains used to drive to a place in  
12 Co. Down a lot to visit his mother.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. He would bring you with him sometimes:

15 "... and he thought nothing of touching me up. He  
16 would put his hand on my leg and then move it up towards  
17 my groin."

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. "Even though he didn't actually assault me, I was  
20 terrified he would."

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. "He used to say, 'If you do as I say, we'll get you  
23 an ice-cream'. McGrath was definitely the worst one  
24 without a shadow of a doubt."

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. "Semple never assaulted me in any fashion."

2 **A. No.**

3 Q. "He was bigger than the other two."

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. "He was about 5'" -- sorry -- "6'5" and wore size 13  
6 shoes."

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. "He didn't have a high IQ and he was led by Mains, who  
9 was the boss and told him what to do."

10 Now that's Semple that you are describing in those  
11 last sentences?

12 **A. Yes. The boys in there used to call him "Simple  
13 Semple". I know it's not nice, but they did.**

14 Q. Uh-huh. You were saying to me that "if you do as  
15 I say". What did he mean by that and what did you take  
16 him to mean by saying that?

17 **A. Well, you see, I knew he was involved with other boys,  
18 you know, because they talk, but I can honestly say that  
19 he never actually -- you know, he never actually had --  
20 you know, had sex to me or whatever, you know. It is  
21 just a feeling at the time -- yes -- you know, that all,  
22 you know -- because I remember -- I mean, he was good to  
23 me. Don't get me wrong. I mean, I used to do his  
24 garden -- and he used to pay me --  
25 I~forget now -- it was 1 pound or 2 pounds or 5 pounds,**

1           **but it was a lot of money to me in those days, a lot of**  
2           **money.**

3    Q.   That is Mains you are talking about would do that for  
4           you?

5    **A.   Yes.**

6    Q.   You said -- when we were talking last week, you said  
7           that he was aware of the relationship with -- that you  
8           were having with McGrath, if I can use that --

9    **A.   Yes.**

10   Q.   -- the term "relationship", and you thought that he was  
11          jealous, but you said to me that he had his own boys,  
12          that he was the boss.

13   **A.   Yes, yes.**

14   Q.   You've just -- you've just said to us, James, that  
15          the boys talked. What kind of things did the boys say  
16          to each other about what was going on in Kincora?

17   **A.   Well, everything had two meanings, Christine, you know.**  
18          **I mean, people didn't really say everything outright,**  
19          **but they inferred it, you know. You know, loose**  
20          **comments like, you know, "Don't be, you know, getting**  
21          **undressed here when he's there" and, you know, "Watch**  
22          **where you place the soap", you know, normal stuff that,**  
23          **you know, boys of that age would say, but, you know, we**  
24          **had an expression back then: "It was like a jump with a**  
25          **jag" -- did you ever hear that expression --**

1 Q. Uh-huh.

2 **A. -- you know, where it was funny, but there was actually**  
3 **more serious connotations to it, you know.**

4 Q. So this was what you would describe, if I can -- please  
5 correct me if I am being in any way unfair to what you  
6 are explaining --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- but the boys in Kincora would have had what might be  
9 described as normal teenage boy banter amongst --

10 **A. Banter.**

11 Q. -- amongst each other?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. The kind of comments that teenage boys often pass to  
14 each other, whether at school or in the street or  
15 whatever, but --

16 **A. Whether it is true or not, yes, yes.**

17 Q. And -- but what you are saying was that because you  
18 yourself were being abused, you felt there was more to  
19 those comments?

20 **A. Definitely. Absolutely, you know, and -- you know,**  
21 **which led me to, you know, be nosey, if you like, you**  
22 **know, and listen, which I did, you know.**

23 Q. So you were paying attention to these comments in a way  
24 that you might not otherwise have. Is that what you are  
25 saying?



1 **A. Yes, and then I found out a few things, as you know. So**

2 --

3 Q. We will come back to what you learned later in life, but  
4 certainly at the time -- the eight months that you were  
5 in Kincora it wasn't that anybody was coming up to you  
6 and saying that they were being abused by any of these  
7 men?

8 **A. They were just saying just to be careful round them.**

9 Q. Okay, but they didn't actually come out openly and say  
10 that they had been the subject of abuse themselves?

11 **A. No. The problem -- no. The problem, Christine, was**  
12 **that when Joseph Mains was in his office, I could hear**  
13 **him with someone, but I never knew who that someone was,**  
14 **because he had a separate entrance, you see, if you**  
15 **understand the layout of the building. So he --**

16 Q. Yes. There was an extension at the back that could be  
17 --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- could be accessed from a door into the second room on  
20 the left as you go through the front door.

21 **A. Yes. That's --**

22 Q. And that led into a small -- a bathroom, an office and  
23 a living area.

24 **A. Yes, yes. That was the side of North Road. I remember**  
25 **it well. So he would have -- now it wasn't just people**

1           **from outside. He would have people from within the home**  
2           **in there, but I didn't know who they were, and I have to**  
3           **be honest in that. I only know what people tell me, you**  
4           **know.**

5    Q.   Yes. Okay. Well, going back to your statement, you say  
6           at paragraph 19 --

7    **A.   Yes.**

8    Q.   "I believe all three of them were homosexuals, but  
9           McGrath had another agenda. He was involved" --

10   **A.   Yes.**

11   Q.   -- "in a political organisation called Tara."

12   **A.   Yes.**

13   Q.   "He used to tell me about it."

14   **A.   Yes.**

15   Q.   "It was an extremist Loyalist organisation and he would  
16           make veiled threats about how powerful he was and his  
17           contacts."

18   **A.   Yes, that's right.**

19   Q.   Now I'm -- I'm just going to pause there before going on  
20           to the next bit, James, but was he trying to recruit you  
21           to join Tara. Is that what he was trying to do or just  
22           --

23   **A.   No, no, he wasn't. It was just letting me know that he**  
24           **was well connected and a veiled threat, if you like.**  
25           **So, "Don't bother going to the police, because, you**

1           **know, it's waste of time, like".**

2       Q.   That's what you were taking out of what he was saying to  
3           you rather than anything that he was trying to get you  
4           to join?

5       **A.   Absolutely.  No.  To the best of my knowledge he never**  
6           **recruited anybody in Kincora.  I could be wrong, but**  
7           **that was my knowledge at the time.**

8       Q.   And you said that he was import... -- he would make  
9           veiled threats about how powerful he was and he -- and  
10          his contacts, and when we were talking last week, you  
11          said that he was connected to important people and you  
12          saw a few important people in the home.

13      **A.   Yes.**

14      Q.   You do talk in this paragraph -- you say you remember  
15          important people visiting Kincora like Lord Fitt and Ian  
16          Paisley.

17                "I don't think" --

18      **A.   Well, he wasn't Lord Fitt then.  Yes, yes.**

19      Q.   "I don't think they were involved in the abuse or even  
20          know what was going on."

21                When we were talking, I asked you, "Did you see them  
22          in Kincora once or more than once?"

23      **A.   More than once.**

24      Q.   And had they come together or separately?

25      **A.   No, separately, and to see two different people.**

1           **I mean, Joseph Mains would always see Gerry Fitt and**  
2           **William McGrath would always see Ian Paisley.**

3    Q.   And what time of day would these men have visited  
4           Kincora?

5    A.   **During the day.**

6    Q.   During the day, and this would have been when you were  
7           maybe back from school or something?

8    A.   **Always when I was back from school. Never in the**  
9           **morning.**

10   Q.   And your perception at the time was that there was  
11          nothing untoward about these visits. Is that right?

12   A.   **Well, you see, I didn't know who they were. Do you know**  
13          **what I mean?**

14   Q.   Uh-huh.

15   A.   **I only found out who they were after leaving Kincora,**  
16          **you know, because, I mean, I had seen pictures on the**  
17          **TV, but it didn't mean a lot to me then, you know. Does**  
18          **that make sense?**

19   Q.   Well, that's certainly --

20   A.   **You know, in defence of Gerry Fitt, okay, I know Gerry**  
21          **Fitt was for the Catholic side, if you like, but he**  
22          **wasn't really. I mean, he was, but at the same time he**  
23          **was still neutral. So I think it was just a friendship**  
24          **sort of thing that he had running with Joseph Mains, but**  
25          **Ian Paisley was a different story, because he knew about**

1           **what was going on in Kincora, and I think that's what he**  
2           **was talking to McGrath about.**

3    Q.    Okay. Well, I will come back to Ian Paisley then, if  
4           I may, shortly.

5    **A.    Yes.**

6    Q.    Just when we were talking the last time, you said that  
7           in terms of Gerry Fitt visiting Kincora you didn't know  
8           whether he was visiting it socially or whether he was on  
9           some sort of official visit?

10   **A.    Well, that's it, you see, and I still don't.**

11   Q.    Okay. You just said there about it was different in  
12           respect of Ian Paisley and you've said that Ian Paisley  
13           knew what was going on in Kincora.

14   **A.    I feel he did, yes.**

15   Q.    We had this discussion the last day about what you know  
16           and what you feel and what you have learned later in  
17           life that has led you to look at things maybe in  
18           a different light.

19   **A.    Yes.**

20   Q.    But at the time when you saw him coming into Kincora,  
21           were you aware that he knew about the abuse?

22   **A.    No. It just seemed strange that he was so friendly with**  
23           **Mr McGrath, you know.**

24   Q.    And that's -- as we were having -- as you now look back,  
25           looking over --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- everything that has happened, that's the view that  
3 you have formed today. Isn't that so?

4 **A. Oh, absolutely, yes. I mean, you know, as I said to you**  
5 **last week, I mean, I didn't really know those guys that**  
6 **well then, and there was other people. These are just**  
7 **names I remember. That's all, but I think they were**  
8 **visitors that were supposed to come, if that makes**  
9 **sense. You know, they were appointed maybe by the Board**  
10 **or something.**

11 Q. Yes. There were Health & Social Services Board  
12 officials maybe coming, social workers coming, people  
13 like that?

14 **A. They did come on a regular basis. However, you could**  
15 **not see them on their own. One of the housemasters**  
16 **would have to be present so that you didn't say**  
17 **anything, you know. I mean, they thought of everything,**  
18 **you know.**

19 Q. Paragraph 20 here you say that you got to know the  
20 signals in there and you say that:

21 "When Joseph Mains' venetian blinds were closed, you  
22 knew he was in the office with one of the boys."

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. And you say:

25 "He would be banging away at them", as you put it.

1 "You could hear it. It was awful."

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. "It was well-known within the home that Mains had his  
4 little favourites, and I wasn't one of them, which I was  
5 grateful for."

6 **A. True.**

7 Q. "He would bring you into his office to talk about life  
8 generally and how you were getting on at school."

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. "I had a few of those conversations with him, but he  
11 didn't actually assault me. I think they each had their  
12 favourites and they kept those boys for themselves."

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. "However, McGrath wasn't that fussy about who he abused.  
15 He said himself he liked all the boys as long as they  
16 weren't too old."

17 **A. Yes. That's true.**

18 Q. Now when we were discussing this last week, you said  
19 that McGrath favoured the younger boys.

20 **A. He did.**

21 Q. And you describe yourself as being small for your age  
22 and he told you that he liked you a lot.

23 **A. Well, I was, you know, what's known in the trade as  
24 a very late developer. So I think I was perfect for  
25 him, yes, unfortunately as it turned out, you know.**

1 Q. Well, you go on to say there at paragraph 21 that:

2 "There was nowhere" --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- "to escape to. You could run away, but they would  
5 just come and get you. I remember other boys running  
6 away and the police would bring them back."

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. "I used to think the police were in on it, because they  
9 were just another part of the establishment."

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. When we were discussing this again last week, you say  
12 you didn't think that at the time. You think the police  
13 were just doing their job and bringing the runaways back  
14 to Kincora.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. It is only something that you've --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- thought about later in life that you think that maybe  
19 they knew more than they were letting on, if I can just  
20 that colloquial expression.

21 **A. Yes, that is my impression, but at the time you are  
22 quite right. I thought differently, because I am  
23 thinking as a 15-year-old and not as a 54-year-old, you  
24 know.**

25 Q. You go on to say:



1            "There was a shop directly across the street and  
2            I would go over and spend hours talking to the guy who  
3            worked there."

4            **A. Yes.**

5            Q. "McGrath and Mains used to give me money."

6            **A. They did.**

7            Q. "We all got pocket money, but they gave me extra. The  
8            guy in the shop was a really nice man, and I'm not sure  
9            whether he knew what was going on in Kincora, but  
10           I always got the impression he did. I mentioned it  
11           a few times. People from the area must have known what  
12           was going on. Even the dogs on the street knew."

13           Now --

14           **A. That's an expression. Yes.**

15           Q. Yes. Again we were -- I was asking you a little bit  
16           more about this last week, James, and you said the kind  
17           of -- I was asking you what you told the man in the  
18           shop.

19           **A. Yes, yes.**

20           Q. And you said, "I see Jim Mains' -- Joe Mains' blinds  
21           tilted. He must have got someone in with him", and that  
22           was the kind of comment that you might have made that  
23           you would now accept might not have led him to  
24           understand what you were trying to convey by making  
25           a comment like that?

1 **A. Yes, absolutely, Christine. I mean, yes, it can be seen**  
2 **as a very innocent comment or, if you are in the know,**  
3 **then it is not quite so innocent, yes.**

4 Q. And there was no reason -- now looking back, you think  
5 that you were trying to tell this man something, but he  
6 may not have picked up on what you were trying to tell  
7 him?

8 **A. I was afraid to tell him, because, remember, I had to go**  
9 **back into the home, you know.**

10 Q. So what you were saying is you couldn't sort of express  
11 outright what it was you wanted him to know and you were  
12 trying to drop hints?

13 **A. That's right. Well, I had to go back into the home.**  
14 **So, I mean, I couldn't say anything really, you know.**

15 Q. You say at paragraph 22 that you told other people. You  
16 said:

17 "When you told people what was going on, they  
18 wouldn't believe you. They would say, 'People in care  
19 and control don't do that sort of thing', but  
20 unfortunately they do. I mentioned it to my English  
21 teacher at school once."

22 You give his name. You thought he was a nice guy.

23 "But I don't think he understood. He probably just  
24 thought I was telling lies and that it couldn't have  
25 been happening."

1 I am just going to pause there about the English  
2 teacher, and again what kind of things were you telling  
3 the English teacher, James?

4 **A. The same again. I did not come out outright, as you**  
5 **pointed out. So I was just, you know, dropping hints**  
6 **about, you know, maybe not an ideal environment for**  
7 **young people to be living in and, you know, the staff**  
8 **were, like, interesting characters and, you know -- but**  
9 **once again my main thrust not actually saying outright.**  
10 **I realise now that you would probably need to be psychic**  
11 **to understand, you know.**

12 Q. You thought that you were getting the message across,  
13 but you weren't maybe?

14 **A. Yes, but I was a young boy. I didn't really maybe**  
15 **understand the full implications of it, and I don't know**  
16 **if I had said it outright or not what would have**  
17 **happened, but I was afraid to really, you know.**

18 Q. You go on to talk about your social worker,  
19 a KIN335 , coming to visit you.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. You said you told him what was going on, but he didn't  
22 believe you either.

23 **A. Same again, yes.**

24 Q. So again you were not telling him outright either that  
25 you were being abused in Kincora?

1    **A. No, no.**

2    Q. And just to be clear, the Health & Social Care Board --  
3           KIN335       gave a statement to police back in 1980. It  
4       is at -- I don't need to call it up, but it is at 10294.  
5       He talks about being -- you being one of his charges, as  
6       it were, as a social worker. He said you were under his  
7       personal supervision over approximately two years from  
8       1977, and he said that, in fact, you joined the Army  
9       and left Northern Ireland to go for basic training in  
10      England.

11   **A. Yes.**

12   Q. "At no time during the supervisory period while  
13       James Miller was in the care of the Board did he at any  
14       time make any representations or allegations to me about  
15       any homosexual activity or about any homosexual  
16       impropriety towards himself by either staff employed in  
17       Kincora or by other residents with whom he would have  
18       associated."

19           He talks about someone else that also was in his  
20       care who was a resident of Kincora. So he has said in  
21       1980 that you never said anything certainly explicit to  
22       him about homosexual activity in Kincora, and the Health  
23       & Social Care Board has said that he would provide  
24       a statement to this Inquiry, but they have spoken to him  
25       and he has read over the statement that he gave to

1 police in 1980 and he is -- he will be telling this  
2 Inquiry that the situation hasn't changed. KIN335  
3 is still saying that you never told him.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. And you would -- you would now accept that, James,  
6 that you never actually told him explicitly?

7 **A. That -- yes. The same situation applies as to the**  
8 **others. Once again just, you know, talk, so to speak,**  
9 **but not outright saying. Yes, I concur with that, yes,**  
10 **unfortunately, but once again I would have to return to**  
11 **the home that night, so, you know, it wouldn't be**  
12 **an ideal thing to do, you know.**

13 Q. Paragraph 23, going back to your own statement, it says:  
14 "I don't think the other staff knew about the abuse.  
15 There was a lady who cooked the food and she was  
16 lovely."

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. "There's a strong chance they didn't know, because the  
19 three wardens kept us all well under wraps."

20 **A. They did.**

21 Q. "They were clever and manipulative. Their timing was  
22 always impeccable. It was like a well-orchestrated  
23 stage play. They were experts. McGrath especially was  
24 a really shrewd guy. From the outside you wouldn't know  
25 what he was like. He is the sort of person you could

1 put in a crowd of a hundred people and he wouldn't stand  
2 out. There was nothing to suggest he was doing the  
3 kinds of things he was doing and had been doing for  
4 years, as I found out later."

5 **A. True.**

6 Q. You say:

7 "Even amongst the boys we didn't really talk about  
8 what was going on."

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. "When you first went in, there might have been  
11 an offhand comment and you wouldn't know what it meant  
12 but you soon found out."

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. "When we were eating, McGrath would sit in the kitchen  
15 and look out over his glasses as if to make sure that  
16 there was no conversation going on that shouldn't have  
17 been. They had the perfect environment in there. We  
18 were small and weak and the perfect bait for them."

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. The kind of things -- we were talking about these  
21 paragraphs -- this paragraph last week. You mentioned  
22 that there was one time that Raymond Semple came on  
23 shift and almost --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- interrupted an incident where McGrath was abusing you

1 in the areas -- storage area where the freezers were.

2 **A. That -- yes, that was downstairs. Yes, that's right.**

3 Q. I asked what time of day that was at. You said it was  
4 early in the morning --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- before going to school.

7 **A. Yes. I don't know -- yes. I mean, I still stand by**  
8 **that. That actually happened, but I don't understand --**  
9 **I can't remember myself what McGrath was doing there at**  
10 **that time of the morning, because he usually came on --**  
11 **unless they swapped shifts. That's the only thing I can**  
12 **think of.**

13 Q. You can't remember what McGrath was doing there or what  
14 Semple was doing there?

15 **A. McGrath, because normally McGrath would be coming in at**  
16 **that time. So in actual fact he must have been going**  
17 **home and Raymond Semple was coming in. So I think they**  
18 **must have swapped shifts. It is the only thing I can**  
19 **think of, but yes. Raymond Semple was a very good**  
20 **timekeeper. So if he was supposed to be on at**  
21 **8 o'clock, then he was, but that morning he was early,**  
22 **you know.**

23 Q. Okay. When we were talking about the comments from  
24 other boys, you would say the kind of things was, "You  
25 need to be quiet. Here comes William McGrath", or

1           whatever they were calling him. "Watch what you say in  
2           front of him." That was kind of comment you were  
3           talking about in that paragraph. Is that right?

4       **A. Yes. Well, I mean, the comments were maybe more**  
5       **explicit than that, but yes.**

6       Q. And I was asking what other boys that you remember or  
7       what boys would make that kind of comments, and you  
8       named -- you gave some names of boys -- isn't that right  
9       -- to me last time?

10      **A. Yes. There is only three names I really do remember and**  
11      **they are the names I gave you.**

12      Q. Yes.

13      **A. If you want me to mention them, I will.**

14      Q. Yes. I just want to remind people before you do,  
15      James, that those names can't be used outside this  
16      chamber. I know you are happy to waive your anonymity  
17      and have your name go into the public domain --

18      **A. Yes.**

19      Q. -- but nobody else's name can be used without their  
20      permission.

21      **A. Yes.**

22      Q. So would you like to say the boys that you remember  
23      being in Kincora when you were there?

24      **A. The only ones I can -- well, I remember seven or eight**  
25      **boys obviously, but actual names I only remember there**



1           **was a R18. I think his name was R18 and it was rumoured**  
2           **that he was gay. Now he may not have been gay. That**  
3           **was just what was said. There was a Hoy or Gary Hoy**  
4           **and there was a Richard Kerr. There was other people**  
5           **there, but I do not remember their names, you know.**

6    Q.   And did -- when we were talking last week, you say that  
7           they warned you about what was going on. Were they the  
8           boys --

9    **A. Well, they were get -- they were getting attacked, yes.**

10   Q.   Well, you didn't know that at the time?

11   **A. Not really, but, you know, I had an idea, you know.**

12   Q.   I wanted to ask you, James, were these the boys who  
13           were engaging in the banter, the type of conversation  
14           with you?

15   **A. Amongst others, yes.**

16   Q.   Amongst others?

17   **A. All the time, you know. So it wasn't just -- there was**  
18           **nobody not involved, you know, if that makes sense.**

19   Q.   And just -- sorry. I'm just checking where I was there.  
20           Yes. Paragraph 25 you say that you used to go to  
21           a particular church on a Sunday --

22   **A. That was --**

23   Q.   -- and that was how you got out of the home and you  
24           would stay there all day and go to the youth club at  
25           night.

1 **A. That's right.**

2 Q. You give the name of the youth club. You remember  
3 telling a couple of the youth leaders what was happening  
4 at Kincora, but it just went in one ear and out the  
5 other. You said -- I was asking you about that and  
6 again it was a case of you telling them that Kincora  
7 wasn't a good place to be and it wasn't ideal and you  
8 were dropping hints that you hoped would be picked up  
9 on.

10 **A. Yes, that's right.**

11 Q. You didn't tell them -- you didn't say anything explicit  
12 to the youth leaders either?

13 **A. It's a fear thing, you know.**

14 Q. And you said that while McGrath never threatened you  
15 explicitly not to tell about the abuse --

16 **A. No.**

17 Q. -- but it was inferred. He would say things like,  
18 "Nobody is going to believe you. I am a good Christian  
19 man. I believe in the bible from cover to cover".

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. He would quote you any scripture you could mention. You  
22 say he was a clever man.

23 **A. That's a fact, yes.**

24 Q. Paragraph 16 you talk about your mother coming to visit  
25 you every now and again. Sorry. Paragraph 26. I beg

1 your pardon. Paragraph 26.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. You also talk about the clothes and the food in Kincora  
4 being good and from that point of view it was fine. You  
5 don't ever remember your birthday or special occasions  
6 like Christmas being celebrated. The education you  
7 thought was good enough, because there was no education  
8 in Kincora as such. You were going out to school. You  
9 did quite well, and then you left Kincora to join the  
10 Army to get out of there, as you say, and that's  
11 confirmed by what your social worker said to --

12 **A. But that's the -- Christine, can I make it plain that's**  
13 **the only -- that's the only reason why I joined the**  
14 **Army, because obviously I was going to be stuck, because**  
15 **some of them boys were 18 and 19, and I didn't want to**  
16 **be stuck there all the time.**

17 Q. You were fearful that if you didn't get somewhere that  
18 would take you right out that you would be still living  
19 in Kincora while you were out working like those boys  
20 were. Is that it?

21 **A. Absolutely, yes.**

22 Q. Now paragraphs 29 to 32 you talk about your life after  
23 care, James. I am not going to go into those, but  
24 if we look just please at paragraph 31, you talk --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- you say that what happened in Kincora had a huge  
2 effect on you. You are a loner, not a very social  
3 person, and prefer your own company. As a result one of  
4 the repercussions was that you felt you could never have  
5 a family, which has made you very sad.

6 In paragraph 32 you say you never forget the abuse.

7 Are you all right, James, because, you know, if  
8 you want to take a break at any time --

9 **A. No.**

10 Q. -- please just say and we can -- we can have a short  
11 break.

12 **A. No. I'd rather get it over with, if you don't mind.**

13 Q. Okay.

14 **A. You know, it's -- I'm okay.**

15 Q. You say that you remember the things you don't want to  
16 remember. It never leaves you and it is always in your  
17 mind.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Then at paragraph 33 you go on to say that you met  
20 Joseph Mains in Lisburn about ten years ago you said.

21 **A. I did.**

22 Q. "It was a total shock. We were both on the same side of  
23 the street and even after thirty years I recognised him  
24 instantly and he recognised me."

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. "He walked to the other side of the street and it was  
2 intense for me."

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. "Whenever Kincora crops up in the news, it brings it all  
5 back to me. There have been a few stories about Kincora  
6 in the Sunday Life a few years ago, but they weren't  
7 accurate at all. So I rang the journalist to set the  
8 record straight."

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. "I met him in a public place and gave him my side of the  
11 story. You never forget the impact of what happened.  
12 It just sticks in your head."

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. I was asking you what it was that the Sunday Life had  
15 got wrong and what you felt that you needed to correct?

16 **A. Yes. Oh, well, I can't remember exactly, but I knew  
17 that some of the details were incorrect and I just  
18 wanted to put the record straight. That was all. Can  
19 I say where I met them or not?**

20 Q. That's absolutely fine. Yes.

21 **A. Yes. I met him at Lisburn Omniplex on Governors Road,  
22 Lisburn, because they wanted to meet at my house, but  
23 I wasn't going to allow that, because they would know my  
24 address than. So I met them in a mutual place and, you  
25 know, it went very well and -- I can remember there was**

1 a story appeared a few weeks later, but I can't remember  
2 exactly what. There was a lot of stories in the press  
3 at the time, you know. Maybe a lot of them weren't  
4 true. I don't know, you know.

5 Q. Well, James, one of the things that you said to me  
6 that the Sunday Life article had got wrong that prompted  
7 you to contact them was about Raymond Semple. You said  
8 that they were trying to blame --

9 A. Yes, yes.

10 Q. -- they were piling blame on to Raymond Semple --

11 A. They were.

12 Q. -- and you felt that that wasn't right.

13 A. Well, to me it wasn't right, because he was very nice to  
14 me. That's all I am saying, you know.

15 Q. And he certainly never abused you in any way, shape or  
16 form?

17 A. No. That's -- you see, to me he was the nice guy.  
18 I mean, they talked about him being Simple Semple, you  
19 know, but maybe he wasn't that simple, but he was always  
20 nice to me and that's all I can comment on really, you  
21 know.

22 Q. And --

23 A. So -- so I was quite shocked when I found out that he  
24 actually got jailed, because I didn't think that he was  
25 involved in anything, but hindsight is a wonderful

1           **thing.**

2       Q. Well, we also -- when we talked last week also, you said  
3       that a lot of what the journalists who you met in  
4       Lisburn were putting to you was -- a lot of it was  
5       hypothetical. They talked about whether there were  
6       organisations involved in Kincora.

7       **A. Yes.**

8       Q. They specifically asked you if you saw boys being taken  
9       out or being taken across the water. Isn't that right?

10      **A. They did.**

11      Q. And you told them that you saw none of that?

12      **A. Well, I -- yes, I didn't, you know. I mean, I seen boys**  
13      **going out obviously, but, I mean, they could be going to**  
14      **the shop for all I knew.**

15      Q. They were leaving the building. You didn't know where  
16      they were going?

17      **A. No.**

18      Q. But there was nothing that -- in the manner in which  
19      they were going out -- they were going out on their own.  
20      They weren't being taken out.

21      **A. They were going out on their own, or sometimes they**  
22      **would get into a taxi on the corner.**

23      Q. But it wasn't --

24      **A. They had the black cabs in those days.**

25      Q. But it wasn't -- there was nothing about the manner of

1           them going out of the home that suggested to you that  
2           they were going unwillingly?

3       **A. No, nothing.**

4       Q. Now, James, as I explained at the start -- it's  
5       paragraph 34 -- you say the police came out and  
6       interviewed you about Kincora years ago, but you didn't  
7       tell them a whole lot, because it seemed like they  
8       didn't want to know.

9            "It was as if it was a quick investigation and they  
10          wanted to sweep it all under the carpet."

11       **A. Yes.**

12       Q. You say that you don't really blame the police for that.  
13       You can see they were just taking their orders from  
14       above.

15       **A. Yes.**

16       Q. "One policeman even said to me, 'I'm just doing my  
17       job'." Now -- and you weren't called to the trial of  
18       Mains, McGrath and Semple. The police told you that you  
19       weren't needed.

20       **A. Yes. I remember telling -- I remembered the reason for  
21       that and I passed that information on --**

22       Q. Uh-huh.

23       **A. -- just recently. I remembered why that was the case --**

24       Q. Yes.

25       **A. -- because those three, provided they pleaded guilty to**



1       **what they call reduced charges or sample charges, if you**  
2       **like, they would receive a reduced sentence, but in**  
3       **return for that the eleven witnesses as they were known**  
4       **would not be required to given evidence.**

5       Q.   And that would be --

6       **A.   I would have preferred it if I was allowed to give**  
7       **evidence from my personal point of view, because**  
8       **I wanted people to, you know, believe that something**  
9       **actually happened, which it did, and that's why I didn't**  
10       **want to be Mr Anonymous today, because I wouldn't give**  
11       **any credence to anybody that was, yes.**

12       Q.   Okay.  Well, you said in that paragraph, James,  
13       that you didn't tell police a lot, but your statement,  
14       if we can just at that, of 19th March 1980 is at  
15       KIN10296.

16       **A.   Yes.  I have just seen that today for the first time**  
17       **since it was given.**

18       Q.   Yes, I know.  I did arrange to get that to you so that  
19       you could have a look over it, and when you see, it is  
20       actually a three-page statement.

21       **A.   Yes.  I'm surprised myself.**

22       Q.   You didn't -- when you spoke to the Inquiry, you didn't  
23       realise that you had given so much information to the  
24       police.

25       **A.   No, no.**

1 Q. But, in fact, you did give them quite a lot of  
2 information. You will see there you remembered an awful  
3 lot more names back in 1980 than you could remember  
4 talking to me, for example.

5 **A. That's right, but it is thirty-eight years ago.**

6 Q. I appreciate that and this -- your memory would  
7 obviously have been much fresher when you spoke to the  
8 police in 1980.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. So you say that:

11 "In the mornings either one of the cooks or McGrath  
12 would waken us up about 7 o'clock. Virtually every  
13 morning McGrath wakened me and put his hand under the  
14 bedclothes" --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- if we can scroll on down, please -- "and touched me  
17 either on the back, my backside or privates."

18 There was once in the kitchen when he came up and  
19 said something to you:

20 "'Did I ever tell you I think you're a nice looking  
21 boy?' I asked him what he meant and he said something  
22 like, 'There's nothing wrong with it. God said it's  
23 right to be a homosexual'."

24 **A. That's right.**

25 Q. "He started patting me on the back."

1           You told him to clear off and walked out of the  
2           kitchen. Then you talk about another incident in that.  
3           So when you look through that, you can see -- and I am  
4           not going to read it all out. It is there and you can  
5           be sure that the Inquiry has read it. If I can just  
6           summarise some of the things in it, you said that the  
7           behaviour lasted -- happened two -- three or four times.  
8           The last occasion he forcibly took your trousers off.  
9           You told police that you actually reported McGrath to  
10          Mains.

11       **A. I did.**

12       Q. That's at -- yes, and when we talked about this on the  
13          last occasion, you said that Mains laughed it off.

14       **A. Yes. See, I don't remember that, but now having looked**  
15       **at the statement, I do remember it, and Mains --**  
16       **I remember Joseph Mains saying to leave everything with**  
17       **him and he would get it all sorted out and not to be**  
18       **going to anybody else.**

19       Q. Okay, and, in fact --

20       **A. So he would basically sort it out in-house. So that**  
21       **told me that he actually knew everything that was going**  
22       **on, if that makes sense, but I, in fact, thought that**  
23       **maybe he didn't, you know.**

24       Q. When you went to report it to him, you thought at that  
25          stage that he didn't know what McGrath was doing to you.

1 So can we take it from that that Mains hadn't done  
2 anything to you when you went to tell him about McGrath?

3 **A. Not -- well, not of a sexual nature, no. Just the stuff**  
4 **that I underlined earlier to you, not the --**

5 Q. Yes, but what I am saying is the assault that you talked  
6 about in your Inquiry statement that Mains committed on  
7 you --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- can one take it that because you actually felt able  
10 to go and tell Mains about what McGrath was doing --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- that at that point in time you had not been abused by  
13 Mains?

14 **A. True.**

15 Q. In your police statement you said that -- just I think  
16 is that the next page, please, if we can just scroll  
17 down? Yes. You see -- you talk about there being  
18 rumours in the hostel about a boy and McGrath having  
19 a sexual relationship. You talk about going out with  
20 Mains in his car to his girlfriend's house.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. You don't know whether Mains took any other boys up  
23 there or not. There was -- you say there was nothing  
24 more serious happened to you in the hostel other than  
25 what you told about.

1           You did say that Mains -- I think it must be in the  
2 preceding page -- that Joe Mains never made any sexual  
3 suggestions to you.

4 **A. Other than what I said had happened in the car, no.**

5 Q. But again you didn't tell the police about the incident  
6 in the car, sure you didn't?

7 **A. No, I didn't tell them everything.**

8 Q. When McGrath was interviewed by police on 1st April  
9 1980, he denied abusing you in any way, and when it was  
10 put to him this business about -- that you told the  
11 police about him saying that you were a good looking  
12 boy, he said that he may have said that, but it would  
13 only have been in a jokey fashion.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. And Mains, who did acknowledge during interview that he  
16 did receive complaints about McGrath from two other boys  
17 whom he named -- and I don't think I need to call that  
18 up. You recall I read these extracts out for you when  
19 we talked last week.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. They are at KIN10412 to 13.

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. When he was asked about you and what you say in your  
24 statement, that you had told Mains about McGrath taking  
25 his trousers down, he -- and said that he had -- he said

1 that he had not received any complaint from you. He had  
2 received complaints about McGrath from two other boys --  
3 I will just give their first names -- a boy called R15  
4 and a boy called HIA533 but he hadn't received any name  
5 -- any complaint about him from you. Whenever we --  
6 I made you aware of that last week, you said that you  
7 were very sad to hear that, because you thought that you  
8 had a special relationship with Joe Mains. Isn't that  
9 right?

10 **A. Yes. Looking back on it now, I think that everyone**  
11 **thought they had a special relationship with Joseph**  
12 **Mains. You know, he would put across, you know, that it**  
13 **was like -- you would have been his favourite, you know,**  
14 **on a one-to-one basis. I suppose he said that to**  
15 **everybody.**

16 Q. But you certainly told the police anyway that you had  
17 reported it to him and that he said --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- he would look into it and leave it with him.

20 **A. Well, yes. He said principally to leave it within the**  
21 **confines of Kincora, because he was the boss and he**  
22 **would sort it all out.**

23 Q. You also -- in your Inquiry statement you said that  
24 you -- sorry -- at paragraph 35, I should say, at 014  
25 you said that you:

1            "... never got any compensation out of Kincora and  
2            I'm not sure I would even want to. How can you put  
3            a price on a life destroyed? For me it is not about  
4            money. This is about bringing these people to book and  
5            the problem is you can't bring McGrath to book, because  
6            he is dead. I am sorry he is dead in a way. I would  
7            like to have met him one last time. I wouldn't  
8            necessarily say I was going to kill him. I would just  
9            ask him one question, 'Why?'"

10    **A. Yes.**

11    Q. "He probably couldn't answer anyway. People like him  
12            are very emotionally detached."

13    **A. Yes.**

14    Q. Now he obviously was brought to book in that there was  
15            this police investigation in 1980 and he was prosecuted  
16            for offences on boys and he pleaded guilty ultimately.  
17            So there was --

18    **A. He only got four years, you know.**

19    Q. So basically what you are saying is that you weren't  
20            satisfied with the sentence that was imposed?

21    **A. No, because I now know that it wasn't just me, you know,  
22            and, I mean, in Northern Ireland he would have got 50%  
23            remission. So he only got two years for affecting all  
24            those people's lives, you know.**

25    Q. Although at the time of his trial it was clear that it

1 wasn't just you.

2 **A. Yes, but this guy had been doing this a long time before**  
3 **I got to Kincora, you know, and whether the police did**  
4 **or didn't know is conjecture, you know.**

5 Q. Well, you spoke to the PSNI. After having spoken to the  
6 HIA Inquiry, police contacted you, because, as  
7 I explained, we had to make a referral.

8 **A. They did.**

9 Q. You spoke to the police and there is a police occurrence  
10 log about that from 2015. I think I said 2005. I keep  
11 getting my years wrong.

12 **A. That's okay.**

13 Q. 2015. It is noted that you said that you previously  
14 gave a statement. Perhaps we will just look at that.  
15 60023.

16 **A. Yes. That was the most recent -- the most recent one,**  
17 **yes.**

18 Q. Yes, and if I can scroll down until I find the actual  
19 entry. Yes.

20 "I have spoken to James Miller. He wishes to make  
21 a complaint regarding his time at Kincora. He states  
22 that he previously gave a statement, but when police  
23 returned for him to sign it, it didn't contain all the  
24 information he had told them. He would include notable  
25 figures in his complaint. Unknown what their



1 involvement is. James Miller is unable to attend the UK,  
2 as he cannot afford the air fare."

3 There is talk then of how they are going to speak to  
4 you. I just wanted to ask you about you did give  
5 a statement. Now you have got a copy of it there. It  
6 is clear, although it is a typed signature on it, you  
7 actually signed the statement back in 1980.

8 **A. Hold on. I am just looking to see. Is my signature on**  
9 **this? No.**

10 Q. See, what would have happened, when you spoke to the  
11 police, they would have handwritten a statement and they  
12 may have taken it away to type it, but this is -- you see  
13 it says at the bottom "Signature of witness: James  
14 Miller".

15 **A. Yes, yes, yes.**

16 Q. So although this is a typed copy --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- that would -- that would have been blank if you  
19 hadn't signed it. So you must have actually signed the  
20 police statement.

21 **A. So what is your point on this, Christine? Sorry.**

22 Q. I am just saying that when you were talking to the  
23 police in 2015, your memory was that you hadn't signed  
24 the police statement, because they hadn't put enough in  
25 it. Is that right?

1   **A. Yes. I don't even remember the statement, you know.**  
2       **I remember giving something, but it was so long ago.**  
3       **I mean, whenever you told me about this, I had forgotten**  
4       **I had actually done all this even, you know. Do you**  
5       **know what I mean?**

6   **Q.** When we were talking last week, you said that the police  
7       came and they read back what you'd told them before you  
8       signed it, and you said that you hadn't told them  
9       everything, because you didn't want anyone else finding  
10      it -- you were finding it -- you didn't want anyone else  
11      finding -- I'm not sure what I have written. It's my  
12      own note of what you said to me the last day,  
13      James.

14   **A. Okay. Good luck with that one!**

15   **Q.** You said you were finding it tremendously difficult to  
16      talk about it when the police came to speak to you in  
17      1980?

18   **A. Well, I was, yes.**

19   **Q.** One other thing, and this is for the benefit of the  
20      Inquiry. You also in that police statement said that  
21      you hadn't had sufficient time to tell the Inquiry  
22      everything, because we had only given you a two-hour  
23      time slot, which I asked you about, and you felt that  
24      you had maybe taken up the position wrong, and you felt  
25      maybe you didn't have enough time to say all you wanted

1 to say, but that you were still glad that the Inquiry  
2 was doing its investigation into Kinchora. Is that  
3 right?

4 **A. Oh, absolutely, absolutely. I mean, I think, you know,**  
5 **there's a lot of Inquiries have come and went, and yours**  
6 **seems to have a bit of teeth in it anyway.**

7 Q. Well, you sent the draft -- the HIA Inquiry statement to  
8 the police. You sent it to them with some handwritten  
9 amendments on it for the benefit of the police. If we  
10 can look at that at KIN60027.

11 **A. Yes. Upon -- upon their request, yes. They asked for**  
12 **it.**

13 Q. They asked for it and you agreed to send it to them.  
14 This is what you -- I mean, I think the stuff at the top  
15 is police notes. If we can just scroll on down, please,  
16 and if we can just go to -- you see there you just --  
17 these notes here are -- are they yours or are they -- is  
18 that your writing? Oh, you can't see this.

19 **A. That's my writing, yes.**

20 Q. You can see it.

21 **A. Yes, that's my writing, yes.**

22 Q. Yes, you have got a copy. I did get it sent to you.

23 "The Department of Health & Social Services." So that  
24 is what you were writing down.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. Scroll on down, please, to the next page. Scroll right  
2 down to -- sorry. I think if we just -- we can probably  
3 go straight to 60036 -- or 330. Maybe can we do 330  
4 first? Thank you. Yes. You will see here that when --  
5 if we can just scroll down a bit, you say:

6 "Tied to bed a few times. Kicked in the ..."

7 Is that supposed to be "balls"?

8 "... to toughen me up he said."

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. So that something else that you were saying that McGrath  
11 did to you?

12 **A. Only McGrath, yes. It was always only McGrath really,**  
13 **you know.**

14 Q. And that was -- he tied you to the bed a few times.  
15 Again that was something that you hadn't ever said  
16 before to either the police back in 1980 or to the  
17 Inquiry, and it was only in 2015 when the police were  
18 contacting you that you said that. Isn't that right?

19 **A. Yes. It's not really something you want broadcasting.**

20 Q. I asked you a little bit about the detail of that, and  
21 you said that he used strong twine that he'd brought  
22 from his house.

23 **A. I think, yes.**

24 Q. And it was one of the games that he used to play.

25 I asked you when he'd done this to you and you said it

1 was probably after school, and you were there a bit  
2 more, as you have explained to us, because you were at  
3 school, and you saw these men, Semple, Mains and  
4 McGrath, if they were in the house when you came back  
5 from school.

6 **A. It was usually McGrath.**

7 Q. McGrath. Then just one other thing you said to me just  
8 before I move on. You said that you weren't asked  
9 actually to give evidence against McGrath in 1981.  
10 I think you maybe mentioned that to us. Isn't that  
11 right?

12 **A. Yes. I mentioned -- well, as I remembered the reason,**  
13 **I mentioned it last week and I passed it on to Stephen.**

14 Q. Yes. You also sent an e-mail to the police on 20th  
15 August 2015. If we can look at that, please. I will  
16 just look at some of the things that you said to police  
17 in that e-mail.

18 **A. Yes. I don't have a copy of it here, but anyway ...**

19 Q. Sorry. I think -- well, we'll call it up here. Sorry  
20 to not call out the -- it is 60037. Now I know you  
21 can't see this, James, but it is to Chris Hutton, who  
22 was the police officer that you were speaking to, and  
23 it's --

24 **A. Yes, he was, yes.**

25 Q. It is 20th August of last year that you sent it to him.

1 I will read it out, since you don't have a copy there,  
2 for you. It says:

3 "Hi, Chris.

4 In no particular order names of guys I remember in  
5 Kincora" -- and again I am using names that aren't to be  
6 used outside this room -- "Gary Hoy, R18, Richard Kerr. They  
7 would have been 16 plus. I was about 13/14. All three were  
8 definitely assaulted by William McGrath; R18 and Richard  
9 Kerr also by Joseph Mains for sure."

10 **A. Uh-huh.**

11 Q. I asked you how you knew that and you said that they  
12 told you at the time and you have never seen any of them  
13 since. Is that right?

14 **A. No, I have never seen any of them since, no.**

15 Q. Since you left Kincora?

16 **A. No.**

17 Q. Them telling you at the time, is that in the sense that  
18 they were the boys who were making the comments to you  
19 "Keep clear from them"? They never explicitly said to  
20 you that what was happening to you was happening to  
21 them. Am I right?

22 **A. That is -- yes, that is my recollection, yes.**

23 Q. And you go on to say that you now know that McGrath was  
24 assaulting boys since the 1940s in Faith House. So  
25 totally inappropriate to be in a position of trust from

1           some forty years or so. For your info the  
2           raping/buggery of boys was commonplace in the upstairs  
3           bathroom, handy as it was to -- as it was one of the few  
4           locking rooms. I know this with -- I know this with  
5           a certainty, as I myself fell victim to McGrath here on  
6           many occasions."

7           **A. Yes.**

8           Q. "Basically the cover was he would run you a bath, then  
9           join you at the last moment to get his kicks. He would  
10          wore thickish glasses, which would steam up, much to his  
11          annoyance."

12          **A. True.**

13          Q. "This was actually great for me, as he couldn't see too  
14          well and would usually withdraw from my bum at this  
15          point."

16                 You go on to talk -- you go on to say that -- about  
17          him:

18                 "A particular favourite of his was to take you up  
19          the bum over the banisters. Sorry, but it needs to be  
20          told, Chris."

21                 Again that was something that you had never alleged  
22          before, the assaulting over the banisters. Isn't that  
23          right, James?

24          **A. Yes. It is not something you would want to publicise,**  
25          **you know.**

1 Q. I was asking about this situation about him assaulting  
2 boys since the 1940s. When we were talking about this  
3 last week, you said that was essentially something you  
4 had read on the internet. It wasn't something you knew  
5 yourself or something McGrath had said to you.

6 **A. True.**

7 Q. It was just you have yourself been doing some research  
8 and reading up about things that have been written about  
9 these people --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- and about Kincora since that time.

12 **A. Absolutely, yes.**

13 Q. Sorry. I'm just checking something now. Yes. I think  
14 the reason -- what you actually said to me was you  
15 googled "William McGrath" and the name of Faith House  
16 dropped down whenever you did that.

17 **A. It did.**

18 Q. You also told Constable Hutton that -- let me just find  
19 my spot here. Yes. You said that:

20 "McGrath was friendly with the following, who I saw  
21 at the home on numerous occasions: Ian Paisley MP, Gerry  
22 Fitt MP, McKeage or possibly John McKeague. He was  
23 involved with the RHC",

24 which was the Red Hand Commandos. Is that right?

25 **A. Yes. That would be for McGrath, yes.**



1 Q. Yes.

2 " ... as McGrath was in Tara, Red Hand Commandos.  
3 He also talked about a Dr Frazer/Fraser, who worked in  
4 the RVH", Royal Victoria Hospital. "He may have come to  
5 Kincora -- I can't recall now --"

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- to see both McGrath and the boys. He was a  
8 psychiatrist. Turns out also a paedophile. No surprise  
9 to me, that's for sure."

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. "As I told you on the phone, Raymond Semple was a good  
12 timekeeper, so much so that he often arrived early,  
13 catching McGrath at the interfering. This he ignored.  
14 So though -- so though not involved, his silence makes  
15 him guilty in my book. As I said before, McGrath liked  
16 me over all the boys as I was so young and small for my  
17 age. I started to go through puberty about this time.  
18 He also used to call it 'bum fluff on your upper lip'  
19 followed by hair between my legs."

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. "This he remarked on: 'You will always be my wee Jim.  
22 You boys all grow up so quickly. Whatever am I going to  
23 do when you leave? I love you. I love all my special  
24 boys. Your parent don't care for you. That's why  
25 you're here. Never tell anyone outside of our wee

1 games. No-one will ever believe you'. His body had  
2 a certain odour that disgusted me. After I frequently  
3 threw up. He used to say to the others, "Wee James Miller  
4 is a sickly child. I'm looking after him". Well, he  
5 was. That's for sure."

6 **A. Yes, in the wrong sort of way, yes.**

7 Q. Are you all right, James, because we can take  
8 a break --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- if this is too upsetting for you?

11 **A. No. Keep going. Keep going.**

12 Q. Okay.

13 "If Joseph Mains was not in his wee extension,  
14 McGrath would rape me over the freezer in the kitchen.  
15 This led outside from the front of the house. It was  
16 extremely harrowing. I tried to escape, but I was weak.  
17 He was strong. Sometimes I got an erection, but  
18 I didn't want to. He says, 'This is normal. It means  
19 you're enjoying it'. Really? In return for keeping him  
20 happy I got extra pocket money, which I would spend  
21 either at the shop across in Kincora or in Dundonald  
22 village at the Park news agency. I would get the  
23 number 16 or 17 red bus to Dundonald Hospital, then walk  
24 the rest to school. I feel sick even now. I mean, it's  
25 thirty-seven years ago, but I remember it like

1 yesterday",

2 and you have signed it.

3 **A. And now thirty-eight years now, you know.**

4 Q. Yes. I just -- you can't obviously see this document  
5 that I have got on the screen, but it is the e-mail that  
6 you sent to the police, and I just wanted to remind  
7 people there are certain details like your e-mail  
8 address on that. They are nobody's business but yours  
9 and they are not to be used outside or referred to  
10 outside of this -- yes. I think there were certain  
11 details on the police log that I called up as well of  
12 your conversations with the police in 2014, that again  
13 those details are not to be used outside. Okay? I just  
14 wanted to reassure you of that, James --

15 **A. Sure.**

16 Q. -- that that wouldn't be allowed to happen.

17 But I wanted to ask you -- we talked about this last  
18 time -- about some of the things that were in that  
19 e-mail. Well, you claimed that McGrath was friendly  
20 with Ian Paisley, Gerry Fitt and John McKeague.

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. I was asking you first about -- you didn't know anything  
23 about John McKeague. That was something again that you  
24 found on the internet. Isn't that right?

25 **A. Yes. All I know is that McGrath said he was involved in**

1           **the paramilitaries. I assumed it was Tara, but**  
2           **subsequently I realised that it was this guy John McKeage**  
3           **and that's who it must have been, but I -- you know, I**  
4           **don't know for sure, you know.**

5           Q. And again -- sorry.

6           **A. It could have been -- it could have been anybody called**  
7           **John, you know.**

8           Q. And again, you know, although you talk about Gerry Fitt  
9           being in Kincora and visiting Mains there --

10          **A. Yes.**

11          Q. -- you said to me that you wouldn't have known him.

12          **A. I seen him on the TV.**

13          Q. The first -- and that was -- and you sort of -- you also  
14          said to me that you learned from research -- I think that  
15          was maybe that John McKeage was there. Is that ...?

16          **A. Yes. Well, it was just a John, but it could have been**  
17          **John Smith, you know.**

18          Q. You also said that McGrath talked about a Dr Fraser from  
19          The Royal Victoria Hospital and you weren't sure if he  
20          came to Kincora.

21          **A. Yes.**

22          Q. I was asking who you meant by that. I mean, there's  
23          been evidence that there was a paedophile doctor in  
24          Northern Ireland, a psychiatrist called Dr Morris  
25          Fraser. Now you never saw that man yourself in Kincora.

1           Isn't that correct?

2       **A. No, he talked about him. I thought his name was Finlay,**  
3       **but when it's I seen it later, I realised it was Fraser.**

4       Q. So what you are saying is that McGrath mentioned some  
5       Dr Finlay to you?

6       **A. Yes, like "Dr Finlay's Casebook", but I've since**  
7       **realised that he must have meant Dr Fraser, because it**  
8       **couldn't -- you know, it wasn't -- maybe it was a**  
9       **Dr~Finlay. I don't know, you know.**

10      Q. But basically, if I have understood, the e-mail that you  
11      sent to police, a lot of what you put in that was  
12      material that you had gained from researches that you'd  
13      done on the internet or newspaper articles that you'd  
14      read?

15      **A. Yes, yes.**

16      Q. And you were putting two and two together and saying to  
17      the police, "Look" --

18      **A. Yes. That's correct.**

19      Q. -- "you want to think about all these things, because,  
20      you know, this is all there for anybody to read".

21      **A. Yes.**

22      Q. But it's not something you knew of your own knowledge.  
23      You have some memory of McGrath telling you about some  
24      doctor. What was the context of him talking to you  
25      about that doctor? I mean, was it just the name he

1 used?

2 **A. Once again, yes, he was a great names dropper and it was**  
3 **his position of power in the community. In other words,**  
4 **he was an important person and he wanted you to know**  
5 **that.**

6 Q. So he was just -- the expression I used to you -- was  
7 essentially a name dropper. He liked to drop people's  
8 names into the conversation --

9 **A. He did.**

10 Q. -- he was having you.

11 **A. Very much so.**

12 Q. But he wasn't --

13 **A. More than the other two, yes.**

14 Q. But he wasn't suggesting anything about this doctor,  
15 whoever he was, that made you concerned about the doctor  
16 other than it was a doctor that he knew?

17 **A. Yes. Well, I suppose a lot of doctors came and went and**  
18 **I just -- you know, now I just can't remember who they**  
19 **were exactly, but I think you are quite right. I mean,**  
20 **I definitely got that information off the internet.**

21 Q. And you were saying that Raymond Semple would catch  
22 McGrath interfering with the boys, which he would then  
23 ignore.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. And, I mean, you actually felt compelled to contact the

1 Sunday Life to correct a misimpression that they were  
2 giving about Raymond Semple. So why did --

3 **A. Because I felt --**

4 Q. -- why did you think he was ignoring what was going on?

5 **A. I don't know. You see, I just felt he wasn't actively**  
6 **involved in it. He was maybe aware of it, but that was**  
7 **as far as it went, you know.**

8 Q. And again when we were talking, I was asking you is this  
9 something you felt at the time or, you know -- I mean,  
10 you were 14 years of age -- 15 years of age when you  
11 went in there and you are now a man in his 50s and you  
12 have looked at and read all of these things. Is it now  
13 as you sit today that you think, "Do you know, these  
14 people must have known what was going on. Raymond  
15 Semple was in that building. He must have known McGrath  
16 was doing this"?

17 **A. Yes, yes.**

18 Q. It's really -- it's really that that you are trying to  
19 convey to the Inquiry than anything more, James.

20 Am I right?

21 **A. Absolutely. Yes, absolutely. You are right. It's**  
22 **right on the money, yes.**

23 Q. But you do talk a little bit in that e-mail about  
24 McGrath giving you extra pocket money and about the kind  
25 of things that he said to you and that you can speak to

1 from your own knowledge?

2 **A. Yes, absolutely.**

3 Q. The other -- in that police log that I pulled up there  
4 was -- you actually also, you know, when you were  
5 speaking to the police, you made some comment -- I think  
6 it is at 60024 -- about Edward Heath and saying to the  
7 --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- police officer did he know about Edward Heath. You  
10 weren't by that trying to suggest that Edward Heath had  
11 been in any way involved in Kincora. Isn't that right?

12 **A. No, he was not involved in Kincora to the best of my  
13 knowledge, no.**

14 Q. Basically, as I understand it, you spoke to police,  
15 Constable Hutton, about 19th August, and from a little  
16 bit of internet research that I did myself the first  
17 time that there was sort of anything on the internet  
18 about Ted Heath was in -- on 10th August 2015. So what  
19 I think -- when we had this discussion last week, what  
20 you were saying is this had just sort of come to light,  
21 that there were allegations being made about this  
22 prominent former Prime Minister, now deceased --

23 **A. Yes, absolutely, yes.**

24 Q. -- and you were just saying, "Look, you know, who would  
25 have thought anything about him? So who would have



1 thought anything about McGrath and Mains and Semple?"  
2 and that's really the message you were trying to convey  
3 to police. Have I got that right?

4 **A. You are absolutely right, because, I mean, at the end of**  
5 **the day those three would have been a nobody compared to**  
6 **the likes of a Prime Minister of the country.**

7 Q. What you said to me was you were amazed someone so high  
8 up in power would be involved in that stuff. You know,  
9 we are not trying to say that Ted Heath was in any way  
10 --

11 **A. No.**

12 Q. -- but there were certainly allegations being made about  
13 him --

14 **A. Correct.**

15 Q. -- at that time --

16 **A. There was.**

17 Q. -- but there was definitely no connection that you knew  
18 of between Ted Heath and McGrath?

19 **A. None that I knew of, no.**

20 Q. And if I can go back then to the last page of your  
21 statement at 014, James, paragraph 36 --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- you said in the final paragraph that you came to the  
24 Inquiry -- it's 014. I don't know -- we haven't got it  
25 on the screen. It's KIN014. There it is, yes:

1            "I came to the Inquiry in the hope that it will  
2            improve things for children in a similar situation  
3            today. I have two nephews and I would hope that if  
4            somehow they ended up in the care system, the standard  
5            of care would be a lot higher. With all the checks and  
6            balances nowadays I would hope people wouldn't get away  
7            with what McGrath and the others did in Kincora."

8            **A. Yes. That's a fair assumption, yes.**

9            Q. James, that's all I want to ask you about your time  
10            in Kincora and about the various documents that we've  
11            seen and the police reports and so forth.

12            **A. Yes.**

13            Q. Is there anything that I have actually got wrong when  
14            I've been speaking to you --

15            **A. No.**

16            Q. -- or anything you'd like to correct, or is there  
17            anything more that you want the Inquiry to know about  
18            your time in Kincora other than what we've covered?

19            **A. Yes. Could I just add a little bit? You know,**  
20            **obviously I was put in a difficult situation, yes, and**  
21            **I suppose those guys were doing it the best they could**  
22            **under the circumstances, but at the same token, I mean,**  
23            **it is not a situation where you would want to really**  
24            **place anybody in reality, you know. I mean, the fact in**  
25            **hindsight that all three of them were involved in this**

1 sort of stuff is still mind boggling to me, you know,  
2 and the thing that hurt me most about it was that the  
3 authorities really did know about it beforehand. So  
4 I -- I went in in 1977. So they knew about it long  
5 before then. So it was maybe a bad, you know, place to  
6 put me into. Does that make sense?

7 You know, but other than that, you know, I am  
8 grateful that the HIA has done this quite in-depth  
9 Inquiry. I mean, it is very detailed and it's the most  
10 detailed one I have ever seen. So I am really thankful  
11 for that, yes.

12 Q. Thank you for that, James. One final question that  
13 I ask everyone who speaks to the Inquiry, not sitting  
14 quite where you are but certainly opposite me --

15 A. Yes. Okay.

16 Q. -- is about what recommendations this Inquiry should  
17 make at the end of it work and what do you think this  
18 Inquiry should be recommending to the Government?

19 A. Well, obviously that all those people who are affected,  
20 you know, get some form of compensation definitely.  
21 I mean, I know I suppose everybody says it's always down  
22 to the money and I suppose sometimes you could say that  
23 it is, but it's recognition really of what actually did  
24 take -- you know, what actually happened did actually  
25 happen. It is the recognition of that. Certainly some

1 **form of compensation definitely.**

2 Q. Okay. Well, thank you, James. As I say, I have  
3 nothing further I want to ask you.

4 **A. Thank you.**

5 Q. I am going to hand you over to the Chairman and Panel  
6 Members.

7 **A. Okay. No problem. Thanks.**

8 **Questions from THE PANEL**

9 CHAIRMAN: Mr Miller, can I just ask you a few more things  
10 about what you have said to us today?

11 **A. Sure. Yes.**

12 Q. One question at the beginning. We looked at a  
13 photograph. Was that you in your school blazer when you  
14 were at the School?

15 **A. Yes. That's an all boys' high school, yes.**

16 Q. Yes.

17 **A. I was about 14 there.**

18 Q. Now when you were describing McGrath, you said that he  
19 usually worked during the day when there weren't really  
20 any other boys about, because the other boys were  
21 working and therefore out and about a great deal longer  
22 than you were. Is that right?

23 **A. Yes. Well, it was a working boys' home. I mean, that  
24 was the whole point behind it.**

25 Q. Yes. So may we take it that your normal day was that

1 you would get the bus out to the high school at

2 You would be there during school hours and  
3 then, what, come home after 3.30 or something like that?

4 **A. Yes, that's right, yes. We left at 3.40 and I could be**  
5 **home shortly after 4.00.**

6 Q. Exactly, because the bus would just come straight along  
7 the main road into Knock and then down to Ballyhackamore  
8 and then you would get off near Kincora I take it?

9 **A. Yes. Upper Newtownards Road. I would get off at two**  
10 **stops past Ballyhackamore at the junction with North**  
11 **Road.**

12 Q. Yes. You said something about McGrath living nearby  
13 I think.

14 **A. He did, yes. He lived down beside Knock Fire Station --**

15 Q. Yes.

16 **A. -- which was on the right, just slightly past Kincora.**

17 Q. That's not very far away we know.

18 **A. No.**

19 Q. Did you actually know at the time that's where he lived?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Did he talk about it or take anybody down to his house  
22 or anything like that?

23 **A. I was down at his house a few times, but never actually**  
24 **in it.**

25 Q. Well, what took you down to his house?

1 **A. I honestly can't remember.**

2 Q. Were you doing -- were you doing --

3 **A. I can't remember. Go ahead.**

4 Q. I just wondered were you doing a message for Mains or  
5 somebody like that?

6 **A. Yes. Something happened. I remember McGrath used to**  
7 **come down and, you know, he wore one of those long sort**  
8 **of gabardine coats and he had a long scarf on like Tom**  
9 **Baker out of "Dr Who", you know, I think, and it was**  
10 **maybe just to pick up something and I would pick it back**  
11 **up to the home, you know.**

12 Q. Yes.

13 **A. Of course I would be paid for that as well, yes.**

14 Q. You got paid for it?

15 **A. Yes, yes. Usually -- usually a shilling or two**  
16 **shillings, you know.**

17 Q. Yes.

18 **A. About 10p.**

19 Q. But the abuse that you have described to us today that  
20 you experienced all happened inside the building at  
21 Kincora. Is that right?

22 **A. Well, yes, apart from a few times when I was in Joseph**  
23 **Mains' car going to Bangor or Newtownards.**

24 Q. I'm sorry. I should have made it clear. All the abuse  
25 that McGrath inflicted on you --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- happened in Kincora --

3 **A. It did.**

4 Q. -- leaving Mr Mains out of it just for the moment.

5 **A. Sure.**

6 Q. But now that you have mentioned him, there were some  
7 occasions where he would take you in his car and he'd  
8 take a run down to . Is that right?

9 **A. Yes. I believe his mother lived in and his  
10 girlfriend lived in . That's my  
11 understanding of it anyway.**

12 Q. Yes.

13 **A. It may have been the other way round, but, you know ...**

14 Q. And when you were in the car, what happened to you?

15 **A. Well, you know, obviously he would be driving, and he  
16 used to smoke a pipe. So he would ask you to, you know,  
17 fill his pipe. It was -- "War Horse" was the name of  
18 the stuff and you done it with a little penknife. Then  
19 he would just touch your leg sort of casually, you know.**

20 Q. Yes.

21 **A. Occasionally he move it further up, you know, towards  
22 your genitals type thing, but there was nothing more  
23 than that, you know.**

24 Q. I see, but it plainly wasn't normal behaviour, but it  
25 didn't go any further than that. Is that right?

1 **A. Well, I didn't think it was normal, no.**

2 Q. No. Now you said that Mains had his own favourites. Is  
3 that right?

4 **A. He did.**

5 Q. And were there many of those during the eight months or  
6 so that you were in Kincora?

7 **A. You see -- yes, but it was difficult for me to quantify,  
8 because, as I said to Christine, these people did not  
9 enter from the front entrance of Kincora, so were not  
10 immediately obvious. They would enter his property from  
11 the side in North Road. So the chances are you didn't  
12 really see who it was. Does that make sense?**

13 Q. Yes. What I'm asking about: did he favourites amongst  
14 the boys who were living in Kincora?

15 **A. I believe he did, yes.**

16 Q. Well, were you aware of that at the time?

17 **A. Yes, yes, I think -- I think so. You know, I can  
18 remember faces, but maybe not names to go with that.**

19 Q. And in what way did he show that they were favourites?  
20 Did they get extra treats or allowed a lie-in in the  
21 morning or what way did it show itself?

22 **A. Well, no. He would take them into his -- it was like  
23 an annexe. It's hard to describe it.**

24 Q. You can take it we know the layout of this. We know  
25 what you mean.



1 **A. Yes, yes. It's like a little office first and then you**  
2 **went through a little narrow hallway --**

3 Q. Yes.

4 **A. -- and you had showers and all down the back. They**  
5 **would be in there for maybe an hour or so at a time,**  
6 **which is quite a long time, especially for a youngster,**  
7 **you know.**

8 Q. I see.

9 **A. So I can only imagine what was going on, you know.**

10 Q. But did they ever say what happened or is that just  
11 a conclusion you have drawn from your knowledge of him?

12 **A. It is, yes. It is a conclusion, plus the noise factor**  
13 **as well.**

14 Q. And what was the noise?

15 **A. Well, it was noise of like two monkeys I suppose, yes.**

16 Q. I see. Now during the time you were there there were  
17 other visitors or there were visitors to the home.  
18 Isn't that right? You've described --

19 **A. From the Board, yes. From the Board, yes.**

20 Q. Yes. Well, you've described Mr Fitt, as he was at that  
21 time, and Dr Paisley, both of whom were very well-known  
22 public figures. Isn't that right?

23 **A. Yes, they were, but I didn't really know. I seen their**  
24 **T... -- their picture on TV and I worked out who they**  
25 **were.**

1 Q. Yes, but apart from people like that, were there other  
2 visitors?

3 **A. There was.**

4 Q. And what sort of people were they?

5 **A. Clergymen. There was a priest used to come as well.**

6 **I don't know these people's names. So, you know -- and**  
7 **definitely people from the Board would come regularly,**  
8 **but it was no advantage, because the guys that ran the**  
9 **home were always present when the people from the Board**  
10 **was there. I think they were called visiting something**  
11 **or other.**

12 Q. Yes.

13 **A. Visiting officials, you know. They came pretty**  
14 **regularly.**

15 Q. The requirement for councillors at that time who were on  
16 the committee responsible for Kincora, or local  
17 authority as it was in your day, they would visit from  
18 time to time.

19 **A. Right.**

20 Q. Carry out inspections, so to speak.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. And were you aware of them going around looking at  
23 things and checking up?

24 **A. They did. They did, but they were -- they didn't go**  
25 **round on their own. They were always with one of the**

1           **housemasters, one of the three, yes.**

2       Q.   Were you ever aware of people coming to the home at  
3           night or at other occasions who didn't seem to be there  
4           and behave as if they were there on official business?

5       **A.   Yes.**

6       Q.   In what circumstances?

7       **A.   People came and went and you didn't know who they were.**

8           **It was -- it was like the front door was never locked,**  
9           **you know, which it wasn't by the way. It was always the**  
10          **middle door, you know. It had like a stained glass door**  
11          **--**

12      Q.   Yes.

13      **A.   -- in the second section, but yes, it was like a -- it**  
14          **reminded me some years later of Arkwright, you know,**  
15          **"Open All Hours", you know that little comedy thing, you**  
16          **know, Ronnie Barker.**

17      Q.   Were these adults and were they visiting staff members?

18      **A.   To my knowledge yes.**

19      Q.   They weren't visiting the boys or taking the boys out,  
20          were they?

21      **A.   I've thought about that long and hard and I can't**  
22          **truthfully answer that, because I cannot recollect it.**  
23          **I think they were principally there to see the staff.**

24      Q.   Yes, and --

25      **A.   And there was policemen came too.**

1 MS SMITH: Sorry, Chairman.

2 **A. Policemen came and went very regularly.**

3 Q. I am sorry to interrupt. We have got it sorted now.

4 There is a difficulty with the connection.

5 (Videolink disconnected and reconnected)

6 **A. Sorry. We got cut off.**

7 CHAIRMAN: Yes. That's all right, Mr Miller. We can see

8 you now. I will just go back a bit in case you didn't

9 hear what I was saying.

10 The people who came in the -- out of the normal

11 time, so to speak --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- did they ever make any approaches to the boys? You  
14 said you've thought about that long and hard.

15 **A. Yes. I don't -- I don't believe they did.**

16 Q. I see.

17 **A. I think they were there to see the staff.**

18 Q. Yes, and you said that you thought that Dr Paisley knew  
19 what was going on. Why do you think that?

20 **A. Well, he just seemed to be there an awful lot, you know,  
21 more than I would have expected. He was certainly there  
22 once a week, you know.**

23 Q. I see.

24 **A. But I've -- I've since learned that that could be his  
25 connection to William McGrath regarding, you know, the**

1           **Loyalist organisation thing, but I don't know. I am**  
2           **just, you know, hypothesising here, you know.**

3   Q. Now I wonder could we have 10298 brought up, please?  
4       I am not sure whether you can see this, Mr Miller, or  
5       not. Probably not.

6   **A. Not at the moment, no.**

7   Q. Well, this is the last page of the three-page statement  
8       you made to the police in 1980.

9   **A. Yes, I've got that, yes.**

10   Q. And if you look at the third line, it says:

11           "On either a Saturday or a Sunday I went out with  
12       Mains in his car to his girlfriend's house."

13   **A. Yes.**

14   Q. You give her first name. That was somewhere in the  
15

16   **A. That's                   , yes.**

17   Q. Yes, and did Mains and that lady seem to have  
18       a long-standing relationship as far as you could judge?

19   **A. Yes.**

20   Q. It wasn't just a one-off visit, in other words, that you  
21       were concerned with?

22   **A. No. No. He -- it was obvious to my mind, looking back**  
23       **on it now, but I suppose, you know, I am just**  
24       **generalising, that she was a bit of a front, you know,**  
25       **in that -- insofar as she was just there and he was**

1           **actually doing other stuff in the background.**

2       Q.   Yes.  I think we understand what you mean by that, and  
3       then you say at the last sentence but one:

4           "I would like to add that none of the inmates made  
5       any suggestions to me either.  There was nothing more  
6       serious happened to me while in the hostel other than  
7       what I've told you about."

8           Now you hadn't mentioned earlier in the statement  
9       some of the more graphic forms of abuse that you've  
10      described today.

11     **A.  Yes.**

12     Q.   Why didn't you --

13     **A.  I don't even like my singing today, you know.**

14     Q.   Well, we can understand that, but would you like to say  
15      to us why you didn't tell the police about that in 1980?

16     **A.  I didn't even want to tell them what I told them, you  
17      know.  I just -- it was just so embarrassing  
18      and humiliating, you know, and it made you feel, you  
19      know, very small.**

20     Q.   I see.  Thank you, Mr Miller.  My colleagues may like  
21      to ask you some questions as well.

22     **A.  Okay.**

23     MS DOHERTY:  Hello, Mr Miller.  Can you hear --

24     **A.  Hello.**

25     Q.   -- hear me okay?

1 **A. Yes, absolutely, yes.**

2 Q. Can I just ask were there any other schoolboys in the  
3 hostel at the same time as you?

4 **A. I don't remember any, no.**

5 Q. You don't. So you were the only boy that was going off  
6 to school. Were you given any support about your  
7 schooling, about homework, about getting to bed in time  
8 for getting up for school or ...?

9 **A. I don't recall it, because it was a working boys' home.  
10 It wasn't really for schoolboys as such.**

11 Q. Yes, but you were there as a schoolboy and that's what  
12 I'm asking. Was there any special support given to you  
13 as a schoolboy?

14 **A. I don't recall.**

15 Q. You don't recall?

16 **A. I'm sorry.**

17 Q. Can you remember doing homework?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. And you would have done that by yourself in your room or  
20 ...?

21 **A. In the dining room. In the dining room, yes.**

22 Q. Okay, and did Mr Semple ever come over and ask how you  
23 were getting on or ...?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. You described Mr Mains drying himself off naked in front

1 of you and other boys. Did you think that that was  
2 sexual in nature?

3 **A. "Deliberate" would be a better word, yes; not**  
4 **necessarily sexual, like.**

5 Q. Can you maybe say a bit more about that? What do you  
6 mean by "deliberate" as opposed to ...?

7 **A. Well, it was just -- it's just something he done. He**  
8 **was a bit of an, you know, exhibitionist, you know.**

9 Q. Right. So it was more kind of showing off as opposed  
10 to -- yes.

11 **A. Absolutely. No, I don't think it was meant to be**  
12 **sexual, no.**

13 Q. Okay. When you describe Mr McGrath actually -- you  
14 know, that during the day it wasn't just about the more  
15 extreme abuse of you but during the day he would touch  
16 you or pet you or feel your back --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- was that in front of other boys that he would do  
19 that?

20 **A. Sometimes --**

21 Q. Sometimes?

22 **A. -- but -- but usually not.**

23 Q. But usually not, but sometimes?

24 **A. Everything was -- yes. Everything was made to look**  
25 **accidental --**



1 Q. Okay.

2 **A. -- you know. I mean, you'd push up against someone**  
3 **accidentally, but, of course, it wasn't. I knew it was**  
4 **deliberate.**

5 Q. You knew it was deliberate and did you see him treat  
6 other boys like that?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. So that though his behaviour at times was quite  
9 secretive in relation to abuse, that there were other  
10 times he was more open about touching boys?

11 **A. But more a jokey type of way, you know.**

12 Q. So -- so he would do it in a way that was jokey and  
13 seemed accidental, but there was that aspect to his  
14 behaviour which was about more open touching?

15 **A. Sure.**

16 Q. Okay. Can I just -- so that I am clear about this, you  
17 told Mr Mains about what Mr McGrath was doing about --  
18 with you. Did you -- what did you tell him? What --  
19 the extent of what did you tell him that Mr McGrath was  
20 doing?

21 **A. Yes. I told him that he was interfering with me and he**  
22 **was quite quick to say to leave everything with him and**  
23 **he would sort it all out.**

24 Q. And did you go as far as to say that it was anal  
25 penetration of your -- did you give the detail of what

1 he was doing?

2 **A. Yes, but I think Mr Mains knew without telling him the**  
3 **problem.**

4 Q. So you didn't actually say those words? You didn't say  
5 the extent of --

6 **A. No.**

7 Q. -- what was happening, but just that he was, what,  
8 messing around with you or ...?

9 **A. The impression I got was that Mr Mains knew everything**  
10 **that went on in that home really. That was just my**  
11 **impression, you know.**

12 Q. And then it's after you tell Mr Mains that that when you  
13 are driving with him he actually begins to interfere  
14 with you as well. Is that right? That's the sequence?

15 **A. He probably realised that I am an easy target then, you**  
16 **know.**

17 Q. Did you think that? That was the thing I was going to  
18 ask. Did you feel -- I mean, before that would you have  
19 been in the car with Mr Mains?

20 **A. (Nods.)**

21 Q. So before you told --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. Before you told him about Mr McGrath he didn't touch you  
24 in the car and afterwards he did?

25 **A. I believe so. In fact, I told him about Mr McGrath in**

1           **the car. That's the first I spoke to him.**

2    Q.    Okay. So that was the first time you spoke to him was  
3           in the car.

4    **A. I thought it was a safer environment than eavesdropping**  
5           **in the home, you know.**

6    Q.    Okay, but when you travelled with him previous to that,  
7           he hadn't been touching your legs or touching your ...?

8    **A. I can't honest... -- I can't answer that 100%, because**  
9           **I'm not sure, but I don't remember.**

10   Q.    Okay.

11   **A. I don't remember it, you know.**

12   Q.    Okay. Thanks very much, Mr Miller.

13   **A. You're welcome.**

14   MR LANE: Hello.

15   **A. Hello.**

16   Q.    Just a couple of questions. You obviously reported what  
17           Mr McGrath was doing to Mr Mains, but do you think that  
18           Mr McGrath knew what Mr Mains was up to as well?

19   **A. That's a difficult one to answer. I'm not sure.**  
20           **I would think that, you know, on a balance of**  
21           **probability it was three men in a boys' club and they**  
22           **probably knew what each other was doing. That was**  
23           **just -- but I could be wrong, you know.**

24   Q.    Thank you, and the other question: you mentioned now  
25           Mr Mains' relationship with BAR1 you saw as something of

1 a front.

2 **A. I thought that, yes.**

3 Q. Was that based upon looking back on it and thinking  
4 about it or was it from what you saw of their actual way  
5 they related to each other?

6 **A. It was based on looking back on it from now to then, but  
7 from then I -- you know, as far as I was concerned it  
8 was boyfriend/girlfriend --**

9 Q. Uh-huh.

10 **A. -- even though I had an idea that Mr Mains was also --  
11 he liked boys, but now looking back on it, I think she  
12 was a front --**

13 Q. Right.

14 **A. -- to give it an air of respectability. Does that make  
15 sense?**

16 Q. Yes. Sure. Thank you very much.

17 **A. You're welcome.**

18 CHAIRMAN: Mr Miller, could I just ask you one or two  
19 things, although I think Ms Smith may have another  
20 question?

21 **A. Sure. Yes.**

22 Q. But before she asks them, you obviously have looked up  
23 quite a lot of that things that are said on the internet  
24 about what happened at Kincora. When you were there at  
25 the time, had you any sense that the place was somewhere

1 that men resorted to to come to it to have sex with the  
2 boys there or to take them away to have sex somewhere  
3 else?

4 **A. No.**

5 Q. Did you at any time at that stage have an impression  
6 that what was happening to you was something that, as we  
7 now know, happened to a great many other boys before and  
8 indeed after you, or at the time did you just think you  
9 were the only person who was being abused in this way?

10 **A. That's it. Your last statement. I mean, yes, I am 100%**  
11 **in my mind and my mindset that it was me and only me,**  
12 **because all the other stuff I had heard was just talk.**  
13 **So, yes, you are absolutely right.**

14 Q. And when you say the other things that you had heard  
15 were just talk, what sort of talk did you hear?

16 **A. Well, banter, as Christine put, between one boy and**  
17 **another, you know, alluding to things that, you know,**  
18 **"You need to be careful. You need to make sure your bum**  
19 **is against the wall when you're walking along especially**  
20 **when William is about" --**

21 Q. Yes.

22 **A. -- but once again it could be taken as idle talking.**

23 Q. Yes, because people in Northern Ireland often use the  
24 expression "banter" to mean what can be two quite  
25 different things. One is just really a joke with no

1 real substance to it, but the other is -- it can often  
2 be a fairly brutal and direct form of sometimes even  
3 abuse that people then try and pass off as a joke.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. Which -- which of those do you think would apply most to  
6 what your view was at the time of what the boys were  
7 saying?

8 **A. The former, because I don't think at 15 I really**  
9 **understood what was going on, you know, especially**  
10 **around me. I know what was happening to me, yes, but as**  
11 **for anything else, no.**

12 Q. Thank you very much.

13 **A. You're welcome.**

14 **Further questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY**

15 MS SMITH: Just in respect -- I know I lied. I do have one  
16 further question for you, James.

17 **A. Of course, Christine. There's always one more.**

18 Q. I've been asked to ask you: would you have been aware --  
19 you talked about boys going out of the home and as you  
20 believed going out voluntarily and willingly. You  
21 didn't see anything about them going out unwillingly  
22 anyway --

23 **A. (Inaudible.)**

24 Q. -- but would you have been aware of boys -- would you  
25 have necessarily been aware if any boy was taken from

1 the home against his will?

2 **A. I never saw it.**

3 Q. And you never -- none of the boys whom you named, the  
4 three names that you gave to the Inquiry, none of them  
5 ever said to you, "I had to go down to a hotel" or  
6 "I was taken to a hotel by Joseph Mains", or they never  
7 said anything along those lines to you?

8 **A. Not to me.**

9 Q. Okay. Thank you.

10 **A. You're welcome.**

11 CHAIRMAN: Well, Mr Miller, that really was the last  
12 question. Thank you very much indeed for speaking to  
13 us, because, as we know, you are speaking to us from  
14 at the moment.

15 **A. Yes. True.**

16 Q. A different time zone there, but we are very grateful to  
17 you for having taken the time to speak, first of all, to  
18 Ms Smith last week and before that to our staff who  
19 recorded your statement, and for taking the time to  
20 speak to us again today. Thank you very much.

21 **A. You are most welcome and thank you for getting the  
22 Inquiry going.**

23 MS SMITH: Thank you, James.

24 (Videolink disconnected)

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1 Submission by MR McGOWAN

2 MS SMITH: Chairman, Mr McGowan, who represents one of the  
3 core participants, Richard Kerr, wishes to raise  
4 something with the Inquiry about the manner in which  
5 the Inquiry has been dealing with Inquiry witnesses.

6 MR McGOWAN: I am much obliged, Mr Chairman. I am not sure  
7 of the best way to raise this. If you would prefer me  
8 to raise it in another fashion or at another time,  
9 please let me know, but my issue is that I am concerned  
10 that former residents giving evidence to the Inquiry  
11 have not had a chance to have sight of all their  
12 previous statements whenever they are finalising their  
13 witness statement.

14 It appears to me to have a number of consequences.  
15 The first is that on occasions they can be surprised.

16 CHAIRMAN: You're appearing for Richard Kerr.

17 Keep your submissions to what you are entitled to speak  
18 about, which is Richard Kerr.

19 MR McGOWAN: Yes, Mr Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN: Richard Kerr has been supplied with or his legal  
21 representatives have been supplied with all the statements he  
22 made.

23 MR McGOWAN: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN: Now let me inform you that the practice of the  
25 Inquiry is to supply all witnesses with their police statements,



1 but we do not always have them at the time when they are first  
2 interviewed. I hope that deals with your first point.

3 MR McGOWAN: Well, Mr Chairman, I would say that it is  
4 relevant to Richard Kerr, because it's important that the  
5 former residents that are giving evidence are given the  
6 same opportunity to have sight of their --

7 CHAIRMAN: Confine your remarks to your client, please.

8 MR McGOWAN: Yes, Mr Chairman.

9 CHAIRMAN: And I repeat you have been given hundreds of  
10 pages of documents relating to Richard Kerr, which as far  
11 as I know contain all the statements he has made. So as  
12 far as I can see, if that's correct, you have no grounds  
13 for making your allegation about your client.

14 MR McGOWAN: Well, Mr Chairman --

15 CHAIRMAN: Is that clear?

16 MR McGOWAN: That's correct. I'm not alleging that Richard  
17 Kerr made statements that have not been supplied to me,  
18 but my concern is that other former residents who are  
19 giving evidence have not had --

20 CHAIRMAN: You do not appear for other former residents,  
21 despite the energetic efforts by you and your  
22 instructing solicitor to persuade the courts to force  
23 the Inquiry to give you that representation.

24 MR McGOWAN: Yes, Mr Chairman, but we are concerned as a  
25 core participant to the Inquiry to ensure that other

1 former residents are giving the best evidence that they  
2 can to the Inquiry and they are not seen to be  
3 disadvantaged in giving that evidence, and it is my  
4 concern that the fact that they finalise these witness  
5 statements before having sight of their previous  
6 documents does serve to disadvantage them in a number of  
7 ways.

8 Now the first is that they can be surprised by  
9 documents that they have never seen before when on the  
10 witness stand.

11 CHAIRMAN: Mr McGowan, I am not going to allow you to  
12 continue in this way. You and your instructing  
13 solicitor have several times brought judicial reviews  
14 before the courts, each one of which has been rejected,  
15 and some of those have been on the basis of the very  
16 points that you are trying to raise today. This is  
17 a back door method of trying to bring out matters which  
18 have been rejected by the courts several times.

19 MR MCGOWAN: Well, Mr Chairman, this point is not --

20 CHAIRMAN: You have -- you have conceded that you have no  
21 basis for saying this in relation to your client. You  
22 have no right to bring up other matters in relation to  
23 people for whom you do not appear. Your effort to do so  
24 is an attempt by a back door method to deal with matters  
25 that have been rejected again and again by the courts.

1 I am not prepared to allow you to do it. If you have  
2 any other submissions, make them. Otherwise please sit  
3 down.

4 MR MCGOWAN: Mr Chairman, I would say that the issues I'm  
5 raising have not been rejected by the courts on the  
6 points that I am making, but if you are not prepared to  
7 hear me on them, then I will have to accede to your  
8 direction.

9 CHAIRMAN: You have through your submissions in other cases  
10 repeatedly made the case that people are being  
11 disadvantaged by not having legal representation.  
12 I have said to you that what the Inquiry does is to  
13 provide witnesses with the material whenever we have it.  
14 You are misrepresenting the position and you are doing  
15 so in relation to people for whom you do not appear and  
16 you have no right to do that.

17 MR MCGOWAN: Mr Chairman, I am doing it in the interests of  
18 my client to ensure that former residents are given the  
19 same opportunity in giving their evidence as agents of  
20 the State.

21 CHAIRMAN: If you persist in making unjustified submissions  
22 to the Inquiry, I'll have you removed.

23 MR MCGOWAN: Well, Mr Chairman, my submission --

24 CHAIRMAN: I'm not going to say it except once more. It  
25 does not apply to your client. You have no right to

1 appear on behalf of anybody else.

2 MR MCGOWAN: Well, I have no other submission to make,  
3 Mr Chairman.

4 MS SMITH: Chairman, that concludes today's evidence and  
5 includes -- it also concludes the evidence that will be  
6 heard in this module this week.

7 CHAIRMAN: Very well. We will sit again the week after  
8 next.

9 (3.30 pm)

10 (Inquiry adjourned until 10.00 am  
11 on Monday, 20th June 2016)

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