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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, 7th May 2014

commencing at 10.30 am

(Day 32)

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

1 Wednesday, 7th May 2014

2 (10.30 am)

3 WITNESS SND482 (called)

4 CHAIRMAN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Before we  
5 start can I just remind everybody please turn off your  
6 mobile phones or put it on silent or vibrate. Much more  
7 importantly, no form of photography of any sort must be  
8 carried out either in the Inquiry chamber or anywhere  
9 inside the building. So mobile phones. Forbidden to  
10 take photographs in the chamber or anywhere inside the  
11 Inquiry confines. Yes, Mr Aiken?

12 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, good morning.

13 The first witness is SND482, who is "SND482". He is  
14 aware, Chairman, you are going to ask him to take the  
15 oath or affirm.

16 CHAIRMAN: Do you wish to take the religious oath or make an  
17 affirmation?

18 **A. No, the religious oath.**

19 CHAIRMAN: Very well.

20 WITNESS SND482 (sworn)

21 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

22 MR AIKEN: Bring up, please, SND-17182. SND 482, can you just  
23 check the hard copy of the statement that you have in  
24 front of you --

25 **A. Yes, yes.**

1 Q. -- and just confirm that it matches the one that's on  
2 the screen --

3 **A. Yes, yes.**

4 Q. -- except for the black redactions.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. If you can look at the last -- second page of your  
7 statement of 10th February, 2014, at SND-17183 and can  
8 you confirm you have, in fact, signed the statement?

9 **A. That's correct.**

10 Q. And you want to adopt the contents as your evidence?

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. You are aware the black redactions relate to the  
13 anonymity policy of the Inquiry --

14 **A. Yes, yes, yes.**

15 Q. -- and you want to remain anonymous?

16 **A. Oh, yes, yes.**

17 Q. Now, SND482, you are now --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- having been born on ?

20 **A. That's correct.**

21 Q. And you spent your time in Termonbacca between probably  
22 or some time --

23 **A. No, it would be**

24 Q. You think you went straight to Termonbacca?

25 **A. Oh, yes, yes, yes.**

1 Q. Well, one of the -- we don't have any register material  
2 relating to you, but I have asked Mr Montague and he is  
3 going to have that investigated --

4 **A. Thank you.**

5 Q. -- but you were there between let's say and --

6 **A. , yes, yes, yes.**

7 Q. --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. You are not entirely sure.

10 **A. No.**

11 Q. But in or around or you left?

12 **A. Yes, yes, yes.**

13 Q. The Inquiry Panel has had the opportunity already to  
14 read your witness statement. So they are familiar with  
15 the content, and I just want to ask you about some  
16 issues that arise from it.

17 **A. That's okay. No problem.**

18 Q. You talk about some positive experiences that you recall

19 --

20 **A. Oh, yes.**

21 Q. -- of your time in Termonbacca, and you mention the band  
22 and playing in the band.

23 **A. That's correct.**

24 Q. I think someone talked about the boys marching up and  
25 down the drive playing to the cows in recent times. Is

1           that -- do you recall doing that?

2   **A. Oh, I do. I must apologise for the standard of music.**

3   Q. But you --

4   **A. I do remember that, yes.**

5   Q. You were a           player?

6   **A. Yes.**

7   Q. And you mention also being in the choir.

8   **A. That's correct.**

9   Q. You had the opportunity to perform. In paragraph 9 in  
10       SND-17183 you talk about playing in the Derry feis --

11   **A. That's correct.**

12   Q. -- and also at a carnival.

13   **A. Yes. Well, we took -- participated in the carnival.**

14       **You know, we walked, and there was carnivals around**

15       **Derry and you walked playing in the band.**

16   Q. And those are positive experiences of things you did --

17   **A. Oh, yes. That's correct, yes.**

18   Q. -- as a group.

19   **A. Yes.**

20   Q. You -- I was asking you whether in your time -- you  
21       mentioned the holiday period, but by that stage the  
22       place in Donegal for you to go and spend the summers,  
23       that wasn't part of your ...?

24   **A. No, no, no, no.**

25   Q. You spent your time in Termonbacca?

1 **A. Yes, yes, yes. That's correct.**

2 Q. You had the occasional day trip to Buncrana on the bus.

3 Is that right?

4 **A. Well, every -- once -- every year we had -- a whole**  
5 **crowd of us went to Bun... -- went to Buncrana, and the**  
6 **sisters made sandwiches, and we had a day out, a whole**  
7 **day out to the beach.**

8 Q. Yes, and you describe -- at paragraph 5 on  
9 page SND-17182 in terms of the food and clothing that  
10 were provided to you you describe being well fed --

11 **A. Oh, yes, yes.**

12 Q. -- and you were always well dressed.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. And you felt that the standards were good?

15 **A. Oh, yes, yes.**

16 Q. You describe in paragraph 5 even having cornflakes.

17 **A. Yes, but that was -- that came in a late edition. That**  
18 **was --**

19 Q. That was towards the end of your --

20 **A. Yes, yes.**

21 Q. -- period?

22 **A. Yes, yes.**

23 Q. I think a different witness didn't recall having  
24 cornflakes, but your recollection is that you had --

25 **A. Oh, yes. Oh, yes, definitely.**

1 Q. -- cornflakes and you describe the other elements.

2 Then in the same paragraph you talk about being  
3 walked to school by -- I think there's a slight mistake  
4 of SND15 -- but SND15?

5 A. Oh, yes, yes.

6 Q. Your memory of him was as a complete gentleman.

7 A. Oh, yes. Well, he was -- he was more than a gentleman.

8 He was always there if you had a -- you felt someone was  
9 giving you a hard time, you could go to SND 15. He was  
10 in the background, but he never -- you know, he would  
11 always show kindness. There was no question about it.  
12 He was -- we always looked up to him.

13 Q. He was a very decent man?

14 A. Oh, yes. I even -- I even worked with him in the  
15 gardens on a Saturday cutting grass and things like  
16 that, you know, and we would always love being with him.

17 Q. And you mention if you were having difficulty with  
18 someone, he is someone you could have gone to.

19 A. Well, most of the boys always felt that. We always  
20 as -- there were kind of fellas. We were kind of in  
21 a wee group together. We were about the same age, and  
22 we always felt if someone was -- felt it was hard on us,  
23 we would go to SND 15 and say it quietly and he would  
24 very gently put it some way, "How are things?" and you'd  
25 say, "Well, a bit tough" and he would -- he would read

1           **between the lines and he would -- you would hear no more**  
2           **about it, but then things would calm down, as they say.**

3    **Q.** Are you talking about boys bullying you?

4    **A.** Well, there was certain boys that were -- you were  
5           **afraid of. There was this fear now, and they were the**  
6           **-- they were the older boys. They would have been a lot**  
7           **older, you know.**

8    **Q.** And are you -- is your belief that SND 15 would have  
9           **intervened to --**

10   **A.** Well, he might have talked to them now. He would -- he  
11           **wouldn't -- he wouldn't be -- he was a very placid**  
12           **gentleman. He wouldn't be arrogant or anything. He**  
13           **would just say, you know -- you know -- we would know if**  
14           **there was anything really serious, SND 15 would be**  
15           **there.**

16   **Q.** Yes. You also mention in paragraph 2 and then again in  
17           **paragraph 3           SR 11**

18   **A.** Yes.

19   **Q.** You say in relation to -- that there was bullying that  
20           **went on, but           SR 11           -- you talk again in**  
21           **paragraph 3 about the fear you have just mentioned, but**  
22           **that           SR 11           was always someone that you could go**  
23           **to, and you say that           SR 11           always took care of**  
24           **that.**

25   **A.** Yes.



1 Q. What do you mean by that? What did she do to stop the  
2 bullying?

3 A. Well, I think when she came back the second time -- she  
4 might have been when I was a younger age, but I remember  
5 her coming back and she always -- she changed the regime  
6 that she had come back to along with the new Reverend  
7 Mother, which I don't recall her name, and then the  
8 whole -- the whole scene changed, and there seems to  
9 be -- you know, she brought the thing up to a bit better  
10 than what it was.

11 Q. I think SR 11 from the records -- and I am not  
12 going to bring them up, but for Members of the Panel  
13 SR 11 was in Termonbacca between and ,  
14 which is at SND-5761 to SND-5768 and I think she was  
15 also there to , which was after -- just as you  
16 were leaving.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. But you have this recollection of things changing with  
19 -- with her presence?

20 A. Oh, definitely, and then some of the boys that she felt  
21 shouldn't have been there were maybe moved. So she --  
22 some I think went to Muckamore Abbey. There is one lad.  
23 I don't know his name. I forget his name. He went -- I  
24 remember him being moved to Muckamore Abbey and he had  
25 this -- there was a fear of him.

1 Q. What was the -- when you say there was a fear of him,  
2 what was the fear?

3 A. Just you looked at him. He was just -- kind of  
4 a domineering effect, you know. There was no physical.  
5 It was just you were afraid of him and then you just  
6 didn't go out of your way. You just stayed out of his  
7 way.

8 Q. So your understanding is that SR 11 arranged for  
9 a number of --

10 A. But she didn't --

11 Q. -- children who were more difficult --

12 A. Well, let's say they weren't there very long. Then  
13 we've just said simply to ask, "Where is that man?"  
14 "He's in Muckamore Abbey" and that was it. You don't --  
15 moved on. You just didn't elaborate, you know.

16 Q. You describe in paragraph 7 the type of chores, if you  
17 like. There was a farm and you picked potatoes --

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. -- and you enjoyed that?

20 A. Oh, yes.

21 Q. Then at the weekends the Inquiry has heard evidence  
22 about the type of polishing regime that went on.

23 A. Well, it --

24 Q. Your memory of that is positive.

25 A. Oh, it was -- we actually used to fight each other who

1 was going to get on the cloth on the floor to be pulled  
2 up and down. It was a game. You know, to us it was  
3 a game. You know, it wasn't a -- no sister stood over  
4 you. We just -- that had to be done. You just done it,  
5 and a bit of polish and you -- someone says, "You need  
6 to shine it", and you got a couple of old blankets and  
7 you put them up together, and God help you if there was  
8 a splinter in the floor! You were just -- you know, it  
9 was good.

10 Q. And did that last for --

11 A. No, an hour or to two, you know, just doing the big  
12 dormitory, which was maybe twice the size of this  
13 building. It's not -- it's not what we call had to do  
14 it, you know.

15 Q. It wasn't something that you feared or were worried  
16 about coming to?

17 A. Oh, not at all, not at all, not at all.

18 Q. You mention in paragraph 4 the subject of bedwetting and  
19 how you were aware that some boys did wet the bed, and  
20 is this a memory from your time in the senior dormitory  
21 really?

22 A. It would be more the senior, the senior. The junior  
23 dormitory I don't think at that age you would remember  
24 a lot. You wouldn't remember a lot of stuff out of the  
25 junior dormitory, you know, no more than you would

1       remember from the nursery. Like when you go into the  
2       senior dormitory, when you got more maybe maturity,  
3       you'd pick up things.

4   Q.   So you remember there being this bedwetting issue?

5   A.   Oh, God, I do, yes.

6   Q.   But the way it was dealt with you say that whoever had  
7       wet the bed simply gathered up their bedclothes and --

8   A.   They went down to the bathroom and they would have got  
9       a bath. It was never cold. It was always hot water,  
10      and that was it, and then there was nothing more about  
11      it. There wasn't an issue. The Sisters never made it  
12      an issue.

13   Q.   Yes. You say there was never any humiliation of anybody  
14      --

15   A.   Oh, no, not at all.

16   Q.   -- over bedwetting.

17            You describe then just when you are talking about  
18      the bathroom at paragraph 10 the subject of bathing.  
19      You describe having a bath at least once a week, but  
20      that there were also wash-hand basins.

21   A.   Yes. That's right.

22   Q.   Were they in the same -- the toilet area --

23   A.   No.

24   Q.   -- with the bath?

25   A.   No, no. They would have been up in the top. The big --

1 the senior dormitory at the top in the corner, which is  
2 on your sketch there, that -- there was maybe -- to me,  
3 looking at it now, there was a load of basins, but you  
4 had a basin, you had a towel and you had toothpaste and  
5 you had a toothbrush.

6 Q. You describe how whenever you were having a bath that  
7 you were, in fact, given a brown towel --

8 A. Oh, yes, yes.

9 Q. -- to wear around you.

10 A. Oh, yes. Oh, there was no -- you were never allowed to  
11 be walking around the place. That was one thing the  
12 Sisters would not tolerate.

13 Q. You weren't around to walk around the place --

14 A. Naked.

15 Q. -- naked?

16 A. Oh, not at all, not -- you wouldn't be -- modesty. You  
17 wouldn't be allowed that.

18 Q. So you were given this towel to wear?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Presumably it got soaked in the bath --

21 A. Aw, well!

22 Q. -- when you were sitting.

23 A. Oh, yes. You came out and you got a dry one and you  
24 dried yourself, and you got yourself in your ordinary  
25 clothes or maybe pyjamas.

1 Q. You describe sharing a bath with -- with other boys.

2 A. Just one maybe. It wouldn't be two -- any more than two  
3 boys in a bath.

4 Q. And you having hot water?

5 A. Yes, but as -- as you got older now, there would be only  
6 one boy, but it's only a certain age when you were young  
7 that two boys was in the baths, but when you got older,  
8 you know ...

9 Q. You mention Jeyes Fluid being put in the bath?

10 A. Oh, yes, but there wasn't -- it wasn't like the  
11 industrial -- I do work -- in my profession I use it now  
12 and again, but it wasn't a heavy Jeyes Fluid. It was  
13 kind of -- there is two types of them now I have found  
14 out since. There was an industrial.

15 I am sure there was nothing else on the market.  
16 You know, there was nothing -- there was no -- I don't  
17 know. There was none of that stuff you put in the bath  
18 today, you know, the powder or the stuff that they put  
19 in the bath. It was just ordinary Jeyes -- and it was  
20 only a sprinkle now. It wasn't -- it was only a tiny --  
21 about that size, but that whole tin wouldn't be put in.  
22 That tin may do all the children, but it wouldn't be --  
23 it wasn't put in like you put in the sheep dip.

24 Q. Do you remember it stinging your body?

25 A. Oh, not at all. It wasn't that. It was just to keep --

1 to disinfect the water. That's all basically. One tub  
2 might do two or three boys, you know. In different  
3 times then it would be changed and there would be more  
4 water, you know.

5 Q. But there was no adverse effect for you of that being  
6 used?

7 A. Oh, not at all.

8 Q. You describe getting changed, and you talk about  
9 numbering in paragraph 11.

10 A. Yes. That's correct.

11 Q. A number of people have talked about numbering and that  
12 being used as a method of identifying people's clothes.

13 A. Oh, yes.

14 Q. And you had a number. You were number , but you were  
15 never called by your number?

16 A. Oh, not at all.

17 Q. And you remember -- can you remember the clothes being  
18 numbered?

19 A. Well -- oh, you'd know your number, because sister would  
20 have you -- after being washed, sometimes you actually  
21 helped to wash them up in the laundry building. That  
22 was part of your chores, but you come down in a heap of  
23 clothes and sister, "Number ". Hand up and you go and  
24 get them and you put them away in your locker.

25 Q. That's what I was going to ask you. So whenever they

1 had been washed whoever was in the laundry would have --

2 **A. Taken them back down.**

3 Q. And would have called out "Number " and you'd have  
4 come --

5 **A. You'd go down -- yes. You go down to the playroom,**  
6 **which was the main -- main room that was used for**  
7 **everything, including the junior boys and senior boys**  
8 **mixed in that. It was kind of a family thing. There**  
9 **was no segregation in them. The senior dormitories and**  
10 **junior dormitories, every boy was together in the dining**  
11 **room and in the playroom. Then the sister would come.**  
12 **It wouldn't be a chore to say would we -- you would be**  
13 **going to bed. They would say, "We will now give out the**  
14 **clothes that are washed". It may be a Saturday evening.**  
15 **It may be after being washed. She'd say, "Number ..."**  
16 **No bother. You go up and got it, passed no remarks and**  
17 **you just put it in your locker or whatever.**

18 Q. So the only time you remember the number being called  
19 out for you was when you were being asked to come up and  
20 get your clothes?

21 **A. Oh, yes, yes.**

22 Q. Now we've touched on it briefly already, but at  
23 paragraph 12 you describe how some of the older boys  
24 were physically violent.

25 **A. Oh, there was a few now. There was. I wouldn't -- you**



1 know, there was -- like they weren't physical, but you  
2 were afraid of them. Maybe they thought they were a  
3 kind of authority that they could keep, you know, but you  
4 could have -- I don't know how we described it. Just  
5 they felt they were in charge and they were going let  
6 you know they were in charge, but you weren't getting  
7 hammered every day, you know. You just -- you knew  
8 them.

9 Q. Well, did they ever strike you?

10 A. Oh, you would get a clip across the ear like anybody  
11 else would give you, you know.

12 Q. What was done when that happened?

13 A. You passed no remarks.

14 Q. And --

15 A. Like it wasn't a day -- it wasn't an every five minute  
16 thing, you know. Like we are all young. We can be --  
17 you know, you have to be put in line now and again, you  
18 know. We weren't all angels, you know.

19 Q. And who put you in line?

20 A. No, that's their idea, but, you know, you just -- it's  
21 hard to describe. They just maybe thought they were  
22 bosses and that was it, you know.

23 Q. And what about the nuns that you describe? Did they  
24 ever give you a clip round the ear?

25 A. I just got like any wee -- just like any mother would

1 do. You know, "Get in line". It wouldn't be -- just  
2 a wee clip. There'd be nothing physical, not at all.  
3 You take 82 boys or whatever, 72 in my time, in the one  
4 area. It was very, you know ...

5 Q. And really there were only two nuns looking after you?

6 A. It was two nuns. Oh, yes, yes.

7 Q. Now you -- I am not going to go into this in any detail  
8 with you, but you moved on in --

9 A. Oh, yes.

10 Q. -- and eventually you took up and became a .

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. But you mentioned to me that experience of the first  
13 night that you slept in a room on your own.

14 A. It was, yes. It was lonely. Like you weren't -- it was  
15 a big -- it was a shock to the system, but that's the  
16 way it was. You know, you missed -- you missed the  
17 company of the large dormitory. You were used to that.

18 Q. And did that take some time to adjust?

19 A. Oh, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. Just it was part of --  
20 it was part of process of learning, life. That's the  
21 way I look at it.

22 Q. So it was something that you got used to?

23 A. Oh, yes. Oh, yes. Yes, yes.

24 Q. Now you brought along a document this morning, SND482,  
25 that I want you to have a look at and just explain what

1 you can recall about it. It is at SND-17834 if we have  
2 been able to add it to the bundle. This is a letter  
3 from October 1954. So you would have been --

4 **A. That's correct, yes.**

5 Q. -- at the time -- or in fact. My apologies. No, .

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. . The letter is -- first of all, it is being written  
8 by the Catholic Child Welfare Council. The secretary is  
9 writing to the Mother Superior in Termonbacca and, first  
10 of all, returning some documents relating to  
11 an individual who was rejected for emigration some time  
12 ago, but then your number is there along with another  
13 boy --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- and the letter says:

16 "I will be pleased to hear whether these two boys  
17 are still available for emigration; also if you have any  
18 other children under 12 years of age to put forward, as  
19 we have several nominations in hand at present."

20 Now what can you recollect about the plan of sending  
21 children to Australia?

22 **A. Well, there was -- as I say, there was a change of --**

23 SR 11 came back and there was a new Reverend  
24 Mother, who I don't recall, but she was a lovely lady,  
25 and I -- there was this thing about boys going.

1 I remember the first batch of boys going. I was --  
2 maybe a year -- a year before that, and SR 11 and the  
3 new Reverend Mother says, "No more boys. No more  
4 children are going away". That was it. You know, that  
5 was -- that wasn't going to happen. They weren't going  
6 to have it. You know, they weren't going to allow  
7 children to be taken away, and no child was sent unless  
8 maybe some -- from what I -- from my inquiries no child  
9 was allowed to be sent unless some family member can  
10 agree to it. Maybe in my case they couldn't maybe trace  
11 mine.

12 Q. So what -- if I unpack that a little with you, what you  
13 understand had taken place was that at some stage prior  
14 to --

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. -- a number of boys from Termonbacca had gone to  
17 Australia?

18 A. Oh, yes.

19 Q. And you remember them going?

20 A. I remember just a lot of guys dressed up and next they  
21 were gone. I never seen them going away and I never --  
22 we knew that they were going away, but we went to school  
23 and when we came back, they weren't there.

24 Q. But for whatever reason SR 11 put an end to that  
25 process in and around the time --

1    **A. Yes, but any children would have went to Australia**  
2        **wouldn't have went on a consent of the sisters. There**  
3        **was someone would have to have -- in their family circle**  
4        **would have to have agreed to it, you know. There would**  
5        **be no -- there wouldn't be the Sisters saying, "You're**  
6        **going". There would have been -- I assume there would**  
7        **have been back checks, you know, about the child or**  
8        **anybody.**

9    Q. Well, where did you gain that knowledge from?

10   **A. Talking to people, people afterwards and --**

11   Q. This is something you have learned in more recent times?

12   **A. Oh, yes, yes.**

13   Q. So your belief is no child was sent without their  
14        family's consent?

15   **A. That's correct, yes.**

16   Q. And --

17   **A. Because a lot of -- a lot of children who weren't sent**  
18        **because their parents, whoever, siblings, whoever, their**  
19        **mother and father, whoever, family connections wouldn't**  
20        **-- wouldn't agree to it.**

21   Q. Wouldn't agree to it?

22   **A. Oh, yes, because in my situation I could have been free,**  
23        **because there was no, you know -- but then I think I was**  
24        **only in the process that time. There was no decision**  
25        **then. The Sisters decided it wasn't going to happen --**

1           the new Reverend Mother and           SR 11           -- that wasn't  
2           going to happen.

3    Q.   How did you -- how did you come by this document,  
4           SND482?

5    A.   It was posted to me by someone from -- must have been  
6           clearing out Termonbacca.  Someone says to me, "There's  
7           a document belonging to you" and I was actually -- I was  
8           delighted to get it and I was -- you know, it  
9           highlighted a fact that was good, you know, to have it.

10   Q.   Can you remember when you received this?  Is it  
11           thirty years ago when Termonbacca was closing?

12   A.   It was, yes.

13   Q.   And you've -- was this the only document you received?

14   A.   Well, I had a birth certificate but -- I had a birth --  
15           my own birth certificate and --

16   Q.   Yes, but the only document --

17   A.   Oh, yes.  Oh, yes.

18   Q.   -- that relates to Termonbacca and ...?

19   A.   Oh, yes.

20   Q.   And you mentioned to me beforehand you are a  
21                           and you have continued to work with the  
22           sisters.

23   A.   Well, I do an odd bit of work for them.  I was -- I was  
24           based in the South for 24 years serving my time.  Then  
25           I then tracked down my own relations with great joy,

1           because everyone always feels in this life you have to  
2           belong to something somewhere. You know, you can't go  
3           on existing. You have to know where you come from, and  
4           it's a process that you learned, and, thank God, it  
5           worked out great for me. It took a lot of years. I had  
6           to do a lot of work myself, you know, through the birth  
7           certificate. Like it's not -- it's a thing you do  
8           yourself. It's not -- that's it. You get on with it.

9    Q.    So you have worked in Bishop Street?

10   A.    I have just done a few jobs. That's all.

11   Q.    But not in Termonbacca?

12   A.    When Termonbacca changed ownership -- the monks are  
13           there now.

14   Q.    Yes. You worked for them?

15   A.    Well, I'd -- aye. I done work for them. Just they rang  
16           me and asked, and I was a                    around the area,  
17           and I got a chance to price and got the job and done it.

18   Q.    Your experience, SND482, as you reflect on it is of  
19           a positive upbringing --

20   A.    Oh, yes.

21   Q.    -- in Termonbacca.

22   A.    Oh, yes.

23   Q.    You don't have any bad memories about --

24   A.    No, not at all. Not at all.

25   Q.    -- about that time?

1 A. No, no. I did miss it when I left for a while, because  
2 you were used to it, and then that was it. You got on.

3 Q. And did you get any help making that adjustment or was  
4 it just you got on with it?

5 A. Got on with it, sir. Sure, what was the point? I am  
6 sure many families in Ireland in them days left maybe to  
7 America and might never have seen their mothers or  
8 fathers again. We were no exception. You know, you  
9 were at that age. The sisters had other children. We  
10 knew that children behind you were going to need --  
11 I mean, at that time when Termonbacca existed, you know,  
12 there was babies coming from everywhere. We don't know  
13 where they were coming from. Then there were some  
14 children came in maybe who had lost a mother or a father  
15 and we always felt sorry for them. It was hard for them  
16 to adopt to the system, but you kind of helped them.  
17 You weren't -- you know, when I became one of the  
18 seniors, you always -- you'd remember maybe the older  
19 boys, but when you came to that situation, you helped  
20 out and you helped other lads, you know.

21 I have fond memories now and I must say I will  
22 always be grateful to the Nazareth Order, to be quite  
23 honest with you. Like my situation, my mother -- my  
24 mother had me. Any mother to have a child born, it must  
25 be the most beautiful thing in the world for a child to



1 be born, and it must be terrible hard for a mother to  
2 give up a child, knowing that she was not able to look  
3 after it. Now I only found that out in recent years,  
4 you know. I only found out when I found out, but  
5 I don't -- what happened what happened, and I have no --  
6 I have no -- I have no -- I have no malice against  
7 anyone. Like if I meet family -- and I found family  
8 members and it is great. Everyone needs to belong to  
9 somewhere, and the Sisters filled in the gap that was  
10 there at the time, and there was nothing else about.  
11 I don't know much about it. I assumed there was nothing  
12 else about and they gave us whatever they can give us,  
13 and the people of Derry were magnificent. They gave up  
14 gifts and -- and even the surrounding areas. You know,  
15 it was lovely. I have no qualms.

16 Q. SND482, this is your opportunity to say to the Panel  
17 anything else that you want to say that you think might  
18 assist the Panel with its work.

19 A. No, no.

20 Q. Is there anything I haven't covered that you would like  
21 to raise?

22 A. No, no. I'm happy with everything and I'm grateful.  
23 I am grateful to come here and give the story. It's  
24 an honour, and I think it's -- you know, I am sad for  
25 some of the maybe our ex-boys. I feel sorry for them or

1           any of the people who in the sisters' care feel they  
2           have been hurt, you know. It is sad, you know. It is  
3           -- I do feel sorry for them, you know. I do really.  
4           It's -- you have to get on in life. You can't keep  
5           going back, and you have to get on and be positive, you  
6           know, otherwise you would be -- you would be mental, you  
7           know, just. Like I am glad what happened me and I have  
8           no regrets, and I thank you very much.

9    Q.    SND482, I don't want to ask you anything more, but the  
10       Panel Members might want to ask you some questions. So  
11       if you just remain where you are for a short time.

12   A.    Thank you very much.

13                               **Questions from THE PANEL.**

14   CHAIRMAN:   SND482, can I just ask you something more about  
15       what you have told us about boys going to Australia?

16   A.    Yes, sir.

17   Q.    Now can I just go over what you said about that? You  
18       said you remembered the first batch of boys going.

19   A.    Yes.

20   Q.    Well, I think your memory may not be entirely accurate  
21       in that respect, but the last -- or the information  
22       presently available, which may not be complete, suggests  
23       that the last group of boys from Derry went on a sailing  
24       on                               . Now you would have been about --

25   A.

1 Q. -- at the time?

2 **A. I remember them getting ready.**

3 Q. There were 21 boys from Derry went in that group. It  
4 was a big batch.

5 **A. Well, you would notice -- you would notice there was  
6 a lot of beds empty.**

7 Q. Now is that only -- do you just remember one group of  
8 boys going?

9 **A. That's all, your Honour, yes.**

10 Q. The reason I say I think your memory may not be right in  
11 the sense that we know there were boys went from Derry  
12 earlier, but you probably would have been too young to  
13 remember that.

14 **A. I wouldn't have remembered that, your Honour.**

15 Q. No, but what I really wanted to ask you for -- ask you  
16 about was you have told us that SR 11 in  
17 conjunction with the Reverend Mother at the time said  
18 that there weren't going to be any more children going.

19 **A. That's correct. That's correct.**

20 Q. How did you know that? Is that something --

21 **A. Well, I knew at the time. I was told, "You could be on  
22 the list", you know, and I did ask her and she says,  
23 "No, that's not happening. That system has changed".  
24 That was sister and it may be Mother Superior at the  
25 time.**

1 Q. So in any event this is not something that you learned  
2 later on?

3 A. Oh, no. Oh, no.

4 Q. You were aware at the time --

5 A. Oh, I was aware at the time.

6 Q. -- from what SR 11 had told you?

7 A. Yes, because there was -- there was another lad,  
8 , SND203, because I knew them. I knew them.  
9 They were about the same age.

10 Q. Yes, but where did you get the information from that  
11 SR 11 , perhaps amongst others, had decided that  
12 no more boys were going to go from Termonbacca?

13 A. No, they just said it to us, because we knew -- we knew  
14 we were kind of going to be on the list. Again it was  
15 rumours going round, you know.

16 Q. Yes.

17 A. You know.

18 Q. On some occasion rather she said plainly to you, did  
19 she, "We are not sending any more boys"?

20 A. That's correct, yes. Well, she didn't say, "We are not  
21 sending". She just said, "There is no more children  
22 going to Australia". I wouldn't know what the format  
23 set up was.

24 Q. It is interesting you say that because the information  
25 we have is that there were children who went from the

1 Sisters of Nazareth in Belfast --

2 **A. Well, I wouldn't --**

3 Q. -- for some years after the last group went from Derry,  
4 but it would seem from what you are saying for whatever  
5 reason -- and, of course, as a child you wouldn't have  
6 known all of this I am sure --

7 **A. No, no, no, no, no, no.**

8 Q. -- for whatever reason the Sisters in Derry didn't send  
9 any more boys after

10 **A. That's correct.**

11 Q. You knew at the time?

12 **A. Oh, we knew that, yes.**

13 Q. Did they -- did any of the nuns, SR 11 or anyone  
14 else, pass any remark as to why there weren't any more  
15 going to Australia?

16 **A. I couldn't tell you, your Honour. Maybe they didn't  
17 want to see boys going. I don't know. It may be  
18 stressful for the -- maybe lose people that they were  
19 looking after, you know. It's -- I don't know, your  
20 Honour. I couldn't really tell you.**

21 Q. No. Of this large group of boys who left, 21, were  
22 there any that you knew well?

23 **A. No, I wouldn't -- wouldn't have remembered them. There  
24 was a mixture of boys I think. There was different age  
25 groups.**

1 Q. That is just what I was going to ask you. Were they --

2 **A. They seemed to be from different groups down, different**  
3 **ages.**

4 Q. Were any of them of your age group?

5 **A. I couldn't tell you. Like we all knew each other, but**  
6 **we weren't close like brothers and sisters in the home.**

7 Q. No. There was no close friend of yours who went off?

8 **A. No, no, no.**

9 Q. That's very interesting. Can I ask you then just to  
10 turn your mind to a different matter? You said at the  
11 end of your evidence that in later years you were able  
12 to trace your family.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. I am not sure whether you have mentioned, but have you  
15 found out whether you have any brothers or sisters or  
16 had any?

17 **A. No, no brothers and sisters.**

18 Q. You were an only child?

19 **A. Oh, I was an only child. I think -- my mother passed --**  
20 **I found out -- I done a bit of research. My mother had**  
21 **me and maybe she was taken away. She wasn't able to, as**  
22 **I said earlier, but then I found out that the week I was**  
23 **born my grandmother died and then a year later my poor**  
24 **mother passed away. She passed of that terrible disease**  
25 **TB, but that's ... But I was never interested in**

1 tracing my father. I always felt when I done well that  
2 the mother might need -- would she need anything or  
3 would she need any help, you know, and that's -- you  
4 know, it was always this love for mothers, you know.

5 Q. Is that something you learned some years later perhaps?

6 A. Oh, yes, yes. Twice I went going looking. Twice I went  
7 looking, and that's -- you know, you went from a birth  
8 certificate, you know, which I got, and there was  
9 a lovely man in St. Vincent de Paul -- he is gone now --  
10 . I asked him. We went, and I didn't -- went  
11 to , and this is when I was working in  
12 . I came up. I was anxious to find out the  
13 family roots.

14 Q. Thank you very much.

15 A. Thank you, sir.

16 MS DOHERTY: Thanks very much, SND482. It has been really  
17 helpful.

18 A. Not a problem.

19 Q. Can I just ask about -- we have heard from some of the  
20 other people that when the nuns were off maybe praying  
21 or doing other things that the older boys were left in  
22 charge. Do you remember that?

23 A. I do, but there was -- we weren't left alone long. The  
24 sisters wouldn't be half an hour away. It wouldn't be  
25 that much.

1 Q. But would that have been a time when maybe the older  
2 boys would have been exerting their authority over you?

3 A. Oh, yes. Oh, yes. Oh, yes, but it wasn't physical  
4 authority. It was the fear there. When I became  
5 a senior boy, I wouldn't do that. You know, you treat  
6 them like brothers. You don't bully them about.

7 Q. But for you when you were a junior boy, there was a fear  
8 that you -- that they might do something?

9 A. There was some boys -- yes, there was some boys there,  
10 but I never seen any of this sexual abuse, no, because  
11 I~don't know how they could see, because there's only --  
12 there's only so many doors in the building where they  
13 could go. You know, if you look at the drawing and I  
14 could tell you how many doors. There was no place where  
15 they could be. Any part of that building that was  
16 locked was stores or something. You would never get  
17 into it.

18 Q. And you have no memory -- because one of the things we  
19 have heard is about boys being taken from their beds at  
20 night and taken to toilets to be abused.

21 A. No, I never seen that.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. A sister slept down and then an odd sister would get up  
24 at night and open their wee curtain to see is the  
25 children -- see are we all right.



1 Q. Okay, and do you have any memory of ex-residents coming  
2 back to visit?

3 A. Not in my day. Maybe there was a couple of them, but  
4 there wouldn't be that many of them, you know.

5 Q. They wouldn't have been around on a regular --

6 A. No, no, no, no, no.

7 Q. -- basis?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Can I just ask finally when you left, where did you go?  
10 Another home boy you were set up with.

11 A. I went with another boy who was in the home. He took me  
12 out to his house for a while. I shall never forget the  
13 day I was on the train and the sisters gave me clothes  
14 and a suitcase and a few pounds and sent -- they all  
15 came down to wish me well, you know. You just weren't  
16 told to get out the door. You know, they were losing  
17 somebody, and I still -- I remember the day very well.

18 When I arrived in , I could have  
19 been in the middle of Hong Kong. I wouldn't have known  
20 --

21 Q. Gosh!

22 A. -- but you got used to it.

23 Q. And you had -- was it just did you come home from school  
24 and then heard you were going or ...?

25 A. Not at all. I knew -- I knew when I was going. I was

1           **actually -- before I go I was helping SND 15 and maybe**  
2           **there was decor... -- a bit of painting. He gave a hand**  
3           **with that. It was enjoyment.**

4    Q.   But the day --

5    A.   **Oh, I knew a week before.**

6    Q.   You knew a week before that you were going to go?

7    A.   **Oh, yes.**

8    Q.   And then you got clothes and --

9    A.   **Oh, yes. Oh, yes. We didn't go away in rags, you know.**

10   Q.   But I would say            was a big change from Derry.

11   A.   **It was, but it was -- it was the other way, you know.**

12           **It could have been horrible, but I was happy.**

13   Q.   Good.

14   A.   **You just accept life, what's given you, and you get on**  
15           **with it. There is no point in going back and crying**  
16           **about it. What happened happened, and then -- but I am**  
17           **glad I found a family and now I have got a lot of young**  
18           **cousins and they are just a joy.**

19   Q.   I am glad you found your family as well. Thank you,  
20           SND482.

21   A.   **That's very useful.**

22   Q.   Thank you.

23   A.   **Thank you, ma'am.**

24   MR LANE: Just one small point I would like to clear up.

25           This morning you said you went straight to Termonbacca.

1 In your statement you said you went to Fahan first, the  
2 nursery.

3 A. Well, I wasn't really -- it was a thing we all assumed,  
4 sir, but we -- we wouldn't -- we wouldn't have known,  
5 but we all assumed that.

6 Q. Right.

7 A. But you just -- don't know how I got to Fahan or  
8 wherever, but I know I was handed to the Sisters and  
9 I was -- they -- they became -- my mother couldn't have  
10 me or look after me. They took over the role, you know.  
11 It's -- you know, it's a privilege.

12 Q. So you probably didn't go to Fahan then, did you?

13 A. I couldn't tell you.

14 Q. Yes. Right.

15 A. You know, it was always said -- we always thought Fahan  
16 -- and actually when we were all -- they would laugh  
17 about the boys who say, "Did you go from the sorting  
18 office?" You know, we'd say, "That's where you went to.  
19 You were sent around the homes" --

20 Q. Yes.

21 A. -- but they were very -- I have no -- I will always  
22 fondly remember the Sisters of Nazareth as long as  
23 I live. They were very good to us. Okay? Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN: Well, SND482, thank you very much for coming to  
25 speak to us today. That's all that we need to ask you.

1 So you are now free to go, but thank you again for  
2 coming.

3 **A. Thank you, your Honour. Thank you, ma'am and sir.**

4 CHAIRMAN: Yes. If you'd like to go with .

5 (Witness withdrew)

6 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Ms Smith is taking the next witness.

7 If we took a short break to allow that to get organised.

8 CHAIRMAN: Yes. This was one of the witnesses scheduled  
9 originally for the afternoon. Is that right?

10 MR AIKEN: Yes, I think that's right.

11 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Very well. Well, we will sit again as soon  
12 as we can.

13 (11.15 am)

14 (Short break)

15 (11.30 am)

16 WITNESS SND60 (called)

17 MS SMITH: Good morning, Chairman, Panel Members. The next  
18 witness is SND60, who has been given the designation  
19 "SND60". SND60 has asked if she can be allowed to  
20 remain seated while she takes the oath.

21 CHAIRMAN: Yes, of course. Do you wish to make a religious  
22 oath, SND60, or to make an affirmation, which is  
23 a solemn promise? They have the same legal effect. It  
24 is entirely a matter for your choice.

25 **A. The religious one, please.**

1 CHAIRMAN: Very well.

2 WITNESS SND60 (sworn)

3 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

4 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

5 MS SMITH: Good morning, SND60.

6 **A. Morning.**

7 Q. SND60, you have provided a witness statement for the  
8 Inquiry, which can be found at SND-15880. If that can  
9 be put up on the screen, please. You'll see -- we  
10 looked at this morning and you'll see -- I know you have  
11 to change your glasses to see it.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. It says it is the "Witness Statement of SND60", which is  
14 the designation that the Inquiry has given to you, and  
15 having spoken to you this morning, you would like to  
16 maintain your anonymity. Isn't that correct?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. If I could just go to the last page of your statement,  
19 which is SND-15882, and we looked at this again, and  
20 where it says "SND60", your signature and your name are  
21 there under those two rectangles and it is dated 10th  
22 February 2014. Is that correct?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Can I just confirm with you, SND60, that this is  
25 a statement that you would wish the Inquiry to take into

1 account as your evidence to the Inquiry?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. You are now aged . Is that correct?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. And you in your statement, if we can just go back to the  
6 first page at SND-15880, you talk about having been  
7 a baby in before you came to Nazareth  
8 House in Derry in , when you were about years of  
9 age.

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

11 Q. I asked you about your earliest memory of the home and  
12 at paragraph 3 you remember being in the nursery in the  
13 home until you were about , then going into the junior  
14 section to go to school, and you describe yourself as  
15 a child.

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

17 Q. And you say that you were well looked after at the time.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Can I just ask what was wrong with you or do you know  
20 what was wrong with you?

21 **A. I had , but I was you  
22 know, a child as well.**

23 Q. And you recall being well looked after at that time by  
24 SR1.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. And you also had to get a lot of medication during your  
2 childhood.

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

4 Q. And SR9 was the one you say looked after the medicines.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. And when we were talking earlier, you seemed to remember  
7 a medicine cupboard which you think was probably full of  
8 medicines for you.

9 **A. Yes, just for me.**

10 Q. You said you weren't a very good eater either.

11 **A. No.**

12 Q. You remember being given malt to build you up.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. You think SR1 used to keep you behind after the meals to  
15 give you that. Is that correct?

16 **A. No. When we were going out to school in the morning,  
17 I was stopped to go in and get two spoonfuls of the  
18 malt, which I didn't like.**

19 Q. You say that you didn't know your mother at all, but  
20 were you ever visited by any other family members?

21 **A. No.**

22 Q. What about friendships? When you were in Nazareth  
23 House, it was maybe -- there were only two boys in the  
24 place. Do you remember that?

25 **A. There was a twin, a boy of a twin, and then another --**

1       **another fella in there as well.**

2    Q. That certainly accords with what the sisters have told  
3       us. What about friendships? Did you form any  
4       particular friendships or what's your memory of being in  
5       the home with girls?

6    **A. Well, we were all together, you know what I mean, 24/7,**  
7       **you know, and we did get on.**

8    Q. And apart from times when there might be --

9    **A. Oh, there were times, you know, we might have took**  
10       **tantrums or things like that, you know.**

11   Q. And just about your own education, you went to the  
12       school in Nazareth House. Is that correct?

13   **A. Yes, it is.**

14   Q. And then after that you went to                         ?

15   **A. Uh-huh.**

16   Q. You have no complaints to make about the clothing or  
17       food that was provided to you.

18   **A. No, no, definitely not.**

19   Q. You talk in paragraph 4 of your statement about bath  
20       time. You remember there were six baths in the room.

21        "We were given privacy at the time. There were  
22       plastic curtains between the baths",

23        and you had clean underwear and pyjamas and  
24       clothes. You said that you actually had to queue up.

25       Is that correct?



1 **A. Yes, that's right. You had to line up.**

2 Q. Just from talking to you earlier you said there were  
3 about six people would have got into the bath one after  
4 the other, or was it six baths? Maybe I have got that  
5 wrong.

6 **A. Well, there was six baths, but, you know, a couple of**  
7 **people would have got in and then the water would have**  
8 **been changed.**

9 Q. You don't -- someone -- I did explain to you someone  
10 else has said that as a form of punishment she was made  
11 to have her bath last when the water would have been  
12 dirty.

13 **A. That's not true.**

14 Q. Is that your memory?

15 **A. That's not true.**

16 Q. You have nothing that you can say to the Inquiry about  
17 bedwetting or how bedwetters were treated.

18 **A. No, no.**

19 Q. You do remember in paragraph 5 that you were expected to  
20 do chores in the home, and as you grew older, you had  
21 duties to do, like waxing and polishing the floors. You  
22 said:

23 "It was not a hard job, as we always had a laugh and  
24 enjoyed doing it."

25 You said:

1 "Three girls would stand together in a line",  
2 and you used to sing a song, "1, 2, 3, 4 somebody  
3 at the cottage door".

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. A particular nun at the cottage door.

6 "5, 6, 7, 8, eating cherries off the plate."

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. You say there was more to the song, but that's the only  
9 bit you can remember of it. You say that to polish the  
10 floor you had cloths under your feet and you used to  
11 polish the floor in that way.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. You have no complaints to make about the chores that you  
14 were asked to do. Isn't that correct?

15 **A. No, because I enjoyed, you know, what I was doing,  
16 because of me being child. I didn't get -- you  
17 know, I didn't do a lot.**

18 Q. This was the only thing that you were asked to do?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Can you -- do you remember how often you were asked to  
21 do it even?

22 **A. I think it would be, you know, on a Saturday. It would  
23 have been a day of cleaning.**

24 Q. And you are -- certainly in your statement from  
25 paragraphs 4 to 9 you describe your happy memories of

1 your time in Nazareth House.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. You say your memory was of good times.

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. "Apart from school we often got out to go to the cinema,  
6 concerts and parties."

7 You were in the choir, often sang in the feis and  
8 you were in the chapel choir as well.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. Then if we can just scroll on down, you were given money  
11 on Sundays --

12 **A. Yes, pocket money.**

13 Q. -- to spend in the tuck shop in the house.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. Did you ever get out to go to the shops at all?

16 **A. Not what I remember of, no.**

17 Q. That was when you were very, very young?

18 **A. Very young, yes.**

19 Q. Later on did you get out to go to the shops do you  
20 remember?

21 **A. When you were a teenager, yes.**

22 Q. You got money at other times. What other times might  
23 you have got money that you remember?

24 **A. Just I don't remember.**

25 Q. Okay. You said there was a big party at Christmas in

1 the big hall. SND131 came and gave out presents to  
2 every child.

3 **A. That's true.**

4 Q. Do you have any memories of what kind of gifts you would  
5 have got?

6 **A. We would have got -- you know, the presents would have  
7 been big enough. It would have been maybe a selection  
8 box, a doll of some sort, toothpaste and there used to  
9 be an American base here that we were taken to and there  
10 would have been presents from them as well.**

11 Q. You say you got music and got staying up late at the  
12 times when SND131 came to visit --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- or at Christmas, and there were films also shown in  
15 the home itself.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. Then you talk about -- can I just ask a couple of more  
18 general questions? What happened on your birthday? Do  
19 you remember was that celebrated?

20 **A. You would have had maybe a wee birthday cake, you know,  
21 wee bits and pieces like.**

22 Q. What about -- did you ever see in your time in the home  
23 anybody from Social Service visit?

24 **A. No.**

25 Q. Or any senior nuns?

1 **A. No.**

2 Q. You do remember SND131?

3 **A. I do.**

4 Q. Do you ever remember anybody else coming in to visit?

5 **A. Well, there would have been -- SND228 would have been**

6 **there. Because we had a music background,**

7 **would have been there a lot, you know, and a man called**

8 **. I think it is . He played the piano**

9 **or violin, you know. There were a lot of music there.**

10 Q. Now in your statement at paragraph 10 you talk about

11 when you were , and you went to live with a family

12 outside . You say that SR1 -- her name is

13 obviously blacked out in the screen and can't be used

14 outside -- but she was very supportive of you. You

15 describe there how this family were supposed to look

16 after you. They were supposed to take you to mass with

17 them and they were supposed to bring you back to visit

18 Nazareth House and that didn't happen.

19 **A. That's right.**

20 Q. So unhappy were you that you actually ran back to

21 Nazareth House. Isn't that right?

22 **A. Well, what happened was they made all these promises to**

23 **me, but the nuns went with me to this family, because**

24 **the nuns had got me the job in the , and I went**

25 **to this family to be closer to the where -- in**

1                   and when I went out to them, the promises that  
2                   they made to the nuns didn't happen.

3    Q.   When you were very unhappy, you then went back --

4    **A.   Yes.**

5    Q.   -- and SR1 welcomed you back.   Isn't that correct?

6    **A.   Yes, yes.**

7    Q.   I think there was something else you wanted the  
8           Inquiry -- to say to the Inquiry about that.

9    **A.   About the treatment of the family?**

10   Q.   Yes.

11   **A.   Well, the way that they treated me they -- when I came**  
12           **in from my job in the                   , I was left to wash up**  
13           **dishes and wash floors and do all the dirty work for the**  
14           **family, and they also left me in a small room full of**  
15           **rats and mice.**

16   Q.   You compare that with the treatment that you received  
17           from the nuns in Nazareth House.

18   **A.   Uh-huh.**

19   Q.   Isn't that correct?

20   **A.   Uh-huh.**

21   Q.   You say in that paragraph that effectively Nazareth  
22           House was your real home.   Sorry.   In paragraph 11, when  
23           you go on to describe about coming back, that you  
24           regarded Nazareth as your real home.

25   **A.   Oh, definitely.**

1 Q. Now just a few general details again, SND60, if I may.

2 Is it correct that there were three nuns looking after

3 the girls in the home when you were there?

4 **A. Yes, there was.**

5 Q. And all of those three nuns were --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- in

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- and the names that we have been given were SR9, SR1

10 and SR2.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. And those are the three nuns you remember at that time

13 also?

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. Which group were you in?

16 **A. I was in SR1's.**

17 Q. One of the things that we have been told is that older

18 girls had to bathe the younger girls and they would have

19 used fine steel toothcombs. Do you recollect that?

20 **A. That was for when you washed your hair.**

21 Q. Yes. Sorry. Not for --

22 **A. Oh, sorry.**

23 Q. On your hair. Do you remember that?

24 **A. Oh, sorry. Yes.**

25 Q. Do you remember the older girls did do that?

1 **A. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. Did you ever have any complaints about how you were  
3 treated by the older girls?

4 **A. I was treated very well, because of me being a  
5 child.**

6 Q. You were treated well both by the older girls and the  
7 nuns. Isn't that correct?

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. You say that -- I asked you earlier because of  
10 , do you remember seeing doctors?

11 **A. I think yes.**

12 Q. Another matter that I wanted to ask you about was do you  
13 have a recollection of a time in the home when there was  
14 talk of a prowler?

15 **A. Yes, I do remember that.**

16 Q. And I explained to you that someone who gave a statement  
17 to the Inquiry but who has not come to speak to us said  
18 that you actually told her that this prowler had raped  
19 SR2. Do you remember that?

20 **A. That's -- that's complete lies.**

21 Q. Can I ask if you remember HIA105?

22 **A. Yes, I do.**

23 Q. HIA90 --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- who I should tell you is the person who said that you



1           said that.

2                   SND225?

3   **A. Yes.**

4   Q. HIA169?

5   **A. Yes.**

6   Q. And were you friendly with them when you were in the  
7       home?

8   **A. Yes, but HIA169 would have been in the same group as me.**

9   Q. The other girls were in a different group, were they?

10  **A. Yes.**

11  Q. You also remember           SR 18           being in the home.

12  **A. I do.**

13  Q. She replaced I think it was -- I can't remember. Was it  
14       SR9? She came after SR9, did she? No, she would have  
15       been there at the same time as SR9.

16  **A. Yes, she would be, yes.**

17  Q. In fact, she was teaching in the school and helped out  
18       with the child care?

19  **A. Yes.**

20  Q. In paragraph 6 of your statement you talk about SR9 and  
21       you say she was in charge most of the time. She was in  
22       overall charge of the child care in Nazareth House.

23                "She was really like a mother to us. She was strict  
24       and we had to keep the rules, as there were so many of  
25       us in the home."

1 **A. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. Do you remember how many girls there were at that time?

3 **A. I think there could have been about 90 or 100, you know.**

4 Q. How many were in your group, in SR1's group?

5 **A. There was quite a few, you know, but the exact number**  
6 **I don't remember.**

7 Q. You say if you broke the rules by carrying on at the  
8 wrong time, you would get a real telling off and  
9 sometimes girls got slapped with a ruler. You say that  
10 SR9 never to your knowledge used the leather belt that  
11 all the nuns wore as part of their uniform.

12 **A. No, definitely not.**

13 Q. In your view, SND60, did the nuns have favourites?

14 **A. In my view, no. Everybody was sorted of treated, you**  
15 **know, the same.**

16 Q. Is it correct that there were some girls who were always  
17 in trouble?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. And HIA169 would have been one of those girls?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Now you are aware that the Inquiry has heard from others  
22 who allege that SR9 was, in fact, violent towards them.

23 **A. I don't remember seeing anything like that.**

24 Q. I am going to ask you about if you remember a couple of  
25 incidents and what your memories are about them.

1 **A. Right.**

2 Q. Do you ever remember HIA169 cutting her leg on a milk  
3 bottle?

4 **A. Well, at the time that that happened I wasn't there.**  
5 **I heard it, but I wasn't -- I didn't see it. I was**  
6 **further on up.**

7 Q. When you say you were further on up, were you still in  
8 Nazareth House?

9 **A. Oh, I was still in Nazareth House, but where it happened**  
10 **I would have been -- I wasn't about near. Do you know**  
11 **what I mean?**

12 Q. You didn't witness it happen?

13 **A. No.**

14 Q. But you knew that it had happened?

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. HIA169 has told us that she was hit by SR9 with a brick.  
17 This was a brick that she had thrown at the army and  
18 SR 30 saw her. Do you remember SR 30 ?

19 **A. Yes, I do.**

20 Q. And brought her back to SR9, and this allegation can be  
21 found at paragraph 20 of her statement. I don't need to  
22 pull it up, but just to remind the Inquiry Panel.

23 She also gave a statement to the police, which can  
24 be found at SND-15278, about this particular incident.  
25 Again I don't need to pull it up, but that's the

1 reference for the Panel Members, and she said that the  
2 incident with the brick was witnessed by HIA105, HIA90,  
3 SND225 and you.

4 **A. There was definitely no brick.**

5 Q. The first two, HIA105 and HIA90, now HIA90, have given  
6 statements to the Inquiry and HIA105 gave evidence.  
7 HIA105 in her evidence did say she did witness this,  
8 that she did see SR9 hit HIA169 on the head with a brick  
9 and she described how she had done it.

10 **A. To my knowledge and my memory I don't -- I never seen no**  
11 **brick, because that's a thing that would stay in your**  
12 **mind if, you know, something like that happened.**

13 Q. The other thing that I wanted to put to you was Sister  
14 SR 18 has said that HIA169 wasn't doing what she was  
15 told and she brought her down to SR9 to be disciplined  
16 for something and SR9 went to give HIA169 a clip around  
17 the ear. HIA169 moved her head and hit it on the  
18 cupboard. Have you any knowledge of that?

19 **A. I wasn't -- I wasn't there.**

20 Q. Just going back to your own statement, at paragraph 14  
21 you say that you were angry when you heard what was  
22 being said by (sic) the nuns, because you were treated  
23 so well by them --

24 **A. Uh-huh.**

25 Q. -- and that is why you made this statement.

1 **A. Uh-huh.**

2 Q. You also say that you were approached on two occasions,  
3 once in the in Derry, and you were out with  
4 some friends and a former resident and another person,  
5 both of whom have given evidence to the Inquiry or given  
6 statements to the Inquiry:

7 "... and they started talking to me about how badly  
8 the nuns had treated us in Nazareth and they tried to  
9 get me to support their stories."

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. You say you simply refused:

12 "... and told them I had been treated very well."

13 Then if we can just go to paragraph 16, you say you  
14 had been approached by a man before this incident --

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. -- somebody you knew as " ".

17 **A. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. Can I just pause? Why do you call him that?

19 **A. Because he had a one and  
20 everybody knew him as " ".**

21 Q. Did you know his name?

22 **A. I can't remember. I don't know now. To be honest,  
23 I can't remember his first name, but he approached me  
24 outside a building.**

25 Q. And what did he -- what was the nature of that

1 conversation?

2 **A. He said about what was going on and he says, "There's**  
3 **a big meeting in Belfast" and he says, "SND60, you can**  
4 **go -- why don't you go to it", he says, "because you're**  
5 **getting loads of money?" and I says, "I don't want to**  
6 **have anything to do with it, because I came out happy".**

7 Q. Now you, as you say, came out of Nazareth House happy  
8 and even after the unhappy period you spent outside you  
9 came back and the nuns looked after you at that stage  
10 until you were . Isn't that right?

11 **A. Until I was .**

12 Q. . Sorry. Do you accept, SND60, that others may not  
13 have been treated so well by the nuns?

14 **A. That could have happened, but from where I was looking,**  
15 **you know, nothing like that happened.**

16 Q. Well, is there anything -- thank you. That's all I want  
17 to ask you, but is there anything else that you want to  
18 say that you feel we haven't covered and that you'd like  
19 the Inquiry Panel to hear about?

20 **A. No. It was just the treatment of the family that I went**  
21 **to, you know, the way I was left with them ones.**

22 Q. Can I just maybe ask you a little bit about that then?  
23 Do you know -- I mean, how did -- how were you placed  
24 with that family? The nuns placed you there. Is that  
25 right?

1 A. No. The job -- when I worked in , and it was  
2 a factory in , and I got to know a lot of people  
3 with working, but because I had to travel from Derry to  
4 , a girl that I got friendly with in the  
5 said, "SND60, you know, there is a family close. You  
6 know, would you like to go?" They knew them well and  
7 then --

8 Q. Did you then discuss this with the nuns?

9 A. Yes. They went with me to see the family and they made  
10 all the promises, and it was the first time coming out  
11 of Nazareth House to go into somewhere unknown, where  
12 I felt very secure in there, you know, and when I went  
13 to the family, they were very nice at the start with me,  
14 but as time went on, then I seen the other side of them,  
15 and it's left its mark on me for a long time.

16 Q. SND60, thank you. As I say, I have nothing further that  
17 I want to ask you, but the Panel Members may have some  
18 questions for you.

19 A. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, SND60. There's nothing that  
21 we do want to ask you. So thank you for coming to speak  
22 to us today.

23 A. Thank you very much.

24 (Witness withdrew)

25 MS SMITH: Thank you, Chairman. I know Mr Aiken is

1 consulting with the next witness and hopefully we will  
2 be able to start him -- I am not quite sure what time,  
3 but I know there are representatives of another party  
4 who require to be here. So it may be if we take a lunch  
5 break now and see if we can --

6 CHAIRMAN: Start at 2 o'clock.

7 MS SMITH: -- start at 2 o'clock.

8 (11.45 am)

9 (Lunch break)

10 (2.00 pm)

11 WITNESS SND136 (called)

12 CHAIRMAN: Mr Aiken.

13 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, good afternoon.

14 The witness this afternoon is SND136, who is "SND136",  
15 and he is aware, Chairman, that you are going to ask him  
16 to take the oath or affirm.

17 CHAIRMAN: Now, SND136, do you wish to make a religious oath  
18 or a solemn promise in the form of an affirmation?

19 **A. I wish to make the -- the holy bible.**

20 CHAIRMAN: Take the oath?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 CHAIRMAN: Very well.

23 WITNESS SND136 (sworn)

24 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Please sit down.

25



1 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

2 MR AIKEN: SND136, on the screen you will see what I trust  
3 is the first page of the witness statement you have  
4 provided to the Inquiry except that the hard copy you  
5 have you can see what's underneath the black redactions,  
6 and can you just check that the front page on the screen  
7 matches the front page of the hard copy you have?

8 **A. Yes, it does indeed.**

9 Q. Can we move to SND-15584, please? Just if you check  
10 that the last page matches the hard copy that you have.

11 **A. Yes, it does.**

12 Q. Can you confirm that you have actually signed the  
13 statement? On the screen we can just see the black box  
14 over the signature.

15 **A. Yes, I have signed and the original.**

16 Q. You want to adopt the content of this statement as your  
17 evidence before the Inquiry?

18 **A. Yes, that is correct.**

19 Q. Now the reason for the black redactions and the  
20 designation -- so in this case we can see your  
21 designation of "SND-136" -- is because of the Inquiry's  
22 anonymity policy, and you want to maintain your  
23 anonymity?

24 **A. Yes, that is correct.**

25 Q. Now, SND136, what I am going to do is just go through



1 Sisters of Nazareth have compiled from their  
2 register, and from our discussion I was able to show you  
3 that you were admitted to the Sisters of Nazareth,  
4 on ,  
5 .

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. And therefore what I was explaining to you was the  
8 Health & Social Care Board, which now looks after the  
9 successor body to what would have been the Welfare  
10 Authority at the time --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- makes the point that you didn't come into care under  
13 the 1950 Act that applied at the time --

14 **A. Uh-huh.**

15 Q. -- because this was a private admission arranged  
16 presumably between your family and the family priest.  
17 You go into . You spend a period of time in  
18 the home.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. I don't have any more records of that, but you then move  
21 to Termonbacca on . The  
22 circumstances of that transfer are -- if we can look at  
23 SND-17687, and this is the first page -- and I know you  
24 have with you the cover -- this is the first page of  
25 an exercise book that was maintained. It's got a title

1 on it of "SND136" --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- and it records up to the period . So we are  
4 missing about years. There may have been another  
5 book we don't have --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- but this is a step-by-step recording particular  
8 incidents in your life --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- of your time spent in Termonbacca. What I am going  
11 to ask the witness support officer to do is just take  
12 that book from you and give it to the Panel so that they  
13 can have a look at it as I look at some specific  
14 pages within it. This is one of the few -- I am not  
15 sure the Inquiry has received similar documents for  
16 other people, but what I wanted to ask you is how did  
17 you come by this original book that was a record that  
18 was kept on you by the Sisters of Nazareth?

19 **A. Okay. When the actual Termonbacca was closing, SND332**  
20 **I believe, , handed me those books --**  
21 **handed me that book that you see there and some other**  
22 **documentation. For example, at that time I also**  
23 **received my birth certificate as well, and I think that**  
24 **was about it that I received.**

25 Q. The home closed in 1982.

1 **A. That's correct, and I --**

2 Q. You left in at

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Had you -- how did he come to be in -- had you gone back  
5 visiting or how did he come to give you the material?

6 **A. I think he turned round and said I had to come up to**  
7 **Termonbacca, because I had to collect some -- I went up**  
8 **specifically to collect something and I don't know why,**  
9 **but at I turned round and I had for whatever reason**  
10 **the foresight to actually sign the last page on that**  
11 **book saying that I had received that documentation and**  
12 **actually dated it as well .**

13 Q. That's --

14 CHAIRMAN: May I just ask, Mr Aiken, have we taken a copy of  
15 this?

16 MR AIKEN: We actually have a copy of it within the papers,  
17 but I wanted the Panel to see --

18 CHAIRMAN: We can give the original back to SND136. Just  
19 give me a moment to flick through it, SND136 --

20 **A. Absolutely. With pleasure.**

21 CHAIRMAN: -- before we go any further. So I may take it  
22 from the handwriting and so on that someone in  
23 Termonbacca kept this or copied the details out of some  
24 other records?

25 **A. SR2 is the person who turned round and wrote that book,**

1           **Chair -- Mr Chairman.**

2   MR AIKEN:   That's SR2's handwriting through the book?

3   **A.   Yes.**

4   Q.   You recognise her handwriting?

5   **A.   Yes.   I do have other stuff from SR2 after I had left**  
6       **Termonbacca.**

7   Q.   Communication between you and her.   Is that right?

8   **A.   Yes, yes.**

9   CHAIRMAN:   It's a very -- you can see it's a very detailed  
10       document.   Obviously I haven't time to see everything as  
11       we -- as I flick through it, but you understand that it  
12       was SR2 who compiled this record.   Is that --

13   **A.   That is correct.**

14   CHAIRMAN:   I mean, it's obviously one would think made at  
15       the time, and I see one of the last entries, July 27th.  
16       So there are entries day by day as well as more general  
17       things.

18   **A.   That's right, Mr Chairman.**

19   CHAIRMAN:   Yes.   I just make the general comment that we  
20       have been told that books such as this did exist at one  
21       stage, but this is the first one we have actually seen.

22   **A.   Well, do you know, sir, in hindsight I did, as I said,**  
23       **sign that, whether I knew that 30-odd years down the**  
24       **track that I'd be sitting in this very court house to**  
25       **deliver that book to you.   So I'm happy about that.**

1 MR AIKEN: The point you make -- if we can bring up  
2 SND-17696 momentarily, please. Chairman, towards the  
3 back -- it is not quite on the last page, but you will  
4 see on the screen the second half of this page that the  
5 record indicates:

6 "I have read this book and have taken it upon myself  
7 to write some notes, names and addresses, etc, on  
8 . I received this book with other information  
9 about me and photos",

10 and, in fact, I was asking you -- some of the  
11 pages -- we will not look at them now -- but they --  
12 there's writing only on half the page --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- to suggest there was photographs and there were and  
15 you have got the photographs, but you have separated  
16 them from the book?

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

18 Q. I think there is -- we have copies of the various  
19 photographs that would have been in the book.

20 **A. And I have the originals. Correct.**

21 CHAIRMAN: Give me the reference for the first page,  
22 Mr Aiken.

23 MR AIKEN: The first page, Chairman, is at SND-17687. The  
24 cover of the exercise book is at SND-17685. It shows  
25 it's got "SND136" written on the top above the "Exercise

1 Book" print.

2 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

3 MR AIKEN: Now just so we set this in context as well,  
4 SND136, you and I were also looking at another type of  
5 document that we have not really seen before, and that  
6 can be found at SND-17668. This is it seems a typed-up  
7 version of what's in the exercise book, albeit you and  
8 I were agreeing that on a forensic look at the passages  
9 not everything that's in the handwritten version has  
10 been copied over to the typed version.

11 **A. That's correct.**

12 Q. So at some stage, whether to do with creating typed  
13 files for people or whatever the reason --

14 **A. Uh-huh.**

15 Q. -- the exercise book has been taken and somebody has  
16 typed out at least a partial, significant but  
17 nonetheless incomplete, version of what's in the  
18 exercise book.

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

20 Q. And there's several pages that flow after this. If one  
21 were to simply scroll down for me quickly, we can see  
22 the flow of the material. Keep scrolling. Page after  
23 page in a similar fashion to what one finds in the  
24 exercise book, but like the exercise book, it seems to  
25 end in and around So it has a record of you up to



1           you are aged       , but we are missing the last       years  
2           up to       .

3   **A. Can I just check something?**

4   Q. Yes, indeed.

5   **A. Did you say -- sorry.**

6   Q. Perhaps it goes up to       , in fact.

7   **A. Yes. I was just going to ... It actually goes up --**

8   CHAIRMAN: Do we have hard copies of these -- of this?

9   MR AIKEN: Yes, we can arrange to do that.

10 **A. Sorry, counsel.**

11 Q. Not at all, SND136. You have -- what I want to do --  
12 that's the material and you received both the typed  
13 version and the exercise book itself containing the  
14 handwritten version from SND332 in and around

15 **A. It was on the -- it was definitely on that said date.**

16 Q. Yes, and you recognised the writing as SR2's throughout  
17 the book?

18 **A. Yes, which is finished on       as my records, as I see  
19 it, reading the book.**

20 Q. And she, SR2, was there throughout your period. She  
21 didn't leave. She left in       shortly before you left  
22 --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- in       --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- and we will come to that in due course.

2 I want to go back to you coming into Termonbacca,  
3 having set the scene with that material, at SND-17687.  
4 I appreciate this is perhaps a difficult thing for us to  
5 discuss this morning, but in the latter half of this  
6 page we can see somebody within Termonbacca, which is  
7 SR2, recording your transfer from :

8 "SND136 was transferred here from Nazareth House,  
9 , where he was placed by his mother, who agreed  
10 to leave the child in our care and have nothing more to  
11 do" -- if we scroll down -- "to do with him. She is  
12 a married woman, but the child is  
13 SND136 is a boy",  
14 and so on. The references go on to what happens  
15 when you're in Termonbacca and we are going to look at  
16 some of those as we go.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. That's slightly different from what you had been told,  
19 which is what appears in paragraph 3 of your witness  
20 statement in terms of --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- how you came to be in Termonbacca.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. As I have said, you left then in , aged ,  
25 and you moved into foster care, and you explain about

1 that in your witness statement, and I am not going to go  
2 through that in any detail, but what I want to do is set  
3 the scene.

4 Your time in Termonbacca spans the changes that the  
5 Inquiry Panel has heard about in terms of you lived in  
6 the old dorm structure of nursery, junior dorm, senior  
7 dorm. You moved into the huts in the late --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- possibly, and then you were still there in or  
10 , whatever the year is that you moved back into  
11 a reconstructed Termonbacca, which now was two units of  
12 a different format of living than you had before the  
13 changes.

14 **A. Definitely.**

15 Q. You had now bedrooms --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- a living room with a kitchen, and those were  
18 self-contained, if you like, units where the -- you were  
19 living at this point with a smaller group of children  
20 than had been the case .

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Is that an accurate summary?

23 **A. Well, I'm thinking it would have been probably around**  
24 **about -- I moved up to the -- to the dormitories when**  
25 **I~was about . So that might probably put it around**



1 **A. Probably not.**

2 Q. But it didn't do you any harm at the time.

3 **A. It was fun.**

4 Q. At paragraph 22, if we just scroll back up, you describe  
5 your experience in terms of receiving gifts. In fact  
6 just go down, please, a little. Sorry. 24:

7 "I recall receiving gifts at my birthday and also at  
8 Christmas. We all had our own lockers in our bedroom  
9 area and also in the main living room."

10 You describe table tennis, a pool table. Then you  
11 describe being taught a lesson in sharing --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- where you had received a bottle of diluting orange  
14 and you -- I think that's on one occasion when you were  
15 out with that we are going to come to --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- but you then made yourself a series of diluted  
18 bottles and hid them but were caught on, and they were  
19 then shared out with someone else.

20 **A. Yes. They were placed on all the tables and I had some  
21 as well, but, yes, that was a good lesson and  
22 I'll definitely remember it in what not to do.**

23 Q. Yes. You describe in the same paragraph your Christmas  
24 presents being kept for you. You had had Christmas with  
25 and then you come back to the home and

1 your Christmas presents are there for you, and the  
2 Inquiry has heard a number of individuals talk about  
3 their Christmas presents being taken from them after  
4 Christmas after they had a day or two to play with them.  
5 That wasn't your experience?

6 **A. No, that was certainly not my experience. In fact,**  
7 **I remember getting Christmas presents when I did go out**  
8 **for Christmas with [redacted] and her family, but coming**  
9 **back into Termonbacca I couldn't wait to turn round and**  
10 **see what everybody else had, and then we'd turn round**  
11 **and play with those presents as well, and I had my**  
12 **present obviously.**

13 Q. Then at paragraph 34 at SND-15583 you discuss a series  
14 of positive activities that you got the opportunity to  
15 engage in. You describe having the chance to go and  
16 stay with a family. In paragraph 32 you describe having  
17 running clubs, football, karate, Irish dancing and  
18 bands. You were in a band called

19 --

20 **A. Yes, that is correct.**

21 Q. -- and they performed in Bishop Street on occasion. Is  
22 that right?

23 **A. That is correct.**

24 Q. Were you a singer or did you play an instrument?

25 **A. I actually played an instrument. I played**



1 his first holiday. Although he was inclined to be  
2 rather hostile to strangers and especially to the  
3 photographer when this snap was being taken" -- so there  
4 is a picture next to it -- "he was very much at home  
5 with the lady who took him out. She is ,  
6 SRN."

7 So a registered nurse.

8 "She had been visiting here for a few months" --if  
9 we just scroll down, please -- "beforehand, frequently  
10 helped with the children in the nursery."

11 If I can make it clear for the transcript these  
12 names will be redacted whenever any of this material is  
13 put on the Inquiry website. For ease, because we only  
14 have it, it is coming up in an unredacted form. So --  
15 what the book shows, which I am not going to go through  
16 in any detail now, but I am going to summarise it in  
17 this way, SND136, over the next number of years you had  
18 a very positive relationship with , who  
19 would have taken you home, for holiday, taken you on  
20 trips and was someone who was very much engaged with  
21 your life growing up.

22 **A. That's correct.**

23 Q. And that's a very positive memory you have of that  
24 relationship that was created through meeting her and  
25 her taking an interest in you in Termonbacca.



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

2 Q. You say something about that at SND-15583 in  
3 paragraph 31 of your witness statement. You regard  
4 yourself as, you say, quite lucky.

5 "I got weekends away and some holiday time away with  
6 and her family",

7 and you even got to call her parents "ma and da".

8 You point out that the sisters encouraged this  
9 relationship for you with . In fact, you got to  
10 stay with another family and that was another positive  
11 experience --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- that you had in a family environment. You regarded  
14 yourself as having two families: the family that  
15 made you feel part of in her home --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- and then your family in Termonbacca.

18 **A. Absolutely correct.**

19 Q. I am not going to pull it up now, but in the case  
20 history document, as I've said by way of reference,  
21 SND-17668 shows the extent of ' involvement in  
22 your early life, and you still have a relationship with  
23 her today?

24 **A. Yes, and ' extended family, yes.**

25 Q. I am going to now cover a series of generic issues that

1 the Inquiry has heard about and I'm going to try to do  
2 that in a summary form.

3 **A. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. If we can go, first of all, please, to SND-15579 and  
5 paragraph 8 of your statement, you talk about the food  
6 and how you were well fed. You had breakfast in the  
7 morning. You were -- had --

8 "We would have to wait for the food to come up from  
9 the kitchen, which it did in a heated proof container,  
10 so it was always hot."

11 That was more the evening meal you are talking  
12 about, as I understand it, and while you weren't force  
13 fed, they waited until you ate your greens --

14 **A. Correct.**

15 Q. -- before you would be allowed to depart.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. You describe that the food was fine; that the sisters  
18 ate separately from you --

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. -- but your recollection is they were eating the same  
21 food.

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

23 Q. They just had you describe a better plate --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- or better quality of plate --

1 **A. That's correct.**

2 Q. -- to eat from. So that's --

3 **A. Can I just clarify one thing as well?**

4 Q. Yes, indeed.

5 **A. With regard to -- you mentioned that the food came up in**  
6 **the afternoon. It also came up in the morning, because**  
7 **we had like bacon. We had the fried bread and stuff**  
8 **like that in the morning. So it would have had to have**  
9 **come up in the lift and been brought, because it wasn't**  
10 **done I believe in the kitchen. Just ....**

11 Q. So ...

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. You then describe in paragraph 9 about the clothes. You  
14 say they were more than adequate and didn't vary much  
15 from what you saw anyone else wearing at school who  
16 wasn't living in the home.

17 **A. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. In paragraph 20, if we can go through to is SND-15581,  
19 you say that you don't recall numbers being used even on  
20 clothes, that in your time clothes had your name sewn  
21 into them --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- rather than your number. So whatever might have  
24 happened before your time --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- with the use of numbers, your recollection of  
2 whatever stage that memory relates to is of your name  
3 being on your clothes rather than a number?

4 **A. That's correct.**

5 Q. You then describe at paragraphs 10 -- if we can go up,  
6 please, to SND-15579, I am going to move on to the  
7 subject of Jeyes Fluid you mention in your statement,  
8 and you describe how it was used as a cleaning agent.  
9 In fact, you got it into your eyes on one occasion,  
10 which was you describe as very painful and you ran  
11 screaming to a carer, who gave you attention, but you  
12 don't recall bathing in it?

13 **A. No, definitely not.**

14 Q. You describe how the chores were done on a rota. So you  
15 had different chores to do --

16 **A. To help in the house, yes.**

17 Q. -- in your turn to help in the house?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Part of the routine was the house was always kept clean.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Now you deal with bathing at paragraph 13 and you say  
22 that you were never made stand in a line naked for  
23 a bath or a shower. In fact, your memory was of wearing  
24 swimming pants when you went for a shower.

25 **A. That's correct.**

1 Q. We are going to come to a specific issue to do with that  
2 in due course, but you say that you never saw any child  
3 standing in a line for a bath and definitely never  
4 naked.

5 **A. That is -- that is 100% correct.**

6 Q. Now you address the issue of bedwetting, SND136, at  
7 paragraph 16. Just scroll down. Yes. You say you  
8 didn't have an issue with it, but you know it was  
9 an issue in the home.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. And -- but your recollection of how it was dealt with  
12 was simply those who had wet the bed stripped their own  
13 bed and took the sheets to the laundry.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. Now you describe and from speaking with you what I think  
16 you are articulating is those children who were caught  
17 up in that problem were then always running a bit late,  
18 running behind.

19 **A. That's correct. That is correct.**

20 Q. While you say from your recollection that nuns never  
21 humiliated those children --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- they were known by other children --

24 **A. Correct.**

25 Q. -- as the "Wet-the-Beds".

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

2 Q. But that the Sisters wouldn't have accepted that --

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. -- if they had heard that being used.

5 **A. If you had called somebody "Wet ..."** -- for example, if  
6 **somebody called me " " or something like that, I'd**  
7 **call him a "Wet-a-Bed", you know, but I wouldn't have**  
8 **been allowed to call that person that. Vice versa the**  
9 **other child wouldn't have been allowed to call me names**  
10 **as well. So -- and, no, I didn't see any of the carers**  
11 **or certainly not the Sisters as well humiliating**  
12 **somebody because they had wet the bed.**

13 Q. Now you -- then I want to deal with the issue of  
14 physical punishment. At paragraph 17 you say that there  
15 was a threat of physical punishment --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- but it wasn't something that you received often.

18 **A. Correct.**

19 Q. But what I want you to do is to look with me at -- the  
20 Inquiry also has a police statement that you have given  
21 to the police in and provided to the Police  
22 Service here, and that's at SND-16678, and at  
23 paragraph 4, so down to the bottom of that page, please,  
24 you say:

25 "Other than the normal discipline things I didn't

1 witness any physical abuse over and above a smack at the  
2 home."

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. So is it the case that the nuns did smack your bottom --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- from time to time?

7 **A. Yes. That's correct, but not like over the knee or**  
8 **anything like that. A good smack -- "There you go" --**  
9 **on the bum.**

10 Q. And would you have got a clip round the ear?

11 **A. You might have got a clip around the ear on the odd**  
12 **occasion. That would be fair to say.**

13 Q. And that's when you had stepped out of line, as it were?

14 **A. That's correct, or if I called somebody a "Wet-the-Bed"**  
15 **perhaps as an example.**

16 Q. And that was you would say a controlled physical  
17 engagement?

18 **A. Absolutely.**

19 Q. Whoever was hitting you was not doing it out of bad  
20 temper or with great force, but with a controlled  
21 manner?

22 **A. Yes. Correct.**

23 Q. You describe at paragraph 19 of your statement, if we go  
24 back to SND-15581, a particular incident where you did  
25 get a slap across the face from in this case SR2, but it

1           wasn't as punishment. It was as a result of trying to  
2           get you out of the hysterics that you had fallen into as  
3           a result of getting glass embedded in your arm.

4   **A. Correct.**

5   Q. And the smack in the face had the effect of calming you  
6           down so that you could be dealt with.

7   **A. That's right.**

8   Q. You don't have any difficulty with having got slapped on  
9           that occasion for the purpose that it was given?

10 **A. Well, at the time I just was like, "Good God! I turned**  
11 **round and fell on something and now I am getting a slap**  
12 **on the face". That's what I thought, but I know exactly**  
13 **now, as I did after that, exactly what that was for, and**  
14 **it was really to bring me out of the state that I was**  
15 **in, which was in shock. No-one's going near me other**  
16 **than I'm standing in front of SR2 screaming my head off.**  
17 **She knew exactly what to do and she provided the right**  
18 **care to be able to treat that. She did it and I'm**  
19 **thankful for her, of course.**

20 Q. So you don't have a problem with that having occurred --

21 **A. No, no.**

22 Q. -- on that occasion, and you describe how that was out  
23           of character for her.

24 **A. Absolutely.**

25 Q. We will come back to other matters relating to that in



1 due course.

2 Now you then address the issue of bullying in the  
3 home at paragraph 30 at SND-15583, and you say that --

4 **A. Sorry. Can I just say something on that? When SR2**  
5 **turned round and slapped me on the face, it did shock me**  
6 **-- right -- because I remembered it, but I would have**  
7 **seen -- if I had seen SR2 turn round or any of the nuns,**  
8 **I would have remembered seeing that actually happen as**  
9 **well, like across the face. There's a big difference,**  
10 **you know.**

11 Q. So you describe in paragraph 30 incidents of bullying in  
12 the home similar to what went on in school or outside of  
13 school and you say these actions were always away from  
14 the sight of the sisters. They wouldn't have allowed  
15 any behaviour like that, and you describe a particular  
16 incident where you yourself were bullied.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. Now I was asking you earlier then, while we don't  
19 address it in the statement, there were occasions  
20 whenever the nuns were not around and there were older  
21 boys, whether older in terms of residents or  
22 ex-residents --

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. -- who were supervising in effect the rest of the boys.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. And it's this type of time that these types of problems  
2 are manifesting themselves.

3 **A. Sorry. Just --**

4 Q. It is not happening in front of the nuns.

5 **A. That's correct.**

6 Q. But it is happening when the nuns are not around.

7 **A. Look, it could -- it could have happened as well when**  
8 **the nuns were -- when I say the Sisters, when the**  
9 **sisters were around, but it was out of their sight, if**  
10 **that makes sense. So, you know, there is -- the layout**  
11 **of Termonbacca is quite a big place, Termonbacca, but**  
12 **the Sisters would have been there. Yes, I'd agree with**  
13 **that, yes.**

14 Q. And you have talked about this particular incident  
15 connected to you and also an incident where you were  
16 made to fight with a close friend of yours --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- SND132, and I just want on that front -- we were  
19 speaking beforehand, and I didn't have the document. We  
20 will look at it now. You described being very upset to  
21 read about you in the --

22 **A. That's correct.**

23 Q. -- when another individual the Inquiry has heard from,  
24 HIA60 -- if we can bring up SND-15826. This is  
25 an article that was copied from the it

1        seems some time in around        possibly. I think we  
2        have the actual article somewhere else, but on the  
3        second page of it, if we can go down to SND-15827, there  
4        is a paragraph that begins:

5                "However, he alleged ... 'There is one boy who still  
6        has the scars on his back from being beaten with the  
7        flex of a kettle' ... He also recounted the ordeal of  
8        a ..."

9                Underneath that redaction is the -- just bear with  
10       me a moment so I get the right ...:

11               "He recounted the ordeal of a        child who was  
12       persecuted terribly."

13               Now he is talking about you in that respect. You  
14       were the        child in Termonbacca?

15    **A. Uh-huh.**

16    **Q. Were you persecuted terribly?**

17    **A. No. When I turned round and looked at it -- I was**  
18       **talking with my wife or whatever, and I did a search on**  
19       **Google -- this is going back years -- and "Termonbacca"**  
20       **came up and I thought -- I couldn't believe what I was**  
21       **actually reading, and I -- because of what the**  
22       **allegations of what was being said then at the time, and**  
23       **it got down to that part and I like literally broke down**  
24       **in tears crying, because he's talking about me, but**  
25       **that -- I wasn't persecuted as a -- as a child in the**



1 --

2 **A. No.**

3 Q. -- you being a greater victim than anybody else?

4 **A. No. That's ...**

5 Q. Now what I want to then ask you about -- and just bear  
6 with me for a moment, Members of the Panel.

7 Chairman, I am more than halfway through and there  
8 is just an issue that's arisen. If this would be  
9 an appropriate point to take a break and perhaps give  
10 the Panel an opportunity to look at the exercise book  
11 while we resolve the issue.

12 CHAIRMAN: How long would you like?

13 MR AIKEN: Hopefully less than ten minutes.

14 CHAIRMAN: We will sit again at 2.55.

15 MR AIKEN: I am obliged.

16 (2.45 pm)

17 (Short break)

18 (2.55 pm)

19 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, thanks for the  
20 additional time that you have given to us. Just as  
21 a matter of record I was about to move on to an issue  
22 with SND136 about SND23 and an allegation that SND136  
23 makes in respect of him. Normally the legal  
24 representatives of someone against whom allegations are  
25 made would be present in the chamber to hear those

1       allegations. Because of an administrative error the  
2       representatives of SND23 were not aware of the need to  
3       be here this afternoon, and therefore I have had  
4       an opportunity to speak to the junior counsel  
5       representing SND23 and explain what has occurred, and he  
6       has kindly confirmed that no issue will be taken about  
7       that, that the evidence can now be given about SND23 and  
8       then we will send a transcript to SND23's  
9       representatives and give them the opportunity to deal  
10      with it by way of the written submission and then any  
11      oral submission in line with the policy that applies to  
12      all those against whom allegations have been made.

13   CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Well, we will re-examine our  
14      procedures to try and ensure that this doesn't happen  
15      again. We can certainly proceed on that basis. Thank  
16      you very much.

17   MR AIKEN: I am obliged.

18            Now SND136, now you can understand what's happened

19      --

20   **A. Yes.**

21   Q. -- what we were resolving in the break and I am now  
22      going to go on to deal with the allegation that you make  
23      against SND23, who, while I am using his name, his name  
24      obviously shouldn't be used outside the chamber and his  
25      name will be redacted in the transcript and documents

1 relating to it.

2 Now what I want to do is go to SND-15580, which is  
3 paragraph 14 of your witness statement that you have  
4 made to the Inquiry. I hope it's going to appear on the  
5 screen. Thank you. You say:

6 "I do recall an incident when SND23", which is  
7 SND23, who was but working on  
8 Termonbacca -- in Termonbacca, "came into my shower  
9 while I was in it."

10 Now I was discussing with you earlier there were two  
11 showers in this area where you were and there was no-one  
12 in the other shower at the time he came in.

13 **A. That's correct.**

14 Q. You describe how he asked you to take your swimming  
15 trunks down. So you were explaining to me earlier that  
16 the practice in the home was to wear swimming trunks  
17 whenever you were --

18 **A. That's correct.**

19 Q. -- bathing or showering. He came into your shower and  
20 asked you to take your swimming trunks down. You  
21 refused and told him to get out. You say he backed off  
22 and went away. You say:

23 "I know that were not  
24 allowed in the showers."

25 What do you mean by that?

1 A. Well, actually that, counsel. SND23 came into the  
2 shower and scared the living daylights out of me. He  
3 would have known that he wasn't allowed in the showers  
4 just -- it was across the board. That was the rules and  
5 he would have been in trouble had he been caught in the  
6 showers.

7 Q. Just let me ask you was it specific -- were the rules  
8 specific to the showers or to the part of the building  
9 you were in?

10 A. To the -- to the showers. There is no way that  
11 should have been in the showers, period.

12 Q. Was that a direction that had been given that you know  
13 of or is that you -- your natural understanding was  
14 another older man shouldn't be coming into a boy's  
15 shower, or do you remember a nun giving a direction that  
16 there should be nobody in the showers other than --

17 A. That is correct. That is correct. That would have been  
18 carried out by the Sisters. If he had turned round and  
19 been in the showers, a lay, one like SND 194 or someone  
20 like that, one of the -- SND 194 would have  
21 turned round and told him to get out because he wasn't  
22 allowed -- he wouldn't have been allowed in there.

23 Q. One of the lay workers you are talking about?

24 A. One of the lay workers, and certainly the Sisters would  
25 have turned round and been horrified if somebody had





1 "It scared the living daylights out of me."

2 You told him "No".

3 "He tried to insist but I still said, 'No'. I don't  
4 know if he heard something or what but he left."

5 He didn't actually touch you. Is that right?

6 **A. No.**

7 Q. But it was coming into your shower in a cubicle?

8 **A. Well, in the shower -- in the actual shower he would  
9 have had to -- the way they were set up, if you can  
10 imagine, let's say, there's two cubicles, one, two. He  
11 would have come in one door and then pulled back the  
12 curtain of one. There was nobody in that shower. There  
13 was a little place where you can sit down. Then he went  
14 into the next one where I was in like showering. You  
15 are a little bit -- you are like low down the way that  
16 floor is and essentially he pulled -- he pulled it back,  
17 and I was just gobsmacked that he was even in the  
18 showers, and then he started to turn round and just  
19 gestured like whispering, gesturing, "Pull your swimming  
20 trunks down" and like I didn't even know. I was just  
21 like frozen and told him -- well, what's -- it's in the  
22 statement, but he scared the living daylights out of me  
23 I tell you now.**

24 Q. And you describe in paragraph 6 of the police statement  
25 that he had to get through three partitions, including

1 the other shower, and he had no reason to be there. You  
2 say showers for boys of your age weren't being  
3 supervised. There would have been a carer in the  
4 vicinity.

5 **A. That's right.**

6 Q. Now if we just scroll up a little, you are aware from my  
7 discussions with you we are trying to identify when this  
8 occurred.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. We are going to do that using what you did in the  
11 aftermath of it.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. So can I just ask you, first of all, this shower was in  
14 the evening time?

15 **A. That is correct.**

16 Q. The end of the day?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. And you describe, if we just scroll down a little, how  
19 after it you had a discussion. You were going to bed  
20 and you told SND-132 -- so that's your friend, SND132 --

21 **A. That is correct.**

22 Q. -- about what had happened, and he told you to report  
23 it.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. You went downstairs and went to see a sister.

1 **A. That is correct.**

2 Q. Now what I -- I want you just to explain to the Panel  
3 what you are describing is you're upstairs in one of  
4 your bedrooms?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. You come down the stairs?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. And there's a room off to the right where one of the  
9 nuns would have worked. Is that right?

10 **A. That is correct.**

11 Q. And you knocked on the door?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. And went in to speak to the nun?

14 **A. That is correct.**

15 Q. And your recollection is that was SR1 --

16 **A. That's correct.**

17 Q. -- who is "SR1".

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Do you want to just explain to the Panel in your own  
20 words what you told her and what she said?

21 **A. Yes. Well, I turned round and said -- knocked on the**  
22 **door and I said -- went in the door. She said, "Yes.**  
23 **Come in", whatever. Then I went inside and I said,**  
24 **"Sister, SND23 was actually in the showers and SND23**  
25 **turned round and asked me to take my swimming pants**

1 down", and sister turned round and replied to me. She  
2 said "Right". She listened and she said, "Right. Good  
3 for telling me, for coming down and telling me, and  
4 I'll -- and" -- you know, "and go back to bed".

5 Q. And she sent you back to bed --

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. -- and you went back to bed?

8 A. Yes, but she said I did the right thing by telling her.

9 Q. Yes.

10 A. She was clear on that, yes.

11 Q. Now we were trying to then work out when this occurred

12 --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. -- to try and date it, and you heard from me earlier the  
15 records show that SR1 --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. -- was in Termonbacca between and .

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. So that's up to just before your birthday. That's  
20 too early.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. You are an older boy when this is happening.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. But she returns to Termonbacca in --

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. -- or and she is there until . We can see that  
2 at SND-5789 through to SND-5792. Now if that's the  
3 period, you were and leaving at in --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- and you thought that was slightly older than you  
6 recollect this happening.

7 **A. That's correct, yes.**

8 Q. You judge that by you would have thought you might have  
9 tackled him at physically --

10 **A. That's right.**

11 Q. -- for having come in --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- which you didn't do.

14 **A. That's correct.**

15 Q. Well, obviously the records are what they are and you  
16 are remembering back, but your memory is that it was  
17 SR1 --

18 **A. Yes, that is correct.**

19 Q. -- that you spoke to?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. And you describe, if we can go back to paragraph -- if I  
22 just go back to the police statement at SND-16679, now  
23 you -- you've already told the sister that the night it  
24 happened -- if we just scroll down, please -- and you  
25 then say, paragraph 8:

1           "The next I had direct contact with SND23 I was  
2           working at the farm and SND132 was on the tractor.  
3           I remember that SDN132 was with me. Some words were  
4           said and I remember SDN132 made a remark to him about  
5           being homosexual or something like that and I told him  
6           to fuck off. SDN132 and I then threw spuds at him and  
7           then we left ..."

8           So -- and returned to the home. So this was you --  
9           he is on the tractor and you are throwing spuds at him  
10          as you run off.

11       **A. Yes.**

12       Q. Is that right?

13       **A. That's correct.**

14       Q. And did he chase you or say anything to you?

15       **A. No, I didn't. He didn't say anything.**

16       Q. Is that what led you to the view that, as you say in the  
17          last line here, it is what makes you think he had been  
18          spoken to, even though he continued to work at the home,  
19          because he didn't react to you exacting some retribution  
20          on him?

21       **A. That's right, because I was being very cheeky. I was**  
22       **being very cheeky with him, and he had done the wrong**  
23       **thing, and I suppose when I think back on that now, I am**  
24       **thinking as a -- if I was           at that time, as the**  
25       **records are showing, that I was venting something back**

1 at him, because he knew he shouldn't have been there,  
2 and I thought we were going to get in trouble when we  
3 went down, you know, after the potatoes thing, but that  
4 was me venting, venting a bit, and I didn't get into  
5 trouble. He didn't say nothing back to me whereas I'd  
6 have been in trouble.

7 Q. But am I right in saying, SND136, you yourself do not  
8 know if he was actually spoken to --

9 A. That --

10 Q. -- by SR1 or anyone else?

11 A. Yes, that is correct.

12 Q. You describe in this paragraph 8:

13 "I remember that myself and the other kids would  
14 give him jibes about being homosexual, things like  
15 saying 'homo' or stuff like that. He never ..."

16 You say:

17 "He never took me up on those jibes, never responded  
18 to them."

19 A. Yes. That's exactly right. So that's what -- why  
20 I~think in my head that he had -- they were watching --  
21 they were looking out -- looking out and watching him  
22 more closely.

23 Q. But he certainly wasn't put out. He continued to be --

24 A. That is correct, which --

25 Q. -- in and around you and --



1 **A. Yes, that is correct.**

2 Q. -- interact with you?

3 **A. That is correct.**

4 Q. What I'd like to you look at at paragraph 15 of your  
5 statement at SND-15580 -- I appreciate this is your view  
6 about it, but:

7 "Looking back, this is an incident which I think  
8 should have been dealt with more seriously."

9 By that, as I understand it, you mean he should have  
10 been put out of Termonbacca?

11 **A. I could have used stronger words if I was big enough to**  
12 **defend myself, but, yes, that would be correct. He**  
13 **should have not have been in Termonbacca, but I might**  
14 **add he did it. He did what he did. Had the nuns known,**  
15 **they would have turned -- had the nuns -- he was being**  
16 **what I call deviant in his actions. Yes.**

17 Q. And your view, looking back on it now, is he is someone  
18 who should have been kept away from a children's home?

19 **A. Yes, that's def... -- that's correct.**

20 Q. I think he says in his own witness statement -- this is  
21 something we didn't discuss earlier, and it may be  
22 a memory you don't have -- he describes -- at SND-15885  
23 he describes himself being -- if we just scroll down,  
24 paragraph 17, he describes how in he  
25 was the subject of an allegation from another boy, which

1 he says was a false allegation. He was advised he  
2 says -- he was confronted about that by SR1 and advised  
3 to stay away from the home. He says:

4 "I denied these allegations at the time to SR1 but  
5 agreed I should stay away from the home. I did this  
6 because I didn't want to be exposed to further false  
7 allegations. I didn't return to the home since that  
8 time and haven't returned since."

9 Do you have any memory of him being excluded?

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

11 Q. You don't. Well, that's his recollection that he has  
12 explained to the Inquiry, not in connection with you,  
13 but in connection to an allegation from someone else --

14 **A. Uh-huh.**

15 Q. -- that SR1 did ask him to leave and he agreed to leave.

16 **A. Well, good on SR1!**

17 Q. But the point you are making is he continued to be  
18 thereafter your incident?

19 **A. That is correct. Yes, that is correct.**

20 Q. Now what I want to do then is he has given evidence to  
21 the Inquiry and what he said about what you have  
22 alleged, at SND-17565 we can see reference is made to  
23 your paragraph 14 that we have just been looking at and  
24 paragraphs 5 to 8 of the statement that was made to the  
25 police, and he was asked for his response to the

1           allegations, and he says in the bold type:

2            "It certainly didn't happen and I didn't even know  
3           that they wore toggs in the shower room. I would not  
4           have been in the shower room when any of the residents  
5           were showering."

6           So his position is that what you're describing did  
7           not occur. That doesn't accord with your recollection?

8   **A. What SND23 is doing is not telling the truth.**

9   Q. Now there are a couple more issues I want to address,  
10   SND136. The first one is the issue of the systems  
11   failures that you talk about towards the end of your  
12   statement. If we look at SND-15584, paragraphs 36 to 38  
13   -- and I appreciate what you had to say here was in the  
14   context of your belief before our discussion necessarily  
15   that the State had placed you with the nuns --

16   **A. Yes.**

17   Q. -- in -- at the time of your birth, which was not the  
18   case --

19   **A. Yes.**

20   Q. -- but what you do then draw attention to from our  
21   discussion, and which I am going to bring up to have  
22   a look at with you, is that at a point during your  
23   period living in Termonbacca the child care officer --  
24   child care adviser, **SND 483** , working for the Derry  
25   diocese, did write to what then was the Western Board

1 asking them to take you and two others into care. We  
2 can find that at SND-2018. This will come up with  
3 your -- we can see three boys are being written about.  
4 One is you. You are in the middle, SND136. It is  
5 a letter of \_\_\_\_\_ and it says:

6 "The above named boys are at present in St. Joseph's  
7 Home, Termonbacca. At present the home is receiving no  
8 maintenance for any of them. I would therefore request  
9 that your Board would take them into care under  
10 section 103 of the ... 1968 Act."

11 If we just scroll down, please, to -- you can see  
12 the reference to you then, SND136, and date of  
13 admission. Just scroll over to the next page. Again  
14 the information about where you were born and baptised  
15 and then it says:

16 "Efforts have been made to trace their mothers, but  
17 have been unsuccessful. In most cases nobody knew of  
18 the existence of these children and investigations were  
19 stopped when it was found that it may cause hardship or  
20 may even break up a family."

21 So that letter was written to the -- **SND 469**  
22 within the Western Board and he responded on  
23 \_\_\_\_\_ at SND-2015, and here he refers back:

24 "Dear <sup>SND 483</sup> ",  
25 referring back to the letter of

1 and indicating that you have now been received into  
2 care. So at that point you became someone under the  
3 radar or within the sights of the Board, and you can see  
4 what SND 468 , who is writing on behalf of SND 469 ,  
5 says:

6 "For the time being it is proposed that the boys  
7 remain in St. Joseph's Home while the possibility of  
8 foster care is considered."

9 Now you are aware, SND136, from our discussion  
10 earlier that whatever Social Service file exists for you  
11 the Inquiry doesn't yet have, but the Health & Social  
12 Care Board are now investigating that and are going to  
13 try to find that file, and we will engage with you  
14 further about that, but for the purposes of today, given  
15 you have travelled a long way to give your evidence,  
16 what I want to ask is from onwards -- at that point  
17 you are -- you don't have a memory of seeing a social  
18 worker from the Board coming in to talk to you about  
19 your circumstances?

20 **A.** **was**  
21 **SND332, who was I believe employed by the Sisters of**  
22 **Nazareth, a very good man. So in answer to your**  
23 **question, no, I do not recall talking to any of the**  
24 **Social Services up until the point when I was leaving**  
25 **the home.**

1 Q. And at that point there was engagement and you  
2 ultimately were fostered for a period of time?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Then that didn't work out, as I understand it --

5 **A. Yes, that is correct.**

6 Q. -- and you moved on --

7 **A. That is correct.**

8 Q. -- into the word of work --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- thereafter. So it's a matter that's in hand --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- with the successor body to what was the Western Board  
13 and what comes of that we will look into further, but  
14 the point you're making, as I understand it, is, "Well,  
15 what did they do for me from I was taken into care in  
16 "

17 **A. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. Is that a fair summary?

19 **A. Well, there's two points I think I was trying to make  
20 with regards to that. Yes, from onwards with  
21 regards to the Act and so on and so forth, the 1952 Act,  
22 which was in favour of fostering. In this book here  
23 SND 468 says the child, referring to myself, should  
24 remain in the home until a decision is made with respect  
25 to fostering, and for me for the social workers to take**

1           **so long that make that decision --**

2    Q.   Yes.

3    **A.   --           years later, that's one point I was trying to**  
4           **make.**

5    Q.   One of the things -- you are just referring to the book.  
6           So what I will do is just bring up so the Panel can see  
7           SND-17692. The author, which -- you are saying this is  
8           SR2's handwriting --

9    **A.   Yes.**

10   Q.   -- in fact, writes in -- we can see "23rd". Just scroll  
11          down, please:

12               "           SND 483           , child care adviser, applied to the  
13           Derry Social Services Department for maintenance for  
14           SND136 as he was admitted under voluntary cases."

15               Then if we just scroll down to the next page. Just  
16           stop there, please:

17               "           SND 468           , Senior Social Worker, to confirm  
18           that SND136 had been received into care under  
19           section 103 Children & Young Persons Act 1968 from  
20                               and for the time being it was proposed  
21           that he should remain in care here while the possibility  
22           of foster care is considered."

23               Then the text goes on into more --

24   **A.   Yes.**

25   Q.   -- engagement with                               and so on and so forth.

1           So the point you are making -- and we need to get  
2           the file to see what's in it -- but why did it take so  
3           long?

4   **A. Well, there's also another point, counsel. I actually**  
5           **seen that letter by chance yesterday when I was in as**  
6           **a -- just a viewer.**

7   Q. You were observing --

8   **A. Yes. That's right. That's right.**

9   Q. -- what was happening.

10   **A. I thought that -- and I also listened to a very nice**  
11           **lady by the name -- if I can remember her name.**

12   Q. SND502 yesterday morning.

13   **A. SND502, and she referred to that letter informing of the**  
14           **children as referrals, as a referral. In sales**  
15           **a referral is like a warm lead, as I see it, a referral.**  
16           **Was the Social Services not actively looking to find**  
17           **what -- you know, the children were in care, because it**  
18           **took them        years to identify that I was actually in**  
19           **care, and then it was the Sisters who provided that**  
20           **information. That's what my second point is.**

21   Q. So was there not a proactive --

22   **A. Yes, proactively.**

23   Q. -- "Who have the Sisters got in their home?"

24   **A. Yes. Well --**

25   Q. "What can we do for them?"



1 A. It actually -- there was something else as well that  
2 Miss -- I have forgotten her name again.

3 Q. SND502 yesterday morning.

4 A. SND502 yesterday mentioned was before I was born in  
5 , something like that, she brought three  
6 children into Termonbacca, and when I look at even if it  
7 was one child that was coming in under the State, under  
8 the care of the State, I think that all of the other 89  
9 children, the other children that were in Termonbacca,  
10 should have had the benefit that that one child should  
11 have had in terms of the ratios, in terms of the staff  
12 ratios. So if the State was -- had a set ratio, then we  
13 could have benefitted by all of the other things, such  
14 as accommodation, and the memorandum -- I can't remember  
15 what it's called -- the memorandum --

16 Q. It is the Home Office memorandum of 1952.

17 A. That is correct, which was given to the institutions, to  
18 the Sisters, the memorandum in terms of training and  
19 stuff like that, maybe reporting or any other  
20 information that came into the hands of the State that  
21 they knew, "Right. Here's new stuff. We should be  
22 looking out for this. We should be looking out for  
23 that", that that information should have been passed by  
24 default to the sisters to keep checks and balances in  
25 place, and to inspect the homes and see that there is 89

1           **other children, for example, that -- what's happened to**  
2           **these children?**

3       Q.   I think, SND136, in fairness to the Department of Health  
4           they will say and have said, and there is material to  
5           back it up --

6       **A.   Yes.**

7       Q.   -- that that memorandum was sent to the Sisters of  
8           Nazareth, but if I have understood you -- and, in fact,  
9           inspections did occur --

10      **A.   Yes.**

11      Q.   -- but if I have understood the point just you are  
12           saying -- ultimately it is a matter for the Panel to  
13           consider --

14      **A.   Yes.**

15      Q.   -- but that once the Board placed a child in  
16           Termonbacca, it knows about Termonbacca and would  
17           need -- would want to ensure that what that child is  
18           receiving is appropriate, and as a result, you being  
19           there on a voluntary basis, you will benefit from all of  
20           that --

21      **A.   Correct.**

22      Q.   -- as well.

23      **A.   Correct.   That's exactly what I'm saying.**

24      Q.   Now there's another matter that I want to address with  
25           you that you found difficult discussing this morning.

1 That's why I have left it towards the end of your  
2 evidence, but you -- if we go back to SND-15583, and you  
3 have alluded this already, but you describe in  
4 paragraph 28 of your statement you had a very positive  
5 relationship with --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- but you also describe both SR2 and SR1 --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- as loving, caring and compassionate people and more  
10 so SR2. They were like mothers to you.

11 **A. Yes, that is correct.**

12 Q. You -- I am going to -- you can tell me if this is  
13 a fair summary, but one of the reasons why you have been  
14 prepared to to come and give  
15 evidence to the Inquiry is the strong views that you  
16 have about the reputation of SR2 being damaged unfairly.

17 **A. The representation of SR2 and Sisters of Nazareth as**  
18 **well, but certainly SR2, as I seen her, where in my**  
19 **perception are not being portrayed in the same**  
20 **Termonbacca that I lived in. That was not the**  
21 **Termonbacca that I lived in, and I would have seen**  
22 **I believe if things were untoward or from some of the**  
23 **stuff that I have read in the newspapers. That is**  
24 **not -- I would have seen something going on if that --**  
25 **if that was the case.**

1 I recall when SR2 left Termonbacca. I think --

2 Q. That was .

3 A. That was ... --

4 Q. So you were --

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. -- and she was moving off about years before you --

7 a and a before you were leaving.

8 A. You see, when SR2 left, it was like your -- I don't use

9 the word "being abandoned", but it is like your mother's

10 leaving you again. That's how strongly I felt for SR2,

11 and I think that -- you know, I used to turn round --

12 before it actually happened I was praying to God,

13 "Please don't take SR2 away". I prayed every single

14 night for maybe a week or whatever it was. Then after

15 she went I didn't want to turn round and think about

16 religion any more, because --

17 Q. Just take your time, SND136.

18 A. -- because of what had happened.

19 Q. Yes.

20 A. I just couldn't believe it. It was a horrible time, and

21 that's the impact that SR2 had on me, and she -- as

22 I seen it, she cared for children who -- who were within

23 her care. That's how I seen her. Excuse me.

24 Q. You wanted to give -- just take your time and I will

25 help you through this.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. You wanted to give the Inquiry an example. If you like,  
3 you were a young baby coming in, clean cut, if I can put  
4 it that way, in terms of the Sisters brought you up --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- and therefore shaped you from the outset.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. But you can recall, for instance, SND24 that you talked  
9 about, who did not have that benefit, as you saw it, and  
10 came to the home as an older boy --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- and you wanted to describe how SR2 got alongside him.

13 **A. Yes, and I wanted to describe -- because I heard that**

14 **SND24 -- when he had left the home, he would**

15 **come -- he came back to the home and he had**

16 **. I remember seeing it. He had a**

17 **or something like that, and he had**

18

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20

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22 **He also turned round and , but SR2 was**

23 **told to turn round and had feelings for SND24, and**

24 **I would not like to think that because SND24**

25 **that it was in direct relation necessarily with**

1 his -- and I can't speculate that, but for his life in  
2 Termonbacca and how that has been used as a -- perhaps  
3 as a reference, but what other things that SND24 was  
4 going through I don't know, but I know that SR2 was  
5 actually caring for SND24 when he came back into the  
6 home. That was sorry to see what was happening.

7 Q. Now you are -- you have described the incident with  
8 SND23 and what happened or didn't happen about that, and  
9 one of the last things that I want to ask you about,  
10 SND136, which I explained to you, was that we ask people  
11 who are explaining the experiences that they had -- the  
12 Panel as part of its work has to make recommendations to  
13 the Northern Ireland Executive about what might be done  
14 in some way to try and make amends, whether that's by  
15 way of an apology of some kind, whether that's in the  
16 form of some sort of memorial, and people have expressed  
17 different views about that, or some other means of  
18 reparation that the Panel could consider, and we have  
19 asked each witness whether they have a view about the  
20 recommendations that might be made. You have a view  
21 based on your experience in that you wanted to  
22 convey.

23 A.

24  
25 Q.

1 A.

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3 and he said sorry for

4 removing them from their homes and taking them into

5 institutions, and that was a -- and I looked at that at

6 the time, and a lot of people respect that he did that.

7 It took a long time in happening and it helped with the

8 healing process

9 , but I travelled from

10 back to Ireland, where I haven't been for a long time,

11 back to Northern Ireland, should I say, and I think that

12 as far as, you know -- with everything there is like, as

13 I see it, very simplistic -- very simplistically, should

14 I say, you have, say, Sisters, who are on the very

15 bottom rung of the -- the actual people who are there,

16 hands on, caring for people day in, day out, the

17 children. You then have an overarching within -- a

18 hierarchy, should I say.

19 I believe that for Northern Ireland

20 children who were in the homes "Sorry" should come from

21 the top. That's what I believe.

22 Q. SND136, the last thing that I want to ask you, which

23 again we ask anyone sitting where you are sitting now,

24 is whether there's anything else -- now is your

25 opportunity to say to the Panel anything you think might

1 assist with their work, which is looking at the issue of  
2 systemic failings, that you think I haven't already  
3 covered in the ground that we've traversed this  
4 afternoon.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 **Q.** So there's anything else that you think, now's the time  
7 if you want to say it.

8 **A.** Well, first of all, I sincere... -- it has been a bit of  
9 a struggle getting here to be able to speak at the  
10 Inquiry. I really do appreciate the opportunity to be  
11 able to say what I -- how I lived in Termonbacca and  
12 what I felt at the time. I hope -- the task that the  
13 Panel has and the counsel is enormous to try and put  
14 together the jigsaw, this jigsaw of history through the  
15 time frame, and I hope that when you look through it  
16 with the eyes of wisdom, that you can see and recommend  
17 the changes, because there has been some systemic  
18 changes, and that moving forward the policies and  
19 procedures that are put in place so that it can help  
20 children that are in the homes. So I thank the Panel  
21 for allowing me to be here.

22 One other thing is the rights of the child. My  
23 understanding is with -- today that a child can be left  
24 in limbo if the parents refuse to sign the  
25 documentation. So if the Act in 1952 was in favour of



1 adoption after a period of 30 -- three months, for  
2 example, okay. Six passed, twelve months and so on and  
3 so forth. If the parents for whatever reason refuse to  
4 sign documentation, then that child can actually be  
5 moved from one foster care family to the next foster  
6 carer and so on and so forth and that is actually  
7 happening today, or somebody could be not under the  
8 sight of the State. It's happening today. Then I hope  
9 that is fixed and that the rights of the child be  
10 actually looked at, overseen by the parents, that  
11 someone makes a decision on the rights of the child, and  
12 that's something that I feel is really important.

13 Thank you for -- for allowing me to speak. It's  
14 very important.

15 Q. SND136, I don't intend to ask you any more questions.  
16 If you just stay where you are for a short while, the  
17 Panel may want to ask you something. So just bear with  
18 us for a few moments.

19 A. Sure.

20 **Questions from THE PANEL**

21 CHAIRMAN: Well, SND136, thank you for coming  
22 to speak to us and also not just for what you  
23 have said but what you have brought with you, because,  
24 as I mentioned earlier, we have heard about these, but,  
25 for reasons that may have to be investigated further,



1           took such an interest in you --

2   **A. Yes.**

3   Q.   -- who you have mentioned.

4           Can I ask you then about a different matter, which  
5   is the episode that you have described in the showers,  
6   and then you say you went down and spoke to SR1, told  
7   her what had happened. You said that she thanked you  
8   and told you you had done the right thing by telling  
9   her, but, as I understand -- and I appreciate it is  
10   a long time ago and you can't be sure about this -- you  
11   thought that you had been a little younger --

12   **A. That's correct.**

13   Q.   -- than must have been the case if it was SR1 that you  
14   spoke to --

15   **A. That's correct.**

16   Q.   -- because she didn't come back until           , which would  
17   make you, what,           , something like that, at the  
18   earliest.

19   **A. Yes.**

20   Q.   Are you sure it was SR1 that you spoke to; in other  
21   words, might it have been a different nun and you got  
22   them mixed up?

23   **A. I'm pretty confident. I think SR2 left in           , but the**  
24   **records show that it was different. I think SR2 left in**  
25           **I don't know why, but that's what I believe. I'm**

1           **pretty confident it was sister -- SR1 that I spoke to.**

2    Q.    It would seem from your description of events that  
3           whatever happened or what may have happened after you  
4           spoke to SR1 that this man was still around the farm and  
5           so on for a period of time after that.

6    **A.   That is correct.**

7    Q.    But then it appears from what he himself said that he  
8           was asked to leave by SR1 because there had been another  
9           complaint.

10   **A.   That's what I found out today.**

11   Q.    Yes.

12   **A.   Yes.**

13   Q.    But may we take it from what you have said that after  
14           you spoke to SR1 nobody came back to you and asked you  
15           for more detail or said, "We're going to look into this"  
16           --

17   **A.   No.**

18   Q.    -- "in greater detail.  Come and speak to the Mother  
19           Superior", for example?

20   **A.   No, that didn't happen.**

21   Q.    Thank you.

22   MS DOHERTY:  I have one question.  Thanks very much.  The  
23           name calling of the gentleman "Homosexual" or whatever,  
24           was there any sense amongst the boys that there was  
25                            or                           that you needed to be careful

1 around, that there was the potential for sexual abuse or  
2 sexual contact that wasn't essential?

3 **A. No. He scared the living daylights out of me. So no.**

4 Q. So that was kind of a shock to you?

5 **A. Absolutely.**

6 Q. But the name calling of "Homo", was that just to him as  
7 a result of that --

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

9 Q. -- or would that be a more common --

10 **A. No. You would have got told off for -- no, that wasn't  
11 more common --**

12 Q. Okay.

13 **A. -- at all, no.**

14 Q. That was just --

15 **A. After that -- after that -- after what he -- after what  
16 -- the shower, whatever.**

17 Q. But both you and your friend had the knowledge of  
18 homosexuality and the suggestion that his interest in  
19 you was related to that?

20 **A. Well, I wouldn't go as far as saying that, but I knew  
21 enough to know that he frightened the living daylights  
22 out of me, but, you know, about homosexuality and gay  
23 and stuff like that, I wouldn't have fully understood,  
24 but I knew it wasn't right, what he was doing.**

25 Q. Okay, so the -- but the name calling --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- that you did afterwards --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- which clearly links to homosexuality --

5 **A. That is correct. That it does, yes, yes.**

6 Q. So there was some level of awareness with you?

7 **A. There must -- yes, that is correct.**

8 Q. Okay. Thank you very much.

9 MR LANE: In paragraph 7 you mention that it was unsettling  
10 because there was a lot of movement of both boys and  
11 staff, and I just wondered whether you could say a bit  
12 more about that, because the impression I have is that a  
13 lot of the boys stayed for quite a long while and were  
14 fairly stable in some respects.

15 **A. Sorry. Could you say that again, please?**

16 Q. Sorry. Obviously in a big home you do get turnover of  
17 boys coming and going and you get staff changes as well.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. I understand times like when SR2 left, that would have  
20 been very upsetting, but you speak about how it was  
21 unsettling, the atmosphere was, because of the movement,  
22 and I was suggesting that a lot of the boys actually  
23 stayed for quite a long while as well. So you would  
24 have had some long-term friendships and so on.

25 **A. Well, really SND132 was -- would have been a long-term**

1 in the home for myself. Some of the other kids that  
2 I played with like SND 241, , they were --  
3 they were short-term. They came into the home, you  
4 know, for a period of time. That might have been 8, 9,  
5 whatever age. So there was some people were short term.

6 Q. Right.

7 A. There was probably more then coming through short-term.

8 Q. Do you think anything could have been done about making  
9 it more settled then?

10 A. More settled?

11 Q. Um.

12 A. I think it's the -- if -- you know, some of -- what was  
13 said in 1952, if that had been, you know, inspected and  
14 acted upon, you know, it would have been smaller,  
15 resources, and all of that. All of those things would  
16 have helped, you know, to make things ...

17 Q. Thanks.

18 CHAIRMAN: Well, SND136, thank you very much again for  
19 coming to speak to us, describing your time in  
20 Termonbacca for us, and thank you very much indeed for  
21 this as well. As far as this part of the Inquiry is  
22 concerned that's all we have to ask of you, although  
23 I understand you will be seeing the Acknowledgment Forum  
24 tomorrow.

25 A. That's correct, Mr Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

2 **A. Thank you, Mr Chairman.**

3 (Witness withdrew)

4 MR AIKEN: That concludes our evidence for today.

5 CHAIRMAN: Well, 10.30 tomorrow, ladies and gentlemen.

6 DISCUSSION RE HEARING STARTING TIME

7 MR MONTAGUE: Sorry, Mr Chairman. I am not sure whether

8 Ms Smith actually informed the Inquiry -- I see her

9 darting in, so I will leave it to her -- with

10 a suggestion about starting earlier in the morning in

11 order to facilitate SR2 with more breaks.

12 MS SMITH: Chairman, I think we had discussed this and it

13 was suggested that we start actually at 10 o'clock

14 tomorrow morning rather than 10.30.

15 CHAIRMAN: Yes. I understand that SR2's state of health is

16 such that it naturally will be quite a testing

17 experience for her to give evidence --

18 MR MONTAGUE: It will be.

19 CHAIRMAN: -- over a lengthy period. This is being done by

20 a live link.

21 MR MONTAGUE: Yes, exactly.

22 CHAIRMAN: There will be provision made for frequent breaks.

23 So we are quite content to start at 10 o'clock.

24 MR MONTAGUE: I am grateful. There is a medical

25 certificate, as you know, recommending the gaps.



1 CHAIRMAN: Yes, I have seen that.

2 MR MONTAGUE: I know that my learned friend consulted with  
3 SR2 yesterday afternoon and it has been taken its toll  
4 on her. So we have reached we think a pragmatic  
5 solution.

6 CHAIRMAN: Yes. It seems a very sensible approach, if I may  
7 say so, and such a one we would facilitate.

8 MR MONTAGUE: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN: It may involve a certain amount of moving other  
10 witnesses into vacant spaces that are created.

11 MR MONTAGUE: Well, I think SR147 will give evidence then  
12 mid-morning rather than first thing.

13 CHAIRMAN: Everything will be arranged around facilitating  
14 SR2 --

15 MR MONTAGUE: I am grateful.

16 CHAIRMAN: -- because we do understand her medical condition  
17 is such that it will be a testing experience --

18 MR MONTAGUE: I'm obliged.

19 CHAIRMAN: -- and will probably take the greater part of the  
20 day, but I think it is important, if, and I stress if,  
21 it can be achieved without any undue ill effect on her,  
22 to try and have her evidence all completed tomorrow  
23 rather than bringing her back on some other day, but  
24 we'll take it as it comes tomorrow.

25 MR MONTAGUE: I am obliged.

1 CHAIRMAN: Thank you for reminding me. So we will start at

2 10 o'clock or as soon after that as we can tomorrow.

3 (3.55 pm)

4 (Hearing adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning)

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