

HIA 534

HIA REF: R4

NAME: HIA 534/R4

DATE: 21/06/2016

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

Witness Statement of HIA 534/R4

I, HIA 534/R4 will say as follows: -

Background

1. I was born on [REDACTED] and am now [REDACTED] I am the [REDACTED] oldest of [REDACTED] children. In 1953 when I was about four years of age my mother and father separated and my father could not cope with [REDACTED] children. The two eldest children stayed at home with my father and I and two of my brothers and my sister were put into Childhaven Children's Home which was about half a mile outside [REDACTED] During my stay at Childhaven I did not receive any visits from my father, and my mother only visited about ten times in twelve years. My [REDACTED] older brothers visited more frequently.

2. When in Childhaven I attended Millisle Primary School and another Special school in Donaghadee in the afternoons. I later attended Donaghadee Secondary school. I had difficulty in school with reading and writing and also had some problems with my speech. When I finished school my reading and writing were poor though by then my speech had greatly improved. I left school without any qualifications. I had very few friends and the only people I felt close to were my brothers and sister.

3. I was very happy at Childhaven. The matron and staff were good to me and when I look back I consider my time there as the best days of my life. After I left I often went down to visit my brother and sister who were still there.

My time in Kincora

4. I went into Kincora Boys Home in August 1965 and was there until November 1966. I remember I did not want to go there, I had wanted to go home because I

knew my brothers were at home, however I was told I had no choice. I was unhappy in Kincora mainly because I had left school and had not yet found employment. I just sat about the Hostel all day and was constantly required to do chores such as cleaning, washing up and gardening, though I usually enjoyed working in the garden. I would continue to visit Childhaven, usual on a Sundays to see my sister. However, when my brother [REDACTED] visited me at Kincora he was chased away and told if he came back the warden would phone the police.

5. The regime at Kincora was quite strict. I remember getting beaten with a leather strap by one of the Assistants in the Home, I think this was for coming in late. I did not get on well with the other boys as they treated me as though I was a simpleton. Shortly after I entered the home I did get friendly with one boy called [REDACTED] KIN 167 however during a camping holiday at Magilligan he was drowned. I found it very difficult to cope after this and for a long time I was very depressed and refused to leave the Hostel.

6. My first sexual experience happened about six months after I had entered Kincora. One evening I brought Joe Mains, the warden up a cup of tea up to his room. He asked me to rub some cream on his back. I did this and nothing else happened that night but a few nights later he again asked me to rub some cream on his back and when I did he began to fondle my privates and my backside. He wanted me to take my trousers off but I refused and nothing else happened that night. The same thing happened again about a month later and matters progressed, we participated in mutual masturbation and then mutual oral sex. This developed into a regular occurrence and it continued after I left Kincora when I would call up to the Hostel to visit the boys. I continued to visit Kincora up to Joe Mains left in the late 1970s.

Other abuse in Kincora

7. I was never physically abused by Joe Mains nor was I ever physically or sexually abused by anyone else in the Hostel. Furthermore, I never witnessed nor was aware of any of the other boys being abused by any of the staff at Kincora nor did I ever witness anyone from outside the home abusing any of the boys or taking them off anywhere.

8. I did participate in various consensual sexual acts with some of the other boys in the home. I have dealt with these in more detail in my second statement.

9. I never complained about Joe Mains. I did not feel there was anyone there to whom I could complain. The social worker was Miss Beacon, I met and spoke to her about six times in 15 months, however these meetings always took place in the office with Joe Mains present and I did not feel I could speak freely to her. I was also frightened of being moved into Rathgael because although I was unhappy in Kincora I did not want to be moved further away from my father's home in [REDACTED] as it would mean I would see less of my brothers.

10. I should add that I did not see anyone else in authority while in Kincora except a man who I think was called [KIN 342] and who came as a Hostel Inspector and was friendly with Joe Mains. I was aware that some of the boys talked about me and the fact that I was always doing chores for Mains and was in and out of his room. However, I was keen to keep my experiences with Mains from them and did not tell them what was happening to me.

Life after Kincora

11. Since leaving Kincora I have lived an unsettled life. I have never had sustained or satisfying employment and have had many jobs over the years. I have drifted from one type of accommodation to another and have found it difficult to settle down. About 1980 I had a steady relationship with a lady and was engaged to be married but when she heard I had been in Kincora she broke of the engagement. I have since had several fleeting and unsatisfactory homosexual relationships but have never been able to settle down with anyone. I am now a pensioner and live on the pension supplemented by Pension Credit and Disability Living Allowance because of a serious heart condition. I also have a severe drink problem. I blame my abuse at the hands of Joe Mains during my time in Kincora for my inability over the years to settle down and form a loving relationship.

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Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed_

HIA 534/R4

Dated

21/6/2016

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Witness Statement of HIA 534/R4

I, HIA 534/R4 aged 18 years and upwards , will say as follows: -

1. Allegations made against HIA 534/R4

I have read the allegations made to the Inquiry against me and wish to say as follows:

2. KIN 383

The incident KIN 383 mentions in his statement of 27th March 1980 about walking into Joe Main's office and seeing Joe and me kissing is an incident I don't remember but which I accept may be true.

I also had various sexual encounters with other boys in the Hostel when I would call up and visit the boys in the Hostel after I had left. These encounters included:

3. R 9

I had anal sex and mutual masturbation with R 9 in the toilets of the Hostel.

4. R 17

R 17 was a boy in Kincora with whom I practiced mutual masturbation and oral sex on several occasions. This took place in the bathroom, back garden and the toilet.

5. [REDACTED] R 18

On one occasion another boy, [REDACTED] R 18 masturbated me in the TV room. He asked me to reciprocate but I refused because the curtains were open at the time.

6. My relationship with members of staff at Kincora

I got on reasonably well with the staff at the Hostel. I was never physically or sexually abused by any of the staff with the exception of the beating I received with a leather strap by one of the assistant care workers as outlined in my first statement and the sexual abuse I suffered at the hands of the warden Joseph Mains. I would like to add that I regard the grooming and introduction to homosexual practices by Joe mains as the main cause of most of my subsequent difficulties in forming meaningful and emotional relationships throughout my adult life.

Finally, I did not see and was not aware of any physical or sexual abuse of any of the other boys at the hands of any member of staff or anyone else. I did not see nor was I aware of anyone from outside abusing any of the boys or taking them out of the Hostel for any purpose.

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Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Dated this 21st day of June 2016

Signed_

HIA 534/R4

Dated

21/6/2016

WRITTEN STATEMENT AFTER CAUTION

STATEMENT OF HIA 534 / R 4

ADDRESS: NO FIXED ABODE

OCCUPATION UNEMPLOYED AGE: 30YRS (DOB [REDACTED])

TAKEN BY: JOHN MIDDLEMISS D/SERGEANT AT: MOUNT POTTINGER POLICE STATION

ON THURSDAY 3 APRIL 1980 IN PRESENCE OF: D/CONSTABLE PREATER

I, HIA 534 / R 4 : Wish to make a statement.
 I want someone to write down what I say. I have been told that I need
 not say anything unless I wish to do so and that whatever I say may be
 given in evidence.

Sgd. HIA 534 / R 4

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I stayed in Kincora Boys Hostel from about June 1965 to August 1966. I was
 in Childhaven Orphanage Home before that. I must have been there about six
 months when I became real good friends with Joe Mains, he was practically like
 a father to me. It started when I kept coming in late, a man who worked at the
 Hostel, something like a student or relief guy so he was I don't remember his
 name. He started beating me with a strap for being late and one night I was
 sitting on the back steps and Joe came in. I made him some tea in the kitchen
 and took it into his bedroom (upstairs). No it's the office now the flat wasn't
 there at the time. We both sat on the bed drinking tea and he asked me to
 rub his back for him with some cream. He stripped to the waist and I started
 massaging his back. Nothing else happened that night but a few nights later
 the same thing happened and while I was massaging him he started to feel round
 my privates. (Q What do you mean by privates?) Round my cock and my bum
 through my trousers. He wanted me to take my trousers off but I said no and
 nothing more happened. About a month or so later I massaged his back again

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 John Middlemiss D/Sgt
 S G Preater D/Con

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in his bedroom and he started feeling round my cock and my bum again. He pulled my pyjama trousers down and started feeling me all round. Then he started wanking me and I came. (Q You mean ejaculate?) Yes. He asked me to wank him but I wouldn't and I went up to bed. Nothing happened for two or three weeks then it happened again, the same thing only this time I wanked him as well. He also sucked me off, he asked me to do it to him but I wouldn't. I think it was that time that when he wanked me he rubbed some cream round my cock. I think it was the same stuff he used on his back but I'm not sure. This happened on lots of occasions and quite often he asked me if he could put his cock up my bum but I always said no. I refused to put my cock up his bum when he asked me as well. That same year I went with the Hostel to summer camp in Magilligan. We stayed in tents. At that camp a friend of mine **KIN 167** got drowned and that night I was very upset and Joe said I should sleep in his tent. When I was in his tent the usual thing happened, wanking he sucked me as well but he didn't suck me off. (Q You mean you didn't come) Yes. After I left the **HIA 534 / R 4** ~~Hostel~~ **HIA 534 / R 4** I used to go ~~back~~ back and visit the boys and now and again Joe and I would wank each other or he would suck me off. The last time I did it with Joe Mains was just before last Christmas, November I think. I also went to Joe's house just before Christmas, December it was. I just went up to visit and he let me stay overnight. I stayed in the front room downstairs and after his girlfriend **BAR 1** had gone up to bed he wanked and sucked me off and I wanked him. (Egg salad sandwiches given to **HIA 534 / R 4** 2.30 pm). Sometimes when we were together Joe used to kiss me, like you would a girl, I used to feel him pushing his tongue against my lips but I wouldn't open my mouth to let him put his tongue ~~in~~ in. I did it with **R9** **R9** in the Hostel too. I did it about twice in the Hostel, in the boys toilet downstairs and once in the garden. We used to wank each other and poke our cock up each others bums. We did this in the boys toilet ~~and~~ one of us would turn round and hold onto the windowsill and the other one would poke it up then we would change round. I used to do this with **R9** when I used to visit the Hostel he was living in but I wasn't. I did it with **R9** **R9**

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one time at [REDACTED] where I lived in a flat. This was after I left the Hostel, just over ^{two years} ~~a year~~ ago. He came to see me and we did it on the bed. (Q Did what?) Wanked each other and poked our cocks up each others bums. **R17** was in the Hostel at the same time as **R9** and one night when I called there we were talking out the back and we just wanked each other off that's what started it with **R17** I sucked him that night too. (Q In the garden?) Yes, I just got down on my hunkers and sucked him but he didn't come. I ~~di~~ wanked **R9** **R17** another time in the boys toilet at the hostel. (Q The downstairs one). Yes, he wanked me but I didn't suck him that time. That was all that I did in the Hostel except that one day when I called up there Joe Mains was out. I sat in the living room waiting for him to come in watching television. **R18** sat next to me and after a little while he said did I want him to wank me. I said no there's too many people about ~~here~~ but he said it would be alright. Mr McGrath was in the kitchen. He undid my zip and took my cock out and wanked me. He wanted me to wank him but I said no because the curtains were wide open and it was daylight. During 1977 or '78 I can't remember when I lived in a house owned by John McKeague, it was [REDACTED], he let me stay for nothing. One night when I was sleeping he came down from his own flat upstairs and came into my bedroom. I woke up when he tried to put his cock up my bum and found him lying next to me with no trousers on. I felt his cock between the cheeks of my bum then I felt him go up inside me, just a ~~bit~~ ^{bit} not much. I rolled over and said, "get out the hell" or "Fuck off" or something like that and he said, "I want to get up your arse" and I said no and got up and walked out of the house. ^{About six months} after I had left McKeagues house I went back again ~~and~~ after I had seen him down the road and he had said, "come round after eight o'clock". He let me in and we went upstairs, after a little while he wanked me off and sucked me and I wanked him. He tried to get up my bum but I said no. At that time

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I was working as a doorman and had to go to work that night. About seven or eight months ago I was living at [REDACTED] Street. I knew a boy **KIN 60** and I put him up for a while this was before he went to prison. We got riding and wanking each other. (Q What do you mean by riding?) Putting your cock up his bum **R 4** I did this with him most nights for about a fortnight while he stayed with me, but he was fond of the drink and one night he went out and never came back, I think he got lifted or something. The last person I did anything with was **KIN 61** who worked in an old peoples home. I used to visit him in [REDACTED] his flat and we rode and wanked each other and a couple of times he sucked me off. I used to come onto the bed. I knew him for about three months and we did it twice that's all. From January until March this year I stayed in [REDACTED] with a family called **KIN 62** They've got a son **KIN 62** whose eight years old this year. I used to take **KIN 62** out for walks up the park and sometimes up to the farm behind the [REDACTED] it's called. I'd stayed there a great length of time and I was working up there at the time so I used to take wee **KIN 62** up with me and let him play about. One day I don't know exactly when I think it was February or March I took **KIN 62** up the farm and while we were there he wanted to go to the toilet and when I asked him if he needed to use paper he said, "yes". I carried him over the muck to the pig sty and sat him on the low wall after I had pulled his trousers and pants down round his knees. I was standing facing him and holding him by his legs so that he didn't fall. When he had been to the toilet he asked to get down. I don't know what came over me, on the spur of the moment I took his cock between my finger and thumb and rubbed it up and down a couple of times. **R 4** Then I realised what ~~he~~ I was doing and stopped it. I pulled his trousers up and we went home. I'm sorry for whatever I've ~~done~~ done with **KIN 62** [REDACTED] and I'm ashamed and disgusted.

I have ready the above statement. I have been told that I can correct alder or add anything I which. This ^{this} ~~is true~~ statement is true I have made it off my own free will.

Sgd **HIA 534 / R 4**SIGNATURE of STATEMENT MAKER: Sgd **HIA 534 / R 4**

Signature witnessed by S G Preater D/C

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Statement taken at R5's dictation in the CID Interview Room at
Mountpottinger Police Station commencing at 2 pm and ending at 3.45 pm.

Sgd John Middlemiss D/Sgt

Checked and Certified to be a true copy of the original.

Blunk D/Sgt.

SIGNATURE of STATEMENT MAKER:

Signature witnessed by S G Preater D/Constable

John Middlemiss D/Sergeant

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STATEMENT OF:

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AGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "over 21"):

OCCUPATION OF WITNESS: Unemployed

ADDRESS:

I declare that this statement consisting of one pages, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 10th day of June 19 82

R.A. Flenley C. Insp.

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SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom
statement was recorded or received.

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I made a statement to the Police on 3rd April 1980 about the time I stayed in Kincora. What I said then tells the whole story. I don't know of anything else happening at the hostel. While I was there I didn't hear or see anything of boys being used sexually by important people like Police officers, Justices of the Peace, businessmen or civil servants. When I heard the allegations on television of prostitution and vice ring I was shocked because nothing like that was going on while I was there.

(signed)

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ABE interview at Garnerville CARE Suite on 27 October 2015 with HIA 534/R 4, DOB [REDACTED]. Second interviewer is Detective Constable Sinead McShane, Child Abuse Investigation Unit, Antrim Road. Lead interviewer is Constable Chris Hutton, Child Abuse Investigation Unit, Antrim Road. The interview commences at 1135 hours.

Various items of equipment around room pointed out. Explained that recording of interview may be used should case proceed to court. HIA 534/R 4 stated he was happy to continue.

Okay, HIA 534/R 4, do you want to just tell us what you're here to talk about?

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I'm here to talk about Kincora.

Okay.

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Which I moved to in...moved out of Child Haven, an orphans' home I was in, I went in there on 24th June 1953 to June '65 [inaudible]. Then I moved into the...[door knocks].

Controller enters room and states microphone is not picking up HIA 534/R 4 voice. Constable Hutton and HIA 534/R 4 swap microphones.

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Yes, I was born, went in 5 o'clock on the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as a child. Then lived there 12 years, moved out of there into this so-called hostel, Kincora, on the North Road. After [inaudible] I went in there I stayed there for about, I think it was 2...3 years, something like that there. Got to know the people, got to know one person in particular, wee KIN 167, same age as me, sixteen. That year we were going to Magilligan, camping. Went down camping and there for what, a fortnight or so, just in below the Army camp there. Then one Sunday we were...I was doing the cooking, Joe Mains was there, Raymond Semple was there and another man called KIN 384 [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or something, he appeared. But by the time tea came... pee tame...teatime came, the boys weren't come, I says, there's something wrong, these ones aren't home. So, the next thing I looked and an Army vehicle came up. The boys got out. I says, there's only seven of yous, eight of yous went. Where's KIN 167



[REDACTED], aye, **KIN 167**. Ehh, we don't know. You're bound to know, I want to know where he is. So, that night **KIN 171** and I took the dog, they were away down Castlerock, swimming down there. We went down the Castlerock section on the beach, couldn't find him anywhere. Came back, I said, what happened him. Well, he was on a rock, 3 foot of water, and he wouldn't get off. We tried to get him off, couldn't do it. Wave must have came up, freak wave, and hit him, put him in the water. I said, **KIN 167** one of the best swimmers you'll get, there's no way, there's some-thing else happened and I don't know what it is. But the next morning the train was coming through and I was told the train going through seen the body. The rescue came out, got him on a stretcher and took him up by air and supposed to be a gust of wind had hit the stretcher into the cliff and he fell down, but he was still alive and then after that found out he was dead. He was buried over in [REDACTED]. I didn't go to the funeral, too...too much going on. But apart from that, at night time, there's an adjoining wee maisonette or flat thing where Joe Mains had his sleeping quarters, and he was talking to us and each of us went in and we were talking away. Next thing he started touching me up and all that. Playing with me, asking me to do this, do that. I said, no, don't want to. Went out, went to bed. Next thing I knew somebody's in the...our own bedroom and there were...2 or 3 people...two or three of us in each room. But it kept going on, but I didn't even know any of the boys were being abused at the time. So, I didn't know what to do. Every day I went out, sat in the garden one summer and just sat there underneath the trees reading a book. The sun was beaming down. Then Semple came out and says, oh, you can't sit there. Well, I'm not sitting in the house, too warm. So, I decided to go for a walk. Went down to my mother's, where I wasn't allowed to go because I was wanting to go home [inaudible] to my mother's [inaudible] what I'd done. My brother, [REDACTED], was the same. But wouldn't let me. I told my brother what happened. Said, well, I can't do anything about it. I says, I know. But I just have to let it out and that's it. **KIN 167** [REDACTED] died, then this Kincora thing came out, took them to Stormont, I was a nervous wreck anyhow. Guys commit suicide too many times, couldn't do it. [Inaudible]. Families didn't want to know. [Inaudible] know about it. All I heard...I knew there was supposed to be paramilitaries, Police, everything, Judges, I don't know, that's all I heard. Whether it was true or not I don't know. But there were 2 fellas, **KIN 385** and **R 7**. They were supposed to have gone and seen some MP,



didn't want to know. Went and seen another MP, should I mention him or not?

Yeah.

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Gerry Fitt, but he's the one that's supposed to have brought it out in the open. Since then everything's gone haywire. I haven't seen anybody. I knew most of the boys in the hostel. I knew R 17, emm, R 7, R 17, KIN 385, KIN 6, KIN 5, who's dead now, KIN 167 is dead. KIN 171, he was brought over from Scotland on the boat, he committed suicide, he jumped over, body never found. Ehh, I knew KIN 300, but I don't know where he is, R 10. They're all I know...or can remember. Most of the boys I know...I do know they're all over. I know I heard...it was in the paper one time, there's 3 boys...or 3 people, I don't know where, I think they were from the area or somewhere, but I didn't recognise their names or faces, this was a long time ago. And then there was supposed to be somebody over from America saying, the house is still standing, why not flatten it. Sure what difference if you flatten it or not, the ground's still there, everybody would know exactly where it was. So, it doesn't make any difference. It's just the people have suffered that many times. There was supposed to be 365...well, sexually assaulted in that house, which is ridiculous from the 1960s right up to the late 70s or maybe the 80s.

Okay.

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Whenever it was closed. All I know, Joe Mains was done for it, Raymond Semple and John McGrath, who was supposed to be a leader of the Orange Order, some paramilitary thing or something, I don't know. Apart from that, don't know anybody else.

Okay. You, ehh, you told me quite a lot there. So, I'm just going to try and re-cap. If I make any...get anything wrong, just...just let me know. So, you said you went to... you were in a children's home from 1953 until 1965. I didn't catch the name of that children's home.

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It was a place called Child Haven.

Child Haven.

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It's, ehh, 2 miles from Donaghadee, half a mile from

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Millisle, which is now closed, but was changed...Child Haven closed, it was changed into a young offenders' place.

Okay.

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Now it's re-closed completely. I've been down to see it when it was the young offenders' place, well, I didn't know it was a young offenders' place 'cause I got in through the gate, the gates were wide open. [Inaudible] I [inaudible] the [inaudible] no. Right, we drove down and drove up. I knocked the door. Says, can I help you. I says, I'd like a look at the house again. Says, who are you. I says, I'm HIA 534/R 4, I used to live here, I practically rared here from 4½ years old to 16 year old. I just wanted to see what the place was like. I had a wee look round and that was it.

Okay.

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Then, say about 3 years ago, my brother...sorry, not three, 4 years ago, my brother came home. We went down...had a mobile home down in Millisle. I says, [redacted], we must go up there some day. Why don't you come down, I'll take you up. I went down one time to see him. He had a bungalow down facing [redacted]' ice-cream shop. Every time I went down I couldn't get in, he was either in bed or just couldn't get in through the gates because we didn't know how to...I says, auch, I'll walk back. I was waiting for a bus, says, auch, well, I have to wait for a bus, I'll walk up towards Millisle towards Donaghadee. Came to Child Haven and just dandered up and walked up the driveway [inaudible] but they weren't there. Walked up and somebody in the home [inaudible] the home, where are you going. I'm going up to see this. Auch, I know you, I'm HIA 534/R 4, I used to live here. Yeah. Says, you want to see the place. The place was derelict.

Right.

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All overgrown and all. I says, eh, not going to. I just thought I'd come up and have a look.

Okay.

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That's [inaudible] I went on home. That was it.

Okay. You basically then told me about an incident at Magilligan when you were up there with Mains, Semple

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and one other person.

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Ehh...

You named somebody.

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...a **KIN 384** came over, emm, Joe Mains drove a black Morris Minor at the time, and he [inaudible] inside the car on the beach at the time.

Okay.

HIA 534/R 4

Ehh, it got stuck in the water. So, **KIN 384**, he's appeared and he's got a Morris Minor, so, he's tried to come down to get the motor out, couldn't get it out. So, the Army had to come down...

Yeah.

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...and get the 2 vehicles out.

Okay. And then you talked about how whenever you returned they were missing somebody you knew.

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There was, ehh, 8...8 fellas...8 lads went to Castlerock for a swim, Castlerock or Downhill, something like that there, near... near the place anyhow. Around teatime they came back, there was seven of them. I says, there's one missing, Mr Mains. Who's that. You know **KIN 167**, my mate. And **KIN 171** says, are you sure. Aye, I don't see him. We checked everywhere. So, I said to him, what happened. Explained what happened, they had 3 feet of water...rock, 3 feet of water round him. They tried to get him off, but he wouldn't come off. Big wave hit him. That was it. Couldn't see him. And then they came up...the train...as I say, the train must have seen the body and they called the Police and mountain rescue, whatever it is. They came out and next thing...the next morning, the Police...later on that day, the Police just came out, we found one of your boys in the sea. But they were too late.

Okay.

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And as I say, **KIN 171**, who was coming back from Scotland and next thing I knew is somebody jumped overboard and it turned out...they checked the list and it was him. Suicide, just jumped off the back end of the boat where the [inaudible] was. Nothing...no trace of him.

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Okay. Emm, you then went on to talk about, emm, back... back in Kincora and, emm, Mains...

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Joe Mains.

...Joseph Mains, emm, touched you.

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Touched me, asked me to touch him.

Okay. And then you went on...just to continue...this is just to re-cap and we'll go into more detail in a wee second, but you then went on just to tell us about, emm, you know, how then 2 people approached an MP.

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There was **KIN 385** and **R 7**

Okay.

HIA 534/R 4

R 7 approached an MP, got no reply. Went to Gerry Fitt, may he rest in peace, as far as I know he's dead. But, emm, he...whatever happened it all came out.

Okay.

HIA 534/R 4

And I've been living the nightmare since. [Inaudible] every time and a Solicitor approached me about 3 months ago. I told my Solicitor, that's over and done with. Ehh, it's back out again. I said, well, why is it back out, it's all done, settled, dusted. Everybody got a claim through it, I got...he said, what did you get. I said, well, most people I know got about fifty grand. I got ten grand, so I did. Not that I'm worried. I didn't see it, I just gave it to my family. I wasn't worried about it. There's...when he approached me about that there, at the time [inaudible] out there it was in the paper,

[REDACTED]

Okay.

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But after that I was going through at the time, about 4 weeks ago, I was going into [REDACTED] with a friend of mine, I'll not mention the name 'cause he's nothing to do with Kincora or nothing, I was going in to get a bottle...a couple of bottles of drink, and this man stopped me. I don't know who he was, all I know he'd be about my

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height, 5 foot ten or so, fawn coat, fawn jeans, black shoes. And he started telling me about Kincora. I says, aye, I know. Well, he didn't tell me his name, I don't know what...why...I don't know if you're going to go to this interview or not, but if you are, just say what you have to say, but [inaudible] just be careful. I says, I'll just go and tell them what I can, it's 25 years since it happened, but I don't know who you are. You...I mean, you just stopped me. He probably knows me if [redacted]. But my brother, before I met him, was stopped by somebody who thought he...my brother was in Kincora. I don't know whether he threatened him or what [inaudible] anyhow. My brother didn't tell me this, my sister told me that... about this. But as I say, seen this man, he said, well, he got all the videos of it, he got all the reports, got tapes, CDs, everything downloaded. And the RUC just stuck it under the carpet. I said, look, Police are Police, they do their job and that's it. All right. Sometimes when you need a Policeman you can't get one, but when you do... and when you don't want them they're there for you. And you can't do that, can't take the law in your own hands.

Aha.

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Because it's just like me drinking and driving, done my drinking and driving, what was good...I didn't even know who it was, but apart from that, I don't know who this person was. That still is in my brain.

Okay.

HIA 534/R 4

Why he stopped me in broad daylight, I was going into [redacted], he standing there. He just stopped me.

Going into where?

HIA 534/R 4

[redacted]. It used to be in the..the In-Shops.

Right.

HIA 534/R 4

Just there, corner of...Saint George's Church there or something, big church there, just round the...corner of Church Lane there.

Okay. Emm, I'm just going to take you back, I'm just going to talk about the incident at Magilligan again, okay. Emm, I know it probably feels like we're repeating ourselves, it's just to get as much information, I'm going to ask a few questions about it, okay. Emm, the incident at

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Magilligan, just...just tell me about that bit again, about what happened at Magilligan.

HIA 534/R 4

We just went down to Magilligan, pitched tents. I didn't actually sleep in a tent, a big caravan down there, a gypsy caravan thing, I went down in that there. KIN 167 and all went down, had a look round, bone dry, ehh, good place to camp in here. They're sleeping in there, I'm not sleeping in there, can't sleep in there, somebody might own it. But got in the tents anyhow. I was doing the cooking, we were there for a fortnight. There was one day KIN 171 and I took the dog, a Lassie-type dog, you called it Lassie, went away up the hill and that big monument thing that's up there, had a look round there. Passed the day. Came back. I got the tea on, Big Joe Mains and Raymond Semple. After that, as I said, the boys went down to Magilligan...down to Castlerock or Downhill direction for a swim. I said, where's KIN 167. He's away with them. We were going to go for a walk, didn't happen. But...no, sorry, a week...the first week we went down we were down at...was it Coleraine or somewhere or Portrush, it's near...near there anyway. We went down to the amusements and we were all to meet up at 11 o'clock, Joe Mains would meet us at the railway station or somewhere. Emm, and ended up KIN 167 and KIN 167, me and KIN 171 ended up walking the whole way back to Magilligan 'cause we couldn't find it. We were soaked when we got to...And then, as I say, the next day, well, I've already said, they went down...swimming down in Castlerock. I didn't know KIN 167 was away, 'cause we were going to go round the beach, looking for stuff, you know, shells and stuff like that there. They were away, lunch time came, no sign of them; teatime came, still no sign. Next thing a big Army vehicle came up. Out they got. Found these boys down the road trying to get home. Oh, right. They all got out. Joe says, what's wrong. Where's my mate, KIN 167, he's not there. Not with them. He says, they went with him...them ones. Where's KIN 167. Ehh, be in the water somewhere. He stood on the rock, we were swimming and he was on a rock, couldn't get him off. Turned round and a wave must have hit him into the water, disappeared or the current took him away or whatever. And then the, as I say, the next day the train was coming down and they must have seen the body in the river and called the rescue out and they came out, got him on the...the stretcher, took him up by helicopter, freak wave...or freak wind hit the stretcher into the cliff and back into the water again. And that was it. They informed the Police again. The Police came out,

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seen us at the camp, like I wasn't actually at the camp at the time I was away round the hills playing with the rest of the lads. Said, eh, KIN 171 we're going to have to pick up camp. KIN 167 lying out there somewhere. That night, as I say, me and KIN 171 went along the beach with the torch and the dog. Couldn't find anything. Came back and that was it. And that's ruined my life.

What...what age were you at that time?

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Sixteen.

Sixteen.

HIA 534/R 4

Just turned sixteen.

What age was KIN 167.

HIA 534/R 4

Same age.

Same age. And how long had you known KIN 167?

HIA 534/R 4

I'd known KIN 167 around 2 weeks.

Okay. And was there any adults with him on this trip to...

HIA 534/R 4

Yeah, Joe Mains, Raymond Semple. I think McGrath was there, I can't remember if he was, I wouldn't have known who he was at the time.

Okay.

HIA 534/R 4

But then as I said, this other man came in a green Morris Minor. Joe's was black, his was green. Supposed to be a so-called KIN 384, something like that there. Haven't heard...haven't heard from him since. Never seen him, only seen him the once, so I have. The once but at the camp. I saw him in the...in the hostel doing relief work.

Okay.

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'Cause if Joe wanted to go out with say...I don't know whether he was going out with his girlfriend, or he had a girlfriend or what, that was all right there. There's one [inaudible] time and I left the hostel, I used to still go back to the hostel, why I used to go back is beyond myself, 'cause I knew the lads, I knew [redacted], she was the cook in there. Just went in and sat down and watched

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TV with me. And then Joe Mains's so-called fiancée was there, you called her **BAR 1**, talking away to. Do you like gardening. I says, I do. Well, I've got a house up in I think it was the [REDACTED] or somewhere. I'm going up the day. Go up there and you can stay overnight. I said, I want to do the garden. I was lying on the settee and next thing he came and tried to touch me. I said, right, that's it, I'm going. I just got up and I'd a fair idea where I was and how to get home. I think I went and...I think I lived in [REDACTED] at that time, I can't remember, somewhere round that area. But I left and the [REDACTED] takes you on to the dual carriageway. I said, I want to get over to [REDACTED]. It's that way...that way there. I just walked and looked. I got lost, but I cut through [inaudible] and all. I got back there all right.

Well, we'll come back to that [inaudible]. Just, ehh, regarding...back to the Magilligan bit, did you see the helicopter?

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No, I didn't see it.

Were you there or were you just told about it?

HIA 534/R 4

I was told about it. The helicopter was away down in Castlerock.

Okay. So, you didn't see...

HIA 534/R 4

No, I didn't see it...

...who was in the water or anything?

HIA 534/R 4

No...no. I was at the camp sure.

Okay. I'm just going to check with Sinead, see if there's any questions about this bit, okay. Just give us a wee second. [Interviewer leaves room].

[Returns]. Okay, **HIA 534/R 4**, emm, this guy, emm, **KIN 384** or [inaudible], emm...

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KIN 384

KIN 384. What did he do in Kincora?

HIA 534/R 4

He just like...like relief work.

Okay.

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He was just there when Joe Mains had a night off, he'd go away out and over to see his girlfriend or whatever, he'd a date. And he stayed there 'til they got...'til he gets back and when he comes back he just goes.

HIA 534/R 4

And how often did...would you have seen him?

HIA 534/R 4

I only seen him once in the hostel.

Only seen him once in the hostel?

HIA 534/R 4

Aha.

Other than...is that other than the time...

HIA 534/R 4

Other than the time I saw him at Magilligan.

Yes, you saw him once, he did relief once...

HIA 534/R 4

Aha.

...at the hostel, okay. How long were you in the hostel for?

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I was in the hostel for...in Kincora from about...I went in about June '65 or July '65. I know it was June...I know I left the hostel in June. Emm, I went [inaudible] Kincora, emm, I know I stayed there 'til about...I think about '65 round to about '67, yes, '67.

Okay.

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'Cause then I left, I says, I'm going. I just went.

Okay. Emm...

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I went down, I says, look, I saw my brother, I said, I want to come home and stay with you and mum and dad. I told dad what happened. Yeah, come down, yeah. They can't stop you...can't keep you in there if you don't want to. [Inaudible] the Police [inaudible]. Let the Police come down. [Inaudible] I ended up telling them what had happened, yeah.

Okay.

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But even though I said I'm going back and forward to save my mates.

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Emm, I'm just going to sort of go on to now just about your time in...in Kincora. Okay. So, emm, just tell us what happened actually in Kincora.

HIA 534/R 4

Emm, there I watched TV, played about, upstairs, big library. Went up there, no problem. Met...I met KIN 167 there, he was the first one I was introduced to. KIN 171, KIN 6, KIN 5, KIN 8 and R 10, KIN 300, [inaudible], KIN 385, R 7, R 17, there was another one, or somebody, or something like that there. Then a couple of young ones came in. I don't know, can't remember who they were. We all sat talking and all and one night, don't know whether it was me, I just sat up waiting to...if he was out I sat up, waiting on him coming in for to make him a cup of tea or something. Then I was in his, something like this here [inaudible]. And he started undressing. I says, I'm going to bed. No, stay there. He started playing about with me. Trying to kiss me and on the lips. I pulled away. Tried to put a hand...tried to put his hand down my pants. I started being sick, you know, kind of sick. I was frightened and didn't know what to do. I ended up he asked me to touch him [inaudible] I'd say I probably touched him, but you're too frightened [inaudible] scared of anything happening you. There was this other Policeman, I don't know whether he's still living or not. Thought he was a good friend, but didn't want to go against the Police 'cause I had friends, my school mate, he's a Policeman [inaudible]. When I was in Child Haven there was one there, he became a Policeman, didn't want to go against the Police.

What do you mean by you didn't want to go against the Police?

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Well, one...one person there, I've told you both involved in something, this ring or whatever the heck that this, sex ring or whatever it is. No, I don't know what you lot call it.

What was his name?

HIA 534/R 4

His name was OV 6, OV 6. He was stationed down in Mountpottinger. It's flattened now. I'm going years ago like. I haven't heard from him, I don't know if he's still living or what. But there was people coming and going every day only I don't know who they were. was the cook.

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That's okay. That's someone just clicking. Not sure what that is. Emm, what did [REDACTED] OV 6 do?

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He's a Police...oh, he didn't do anything that I know of. Just saw him coming in and out.

You saw him coming in and out.

HIA 534/R 4

Aha. I knew him from Strandtown like. [Inaudible]. I got to know the Police, [inaudible] I was bad, terrible [inaudible] but I wasn't. I was actually washing cars and fixing bikes and all. But I think that was at night time. But apart from that.

Emm...

HIA 534/R 4

It was only when the Kincora thing came out at Stormont. I used to work for a man called [REDACTED], you probably know him, he's an ex-cop. He was [inaudible] safe security. I asked to stay with him, stayed in his house with the kids and all, well, didn't have kids then. Stayed there, did security work for him, [inaudible] safe security all over the place. Took me off security, gave me a place on his own...a wee small place of my own. Stayed there, did the gardens and all. For about 35 years I worked for him. [Inaudible] although I didn't drive on the roads I drove the cars on the...his property.

Aha.

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Washing them and keeping them clean and tidy. Then doing housework and all for him and her. I'd do the washing and ironing. Maybe do some cooking. Then went and got married and went on my honeymoon. After the wedding we'd nowhere to come back and when this Kincora thing came out there was a Constable, a very close friend of mine, and his son and his missis, he was shot dead doing his rounds at night time [inaudible] morning, [inaudible] it was. And this fella called KIN 62 [REDACTED] used to go out with him, used to be mates and [REDACTED] and KIN 62 was up [inaudible] doing plastering work. [REDACTED] had a boat up there, he was getting it fixed up there. KIN 62 had a boat down in Killyleagh somewhere. And he was out delivering warrants and he happened to read the warrants and he said to [REDACTED] said, where are we going next, da, [REDACTED] [inaudible]. And he must have been looking at it and next thing I knew I was in court, Sexually Assault against a Child of Seven. Here's

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me, what the hell's going on here. I never touched anybody because I've been reared with friggin' kids, I've brothers and sisters, all my mates are with me. I never laid a finger on anybody. Taken to court, says, eh, KIN 62 [REDACTED] said you sexually assault his young son on the farm. The only farm I know is that [inaudible] and that's not a farm, it's just private property. Says, did you touch him. No, probably I've been playing about the place with him, I probably touched him, but it wasn't that type of thing.

Aha.

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And that was it, I was sent to, what do you call that place...down in Magilligan again. Only this is the prison camp down there or whatever. I was in Crumlin Road for a while and then they sent me...sent me from there to Magilligan. That's the time I really wanted to kill myself. I would...was in Crumlin Road, I wrote a letter to [REDACTED] stating what happened. Never got a reply from him. [Inaudible]. But after all that, when the case was settled and we were...I was in the court, the judgement court, and he said, this is [inaudible] mean, it's a court that's in parliament buildings or wherever the hell it is. And I looked up, you had the crowd all up in the balcony and I said to my Solicitor, I said, I've got a problem. I'm in here for [inaudible] and this other thing's come out as well. Yeah. Well, the person that brought me up for this...this sexually assault or whatever it is [inaudible] in court. [Inaudible]. Wise up there, that was it. My case for a claim for Kincora was cut, I was supposed to get ten thousand, but he got so much [inaudible] put this in with Kincora, from what I know. So, he made money, I got 12 months...or 2 years in prison, but I think I ended up serving like 6 months or something like that there. I was in Crumlin Road, I was threatened in there, not only by inmates, by a Prison Officer. [Inaudible]. I did my time, that was it. I got through it.

Just to...just to bring you back to, emm, the incident you're talking about in Kincora, when you were touched up, who...who was it that was touching you?

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Joe Mains.

Joe Mains. And what was Joe Mains' role at Kincora?

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He was the boss. He was the head man [inaudible].

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And was there anybody else there at the time?

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Raymond Semple.

He was...was he...

HIA 534/R 4

He was his assistant. He was assistant.

Was he in the room at the time of it?

HIA 534/R 4

No. He was upstairs...he'd his room upstairs.

Okay. Can you sort of describe to me exactly what Joe Mains did?

HIA 534/R 4

Well, he just put his hand down and touched round my privates.

Okay.

HIA 534/R 4

[Inaudible]. Tried to kiss me on the lips and I wouldn't let him. He asked me to touch him, I thought I would just put my hand down and just touch him and that'd be it.

And you say he touched your privates, what do you mean by that?

HIA 534/R 4

Touched me on my penis.

Okay.

HIA 534/R 4

Tried to play with me.

Okay. And did you touch his penis?

HIA 534/R 4

Well, I probably did, but I didn't know what I was doing, he says, touch mine. [Inaudible].

And what age were you at the time?

HIA 534/R 4

Sixteen.

Sixteen. And how many times did this happen?

HIA 534/R 4

Twice.

Twice. Okay. And the second time it happened, was there anybody else there that time?

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No.

And whereabouts in the...Kincora did it happen?

HIA 534/R 4

Well, you go into his office and he got a wee side apartment, he'd an apartment, it was in there. We'd go in there and just talk away.

Right. Now, you told about the first time it happened, how did it end?

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I just walked out. I says no, I'm going to bed. [Inaudible] and went to bed.

And the second time how did it end?

HIA 534/R 4

It was the same thing. I shouted for somebody, I says [inaudible] go in, I went in, but then as far as I know somebody had come into the room and it was one of the boys looking for something. [Inaudible] Mr Mains or looking me. I don't know, but it just stopped and I went out.

Okay. And did you discuss it with anybody at the time?

HIA 534/R 4

Who could I talk to? I said has that ever happened to you. It's happening to everybody daily. We can't do anything.

Who said that to you?

HIA 534/R 4

One of the boys.

One of the boys. Was that at the time it was talked...

HIA 534/R 4

Aha.

...he said that to you. Did you see it happen to anybody else?

HIA 534/R 4

No, didn't see it happening. I know there was, ehh, you know, one lad there, he was gay anyway and he was doing things with other boys as well. He tried to do it with me in the toilet. And I said, no.

Who was that?

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Ehh, a R 18.

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What did he try to do?

HIA 534/R 4

He tried to touch me up. Says, I'll pay you. Said, nah. I want out of this damn place. I got really frightened, I didn't know what to do. I'd nowhere to go, I'd no money and I know my bank book or whatever it is, [inaudible] it was in the safe and if I could get that safe open I'd get that. Couldn't do it. Until one day Joe says, go and get your bank book. It's in your office, it was in the safe. I can't open it, there's the key. That key there. Put it in, took it out and looked through it. I don't think that much was in it, those days money was money like. I said, what do you want it for. I'm going to have to get... Raymond's going to take you out and get you some clothes. Here's me, Raymond. Aye, that's the other man [inaudible] shopping, came back. All you need's a suitcase. There's a suitcase, that's yours. That's all right. I don't know what day it was or how I done it, but I said, I'm leaving. Where are you going to go. I'm going down the road. I was just like, I'm going down to my mum and dad, my brother's there. Oh, you can't go there, I'm not allowing you. My brother had come up a couple of times to see me in the hostel. [Inaudible] and then somebody said, you stay away, we'll get the Police. He came back up, next thing I know Police is called and my brother was told to stay away. I think that's the time my father... when I told my father about what happened. [Inaudible]. So, he came up, says, you're coming home and that was it. You know, I went back and forth to see my friends, but I just gradually [inaudible] off. But I moved away from that area, as I say, I lived in [redacted]. I was up in the big house up on the hill and I was down seeing my brother the month of August, back and forth, looking after their 2 boys, they're at each other's throats, we went fishing and all, came back and my flat was totally wrecked. Get out. Then the Police got me a flat and once I got into that flat I never went out. Never out of that house for over 5 years at least, stayed in the house. The only time I went out, down, signed the bru, go down, get my Giro, to the Post Office, to the shops, got stuff out of the bakery, the butcher and grocers and all, got tobacco and all. Into my flat and that was me.

Okay.

HIA 534/R 4

Never went out once. Sat...had a chair, table and a deck of cards, played Solitaire. Over 600 games each day and like, no TV...electric...put whatever I could on the electric but once the electric went out, that was it.

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Okay. Emm, can you just tell us about then the...the gardening job you had?

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Ehh, Joe Mains' wife says, do you like gardening. I says, I love gardening. Big garden [inaudible] that's how I got [inaudible] gardening. Went up and did...weeded their garden, back and front and all over. Then that night he came down and he said, I want to ride you. [Inaudible]. He tried to touch me up, his wife...or fiancée had come down [inaudible]. I want out of here, he tried to...tried if off with me. I want out, I'm going. [Inaudible]. I'm not staying here. Okay. Got my coat. How are you getting home. I'll just have to walk it, I don't know my way from this, but I know I'm on [redacted], I can get myself on to the dual carriageway heading towards [redacted], I'll be all right. And she says, have you any money. I said, no, damn all. Did he not pay you. No, he hasn't paid me, doing gardening and washing cars for nothing. So, she gave me something, I don't know how much it was. I said, right, I'm away. And that was it. I have seen the house since. It's only the time I was brought up for that sexually assault was the time I saw him in court. Well, not court, you know the way you go down underneath from the Crumlin Road jail and you go underneath to the court, I seen him sitting there. He walked by, head up in the air. Then I seen another man, [inaudible], I know him too, and he was a Policeman. Here's me, son, what are you doing here. I thought he would have been on duty or something. No, I'm dismissed from the Police. There's something funny going on here. Then we had Raymond Semple going in and then this baldy man that I didn't know was McGrath 'cause I only seen him a couple of times. The next thing I knew he was done...McGrath was done, he was done. Semple was done and then I find out this [redacted] I knew in Strandtown Police Station, KIN 235 [redacted], turned out he's sexually assaulting, which he as nothing to do with Kincora, not that I knew of like. And that's... since then, since that court case was over I tried going [inaudible]. See every time I walked by...by the Samaritans, I can't.

The...the time you did the gardening job, what...what... when...or when was this that you were offered the job?

HIA 534/R 4

It wasn't actually a full-time job, it was just tidying up.

But when was it?

HIA 534/R 4

Through the summertime.

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What year, do you know?

HIA 534/R 4

Ehh, it was 19...aye, I remember about...between '66 and '67.

And were you still a resident?

HIA 534/R 4

I was still a resident in the hostel.

Okay. And what did you call Mains' girlfriend?

HIA 534/R 4

BAR 1.

BAR 1.

HIA 534/R 4

Don't know her last name but. Good looking woman like. Nice to talk to. Got on well with her. They were both engaged from, as I say, Joe Mains drove a Morris Minor Thousand, then that was taken away, he must have got rid of that and he got a lovely car, I can still see it in my face, Sunbeam Alpine, two-tone blue and white metallic. He got that. And that was kept in the garage behind the...the house, so it was.

And you went...this was when you went to work in the summer on the [REDACTED]?

HIA 534/R 4

[REDACTED].

[REDACTED], sorry.

HIA 534/R 4

They had a house up there.

Okay.

HIA 534/R 4

You just go up the hill and it's on the brow of the hill somewhere.

Okay.

HIA 534/R 4

I went up after all that happened, after the Kincora happened and all. I went up by that way for a walk through the [REDACTED] and I went up, couldn't even figure out where it was.

Okay. Emm, and who all was in the house that night?

HIA 534/R 4

Me, him and her.

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Okay. And whereabouts did you sleep?

HIA 534/R 4

Downstairs, the settee.

On the settee.

HIA 534/R 4

Aha.

Okay. And when he came down were you asleep or awake?

HIA 534/R 4

I think I was sleeping at the time, can't remember.

Do you know what time it was?

HIA 534/R 4

It was late.

Emm...

HIA 534/R 4

I think it was about between half one and two.

And was there anybody else with him at the time?

HIA 534/R 4

No. She was upstairs. Here's me, what do you want. Just down for a cup of tea and a chat. Well, I'm trying to sleep. [Inaudible]. I come up and I do the garden, tidy up for you and I'm not doing anything, touch me once and I walk through that door. And then she must have come down and says, what's wrong. I want out of here, he's trying to touch me up, you're his girlfriend. I want to go and I want to go now. It is near half two...3 o'clock in the morning. I'm not worried, I want out of here.

Okay. And what did she say when you said there he...he tried to touch me up?

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[Inaudible] says, I don't think he'd do that. I says, it's already happened before in Kincora. I was still in Kincora like.

You told her it happened before in Kincora?

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I said it happened before in Kincora.

Okay.

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And you know it's happened before 'cause I've been told that you were there [inaudible] can't pretend this



happened, but I don't know who's [inaudible]. You're in and out. From what I knew, [redacted] was supposed to have been involved in all that scandal, too, but I don't see how she was.

Who was [redacted] ?

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She was the [redacted].

The [redacted]

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Did the cooking and all.

I'm just going to ask...okay, just going to check with Sinead and see if there's any questions about this wee bit I need to ask. [Interviewer leaves room].

[Returns]. Emm, just to talk about **BAR 1** emm, you said she was there all the time and you said that, you know, she was aware of what was going on. How do you know she knew what was going on?

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You know, just going on what people were talking about. As I say, she was something to do with him, I thought she was a Welfare Officer at first.

Aha.

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Didn't know she was his partner. His partner, which he's doing...playing with us, trying to touch us up. I don't know. But all I would say is she's... the times she was in and out **OV 6** was in and out 'cause they were all drinking partners.

Okay.

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OV 6 went home one night with Joe and **BAR 1**. That was how I got in real bother, **OV 6**. [Inaudible] this is **BAR 1** [inaudible] that's **OV 6**. I know him, heard the name before, even in Strandtown. I know him through another Policeman I know, [redacted] Dog Handler. I knew [redacted] and most of the Policemen that worked in Strandtown. I even met the Chief Constable one time up in [inaudible], [redacted]. Met him.

Okay. Emm, with **OV 6**, what was he wearing when he was in?

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Just clothes, something like Columbo would wear.

Aha.

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Would remind you of Columbo.

Did he ever wear a uniform?

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Nah, I never seen him in uniform. Never seen a uniformed Policeman in that place in his life.

You never saw a uniformed Policeman?

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No, not...not in there.

Like in Kincora? Okay.

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[Inaudible] like...or not Kincora, what do you call that, the [inaudible] Centre, aye, you've been living in the [inaudible] Centre. Two of them were in there, never out of there.

Okay. Did you, emm, did anybody else ever tell you about what was going on at the time?

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Aye, a couple of boys says, sure I've been touched up, I've been this and that. We can't do anything about it. So, we just get on with our lives, just day to day doing things, got a job, I worked for the council...or I've...they got me a job in some place in Broadway, a workshop for the blind, making barrels. When you see those barrels sitting outside pubs, I made things like that. Lasted for about a couple of months and got a job in the council, road sweeping and all. I was working for [redacted], way down at Bridgend. Working all over the place, jobs here, there and everywhere.

Did...did you ever tell any adults about what was going on at the time?

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Scared to. Sure they wouldn't believe you. They wouldn't believe you, so...even to this day. [Inaudible] he did this, he did that. Auch, you're only...it's all in your mind. What can you do?

Did you have a Social Worker at the time?

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Not that I know of, didn't know anything about Social Workers. Well, I knew when I got inside [inaudible] just

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members of staff. Or wee women doing a job like the way you do your job and your wife, she does hers. But I was happy enough in Child Haven. Out every day. Even my sister says to this day how you remember...how we remember a time we went down and all. And I says, [REDACTED]...my brother, [REDACTED] was coming home from [REDACTED] and we says, [REDACTED] we remember a time when we went...do you remember what day we down. I haven't got a clue, we'll ask your brother, [REDACTED]. Do you remember. I says, aye, [REDACTED]. Let's go up there, 25th June 1953, it was 5 o'clock. How do you remember. It's easy. What happened on the 25th June 1953. The year of the coronation.

Aha.

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Queen's coronation. And let's go up there. I am sixty-six now. I don't know what age she'd be then for she's still living, she's in a nursing home in [REDACTED]

Okay.

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'Cause I was...I lived in the [inaudible] Centre. I was talking to one of the staff there. I forget what you call her, young staff. She says, I know that woman. She's still living. [Inaudible]. You're too...you're far too young to know anything about [inaudible]. Auch, she was a [inaudible] had to go through that day. We had to go through a Police thing, go to the Police training school and learn things there, hospitals, everything. I don't...I don't know. But it just goes on and on.

Okay. I'll just check with Sinead. I think we've covered everything. I'll just double check with Sinead, then we'll finish up, okay. [Interviewer leaves room].

[Returns]. Okay, [REDACTED], I think that's us covered everything. Before you finish off is there anything else you want to tell us?

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Aye, coffee.

Coffee?

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I told her coffee, sugar, milk.

No problem.

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And a wee brandy.



Emm, the time just by my phone is 1237.

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STATEMENT OF HIA 534/R 4 TO THE TRIBUNAL OF ENQUIRY

HIA 534/R 4
[REDACTED]

I am now aged [REDACTED] and was born on [REDACTED]. My closest family is my mother and father who live at [REDACTED] where they have always lived. I have [REDACTED] brothers and [REDACTED] sister. I was the [REDACTED] youngest of the family. When I was a child I was put in Childhaven Orphanage Home. At this time I was told that my mother was in hospital and that my father couldn't cope with [REDACTED] of us. I was aged [REDACTED] I think. This is what I was told. Many years later I found a letter which indicated that my mother and father had at that time split up. Four of us altogether were put in care. The two eldest stayed at home with my father in [REDACTED]. The four of us all went to Childhaven which is about half a mile from Millisle. I believe this was about 1953. During my time at Childhaven I received no visits from my father. He never called except on one occasion when I didn't see him. My mother called about 10 times in 12 years. It was my brothers who came down more frequently. One was the eldest who was in Childhaven. He is now [REDACTED] years.

When I was at Childhaven I went to Millisle Primary School and I also attended some kind of school for backward children. This was in [REDACTED]. I had difficulty in reading and writing and also in talking. I attended both schools. I went to the school in [REDACTED] at about 3 or 4 p.m. I then attended [REDACTED] Secondary School where I didn't do too well. After I had finished school my reading was poor, my speech was not too bad but I had difficulty in writing. This time when I was about 15 I had very few people apart from my brothers who were close to me. I liked the matron and staff at Childhaven but after I left I only saw them when I went down to see the others of my family who were still

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there. I think I went to Kincora in 1965. I actually wanted to go home because my brother [REDACTED] was there but I got no choice since I was told I had no choice. It was arranged for me to go to Kincora but I couldn't get a job. There was no job for me there and that was the situation for the first few months. During this time I occasionally visited at home and also went down to Childhaven on Sundays. That was because my sister [REDACTED] who was aged about [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] was there.

I think it was a Miss Beacom who was the Social Worker responsible for me in Belfast. When I arrived at Kincora I did not get on very well with the other boys. They treated me as if I were different. I remember the home as being very strict. I was beaten for being in late. This was with a leather strap which was kept in the Head Warden's bedroom. I believe I was beaten about ten times. This was quite severe and I used to be marked. It mainly happened because I was in late. I got a tip-off to rub grease on before it happened and this helped. I thought I was picked on. I was not popular with the other boys and they started picking on me.

I got friendly with one boy who was called KIN 167. He was a year older. This was after some time in the home. But in August 1965 while we were at Magilligan Camp this boy KIN 167 was killed in a drowning accident. It was after this I felt very depressed and I simply sat in the home. The staff including Mr. Semple encouraged me to go out but I would just sit around. I got into trouble for that. They were trying to get me to go out. The only thing I would do would be I would go to see my mother and father and my brother [REDACTED] would come up home with me. On one occasion the warden chased my brother and told me not to go near my mother's again. My brother [REDACTED] was ordered away or the warden said he would get the police. I think this was before the warden started to interfere with me, but I may be unsure about times. I have described to

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the Police in my statement to them the treatment I received at the hands of the staff in Kincora. Before I went to Kincora I had not received any sex education. There had been none at Childhaven or at school. Since I had no girlfriends and when it first happened to me I was not sure whether it was wrong or right. I was very nervous. I kept what was happening to me quiet from the other boys but I got very worried about it. I was worrying about what the future would be. I did not talk to the other boys because I was worried and because I did not find it easy to get on with them.

As regards Social Workers I remember seeing Miss Beacon about six times over 15 months. She did ask me about whether I liked the home, and I can't remember exactly what I said but I believe I would have said I was unhappy. I wanted to go to my parents. I had asked the Warden but he told me my home was dirty. I think in September I got a job as a Sheet Metal Worker. I had no other friends. There was no one outside apart from Willie who was one year older. I couldn't talk to my father or my mother, and I still can't. When I spoke to Miss Beacon these visits would take place in the office in Kincora. The Warden was always there any time Miss Beacon was in the office. The visits lasted from 30 minutes to one hour. I was scared to tell what was happening to me because I was scared of Joe Maynes. I was frightened of being put in Rathgael. Apart from the visits by Miss Beacon I did not have any other visits from the Welfare. I was never aware of persons coming in who were from the Warden's employers.

As my treatment went on I started to accept it. I stayed up to make tea and sandwiches for visitors who came in to see Joe Maynes. He would often appear to have been drinking. As regards visits for inspecting the hostel I can remember one person coming in. This was a man called **KIN 342**. He did not speak to me and I really was not aware of what he was doing. Throughout the time I was at Kincora I was unhappy and worried.

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I was not popular and believed I was picked on by the other boys. At the start I was also picked on by the staff. I never complained because I was worried about what would happen to me if I did. I was very worried about being put in Rathgael. I do not remember any outside visitors who came to the hostel to whom I could complain. I did not speak to Miss Beacon because of worry about the Warden finding out and what he would do to me. During the time I was there there was no one who was in authority apart from the staff to whom I would have thought of speaking. At no time did any one ever attempt to find out how I was being treated in the hostel and I do not remember any occasion when I was on my own with Miss Beacon. As far as I can remember all her visits took place during the first time I was in Kincora.

I now live on my own. Since I left Kincora I had one satisfactory relationship with a girl which lasted two years. This broke up because of publicity about Kincora and her attitude to it. Since then I have been helped by the Samaritan organisation.

Signed:

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PSYCHIATRIC REPORT re MR. HIA 534/R 4 [REDACTED]

INTRODUCTION: -

This report was requested by Trevor Smyth & Co., Solicitors, 16 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4LB. I interviewed HIA 534/R 4 for the purposes of this report on 11th June 1983 for an hour and twenty minutes and took a psychiatric history and examined his mental state. I have also studied a copy of a statement he has made to the Police concerning his time in Kincora between June 1965 and August 1966 as well as a list from [REDACTED] of three offences which brought him before Magistrates' Courts in 1980 and 1981. *subling*

HISTORICAL INFORMATION: -

HIA 534/R 4 was in an orphanage from when he was four until he was sixteen. He was told that his mother had gone into hospital but he thinks he later discovered that the parents were temporarily separated. He was [REDACTED] in a family of [REDACTED]. Two older brothers stayed in Belfast with the father, but HIA 534/R 4 and the two brothers just older than himself and his younger sister went into care at Childhaven, Millisle. He says he enjoyed the twelve years there and he stated that they were all well looked after. His brothers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had left early. [REDACTED] got a job in a [REDACTED] and then started as a trainee [REDACTED]. Willie was serving his time as a [REDACTED]. There was doubt as to whether HIA 534/R 4 on leaving Childhaven, would be able to become a painter/decorator as he apparently wished. He didn't know what job he would be able to get at the time he learned he would be going to stay in a boys' home. His brothers had returned to the family home and at that stage [REDACTED] the eldest of those who had been in Childhaven, was leaving home to live in a flat. He doesn't know why he didn't at that stage go back to his own home. His parents were together again and had been visiting Childhaven on a regular basis. He emphasised how he liked Childhaven where he got on well with everyone and he regarded the discipline there as "dead on".

He recalled the day the Matron of Childhaven and his young sister [REDACTED] brought him to Kincora. He may have cried as they left and said that he wanted to go back with his sister, but the Warden, Mr. Mains, reassured him and said that he would see his sister when he had settled into the new place.

At that stage he had no job arranged. He recalled the first evening having tea at 6 p.m. and watching television. In the mornings he would sit about the house and he was allowed to go out and was indeed signing on as unemployed. He did get a job as a [REDACTED] for a couple of months, but seemingly he gave it up after sustaining a blister. He generally sat up until the time the Warden would be coming in whereas the eight other residents would generally have gone to bed at that time. He mentioned one night how the Warden came in. Apparently they had a cup of tea. He alleges that the Warden asked him to massage his back and then his chest and he alleges that as he did so the Warden kept saying "go lower". He says he refused to massage the man's penis and just walked out but there was a similar experience a couple of days later and he was made to massage the Warden's penis. He alleged that this happened about six times during the fourteen months he was there. His reaction was that he felt very frightened and off balance and very nervous. He thinks his heart may have been thumping or

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he may have been sweating. He did not feel sexually aroused himself by the experience. He also mentioned that sometime after he had sustained a cut there was something like a plaster around his left thigh and the Warden on a pretext of examining or changing the plaster started interfering with his genitals and after some persuasion he let the Warden masturbate him. This apparently took place about four times altogether. As far as I can make out HIA 534/R 4 did not discuss these matters with other residents at the time but he told me he later discussed what had happened with residents who were there after he had left. He mentioned discussing it with one such resident and I see from his statement to the Police that he admitted having a physical relationship with this boy. He seems to have been a frequent visitor to Kincora for a long time after he left there. His overall impression of the Warden was that he wasn't the man he thought he was. He said that he had thought well of him initially. He expressed the opinion that the Warden "must be bisexual as he was getting engaged and I was to go to his wedding". Apparently that wedding did not take place.

Apparently after he left Kincora he went back to reside with his parents and did not tell them anything until the Police investigation started in 1980. He mentioned being interrogated for about two days at Mountpottinger R.U.C. Station although apparently four others who had been resident were kept for shorter periods of time. He said that in 1980 he was shocked at the way it all came out and that he was also shocked on learning that such things were apparently happening in the place as early as 1961. He claimed to have "more or less forgotten my own experiences". He told me he had been out of work since about 1980. The longest period of steady employment he had had was for the previous four years on a safe security job. He alleged that when he was part-time in the [REDACTED] he wanted to join the R.U.C. Reserves but was told he would first have to resign from [REDACTED]. He says he applied for the R.U.C. Reserves then, but "got no word".

I asked him about any trouble he had had with the law. He said he was at a party in a friend's house once and was drunk and took ten pounds from a friend's wife's purse. He claimed that his attitude was "wait and see what she says". The alleged joke backfired because she "didn't know" and went to the Police. He said he was in prison for about a week about 1979 (but his criminal record report suggests that his short periods of imprisonment were somewhat later).

Back on the subject of his revisiting Kincora he admitted that physical relationships took place between himself and at least one or two Kincora residents at times when he was back visiting when he was about twenty-two. However there were no further physical relationships between the Warden and himself. He told me that he used to go back to visit the Warden, but if the Warden were to go out he would just stay in "and keep an eye on the place and be sure there was no nonsense". HIA 534/R 4 says that he is a moderate consumer of alcohol but that he may have been a much heavier drinker in the past and he has apparently experienced blackouts but no hallucinations. However he says that he can remember only one time when he was "paralytic" drunk. He says that he believes in God but that he has had no religious attachment for a very long time. He was baptised a Presbyterian, but brought up a "Methodist".

Psychosexual History. HIA 534/R 4 had no formal sex instruction and as he recalls it was something that in his early teenage years he was not even thinking about. He first recalls masturbating just about the time he arrived at Kincora. Wet dreams were occurring about three or four times a month. When he started masturbating he was not always thinking of anything in particular, but he had been looking at books or possibly a girlie magazine given to him by one of the other boys.

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Seemingly masturbation took place about once a week for about three months. Then came the homosexual experience at Kincora much of which already has been detailed. He says he had a steady girlfriend from some time after he left Kincora - from July 1968 until September 1970. He was then working in [REDACTED]. He was actually living in her parents home and they were engaged. He said they had had intercourse on few occasions when they had been engaged a year. He claimed that they were "just waiting until she was the age to get married". Apparently one Sunday he got up and her parents had the dinner ready. The mother said to him "there is your dinner". He alleges that as he ate the dinner the girl shouted at him "put the kettle on" and he said "put it on yourself". She apparently rushed down the stairs and threw his ring at him. He alleges that she got married to someone else very soon after that. A couple of weeks later he learned that she had been two timing him for some time and that she was pregnant - "she is England separated or divorced and living with someone else". He says he went with one other girl for four months at a later stage. There was no intercourse - "I wouldn't try to force a girl". Altogether he apparently has had heterosexual intercourse about twelve times. He described the experience as having been "alright each time". One of the relationships was with a divorcee - he was going with her for about three or four months. Apparently he had a homosexual boyfriend for about six years between when he was twenty-seven and thirty-three. This apparently involved mutual masturbation. He says he has had homosexual experience with three people since he was twenty-five but that there has been no such experience for a year. Masturbation sometimes now occurs with homosexual fantasy in relation to the six year relationship. He regards himself as "bisexual". I asked him what his attitude to possible treatment was and his answer was "what treatment is there?". However he said that if there were treatment he would go and have it. Other detail of homosexual experience included a passive role in buggery - he thinks this was three times - once after he left the Hostel (his statement to the Police suggests that such experience (both passive and active) occurred rather more often after he left the Hostel). He mentioned being once kissed on the lips by the Warden in a hallway at Kincora and not liking the experience. He said no violence had been used towards him there except on an occasion when an assistant at Kincora beat him with a strap for coming in late.

He told me that he wanted to take action against the Board and that he had been advised to do this by the Sussex Police. He said however that he was scared of walking the streets and that death threats had occurred three times (apparently because of his having given information to the Police).

CURRENT EXAMINATION: -

Mental State: - There was a slight tremor of his hands. He grimaced a little. He was tense. His expression was strained and his brow was furrowed. His palms were cold and very moist. However his pulse rate was only marginally raised at 78/minute compared with the normal 72/minute.

DIAGNOSTIC FORMULATION: -

This [REDACTED] old man presents with a chronic anxiety stage largely, or at least initially, attributable to concern about his sexual orientation and identity.

OPINION: -

I had read part of the statement to the Police before I examined **HIA 534/R 4** and have studied that document in detail subsequently and indeed I used the document for

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reference when I was asking him some questions. Having studied the Police document and also having interviewed HIA 534/R 4 for an hour and twenty minutes I find it possible to make a reasonably good attempt at evaluating what the impact of the Kincora experience on HIA 534/R 4 may have been. The fact remains that it is seventeen years since he left the place and it goes without saying that a clinical history obtained after such a duration may not have the same reliability as one taken say within a year or two after his leaving Kincora.

Before giving an opinion on the information in the clinical history I must make a comment on its reliability. I accept that vagueness as to what he recalls about sexual matters before the alleged interference started is understandable. He was from what was as far as he was concerned a broken home and had liked Childhaven very much. Transfer from such a supportive place to an unknown institution would in itself have been quite anxiety-provoking and the transfer was in contrast to the two brothers just older than HIA 534/R 4 going back to the family home and having jobs. My impression as to what he describes of his experience at Kincora when he was resident there is that the experiences were real and clear enough for him to have a fairly clear memory of them as well as their being fairly certain to cause emotional trauma and condition him or further predispose him towards a homosexual lifestyle. My impression is that his account of what happened is in general accurate whether or not the fullest details he might give could be relied upon in view of the passage of time or his wanting to hold back any parts of the information he has (his account of his sexual experiences over the following seventeen years is necessarily sketchy and consequently somewhat less reliable but it is of course very important since his behaviour after leaving Kincora can be evaluated in relation to what happened when he was resident there).

What would his sexual orientation have been but for what is alleged to have happened between the Warden and HIA 534/R 4 in 1966? His account in as far as it is reliable suggests that his sexual drive may be about the lower limit of normal range. This is in particular suggested by the history of physical aspects of the relationship with the girl to whom he was engaged. If the extent of their physical relationship was limited as he says this is not so likely to have been based on religious or moral grounds but rather on a basis of indifference or inadequacy in relation to her. It does appear (if his history is genuine) that after the end of that relationship he drifted more definitely towards a homosexual lifestyle.

Neither his adolescent fantasy life or anything else suggests that he is predominantly or exclusively homosexual by nature but his basic personality seems to an extent inadequate - both sexually and in a general way. It can be seen how individuals who are sexually inadequate can find an experience such as a broken engagement (involving rejection) very traumatic. He did have further opportunity of associating with women (and to an extent he did have some further heterosexual relationships). However in recent years such relationships as he has had have been predominantly homosexual.

The most vital question I have to answer in relation to this man's legal action is whether or how much his life has been permanently affected by what happened in Kincora in 1966.

At the age of sixteen he appears to have been rather vulnerable and insecure despite the very supportive upbringing he had had at Childhaven. Indeed such a supportive upbringing may have left him somewhat dependent and e.g. tending to sit up at nights waiting for the Warden to come in - with the alleged regrettable consequences which ensued. The actual experiences appear, from the history, to have been emotionally traumatic and it is possible but not certain that a long term effect has been his developing a less heterosexual and a more homosexual lifestyle.

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(even if all this occurs in a setting of general and sexual inadequacy).

It is indeed nearly impossible to say to what extent the experiences of 1966 affect **HIA 534/R 4** today. My impression is that it is likely (But not certain) that but for the experience he would not by now have drifted into what in recent years has been a predominantly homosexual lifestyle. However the passage of time necessarily somewhat impairs the validity of this conclusion.

The Sussex Police apparently advised him towards litigation and this of course is how I come to have seen him for the purposes of this report. It is possibly more important however that he be evaluated at a psychosexual clinic as to possible motivation and general suitability for treatment of his psychosexual problems. Accordingly I have written to his family doctor suggesting that he be referred to that Clinic.

SIGNED:

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A But one must find, in listening to the witnesses -- and one is not criticising them for this -- that they can elaborate on their statements. It can create a new situation as far as clients are concerned. This is the problem that I put to the tribunal, in the hope that satisfactory arrangements that will not delay the tribunal's work could be worked out.

THE CHAIRMAN: We will work something out.

B MR KENNEDY: I wonder, Mr Chairman, whether it would be acceptable to have the witness called and to preserve in Mr Smith the right to have him recalled for cross-examination purposes. At the moment Mr Smith has been very frank in explaining his difficulty and explaining that he is not, for obvious reasons, certain what way his cross-examination would tend. It would rather get things out of order if we were to put off this particular witness at the moment because we would not be very sure when Mr Smith would be in a position to obtain instructions and to indicate when he would be ready to cross-examine. If Mr Smith would find that acceptable then we might take his evidence, and, especially as we are in camera, we might take his evidence now.

C MR SMITH: I must say, Mr Chairman, I understand the good intentions of my learned friend. I have to say that I do not really like that idea of listening to a witness giving his evidence without knowing, in my mind, where possible areas of conflict with my client might arise. I appreciate that we have a transcript and so on. But if that is the only course that facilitates the tribunal's work I would not object.

D THE CHAIRMAN: We will always help you in any way we can. You know that. But I think in this particular instance that we are forced into a corner. I think that is what we shall have to do. There are a good many reasons. I think that is what we have to do. I will promise you now that I will give you representation. I should like you to represent that lady. We will see what HIA 534/R 4 says. It may be that the difficulties you envisage, and which all counsel must envisage, may not be as considerable as you think.

E MR SMITH: Thank you, Mr Chairman.

MR FEE: In those circumstances, Mr Chairman, I will call HIA 534/R 4

HIA 534/R 4 called and sworn

F MR GILLEN: As far as HIA 534/R 4 is concerned, you will be hearing evidence that HIA 534/R 4 has, for example, attended a backward school. In the course of his education at secondary school you will hear evidence that he was in the bottom stream. In fact they had to form a particular class for people like him. So I just simply mention that at the beginning to explain any difficulties that may arise later on.

G THE CHAIRMAN: Mr Gillman, I think that we do appreciate that. We will do whatever we can.

MR GILLEN: I am grateful.

Examined by MR GILLEN

H Q HIA 534/R 4 is your date of birth: [REDACTED]

A That is correct.

Q Please keep your voice up so that everyone can hear you.

A Yes.

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A THE CHAIRMAN: Please speak into the microphone. It will make your voice louder.

A Yes, Sir.

MR GILLEN: HIA 534/R 4, I want to ask you something about your family when you were a child. Who was in your family?

A My family?

Q Yes. Who was your family?

B A My mother and father; my [REDACTED]

Q When did you first go into care?
(No answer)

Q When did you first go into an orphanage?

A I went into Childhaven on Wednesday, 5 June 1953.

C Q When you were about 4 years of age?

A Four years old.

Q And in what circumstances did you have to go into care?

A I found out that my father and mother were separated.

Q When you went into Childhaven orphanage home did the rest of your family go there as well -- the rest of your brothers and sisters?

D A The only ones who went down there were my brother [REDACTED] my brother [REDACTED] my sister [REDACTED] and myself.

Q During the time that you stayed in Childhaven did your parents visit you very often?

A My mother visited me about 10 times.

Q Over what period?

E A A period of 12 years.

Q Your mother visited you 10 times over 12 years?

A Correct.

Q How often did your father visit you?

A Once -- but I never saw him.

F Q He visited you once over that entire period.

A That is correct.

Q When you were in Childhaven did you attend initially [REDACTED] School?

A I did.

G Q And then were you transferred to a school -- a remedial school -- for backward children?

A I did. Yes.

Q How long did you attend that school for?

A About 1 year.

Q About 1 year. Without going into details, was there a problem about reading and writing and speaking?

H A There was. Yes.

Q Subsequently, then, during the time that you were in Childhaven, did you attend [REDACTED] secondary school?

A I did.

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BY MR GILLEN

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Q During you the time you were in [REDACTED] secondary school, were you in the bottom form there or the bottom class?

A Yes.

Q Was there a class specially formed for people like yourself?

A Yes. A form was specially made.

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Q A form was specially made. And there were a number of children in that school with the same problem as yourself?

A That is correct.

Q Did you enjoy Childhaven?

A I did. Yes.

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Q Did you get on well there with the matron and the staff?

A I got on well with everyone.

Q Did you remain there right up until about June 1965?

A That is correct.

Q During the time that you were in Childhaven did you suffer any sexual misbehaviour?

A No. Not in Childhaven.

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Q I should ask you this. During the time that you were in Childhaven did you have any sexual education of any kind?

A. No.

Q Or, perhaps more importantly, did you have any sexual experiences of any kind?

A No. None at all.

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Q Were you then transferred to Kincora in June 1965?

A That is correct.

Q Am I right in saying, just to get the thing in order, that you stayed in Kincora for example from June 1965 until August 1966?

A That is correct.

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Q When you went to Kincora who was the officer in charge or the man in charge?

A Mr Mains.

Q JoeMains?

A Yes.

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THE CHAIRMAN: How old was he then?

MR GILLEN: He would have been 16 then. He was born in [REDACTED] This was in June, 1965.

Q Is that not right. You were 16 when you went to Kincora?

A Yes.

Q When you went to Kincora, initially how did you get on with Mr Mains?

A I got on all right. He treated me like a father.

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Q Did he treat you well at the start?

A Yes.

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HIA 534/R 4

BY MR GILLEN

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Q You indicate in your police statement here that you became real good friends with him?

A That is correct.

Q When you were in that home, how did you get on with the other boys?

A They were picking on me because I was a bit slow.

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Q How did you get on with the rest of the staff?

A That was not too bad.

Q But in particular who was the one, if any, who protected you, or gave you any protection, when you were having trouble with these other boys?

A Mr Mains.

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Q And did he seem to protect you or act on your behalf in that initial period when you were picked on by these other boys?

A Yes.

Q How did you come to regard him? Did you see him as a friend or father, or what was the situation?

A I saw him as a father.

D

Q Now, after you had been there in Kincora for some time, did Mr Mains start to behave in any particular sexual way towards you?

A Yes.

Q Can I ask you this? How long, approximately, roughly, had you been in Kincora when Mr Mains started to treat you in this way?

A About 6 months.

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Q You have made a statement to the police just before the tribunal, in which you have outlined all the incidents that happened with Mr Mains in Kincora?

A That is correct.

Q And that statement has been read over to you?

A Yes.

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Q Both by your solicitor and by me, your counsel?

A Correct.

Q And you are aware of what is in that statement?

A Yes.

Q That statement includes a number of detailed incidents where Mr Mains carried out some sexual activity with you?

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A That is correct.

Q That statement, insofar as it deals with Mr Mains's behaviour in Kincora -- is that all true?

A Yes.

Q It may well be that the tribunal would take you through that in detail. I do not propose to take you through the incidents in detail save to say that you know what is in that police statement.

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A Yes.

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Q I want to ask you some things on the edge of that. First, during the time that you were in Kincora, why did you not complain to someone about the way that Mains was treating you in this sexual fashion?

A I did not complain for the simple reason that I did not want to go any other way. I was scared of being put somewhere else.

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Q You were afraid of being put somewhere else.

A That is correct.

Q Can I ask you to explain a little bit what you mean by your fear of being put somewhere else?

A I did not want to be put away out of that hostel. I could go down and see my Ma and Pa and brother. If I were put somewhere else I would not be able to see them at all. Maybe I would be put in Rathgael or somewhere.

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Q Your social worker: how often did you see her during the time that you were in there?

A About 6 times.

Q Why did you not complain to her?

A Well, always Mr Mains was in the office when the social worker called. I was scared to say anything in case anything did happen.

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Q Just keep your voice up, if you would be so good, HIA 534/R 4
Why, for example, did you not complain to other members of staff?

A I was scared to.

Q You were afraid to?

A I was.

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Q After you left Kincora it appears from your police statement that you returned to the hostel, you say to visit the boys, and also when you returned, according to your police statement, you engaged in some sexual activities with Mains again.

A That is correct.

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Q It appears from your statement that you have also engaged in homosexual activities with other people?

A That is correct.

Q I want to ask you this. At the start, when you were in Kincora, and Mains was acting in this way, in this sexual way, towards you, did you enjoy these sexual activities at the start?

A No.

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Q Had you ever had any other sexual experience at all before Mains?

A None.

Q As time went on and Mains was carrying out these sexual activities with you, did you still continue to dislike them, or did things change as time went on?

A Things changed as time went on.

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Q What happened as time went on?

A I just got used to it as a way of life.

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BY MR GILLEN

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Q You just got used to it as a way of life?

A Yes.

Q And after you left Kincora, and were going back to see Mains, at that stage, when you were going back, did you object to the sexual activity with him?

A No. I never.

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Q Why not?

A Well, I thought that he had turned me into, like, a homosexual.

Q Indeed thereafter did you engage in other homosexual activities with other people?

A I did.

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Q Let me ask you this again. Up to leaving Kincora, or during your time in Kincora, did you have any other sexual experience other than a homosexual one?

A No. None.

Q All right, HIA 534/R 4 Thank you.

Cross-examined by MR FEE

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Q My name is Fee. I want to ask you some questions on behalf of the Committee of Inquiry. You indicated, HIA 534/R 4 that prior to going into Kincora you had not had any form of sex education; nor had you had any sex experience at all.

A That is correct.

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Q Could I ask you this. At the time you went into Kincora do you know when Mr Mains first made his approaches to you? I think that was about 6 months after you went in.

A That is correct. It was.

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/Q When he

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Q When he made those first approaches to you, how did you regard them? Did you think there was anything wrong in what he was doing?

A Yes, I did.

Q Did you feel that from the outset of his activities towards you there was something wrong in the approaches that he was making -- the sexual approaches?

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A Yes.

Q Was that something that you were fairly certain was wrong, or were you not sure?

A I was not quite sure.

Q Did you ever speak to anyone else about it to try and find out whether or not this type of approach was wrong?

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A No, I did not.

Q You would have been just over 16 when you went into Kincora, is that right?

A That is correct.

Q When you went in there first, was Mr Mains -- I think you have mentioned that he was like a father to you?

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A That is correct.

Q Did he continue to act in a very friendly manner towards you throughout the time that you were in Kincora?

A Yes.

Q Throughout the time that you were in Kincora, did you always get on well with him?

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A Yes, I did.

Q Were you ever afraid of him in any way?

A Not particularly; not exactly afraid, just a wee bit nervous of him now and again.

Q Did you regard him as someone who was a protector, really, because he stopped the other boys from giving you a hard time?

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A That is correct.

Q Did Mr Mains ever make any threats towards you in order to get you to engage in sexual activity with him?

A No.

Q Was that something that you were willing to engage in when he asked you to do it, because he had been good to you?

G

A No, not at first.

Q When he first made advances towards you, what was your attitude towards him? What did you feel about it?

A I just do not know; I just felt, like, shy.

Q Did you ever say to Mr Mains that you did not like what he was doing?

A I did, yes.

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Q What was his response to that whenever you --

A He just kept going on.

- A Q Would you ever have indicated to him that you really wanted this sort of activity to stop?
A Yes, I did.
- Q What would his response have been to that?
A He just ignored it.
- B Q Did he ever at any stage say to you, or put you in a situation where, if you did not agree to what he was doing, something might be the worse for you; was there ever anything like that?
A No, nothing like that at all.
- Q Did that situation continue after the initial six months or so that you were there?
A That is correct; it did.
- C Q You have already indicated in answer to my learned friend that initially you did not enjoy these advances, but there came a time when you regarded it as a "way of life", I think you said?
A That is correct.
- Q Doing the best you can, and trying to remember, can you give any indication as to how long, after he first began to make advances towards you, that it was that you started to regard it as "just a way of life"?
D A I would say about a couple of months; about three months, or something.
- Q So if you were there six months when he made the first approaches to you, it might have been another two or three months before you began to regard it as just something that happened, is that what you are saying?
A (Witness indicated assent.)
- E Q How many approaches would he have made to you during those two or three months?
A About four.
- Q About four. Would those approaches on each occasion have resulted in you saying to him that you did not like it, or did not want it?
A A couple of times, yes.
- F Q After those three or four approaches, and after another couple of months had passed, if Mr Mains then asked you to engage in some sort of sexual activity, would you have been willing enough at that stage, once you had come to regard it as a way of life?
A Yes.
- Q Would you have been anxious at that time to keep the activity that Mr Mains had requested you to engage in a secret from the other boys at the hostel, for example?
G A At that time, yes.
- Q And from any outside visitors who might have come into the hostel: would you have been anxious to keep it a secret from them?
A I had to, because he was the man in charge in that place.
- Q However, once it got to the stage when you were accepting it as a way of life, was that part of your life something that you did not want to stop?
H A I wanted to stop but I did not know how.
- Q I am sorry?
A I wanted to stop it but did not know exactly how to do it.

- A THE CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, would you say it again? "I wanted to stop it" -- but what?
A I did not know how to stop it.
- MR FEE: Was your wish to stop it something that only lasted for the first two or three months after he began to make approaches to you?
A That is correct.
- B Q Then after those two or three months, you did not want him to stop, is that what you are saying?
A I did not really care what happened at that time.
- Q After you actually left Kincora, you continued to go back to see Mr Mains, is that right?
A That is correct.
- C Q Is that because before you left you had decided that you did not mind the advances that he was making towards you by the time you left Kincora? In other words, you had come to accept it as a way of life; is that right?
A That is right.
- Q You kept going back to Kincora?
A Yes, I did.
- D Q You continued to see Mr Mains right up until I think as recently as 1979, is that right?
A That is correct.
- Q Did you ever at any time after you had left Kincora speak to anyone about whether or not the advances that Mr Mains had made towards you and the relationship that you were having with Mr Mains were wrong or unnatural? Did you ever speak to anybody about that?
A No, I never spoke to anybody at all.
- E Q In answer to my learned friend, HIA 534/R 4 you mentioned that the other boys gave you a bit of a hard time when you came to Kincora.
A That is correct.
- F Q Had that anything to do with the fact that Mr Mains was protective towards you? In other words, did the other boys accuse you of being in any way a pet of Mr Mains?
A No, it was because I was very slow at doing things; backward as well.
- Q As far as you can remember, would the other boys have been aware of the fact that Mr Mains was being good to you and protective towards you?
A I am sure they were, yes.
- G Q Was that something that they ever threw up to you and said, "Why is Mr Mains so good to you"?
A No, it never came up at all; not once.
- Q Do you ever remember other boys teasing or taunting you about the fact that you were having some sort of sexual relationship with Mr Mains?
A No; none of the boys knew about it, as far as I can remember.
- H Q You cannot remember any of the boys ever saying to you, "Are you not having some sort of relationship with Mr Mains"?
A No.

- A Q Would that have continued even after you had left Kincora?
In other words, when you were still coming back to the home, would none of the boys who were there have asked you why you were coming about, or -- ?
A No, they would probably have asked me why I had come, but I just really came up to have a bath, or watch TV. (inaudible)
- B Q As far as you were aware, then, was the relationship that you had with Mr Mains a complete secret between you and Mr Mains, and as far as you knew, nobody else was aware of it?
A That is correct.
- Q When you had left the orphanage at Childhaven -- I think you indicated that you got on well with the matron there, is that correct?
A Yes, I did.
- C Q Do you remember her name?
A There was [REDACTED].
- Q Did you continue to go back to Childhaven to see other members of your family who were still there, after you had left?
A I did indeed.
- D Q Would you have spoken to [REDACTED] when you went back to see the rest of your family?
A At that particular time [REDACTED] was not there; it was [REDACTED].
- Q Did you get on well with her?
A I got on well with everybody down there.
- Q Would [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] ever have asked you how you were getting on at Kincora?
A Yes.
- E Q If somebody had asked you that question, what would you have said?
A I would have said that I was unhappy.
- Q Would you have said that even after you had got to the stage where you did not mind the advances that Mr Mains was making towards you?
A Yes, I would.
- F Q If someone had asked you, even a couple of months before you left Kincora, how you liked it, you would have said you were unhappy there?
A Yes, I would.
- Q Do you ever remember [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] asking you why you did not like it?
A No, I do not remember why.
- G Q You do not remember them asking you anything about that?
A No.
- Q Would you ever have considered trying to explain to them what the difficulty was; the reason why you did not like Kincora?
A No, I never did.
- H Q Why was that? Why would you not have mentioned it to them?
A Too embarrassed.

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Q Would you have been embarrassed even at the time when you did not enjoy what Mr Mains was doing to you -- still too embarrassed to talk to [REDACTED] or her successor?

A Yes.

Q You have mentioned the various members of your family, and your [REDACTED] Was he a year or two older than you?

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A A year older.

Q Was he the member of the family whom you were closest to?

A Yes, at that particular time.

Q Would you ever have considered telling him about what was happening to you?

A I would, but I just never; I could not; I did not know what way to put it so I just left it.

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Q He used to keep coming to see you when you were in Kincora, is that right?

A That is correct.

Q Eventually, as I think you have indicated in your police statement, Mr Mains chased him?

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A He did; he threatened to get the police for him.

Q You would have seen him whenever he came to see you in Kincora. Would you have gone to see him from time to time? He was at home at that stage, is that right?

A Yes, that is correct.

Q Would you have gone to see him at home?

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A Yes. I did go home at one time; I came up again for my tea. Mr Mains said to me, "Where were you?" I said, "Up my mother's". He said to me, "Don't go down there again". That is all there was to it.

Q Did you ever tell him about what was going on?

A In waht way?

Q Between yourself and Mr Mains?

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A No.

Q Had the fact that Mr Mains chased him anything to do with anything he might have said to Mr Mains about your relationship with Mr Mains?

A No, I do not think so.

Q You have mentioned the fact that the social worker used to come and visit you; I think you said she came about six times when you were in Kincora?

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A That is correct.

Q Did you get any sort of relationship established with her? How well did you get on with her?

A I got on okay with Mrs Beacom, I think it was.

Q Why would you not have mentioned to her that you were unhappy and you wanted to move to another home?

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A Because every time the social worker called to see me I was never alone with her; that was Mrs Beacom, my social worker. There was always somebody there with her. I was scared to say anything.

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Q Where exactly in the home would you have seen the social worker?
A In the warden's office.

Q I think you have indicated in one of the statements that you have made that the visit might have lasted between half an hour and an hour?
A That is correct.

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Q Would the warden, Mr Mains, have stayed there throughout that time?
A Yes.

Q Would you have had no opportunity at all to speak to the social worker privately?
A No.

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Q Would Mr Mains ever have sent you on messages, say, to College Street?
A Yes, he sent me once.

Q Would you ever have seen Mrs Beacom there?
A No, I did not see her there. I just went in to the office to collect a couple of books and came straight back home again.

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Q You have mentioned in the statement that you made to the tribunal that you felt a certain degree of fear of being moved away from Kincora?
A That is correct.

Q You have also stated that you were unhappy while you were there.
A. Yes.

/Q Did you....

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- A Q Did you ever have a desire or a wish to get away from Kincora but be at some other home of a similar type in Belfast?
A No, not in that situation, no.
- B Q For example, when you were not very happy, at the time when Mr Mains was starting to make these approaches to you and you were not happy, did it ever cross your mind that maybe you should try to get a move to some of the other homes in Belfast?
A No, never.
- Q Why was that? If you were not happy why did you wish to stay in Kincora?
A I did not want to leave that area. My family was in that area and I do not know anybody else in Belfast at all.
- C Q So, given the situation you found yourself in, you preferred to stay in Kincora rather than be moved to somewhere where you might be further away from your family?
A That is correct.
- Q You have mentioned a fear that you had at one stage of maybe being sent to Rathgael or somewhere like that?
A That is correct, I do.
- D Q Did Mr Mains ever suggest that to you, that that might be something which would happen to you, or was that something that you just thought of yourself?
A No, I thought that up myself, but he did mention something about Bawnmore, that I could be moved to Bawnmore, which was not too bad a place but not as bad as Kincora.
- E Q In what context would he have mentioned that to you, about going to Bawnmore? Would that have been said to you in a friendly way or said to you as something which might happen to you if you did not co-operate with him?
A Something which might happen if I did not co-operate.
- Q Would that have been said to you in the early stages of his advances towards you?
A No, it was said about four months after the start; about four or five months.
- F Q Were you not co-operating with him at that stage, HIA 534/R 4
A In what way?
- Q When he made advances to you, I had understood that after a few months of his making advances to you it got to the stage where you regarded it as a way of life and therefore co-operated with him?
A That is correct.
- G Q Were there occasions, even after that, when you did not agree with what he wanted to do?
A There were some - not many; a couple.
- Q Was it on one of these occasions that he mentioned the thing about Bawnmore?
A I think it was. I am not too sure.
- H

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A Q Did you become friendly with any other boys who were maybe sharing a room with you in Kincora?
A I became friendly with one boy when I went there, a young lad named KIN 167

Q That is the fellow who unfortunately was drowned - is that right?
A Yes.

B Q Did you have any other friends at all in Kincora?
A No.

Q And you never would have thought of mentioning to any of the other boys what Mr Mains was asking you to do?
A No.

C Q Was Mr Semple there for part of the time when you were in Kincora?
A He was there all of the time I was there.

Q How did you get on with him?
A I got on all right. I did not talk much to him.

Q Would you have established any sort of relationship with Mr Semple? Would you have been friendly enough towards Mr Semple?
A Yes.

D Q And he did not make any sort of sexual advances towards you?
A No.

Q Would you ever have thought of complaining to Mr Semple about what was going on, in the early stages when you did not enjoy it?
A No, I would not have.

E Q Why was that?
A I could not trust him.

Q You could not have talked to him?
A No.

Q Why was that: because you did not know him well enough, or because you were embarrassed, or what was the reason?

F A Well, I was embarrassed; not only that, he was very close to Mr Mains. He was good friends with Mr Mains and I could not trust to say to him because he would probably have passed it on to him. His senior was Mr Mains.

Q How free would your relationship have been with Mr Mains? For example, while you were in Kincora would you have been able to call him Joe, or would you have had to call him Mr Mains?
A No, I called him Joe.

G Q Was that from the start?
A From the start.

Q Was that something any of the other boys were allowed to do as far as you knew?
A All the boys called him Joe. There was not any formality of Mr This or Mrs That. It was always Joe; all first names.

H Q And all the boys in the home would have called him that?
A That is correct.

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- A Q Did you get any sort of extra privileges if you did co-operate with Mr Mains?
A In what way?
- Q Would he maybe have taken you out in the car, or taken you to a fight or a wrestling match, or anything like that?
A No.
- B Q You did not get anything like that from Mr Mains?
A No.
- Q Do you remember when you were in the home policemen coming from time to time, **HIA 534/R 4**
A I do, yes.
- C Q And would those have been uniformed policemen coming into the home sometimes?
A Sometimes, and sometimes plain-clothes.
- Q Would they have been coming maybe because some of the boys in the home were in a bit of trouble?
A No, they were friends of Mr Mains.
- D Q Do you ever remember, apart from policemen coming through friendship with Mr Mains, policemen coming to the home because some boys in the home were maybe in trouble?
A No.
- Q Were you yourself ever in trouble with the police when you were in Kincora?
A When in Kincora, no.
- E Q Or before you had been to Kincora?
A No.
- Q Would you ever have considered going to a police station to complain about what Mr Mains was doing, in the early stages?
A No, it never crossed my mind.
- F Q If you had had, for example, an opportunity to speak to Miss Beacom privately, say on a day when Mr Mains had not been in the office, do you think that would have made any difference? Would you have been likely to say it to her if you had been speaking to her alone?
A I probably would have said it to her, if I was alone. Then again I just might not, because I was so much embarrassed and I was scared.
- THE CHAIRMAN: Said to whom?
- G A Miss Beacom.
- Q Do you think you still would have said that to her even after it had got to the stage where you did not mind the advances Mr Mains made, in the sense that you regarded it as just a way of life?
A I do not think so.
- H Q You think then you would not have said to her?
A Not then.

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- A Q Can I take it, HIA 534/R 4 that the only time you would have been likely to mention it to Miss Beacom would have been in the first couple of months after he started making these advances towards you?
A That is correct.
- Q And you felt that you could trust Miss Beacom enough to say it to her, if it had not been for the fact that Mr Mains was there?
A Yes.
- B Q Did you ever consider trying to arrange to see Miss Beacom at a time when Mr Mains would not be there? In other words, by maybe going to College Street and asking to see Miss Beacom? Did that ever strike you, in those early couple of months?
A No, it did not.
- C Q Did you ever think of writing, or asking someone to write on your behalf - maybe ask one of the other boys - to [REDACTED]
A No.
- Q If you would just allow me one moment, Mr Chairman?
THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.
- D Q There is one other matter which I want to ask you about, HIA 534/R 4 You have mentioned that you were beaten by straps at one occasion, I think early on - and I do not mean one occasion it happened to you, but you mentioned in one place in your statement to the police that you were beaten and that Mr Mains, I think, came to your protection. Is that right?
A That is correct.
- Q And that was, I think you have mentioned, a relief person who did that to you?
A That is correct.
- E Q Is that something that happened to you a number of times?
A Yes.
- Q I think you mentioned a total of maybe ten times you think you were beaten?
A That is correct.
- F Q Would that have been something that was done with the knowledge of Mr Mains? Would he have known you were getting beaten by someone else?
A Well, he was the one who put the authority to do it. He was the one who said: "If you are in late, or do anything wrong, you will get the strap".
- G Q Did Mr Mains ever beat you?
A Not that I can remember.
- Q After you had been beaten would you have been marked?
A Yes.
- Q Would you have been cut, or just ...
A No, just severe red marks all over.
- H Q Do you ever remember being examined by a doctor?
A Not in Kincora Boys' Hostel.

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Q Not in Kincora?

A No.

Q During the whole time you were there you never remember being examined by a doctor?

A I was with a doctor one time - I could not sleep too well at night, and I had to go to the doctor to get pills to help me sleep, but nothing came of that there.

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Q You would not have mentioned to the doctor about being beaten?

A I would not, no.

Q Why was that?

A Because Mr Semple was always with me.

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Q Mr Semple was always there?

A Yes.

Q And did he know about these beatings?

A He did.

Q In relation to the straps which you have referred to, whereabouts were those kept in Kincora?

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A I have never seen them.

Q To the best of your knowledge would anybody who visited, for example, the warden, Mr Mains, have had an opportunity to see these straps?

A I do not think so.

Q You mentioned at one part of your statement to the Tribunal that there was a leather strap which was kept in the head warden's bedroom. Would that be Mr Mains' bedroom?

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A That is correct.

Q Do you remember that particular strap?

A That was the one that was used on me.

Q Whereabouts was that kept?

A It was kept in the office, but I do not know whereabouts. I have never seen it.

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Q In the office or in the bedroom?

A In the office.

Q And you do not know where it was kept?

A No.

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Q Was it anywhere where it could be seen?

A No, I could not see it about.

Q Had you any idea at the time you were in Kincora that it might be against the rules or regulations for you to be beaten with a strap?

A I had a vague idea.

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Q Were you aware that this strap seemed to be something which was kept hidden and out of the way?

A That is correct.

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A Q Would that have been something you would have considered mentioning to Miss Beacom if you had had an opportunity when Mr Mains was not there?
A Yes, I would have.

Q And would you have continued to get beatings even after your relationship with Mr Mains developed?

A After I had the relationship with Mr Mains I never got beat after that at all.

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Q Thank you very much, HIA 534/R 4 I have no further questions.

MR MARTIN: Mr Chairman, my name is Martin, and I appear on behalf of the Department. I have no questions.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

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MR WEIR: My name is Weir, and I want to ask you some questions on behalf of the Health Board.

Cross-examined by MR WEIR

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Q Could I just clear up first of all the period you were in Kincora. June has been mentioned - I know it was a long time ago - but was it not the 2nd August 1965 that you went to Kincora?

A It may have been. I know it was after the holidays.

Q After the holidays. It is a long time ago. You came there from Childhaven, is that right?

A That is correct.

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Q Was that because you had reached the age of 16?

A That is correct.

Q And you left about a year later, did you? Was that the following August?

A Leave Kincora do you mean?

Q Yes.

A Yes, that is correct.

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Q Where did you go then?

A I went down to my parents' house in [REDACTED]

Q You went to live with your parents?

A Yes.

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Q How did that come about? Was that something which you just decided to do, or what happened?

A I was talking to Mr Mains one day and he had seen the Welfare Department. I told him I wanted to leave the hostel and go down to my parents to live and it was all fixed up.

Q I see. Why was it that you wanted to leave the hostel and go back to live with your parents?

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A Well, you know my mate KIN 167 was killed and there was nobody else as friends there. That was KIN 167.

Q Yes, KIN 167 He was drowned while you were away at summer camp?

A Yes, that is correct.

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- A Q So you felt lonely, did you, in the hostel, and felt you would rather go home to your parents?
A I did, yes.
- Q And that was arranged with the social worker, was it?
A I do not know. Mr Mains arranged it. I do not know what way it went. It was arranged that I could go and live with my parents.
- B Q That would mean that you went back to your parents when you were about 17 or a bit older than 17?
A A bit older.
- Q For how long then did you live with your parents?
A I lived with my parents up to 1973.
- C Q So you lived with your parents for about another ... You would have been about 26, would you, when you finally left home?
A Roughly that; somewhere about that.
- Q In the time you lived at home with your parents, back with your parents again, did you ever tell them about the things that had happened at Kincora?
A No, never.
- D Q Am I right in thinking that all the time you lived with your parents, and after you lived with your parents up until about November 1979 ...
A No, I left in 1973.
- Q Left where?
A I left my parents' home in 1973.
- E Q Yes, but right up until after you left your parents' home and right up until about November 1979 you continued to keep in touch with Mr Mains?
A That is correct.

/Q And you continued ...

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A Q And you continued to visit him at Kincora?

A Yes.

Q And you continued to have a sexual relationship with him there, is that right?

A That is correct.

Q And also, I think, at his own home?

B A Yes.

Q And did you also, when you went back to Kincora in the years between 1966 and 1978, did you continue to have sexual relationships with other boys still in the home?

A I did, yes.

Q And you told no one about anything of that?

C A No.

Q Now, if we just look a bit more closely at the year that you were in Kincora; how long had you been living there before there was any sexual development between yourself and Mr. Mains?

A Six months.

Q Does that mean, then, that if it is right that you went in on the 2nd August, that it would have been some time around Christmas or shortly after Christmas that it began?

D A Yes.

Q Now, up until that point - and indeed after that point while you stayed in Kincora - who were you in touch with in the community, what did you do during the day-time?

A Sat about.

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Q You weren't working?

A No.

Q And you weren't at school?

A No.

Q Did you go out?

F A I went out for a walk, just here and there.

Q Did you go sometimes to visit your parents?

A I did, yes.

Q And did you also keep in touch with your brother [REDACTED]

A Yes.

G Q Now, you mentioned, I think, in reply to my learned friend Mr. Gillen, that [REDACTED] was a year or so older than you?

A That is correct.

Q Was he not several years older than you?

A No, no. My brother [REDACTED] is several years older than me.

Q Your brother [REDACTED]

H A Yes.

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- A Q And what did [REDACTED] do at that time?
A He was working in Purdysburn Hospital, I think.
- Q Was he a nurse in Purdysburn Hospital?
A Yes.
- Q Were you in touch with him?
A No.
- B Q Did you never see him?
A Oh I seen him, didn't talk much to him but.
- Q Where did you see him?
A Just down at the house.
- C Q That is your parent's house, when you would be down home he would be there?
A Well, he would call round, he wasn't living there, just called round.
- Q Yes, to visit your parents; and you never mentioned anything to him?
A No.
- Q And you never mentioned anything to [REDACTED]
A No, not to anybody at all.
- D Q And you were going to Childhaven where you knew the staff, is that right?
A I knew the staff very well.
- Q . And you were fond of them?
A Yes.
- Q How long had you been at Childhaven?
A I was in Childhaven for 12 years.
- E Q So would it be right that in one sense, because of the family difficulties that there had been, that they really, the people at Childhaven, really were your parents?
A Yes.
- Q And did you trust them?
A I trusted them, yes.
- F Q And were they the sort of people you thought would believe things that you would tell them?
A Well, I didn't know at that time, I'm sure they would have but I just didn't have the courage to tell anybody.
- Q Why was that, HIA 534/R 4? If you were sure that the Childhaven people would be inclined to believe you and would be sympathetic to you, why didn't you have the courage to tell them?
A I don't know, I just didn't have the courage.
- Q I'm sorry....?
A I don't know, I didn't have the courage.
- Q Was it because in fact you were rather - you weren't really minding what was happening between you and Mr. Mains?
H A Well, at that particular time, when it first started, I didn't understand. Like, I did not have any sexual intercourse or any sexual

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- A Q I understand that, but I think you did say in reply to a question from one or other of my learned friends, that you didn't think it was right?
A That's right.
- Q So that while you might not have had any actual sex education - perhaps it wasn't very fashionable anyway in those days - you didn't think it was right?
A I didn't.
- B Q Now, if you didn't think it was right, did you not think it was something, if it was going to go on, that you ought to mention to someone?
A Well, I didn't know it was going to go on or not.
- Q Well, how long did it go on for before you began to willingly engage in it?
A I don't remember.
- C Q Well, do you remember the first occasion that it happened?
A No - the first occasion happened roughly about six months after I went in.
- Q Yes, but do you remember the occasion? Do you remember how it came about?
A Well, I was sitting up waiting for him, and he came in and I made him a cup of tea and he asked me to go down to the flat and massage his back for him, which I did.
- Q Yes?
D A There was no harm in doing that.
- Q No.
A . There are massages you can go to, the same thing.
- Q Yes; and then wasn't it on the first occasion when the suggestion was made about the massage, he apparently on that occasion - well, not perhaps on the first occasion but a few nights later, there was again the question of a massage, isn't that right?
E A Yes, there was.
- Q And on that occasion he touched you and wanted you to take your trousers off?
A That's correct.
- Q Well, what was your attitude to that suggestion?
F A I said "no".
- Q You said "no" - why did you say "no"?
A I don't know, I just said "no".
- Q Well, why do you think you said "no"? Was it because you thought it wasn't the right thing to do?
A I suppose I did.
- G Q At that stage you were about sixteen and a half?
A But at sixteen and a half I didn't know what was going on.
- Q No, but you knew enough about what was going on to know that when he suggested that you should take your trousers off, that that wasn't something that you felt inclined to do?
A True.
- H Q Because you thought it was wrong?
A That's right.

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- A Q Yes. So then, about a month later there was another massage session, isn't that right?
A That's correct.
- Q And again the same business, he started to feel your private parts, isn't that right?
A That's correct.
- B Q And at that stage he pulled your pyjamas down, the bottoms of your pyjamas?
A Yes, that's right.
- Q And what did you do then?
A Well, I was just stunned, I didn't know what to do.
- Q I'm sorry.....?
A I was just stunned.
- C Q You were stunned, well why didn't you stand up and say - "look, no"?
A Well, I just didn't.....
- Q Yes?
A I don't remember.
- D Q And you say in your statement to the police that at that stage he started wanking you?
A That's right.
- Q And he wanted you to do the same thing to him but you wouldn't?
A That's right, I wouldn't.
- Q Why wouldn't you?
A I was just scared to.
- E Q You were scared or you thought it wasn't the right thing to do?
A Well, I was scared and - it was two things, I knew it wasn't the right thing to do, or at least I thought it wasn't.
- Q Yes, you didn't feel that it was a thing that you wanted to do at that time?
A That's correct.
- F Q Well then, two or three weeks later there was another of these meetings, isn't that right?
A That's right.
- Q And on that occasion I think you told the police that the same thing happened, but you say in your statement - "only this time I wanked him as well"?
A That's correct.
- G Q Why did you do that?
A I don't know, I just did it.
- Q Why? You weren't frightened of him, you have told us that?
A I know I told you, but I wanked him.
- H Q I'm sorry...?
A You said I.....

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- A Q Yes, I'm sorry, but I just have got to use these words and talk to you frankly about it.
A I know, but it's just the way - can you put the question again?
Q Yes. You see, we had been talking about what had happened up until that particular encounter, and in the previous encounter he had wanked you?
A That's correct.
- B Q And asked you to do the same to him but you refused, because you didn't at that time feel it was the right thing to do?
A That's correct.
Q Then I was asking you then about two or three weeks later there was another meeting, where again the same thing happened only this time, you told the police, you wanked him as well?
A That is correct.
- C Q And what I wanted to ask you is, what had happened in the meanwhile to make you change your mind and to make you decide that you were prepared to do what he wanted?
A Well, I just did it to see what would happen, to see what the result would be - I don't
- D Q Experiment, really?
A Experiment.
Q And I think you said on that occasion he also "sucked you off"?
A . That's correct.
Q And he asked you to do it to him and you wouldn't?
A No, I wouldn't.
- E Q Now then, after that apparently - to use again what you told the police, it happened on lots of occasions?
A That's right.
Q Well, you had had your experiment, you knew what would happen, why did you allow it to go on and happen on lots of occasions?
A I just took it that he had made me into that.....
- F Q I'm sorry....?
A I took it he had made me like a - that word.....
Q He had made you into a homosexual?
A That's right.
Q After three encounters?
A Something like that.
- G Q Now, is that serious, **HIA 534/R 4** The sort of.....
MR GILLEN: If I could just intervene, here, Mr. Chairman.
THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Gillen.
- H MR GILLEN: The witness is being asked "is that serious"; I don't know on what basis Mr. Weir asks him is he serious or not, I don't know what the effect of - and this is maybe to be looked at in another court, but I don't know what the

A effect is of encouraging a boy to experiment in the way that this boy says he was made, I don't know whether that is liable to lead one to be a homosexual or not - I must admit, my view is that it probably would, but for the witness to be asked "are you serious" as if to say "you've made a ludicrous suggestion" in my respectful submission is most unfair.

MR WEIR: Well, I am simply, Sir, attempting to test the veracity of the witness's evidence. I hope, Sir, I am approaching the matter in a relatively delicate fashion, and I don't think my learned friend needs to intervene.....

THE CHAIRMAN: I don't think he can answer a question like that, frankly.

MR WEIR: Yes. Q What I want to know about, you see **HIA 534/R 4** is this; after these two or three encounters it then began to happen on lots of occasions?

A That's correct.

C Q Did it ever happen between you and **KIN 167**

A No.

Q Did you ever talk to **KIN 167** about what you and Mr. Mains were doing?

A I never talked to him about it, the simple reason is that it never started to happen then.

D Q It didn't start to happen?

A **KIN 167** was dead before that happened.

Q. I thought you said that after **KIN 167** was drowned you asked to go home to your parents?

A It wasn't straight away after that. When I moved into the hostel in August, I got to know **KIN 167** and it was that August 1965 that **KIN 167** was drowned.

E Q Oh **KIN 167** was drowned within a matter of weeks of you moving into the hostel?

A Yes, but we became close friends, that close you would think we were brothers.

Q I see, in that short period of time?

A Yes.

F Q Well, while you remained living in Kincora were there sexual relationships between you and others of the people who were living in Kincora?

A There was two.

Q Two, yes; and who were they?

THE WITNESS (to Mr. Gillen): Do I have to give the names?

G MR WEIR: Q. Well, if you would like to write their names down on a piece of paper, that will serve just as well, although we are supposed to be

THE CHAIRMAN: Does it matter what the names were?

MR WEIR: Well, it may do, Sir, because it may relate - we need to know, I think, whether they relate to the names of anyone else who we intend to hear from in these proceedings.

H MR GILLEN: Really, may I just say this; that the whole purpose, I would have thought, of the Inquiry is to ensure that the witness is dealt with in a very

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A sensitive way. One knows about the educational and intellectual background of this young man. I cannot see for a moment why the names "X, Y" could possibly assist Mr. Weir in cross-examination of this witness.

B MR WEIR: Sir, I have got to try to deal, not just with this witness but with all the complaints that come forward, and I want to find out - and I can't see on what legal or other basis it can be objectionable, because it is obviously relevant if there are allegations being made against my clients in the way in which they conducted this Home. I cannot see why the same practice cannot be followed as was followed, I think, last week when someone was asked to write down names; and as regards my learned friend's point about dealing with the witness with sensitivity, it is not for me to comment on my approach but.....

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, perhaps he can write the names down then.

C MR WEIR: Or perhaps someone else can write the names down for him.

(Names written down and handed to Mr. Weir and the Chairman)

MR WRIR: I think, Sir, you will see that at least one of the two names is a name that is before the Tribunal.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

D MR WEIR: Q Now, **KIN 167** can you say when those relationships began with those two boys?

A Which two?

Q The two boys whose names you have written on the sheet of paper?

A I wrote three.

E Q There were three boys?

A Yes.

Q When did they begin?

A Oh well, the first two boys' names began about, I think, it was after I left the hostel, so it was.

Q After you left the hostel?

A Yes.

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/Q Were they still living.....

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Q Were they still living in the hostel?
A Yes. The three of them happened after.

Q After you left the hostel?
A Yes.

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Q Whose idea was that? Who initiated these relationships? Was it you?
A No. They started.

Q And you kept going ---
A They asked me and I said no, and then one thing led to another.

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Q Are those the incidents that are described in the police statement?
A That's correct.

Q Did you ever make any effort -- I gather from what you say that when Miss Beacom came to see you, your field social worker, that she was always with Mr Mains?
A Yes.

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Q Or rather, he was always in the room when you were there?
A Yes, he was always there.

Q Do I understand from what you have said anyway that even if he had not been in the room it is most unlikely that you would have confided in her?
A True.

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Q And that your attitude throughout really was to keep these matters private?
A Yes.

Q And not to disclose them to anyone else?
A That's correct.

F

Q You never discussed with the other boys who were in the home? I think you have said that the only one you were friendly with was Bell while you were there.
A That's right.

Q And nothing of this sort had begun while KIN 167 was alive?
A No.

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Q I take it from that that you never discussed what was happening with any of the other boys in the home?
A No.

Q You kept the matter entirely to yourself?
A Yes.

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Q Did you keep it entirely to yourself until publicity was given to this matter in early 1980?
A That's correct.

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Q And the police came to see you?

A Yes.

Q You told no-one?

A Never told a soul until this public inquiry started.

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Q Until the police came to see you?

A Yes.

Q And the reason for that is that you felt they were private matters that you wanted to keep to yourself?

A Yes.

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MR WEIR: Thank you very much.

MR SMITH: May I just record my establishing my position in relation to eventually asking HIA 534/R 4 perhaps some questions at a time that is convenient.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have heard what he has said, Mr Smith. I will leave this open to you, but it doesn't really seem to me I must say, having D heard what he has said and having read his statement, that Miss Beacom is in any degree vulnerable at all, but you think about it. You could write to her, you could send her a transcript. There are all sorts of things.

MR SMITH: That is what we have in mind to do, Mr Chairman, but I am very grateful to the tribunal for that indication because that is very helpful indeed.

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THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much indeed, HIA 534/R 4

(The witness withdrew)

MR GILLEN: HIA 534/R 4 has finished rather more quickly than I anticipated. Although I have consulted with R 7 I would have made the opportunity to have spoken to him just ten minutes before today.

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THE CHAIRMAN: You shall have the opportunity.

(Luncheon adjournment)

R 7

(called and sworn)

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Examined by MR GILLEN

Q R 7, what is your date of birth?

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Q Can I ask you initially something about your family background. At what age did you go into care?

A When I was ten.

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Q Where was that?

A Williamson House.

addition, R2 agreed in evidence that he took as much care as possible to keep his sexual relationship with Mr Mains a secret while he was a resident of Kincora, by going to his room late at night for instance. Similarly, after he left Kincora he entered Mr Mains' flat in the hostel through a side door and left without being seen by the residents.

- 3.71 We were led to the same conclusion in respect of R2 as we were in respect of R3, namely that Mr Mains' offences involving R2 could not have been detected by the responsible authorities on the evidence to which they had access. Again we would stress that no criticism of R2 is implied in this finding. We accept his evidence that he felt isolated and alone in the world and that Mr Mains assumed a central and dominant place in his life. We are satisfied that this was the reason for his continuing a homosexual relationship with Mr Mains, extending over twenty years according to his own evidence. R2 did not have an alternative focus in his life, such as R3 had in [REDACTED] and it appears that he chose to accept the sexual element in this relationship as the price for some degree of friendship and companionship. The reasons for which he and R3, who we believe were suspicious of each other's relationship with Mr Mains, decided to remain silent rather than seek to make a concerted complaint have been fully described. They are eminently understandable in human terms.

Evidence of former resident B3

- 3.72 B3 had been in Bawnmore Boys' Home before being admitted to Kincora and the evidence relating to his time there is considered in paragraphs 6.24-6.30. He was admitted to Kincora in February 1965 when he was sixteen years of age. Mr Semple was convicted on two counts of buggery and one of gross indecency involving B3. One of the buggery counts related to a period after B3's discharge from the hostel. Nolle prosequi was entered in respect of one count of gross indecency involving B3 with which Mr Mains was charged.
- 3.73 B3 gave evidence that, about three weeks after he went to Kincora, Mr Mains came into the bathroom and asked B3 to masturbate him, saying that he knew he did that sort of thing. B3 attributed this remark to the fact that a member of the Bawnmore staff, referred to in evidence as S1, had visited Kincora on a number of occasions although B3 had no dealings with him at these times. For the record, the RUC investigations from January 1980 produced no allegation of homosexual misconduct against S1

involving Kincora residents. It is also possible that Mr Mains had become aware of B3's previous sexual activities, which were recorded on his file, from some other source. B3 stated that homosexual activity with Mr Mains continued after this first encounter. He went on to say that, about four to six weeks after his admission to the hostel, a homosexual relationship began with Mr Semple which included anal intercourse and this continued after he left the hostel in May 1966 until the summer of 1974.

- 3.74 B3 did not complain to anyone about the homosexual activities of Messrs Mains and Semple and told us that there was nobody to whom to complain. He said that he could not recall having had a Social Welfare Officer at Kincora. During his evidence as regards his time at Bawnmore, he said that he did not complain to his father about S1's alleged activities because he did not think that his father cared about him and that he never saw his brother or three sisters after he left Bawnmore in 1963. He also told us that, although he knew that Mr Semple's activities were a criminal offence, it did not occur to him to complain to the police. In evidence he said that he was ashamed of this relationship and feared that he himself might be in trouble if he reported it to the police.

- 3.75 We concluded that the offences with which Messrs Mains and Semple were charged could not have been detected on the information available or accessible to the Belfast Welfare Authority. There is no evidence that B3 displayed any signs of distress or anxiety which might have been taken as significant by an outside observer. Indeed the continuation of the relationship with Mr Semple for over seven years after his discharge from the hostel would suggest that B3 viewed homosexual activity with a degree of acceptance. The absence of regular visiting by a Social Welfare Officer was a regrettable feature of the system prevailing at the time, but we do not accept B3's evidence that he would have complained to a Social Welfare Officer. His history from before his admission to Bawnmore and his extended relationship with Mr Semple indicate that he did not have such an aversion to homosexual activity as might have motivated a complaint at that time.

Evidence of former resident R4

- 3.76 R4 was received into care at the age of four, by a Welfare Authority other than Belfast, his parents having separated. Two of his four brothers and

his sister were also received into care. He lived in a children's home until he was sixteen, when he was transferred to Kincora. He had attended a remedial school and a special class at secondary school owing to difficulties in speech, reading and writing.

- 3.77 R4 was admitted to Kincora in August 1965 and discharged from it in November 1966. No person was convicted of homosexual offences involving R4. The DPP directed no prosecution in respect of allegations contained in R4's 1980 police statement. When seeking representation for their client, R4's legal representatives indicated that he was considering civil proceedings against the Eastern Health & Social Services Board as successors to the Belfast Welfare Authority.
- 3.78 R4 repeated the allegations against Mr Mains in his 1980 police statement during his evidence to us. While we took his allegations at face value for the purposes of this Inquiry, this did not represent an acceptance by us that criminal offences had occurred. In summary, his evidence was that Mr Mains began making advances to him about six months after his arrival at the hostel. This subsequently developed to involve masturbation and oral sex. No threat was made against him but he thought that Mr Mains was doing wrong when he made his first approaches to him. R4 stated that at first he did not enjoy the homosexual activity with Mr Mains and objected to it but that things changed as time went on and he became used to it as a way of life. He gave evidence that after about three sexual encounters with Mr Mains he believed that he had become homosexual and that homosexual activity increased thereafter.
- 3.79 R4 also referred to having been beaten with a leather strap, on about ten occasions, for coming in late. He had no recollection of the name of the person who inflicted these beatings but stated that he was a student or a relief worker at the hostel. Such treatment was in excess of the limits of corporal punishment permitted by the 1952 SR and O. We were unable to establish the identity of the person responsible for these alleged beatings.
- 3.80 R4 told us that he continued to visit Kincora after his discharge in November 1966 and to have homosexual relations with Mr Mains, involving masturbation and oral sex. This relationship continued until December 1979. He also alleged that he had homosexual relations with

three residents of Kincora during the 1970s. This involved masturbation, oral sex, and in one case, anal intercourse. No charges were brought in relation to these alleged offences.

- 3.81 R4 gave evidence that he always got on well with Mr Mains and that he looked on him as a father. Mr Mains had protected him when the other residents had picked on him because he was rather backward. He also said that he did not wish to be moved from Kincora because his family lived in the area and he did not know anybody else in Belfast. While he feared the possibility of being sent to borstal as an alternative to Kincora, he agreed that no such threat had been made to him. R4 explained that he did not object to the continuing homosexual activity with Mr Mains because, as stated earlier, he thought he had been turned into a homosexual and that he had come to accept such activity as a way of life.
- 3.82 It is clear that R4 maintained a reasonable degree of contact with some members of his family. At the time of his stay in Kincora, R4 was closest to one of his older brothers but he explained that he did not complain to him because he did not know how to express himself so he just let the matter rest. Following his discharge from Kincora in 1966, he lived for some seven years with his family and made no disclosure of his experiences in the hostel or of his continuing relationship with Mr Mains.
- 3.83 R4 gave evidence that he was visited on about six occasions by his Social Welfare Officer during his year at Kincora. Due to the unavailability of his personal file we were unable to verify his recollection on this point. He said that he had no opportunity to make a complaint to her because Mr Mains was always in attendance during these visits and he was scared to say anything. He also indicated that, if he had been speaking to her alone, he probably would have complained but might not have done so because he was so embarrassed and scared. He agreed that such a complaint would only have been likely during the initial phase of homosexual activity.
- 3.84 R4 had liked the previous home in which he had stayed and returned there to see other members of his family still resident. He knew the staff of the home very well and was fond of them. He said, however, that he was too embarrassed to mention his experiences and that he did not have the courage to tell anybody about them.

3.85 Given R4's difficulties about making a complaint, there remained the question of whether the alleged homosexual offences might have been otherwise detected. The unavailability of a personal file, to which we attribute no sinister significance, was a hindrance in this respect as it denied us any Welfare Authority documents relating to R4. He gave evidence, however, that he kept his homosexual experiences secret from the other residents and from other visitors to the hostel because Mr Mains was the man in charge. We were driven to the same conclusion in respect of the detectability of any offences by Mr Mains involving R4 as we reached in respect of R3 and R2; namely that there is no evidence to indicate that the responsible authorities could have discovered the offences. We gave particular consideration to R4's evidence as to the nature of visits by his Social Welfare Officer, which was that Mr Mains was always in attendance. We make no criticism of the unidentified Social Welfare Officer on this score, particularly as there is no evidence that she had any reason to regard Mr Mains as other than a trusted colleague. However, we noted the issue as of some importance for future reference.

3.86 No criticism attaches to R4 on account of his failure to complain. He was a minor in statutory care and a rather backward boy who may not have been entirely aware of the significance of what was happening to him but was nonetheless embarrassed by it. As such he fell into a pattern similar to that revealed by the evidence of other former residents. A reluctance to complain, together with varying degrees of compliance and concealment, all based on perfectly understandable reasons given the circumstances of the boys, prevented offences from coming to the attention of the responsible authorities. Taking this into account along with the fact that social work was at a relatively early stage of its development, it is possible to reach some understanding of how offences went undetected in the first half of the 1960s.

Evidence of former resident R7

3.87 R7 was received into care by the Belfast Welfare Authority at the age of eleven following an appearance in the Juvenile Court. His father and grandmother were suffering from mental illness and his mother and grandfather were unable to look after him. He lived in two residential

children's homes in Belfast before transferring to Kincora at the age of fifteen. R7 was slow at school and was unable to read or write.

3.88 R7 was admitted to Kincora in August 1964 and discharged from it in January 1968. Mr Mains was convicted on one count of indecent assault and Mr Semple on one count of gross indecency involving R7. When seeking representation for their client, R7's legal representatives indicated that he was considering legal proceedings against the Eastern Health & Social Services Board as successors to the Belfast Welfare Authority, the Department of Health and Social Services and Mr Mains.

3.89 R7's evidence in relation to homosexual offences while at Kincora was contained in his 1980 police statement. This described two indecent assaults by Mr Mains, about a week apart, some three months after R7's arrival at the hostel; also acts of gross indecency by Mr Semple in 1966, occurring when R7 got out of the bath. R7 gave evidence that he did not consent to these homosexual acts, that he thought they were dirty, and that he pulled away from Mr Mains when he made his approaches to him. R7 spent three periods in Kincora. The first from August 1964 to December 1965 after which he was placed with foster parents; then from March 1966 to September 1966; and finally from November 1966 to January 1968. Mr Mains' offences were committed during R7's first period in the hostel; and although R7 gave evidence to us that there were no homosexual incidents during his second stay, Mr Semple's conviction in fact related to this period. What is clear, however, is that nothing untoward occurred during his third period. Towards the end of 1966 R7 had been placed on probation and a condition of his probation was that he remained resident in Kincora.

3.90 R7 also alleged that, about six months after he first went to Kincora, Mr Mains gave him a severe beating with a stair rod for running round the hostel and causing a commotion. This was in excess of the limits of corporal punishment permitted by the 1952 SR and O. There is no evidence that this matter came to the attention of the Belfast Welfare Authority.

3.91 R7 did not make any direct complaint on his own account about the homosexual activities of Messrs Mains and Semple. While he was in contact with his family, his statement to us referred to the mental illness of his

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I'LL LIFT LID ON KINCORA

THIS is the man who can lift the lid – at last – on the biggest child sex abuse scandal ever to hit Ulster.

It's the evil spectre of Kincora.

The horror of what young boys and teenagers suffered there is now back in the headlines – not least because of the Historical Institutional Abuse inquiry (HIA) taking place in Banbridge chaired by retired Judge Sir Anthony Hart.

But now this man, **HIA 534/R 4**, now 66, but who was put in the Kincora Boys' Home when he was just 16, has told *Sunday World*: "I was raped in Kincora every night."

HIA 534/R 4, whose family were originally from Memel Street in East Belfast, was, when he was younger, placed in a children's home run by the Methodist church.

Called 'Childhaven', and located near the seaside town of Millisle in County Down, he says he was in there with other siblings.

He says nothing untoward happened to him there.

But he reveals: "When I was 16 I was sent to Kincora in East Belfast."

"I was there for over a year and a half. I was raped and abused every night."

He says he and other boys would be taken to a special room, an annex, which subsequently jailed arch-paedophile Joseph Mains used specifically for the serial and ritual abuse of boys – and not just by himself, the home warden, but by others, including assistant warden James Semple and disgraced Orange Order official William McGrath, who also worked at Kincora.

In 1981, all three child sex abusers were charged, convicted and sentenced to jail terms of six, five and four years respectively for abusing 11 boys in their care.

But there were later claims that

Kids' home rape victim alleges Ian Paisley ignored his claims

By JIM McDOWELL

they ran a child paedophile ring based at the home aided and abetted by the British intelligence services, specifically MI5.

It was also claimed that senior members of the British military, politicians and civil servants who were allegedly part of the paedophile ring were being blackmailed by intelligence agents.

There have been longstanding allegations that MI5 and the British Ministry of Defence were complicit in a cover-up.

Senior

But now ex-Kincora resident **HIA 534/R 4** claims that a senior RUC officer was allegedly involved, too.

He told us: "After about a year and half, I eventually ran away. But I was found by police and told to go back."

"Now, he claims: 'I know why. One of Joe Mains' main men organising the nightly abuse was a senior CID officer in the RUC.'"

HIA 534/R 4 named the former detective, but cannot, at the moment, for legal reasons.

HIA 534/R 4 says boys were selected and taken to a separate annex at Kincora which Joe Mains had set aside for the abuse of boys.

He said: "That's where they took us to be raped and abused."

"I was especially vulnerable because I was deemed to be 'back-

ward'. Nowadays, that would be classified as educationally subnormal."

And then he drops another bombshell.

There have been claims that the late Stormont First Minister and DUP founder and leader the Rev. Ian Paisley was told about child sex abuse at Kincora, but failed to inform the relevant authorities.

Now, pensioner **HIA 534/R 4** claims: "Myself and two other Kincora victims eventually went to Ian Paisley to tell him of the abuse."

"But we got nowhere. So we then went to Gerry Fitt. He believed us."

It was the late Lord Fitt, then a Westminster MP, who first sounded the alarm in January, 1980.

Recently, there have been calls for the Kincora scandal to be included in the inquiry into an alleged paedophile ring at Westminster, after new British Cabinet papers were uncovered concerning the Belfast home. Amnesty International also called for a full public inquiry.

However, a fortnight ago, Stormont Secretary of State Theresa Villiers, rejected those calls.

She said the place to examine Kincora was at the HIA inquiry in Banbridge.

HIA 534/R 4 told us that he has not, as yet, been contacted by the HIA inquiry and asked to give evidence.

He says he finds that hard to understand, as in the past he sued for compensation for his Kincora abuse, and won.

He says that would have been on the court records, if anyone in the inquiry team had gone looking for it.

However, he now says that if he is approached by inquiry officials "and they ask me to give evidence, I will."



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ABE interview at Garnerville CARE Suite on 27 October 2015 with HIA 534/R 4, DOB [REDACTED]. Second interviewer is Detective Constable Sinead McShane, Child Abuse Investigation Unit, Antrim Road. Lead interviewer is Constable Chris Hutton, Child Abuse Investigation Unit, Antrim Road. The interview commences at 1135 hours.

Various items of equipment around room pointed out. Explained that recording of interview may be used should case proceed to court. HIA 534/R 4 stated he was happy to continue.

Okay, HIA 534/R 4, do you want to just tell us what you're here to talk about?

HIA 534/R 4

I'm here to talk about Kincora.

Okay.

HIA 534/R 4

Which I moved to in...moved out of Child Haven, an orphans' home I was in, I went in there on 24th June 1953 to June '65 [inaudible]. Then I moved into the...[door knocks].

Controller enters room and states microphone is not picking up HIA 534/R 4 voice. Constable Hutton and HIA 534/R 4 swap microphones.

HIA 534/R 4

Yes, I was born, went in 5 o'clock on the 24th June 1953 as a child. Then lived there 12 years, moved out of there into this so-called hostel, Kincora, on the North Road. After [inaudible] I went in there I stayed there for about, I think it was 2...3 years, something like that there. Got to know the people, got to know one person in particular, wee KIN 167, same age as me, sixteen. That year we were going to Magilligan, camping. Went down camping and there for what, a fortnight or so, just in below the Army camp there. Then one Sunday we were...I was doing the cooking, Joe Mains was there, Raymond Semple was there and another man called KIN 384 [REDACTED] or something, he appeared. But by the time tea came... pee tame...teatime came, the boys weren't come, I says, there's something wrong, these ones aren't home. So, the next thing I looked and an Army vehicle came up. The boys got out. I says, there's only seven of yous, eight of yous went. Where's HIA 534/R 4

HIA 534/R 4

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height, 5 foot ten or so, fawn coat, fawn jeans, black shoes. And he started telling me about Kincora. I says, aye, I know. Well, he didn't tell me his name, I don't know what...why...I don't know if you're going to go to this interview or not, but if you are, just say what you have to say, but [inaudible] just be careful. I says, I'll just go and tell them what I can, it's 25 years since it happened, but I don't know who you are. You...I mean, you just stopped me. He probably knows me if I'm in the paper. But my brother, before I met him, was stopped by somebody who thought he...my brother was in Kincora. I don't know whether he threatened him or what [inaudible] anyhow. My brother didn't tell me this, my sister told me that... about this. But as I say, seen this man, he said, well, he got all the videos of it, he got all the reports, got tapes, CDs, everything downloaded. And the RUC just stuck it under the carpet. I said, look, Police are Police, they do their job and that's it. All right. Sometimes when you need a Policeman you can't get one, but when you do... and when you don't want them they're there for you. And you can't do that, can't take the law in your own hands.

Aha.

HIA 534/R 4

Because it's just like me drinking and driving, done my drinking and driving, what was good...I didn't even know who it was, but apart from that, I don't know who this person was. That still is in my brain.

Okay.

HIA 534/R 4

Why he stopped me in broad daylight, I was going into [redacted], he standing there. He just stopped me.

Going into where?

HIA 534/R 4

[redacted]. It used to be in the..the In-Shops.

Right.

HIA 534/R 4

Just there, corner of...Saint George's Church there or something, big church there, just round the...corner of Church Lane there.

Okay. Emm, I'm just going to take you back, I'm just going to talk about the incident at Magilligan again, okay. Emm, I know it probably feels like we're repeating ourselves, it's just to get as much information, I'm going to ask a few questions about it, okay. Emm, the incident at