

<p>1 2 3 4 ----- 5 6 HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY 7 8 ----- 9 10 being heard before: 11 12 SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman) 13 MR DAVID LANE 14 MS GERALDINE DOHERTY 15 16 held at 17 Banbridge Court House 18 Banbridge 19 20 on Wednesday, 29th January 2014 21 commencing at 10.30 am 22 (Day 5) 23 24 MS CHRISTINE SMITH, QC and MR JOSEPH AIKEN appeared as 25 Counsel to the Inquiry.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 1</p>	<p>1 is aware that it itself has received. This is one such 2 document. You will notice that at the top it indicates 3 "Allegation 53" and then it gives the identity of the 4 individual that we are dealing with, and then there is 5 a summary of what information the Sisters of Nazareth 6 have about this individual that's listed thereunder. 7 You will see the suggestion that this particular 8 individual, SND6, was admitted to Termonbacca on 9 21st April 1941. So yesterday you heard oral evidence 10 from someone who was in Termonbacca in the '40s. These 11 documents relate to another individual from that period. 12 You will see the suggestion that he left Termonbacca in 13 January 1946. 14 Now if we go back, please, to SND-460 -- 15 CHAIRMAN: Just before we leave this, it is important to 16 understand, if I followed you correctly, Mr Aiken, this 17 individual is not an applicant in the Inquiry. 18 MR AIKEN: That is correct, yes. 19 CHAIRMAN: So the point which is being developed through 20 these documents is that the Inquiry is being made aware 21 that in addition to all those who have contacted us we 22 know that there appear to be more who are making 23 allegations of a broadly comparable nature to those that 24 the Inquiry will hear about, because the Inquiry is 25 aware from anecdotal responses that there are people who</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 3</p>
<p>1 Wednesday, 29th January 2014 2 (10.30 am) 3 Examination of documents by COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY 4 CHAIRMAN: Good morning. Mr Aiken? 5 MR AIKEN: Good morning, Chairman and Members of the Panel. 6 Before we hear from the next oral witness this morning 7 I am going to briefly look at some documents that have 8 been provided by the congregation of the Sisters of 9 Nazareth that demonstrate that they have received more 10 complaints than people who have necessarily come forward 11 to the Inquiry. There may be many reasons for that and 12 we will look at a particular reason that may be the case 13 in this particular respect. I am going to take you 14 through the documents that have been disclosed by the 15 congregation in respect of this particular individual, 16 who is known in designation terms as SND6. 17 If we could bring up SND-462, please, and if you 18 have the designation list, you will find his actual 19 identity given on page 9. Just maximise that page for 20 me, please. Thank you. Now the document that you are 21 looking at at the moment is a synopsis document, as the 22 Inquiry understands it, that has been prepared by the 23 legal representatives or the Sisters of Nazareth 24 themselves, but for the assistance of the Inquiry to 25 summarise particular allegations that the congregation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 2</p>	<p>1 have decided not to come to speak to us for whatever 2 reason. 3 MR AIKEN: Yes. 4 CHAIRMAN: Therefore this is an example of that point. 5 MR AIKEN: It is, Chairman. 6 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 7 MR AIKEN: So if we can bring up SND-460 and alongside it 8 SND-461, and as large as you can. If you can magnify 9 for me the area of text that isn't redacted. Now by way 10 of explanation this is an extract from the admissions 11 and discharge register from Termonbacca, and the 12 redaction, the black areas, cover other individuals who 13 are recorded in that book, and all you are seeing on the 14 screen is the information that relates to SND6. If 15 I can just translate, that the bottom magnified text 16 gives you the dates of admission and discharge according 17 to the Termonbacca admissions and discharge register. 18 So that is where the suggestion of this individual being 19 resident in April 1941 and leaving in January 1946 comes 20 from. 21 In the magnified piece above there is some 22 information about the circumstances of the individual 23 and redacted out is not only his identity but that of 24 his mother, although the occupation can be seen on the 25 document.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 4</p>

<p>1 So if we can go back, please, to SND-462 -- and 2 again when we go back, just magnify the text for me, 3 please -- we can see a narrative has been summarised by 4 the person who prepared this document for the Inquiry 5 and it indicates in an observation book that was held 6 that SND6 was born in Limavaday and where he was 7 baptised and indicating a foster mother's involvement, 8 and then recommended to Termonbacca by a Mother 9 Elizabeth, who presumably is a member of the 10 congregation. We may be able to clarify that in due 11 course. It indicates the date that he arrived. 12 Then you will see beneath that details relating to 13 a solicitor, and that is because the documents that we 14 are going to look at evidence a civil claim that was 15 initiated by SND6 in 2010 in respect of the time he 16 spent in Termonbacca. In summary form you can see at 17 the bottom of the page -- and perhaps if you would just 18 magnify for me the bottom part of the page if you can -- 19 the allegations that SND6 was making through his 20 solicitors. 21 Now if we move to SND-463, I indicated that a civil 22 claim was initiated. This is a document that the 23 Chairman will be familiar with, but for the other 24 Members of the Panel this is a writ of summons, which is 25 a document that initiates a civil claim in the High Page 5</p>	<p>1 than to note that it is made in the form that one finds 2 it. 3 Another allegation, the last sentence in 4 paragraph 2: the plaintiff was sexually abused by 5 priests whilst within the care and custody of the 6 Sisters of Nazareth. 7 You then have legal terms at the beginning of 8 paragraph 3, but then beneath that if we can just 9 highlight from the "Particulars of negligence" down, if 10 you magnify that for me, this contains the further 11 detail as to the nature of the claim that SND6 was 12 making. 13 Then if you just take me to the next page, please, 14 at SND- 468, you will see the final allegation that's 15 made at the top of the page. 16 Generally speaking in Northern Ireland up until 17 a more recent rule change that Statement of Claim would 18 be met with what would be known as a Denial Defence, 19 which would be coming across all of the allegations that 20 are found in the Statement of Claim, some of which there 21 ultimately may well have been no issue over. 22 So you will see the Defence at SND-469. The Defence 23 is what we would call a blanket defence. So it crosses 24 all of the allegations, including not accepting 25 residence and so on and so forth. That is not unusual Page 7</p>
<p>1 Court in Northern Ireland. It indicates that SND6 was 2 suing the Sisters of Nazareth and that was initiated in 3 February of 2010. 4 Then the second document that would arise in civil 5 proceedings, if you can take me to SND-467, please, and 6 if you just magnify that for me, what we are now looking 7 at is what's known as a Statement of Claim, which is 8 where the legal representatives acting for a plaintiff 9 or a claimant would set out in further detail in legal 10 terms the claim that's being made, and from paragraphs 1 11 and 2 you get some background information about SND6 and 12 his circumstances, and you will see that he is born to 13 an unmarried mother. For the first year of his life he 14 was in the custody of his mother before being placed in 15 Termonbacca, and then in paragraph 2 he remained in 16 Termonbacca for some time and during this period his 17 mother became more settled. His mother returned to 18 Termonbacca for him on two occasions. Then you have the 19 allegations that's made. On the second occasion she was 20 told that the plaintiff had gone to Australia to 21 adoptive parents there. This was untrue, as the 22 plaintiff had been discharged from Termonbacca in 23 July 1947 to an adoptive family in Donegal. So that is 24 one allegation that is made. It is not possible at this 25 stage for us to test that allegation any further other Page 6</p>	<p>1 in legal proceedings, though in the last number of years 2 there have been changes that would see a defence being 3 in a rather different form to the way one sees it at the 4 moment, but if we go to the next page at SND-470, we 5 will see that limitation was one of the issues that was 6 alive in the civil action. 7 At SND-471 the Inquiry will be able to see a set of 8 directions that are issued by the court in the case 9 management of civil litigation, and particularly if you 10 take me to the next page at SND-472, you will see at 11 paragraph 7 the court was alive to the fact that there 12 was a debate about limitation, we would have the effect 13 of meaning the civil claim was not going to succeed, not 14 because the merit of it was at issue, but because it was 15 not brought within the time that a piece of legislation 16 sets for claims of this nature to be brought forward. 17 Now the proceedings as far as one can tell from the 18 papers come to an end in April of 2012. If we can go to 19 SND-479, they come to an end -- if we just magnify 20 that -- by the service of what's known in legal 21 proceedings of a Notice of Discontinuance. So the 22 plaintiff is saying, "I am no longer proceeding with 23 this action", and that brings the matter to an end it 24 appears. The correspondence is not available at the 25 moment that would allow us to put more feet to that, Page 8</p>

<p>1 save that the Inquiry has been provided with -- 2 typically in claims of this nature medical evidence 3 would be obtained for someone bringing a claim, and in 4 the case of SND6 the report from the psychologist is 5 available. 6 If we can turn to SND-473, this is a report that was 7 obtained on 9th May 2010. You will see it is from the 8 professor who is a psychologist at Queen's University in 9 Belfast. 10 If you just take me to the next page, please, we 11 have the contents of his report. Just to the next 12 page at SND-475. Just magnify that for me, please. You 13 will see at paragraph 2 of the report the psychologist 14 makes an assessment of how SND6 presents to him. Then 15 at the bottom of the page at paragraph 4 some of his 16 personal history is set out. If we just keep scrolling 17 so we can see SND-476. Just stop at 4.3. This is 18 dealing with the issue of his siblings and his family 19 break-up. You will see the type of description that he 20 gives for why he wasn't able to sustain his 21 relationship. In particular I draw your attention to 22 paragraph 4.4. 23 Then at paragraph 5.4 the Panel will see the 24 progress that SND6 made after his time in Termonbacca, 25 and he describes his working life, and you will see the Page 9</p>	<p>1 SND6 back by not informing her that he was with a family 2 in Donegal? 3 Could sexual abuse in the boys' home be 4 aetiologically relevant in terms of SND6's adult mental 5 state?" 6 He says: 7 "My impression is that these flashbacks are 8 accurate. False memories are usually more detailed and 9 less hazy. There is usually a compensation agenda, 10 although at times false memories can be triggered by 11 psychotherapy and/or counselling aimed at particular 12 adult psychopathology. SND6 is not particularly 13 interested in compensation and neither has he had any 14 formal psychotherapy. Furthermore, the flashbacks and 15 nightmares have been with him more or less since he left 16 the home. If an individual is actively seeking 17 compensation, they will be much more proactive in their 18 recall of events. Throughout SND6's narrative he uses 19 words like 'hazy', 'poor memory', 'searching' and 20 'trying to get answers'. There are also the conditioned 21 responses of smells and locations, which he associates 22 with anxiety and at times panic. This again would 23 indicate a very strong emotional response at the time of 24 an event. 25 Accordingly I think that there is enough here to Page 11</p>
<p>1 last sentence I'm going to suggest from something 2 further down that we are going to come across would 3 suggest the reason why the proceedings were 4 discontinued. 5 Just move to SND-477 for me. Now in paragraph 6 6 then SND6 describes -- just maximise that for me if you 7 can -- he describes in paragraph 6 his experience. You 8 can see he makes an allegation in paragraph 6.3 of the 9 difficulty of finding out information and he is quoted 10 as having said, "I have never got an answer and my 11 records were destroyed". He went on to say, 'I have 12 been searching all of these years'. 13 Then he goes on to say: 14 "He said he has, as he puts it, 'blanked everything 15 out'. 16 He describes a physical condition at 6.4 as a result 17 of his what he says was abuse that he suffered. 18 If we just move then to SND-478, if you just 19 maximise that page for me, you will see that Professor 20 Davidson asks himself a series of questions. He says: 21 "Did abuse occur or is this genuinely meant but 22 nonetheless false recall? 23 Was surgery carried out leading to a scar during his 24 time in Termonbacca? 25 Did the nuns at the time prevent his mother taking Page 10</p>	<p>1 indicate untoward events during the first six and a half 2 years of this man's life. I think the flashbacks and 3 fleeting memories are consistent with this, as are the 4 conditioned responses. Furthermore, I think SND6 is not 5 seeking compensation but rather peace of mind. I picked 6 up no sense of anger or revenge aimed at the Catholic 7 Church. Rather I think this man is motivated by a need 8 to understand his past. I think this has been 9 compounded by the fact that he has been diagnosed with 10 a terminal illness which he is being treated 11 palliatively". 12 So can I suggest that may explain -- and we can 13 perhaps ask the Sisters of Nazareth whether there is any 14 correspondence in the file that will confirm this -- but 15 the suggestion may be that the proceedings were 16 discontinued because this man was terminally ill and may 17 well have passed away. 18 He then goes on to say: 19 "I think his habitual pattern of responding and the 20 dysfunctional adult personality characteristics which 21 I have described have been shaped by early trauma which 22 he has yet to fully comprehend. He quite rightly has 23 attempted to get more details of the medical procedures 24 (which may have caused the scar) and indeed the 25 day-to-day life in Termonbacca. This information has Page 12</p>

1 unfortunately for whatever reason not been forthcoming."
 2 Then Professor Davidson says this in conclusion:
 3 "I felt personally quite moved by SND6's story and
 4 I hope that he will find some answers, which I am sure
 5 would give him some peace of mind."
 6 That's all I want to say about SND6. That is the
 7 narrative.
 8 CHAIRMAN: Perhaps I should make a number of matters clear,
 9 if we have not already done so, and in reverse order in
 10 a sense. I must emphasise that the media in particular,
 11 though I am sure they are aware of this, that the
 12 designation procedures cover the type of document that
 13 we have just been referring to. That means that nothing
 14 must be published which would identify the individual
 15 named in that document and, unlike many of the documents
 16 which we will see from applicants who give evidence,
 17 there is a good deal of information there about where
 18 this gentleman lived, his previous occupation and so on,
 19 and the protocols and the restriction orders which have
 20 been made make it absolutely clear that nothing must be
 21 published which would enable anyone to be identified;
 22 that is, any details.
 23 So it would not, to take this as an example, be
 24 appropriate to say, "The Inquiry heard evidence about
 25 a claim made by a man who was a in

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1 who lived in in
 2 a ", because one can see that any person
 3 who had those details could probably within a very short
 4 time, maybe only minutes, if they are familiar with
 5 , identify this gentleman.
 6 So everyone must be alert to the fact that any
 7 reference to documents such as this or other documents,
 8 it is not just the name which cannot be published; it is
 9 any detail which might lead to the identification of the
 10 individual concerned. So everyone has to be very alert
 11 to that; in other words, what the Inquiry is determined
 12 to prevent is what is sometimes referred to as "jigsaw
 13 identification"; in other words, you put a number of
 14 different details, each one of which may seem to be
 15 permissible, into an article or whatever and then when
 16 you join up the dots, the person is identified.
 17 The other matter I want to emphasise again is that
 18 the purpose of the Inquiry receiving this information is
 19 not to determine whether that information is true or
 20 not. The Inquiry plainly cannot do that. We are not
 21 investigating the claim made by SND6 or any aspect of
 22 it. The relevance of the material contained in these
 23 documents is a more limited one so far as the Inquiry is
 24 concerned. It is to make clear that in addition to
 25 those who have approached the Inquiry, there are others

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1 who make allegations.
 2 Now whether those allegations are substantiated or
 3 not is ultimately a matter for the civil litigation
 4 between those parties. This Inquiry does not have the
 5 ability or the authority to investigate the details of
 6 that or any other comparable allegation, but it is
 7 plainly relevant to our work that we are aware that it
 8 be the case that there are others who make either
 9 identical or similar allegations, because that may
 10 become relevant to our work in a number of ways, one of
 11 which, of course, is that it may have a bearing on
 12 whatever recommendations we come to make at the end of
 13 our work, because those recommendations will to whatever
 14 extent we can have regard to the number of people who
 15 may be affected by their experiences, but I want it to
 16 be understood, particularly perhaps by the Sisters of
 17 Nazareth themselves, that we are not investigating the
 18 truthfulness or otherwise of these allegations such as
 19 those made by SND6. They are relevant, but their
 20 relevance to our work is limited.
 21 MR AIKEN: Chairman, I am sure that explanation will be
 22 heeded, especially by those publishing information.
 23 The position, Chairman, is if the Panel would rise
 24 now, it would allow us to see if the next oral witness
 25 is ready.

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1 CHAIRMAN: Yes, certainly. Well, we will sit again just as
 2 soon as we can, ladies and gentlemen. So everyone
 3 should not go too far away from the chamber.
 4 (11.05 am)
 5 (Short break)
 6 (11.10 am)
 7 HIA121 (called)
 8 MS SMITH: Chairman, Panel Members, we have today's first
 9 witness, which is HIA121, present in the chamber.
 10 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Now would you prefer to
 11 take the religious oath --
 12 A. Yes.
 13 CHAIRMAN: -- or to make an affirmation?
 14 A. Yes.
 15 CHAIRMAN: Then if you would just stand, please.
 16 HIA121 (sworn)
 17 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
 18 Questions from COUNSEL FOR THE INQUIRY
 19 MS SMITH: Good morning, HIA121. You are quite happy for me
 20 to call you HIA121. Is that correct?
 21 A. Yes. Fine.
 22 Q. Now thank you for coming to speak to the Inquiry this
 23 morning, HIA121. Can I just confirm you are now aged
 24 65 years of age?
 25 A. I am 65 years as I speak and will be 66 on of

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<p>1 this year.</p> <p>2 Q. You, in fact, were initially placed in what we now know</p> <p>3 was the baby home at Fahan in County Donegal in 1949?</p> <p>4 A. That is correct.</p> <p>5 Q. Then you were transferred to Termonbacca in November</p> <p>6 1950?</p> <p>7 A. That's correct.</p> <p>8 Q. In fact, various details were given to you by the</p> <p>9 Sisters of Nazareth. I am going to ask that a document</p> <p>10 be pulled up on the screen, please, which is SND-668.</p> <p>11 Perhaps if we could have -- well, we will deal with this</p> <p>12 one first. It is a letter you received on</p> <p>13 21st November 2008 from Nazareth House at Fahan. It</p> <p>14 sets out the your place and date of birth, the date you</p> <p>15 were admitted to Fahan, the name of your mother and</p> <p>16 father. I should say that these matters have all been</p> <p>17 blacked out on the document before you.</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. When you left -- the address of your mother and when you</p> <p>20 left for Termonbacca. It then says:</p> <p>21 "HIA121, this is the only information which is here</p> <p>22 concerning your early days. Perhaps Nazareth House,</p> <p>23 Bishop Street, would hold some more details, and you</p> <p>24 will be welcome to call here in 2009 if you so wish. We</p> <p>25 are now a nursing home for the elderly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 17</p>	<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. If you can just confirm that that is the witness</p> <p>3 statement that you gave to the Inquiry?</p> <p>4 A. Yes, that is correct.</p> <p>5 Q. You can see there it says "Witness statement of HIA121",</p> <p>6 which is the designation that the Inquiry has given to</p> <p>7 you. Then if I could just ask that you be shown the</p> <p>8 last page of that statement, which is SND-650, and you</p> <p>9 will see there that there's a broad black line which</p> <p>10 covers your signature.</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. Is that correct?</p> <p>13 A. Yes, that's correct.</p> <p>14 Q. It is dated August 2nd, 2013.</p> <p>15 A. Yes, that is correct.</p> <p>16 Q. Can I ask that you confirm that that is the evidence you</p> <p>17 wish the Inquiry to consider?</p> <p>18 A. Yes, that is what I want.</p> <p>19 Q. Now if we just go through some of the details in your</p> <p>20 statement, in paragraph 3 of your statement you name all</p> <p>21 of the nuns that you remember being present when you</p> <p>22 were a child in Termonbacca.</p> <p>23 A. That is correct.</p> <p>24 Q. And you have listed six nuns I think in that -- in fact,</p> <p>25 eight nuns in total who you remember working in the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 19</p>
<p>1 God bless and take care of you."</p> <p>2 It is signed by Sister Francesca.</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. Then if we could look at page SND-669, please, this is a</p> <p>5 letter from the assistant archivist of the Sisters of</p> <p>6 Nazareth in Hammersmith in London, Christine Hughes, and</p> <p>7 it again sets out a letter confirming that she has</p> <p>8 received some more details about your records and tells</p> <p>9 you what they are.</p> <p>10 Then if we look at SND-670, those details are then</p> <p>11 given to you: your date of birth, your place of birth,</p> <p>12 your place of baptism, your date of admission, 10th</p> <p>13 November 1950. This is to Termonbacca. You left care</p> <p>14 on 5th September 1959, but were readmitted just a month</p> <p>15 later on 10th October 1959. It says you were</p> <p>16 recommended by personal application and you left care on</p> <p>17 24th May 1960. Those are essentially the details that</p> <p>18 you know of --</p> <p>19 A. Yes, that's correct, yes.</p> <p>20 Q. -- about your time in those two homes.</p> <p>21 If I could ask then that you statement be pulled up</p> <p>22 on the screen. That's at SND-638. HIA121, this is</p> <p>23 a copy of your witness statement, and I explained to you</p> <p>24 earlier this morning about what the black lines signify</p> <p>25 in it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 18</p>	<p>1 home.</p> <p>2 A. Yes, that's it.</p> <p>3 Q. You clearly remember those names.</p> <p>4 A. Yes. My memory is very, very detailed.</p> <p>5 Q. What is your earliest memory of your time in</p> <p>6 Termonbacca?</p> <p>7 A. The first memory I have of Termonbacca was as</p> <p>8 a four-year-old boy in the junior section of</p> <p>9 Termonbacca.</p> <p>10 Q. What do you remember about that?</p> <p>11 A. I remember it was very sad years in the sense of I slept</p> <p>12 as a child in the junior dormitory.</p> <p>13 Q. Can I just then take you on to -- you aren't really</p> <p>14 aware of the reasons as to why you were placed in either</p> <p>15 Fahan or Termonbacca, but is it fair to say that you</p> <p>16 ended up in a children's home because of your own home</p> <p>17 and family circumstances?</p> <p>18 A. Yes. I lived, sad as it is to say, but in saying what</p> <p>19 I am saying -- this day of freedom for me -- it is the</p> <p>20 first time I have ever said publicly I was born into</p> <p>21 absolute abject poverty, and the records of those who</p> <p>22 placed me there will confirm that.</p> <p>23 Q. In your statements you describe yourself as an orphan,</p> <p>24 but that is not technically correct. Is that ...?</p> <p>25 A. Well, to me how does one define an orphan? What is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 20</p>

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<p>1 an orphan? There can be, with respect, several</p> <p>2 interpretations. In the mind of a child as I was I was</p> <p>3 an orphan. I didn't have -- I didn't know a mother or</p> <p>4 a father, and to me that was my definition of an orphan</p> <p>5 as distinct from the established, conventional</p> <p>6 understanding of that word.</p> <p>7 Q. And just confirming that while that's how you understood</p> <p>8 yourself to be --</p> <p>9 A. Yes, I can understand where you are coming from, yes.</p> <p>10 Q. -- your parents were still both living at the time you</p> <p>11 were placed there?</p> <p>12 A. Yes, they were, but I was never to know them. So,</p> <p>13 therefore, as a child to me an orphan was someone who</p> <p>14 was totally abandoned.</p> <p>15 Q. We have heard and you are aware that your brothers have</p> <p>16 spoken to the Inquiry.</p> <p>17 A. I just discovered yesterday, and I want to thank the</p> <p>18 Commission. For some reason yesterday was a very</p> <p>19 special day. I was not to know that I was to meet my</p> <p>20 brothers for the first time in forty years. Brother</p> <p>21 number one, the eldest, met him on Monday. My second</p> <p>22 brother I met at the Commission yesterday, and I'm here</p> <p>23 today. Somehow I feel that something good came out of</p> <p>24 that in the sense of that -- I don't know what they told</p> <p>25 the Commission. I didn't ask, but all I know is,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 21</p>	<p>1 point in time, but no-one at any stage during my</p> <p>2 twelve years there at Termonbacca ever said, "HIA121,</p> <p>3 this is your ..." Family was never discussed. The word</p> <p>4 "brother" was just unheard of. I was -- my number was</p> <p>5 number 10.</p> <p>6 I was deeply, which I have no doubt you will come to</p> <p>7 later, deeply a feral child, an introverted child. That</p> <p>8 is to say when I came back from school, I would go out</p> <p>9 the window and be on my own for hour after hour, night</p> <p>10 after night.</p> <p>11 So I'm at a loss with respect to -- I don't doubt</p> <p>12 it, but when you tell me that he was close to me,</p> <p>13 I don't ever even remember talking to him or playing</p> <p>14 with him, because I never played with children as</p> <p>15 a child.</p> <p>16 Q. You certainly don't have any recollection of knowing</p> <p>17 your brothers were there or --</p> <p>18 A. I genuinely -- as God guides my voice, I have I can</p> <p>19 state categorically to this Commission under oath</p> <p>20 absolutely no knowledge.</p> <p>21 Q. Well, the congregation has also suggested that there</p> <p>22 were no barriers to siblings mixing together in the</p> <p>23 home. Is there anything you wish to say about that?</p> <p>24 A. Again in the context of having absolutely no knowledge</p> <p>25 of a family or what it was to have a brother or sister,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 23</p>
<p>1 looking into the eyes of my eldest brother, who saw me</p> <p>2 for the first time in forty years --</p> <p>3 Q. Just take your time.</p> <p>4 A. -- he just threw his arms around me and he cried and he</p> <p>5 said, "HIA121, you always told the truth. They killed</p> <p>6 our family", and I can only think of one thing. I don't</p> <p>7 know why. I didn't ask him what he told the Commission</p> <p>8 on Monday, but looking into his eyes, I saw the face of</p> <p>9 a man -- the best way I can articulate it is to say</p> <p>10 I dread to think what he must have endured, because</p> <p>11 I was there at the same time.</p> <p>12 Q. Well, can I just ask you about the time that you were</p> <p>13 present --</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. -- in Termonbacca? Were you aware of your two brothers</p> <p>16 being there at the same time?</p> <p>17 A. No, no. I place my hand on my own bible. I had</p> <p>18 absolutely no knowledge, none whatsoever.</p> <p>19 Q. Well, one of your brothers has certainly told the</p> <p>20 Inquiry that he felt close to you while you lived there</p> <p>21 in Termonbacca.</p> <p>22 A. I found that extraordinary, because I genuinely -- as</p> <p>23 God gives me breath, I genuinely had no knowledge at all</p> <p>24 whatsoever. I don't know what his thinking is in that</p> <p>25 context. Perhaps he wasn't as damaged as I was at that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 22</p>	<p>1 there was just a large day room and two dormitories at</p> <p>2 the very top and the bottom. How couldn't the children</p> <p>3 but mix? I mean, I'm at a loss as to what they're</p> <p>4 trying to say.</p> <p>5 Q. Well, certainly it is possible -- is it fair to say then</p> <p>6 that it's possible that you may have actually mixed with</p> <p>7 your brother, but not realised who he was?</p> <p>8 A. Oh, there is no question about it. There would be no</p> <p>9 absolutely -- but I would never have known him as a</p> <p>10 brother.</p> <p>11 Q. Your family also included sisters. If we could go to</p> <p>12 paragraph 38 of your statement, which is just on the</p> <p>13 same page as the page that is on display -- sorry. It</p> <p>14 is on the previous page, the top of that page. In that</p> <p>15 you relate about discovering that you had five sisters</p> <p>16 who had lived in Nazareth House.</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. What do you want to tell the Inquiry about that?</p> <p>19 A. Well, this is one of the most demeaning of my dignity</p> <p>20 and of the value of human relationships out of life when</p> <p>21 I state, and I am stating this truly for the first time,</p> <p>22 that for three years as a boy, starting at five years of</p> <p>23 age, I remember 1953. It was the year of Her Majesty's</p> <p>24 coronation and it was the year of Sherpa Tenzing</p> <p>25 climbing Mount Everest, because there was a radio in the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 24</p>

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<p>1 classroom and SR107 was forever listening to it, but 2 I had a great zest for life at that age, but Nazareth 3 House, Bishop Street was a girls' orphanage and the boys 4 at Termonbacca went from the boy's orphanage a quarter 5 of a mile down to Nazareth House.</p> <p>6 Now I can state on oath that the girls were never 7 allowed to socialise or play with us boys. We were 8 totally isolated at play time, and there was SR9 who was 9 in charge of the music, the Gaelic singers, the 10 accordion band of Nazareth House girls, and she coined 11 a phrase that haunts me to this day 65 years later. She 12 would clap her hand to draw attention to the girls and 13 say, "Girls, have nothing -- do not speak with those 14 filthy farm boys from Termonbacca", and the girls would 15 look down on us, dismiss us. We were nothing, and I was 16 deeply conscious even in the mind -- I have never spoken 17 to a psychiatrist or a psychologist about this one 18 aspect, but the mind of a five-year-old -- I was an 19 exceptionally bright child, but could comprehend this 20 wasn't normal. This was not right.</p> <p>21 But what shook me was I personally witnessed the 22 girls who wet themselves being beaten because they wet 23 themselves, and I have no doubt I watched my own 24 sisters, but I was never to know until I went searching 25 in my teens looking for the records, and to be told for</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 25</p>	<p>1 language -- "you and the other orphans are bastards. 2 You are the product of an evil and Satanic relationship. 3 HIA121, you never had a chance", and that was the day 4 I left the Catholic Church, but I am -- as an individual 5 I am a devout Catholic, but I am estranged from the 6 institution, because my faith has carried me to this 7 day, but when a priest tells you that, that sums up the 8 perception, the values that an orphan was perceived. 9 What chance did I have?</p> <p>10 Q. Thank you, HIA121. If I can just bring you back to the 11 fact that you describe yourself as an orphan, but your 12 parents were actually still living.</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. I am just going to ask you: what contact did you have 15 with your parents while you were in Termonbacca?</p> <p>16 A. The only contact was on one occasion -- the two 17 occasions as outlined, when they came to take us out, 18 take us away.</p> <p>19 Q. Right. In fact, it appears that you left Termonbacca 20 and lived at home for about a month. Is that time that 21 you're talking about?</p> <p>22 A. Yes, absolutely. You have the records there.</p> <p>23 Q. Do you have any idea of how you came to be back in 24 Termonbacca?</p> <p>25 A. Absolutely not other than the welfare car came and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 27</p>
<p>1 the first time that, "You went to school with your own 2 sisters", I mean, in the name of humanity, with all the 3 dignity and composure, I ask -- I ask the free world how 4 in the name of God can a Christian-based organisation 5 inflict this on me?</p> <p>6 Q. So from what you have said, HIA121, is it correct that 7 you had a total of five sisters, according to your 8 statement --</p> <p>9 A. Yes, yes, yes.</p> <p>10 Q. -- who were living in Nazareth House in Bishop Street --</p> <p>11 A. Yes, yes, yes.</p> <p>12 Q. -- when you were attending school there --</p> <p>13 A. Yes, yes.</p> <p>14 Q. -- and no-one told you that you had sisters there?</p> <p>15 A. I was never to know. I was never to know.</p> <p>16 Q. And do you feel upset on the back of it?</p> <p>17 A. I feel that this aspect -- the best way I can sum it up, 18 if I may, at this juncture, and I am not going off when 19 I say this, I went to a priest when I was 16 in 1964 in 20 June, and I spoke to him about the horrors of the 21 holocaust that was inflicted on me, and he said to me -- 22 and it has haunted me to this day, the 50th anniversary, 23 June 2014 -- he said, "HIA121, you must never speak 24 about this. You must understand" -- and I want the 25 Commission to note this -- "HIA121" -- excuse the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 26</p>	<p>1 brought us back. I was only 10 years old -- 8 years 2 old, 10 years old.</p> <p>3 Q. When you say "the welfare car", your family's home was 4 in County Donegal. Is that correct?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, yes.</p> <p>6 Q. So this would have been Donegal welfare authority?</p> <p>7 A. Yes, yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Is that the only time that you ever visited the home?</p> <p>9 A. That was the only time.</p> <p>10 Q. Was it just you or was anyone else taken back with you?</p> <p>11 A. There was now known as my brother.</p> <p>12 Q. And that was --</p> <p>13 A. That was it. The eldest -- the eldest on one occasion 14 brought us back. He brought us back, the eldest did. 15 That's it. That I remember, yes.</p> <p>16 Q. That was a separate occasion?</p> <p>17 A. That was a separate occasion. He brought us back 18 the second time. Yes, I would remember that.</p> <p>19 Q. But is it correct that you and your younger brother 20 actually lived at home for a month?</p> <p>21 A. Yes. That would -- that would be correct.</p> <p>22 Q. Now just in relation to that I mean this was someone who 23 came from the home with you --</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. -- and he was then taken to your parents' house --</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 28</p>

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<p>1 A. That's right. 2 Q. -- and yet you are telling the Inquiry that you didn't 3 know he was your brother? 4 A. Yes. I know -- yes, I know it is extraordinary, but 5 I ask you to consider the damaged child that I was. 6 Remember, as I outlined in my Commission report twelve 7 months ago, that I was beaten genuinely so many times my 8 powers of comprehension just weren't there. I had no 9 faith in humanity. How in the name of God -- there was 10 nothing around me that conjured up an image of family. 11 I was truly a zombie child. I talked to no-one. I was 12 totally introverted. How could I see anybody? Trying 13 to explain to me -- sure I didn't even know who the 14 mother and father was. I'd no understanding. In the 15 home where I was there was nothing. It was poverty. 16 Q. HIA121, can I just then perhaps confirm what you are 17 saying, and if I am incorrect, please do correct me, but 18 is what you are saying that you know you left 19 Termonbacca for a month and lived with people -- 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. -- in a house in Donegal -- 22 A. Yes, yes. 23 Q. -- but really weren't aware of who these people were? 24 A. I know -- I know to the normal, conventional family man 25 for them it would be impossible for them to understand Page 29</p>	<p>1 that I didn't know. I knew something was wrong, but 2 I don't recall 1 kilometre of that trip to the 3 industrial school, but I do remember it was 8 o'clock 4 that night when I walked through the silver gates of 5 that industrial school. 6 Q. Were you told anything about why you were going? 7 A. No. We were told nothing. 8 Q. And subsequently you have described the woman who took 9 you to the industrial school as being from Donegal 10 Social Services. 11 A. I can only assume that she would have been. 12 Q. But you have no real knowledge of who she was? 13 A. I have no -- no, no. 14 Q. Have you any awareness of whether or not your parents 15 were involved in this move? 16 A. I have no knowledge, but I ask the Commission to bear in 17 mind that in relation to Southern law that no child, 18 unless that child has committed an offence, can ever be 19 sent to an Irish industrial school. I committed no 20 offence; neither did my younger brother. 21 Q. Just on that point, again the person who was in that car 22 we know was your younger brother. At the time do you 23 still say you don't know who he was? 24 A. I genuinely -- he was just -- he could have been anyone, 25 because in the industrial school for four years, Page 31</p>
<p>1 -- 2 Q. But that's why you -- 3 A. -- but I place my hand on the bible, the holy bible, and 4 I can say in the mind of a damaged child -- I ask you -- 5 the Commission to consider how damaged I was at that age 6 as an 8-year-old boy, who lived in fear of violation, 7 being violated, witnessing this, and someone then turns 8 to me and says, "HIA121, this is your mother and 9 father". You might as well be talking to the wall, 10 because I was totally -- as a child totally introverted. 11 Q. If I can move on then, I am going to talk about some of 12 the details of things that happened to you in 13 Termonbacca in due course, but at this stage can I ask 14 you again sort of on the same theme when you left 15 Termonbacca, you were taken away in a car by a woman and 16 brought to Salthill Industrial -- 17 A. In June 1960. 18 Q. Yes. 19 A. We were on our way to Bridge Street National School. My 20 younger brother as he was, unknown to me, a Sister of 21 Nazareth just stopped us and put us into a black car. 22 That's all I remember, and I remember as a 12-year-old 23 frightened child I was now at the stage of absolute 24 antipathy. I remember my left head against the window 25 looking out and crying. I couldn't articulate the fear Page 30</p>	<p>1 remember what I witnessed there was equal to the horrors 2 of Termonbacca. I had no relationship with him. I knew 3 he was there, but I had no understanding. I mean -- 4 I can put it to you this way. Any person, good person, 5 man or woman, in this room today, they could turn to me 6 and say, "HIA121, hi! I'm your brother". Imagine the 7 human aspect if someone in this hall today, "I am your 8 brother. HIA121, I am your brother. I am your sister. 9 It is the first time we have met". That's what it was 10 like. 11 I know that all this Commission and all those who 12 will deal with this case -- forgive me, sir, but I have 13 to say this -- that you will evaluate it, but will you 14 ever truly get into the mind of HIA121 the boy, and this 15 is what -- this is what we're talking about. 16 Q. Well, if we can talk again about HIA121 the boy and his 17 life in Termonbacca, what do you say about the clothing 18 that was provided to you in Termonbacca? 19 A. The clothing, it was cold, it was ragged and inadequate. 20 For example, today, and those who know me will confirm 21 going back all my life, I am wearing eight fleece vests. 22 I am wearing nine pairs of long johns. I am wearing 23 five pairs of heavy stockings. I take a size 9 shoes, 24 but I have to wear 12 to absorb them, because clothing 25 was never adequate. We were stopped from going to Page 32</p>

<p>1 school on the work on the farm, all tasks round the 2 orphanage. You would be wet going to school walking. 3 You just sat saturated. 4 But above all in relation to clothing, which I know 5 you will come to later, for twelve years in the 6 orphanage at Termonbacca I lay awake at night in 7 saturated, urinated pyjamas, resulting in a lifelong 8 serious health with hypothermia. That's why even in the 9 hottest summer I must wear this to keep the heat in my 10 body. 11 Q. If we can move on to what food was provided by the 12 Sisters in Termonbacca. 13 A. Food was hit and miss, and in my case the monitors, they 14 were always well fed. Again HIA121 the boy, how could 15 I tell anybody? I didn't have the words to say I was 16 hungry. No-one ever came looking for HIA121 the boy, 17 who crouched up, knees-up to his chest, hour after hour 18 in fear, trembling. No-one ever came to see is HIA121 19 being fed, HIA121 the boy being fed. 20 Q. HIA121, can I ask you about whether there were any toys 21 in the home? 22 A. The toys -- the only time you would see a toy was 23 Christmas. They disappeared as quick as you looked at 24 them. Why or where they ever went I would never know. 25 My mind as an orphan, HIA121 the boy, was stifled, raw,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 33</p>	<p>1 word at that time, "he's still -- he's still got 2 dignity", and that was missing. 3 Q. HIA121, can I ask you also you have complained in your 4 statement about the work in the home -- 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. -- that you were expected to do. You talk about 7 polishing the floors in that statement -- 8 A. Uh-huh. 9 Q. -- at paragraph 5. You say in that paragraph -- where 10 it appears is at page SND-639. Sorry. Yes. You say: 11 "Saturday morning was cleaning day at Termonbacca 12 and at 8.30 all the boys were given separate cleaning 13 tasks. One group of boys were assigned to cleaning 14 toilets, another group of boys to do the laundry and 15 another group to clean windows. In my group we had to 16 remove our stockings and shoes in order to scrub and 17 polish the main passageway all day." 18 A. That's correct, yes. 19 Q. "We would stop twice to say the Angelus at 12 noon and 20 6.00 pm." 21 A. That's correct, yes. 22 Q. "The work could go on until 8.00 pm." 23 If I can just -- you go on to describe the 24 passageway. If I could just pause there about the time 25 that you spent doing this, did you break for lunch, for</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 35</p>
<p>1 deprived of that normal nutrition of intellect, of the 2 potential to educate. 3 Q. Were there any books, for example? 4 A. No, there was nothing to read. That is why to this day 5 I buy a book every week to try to catch up on a lost 6 education. My favourite is World War II history, 7 European history, and I love an autobiography, whether 8 it is in the political sphere. Presently I am reading 9 -- I hope you don't mind me saying -- Tony Blair, but 10 what I'm saying is I absorb, you know, to make up for 11 the education I lost. 12 Q. What about activities in the home? Were there -- 13 A. Other than the playground, I mean, there was no other 14 orphans brought in or teams from the Creggan to 15 socialise with us, nothing, and besides HIA121 the boy 16 just bundled up. 17 I never had a fight in the orphanage other than to 18 fight off the abusers. I never -- I never played 19 football. I never -- you know, I never -- HIA121 the 20 boy -- there was two HIA121 the boy, if you see where 21 I'm coming from. There was HIA121 the boy who crumbled 22 up. All I wanted was to be loved as a child. That's 23 all I wanted, to feel secure, for someone to look at 24 HIA121 the boy and say, "He's a human being. He's not a 25 bastard, and even if he was", in the definition of the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 34</p>	<p>1 example? 2 A. I have no doubt we did. 3 Q. But your perception is it was all day? 4 A. But my perception is it was work that had to -- you 5 know, the work started at 8 o'clock in the morning. 6 That I remember. We took off our -- depending on the 7 age. They had different groups along the passageway, 8 the olders at the top, and you took your stockings and 9 shoes off, and you had to polish the previous Saturday's 10 brown liquid polish that's so famous in these orphanages 11 and convents worldwide, and you had to then scrub it and 12 wait for it to dry in your bare feet. This went on and 13 on and on. While you were putting the polish on that 14 evening the monitors with the broomsticks would walk up 15 and down, and the catchphrase -- and anyone who worked 16 on it could not deny it -- was "River left, River 17 right". The Foyle was on our right, and we polished on 18 our bare knees and feet. Some of the boys would put 19 blankets on their feet to try to make things easier. 20 The monitors for a bit of fun would speed up "River 21 right, river left" and the boys had to keep up with it, 22 and you weren't able, and the beatings started. 23 Q. You talk about that in paragraph 5 and paragraph 6. You 24 talk about the behaviour of the monitors. Now if I can 25 just confirm, you say in paragraph 5 that the monitors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 36</p>

<p>1 were former residents of the home. 2 A. Yes. These would be older boys at this stage. 3 Q. They would have been in their 20s you say. 4 A. Oh, yes, they would. They worked on the farm. 5 Q. And you say that the normal policy was that you left 6 when you were 16 -- 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. -- but that they kept some of these boys on after that 9 age -- 10 A. Yes. That's correct. 11 Q. -- to do various jobs, including farm work? 12 A. Yes, yes. 13 Q. And they also supervised the younger boys in the home? 14 A. That's correct. 15 Q. If I can just take you on, there's -- you mention in 16 your statement that you were known in the home by 17 a number. I think you said your number was 10B. 18 A. Yes, 10B. 19 Q. I think that's at paragraph 28. I've got to check the 20 paragraph where you say that. That's -- but in any 21 event it has been suggested to the Inquiry that there 22 was never a policy of numbering boys in the home; that 23 what the Sisters would have done was to stitch a number 24 on to laundry items so that whenever the laundry was 25 done, they would be able to hand back say your shirts or</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 37</p>	<p>1 read. There was nothing that could stimulate your 2 intellect or potential to advance your education. There 3 was nothing, nothing. 4 Q. You initially as a four-year-old I think went to Bishop 5 Street -- is that correct -- and then -- 6 A. Bishop Street until I was -- until I was eight years 7 old. 8 Q. And as we talked about -- and as we talked about the 9 girls and about the nun who made the comment? 10 A. Yes, yes. 11 Q. You then went from there to Bridge Street. Is that 12 correct? 13 A. That's right, yes. 14 Q. And then eventually you were taken then to Galway? 15 A. That's correct. 16 Q. Do you ever remember anyone official coming to visit the 17 home from Social Services? 18 A. I don't recall anyone at any stage. 19 Q. What about any senior nuns? Do you remember anybody? 20 A. I remember the visit of the Mother General. That would 21 be around 1958. That's the only occasion -- 22 Q. And was that -- 23 A. -- but I never remember her coming over to the boys' 24 section. She probably did. I suppose it's only fair to 25 say it would have been inevitable that she would have,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 39</p>
<p>1 your shorts or whatever, and they would just call out 2 the number in order to do that. 3 A. With respect, I could never accept that. 4 Q. It is at paragraph 29 in your statement where you refer 5 to the numbering and you say that not once during your 6 childhood were you ever addressed as HIA121. 7 A. No, no. I was number 10. Number 10B was on everything 8 you ever owned. It is so embedded in my memory that, 9 even as bad luck would have it, when I was sent to the 10 industrial school, I was also number 10. I was told 11 that the night I arrived. 12 Q. So in the industrial school you were number 10 -- 13 A. I was number 10. 14 Q. -- and Termonbacca you were 10B? 15 A. I was 10B. So when the sisters -- no. In their heart 16 and soul they know I am telling the truth. 17 Q. Can I ask you about another matter, which is about -- 18 you have talked about how you are trying to catch up on 19 your reading -- 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. -- in recent years. What do you say to the Inquiry 22 about the education you received? 23 A. There was nothing. There was -- we went to school at 24 Bridge Street and came back in the evenings, but there 25 was no -- there was no study. There was no books to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 38</p>	<p>1 but I never happened to see it. 2 Q. What do you remember about her visit then? 3 A. I just remember we were paraded to give her her welcome 4 at the front of Nazareth House, Termonbacca. Other than 5 that, nothing. 6 Q. Well, do you recall any visits by anyone else -- 7 A. No, absolutely not. 8 Q. -- of importance? I think in paragraph 7 of your 9 statement you talk about the bishop coming. 10 A. Oh, yes. Sorry. Well, the bishop -- the bishop came 11 mandatory every Christmas for what was known as the 12 bishop's concert, and it was with great trepidation that 13 his concert went ahead, because from late October we 14 would practise, rehearse the bishop's concert, and the 15 bishop would arrive in all his -- I have no doubt he was 16 a good man in his own way, but he was feared by me, and 17 I can only speak for myself. He would arrive with all 18 his pontifical of the time and his gestures like the 19 Pope, and we all would kneel down, and he would sit in 20 all his power and majesty, and at the end of the concert 21 the nuns put on a sumptuous meal for him in the parlour 22 while we went off to bed, hoping against hope we didn't 23 make a mistake, because we were left in no doubt if we 24 made a mistake during it, we were for it. 25 But I remember how in the 1950s -- and I think</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 40</p>

<p>1 anyone old enough to remember -- he would stand up and</p> <p>2 say, "You must pray for your benefactors". I hadn't</p> <p>3 a clue what he meant. Then he would talk about the</p> <p>4 Communism, the Russians, to pray for the conversion of</p> <p>5 Russia. I have no doubt that if the Commission in its</p> <p>6 wisdom was to check back in the 1950s environment of the</p> <p>7 Catholic population of Derry, the conversion of Russia,</p> <p>8 of Fatima, was big in Derry, and we would all have to</p> <p>9 kneel and receive his blessing, and this was Christmas</p> <p>10 after Christmas, and that's how I remember the Christmas</p> <p>11 concert.</p> <p>12 Q. Well, can I ask you -- I am going to take you now to</p> <p>13 some of the specific allegations that you make. If we</p> <p>14 can look first of all -- you have already mentioned this</p> <p>15 somewhat. If I look at paragraph 10, which is on page</p> <p>16 SND-641, this is where you talk about your bed wetting</p> <p>17 --</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. -- and you said that you were -- I will just read this</p> <p>20 to you and you can follow it from the screen:</p> <p>21 "I wet the bed nightly. Every morning the monitor</p> <p>22 would wake us and check the sheets. For those, like me,</p> <p>23 who wet the bed the routine was that we had to stand in</p> <p>24 a line in the dormitory with the wet sheets on our head</p> <p>25 and our day clothes under our arm and run to the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 41</p>	<p>1 urine. This was constant. This was night after night.</p> <p>2 Q. If I can then take you to -- just to conclude that</p> <p>3 section, at paragraph 12 you say that it was very</p> <p>4 unusual for you not to wet the bed, but you often</p> <p>5 deliberately did so --</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. -- and that was, as you thought, to protect you from</p> <p>8 sexual abuse --</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. -- which I will come on to in a moment.</p> <p>11 A. As young as I was and as much as I was aware of the</p> <p>12 horrible abuse of sexual environment that there was at</p> <p>13 Termonbacca, and I am dealing exclusively now with the</p> <p>14 junior dormitory, if I didn't wet the bed, which was</p> <p>15 very unusual, I would wet the bed, because it was my</p> <p>16 belief in my limited intellect that what sexual abuser</p> <p>17 would want to drop their hand or abuse a child that was</p> <p>18 saturated in their own urine?</p> <p>19 Q. Thank you. If I can move on then to the next paragraph,</p> <p>20 which is 13, where you do talk about the sexual abuse</p> <p>21 which you witnessed, and you say that you witnessed it</p> <p>22 night after night. You recall the crying of the boys in</p> <p>23 the dorm at night.</p> <p>24 "Some of the boys would call for their mother,</p> <p>25 despite the fact that none of us knew or understood what</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 43</p>
<p>1 bathroom. The monitors would beat us on all parts of</p> <p>2 our bodies as we ran. We never had a bath on weekdays.</p> <p>3 We had to change from our wet pyjamas straight into our</p> <p>4 day clothes. The smell of urine hung on us all day and</p> <p>5 night and it resulted in our thighs and private parts</p> <p>6 being constantly reddened and sore. We only had a bath</p> <p>7 on Saturday night."</p> <p>8 You have already said that you spent night after</p> <p>9 night in saturated, urinated pyjamas and the problems</p> <p>10 that that has caused you. Then in paragraph 11 you say:</p> <p>11 "Every night a monitor would wake me and the rest of</p> <p>12 the boys. He would call us 'the wet the beds', as that</p> <p>13 is how we were known. He would wake us to go into the</p> <p>14 toilet. This consisted of standing in a queue and</p> <p>15 taking turns urinating in a bucket in the centre of the</p> <p>16 floor. If you urinated by accident on the floor instead</p> <p>17 of the bucket, you would be badly beaten with a broom</p> <p>18 handle."</p> <p>19 A. This was in the junior dormitory, and I reiterate that</p> <p>20 you were woken up three or four times a night, the wet</p> <p>21 the beds, by the monitors, and a bucket was placed in</p> <p>22 the centre of the dormitory. On many occasions through</p> <p>23 tiredness, almost exhaustion, misdirected and it went on</p> <p>24 the floor, resulting in the next boy -- being beaten and</p> <p>25 the next boy in their bare feet saturated their feet in</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 42</p>	<p>1 a mother was. I would lie awake terrified and</p> <p>2 traumatised as I would hear the footsteps of a monitor</p> <p>3 coming into the dorm and then taking a boy from his bed</p> <p>4 to the toilets to sexually abuse him. This went on</p> <p>5 night after night, despite the fact one of the nuns</p> <p>6 slept in a separate room in the dormitory. Not once did</p> <p>7 she ever intervene to protect us, despite the cries of</p> <p>8 the boys."</p> <p>9 A. That's true.</p> <p>10 Q. Then you talk about two particular incidents of sexual</p> <p>11 abuse that you witnessed. The first involved someone</p> <p>12 whom you name. You say that one day you walked into the</p> <p>13 junior section of the dormitory where you slept. As you</p> <p>14 walked in you could see a boy who was no older than</p> <p>15 eight years old on his knees performing oral sex on this</p> <p>16 named person. You screamed and turned to run out of the</p> <p>17 dormitory, and just as you turned to run, you ran into</p> <p>18 a nun, who you say is now dead. She was standing behind</p> <p>19 you. You say that she saw what was going on and that</p> <p>20 you started screaming, but that no -- that made -- the</p> <p>21 fact that you did that made no difference as he</p> <p>22 continued to supervise boys after this, and that you</p> <p>23 were terrified of this person.</p> <p>24 A. Yes, yes.</p> <p>25 Q. Now it has been -- I am going to talk in due course</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 44</p>

<p>1 about letters that you have written to the Sisters --</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. -- but you did write a number of letters to them, and it</p> <p>4 has been suggested that in one of those letters when you</p> <p>5 related this incident to the Sisters of Nazareth, you</p> <p>6 did not actually mention the name of the nun or any</p> <p>7 particular nun being present. If we could look at that</p> <p>8 letter briefly. It is SND-1214.</p> <p>9 A. But that --</p> <p>10 Q. And --</p> <p>11 A. I can appreciate what you're saying, but it does not</p> <p>12 diminish in any way the genuineness and that the</p> <p>13 incident did take place witnessed by me. If I failed to</p> <p>14 mention her, I mentioned her in other correspondence.</p> <p>15 There is no question about it, but it does not diminish</p> <p>16 the reality of what happened.</p> <p>17 Q. So can I just confirm then, HIA121 --</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. -- to be clear, although you may not have mentioned her</p> <p>20 in this letter to the nuns --</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. -- you are telling the Inquiry that she was present?</p> <p>23 A. Oh, there's no question about it. It's absolute... --</p> <p>24 in fact, when I -- when I wrote the reports going back</p> <p>25 many years, long before there was ever talk of any</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 45</p>	<p>1 SND-1208 just to check the date on it? Yes. It is</p> <p>2 May 2010.</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN: Is that the same letter? It doesn't look like</p> <p>4 it.</p> <p>5 MS SMITH: Can we just scroll down from there, please, just</p> <p>6 to check?</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN: Yes. That looks like it.</p> <p>8 MS SMITH: January 2010 it appears to be, Chairman.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Thank you. Yes.</p> <p>10 MS SMITH: HIA121, we were just -- you were just saying</p> <p>11 about how the boys were crying in the junior nursery.</p> <p>12 Did anyone ever come in to you when you were crying?</p> <p>13 A. No, other than the monitors to call us three and four</p> <p>14 times a night to urinate in the bucket in the centre of</p> <p>15 the dormitory.</p> <p>16 Q. None of the sisters ever came in?</p> <p>17 A. No, not ...</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. Can I move on then to paragraph 15 back at</p> <p>19 page SND-642? In paragraph 15 you talk about the second</p> <p>20 incident you witnessed involved a monitor called ...,</p> <p>21 and you give his name.</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 Q. "When I was about 7 years old, I woke up one night ..."</p> <p>24 (Pause.)</p> <p>25 "The second incident I witnessed involved the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 47</p>
<p>1 Commissions of Inquiry, North or South, I stated that</p> <p>2 verbatim. I can only tell this Commission under oath</p> <p>3 what I personally witnessed, because I have to live with</p> <p>4 the truth, and I have no difficulty with that.</p> <p>5 There is a point -- I don't want -- I want you to</p> <p>6 take note, the Commission, please. You referred at the</p> <p>7 outset to orphans crying in the junior dormitory.</p> <p>8 I want to elaborate, if I may, please.</p> <p>9 Q. Please do, HIA121.</p> <p>10 A. Night after night one orphan boy would start crying,</p> <p>11 crying for his mammy. You would hear the word "Mammy,</p> <p>12 mammy". Then another boy what pick up the cry and</p> <p>13 within sixty seconds we would all be crying for our</p> <p>14 mammies. I hadn't a clue what "mammy" meant, but that's</p> <p>15 what we used to do, and when you hear a bath --</p> <p>16 a dormitory of junior children, 4, 5, 6, 7, crying for</p> <p>17 their mammy, I can tell you it would break your heart.</p> <p>18 You would have to have a heart of stone or steel and</p> <p>19 cement, and I used to join in and cry. I hadn't a clue</p> <p>20 what "mammy" meant.</p> <p>21 Q. Can I just perhaps ask you why --</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN: Just give us a moment to read this letter,</p> <p>23 please. When is it written? Is there a date on it?</p> <p>24 MS SMITH: We have to go back to page 1 of the letter, which</p> <p>25 is probably SND-1208 perhaps. Can we look at page</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 46</p>	<p>1 monitor called ...", and his name. "When I was about 7</p> <p>2 years old, I woke up one night. I heard a noise and</p> <p>3 crying. To my horror he was bugging a boy in the next</p> <p>4 bed to me."</p> <p>5 Now you have used the word "buggering", but can I</p> <p>6 ask you did you know at the time what was going on?</p> <p>7 A. Other than it was bad. I had no words as a child to</p> <p>8 describe explicitly any form of sexual act.</p> <p>9 Q. You started to cry and he screamed at you to cover your</p> <p>10 head --</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. -- and you say to this day you cannot sleep --</p> <p>13 A. To this day I cannot sleep unless my head is covered</p> <p>14 with my hand or whatever.</p> <p>15 Q. You go on to say that the cries of that child haunt you.</p> <p>16 You then go on at chapter 16 to say that you spent your</p> <p>17 childhood in Termonbacca in fear of being sexually</p> <p>18 abused by three paedophiles --</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. -- is that correct -- as you describe them?</p> <p>21 "I was determined they would not abuse me."</p> <p>22 You talk about one who grabbed you and tried to drag</p> <p>23 you into the dormitory when you were about 10 years old?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. You kicked out at him and kicked him violently,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 48</p>

<p>1 screaming and shouting, and he eventually gave up and 2 threw you down some steps.</p> <p>3 A. Yes, that's correct, resulting in part of my tooth, 4 front tooth, being broken.</p> <p>5 Q. You say --</p> <p>6 A. Yes. I was talking in the passageway and number one 7 paedophile grabbed me suddenly and I knew it meant only 8 one thing, and with all the force of a 10-year-old, weak 9 and delicate as I was, I screamed and kicked and kicked 10 and it went on and on. I was determined he wasn't going 11 to do it. He threw me down the furnace. I remember in 12 shock hitting my head off cement, 4 inch blocks, to be 13 treated late that night in the nursery. The whole 14 environment when this man was around, it meant only one 15 thing, and in relation to the other, if I may, that 16 I witnessed in the dormitory --</p> <p>17 Q. If I can just take you through that. This is in your 18 statement.</p> <p>19 MR O'HARE: If I could just make an appearance at this 20 point. I appear on behalf of Cleaver, Fulton & Rankin 21 in respect of SND49.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN: I would have hoped that would have been said 23 earlier this morning, Mr O'Hare, rather than 24 interrupting the witness.</p> <p>25 MR O'HARE: Yes. I apologise for that. There didn't appear</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 49</p>	<p>1 Then the next thing you remember is waking up in the 2 infirmary --</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. -- which is in the baby section. You spent you say 5 almost three months there --</p> <p>6 A. That's it.</p> <p>7 Q. -- recovering from this injury?</p> <p>8 A. That's it, yes.</p> <p>9 Q. You were bandaged up. Your dressings were changed daily 10 and you remember the smell of brown iodine. You recall 11 a particular occasion when the doctor came.</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. So the doctor did come to treat you for this injury?</p> <p>14 A. Oh, yes. Several times, yes, yes.</p> <p>15 Q. Several times. You say that he gave off to the Mother 16 Superior at the time.</p> <p>17 A. Yes, yes.</p> <p>18 Q. And you say in that statement you realised that he was 19 leaving her in no doubt as to how seriously he viewed 20 the injury you sustained?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, yes.</p> <p>22 Q. Is it correct that you recall -- you say you still have 23 a scar from that?</p> <p>24 A. Yes. If I may, what led directly to this assault was 25 the incident the day before in the dormitory, when I</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 51</p>
<p>1 to be a convenient slot when the tribunal convened. 2 I apologise for the inconvenience.</p> <p>3 MR SKELT: Whilst there is the inconvenience, I appear on 4 behalf of SND48 instructed by Gray Magee Solicitors. 5 Thank you.</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN: The same comment applies to you, Mr Skelt.</p> <p>7 MS SMITH: HIA121, if I can just take you -- you said that 8 you wanted to make a comment -- and I perhaps 9 interrupted you too precipitously -- you wanted to make 10 a comment about something about -- that happened in the 11 dormitory. Is that something I have already read out to 12 the Inquiry?</p> <p>13 A. I think you were coming to that.</p> <p>14 Q. Very well. You go on at paragraph 17 that the following 15 week a third person who you name as a paedophile, who 16 was the monitor in charge at the midday meal time, 17 approached you with a heavy aluminium ladle in his right 18 hand:</p> <p>19 "... and with all his force he struck me on the 20 left-hand side of my head, knocking me unconscious. 21 I remember as he struck me I fell on to the dining 22 table. I felt a gush of hot red blood gulping from my 23 head and down my neck. As I fell unconscious I could 24 hear the other boys screaming 'Sister, sister'."</p> <p>25 You name the nun who was there and who witnessed it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 50</p>	<p>1 personally witnessed an 8-year-old boy perform as 2 outlined in the report oral sex on an adult. When I saw 3 that, I went ballistic. I turned around and the sister 4 who is named is standing there. I ran away from her. 5 I hadn't the words to describe what I'd witnessed, nor 6 to articulate my fears. There were no words for 7 a child. I doubt if even a child today could explicitly 8 outline it.</p> <p>9 But the following day I was sitting in the 10 refectory, and I place my hand on this holy bible as 11 truth. I saw this number two paedophile walk towards me 12 with a large industrial aluminium ladle that one sees in 13 these Oliver whatever, and with all the force and might 14 came down on the left-hand side of my head. I fell to 15 my right with a gurgling sound, dark clouds. The blood 16 was pumping out of me, the red hot blood, and I word the 17 words as I fell unconscious of the other orphans, 18 "Sister, sister". That blow deprived me of my 19 intellect, the great potential I had at that time. 20 I have tried adult education since, but that blow 21 destroyed the potential, the great potential, I had, and 22 that is why under sworn evidence twelve months ago to 23 the very kind Commission in Belfast I invited the 24 Commission -- and I reiterate that offer today -- that 25 I am prepared to go in front of any medical board, any</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 52</p>

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<p>1 brain trauma specialist in the world of medicine we now 2 know today who can deal and clarify and confirm the 3 extent of injury and wound and when it occurred. There 4 is no room for doubt. You can see from the left-hand 5 side that the injury is still there some 56 years later. 6 When I stated that I was brutally assaulted that day as 7 a 10-year-old boy, I am telling the truth. 8 Q. HIA121, you do talk about another nun who actually sat 9 with you and held your hand while you were being 10 treated. 11 A. Yes. This nun -- this nun -- it was the only kindness 12 and love I ever saw in the nursery. On one occasion in 13 particular I saw her cry as she held my hand when she 14 was on her own. She tried to make it as comfortable as 15 possible, but at that stage HIA121 the boy was now a 16 zombie. I don't know if you have ever seen the film 17 "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest". I would just go 18 around as HIA121 the boy. I related to no-one. I could 19 talk to no-one. 20 Q. You certainly now believe that that assault that you 21 experienced -- 22 A. Because of rejection and these three paedophiles working 23 in consort. Anyone -- and I want to say this to the 24 Commission, and I am speaking on oath -- anyone who 25 would even make an attempt to state that that is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 53</p>	<p>1 A. Yes, that is correct. 2 Q. I can see, HIA121, that you are very emotional. 3 A. No, I am okay, honest. I am okay, sir. 4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. If at any time you feel you want 5 a break, just ask. 6 A. I know. I appreciate that. 7 MS SMITH: You say that there was a person who normally 8 accompanied you to school, accompanied the boys who 9 walked to Bridge Street School -- 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. -- and that person you name in paragraph 19 of your 12 statement. You say that he was a man who had been a 13 resident in Termonbacca -- 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. -- and he was in his 40s about this time -- 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. -- and you say he was kind to all the boys. 18 A. Yes. The older man, who was a resident -- he was 19 himself an orphan, but was now in his 40s -- he brought 20 us -- he was the regular man who brought us to and from 21 school, and I go on the record and say he was a very 22 kind man. Okay. He gave you the odd clip on the ear as 23 kids would do, but he never hurt a child. He never hurt 24 a child. 25 But this particular day he didn't turn up for</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 55</p>
<p>1 dishonest -- this I know -- they won't have any luck for 2 it, because I can -- the truth is setting me free today 3 more than this good Commission knows. I have come here 4 to tell the truth, and if I have reached out -- I am 5 reaching out in healing and trying to forgive. I want 6 to forgive, but at this moment I cannot. 7 I want to say at this stage, and I want this on the 8 record, and I have waited 65 years to say this, and I am 9 speaking the truth. When I was reared by the 10 congregation of the Sisters of Nazareth at Nazareth 11 House, Termonbacca and at Nazareth House, Bishop Street, 12 Derry, it was equivalent to being reared by the Taliban, 13 such was their sadism, their lack of empathy, their 14 fundamentalism, their lack of dignity to a little 15 helpless child that HIA121 the boy was. I can't speak 16 for other orphans here today. I can only speak for me, 17 and as God witnesses me sitting here today, that is the 18 truth. I was reared by the Taliban. 19 Q. Thank you, HIA121. If I can just take you back to some 20 of the other things that you want the Inquiry to hear 21 that you have spoken about in your statement, you talk 22 about the -- in paragraph 19 you talk about going -- in 23 October 1958, when you were 10, there was an incident -- 24 you normally -- you walked to school from Termonbacca to 25 Bridge Street. Is that correct?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 54</p>	<p>1 whatever reason. Maybe he was off -- he was off, 2 obviously off. I don't know, but paedophile number one 3 appeared, and I shall never forget as we lined up 4 outside the school three abreast the terror that 5 engulfed us. We knew, one look at this man, there was 6 only one thing this man had on his mind. 7 We were marched back along Strand Road to 8 Termonbacca and a quarter from the Brae Head there was 9 a shortcut up a hill covered by trees on both sides. 10 You can't see it from the road. When we got up there 11 halfway, he ordered us all to line up. There must have 12 been about 30, 35, maybe more, and he ordered us to 13 strip naked. I was 10 years old. We stood in terror 14 crying with our clothing at our feet. 15 I looked to my right-hand side when I heard the 16 screams of number one paedophile raping a boy who was no 17 more than eight or ten years old, and I invoke God as my 18 witness to that. I remember we all started crying, and 19 when he was finished, he told us to dress and line up. 20 Many of the boys in panic, naked, grabbed their clothing 21 and ran. Many of them ran up the avenue, deranged 22 clothing, many without their shoes, and a nun was 23 standing outside, who obviously recognised what had gone 24 wrong. 25 I ran past her and I ran into the day room, and I am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 56</p>

<p>1 able to pinpoint without fear of contradiction from any 2 source or investigative authority the time it happened. 3 That violation happened either on 10th, 11th or 4 12th October and I will prove why. Pope Paul -- Pope 5 Pius XII died in early October. I didn't know who he 6 was, but I ran into the day room and it was the first 7 time in my life I ever saw black and white BBC Northern 8 Ireland, and I sat there distressed, and the funeral of 9 Pius XII was on television, and there was a large 10 tapestry of his photograph, as if he was talking to me 11 in the darkest night of the soul. I remember the Sister 12 walked in, and I ran out the window to go into my little 13 cubby-hole and sit again out under the tree to revert to 14 HIA121 the zombie boy, because I knew they were part of 15 the problem. 16 Q. After this incident, HIA121, you then started to run 17 away? 18 A. I started to run away at every opportunity. I would run 19 down to the shirt factory where there was a little hut 20 and there I would say. Ironically the then RUC, who had 21 an RUC station on Bridge Street, they knew where to look 22 for me. They came, and they were very kind, but 23 I couldn't speak. My voice was gone. I couldn't 24 articulate HIA121 the boy to them any more. 25 When I came back, I remember this particular sister <p style="text-align: center;">Page 57</p> </p>	<p>1 Q. I think you have also mentioned that there were people 2 from St. Vincent de Paul. 3 A. St. Vincent de Paul. They were very kind, but they 4 could never reach me. Adults -- HIA121 the boy, 5 introverted, I couldn't trust any adult. 6 Q. What about -- was there any positive events that 7 happened while you were in Termonbacca? Did you have 8 trips to anywhere, for example? 9 A. We had a day trip by the St. Vincent de Paul in the 10 summer, which we loved, because you could be a child, if 11 you know what I mean, whereas with the Sisters of 12 Nazareth -- I recognise they did their best for a day 13 trip, but you were either saying the rosary. You were 14 being watched by the monitors. The monitors had no 15 control on the day of the St. Vincent de Paul, but on 16 the day of the Nazareth day out there was something -- 17 besides for some reason even the skies used to cry. It 18 always seemed to rain. 19 Q. HIA121, you also talk in your witness statement about 20 some of the teachers who were in Bridge Street School 21 who were kind to you. 22 A. Exceptionally kind, very kind. You would often hear the 23 expression, "Look out for the boys of Termonbacca. How 24 are the boys from Termonbacca?", and the teachers, in 25 fact, in the winter of 1959 they got all the boys from <p style="text-align: center;">Page 59</p> </p>
<p>1 of Nazareth would smirk in my face "Welcome back, Your 2 Majesty", and then the beating would start. I ran away. 3 I ran away. I ran away. 4 Q. And is it your evidence that each time you came back you 5 were beaten? 6 A. I was beaten. At this stage I was a total zombie as 7 a child. 8 Q. You have made mention of several people there and it's 9 fair to say, is it not, that you are not complaining 10 about everyone you encountered during your time in 11 Termonbacca? 12 A. No, because -- because injustice -- I must recognise 13 I have a moral and ethical and I am duty bound as 14 an individual to give recognition to honesty and 15 decency, and I cannot and I will not be a party to or 16 state anything but the truth, because today the truth is 17 setting me free here today. 18 Q. I mean, have mentioned there that there was SR38, who 19 nursed you. 20 A. Yes, very kind. 21 Q. And the gentleman who -- the older man -- 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. -- you say worked was a kind man, and you say the police 24 were also? 25 A. Also very kind. <p style="text-align: center;">Page 58</p> </p>	<p>1 Termonbacca warm jackets, scarves. They were very 2 Christian, very kind, and again I reiterate I have no 3 difficulty before this Commission in giving recognition 4 to honesty and decency, and the teachers -- the teachers 5 were wonderfully kind, particularly to the boys of 6 Termonbacca. 7 Q. Just one thing -- I will come back to that in a moment. 8 After you'd left care completely, after you had been in 9 Salthill and you'd left care, you wrote very many 10 letters to the Sisters of Nazareth -- 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. -- and can I suggest they were in very warm and 13 complimentary terms. 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. For example, one of the nuns that you refer to here as 16 the person who smirked and made the comment when you 17 came back -- 18 A. Yes, I did. 19 Q. -- after running away -- 20 A. I wrote to her. 21 Q. -- you wrote to her and you actually invited her in 22 a letter to your home. Is that correct? 23 A. That is -- again my purpose in all of that and to thank 24 them for their faith was that this was my way, and I 25 have to emphasise this, of healing, of reaching out. <p style="text-align: center;">Page 60</p> </p>

<p>1 Now I have two choices in life. I can go down the road 2 of bitterness and hatred and take it out on everybody 3 and on society. That was never my way. My way was 4 through faith, through believing that I could be 5 a productive person of society, which I am and was and 6 will be in the future. So I was reaching out to those 7 who tormented me. This was my way of healing, so that 8 one day I could forgive them.</p> <p>9 I invited SR43 to my home. She came. I told her my 10 story and she said to me, "HIA121, I believe you, and 11 I'm going to keep in touch with you", and to her credit 12 she did. She even rang me from Australia to see how 13 I was coping. She knew I had lost my birth family. She 14 knew of the abuse. I told her. She told me, "HIA121, 15 I believe you and I'm going to get something done about 16 this", and she rang me no matter where she was in the 17 world on visitation.</p> <p>18 So in me writing and thanking the Sisters for their 19 faith I was giving -- it wasn't easy, but I was giving 20 recognition where recognition was due, but let nobody 21 see that as diminishing in any way the holocaust of 22 my -- of my lost childhood, because I can only speak for 23 HIA121 the boy, HIA121 the man. I have no moral or 24 ethical right to say to any good person in this room or 25 beyond in general society that you must forgive. Every</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 61</p>	<p>1 tell them about what had happened to you. Do you recall 2 receiving that letter?</p> <p>3 A. Sorry. Which letter is this?</p> <p>4 Q. This is a letter that was addressed to you. You see 5 that it has the "Dear HIA121". I should say this is 6 a letter that we received from the Sisters of Nazareth 7 themselves.</p> <p>8 A. I have never seen this letter before.</p> <p>9 Q. You have never seen this letter?</p> <p>10 A. I have never seen this letter before.</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN: Just take a few minutes to read it, please.</p> <p>12 A. I'm sorry.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN: I take it there's another -- subsequent pages?</p> <p>14 MS SMITH: On the following page, SND-831.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN: If you just wait until we have read through the 16 whole letter, HIA121 --</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN: -- and then you will have the opportunity, of 19 course, to comment on it. If you could bring up 20 SND-831.</p> <p>21 A. No, no. I can state on oath this is the first time I've 22 seen this letter. In fact, it says in this letter: 23 "Your calling on numerous occasions when you were 24 working as a labourer." 25 I never worked as a labourer. I have never been to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 63</p>
<p>1 human being is unique. No two people are the same, and 2 when I speak of healing, I reached out to the Sisters of 3 Nazareth. I could have just said, "Oh, to hell with 4 this. I am going to go public. I am going to go on 5 television. What about me? What about ...?"</p> <p>6 No, no. I wanted to go that road. I am not 7 a member of any survivors' group. I respect the right 8 -- the great work they are doing. I can only speak for 9 myself. Look at it this way. I didn't result to drugs, 10 to alcohol abuse to dull the pain. I know personally 11 that so many victims have, but I choose my bible and my 12 faith to carry me to this day, and in reaching out to 13 the Sisters of Nazareth, it is on their knees that they 14 should be thanking God that "A victim we took so much 15 of, that he is reaching out to us". That's why, as 16 painful as it was, I went and I believe in going that 17 extra mile, and that's why.</p> <p>18 So let that be my answer to the Sisters of Nazareth. 19 If they think by me writing to them that I was in some 20 way making up this, no, no, no, no, no. In fact, if 21 that is their view, God help humanity.</p> <p>22 Q. Just on that point, HIA121, can I ask that SND-830 be 23 pulled up, please? Now, HIA121, this is a letter that 24 is addressed to you by the Sisters of Nazareth in 25 Hammersmith. It is in response to when you actually did</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 62</p>	<p>1 Glasgow. They say 1968 without giving any 2 identification away. That year is wrong.</p> <p>3 Q. So this is not a letter that you ever received?</p> <p>4 A. I never received this letter.</p> <p>5 Q. I should clarify for the benefit of the Inquiry --</p> <p>6 A. No, sir, I did not. I can state I did not under any 7 circumstances.</p> <p>8 Q. HIA121, that's -- I accept that entirely.</p> <p>9 A. No, no. I see that.</p> <p>10 Q. For the purposes of the Inquiry if I may just explain 11 that this is a document that we received that was 12 addressed to you at your home in Dublin.</p> <p>13 A. Yes. It says here that I spent Christmas with them in 14 1981.</p> <p>15 Q. Did you do that?</p> <p>16 A. No, no, no.</p> <p>17 Q. Well, there's obviously some mistake, but this was given 18 to us by the Sisters as a letter that they -- a copy of 19 a letter that they had sent to you.</p> <p>20 A. "A serious illness you had in 1959." That would be the 21 ...</p> <p>22 Q. The head injury?</p> <p>23 A. ... head injury. They say I -- without identifying, 24 1968. No. No, no, no, no. No, I can state on oath 25 this is not -- this is the first time I've seen this</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 64</p>

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<p>1 letter. I've not been to Glasgow.</p> <p>2 Q. Very well. Well, we'll leave it there, HIA121. In any</p> <p>3 event --</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN: Sorry. Just a moment. Yes. Thank you.</p> <p>5 MS SMITH: If I can take you back to another issue, if we</p> <p>6 could just go back to the statement, please, which again</p> <p>7 commences on page SND-638. At paragraph 33 of the</p> <p>8 statement you talk about being aware that there were</p> <p>9 some boys who went to Australia from the home.</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. What can you tell the Inquiry about that?</p> <p>12 A. My memories of parades being held in the day room of</p> <p>13 Termonbacca and the nuns telling the boys that they were</p> <p>14 going to Australia, and I remember they were told about</p> <p>15 sunshine, about apples and oranges and kangaroos, and</p> <p>16 many of the kids were really happy at that, but somehow</p> <p>17 I detected something, and I remember hiding behind a boy</p> <p>18 as the nun walked along the line with a doctor to select</p> <p>19 the boys. It was frightening. I felt very frightened.</p> <p>20 But I remember one day waking up and Termonbacca</p> <p>21 seemed to have been empty, seemed -- seemed to be all</p> <p>22 gone. It was like a morgue it was so quiet. They went</p> <p>23 I think around 1956, '58 under the British migration</p> <p>24 scheme, and I remember seeing a photograph in the Derry</p> <p>25 Journal some days later, children pointing out -- the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 65</p>	<p>1 going to Australia?</p> <p>2 A. Oh, God! No, no, no.</p> <p>3 Q. Can we just discuss for a moment your life after care?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. You went -- after Salthill you actually went back to</p> <p>6 Termonbacca on occasions. Isn't that correct?</p> <p>7 A. When I -- when I left Termonbacca -- sorry -- when I</p> <p>8 left Salthill, the Brothers got me a job in a pub about</p> <p>9 thirty miles from Salthill. I had no idea about the</p> <p>10 ways of the world. I didn't have an idea about money,</p> <p>11 and I stayed for four days very frightened, because</p> <p>12 there was an elderly bachelor man who owned the pub, and</p> <p>13 you can appreciate what I'm thinking. I was frightened,</p> <p>14 and how I got back to Derry I don't know. I genuinely</p> <p>15 don't know, but I stayed in Salthill living on the farm</p> <p>16 in the sheds where the animals were for about four or</p> <p>17 five days and nights, because I was distressed and</p> <p>18 frightened.</p> <p>19 I got back to Derry. How I don't know, but I lived</p> <p>20 on the streets of Strand Road and the GNR factory</p> <p>21 railway was just across. I remember on June 27th, a day</p> <p>22 that will live forever in my memory, frightened,</p> <p>23 distressed as I was, I went up to the door of</p> <p>24 Termonbacca. I mean, I had no money. I had no food.</p> <p>25 I had no water. I had no family. I had no-one.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 67</p>
<p>1 paper was on the large tennis table -- sewing table in</p> <p>2 the orphanage.</p> <p>3 Q. Do you ever remember in one of the many letters that you</p> <p>4 wrote to the Sisters ever saying anything to them that</p> <p>5 your parents would have gone ballistic if you had been</p> <p>6 picked to be sent to Australia?</p> <p>7 A. I would need to see that.</p> <p>8 Q. If we could pull up SND-1221, please. Just at the top</p> <p>9 of that page you see the record in the Derry Journal of</p> <p>10 several assemblies held in Termonbacca with the purpose</p> <p>11 of sending children from Termonbacca to Australia under</p> <p>12 the British migrant scheme.</p> <p>13 A. I -- if I -- does it say it here?</p> <p>14 Q. It just says:</p> <p>15 "Both myself and", your brother, "were selected. My</p> <p>16 mother and father went ballistic when they heard about</p> <p>17 it and we were taken off the list."</p> <p>18 A. When I met my mother and father in 1965 at 16, they</p> <p>19 discussed that. That would be in that context.</p> <p>20 Q. So that's after --</p> <p>21 A. That would have been in that con... -- that's after</p> <p>22 I came out of the industrial school when I met the birth</p> <p>23 mother and father.</p> <p>24 Q. But when you were in Termonbacca, you didn't know that</p> <p>25 there had been any discussions with your parents about</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 66</p>	<p>1 I knocked on the door and I asked -- I found out later</p> <p>2 she was the Mother Superior, and I asked her for help,</p> <p>3 and she totally dismissed me with a wave of the hand and</p> <p>4 told me she would have me arrested if I didn't leave,</p> <p>5 and I felt that that day was a turning point. When they</p> <p>6 slammed the door, they proved to me that they were</p> <p>7 slamming the door on the core values of their own</p> <p>8 mission statement: "When I was hungry, you gave me to</p> <p>9 eat; thirsty, you gave me to drink; naked, you clothed</p> <p>10 me; distressed, you comforted me". I knew that that day</p> <p>11 one day they would be brought crumbling down and it has</p> <p>12 come to pass.</p> <p>13 Q. Subsequently arranged -- someone in Derry actually</p> <p>14 arranged for you to go to Dublin. You spent some time</p> <p>15 working in a hotel there, and then you worked for the</p> <p>16 Jesuits. In May 1965 you joined the Irish Army. Is</p> <p>17 that correct?</p> <p>18 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>19 Q. You served in that army for the next 43 years?</p> <p>20 A. 43 years.</p> <p>21 Q. You did ten hours of duty --</p> <p>22 A. That's correct.</p> <p>23 Q. -- including out in the ?</p> <p>24 A.</p> <p>25 Q. And in and you actually retired only in 2008?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 68</p>

1 **A. 2008.**
 2 Q. Is it correct that, apart from that occasion in 1964,
 3 you went back to Termonbacca on another occasion?
 4 **A. I went back on four distinct occasions to try in my own**
 5 **way to come to terms with what happened. For example,**
 6 **in -- and I learned that when I was out there --**
 7 **that there is a mental health programme in place of**
 8 **healing, where survivors are invited -- encouraged, in**
 9 **fact -- to go back to the camps to try to come to terms.**
 10 **The majority, they can't, but for those who do, it can**
 11 **work.**
 12 **With that in mind, because I saw the famous**
 13 **Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem -- I love to go down to**
 14 **visit the Holy Land, to walk the place that Jesus**
 15 **walked, and it meant a lot to me as it turned out, and**
 16 **I went back and the more -- it didn't do anything for**
 17 **me.**
 18 Q. You did go on more than one occasion?
 19 **A. I tried to reach out.**
 20 Q. On one of those occasions -- paragraph 36 of your
 21 statement at page SND-648 -- you talk about meeting the
 22 person who you have described earlier as being a kind
 23 man.
 24 **A. Yes.**
 25 Q. He was there and he told you -- this was in 1986 -- he

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1 told you that the home had closed in '82 and the
 2 Carmelite Fathers had taken over.
 3 **A. That's correct.**
 4 Q. He also told you that when the home closed, he had been
 5 instructed to take out and burn hundreds of documents
 6 and records, including birth certificates.
 7 **A. Yes.**
 8 Q. He told you that it had taken him over an hour to do it,
 9 because there was a lot to burn.
 10 **A. He went looking for help, in fact. I remember vividly**
 11 **him telling me this and I remember --**
 12 Q. Do you need -- there's some water in front of you,
 13 HIA121, if you need it.
 14 **A. No, I'm fine. He said to me with a smile, "HIA121", he**
 15 **said, "We were only bastards anyway".**
 16 Q. You did tell the police. You told initially the Guards
 17 and then you were interviewed by the RUC in 1993 --
 18 **A. Yes.**
 19 Q. -- is that correct -- about what had happened to you?
 20 **A. And this was -- if you --**
 21 Q. Sorry. Do you need a moment or two? Your voice is
 22 obviously still catchy.
 23 **A. If you see the two reports, you will find it verbatim.**
 24 Q. You told the Guards and the police what you are telling
 25 the Inquiry today.

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1 **A. Yes, what I'm telling you.**
 2 Q. You don't believe that any prosecutions resulted from
 3 what you told them.
 4 **A. No, because at that time nobody was talking about child**
 5 **abuse. No-one was talking about investigations, and my**
 6 **state of health at the time in the sense of my outlook,**
 7 **I was deeply introverted at that time, coming out of it.**
 8 Q. Can I just ask you what the position is today? I think
 9 you have already given us some details of this, but
 10 about contact with your family. You were talking about
 11 meeting your two brothers as a result of the past few
 12 days' events.
 13 **A. Yes. I met them for the first time -- the eldest for**
 14 **the first time in forty years yesterday just for**
 15 **ten minutes, but looking into his face, I know he's**
 16 **a broken man. He was there at the same time as I was.**
 17 **I never knew him. I can only imagine -- I can only**
 18 **imagine what he told the Commission. I didn't ask,**
 19 **because morally and ethically I had no right to, but**
 20 **I can only imagine what he must have experienced, and my**
 21 **second brother, I met him yesterday for ten minutes, but**
 22 **I will never forget the impression my eldest brother**
 23 **made on me. He hugged me and he cried and he said,**
 24 **"HIA121, they killed our families. There is no family"**
 25 **and there isn't.**

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1 Q. You had no contact I take it with any of your sisters?
 2 **A. No, nothing. There is nothing, and it would be unfair**
 3 **on my part to start at my age of 65 playing "Little**
 4 **House on the Prairie". I could not do it. It would be**
 5 **morally wrong and ethically, because each of them have**
 6 **been damaged, damaged very gravely.**
 7 Q. Can I ask the position -- you never married. Isn't that
 8 right?
 9 **A. I never married.**
 10 Q. And what was -- what do you say part of the reason for
 11 that was?
 12 **A. The reason being the best way I can describe this is in**
 13 **normal -- you are looking at quite a unique survivor in**
 14 **me. I love myself today. There is no-one like HIA121**
 15 **today. I say that without any sense of arrogance.**
 16 **I~have come to love myself, to be good to myself. When**
 17 **it comes to family and to loving a woman, I want to, but**
 18 **I can't. Does anybody this room know what it's like to**
 19 **go through life without love? To be loved by a woman**
 20 **and to give love to a woman is the most beautiful thing.**
 21 **It's beautiful. I see it all around me. I see the**
 22 **beautiful kids that I'll never have, and that's directly**
 23 **attributable to the fact that it was women in my**
 24 **childhood who brutalised me with beatings, and yet, to**
 25 **make it worse, these were professed to serve, to love,**

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<p>1 to pass the message of love and dignity by their 2 profession, but they couldn't. 3 Now in normal circumstances I have no doubt that if 4 you were discussing with a psychopath -- psychologist or 5 a psychiatrist, my case as a boy, HIA121 the boy, would 6 be the ideal case to grow up to be a psychopath -- let's 7 call a spade a spade -- in normal circumstances, but 8 I don't do excuses. I don't do self-pity. Society owes 9 HIA121 the boy, HIA121 the man one thing and one thing 10 only, and that's honesty and integrity. The rest is 11 down to HIA121 the man, and I was determined, despite 12 16 years of hell, 12 of those in care of the Sisters of 13 Nazareth, that I was going to make a life for myself, 14 and if I could do it without hurting, that's HIA121 the 15 man who wants to be. 16 That is why five years ago -- and I have to say this 17 to the Commission -- I was at Dublin Airport seeing 18 a personal friend emigrating with his family, and I saw 19 what I thought was a Franciscan priest. Whether he was 20 or religious brother I don't know. It was at the height 21 of the publication of the Murphy Report down South. He 22 joined the queue and everyone moved away from him. 23 I stood and I saw this and I said, "No, that's not 24 right", and I approached him with my hand outstretched 25 and with a smile and I said, "Father, don't give up. Page 73</p>	<p>1 let's be honest -- women are very softies. I say that 2 with love. They are softies, no matter what. To me 3 they are, but I have a great respect for women. I feel 4 great among them. When I served overseas, I always went 5 out of my way to be among them, but when it comes to the 6 ultimate act of love, the barrier was there. I'm 7 conscious of it. I'm kind to women. I love them. 8 I love being among them, but when it comes to a family, 9 to getting married, to have my own children, I'm serving 10 a life sentence. I have tried to. I have tried to do 11 it. I can't, because simply I never knew the love of 12 a woman when I was a child, and believe me I know it 13 would take a psychiatrist, psychologist to work that one 14 out, but you asked me an honest question. I am giving 15 you an honest answer. 16 Q. HIA121, you may have actually answered this question, 17 but I am going to answer it -- ask it nonetheless and 18 ask you what your attitude today is to those who looked 19 after you as a child in Termonbacca? 20 A. I feel sorry for them. I feel sorry for them. I don't 21 feel angry. I have no anger. I don't do anger any 22 more. I feel so sorry. 23 Q. Why do you say that? 24 A. Because -- because I can only speak for myself. I hope 25 one day I can forgive them. I feel sorry in the sense Page 75</p>
<p>1 I believe in you". I walked out, and the doors of 2 Dublin Airport were opening, and I looked back and other 3 passengers began to shake hands with the young priest. 4 That's why from that day I vowed going forward to 5 the day the Good Lord calls me home that I would do one 6 act of goodness for someone for the rest of my life and 7 I have done that for five years. It might be just 8 saying "Hello" with a smile to someone in the morning, 9 giving hope to someone. Down at the shop, for example, 10 which is very common, I see a mother with three or four 11 children. She is laden down with shopping. A little 12 kind offer, a little gesture, that's my way of healing. 13 I could go along as an individual and say, "Oh, look 14 at me. Have pity on me". I don't want anyone's pity. 15 I don't want sympathy. What I want is an understanding 16 of HIA121 the man and the pain, the loss, the suffering, 17 the anguish, the lack of -- his intellect being damaged, 18 the lack of potential. What man would HIA121 the man be 19 if I had not been brutalised? 20 So, therefore, in answer to your question -- and 21 forgive me if I am dragging, but I have to say this. 22 Q. That's okay. 23 A. I have no bitter... -- I love being around women really. 24 Those who know me will tell you that. I love -- I feel 25 comfortable, because no matter how tough a woman is -- Page 74</p>	<p>1 that they missed out. They too must be deeply 2 disturbed, many of them. What -- they too were victims 3 I think. Were they too shoved into religious orders to 4 give a family a social status in life? Were they shoved 5 in to get rid of a problem and they took it out? Was 6 the beating of children, was the starving me of emotion, 7 of love, was this their way to counteract the feminine 8 instinct within them to have their own families? I have 9 no doubt psychologists, psychiatrists in relation to 10 this Commission will possibly look at that, but you 11 asked me this question. No, I don't feel bitter for 12 them. I feel -- I feel sad with all my heart. I feel 13 sad for them, because they are no longer in control of 14 me, of HIA121 the man. 15 Q. Finally, HIA121, as you know, this Inquiry has to make 16 recommendations to the Northern Ireland Executive about 17 what the Inquiry feels should happen, whether 18 a potential apology, or some form of appropriate 19 memorial or tribute, or some other form of redress. 20 Is there anything that you would wish to say to the 21 Inquiry about what recommendations to make? 22 A. What I would like to say is the Commission to assure me 23 that never again will any religious orders get such 24 fundamental control of children. I believe it is 25 unhealthy. I genuinely do. I believe it is unhealthy. Page 76</p>

<p>1 Two. I know people will say that they should put 2 a monument in stone, but for me I would love to see 3 an educational scholarship for some deprived child in 4 Northern Ireland. I would love to see that. 5 Thirdly, the state of Northern Ireland, which 6 I recognise and deeply and profoundly respect, it by 7 having this Commission is setting itself free. It is 8 looking into its soul, and the strength of any 9 democracy, which Northern Ireland is -- and, please God, 10 I pray with all my heart it will go from strength to 11 strength -- it is freeing itself. It is recognising by 12 this Commission that it is telling the victims such as 13 me, "We wronged you". I want to hear the Commission 14 say, "You were wronged", and if it is a matter of 15 compensation, then let the moral and ethical recognition 16 of that be an act. 17 Q. Thank you very much, HIA121. If you just remain there 18 for a moment, the Panel Members may have some questions 19 they wish to ask you. 20 Questions from THE PANEL 21 MS DOHERTY: Thank you very much for your testimony. 22 I don't have any questions. 23 CHAIRMAN: There is only one question I would like to ask 24 you, HIA121, and it is this. You have referred to the 25 welfare car from County Donegal coming back to you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 77</p>	<p>1 There will be another witness to give evidence after 2 lunch -- 3 CHAIRMAN: Yes. 4 MS SMITH: -- but it might be an appropriate time to rise. 5 CHAIRMAN: Since the other witness has been notified for 6 2~o'clock, we will sit at 2 o'clock. 7 (12.45 pm) 8 (Lunch break) 9 (2.00 pm) 10 HIA146 (called) 11 MS SMITH: Good afternoon, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies 12 and gentlemen. HIA146, if you would just stand, the 13 Chairman will wish to speak to you first of all. 14 CHAIRMAN: Do you wish to take the oath or would you prefer 15 to affirm? 16 A. Affirm, please. 17 CHAIRMAN: Very well. 18 HIA146 (affirmed) 19 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY 20 MS SMITH: Good afternoon, HIA146. Can I just ask you when 21 you are speaking, if you would speak into the 22 microphone, because I was speaking to you earlier. You 23 speak quite softly and we do have to hear all that you 24 will say. There is a glass of water in front of you if 25 I need it. If I think you need a break at any time,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 79</p>
<p>1 A. Yes, sir. 2 Q. Did you ever contact the welfare authorities in Donegal 3 for information in the way that you have contacted this 4 Inquiry, for example? 5 A. No, I didn't, sir, because again I'm working from the 6 mind of a child. 7 Q. I don't mean at the time. 8 A. I know. In the sense of -- 9 Q. In later years. 10 A. To answer your question, it was just an adult in a black 11 car that brought me to -- to Salthill. 12 Q. I meant in later years you told us you went to the 13 Guards and the RUC -- 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. -- and you have come to the Inquiry. 16 A. Yes. I went -- 17 Q. I wondered, just as you wrote to the Sisters, did you 18 ever write to Donegal Council? 19 A. To be honest with you, sir, I never even thought of it. 20 Q. That's fair enough. Thank you. 21 Well, thank you very much, HIA121, for coming here 22 today. 23 A. I thank you, sir, and I thank the Commission. 24 (Witness withdrew) 25 MS SMITH: Chairman, that takes us -- it is almost 12.45.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 78</p>	<p>1 please just let us know. 2 A. Right. 3 Q. So can I just summarise briefly? You are now aged 62. 4 Is that correct? 5 A. 62, yes. 6 Q. You were admitted to Termonbacca on 21st March 1956? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Your parents were both still alive, and you lived in 9 Termonbacca until July 1965? 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. At that point your mother got a house in the Creggan 12 area in Londonderry -- 13 A. Uh-huh. 14 Q. -- and she took all of her children back. 15 Can I just ask if SND-13961 could be put up on the 16 screen, please? This is a letter that you received, 17 HIA146, from the Sisters of Nazareth back in December 18 2012, when you wrote asking for details of your time in 19 the home. 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. You will see that there is "HIA146" and that is the -- 22 take it from the Inquiry's point of view that is a 23 designation we have given to identify you. 24 A. Uh-huh. 25 Q. It's just basically setting out in that letter your date</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 80</p>

<p>1 of birth, your date of admission to the home, your date 2 of discharge, and it would appear you were in the home 3 for just over nine years of your life? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. Unfortunately the numbering is non-sequential, but if we 6 look at SND-13959, which would be the second page of the 7 letter that you received, it sets out there some more 8 details about -- 9 A. Right. 10 Q. -- that were taken from the Sisters of Nazareth 11 register. 12 A. Uh-huh. 13 Q. It gives details of your parents and your sacraments at 14 that time. Then just at the bottom of that page it 15 says: 16 "Reason for admission to home: father drinking and 17 mother in hospital." 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. You as a child would have been unaware of why you were 20 actually taken into the home I take it? 21 A. I had no idea. 22 Q. There are two other pages of that letter which again 23 give further details of your time, and that was the only 24 information that you received from the Sisters of 25 Nazareth about your time in care. Is that correct? Page 81</p>	<p>1 that they did was to put numbers on clothing and, for 2 example, when clothing came back from the laundry, they 3 would call out the number on the clothing. 4 A. You had to know your number. 5 Q. But what I'm suggesting to you is that that was the 6 purpose of the numbering rather than actually calling 7 you by a number on a general basis. 8 A. Well, your name wasn't put on the clothes. Your number 9 was put on your clothes. 10 CHAIRMAN: I think, HIA146, what we are trying to find out 11 is if you are in a classroom, or the corridor, or a nun 12 wanted to speak to you, did somebody say to you, 13 "HIA146" or did they say "HIA146" or did they say 14 "Number 48"? 15 A. It would have been "HIA146". 16 Q. Thank you. 17 MS SMITH: Right. Were you aware of any siblings in 18 Termonbacca with you? 19 A. I knew I had two brothers, but they were in separate 20 sections. 21 Q. They were in separate -- 22 A. Different sections to me. 23 Q. -- sections, and -- 24 A. So there was never an opportunity to meet them. 25 Q. So if we can just pull up your statement, please. Page 83</p>
<p>1 A. Well, the date of going in and the date of getting out 2 and nothing in between. There's nothing else mentioned 3 on there, not a thing. 4 Q. From that can I just -- you were known as HIA146 in the 5 home. Is that correct? 6 A. Uh-huh. 7 Q. There's been some suggestion the children were referred 8 to by number. Have you anything you wish to tell the 9 Inquiry about that? 10 A. Well, myself was number 48. 11 Q. And how would the nuns have addressed you? Would they 12 have called you HIA146 or how would they have spoken to 13 you? 14 A. Well, you didn't get called by first names. Most times 15 you didn't. You just got called HIA146 or whatever. I 16 don't remember getting addressed as a number except if 17 it was something to do with your laundry or your locker. 18 That's it. 19 Q. If I can -- it has been suggested by the congregation 20 that, in fact, there was no policy of numbering children 21 in the home. 22 A. Oh, yes, there was. 23 Q. You say that there was? 24 A. Why would number 48 still stick with me? 25 Q. Well, it's been suggested by them that one of the things Page 82</p>	<p>1 That's SND-1452. I should have asked you at the 2 outside, HIA146. This is a copy of the witness 3 statement that you have provided to the Inquiry -- 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. -- and you see there it says "Witness Statement of 6 HIA146", which, as I have explained, is the designation 7 that we have given to you. 8 A. Right. 9 Q. If we could just go to the final page of that statement, 10 and that's page 1462 -- 11 CHAIRMAN: Just while it is being brought up, is Mr -- is 12 the present witness content to be known publicly by his 13 surname? 14 MS SMITH: Not -- no, not at this stage, Chairman. 15 CHAIRMAN: Very well. 16 MS SMITH: Sorry, HIA146. If you just look, there's a large 17 "HIA146" and that block is covering the signature, which 18 is dated 30th October 2013, which is the day you signed 19 your statement for the Inquiry. Is that correct? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. And you are content that this statement goes forward to 22 the Inquiry as part of your evidence? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. Now if we just look at the statement, is it indicated -- 25 at paragraphs 5 and 6 you talk about what you knew about Page 84</p>

<p>1 your brothers being in the home with you. Sorry. It is 2 page 1453. At paragraph 5 you say you don't remember 3 your brother, and his name is given, being there and you 4 knew that a younger brother was in the home. 5 A. Uh-huh. 6 Q. Then you go on to talk about a sister and -- 7 A. Which I didn't know about. 8 Q. What can you say about her? Where was she? 9 A. She was in Nazareth House in Bishop Street. 10 Q. And did you have any contact with her? 11 A. None. I think I seen her once or twice. 12 Q. Did you know that she was your sister at that point? 13 A. I didn't know until I was eight or nine that I had 14 a sister. 15 Q. What contact can you say that you had with your parents 16 while you were in Termonbacca? You talk about it in 17 paragraph 18. 18 A. I seen my father once and that was when I found out 19 I had a sister, but after that I never seen him again. 20 I seen my mother very rarely after that, once in a blue 21 moon, because apparently she moved to Belfast. Couldn't 22 get any housing here. So there was very little contact 23 with my mother either. 24 Q. She did eventually, though, return to live in Derry. 25 Isn't that right?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 85</p>	<p>1 myself." 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. Can you please explain what you meant by that? 4 A. The best way I could get through it is to keep my head 5 down, not get involved with anybody or anybody else. 6 Just be a loner; keep out of the way; don't get 7 involved. 8 Q. You did subsequently -- I think you refer to making one 9 friend just before you left Termonbacca? 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. And you give his name in paragraph 26, and in 12 paragraph 23 you refer to him and making friends with 13 him? 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. This is a person you said had come from a different 16 jurisdiction and he was the only friend you ever made in 17 the home. Is that correct? 18 A. Probably because he was getting picked on too. So ... 19 Q. And you still are in contact with him today? 20 A. No, we lost contact. He's moved. He moved away from 21 Derry quite a few years ago. 22 Q. But certainly for years afterwards you were -- 23 A. For quite a few years after that we were friends. We 24 were constantly -- I was more time in his house than 25 I was in my own house.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 87</p>
<p>1 A. Yes. 2 Q. And got a house of her own? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. And at that stage you had more contact? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. Did you have contact with any other family members 7 during your time in Termonbacca? 8 A. Apart from when I went to secondary school, I used to 9 have a cousin lived in Creggan and an aunt. My mother 10 was staying with her for a while while she was trying to 11 find accommodation for her and us. 12 Q. And so did you visit them at your aunt's home? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. If I can take you to -- sorry. Can I just ask you some 15 questions that I have been asked to put to you? You 16 were known as HIA146 in the home and did you know 17 a HIA196 or any of the when you were in the 18 home? 19 A. I can't remember. 20 Q. Can't remember. Can I just take you -- you do talk 21 about at paragraph 15 -- if we could go to paragraph 15, 22 which is at page 1457. If I can perhaps just read that 23 to you and maybe you can explain what you mean by this: 24 "I tried not to make friends in the home, because if 25 you made friends, you made enemies, so I kept myself to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 86</p>	<p>1 Q. Okay. 2 CHAIRMAN: Could I just ask, Ms Smith, if we could have 3 these statements a little larger on the screen there? 4 It's probably not very easy for everyone to read. 5 MS SMITH: I think it is difficult to actually -- 6 CHAIRMAN: Yes, I think that would be more helpful. 7 MS SMITH: Yes, it would. If we could keep the documents at 8 that magnitude, please. 9 If I can take you back to -- if we can go back -- 10 scroll up back to paragraph 4, please, and if I can just 11 take you through this, HIA146. This is where you make 12 specific allegations about what happened to you in 13 Termonbacca, and you say at paragraph 4: 14 "I was physically and mentally abused there, but 15 never sexually abused. I did not witness any sexual 16 abuse of others taking place in the home. I felt in 17 constant fear of the older boys in the home, so I kept 18 my head down and kept a low profile, and tried to avoid 19 situations where I would be vulnerable, because I was 20 always terrified." 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. "I experienced beatings and saw others being beaten in 23 the home. You often got a beating for no good reason. 24 We were just children and the only way they taught you 25 a lesson was to give you a good hiding. The senior boys</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 88</p>

<p>1 beat you as well as some of the nuns. I can only 2 recall", and you give the name of a boy there, "now as 3 an older boy who terrified and abused me and Sister", 4 and you name the nun who beat you, "although not 5 frequently." 6 Can I ask you to maybe explain what you mean by the 7 fact that this particular nun did not beat you 8 frequently? 9 A. She didn't need to. 10 Q. Can you please tell us a bit more about that? 11 A. To elaborate on that, the older boys were more or less 12 the ones that kept you under control. She only 13 supervised the blinking thing. So if he felt like 14 giving you a hiding, you got a hiding. 15 Q. Was she present when the older boys might have been 16 beating you? 17 A. An odd time she would have been. An odd time she would 18 have been aware of it but done nothing about it either. 19 Q. You then go on to talk about a different nun, a young 20 nun who was in the home at the time. You say that she 21 was all right. Now you have given the name of that nun 22 there. 23 A. Uh-huh. 24 Q. Do you know what her role in the home was? 25 A. I think she was looking after the younger ones, mostly</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 89</p>	<p>1 A. Everything. 2 Q. When you weren't either -- 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. When you were playing together outside or inside, you 5 were always in a group. Is that correct? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. And you described -- earlier in your statement you 8 describe that the nursery in Termonbacca was somewhere 9 that was a good place. Can you say what you mean by 10 that? 11 A. Well, whatever I remember at the time. I don't remember 12 anything when I was younger. I don't see why I would 13 have. 14 Q. You would have been very young at the time that you were 15 in the nursery? 16 A. Yes, yes. 17 Q. If I can just take you back to the statement and go to 18 paragraph 12, which is 1456, you say that bedtime was 19 a difficult time, as you were often beaten to sleep by 20 the older boys. Then they would come round and beat you 21 to see if you were sleeping. You would pull the covers 22 over you so they wouldn't know if you were sleeping or 23 not, and if they hit you, you had to pretend that you 24 were asleep and that you didn't feel it. 25 A. Yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 91</p>
<p>1 the younger ones. 2 Q. And you say that she was all right. What exactly do you 3 mean by the fact that she was all right? 4 A. Well, she was never abusive to me. 5 Q. Okay. 6 A. I don't know what she was like to other people, but, as 7 I say, I kept out of harm's way anyway. 8 Q. Okay. I have been asked specifically to ask you whether 9 that sister, who I am going to name now, and for the 10 purposes of the media and those present this name is not 11 to be repeated outside here, but I have been asked if 12 the young nun that you were talking about was SR2? 13 A. I know her as SR2. Whether it is SR2 I don't know, but 14 SR2, yes. 15 Q. Thank you. Can I ask you a few general questions as 16 well? Apart -- 17 CHAIRMAN: "SR2" on the -- 18 MS SMITH: "SR2" on the list, Chairman. 19 Generally apart from those children who were in the 20 nursery did the boys eat together? 21 A. Yes. A big refectory. 22 Q. And did they play outside together and play inside 23 together when the weather was wet? 24 A. Everything was done together. 25 Q. Everything was done together?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 90</p>	<p>1 Q. That you didn't feel yourself being hit. 2 "The older boys did this. I~would estimate there 3 would have been about 60 people in the senior 4 dormitory." 5 You had someone wandering around with a stick to put 6 you to sleep. You say: 7 "There was a nun's cell in the dormitory and she 8 could have opened the curtains at any time to see what 9 was going on. She was right next door and she could 10 hear all this going on, but the nuns never intervened." 11 A. Uh-huh. 12 Q. "If there was anything happening during the night, they 13 just ignored it and let the older boys take over." 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. I think you have explained to the Inquiry already when 16 I~asked about the older boys, you say they were 17 effectively in control? 18 A. They were -- they were the ones that meted out the 19 punishment really. They were allowed to do it and you 20 couldn't complain. Who do you complain to? You 21 couldn't complain to a nun, because he would override it 22 and say "Ah, well, he was out of order, so bang. Going 23 to get it". Then you will go and get it for telling. 24 Q. So can I take you back to paragraph 9 on your statement 25 when you talk about a couple of specific incidents here?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 92</p>

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<p>1 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>2 Q. You say in paragraph 9 you were about 13 or 14 when you</p> <p>3 moved to the senior dormitory. This again is in</p> <p>4 relation to the older boys. Once you moved into the</p> <p>5 senior dormitory, it was the older boys that sort of</p> <p>6 took over. You name one boy whose name you have given</p> <p>7 earlier.</p> <p>8 "He was a thug and brutal to everyone."</p> <p>9 You say he is now dead.</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. "He just loved hurting people mostly for no reason. He</p> <p>12 would hit you with the nearest thing. We were playing a</p> <p>13 game once with a tennis racquet and you had to run and</p> <p>14 chase the ball, but when he hit the ball, it went into</p> <p>15 another field. When I came back and said I couldn't</p> <p>16 find the ball, he gave me a whack right across the head</p> <p>17 and injured my head."</p> <p>18 You say you still have a scar on your head from that</p> <p>19 incident.</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. He made you go back into the field with the blood</p> <p>22 pouring out of you to look for the ball. When you</p> <p>23 returned without it again, he pushed you into a barbed</p> <p>24 wire fence, taking the skin off your arm. Again you say</p> <p>25 you have a still a scar because of that.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 93</p>	<p>1 Q. It went through your Wellington boot and into your leg</p> <p>2 and they just pulled it out and you weren't sent to</p> <p>3 hospital?</p> <p>4 A. No. Same thing. Iodine and a poultice. No hospital;</p> <p>5 no tetanus injections; no doctor or no nothing.</p> <p>6 Q. You ever see a doctor in the home?</p> <p>7 A. Not unless it was a cursory examination.</p> <p>8 Q. Do you have any memory of it?</p> <p>9 A. Once in a blue moon.</p> <p>10 Q. Do you have any memory --</p> <p>11 A. Of seeing a doctor? No.</p> <p>12 Q. And in that regard did you ever remember anybody -- can</p> <p>13 I ask you -- you say this particular nun who treated you</p> <p>14 with the iodine and poultice, were you aware whether or</p> <p>15 not she had any nursing or medical qualifications?</p> <p>16 A. I wouldn't have thought so.</p> <p>17 Q. You don't know, though?</p> <p>18 A. I don't know, no, not for sure.</p> <p>19 Q. Do you ever remember anybody from Social Services or</p> <p>20 anyone official coming to look at the home?</p> <p>21 A. Not all the time I was there, no. Never once.</p> <p>22 Q. What about any senior nuns? Do you remember any visits</p> <p>23 by them?</p> <p>24 A. No.</p> <p>25 Q. Or anyone else of any degree of seniority? Do you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 95</p>
<p>1 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>2 Q. Can I ask then: in respect of these injuries you didn't</p> <p>3 receive any medical treatment. Is that correct?</p> <p>4 A. No.</p> <p>5 Q. You say there was no such thing as being sent for</p> <p>6 stitches?</p> <p>7 A. No.</p> <p>8 Q. The sister who you have named knew that you had been</p> <p>9 injured and that the wound had become infected and she</p> <p>10 treated it with iodine and a poultice.</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. You go on again about another injury at paragraph 10.</p> <p>13 You remember one time you were playing Cowboys and</p> <p>14 Indians and some of the older boys would be Indians.</p> <p>15 "One of them made a spherical object and chased us</p> <p>16 with it."</p> <p>17 Can you describe what you mean by that?</p> <p>18 A. It might have been maybe a wooden pole with a nail stuck</p> <p>19 in it.</p> <p>20 Q. And that's what you describe as a "spherical object"?</p> <p>21 A. That would be a lance.</p> <p>22 Q. "He chased us with it and a nail from this object went</p> <p>23 into the back of my leg, leaving a scar that looks like</p> <p>24 a bullet hole", you describe it.</p> <p>25 A. It is still there.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 94</p>	<p>1 remember any visits to the home by anyone outside?</p> <p>2 A. Apart from maybe Christmas time they had a play put on</p> <p>3 for the bishop or something like that there. That's</p> <p>4 about it.</p> <p>5 Q. Some of the boys have talked about gentlemen from St.</p> <p>6 Vincent de Paul coming to visit.</p> <p>7 A. Oh, you couldn't talk about anything. You were told not</p> <p>8 to say anything about what's going on. If they asked</p> <p>9 you questions, you have to stay schtum.</p> <p>10 Q. But is it correct that men from St. Vincent de Paul did</p> <p>11 come to visit boys at the home?</p> <p>12 A. Occasionally they did, aye, yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Did you yourself ever wet the bed?</p> <p>14 A. No.</p> <p>15 Q. If I could just take you to paragraph 13 of your</p> <p>16 statement and you say that:</p> <p>17 "Mornings were interesting, because there were boys</p> <p>18 called 'pee the beds'."</p> <p>19 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>20 Q. "These boys were probably like myself and felt</p> <p>21 terrified. I never wet the bed. I was too terrified of</p> <p>22 the consequences. These boys would be singled out in</p> <p>23 the morning and at times they were put outside and made</p> <p>24 to dry out the sheets. They had to walk through</p> <p>25 everybody, which must have been embarrassing."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 96</p>

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<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. You remember seeing that?</p> <p>3 A. I do, aye.</p> <p>4 Q. Is there anything else you want to say about that?</p> <p>5 A. No. It was routine. Every day was the same. Every</p> <p>6 morning was exactly the same. They'd find out who peed</p> <p>7 the bed.</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN: Stop for a moment, Ms Smith. (Pause.) As you</p> <p>9 can see, we are still having some teething problems,</p> <p>10 ladies and gentlemen.</p> <p>11 MS SMITH: Computers are wonderful when they work, but they</p> <p>12 are not always working all the time, HIA146.</p> <p>13 If I could just -- we were just talking there about</p> <p>14 the boys who wet the bed in the home and what happened</p> <p>15 to them.</p> <p>16 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>17 Q. Can I ask you about what you remember about the bath</p> <p>18 situation in the home?</p> <p>19 A. Horrendous.</p> <p>20 Q. Can I ask you to be a bit more specific?</p> <p>21 A. A wee bit more specific. Right. If you can imagine</p> <p>22 sheep getting dipped. Put it that way. One bath full</p> <p>23 of Jeyes Fluid. One boy in. Scrub, scrub, scrub. Next</p> <p>24 boy in. Scrub, scrub, scrub. Jeyes Fluid. Now we know</p> <p>25 it's highly toxic.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 97</p>	<p>1 personal possessions apart from the clothes that they</p> <p>2 were given -- that were given to you. You had no real</p> <p>3 possessions, none.</p> <p>4 Q. Did you have lockers in which you could put things?</p> <p>5 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>6 Q. And what would have been put into the lockers?</p> <p>7 A. They were sort of like -- they were lockers but they</p> <p>8 weren't lockers with locks on. So if anybody wanted to</p> <p>9 take something, he would have took it anyway. So ...</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. Can I ask you what your relationship with the</p> <p>11 nuns was like? You make a comment in -- that you became</p> <p>12 a trusted person by the nuns and you were asked to do</p> <p>13 things for them. Is that right?</p> <p>14 A. That was all of part of keeping your head down, wasn't</p> <p>15 it?</p> <p>16 Q. Yes. I think you talk about that in the same paragraph.</p> <p>17 A. So on occasion I would have been sent maybe to the bank</p> <p>18 or maybe to pay some balance that they had outstanding</p> <p>19 with various companies around the town.</p> <p>20 Q. This is -- it is in paragraph 15 of your statement you</p> <p>21 talk about that, where you were left alone by the nuns</p> <p>22 because of this privilege?</p> <p>23 A. Aye, because of it it will be maybe.</p> <p>24 Q. And also as a result of the fact that they trusted you</p> <p>25 and asked you to do these things you feel you got small</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 99</p>
<p>1 Q. You recall that there was Jeyes Fluid in the bath?</p> <p>2 A. Oh, yes.</p> <p>3 Q. And you say "Scrub, scrub, scrub". What were you</p> <p>4 scrubbed with?</p> <p>5 A. A deck scrubber, believe it or not.</p> <p>6 Q. Was anything said to you when you were being bathed?</p> <p>7 A. You were called different things.</p> <p>8 Q. Do you remember any?</p> <p>9 A. "Dirty" or whatever.</p> <p>10 Q. Who called you these names?</p> <p>11 A. Well, a nun would have been there too.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. Can I ask you: at some point -- did you ever get</p> <p>13 any presents while you were in the home?</p> <p>14 A. Very rarely. Maybe at Christmas. Maybe there was</p> <p>15 presents left by St. Vincent de Paul for the boys.</p> <p>16 Q. And can you tell the Inquiry about what might have</p> <p>17 happened to those presents?</p> <p>18 A. No. If you don't put them out of the way safe, they</p> <p>19 disappeared.</p> <p>20 Q. Were you allowed to play with them?</p> <p>21 A. You could do.</p> <p>22 Q. And did you -- I mean, I suppose I can put this</p> <p>23 specifically. Were they taken off you at any point</p> <p>24 or --</p> <p>25 A. No, they would just disappear. You didn't have any</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 98</p>	<p>1 privileges like a nicer breakfast than the rest of the</p> <p>2 boys?</p> <p>3 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>4 Q. You might get a bit of fruit or whatever the priest was</p> <p>5 having?</p> <p>6 A. That would have been after --</p> <p>7 Q. Serving mass?</p> <p>8 A. --getting up at 4.00 in the morning or 5.00 in the</p> <p>9 morning to serve mass.</p> <p>10 Q. You say that -- you go on to say that you were</p> <p>11 constantly hungry, that you didn't have a choice in</p> <p>12 relation to food. Whatever was on the menu you had to</p> <p>13 eat, and if you didn't like it, you starved.</p> <p>14 A. That's right.</p> <p>15 Q. Sometimes you were serving mass and the priests and the</p> <p>16 nuns and you were up at 4.30 am. You name two priests</p> <p>17 who weren't all that nice to you is how you put it.</p> <p>18 A. Aye.</p> <p>19 Q. You don't know whether one of them is alive. You</p> <p>20 describe one as vicious, to say the least, and</p> <p>21 physically abusive. If you didn't respond properly in</p> <p>22 Latin or forget to ring the bell, he would hit you</p> <p>23 across the face.</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. You go on to describe other occasions when he hit you,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 100</p>

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<p>1 and yet despite that, you say you still felt as if being 2 an altar boy was an escape for you? 3 A. It was an escape, because you get away from the rest of 4 the crowd. I wanted to be away from the crowd. 5 I didn't get to end up getting battered for some stupid 6 reason. So I went along with it anyway. I stayed away 7 from where all the rest of the boys were. 8 Q. Okay. Can you -- you have complained about the chores 9 that you were asked to do in the home, and I'd like to 10 ask you a little bit more about that. You talk about 11 everybody taking their turns at different chores at 12 paragraph 17 in your statement. 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. Chores in the laundry. Others worked in the farm, and 15 when it came to harvest time, you were all sent up to 16 the fields to pick potatoes and stack corn? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. You say you also remember picking potatoes for another 19 farmer. 20 A. Yes, a neighbouring farm, yes. 21 Q. Was it you or were other boys asked to help this farmer 22 out or what was the situation? 23 A. Only a certain number, not all. Just a certain number. 24 Q. And you didn't receive any payment for that at all? 25 A. No. Maybe Termonbacca did.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 101</p>	<p>1 A. In a group. You couldn't go out as individuals. You 2 had to be along with somebody else. 3 Q. At paragraph 19 of your statement you talk about there 4 being talk in the home about people going to Australia. 5 A. There was talk, aye, now. 6 Q. And what were you told about Australia? 7 A. Well, there was talk about asking some of the children 8 if they wanted to go to Australia. I remember this 9 quite vividly. There was some people that actually did 10 go, but it might have been ones that they had no parents 11 on the outside. 12 Q. And do you remember what age the boys who went to 13 Australia were? 14 A. 14, 15. 15 Q. You would have been about ten at that stage according to 16 your statement? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. But you certainly think that you were excluded from the 19 discussions of Australia because both your parents were 20 still living? 21 A. Yes. It was out of the question for me, because my 22 parents were still alive. 23 Q. What do you want to tell the Inquiry about the education 24 that you received when you were in Termonbacca? 25 A. Let's see.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 103</p>
<p>1 Q. Can you say anything else about the chores that you were 2 asked to do in the home? Some boys have talked about 3 polishing the floor. 4 A. I remember them polishing the floors, aye. There was 5 a wee rhyme used to go with that: "River, back, river, 6 back, before I put this broom across your back". What's 7 that all about? 8 Q. Can you maybe just explain what you mean by that? 9 A. The way -- the way the corridor was, it was done in red 10 cardinal polish. So the boys would have either things 11 on their feet, and somebody there in front putting down 12 the polish and then all the boys coming behind would be 13 left, right, left. So rub her as in they rub her that 14 way. They rub her back. 15 Q. And you said something about something across your back. 16 A. "Before I put this broom across your back", aye. It was 17 a big long corridor. It would be longer than this. 18 Q. Who would have put a broom across your back? 19 A. Older boys. 20 Q. I asked you about Christmas presents. Was there ever 21 any trips into town on a Saturday and were you given 22 pocket money for that? 23 A. It would have been very rare, very, very rare indeed, 24 and if you do -- if you did, you had to go in a group. 25 Q. In a group?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 102</p>	<p>1 Q. If I can maybe take you to paragraph -- 2 A. The earliest memories? 3 Q. Yes. Where did you go to school, first of all? 4 A. First school I went to was Nazareth House for a while. 5 I don't know -- I can't remember how long I was there. 6 After that I went to Bridge Street School, which I call 7 "The School of Hard Knocks", because there was big tough 8 fellas in there. They were aware you come from the 9 home. Put it that way. So you were picked on right 10 away. You were picked on going to school. 11 Q. In Bridge Street -- some boys have mentioned some of the 12 staff who were in Bridge Street, some of the -- the 13 headmaster and some of the teachers. Do you have any 14 recollection? 15 A. Oh, aye, SND236, aye. He used to -- I suppose that was 16 the routine at that time anyway, but the cane was used 17 quite often anyway. 18 Q. At paragraph 20 you say that you heard that the two 19 priests who you served mass for worked in the college. 20 That would have been St. Colm's College -- is that right 21 -- in Derry? 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. You say they used to come to Termonbacca to say mass, 24 and that the 11 Plus was coming up, and if you passed 25 it, you could go to the college. You say you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 104</p>

<p>1 deliberately failed your 11 Plus exam.</p> <p>2 A. I deliberately failed it, yes.</p> <p>3 Q. That's because you didn't want to go there?</p> <p>4 A. I didn't want to go to Christian Brothers. Heard too</p> <p>5 much about it. Had too much anyway as it was. So I am</p> <p>6 hardly going to go to get more.</p> <p>7 Q. But in the end you went to St. Joseph's Secondary</p> <p>8 School.</p> <p>9 A. I went to St. Joe's and it was quite -- it was only open</p> <p>10 at that time and it was different than anything I had</p> <p>11 before. So ...</p> <p>12 Q. And you enjoyed your time there?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. You were happy at that school?</p> <p>15 A. It was pretty good.</p> <p>16 Q. And you talk about the headmaster and you say he was</p> <p>17 a fine man, but the maybe wasn't.</p> <p>18 A. He wasn't too hot. Still ...</p> <p>19 Q. He didn't like you coming into school late?</p> <p>20 A. There was once nearly everybody was dying with the flu.</p> <p>21 There was 4 foot of snow. Hardly anybody turned up to</p> <p>22 school. I turned up. I never missed a day in school in</p> <p>23 my life. I was three minutes late, and once you're late</p> <p>24 he has the door locked. You can't get in. So when he</p> <p>25 finally let me in, he says, "Six of the best for you,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 105</p>	<p>1 house was like, and he was living in the Bogside and you</p> <p>2 describe the house.</p> <p>3 A. He was living in horrendous conditions at the time. It</p> <p>4 was powerful. Single tap outside, single cold tap</p> <p>5 outside, one ring for cooking on, very sparse, damp.</p> <p>6 Oh, horrible.</p> <p>7 Q. The conditions in your own home --</p> <p>8 A. I was living in luxury compared to what they had, but</p> <p>9 I still preferred the happy attitude they had to life</p> <p>10 than my own house.</p> <p>11 Q. Can you say -- I mean, you go on in that paragraph 26 in</p> <p>12 your statement to talk about how your mother treated</p> <p>13 you.</p> <p>14 A. My mother wasn't much better. She would have hit you</p> <p>15 with a brush as quick as look as you too. There was no</p> <p>16 love in the house. There was no love in the place at</p> <p>17 all.</p> <p>18 Q. But you managed to keep a relationship with your cousins</p> <p>19 in the area. Is that correct?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. And that continues?</p> <p>22 A. Still does to this day.</p> <p>23 Q. And what is -- what is the position with your family</p> <p>24 today?</p> <p>25 A. Well, both my mother and father are dead now and my</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 107</p>
<p>1 boy. This will teach you to be on time."</p> <p>2 Q. And did it?</p> <p>3 A. In your later life? No. I ended up working for myself.</p> <p>4 I wouldn't take an 8.00 to 5.00 job. I would start at</p> <p>5 10 o'clock. I might not start work till 12 o'clock. It</p> <p>6 didn't matter to me, but I wasn't going to be told, "You</p> <p>7 have to be in at 8.00".</p> <p>8 Q. Your mother, as I have said, came and collected you,</p> <p>9 your two brothers and your sister and you all went to</p> <p>10 live in the Creggan. Is that correct?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. And what was life like there?</p> <p>13 A. I wouldn't say it was happy. I wouldn't say it was</p> <p>14 great. Getting to know my brothers was difficult all</p> <p>15 over again. We were like strangers. My sister, she ran</p> <p>16 away when she was 16, because my mother was very hard on</p> <p>17 her. So I think after all that there I spent more time</p> <p>18 away from the house than I did around the house.</p> <p>19 I couldn't wait to get away.</p> <p>20 Q. And is it correct that you actually went to your</p> <p>21 friend's home --</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 Q. -- who had also left around the same time as you did?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. And I think in your statement you talk about what his</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 106</p>	<p>1 sister died last year of cancer. It's a pity she</p> <p>2 couldn't be here. She obviously died before she could</p> <p>3 get a chance. So ...</p> <p>4 Q. You mean her chance to speak to the Inquiry?</p> <p>5 A. Pardon?</p> <p>6 Q. You mean her chance to speak to the Inquiry?</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. You married -- can I just ask did you ever have any</p> <p>9 contact with the nuns after you left Termonbacca?</p> <p>10 A. Just once.</p> <p>11 Q. And what was that?</p> <p>12 A. The nuns used to collect round the doors and SR2 came to</p> <p>13 the door one day, her and another nun, and I invited her</p> <p>14 in. She recognised me right away and told her I had</p> <p>15 a couple of children now and she invited me down with</p> <p>16 the children. So I went down just a one day for a visit</p> <p>17 and then that was it. Never ever went back again.</p> <p>18 Q. Can I ask you -- you married and you said you had</p> <p>19 a couple of children and you and your wife, although you</p> <p>20 didn't get on, you stayed together until your children</p> <p>21 were grown.</p> <p>22 A. Absolutely, yes.</p> <p>23 Q. Then you separated. Isn't that correct?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. What is your attitude today to those who looked after</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 108</p>

<p>1 you in Termonbacca?</p> <p>2 A. Put it this way. I wasn't prepared for life on the</p> <p>3 outside really. No social skills. No emotional</p> <p>4 involvement with anybody. So it was not a bit of wonder</p> <p>5 I found it very hard to stay in that relationship even</p> <p>6 though I done it for my children, and the reason why</p> <p>7 I~done that is I didn't want them ending up the way</p> <p>8 I was. So I made sure they were all all right and they</p> <p>9 are all all right.</p> <p>10 Q. Finally, HIA146, you know that the Inquiry has to make</p> <p>11 recommendations to the Northern Ireland Housing</p> <p>12 Executive when it completes its report --</p> <p>13 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>14 Q. -- whether there should be an apology, whether there</p> <p>15 should be some appropriate memorial or tribute and</p> <p>16 whether some other form of redress is appropriate.</p> <p>17 Is there anything you would wish to say to the</p> <p>18 Inquiry about those matters?</p> <p>19 A. No. Just I hope that there will be some kind of</p> <p>20 vindication of what we were saying for years, and it's</p> <p>21 no accident that everything I have heard so far is more</p> <p>22 or less a replication of what went on for years and</p> <p>23 years and years and nothing was ever done about it.</p> <p>24 These institutions were left to more or less their own</p> <p>25 devices and there was no way of going in and finding out</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 109</p>	<p>1 A. It wasn't mechanical.</p> <p>2 Q. No?</p> <p>3 A. No, no, no. The mechanics behind it was the person</p> <p>4 pushing it.</p> <p>5 Q. I see. You were pushing. You sometimes see people</p> <p>6 polishing by putting a rag or something on the floor and</p> <p>7 pushing it with their feet. Is that what you are</p> <p>8 describing?</p> <p>9 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>10 Q. And this bumper was, what, a heavy weight on a piece of</p> <p>11 cloth or something?</p> <p>12 A. It was like a big heavy square width the size of that</p> <p>13 screen.</p> <p>14 Q. With what? A cloth or rag underneath it?</p> <p>15 A. With a pole on it and a cloth at the bottom of it</p> <p>16 basically.</p> <p>17 Q. So this was to help the polishing as well?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Thank you very much. Thank you, HIA146. If you would</p> <p>20 just like to go with Miss Gibson, we have other things</p> <p>21 to deal with. Thank you very much.</p> <p>22 (Witness withdrew)</p> <p>23 MS SMITH: Chairman, that concludes the oral evidence that</p> <p>24 can be given today. I believe there is some more</p> <p>25 material that Mr Aiken can now open to the Inquiry. Are</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 111</p>
<p>1 what was going on -- nothing that I remember anyway.</p> <p>2 Q. Finally, HIA146, is there anything that I haven't</p> <p>3 covered with you that you wish to say to the Inquiry or</p> <p>4 anything that I've forgotten or left out? This is your</p> <p>5 opportunity now to say publicly anything else that you</p> <p>6 wish to say.</p> <p>7 A. No.</p> <p>8 Q. Thank you. The Chairman and Panel Members may have some</p> <p>9 questions for you. So if you just stay there, please.</p> <p>10 A. Right.</p> <p>11 Questions from THE PANEL</p> <p>12 MR LANE: No. Thank you very much.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN: There is just one question I would like to ask</p> <p>14 you, HIA146. Can you just think back again to what you</p> <p>15 were telling us about cleaning the floors?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. You said something about -- and you didn't follow it up</p> <p>18 -- that there was something on your feet. What do you</p> <p>19 mean by that?</p> <p>20 A. Well, it could have been --</p> <p>21 Q. Some sort of rag or shoes or something?</p> <p>22 A. It could have been like cut-up blankets or -- but there</p> <p>23 was also like a big heavy thing you call a bumper.</p> <p>24 Q. Yes. A machine that you push up and down that buffs the</p> <p>25 floor.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 110</p>	<p>1 you content for Mr Aiken to continue or do you wish to</p> <p>2 have a short break, Chairman?</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN: We will just give our stenographer five minutes.</p> <p>4 We will sit again at 2.55.</p> <p>5 (2.50 pm)</p> <p>6 (Short break)</p> <p>7 (2.55 pm)</p> <p>8 Biography of nuns SR1, SR2 and SR3 given by COUNSEL TO THE</p> <p>9 INQUIRY</p> <p>10 CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr Aiken.</p> <p>11 MR AIKEN: Chairman, what I am going to do over the next</p> <p>12 short period of time is take you through some documents</p> <p>13 and outline the biography of three of the nuns from the</p> <p>14 Sisters of Nazareth congregation who feature in the</p> <p>15 evidence that you have heard and will hear relating to</p> <p>16 Termonbacca so that the Panel can have a greater</p> <p>17 understanding of just who exactly the witnesses are</p> <p>18 describing.</p> <p>19 Obviously I may use in trying to explain the name of</p> <p>20 the nun, but the nun has been given a designation</p> <p>21 and those names should not be published beyond the</p> <p>22 Inquiry room.</p> <p>23 The first nun that I want to deal with, if you have</p> <p>24 a designation list, page 6 of the list -- it seems to</p> <p>25 have been taken into safe custody again, but designation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 112</p>

<p>1 "SR1" on page 6 is that of SR1, who -- her maiden name, 2 as it were, or her original name was SR1, and obviously 3 neither of those names should be published beyond this 4 chamber. 5 If we can bring up SND-13108, and if you just make 6 that page as large as we can, this is a document that 7 I~will come back to, but you will see that it gives 8 her -- in fact, it doesn't. Her date of birth is 9 blacked out, but I can tell you that underneath that 10 redaction you would find . So ... 11 If we go to SND-57...</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN: Before we leave this, can you tell us what this 13 document is, when it was created? 14 MR AIKEN: I am going to come back to it, Chairman -- 15 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 16 MR AIKEN: -- because it relates to a later period in Bishop 17 Street, but it just happens to be the one document that 18 gave the date of birth. You see it is blacked out 19 unfortunately for these purposes, but it is . 20 If we can go to 5793, this is a document that was 21 prepared for the Inquiry, as the Inquiry understands it, 22 by the Sisters of Nazareth and it endeavours to give 23 some information on some of the nuns at least. 24 You will see that SR1, which is the sister that we 25 are talking about, is the third down, and it indicates</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 113</p>	<p>1 MR AIKEN: I think I need to go back to the greyed version 2 to check that for you, but what I understand happens is 3 as a nun leaves, they are stroked out. So as you can 4 see with SR11. 5 CHAIRMAN: So maybe there is only one at any given time? 6 MR AIKEN: Yes -- 7 CHAIRMAN: I see. 8 MR AIKEN: -- but we will check that against the original 9 version just to be clear, but I don't believe at that 10 point in '61 there was more than three nuns looking 11 after the children. 12 She continues in that role until 1970. If we go to 13 SND-5780, and just if you maximise that for me, you will 14 see that in 1970 SR1 is said to be looking after a group 15 of boys and you also have SR2 and SR3, and those are the 16 three nuns that I am going to take you through this 17 afternoon. 18 Now the other document that we looked at, which is 19 at SND-13108, if we just can maximise that document, 20 this is a document prepared. It relates to Bishop 21 Street, and it is outlining how Bishop Street was to be 22 run, and it is a document we will come back to later for 23 a specific purpose, but what it records is at that point 24 in time in Bishop Street SR1 was the head of the home in 25 Bishop Street, and it seems that she held that position</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 115</p>
<p>1 that she died in Plymouth, and I can tell you that 2 underneath that redaction again, something not to be 3 made public, is that she died age 78 in . 4 If you can take me then to SND-5771, please, and if 5 we make that full screen and just scroll down, if you 6 just stop there for me, the first year that SR1 is said 7 to have worked with the children in Termonbacca is 1961 8 and by that stage she would have been 34 years of age, 9 and you will see that she performed two roles when she 10 arrived in Termonbacca. One was working with the 11 children, which was alongside SR3 at the time, which is 12 another nun that I am going to come to, and she 13 continued in that role but also was performing at this 14 stage the role of bursar. 15 If we move through to the next page -- in fact, 16 I will just take you to the end -- 17 CHAIRMAN: Can I just interrupt? 18 MR AIKEN: Yes. 19 CHAIRMAN: That seems to know there were six nuns looking 20 after children of different ages. Isn't that right? 21 MR AIKEN: I am not sure it shows that, Chairman, for this 22 reason. 23 CHAIRMAN: "SR3, nursery. SR3, boys." It looks like ditto 24 underneath perhaps, which would be two, three, nursery, 25 four, five.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 114</p>	<p>1 between 1983 and 1986, and we can see that if we move to 2 SND-6316. Can you just make that as large as possible? 3 You will see that SR1 is said to be the Superior. 4 If we move to the next page, 6317, you see that she 5 continues in that role, and if we move through two more 6 years -- just scroll down further, please, and once 7 more. 8 CHAIRMAN: Can I just ask, Mr Aiken, if we look at 1986, we 9 see opposite SR91 "Superior" and then "SR91 First", 10 something, "School". Then underneath that "Second", 11 something, "residents". That looked to me earlier like 12 a C. Do you have any idea what that stands for? 13 MR AIKEN: Not as yet. There is a number of -- perhaps this 14 is something Mr Montague can clarify for us from some 15 instructions, but there is a reference to LC and then 16 sometimes a reference to C. We will clarify what 17 exactly that might mean. 18 CHAIRMAN: It perhaps suggests that they were the deputies 19 or something of that nature. 20 MR AIKEN: It may well be that is what it is intended to 21 convey. 22 So that is SR1 and you have heard today her being 23 referred to by one of the witnesses and in the coming 24 days you will hear a number of further witnesses 25 describe what they say is her role in Termonbacca during</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 116</p>

<p>1 their period.</p> <p>2 The next nun I want to look at is "SR2", which is</p> <p>3 SR2. Again her name is not to be published beyond the</p> <p>4 chamber, and again she is to be found on page 6 of the</p> <p>5 designation list. SR2 has provided the Inquiry with</p> <p>6 a witness statement, which we will return to whenever</p> <p>7 she's giving her evidence, but for now if I take you to</p> <p>8 SND-11644, if you just give me the big screen on that,</p> <p>9 you will see that she explains that she was born in</p> <p>10 County Limerick and her date of birth, which is blacked</p> <p>11 out, is . So she is now aged 75.</p> <p>12 She explains in paragraph 3 that she was professed</p> <p>13 within the Order in 1957, and you will see that she</p> <p>14 indicates that she moved to Termonbacca in October 1962.</p> <p>15 Now at that point she would have been 23 years of age,</p> <p>16 and we can see her taking up that role at SND-5772. If</p> <p>17 you just maximise the screen for me again.</p> <p>18 So SR2 is at the bottom and you will see that she</p> <p>19 comes and begins to work alongside SR1 that we have just</p> <p>20 looked at with the boys and is also working in the</p> <p>21 laundry in Termonbacca.</p> <p>22 I don't intend to take you through the sixteen years</p> <p>23 of records, but I can tell you that she continued to</p> <p>24 work in Termonbacca with the children until 1978, and if</p> <p>25 we move to SND-5788, you will see that she's there again</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 117</p>	<p>1 There is an ability to project zoom, and if we can do</p> <p>2 that with the body of both pages. I am not sure whether</p> <p>3 that's project zoom. If we can try the other feature</p> <p>4 that allows us to try to make it bigger still. If we</p> <p>5 leave the second page out for now and you make the first</p> <p>6 page -- if you go back and make the first page as big as</p> <p>7 possible. Perhaps simply if you take the project zoom</p> <p>8 away and just deal with one page only, and if you can</p> <p>9 maximise the screen and we scroll down. If you just</p> <p>10 scroll down to the text.</p> <p>11 So you will see from the date this is 28th -- you</p> <p>12 just scrolled past the date -- 28th October 1976. This</p> <p>13 is from the Central Council for Education and Training</p> <p>14 in Social Work. You will see that the Council is</p> <p>15 writing to say they are going to develop an in service</p> <p>16 study scheme for residential and day care staff from</p> <p>17 voluntary organisations and statutory agencies to take</p> <p>18 place at the Londonderry College of Technology. Just go</p> <p>19 up for me a little bit. You will see this letter is</p> <p>20 being written to the Mother Superior in Bishop Street</p> <p>21 and it's inviting -- it is pointing out that the author</p> <p>22 understands -- if you scroll down for me -- that</p> <p>23 Nazareth House and Termonbacca make significant</p> <p>24 contributions to the provision of residential care for</p> <p>25 children and the aged and they would be delighted if it</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 119</p>
<p>1 working with the children. She's also performing the</p> <p>2 role of bursar in 1978.</p> <p>3 If we just scroll down to the next page that shows</p> <p>4 1979, you see that SR1 is still there and is now again</p> <p>5 performing the role of bursar. SR2 is no longer in</p> <p>6 Termonbacca. So she worked in Termonbacca first between</p> <p>7 the ages of 23 and left aged 40.</p> <p>8 Now just before she moved if you could take me to</p> <p>9 SND-5658, please. Just make that wide screen, please.</p> <p>10 This is a document that's entitled "In Service Study</p> <p>11 Scheme at the Londonderry College of Technology,</p> <p>12 September 1977 to June 1978" and it's the history of St.</p> <p>13 Joseph's Home, Termonbacca by -- I think we have</p> <p>14 a designation that has gone wrong, because that should</p> <p>15 be SR2 is the second name. I'll just get Miss Kirkwood</p> <p>16 to nip out and check under the reaction that that's</p> <p>17 correct, but it should read "SR2", and along with</p> <p>18 another lady who was not a sister this paper was</p> <p>19 written.</p> <p>20 Now the origin of this paper -- and it is a paper</p> <p>21 the Panel will want to consider -- it's a number of</p> <p>22 pages setting out what it says, the history of</p> <p>23 Termonbacca, but if we go to SND-9141 and if you can</p> <p>24 also put up 9142 alongside that letter, and then we are</p> <p>25 going to try a new technique, members of the panel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 118</p>	<p>1 were possible for members to participate in the scheme.</p> <p>2 It seems that it is that scheme that produced the report</p> <p>3 that we were looking at. So an in service study scheme</p> <p>4 for residential and day care staff that appears to have</p> <p>5 been availed of.</p> <p>6 Then in 1978 I said that SR2 leaves Termonbacca, and</p> <p>7 if we go to SND-11644, and if you highlight paragraph --</p> <p>8 if you maximise the size of paragraph 4 for me, she</p> <p>9 indicates that she stayed in Termonbacca until 1978,</p> <p>10 when she was sent to Birmingham. Then she indicates</p> <p>11 that she worked in both Nazareth House, Ormeau Road and</p> <p>12 Nazareth Lodge on the Ravenhill Road. What I am in</p> <p>13 a position to say from documents that are not presently</p> <p>14 before you, because they relate to the Belfast home that</p> <p>15 we will look at in due course, is that she worked in</p> <p>16 Nazareth House in Belfast between March '82 and August</p> <p>17 '83 and then worked in Nazareth Lodge between 1983 and</p> <p>18 1986.</p> <p>19 If you can just make paragraph 6 project zoom for</p> <p>20 me, please. Now at that point she indicates she went to</p> <p>21 Liverpool. Now I should say that up to this point there</p> <p>22 are a series of complaints you'll hear about from</p> <p>23 individuals relating to Termonbacca and then there are</p> <p>24 some complaints that relate to Belfast. Then the study</p> <p>25 is undertaken in Liverpool, a certificate in social</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 120</p>

<p>1 work, and then SR2 indicates that she returns to Bishop 2 Street in 1988, by which time she would be aged 50. 3 If we move on to paragraph 7, to the next page, 4 please, of the statement, so SND-11645. Yes. If you 5 just maximise the size of paragraph 7. SR2 indicates 6 that she continued to do further courses, including 7 receiving a certificate in counselling from the 8 University of Ulster and other training. 9 In fact, if we go to SND-8816, and what I would ask 10 you to do is take the middle section of that letter from 11 "The meeting" and down to "the following" and maximise 12 that. Just further down. Come down another eight 13 lines. A little more. Just there. You will see -- 14 again I think we've got a designation problem that we 15 have to fix, but if you see halfway down: 16 "In relation to staff SR" it should be "2 informed 17 the meeting that", two people who are designated, "had 18 completed their Open University course and that she 19 herself had almost finished a course on sexual abuse." 20 So this document dates from May 1990 and it 21 indicates that at that time SR2 was doing a course on 22 sexual abuse. 23 CHAIRMAN: What is this document? 24 MR AIKEN: This is -- if we just go back out to the full 25 size screen, please, and to the page before, it is the Page 121</p>	<p>1 registers there is a Superior listed for both homes at 2 the same time. We will clarify and Mr Montague will 3 check for us whether one outranked the other because of 4 the size of the home or what the relationship was, but 5 certainly the Bishop Street letter implies that there 6 was enough communication between the two homes for SR2 7 to be the person who went and did the course that 8 produced the document we can see. 9 CHAIRMAN: I just ask because in some of the earlier 10 documents in the later years the list of sisters started 11 with what seemed to be one Superior and then the first 12 LC, if that's what it is, says "School" and then the 13 other says "Residents" or words to that effect and then 14 you have the children and so on -- 15 MR AIKEN: Yes. 16 CHAIRMAN: -- and one wonders whether at a later stage they 17 were really run as two units under a single Mother 18 Superior or whether in the earlier years they had been 19 completely separate but cooperating. 20 MR AIKEN: I think that may be my fault in how I have 21 communicated, Chairman. In both sets of employment 22 registers, one for Bishop Street and one for 23 Termonbacca, there is a Superior noted at the top of 24 each page for each year. So it's probably my means of 25 communication, for which I apologise. There are it Page 123</p>
<p>1 Nazareth House Children's Home Committee. You will see 2 if you just highlight for me or maximise the top half of 3 that page. That's it. Now we have not obviously got to 4 the point of Bishop Street at this period, but by now 5 there is a Nazareth House Children's Home Committee that 6 appears to have been in operation, and this is a minute 7 of one of their meetings where -- 8 CHAIRMAN: Yes. 9 MR AIKEN: -- the course is disclosed. 10 CHAIRMAN: It is perhaps not strictly relevant at this 11 point, but some of the earlier documents you have shown 12 us, Mr Aiken, perhaps are open to the implication that 13 the Sisters in Derry had one Mother Superior who was 14 responsible both for Termonbacca and Nazareth House 15 certainly at a later stage. Whether that was the case 16 in the beginning we don't know, but the letter, for 17 example, written from Edinburgh to the Mother Superior 18 implied that she was in overall charge of more than one 19 locality. 20 MR AIKEN: The letter -- what we can say from the documents 21 to date, Chairman, is that the letter appears to have 22 produced -- despite going to the Mother Superior at 23 Bishop Street, has produced one of the Sisters who was 24 working in Termonbacca to be on the course. So there is 25 definite communication. In both sets of employment Page 122</p>	<p>1 seems two Superiors at the top of each of the homes 2 during the period certainly to 1995. That's what the 3 registers would suggest. 4 What we can say, Members of the Panel, is that SR2 5 continued to work with the children in Bishop Street 6 until 1999 and the employment register ends in terms of 7 what we have been given at 1995, because of the terms of 8 reference. 9 If we can go to SND-6328, you can see 1995 SR2 10 working with children. We know from what SR2 herself 11 says that she continued in that role until 1999, and if 12 I can take you to SND-11644, and if you maximise the 13 last paragraph, paragraph 6, you will see she says she 14 worked in Bishop Street until 1999. 15 Then if you take me to the next page, please, and 16 maximise paragraph 7, you will see that SR2 then 17 describes what she did when she left Bishop Street. 18 When it closed the Superior General, which we take to be 19 the head of the Order in Hammersmith, asked her to go to 20 South Africa and she spent six years in Johannesburg in 21 a Nazareth House there and therein she opened a home 22 caring for babies who had contracted AIDS. She 23 indicates that was a very painful and stressful period. 24 She, as I said, is now 75 and has provided a witness 25 statement and you will hear from her in due course. Page 124</p>

<p>1 The pattern of complaint is that there are a series 2 of complaints relating to the time in Termonbacca. 3 There are some complaints relating to the time in 4 Belfast and to date there is only one complaint of 5 a very different nature that postdates the coming back 6 to Derry after the qualifications and working in Bishop 7 Street. 8 Unless there is anything else on S2 that I can 9 clarify, that's the biography as we have it. 10 SR3 also appears on page 6 of the designation list. 11 Again I am going to mention her name. Her name is not 12 to be published. SR3, who was born SR3, and she too has 13 provided a witness statement to the Inquiry, which we 14 will find at SND-4144. 15 CHAIRMAN: Just that number again. 16 MR AIKEN: 4144. If you just -- yes. Thank you. You will 17 see that at paragraph 3 she indicates she was born in 18 1939. So she is now 74 years of age. You will see in 19 paragraph 4 that she indicates she was professed in 1958 20 and took the name SR3, which is now "SR3" for our 21 purposes, and, like SR2, almost immediately she goes to 22 work in Termonbacca. She is first there in 1958. We 23 can see that at SND-5768. You will see at the bottom -- 24 you will see it is "Termonbacca 1958" along the top and 25 at the bottom you have "SR3" and indicating she is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 125</p>	<p>1 for me, please, you will see that in the last 2 sentence -- last two sentences: 3 "In the nursery I looked after boys from newborn to 4 about five to six years." 5 So she worked originally with the older children. 6 Then she's completed a nursery nurse course that she has 7 described, a nursery qualification in Bristol. Comes 8 back now to work with the children here from 0 to 5. 9 She continues in that role until 1974. 10 Can you take me to SND-7584? You will see SR3 down 11 at the bottom working with the nursery girls and, in 12 fact, her qualification is listed beside her, "NNEB". 13 Now the Panel will know any argument from silence is 14 dangerous. So it shouldn't be taken that that means 15 none of the rest of the staff had any qualification, but 16 at this stage it is not clear and it is again something 17 Mr Montague perhaps can take forward and help us whether 18 there are beyond SR3 anyone who actually held 19 a qualification, but certainly her qualification is 20 noted alongside her at least in that year, in 1974. 21 If we scroll down to the next page, 1975, you will 22 see that we no longer have SR3 working with the nursery. 23 So she appears to have left Termonbacca aged 35. 24 If I can just take you to SND-6329, it is the case 25 that for a certain number -- if you just highlight the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 127</p>
<p>1 working with the children as opposed to working in the 2 nursery, which is being performed by SR38. 3 Now at this point in time SR3 would have been 19, 4 and she continued in that role for two years until 1960. 5 If you just go down to page 5770, please, you will see 6 at the bottom entry SR3 is working with the boys. 7 If you just scroll down to the next page, 1961, you 8 will see that SR3 is still listed, but this is one of 9 the occasions whenever a line is put through, and if you 10 move through to the next year, you will find that SR3 is 11 no longer working with the children. 12 So what we know of is to that point she is working 13 with the children, which is generally described as the 14 older children beyond the nursery, and from her 15 statement, if we go to page SND-4144 and if you just 16 maximise the size of paragraph 4 for me or make it 17 a full page, whichever is -- you will see that she 18 indicates she left Termonbacca in 1960 and then went to 19 Bristol, where she did a qualification as a nursery 20 nurse, and then returned to Termonbacca in 1963. 21 Now when she returns, if we can go to SND-5775, you 22 will see that SR3 appears again now on the employment 23 register, but this time working in the nursery as 24 opposed to working with the children. 25 If we go to SND-4145 and if you maximise paragraph 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 126</p>	<p>1 bottom half of the page. If you make it as big as you 2 can for me. This is a letter of 19th September 2013 3 from the legal representatives of the congregation. You 4 will see that it indicates: 5 "Our clients have conducted a full review of their 6 archives and can find no personal documentation, 7 correspondence or papers in regard to ...", 8 and you will see that both SR2 and SR3 are listed 9 there. 10 For a number of other nuns -- in fact, you can see 11 the list at 1 to 10 above -- certain documentation has 12 been provided that allows greater detail perhaps in the 13 biography that I have tried to take you through this 14 afternoon, but as far as both SR2 and SR3 are concerned, 15 as matters stand the congregation are saying they don't 16 hold any documentation about either of those sisters. 17 CHAIRMAN: Does that mean, Mr Aiken, that the entries from 18 this small book with the handwritten employment lists 19 came to the Inquiry post September of last year? 20 MR AIKEN: I need to check the precise date, but I think 21 that is the portion, Chairman. Originally that document 22 was obtained from the police I think in early October or 23 late September and then a copy came from the 24 congregation at some stage after that. 25 CHAIRMAN: Despite having told us they had no records?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 128</p>

<p>1 MR AIKEN: Yes. That appears to be the position. It may be 2 that what's being described as no personal 3 documentation, correspondence or papers meant something 4 other than the employment registers, but certainly there 5 is nothing beyond the employment registers at this point 6 in time. 7 So I am not in a position to tell you about her 8 progress thereafter from the documents other than we 9 have now her witness statement and we can hear from her 10 in due course. I am not sure there is anything in her 11 witness statement that explains the work she did after 12 leaving Termonbacca, but that's no doubt something we 13 can raise with her. 14 If I just go back to SND-4145 and paragraph 10 and 15 11, her position -- 16 CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr Montague? 17 MR MONTAGUE: Chairman, sorry to interrupt at this stage. 18 As of this week I have directed that a further search be 19 carried out for all personnel files and that is ongoing 20 at the moment at Hammersmith and I was not apprehending 21 this point was going to be made today. That is 22 underway. 23 CHAIRMAN: It was just a point that occurred to me, because 24 I hadn't seen this letter before today. That's why 25 I was interested.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 129</p>	<p>1 recollection is of life in Termonbacca. 2 Members of the Panel, that's the three biographies 3 that I wanted to briefly take you through. Unless there 4 is any questions I can assist with, there is nothing 5 further I intend to say today. 6 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. I think I am right in saying we have 7 simply one witness listed for tomorrow morning and it is 8 not the intention of the Panel to sit tomorrow 9 afternoon. No doubt the parties are aware, but just for 10 the benefit of the public, we anticipate that the next 11 week that we will be sitting is the week commencing 10th 12 February; in other words, the week after next. 13 The reason for that is, as I am sure everyone who 14 has been following Mr Aiken's description of these 15 documents where the serials run up to well over 11,000, 16 there is a mass of documentation that has to be 17 considered, collated, and whilst the Inquiry no doubt 18 would have liked to have had the opportunity to have 19 every document looked at before we started, the time 20 constraints that we labour under not render that 21 possible. So it is necessary from time to time to have 22 a break in the sitting period so that we can make 23 preparations for the next sitting period, and that's 24 what will be happening next week. 25 So we will resume at 10.30 tomorrow morning.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 131</p>
<p>1 MR MONTAGUE: Yes, I respectfully agree. I can assure you 2 and the other Members of the Panel that a thorough 3 search is ongoing at the moment. 4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 5 MR AIKEN: I thought -- obviously we will deal with SR3 when 6 she gives her evidence, but to summarise her 7 recollection of Termonbacca so that when you hear the 8 evidence that relates to her you are aware of her 9 position on it, she indicates that she doesn't have 10 a memory of a child being abused in any way. She 11 describes children being shouted at or deprived of some 12 treat like television if they were misbehaving, but not 13 any physical punishment at all. She describes fights 14 and rows among the boys, but: 15 "We did not resort to physical punishment and the 16 removal of privileges was usually a severe enough 17 punishment." 18 She says then: 19 "My own memories of Termonbacca are all of a happy 20 time. I truly loved my time there and was heartbroken 21 when I eventually left." 22 Then she describes an incident to do with twins and 23 a plaster. So, as I said to the Panel, she left in 24 1974, page 35, and that's her summary -- no doubt it 25 will be amplified -- but a summary of what her</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 130</p>	<p>1 (3.40 pm) 2 (Hearing adjourned until 10.30 tomorrow morning) 3 --ooOoo-- 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 132</p>

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