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Page 1 Page 3 [PROCEEDINGS ON 15 NOVEMBER 2013] Chairperson. But before I start, I do need to mention -2 2 [09:17] CHAIRPERSON: The Commission resumes. CHAIRPERSON: Yes, so please proceed. 3 3 Major-General, you're still under oath. MR CHASKALSON SC: I do need to mention 4 WILLIAM MPEMBE: Yes, Chairperson. one document which was introduced by Mr Mpofu yesterday; it 5 CHAIRPERSON: As was indicated yesterday, 5 is the unsigned statement of Major-General Mpembe which was Mr Mpofu is not available today and his cross-examination 6 produced in August 2012. I think it was HHH62. SAPS have 6 7 indicated to us that this was in fact a draft document 7 is standing over until Monday, which also means that the 8 prepared off notes taken at a consultation with Major-8 documents that he was going to cross-examine the Major-9 9 General on and which the Major-General was shown and given General Mpembe and was never in fact signed and was opportunity to study, and also presumably that crosssubsequently corrected in later consultations when certain 10 11 examination will presumably stand over until Monday. Mr 11 errors in the notes were picked up. In the circumstances I Chaskalson, you've said you will cross-examine this 12 do not propose to deal with that document in my cross-12 morning. 13 13 examination today. There may be a debate over the status 14 MR CHASKALSON SC: That's correct, 14 of the document, whether privilege attaches to it. In our 15 Chairperson. 15 submission that's a debate that would best be had in the CHAIRPERSON: Am I correct saying the presence of Mr Mpofu because he may want to refer to the 16 documents which Mr Mpofu wants to rely on will therefore 17 document, and we would just want to consider our position 17 18 also, that cross-examination will stand over till Monday? in that regard, and you know, may participate in that 19 Are you proposing to ask some questions about them, in 19 debate if it ever takes place -20 which case we must ascertain that the witness is ready to 20 CHAIRPERSON: Yes. 21 be cross-examined on them. 21 MR CHASKALSON SC: - but do not propose 22 MR CHASKALSON SC: 22 I've provided a list that it should take place. 23 23 CHAIRPERSON: Yes, obviously it doesn't to the witness of documents to which I intended to refer. arise this morning. There was only one line that he wanted 24 There was some overlap between my list and Mr Mpofu's list, to rely on, he told us. I don't know, but I suppose if the 25 but there is one document in respect of which we need to Page 2 Page 4 place certain information on record. The whole statement - if the statement is privileged, the 1 2 CHAIRPERSON: statement is privileged, even the line that Mr Mpofu wants [Microphone off, inaudible] 3 statements you were, Major-General, there are some to rely on. Whether privilege applies to draft statements 4 statements that you were asked to look at by Mr Mpofu, taken not for litigation purposes and not for purposes of 5 which you were given at a very late stage yesterday. Have obtaining legal advice, but in respect of evidence to be you had an opportunity to study them in the interval 6 given at the Commission, is a matter that I suppose we 6 7 7 should all look at in the interim, so if the point is between yesterday and today? 8 8 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct. argued we will have the authorities at our fingertips. But 9 anyway, that's a matter that will raise its countenance Chairperson, I had an opportunity, except the document that 10 I was given this morning again -10 from above the trench when we proceed on Monday. Mr 11 CHAIRPERSON: We'll talk - I don't know 11 Chaskalson, subject to that, you're ready to cross-examine? 12 anything about that, but we'll discuss that separately. 12 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR CHASKALSON SC: 13 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 13 Yes, Mr Chairperson, and Major-General, if I might begin my 14 CHAIRPERSON: And then there's the 14 cross-examination by just quickly running, well, running 15 question of the video clip, that presumably will also stand 15 through your movements on Monday the 13th, with you, and I 16 don't want to get into the events at the incident where 16 over till Monday. 17 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, 17 there was the confrontation between the strikers and the 18 18 Chairperson. police, but I just want to track broadly what your 19 19 CHAIRPERSON: Mr Chaskalson, you are now movements on the day were, and what I understand from your 20 stepping into the breach to fill the gap caused by Mr statement is that you arrived at Marikana on Monday morning 21 Mpofu's temporary absence, to ask the questions that you 21 with the Provincial Commissioner. Is that correct? Sorry, were intending to ask after Mr Mpofu had finished, if he 22 Major-General, I saw you nod but just for the record, if

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you could say yes.

CHAIRPERSON:

Yes, please remember that

the, though the proceedings are being televised on YouTube,

hadn't dealt with those topics in the interim. Is that

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MR CHASKALSON SC: That's correct,

24 correct?

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1 2	I'm not sure that a permanent record is being kept, but in any event, the transcribers are simply transcribing what is	1 2	MR CHASKALSON SC: Was that on the
3	said and they can't pick up when you nod your head, or when		Monday? MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes, Chairperson.
4	you shake your head, for that matter. So if the answer is	4	MR CHASKALSON SC: And before or after
5	yes, please say yes, and if the answer is no, please say	5	the incident with the strikers at the railway line?
6	no, and don't just nod your head or shake your head because	6	MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Long after the
7	that's not going to help us. You understand?	7	incident.
8	MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct,	8	MR CHASKALSON SC: And who was present at
9	Chairperson.	9	that exchange with Lonmin?
10	CHAIRPERSON: [Microphone off, inaudible]	10	MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Adv Moolman was
11	MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: That's correct,	11	there and I also had Brigadier Van Zyl, because at that
12	yes.	12	time dockets were already being opened. I don't know
13	MR CHASKALSON SC: Thank you, Major-	13	whether Brigadier Engelbrecht was there, but what I know is
14	General, and then from paragraph 4 of your first statement,	14	that Brigadier Van Zyl was there and Adv Moolman was also,
15	GGG12, it appears that at 10 o'clock you were briefed by	15	she was always with me.
16	Lonmin Mine management, and can I clarify with you, was	16	MR CHASKALSON SC: And was the Provincial
17	that a –	17	Commissioner still in Marikana at that time?
18	CHAIRPERSON: I take it the Mr Natasha	18	MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson.
19	Viljoen in the second line of that paragraph is probably Ms	19	MR CHASKALSON SC: When did she return to
20	Natasha Viljoen, otherwise it must be somebody else.	20	Marikana?
21	MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I was with the	21	MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: She returned after
22	Provincial Commissioner, yes.	22	the incident, but she was not with me when I met the
23	CHAIRPERSON: If we then refer to	23	management at that time.
24	paragraph 4 of the statement GGG12, I think it's about a	24	MR CHASKALSON SC: If I can just clarify,
25	meeting you had with mine management, and in the second	25	was she in Marikana but not with you at that time, or was
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Page 9 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes, Chairperson. 1 2 MR CHASKALSON SC: And are you aware of 3 any meetings between Lonmin and the National and Provincial 3 4 Commissioner that took place on the 13th without your 5 5 participation, without your presence? commander? MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 6 6 I'm not aware of 7 7 such meetings. 8 8 MR CHASKALSON SC: So as far as you are 9 9 aware, you were present whenever Lonmin met the National Commissioner or the Provincial Commissioner on the 13th? 10 10 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 11 11 Yes, Chairperson. 12 12 MR MATHIBEDI SC: Sorry, Mr Chairman, I 13 thought the -13 14 CHAIRPERSON: Yes, Mr Mathibedi? 14 15 MR MATHIBEDI SC: - the questions posed to General will deal with, you know, matters arising from 16 16 documents that were discovered subsequent to the witness 17 17 18 having testified, but it appears it still covers things 18 19 that were covered by Adv Madlanga then. 19 20 CHAIRPERSON: [Microphone off, inaudible] 20 21 MR CHASKALSON SC: Chairperson, I 21 22 appreciate that these questions don't -22 23 23 CHAIRPERSON: Yes, sorry, Mr Chaskalson, 24 I wasn't recorded. So what's your answer? 24 25 MR CHASKALSON SC: Chairperson, I

vou is as overall commander what responsibilities did vou

have in relation to the financial management of the

operation? Were questions of cost of the operation

questions which were relevant to your position as overall

MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, normally such matters they are being dealt by finance people that will, just like the planning team, then you will have also those that are issuing the radios, logistics will be handled by logistics people. You'll also be supported by financial people.

MR CHASKALSON SC: Major-General, I can understand that answer in the ordinary course of events, but this was a particular kind of operation because what you could do at the operation would depend on what resources were at your disposal. Is that not correct? MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: It is correct, Chairperson, but those other matters you normally as an overall commander arrange them with the relevant people. MR CHASKALSON SC: And who are the relevant people for an operation like this at Marikana? MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I remember that most of the matters relating to that to

support, they were being given to Major-General Naidoo, and

there were people that were there issuing hand radios and

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appreciate that these questions on their face don't appear 1 to traverse new matter, but they are necessary in 2

3 anticipation of questions that I am going to ask about new

matter. Their relevance will become clear within a few

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CHAIRPERSON: Mr Mathibedi, I think we have to accept Mr Chaskalson's assurance as counsel that that's the reason for these questions, so in the circumstances I think he can proceed.

10 MR MATHIBEDI SC: I do, Mr Chairman.

11 CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

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12 MR CHASKALSON SC: I'm in a slightly 13 difficult situation, Chairperson, because I do need to ask 14 two or three further questions which are of a similar 15

nature -

No, I've said you can 17 proceed. I've said I - and your learned friend agreed with 18

me, you've given us your assurance that these questions are

19 directed to matters which are new matter, which are

necessary to ask before new matter is traversed, and both

21 he and I accept your assurance, so you can carry on.

22 MR CHASKALSON SC: Thank you,

Chairperson. Major-General, I now want to ask you about 23

your responsibilities in relation to your position as

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overall commander, and the first question I want to put to

1 also were taking care of the logistical matters.

> 2 MR CHASKALSON SC: My question doesn't 3 relate to logistics in the narrow sense of handing out hand radios and making sure that there are enough hand radios

5 available. It's a broader question of relating to the cost 6

of an operation of this size, because you need to get 7

support in from other provinces, you need vehicles, you 8 need policemen, you need ammunition possibly, certainly

9 need equipment. Whose responsibility is it to ensure that

10 you get that large level of support that you need for an

11 operation of this nature? Is it the overall commander's

12 responsibility or is it somebody else?

> MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I've already answered the question that once you took up an operation such as this, you actually have certain people that are assisting you in that matter, and I can give in a similar operation that has taken place during the World Cup, I cannot be able to handle the resources, the finance and the other matters. You normally have the people who are doing that for you.

MR CHASKALSON SC: So are you saying that questions of costs were just questions that didn't concern you at all? Questions of the cost of the operation and how, what resources would be available, what resources you could pay for, are those questions which fell outside your

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Page 13 responsibilities are overall commander? 1 2 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 2 weekend? No, Chairperson. 3 MR CHASKALSON SC: So what then were your 3 4 responsibilities as overall commander in relation to cost? 4 5 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: L said. 6 Chairperson, normally there will be people that you will 6 7 7 choose, or you will delegate that that matter should be handled. 8 8 9 9 MR CHASKALSON SC: And apart from delegation to people, did you in your individual capacity 10 10 as overall commander perform any functions in that regard? 11 11 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 12 12 No, Chairperson. 13 MR CHASKALSON SC: Major-General, if I 13 14 can then take you to GGG4, which is the at this stage unagreed transcript of the meeting between Major-General 15 16 Mpembe – sorry, no, not GGG4 – you are Major-General 16 17 Mpembe, I'm sorry. JJJ192. JJJ192, the un-agreed 17 18 transcript between the Provincial Commissioner and Lonmin 18 19 on the Tuesday afternoon. 19 20 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I have it, 20 21 21 Chairperson. 22 MR CHASKALSON SC: And I've just lost my 22 23 23 reference for a moment and I need to find it. 24 that? 24 [09:37] COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: [Microphone off, 25 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 25 inaudible] perhaps page 15 that you're looking for, Mr Page 14 Chaskalson? 1 1 Chairperson. 2 MR CHASKALSON SC: 2 Right, Major-General, MR CHASKALSON SC:

Page 15 for the operation, that people had been given up until the MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson, I've already said that she has never prescribed any time or period for me, and even the how. MR CHASKALSON SC: Can I take you back to your answer in relation to cost? Because if we go to GGG4, which is the transcript of your exchange with the union presidents, you say something at page 13 that does mention cost. Can we go to page 13 of GGG4? And there if you go down to line 25, or let's start at line 19, if we go up a bit, there one of the other SAPS officers present says, "General, I think that is, yes, that is something that we can specifically work on the specifics in terms of that process. I think we can work on that." And then you say, "Right, I'm just going to play devil's advocate. It's my job as a General if they do not, if they do not, yesterday I've been here, President" - and you're talking, I think to Mr Mathunjwa - "if you see the number of police that are here, it's a lot of money that's been paid and me as management, I need to produce results and my results and services is safety and security." So you suggested to Mr Mathunjwa that cost was an issue to you. Do you accept

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"President, if you see the number of police that are here,

it is a lot of money that has been paid and me as

5 management, I need to produce results."

MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I

7 also said in my evidence-in-chief that it is the

8 responsibility of each and every senior officer to apply

9 the government policy, that's EEE, and if a situation can

10 be solved within a reasonable time, let that be, it should

11 happen, but you, I was not suggesting that we couldn't stay

12 there any longer period, as long as the matter is not yet

13 solved, and Chairperson, it's an objective evidence in this

14 Commission how I intended to resolve the matter as an

15 overall commander.

> CHAIRPERSON: Right, I'd like to take an adjournment for five minutes at this point.

18 [COMMISSION ADJOURNS **COMMISSION RESUMES**]

[09:47] MR CHASKALSON SC: General, are you saying that you didn't concern yourselves with matters of

21 cost at Marikana?

22 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct,

23 Chairperson, but what I'm saying is in terms of explaining, it is the duty of every senior officer to manage your

program and I used the word in my evidence EEE,

3 if you can go to page 15, if we can get page 15 up on the

4 screen, and if you can go down to line 10, there the

Provincial Commissioner is recorded as expressing a concern 5

about the cost of the operation, and the words that are 6

7 attributed to her is, "That is what I was saying, you know.

8 The other key challenge is that all of these members that

9 are here, I have to pay them. So how much am I going to

cough out for all these days? I mean I have to, I've given 10

them now up until the weekend if we cannot sort this thing, 11

12 but my hope is that by tomorrow the latest," and on the

13 goes. So she had some sort of concern about cost. Was

that a concern that was ever conveyed to you?

15 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson.

16 I've already said that I did not know about the transcript 17 and I was not present.

18 MR CHASKALSON SC: No, I'm not talking 19 about those specific words or that specific exchange; I'm

asking did the Provincial Commissioner ever convey to you

21 that she was concerned about how much this operation was

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MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson.

MR CHASKALSON SC: She didn't? Did she

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ever convey to you that there was a deadline of the weekend

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- economically, efficiently and effectiveness. And that's
- 2 the policy of government, but it doesn't mean that I ever
- 3 communicated with General Mbombo on the issue of money.
- 4 And Chairperson, I need just to add in the examples that I
- 5 gave in front of this Commission I mentioned operations
- that I held in which similar were uttered and those 6
- 7 operations took even longer than what had happened in
- 8 Marikana. And by then General Mbombo was not my provincial
- 9 commissioner.
- 10 MR CHASKALSON SC: Now, Major-General, 11 are you aware whether people or forces from outside the
- province that were called up to Marikana were given any 12
- deadline on the call up, whether the call up terminated at 13
- the end of the week or before the weekend? 14
- 15 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
- and I said many of the other call ups they were done when I 16 was on leave and communications with head office was done 17
- 18 when I was on leave.
- 19 MR CHASKALSON SC: And these details were
- 20 not communicated to you as overall commander, the details
- 21 of the call ups weren't communicated to you as overall
- 22 commander?

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- 23 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, they
- 24 were not communicated, but my provincial commissioner,
- 25 Brigadier Calitz, informed me that call ups, General, had

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- taken they will communicate with Brigadier Calitz as the
- 2 Provincial Head.
- 3 MR CHASKALSON SC: And then you as
- 4 overall commander get your information from Brigadier
- 5 Calitz, is that correct, in relation to these matters of
- 6 deployments and resources?
 - MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct.
 - Chairperson, as delegated by me.
 - MR CHASKALSON SC: Major-General, can I
- 10 take you to a document which is HHH69? It's a document
- 11 which relates to the STF call up or which on its face
- 12 relates to the STF call up. And maybe if we can just go to
- the end of the document because there's a signature line
- for Major-General Annandale, you'll see at the end of the
- document and this is in fact the document that was on
- Major-General Annandale's hard drive. And if we go back up
- 17 to the top of the document -
 - CHAIRPERSON: Perhaps we can describe it
- 19 as - as you've said you've already given it an exhibit
- 20 number, HHH69, it's a letter from General Annandale to the
- 21 section heads of the NIU, the STF and Mobile Operations, MO
- 22 dated the 12th of August 2012.
- 23 MR CHASKALSON SC: We probably shouldn't
- 24 say dated, well it is dated 12th of August 2012, but it was
 - clearly drafted after the 12th of August 2012 because it

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- been and that's all is my concern, that I will get the
- 2 resources. But in that respect, yes, they were
- 3 communicated, but looking at the call ups itself the
- 4 administrative part of it I didn't even look at it.
- 5 MR CHASKALSON SC: So you didn't know the
- duration of the call ups, you didn't know whether these 6
- forces that you had at your disposal would be there for 24 7
- 8 hours, 48 hours, a week?
- 9 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I did know that
- they will always be there when I needed them unless I am 10
- informed that others they will be withdrawn. But whether 11

they will be there 24 hours or what, but always they'll be

- 13 at my disposal until the operation is finished. Unless
- there will be any other communication that will come and 14
- 15 say others they should return back.
- 16 MR CHASKALSON SC: And on what basis did
- 17 you know that, who communicated that to you?
- 18 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson,
- 19 normally the communication will be done via the NATJOC.
- 20 MR CHASKALSON SC: That may be the case
- 21 normally, but in this specific case who communicated to you
- that you had the resources that you needed indefinitely? 22
- MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: It's Brigadier 23

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- 24 Calitz who normally communicate with the NATJOC and the
- NATJOC will inform him that and if maybe the others will be

- 1 refers to events that happened on the 13th.
 - 2 CHAIRPERSON: Well the date which is on
 - 3 the letter-head is the 12th of August whether it was
 - actually issued on that date is another matter.
 - 5 MR CHASKALSON SC: I think we can safely
 - say, Chairperson, it was not. But Major-General for
 - 7 present purposes I merely emphasise the heading on this
 - 8 documents which indicates that the STF call up was from 12
 - 9 August to 17 August and 17 August was, of course, the
 - 10 Friday. Were you aware of that?

 - 11 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I already said,
 - 12 Chairperson, no.
 - 13 MR CHASKALSON SC: And I take it you've
 - 14 never seen this document before it was given to you
 - 15 yesterday.
 - 16 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct,
 - 17 Chairperson, but I was informed that the STF was, as I
 - 18 said, was called up and I also in my testimony that I did
 - 19 not call up STF.
 - 20 MR CHASKALSON SC: Yes, but the 17th of
 - 21 August end to that call up was, you say, something about
 - 22 which you were not aware.
 - MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct.
 - 24 Chairperson.
 - 25 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Mr Chaskalson, I'm

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Page 21 Page 23 sorry I'm just a bit lost. Where are you referring to that CHAIRPERSON: I said questions could be 1 2 STF call up is 12 to 17? 2 asked about this letter to the Provincial Commissioner, it 3 MR CHASKALSON SC: In the box heading on 3 sounds as if it might be a fruitful exercise to ask 4 the - if one goes a little bit down on the screen -Brigadier Calitz about it as well, but you can't comment on 5 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: 5 that really can you? That says 6 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: specialised operations, is that -? Correct, 6 7 CHAIRPERSON: If you look at the next 7 Chairperson. 8 8 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: General, who would page -9 9 MR CHASKALSON SC: It's not just the STF, determine the term of the call up, the duration of it? 10 it's the NIU and Mobile Operations, it's all three. 10 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: It is normally the **COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ:** 11 Sorry and you're 11 commander. 12 referring to? Oh that one, thank you. 12 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: The overall 13 CHAIRPERSON: Sorry, just for clarity, 13 commander? 14 the heading of the letter is Call Up Specialised Operations 14 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Not overall Lonmin Mine Northwest 12 August 2012 to 17 August 2012 and 15 commander, the commander of those members at that area. as I said it's addressed to the section heads of the 16 For example if you do a request because Brigadier Calitz National Intervention Unit Special Task Force and Mobile 17 17 will only do a request through NATJOC then the NATJOC will 18 Operations. And then the body of the letter when the 18 contact the different provinces, so those people there they 19 financial implications are spelt out in paragraph 3 as far 19 will say yes we can give you these people until that time. 20 as the NIU Umtata and NIU Durban is concerned S & T is 20 But when they come to you they still become available to 21 provided for days. The same applies to the STF people from your disposal until they are needed back because that is 21 22 Pretoria and Durban so that's quite clear that the 22 the normal - how it is normally taking place. 23 financial implications as seen by General Annandale were 23 MR CHASKALSON SC: And what is the role 24 24 for 5 days which is in accordance with the heading of the of the overall commander in relation to human resources of 25 letter. But you didn't know anything about that. That's this sort? As overall commander is it part of your Page 22 Page 24 responsibility to say I need, you know, certain specialised 1 something perhaps that the Provincial Commissioner will be operations and I'm going to need them for as long as it 2 able to deal with when she gives evidence and she's 3 questioned about the transcript that we were looking at a takes or is that a matter that is dealt with by the 4 moment ago. 4 operational commander? 5 5 MR MATHIBEDI SC: Sorry, Mr Chairman, I MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: The overall think this exhibit should be properly described as the call 6 commander can do it also, but as far as the matters is 6 7 7 up for specialised operations unit. concerned Marikana operation and the violence there, still 8 8 CHAIRPERSON: That's why I said it's that I was on leave, so Brigadier Calitz as Operational 9 addressed to the NIU and the STF as well. So it's not only Commander or as a Provincial Head for that matter he would 10 take such decisions together with the Provincial 10 the STF, it's also the NIU and also the Mobile Operations, 11 Commissioner. And the Provincial Commissioner by then was 11 but when you look at the financial implication section and 12 what is provided for in relation to S & T for the people 12 General Naidoo who was acting on behalf of Provincial 13 called up it talks about five days. But you're quite right 13 Commissioner Mbombo. in saying it's not only the STF, it's also the NIU and 14 MR CHASKALSON SC: Yes, I understand 14 15 Mobile Operations and ja I think that's the answer isn't 15 that's how the situation started, but once you had come in it? 16 16 as overall commander what was your role in relation to 17 MR MATHIBEDI SC: Thanks, Mr Chairman. 17 these sorts of matters? 18 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 18 MR CHASKALSON SC: And before I leave It is to utilise the other level of resources and when to utilise them, that 19 this document, Major-General, paragraph 1 says a request 20 from the office of the Provincial Commissioner, Northwest 20 is also part of it. 21 Province to assist in Lonmin Mine, Marikana. Did I 21 MR CHASKALSON SC: And to assess what 22 understand your earlier answer about Brigadier Calitz, that more you need or what you can do away with? I mean as he would be the person within the office of the Provincial 23 overall commander are you not responsible for deciding what 24 Commissioner who would deal with this sort of matter? 24 resources are necessary for the operation and then for MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes, Chairperson. taking steps to ensure that you have those resources?

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            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                               I said you can
                                                                        mobilisation after the Monday was there not?
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     when you see that they are needed.
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            MR CHASKALSON SC:
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     didn't take any steps in that regard. Well let's take it
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                                                                               MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                                                                                          And you as overall
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     in two steps. First of all you didn't take any steps in
                                                                        commander say that you played no role in that substantial
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                                                                        increase in resources after the Monday.
     that regard you had said earlier.
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                                                                               MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                               Correct,
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                                                                        the response of already the mobilisation that was done.
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     Chairperson.
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            MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                         And your reason for
                                                                               MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                        Sorry, Mr Chairman, I
     not taking any steps in that regard was what?
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                                                                        think these questions that are being raised with General
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            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                               I said I was
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                                                                        Mpembe do not arise from the new material that has been,
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                                                                        you know, discovered from the police, Mr Chairman. I think
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     already being briefed that that step has already been
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     taken.
                                                                        this is really unfair.
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            MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                         So what you had when
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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     you arrived on the Monday was in your view sufficient for
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                                                                        they've been canvassed before, but if what is required is
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     the operation going forward?
                                                                        information as to how many people came from where or when I
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                                                                        take that can be obtained even by a request to the SAPS
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            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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     being informed that the necessary resources are already -
                                                                        legal team. I'm not sure it's necessary to ask the witness
     the need has already been placed at NAVJOC by Brigadier
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     Calitz.
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                                                                               MR CHASKALSON SC:
            MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                         And that had been done
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                                                                        in the witness's functions as overall commander in relation
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     prior to Monday you say?
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                                                                        to the financial and resources which we've now discovered -
            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                               Correct.
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     Chairperson.
                                                                        well some of which have emerged from the new documentation.
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                                                                        I don't need to take this further. If I move to a
            MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                         And was that done -
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     were you informed of this fact before or after you were
                                                                        different topic, a different but related topic, if I look
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     initially appointed overall commander on the Monday?
                                                                        at your first statement at paragraph 8.22 you explain -
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            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                              I was informed
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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     before.
                                                                        statement, if you'll remember he made a short handwritten
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            MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                        Do you remember when?
                                                                        statement on the 16th, then I there's a - I think it's GGG3.
            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                              I don't remember
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                                                                        I think isn't it? And there's one in the HHH series, which
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     when, we were communicating with Brigadier Calitz, but he
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                                                                        one are you referring tod?
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                                                                               MR CHASKALSON SC:
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     said, General, I've already done the mobilisation in terms
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     of getting additional resources.
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            MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                        And would that have
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     been before or after the confrontation with the strikers
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                                                                        take back the description of the first statement. GGG12.
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     at the railway line?
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                              Yes, Chairperson.
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                                                                        really the second statement I take it and HHH3 is the
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            MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                        Before or after?
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                                                                        supplementary one, but you're busy with GGG12.
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            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                               MR CHASKALSON SC:
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     Chairperson.
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                                                                        that at page 8 paragraph 22, you explain that why you
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            MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                        Now, Major-General,
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                                                                        requested Major-General Annandale to chair the JOCCOM
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     wasn't the situation markedly different after the
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                                                                        meetings was that you wanted to concentrate on the
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     confrontation with the strikers at the railway line?
                                                                        engagement and negotiation with mine management and labour
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            MAJOR-GENERAL MPBEME:
                                              Chairperson, it is
                                                                        unions to find a speedy solution to the problem. Do you
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     my testimony that those that have already been mobilised,
                                                                        see that at paragraph 22? So your focus was on the
    others were already there when I arrived on Monday, that's
                                                                        relationship between SAPS and mine management and labour
     my testimony.
                                                                        unions. Is that correct, your primary focus? You wanted
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         MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                        No, I appreciate that,
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                                                                        to focus on what you say there "negotiations with mine
   Major-General, but there was a substantial increase in the
                                                                        management and labour unions." You saw that as your
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MR CHASKALSON SC:

weren't aware of this meeting?

any detail of it, as I understand your evidence, you

MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:

Page 29 Page 31 MR CHASKALSON SC: And you weren't aware 1 primary focuses as overall commander? 2 of it before it happened and you weren't aware of it after MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson, it had happened? It was not reported to you by the 3 but not as a primary focus, but as an overall commander you 4 need to take lead in determining strategies. **Provincial Commissioner?** 5 5 MR CHASKALSON SC: MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I But you say that you gave up the chair of the JOCCOM so that you could 6 don't understand the question. 6 7 7 MR CHASKALSON SC: Well you weren't aware concentrate on that. 8 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 8 that the Provincial Commissioner, let's start at the It is to have time 9 9 in terms of communicating what is important about the beginning, you weren't aware that the Provincial operation and determining the strategies. And I need also 10 Commissioner was going to meet with Lonmin mine management 10 11 on the Tuesday? 11 to say on Monday when I arrive and with the briefing of the 12 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes, Chairperson. 12 mine management we were told certain things that as an 13 MR CHASKALSON SC: 13 overall commander and by then General Annandale was not And after she had met, 14 14 there. I had to make a follow up and I can't send somebody she didn't report to you or inform you that she had met? to talk on my behalf when that person was not there. 15 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, 15 16 MR CHASKALSON SC: Well did you Chairperson. 17 MR CHASKALSON SC: So you were completely 17 communicate this reason for assigning Major-General 18 Annandale to chair the JOCCOM to the Provincial 18 ignorant of that meeting and what had happened there? 19 Commissioner, your immediate superior that you wanted to 19 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I didn't hear the 20 concentrate on engagement and negotiation with mine 20 other sentence. 21 management and labour unions? Was she aware of that? 21 MR CHASKALSON SC: So you were completely 22 22 **[10.07** ignorant of that meeting and what had happened there? 23 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct. 23 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Is it the word 24 24 Chairperson, the only thing that I wanted Major Annandale ignorant? 25 is to understand, is that you will always be at the JOC and 25 MR CHASKALSON SC: Well unaware. Page 30 Page 32 the Provincial Commissioner knew that this is the adoption 1 Unaware. 2 that I took and is not necessarily that she would be saying 2 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Not ignorant, 3 no you cannot do that, because at the end of the day for unaware, and I was told. I was not told but it is not that 4 the operation to go well and to be resolved, it lies upon I was ignorant of that meeting. 5 5 my shoulders. MR CHASKALSON SC: I think we are having 6 MR CHASKALSON SC: 6 a language issue, I don't mean it pejoratively in any My question was 7 slightly different, Major-General, it was, was the sense, I just mean, you weren't, you had no knowledge of it. If the Provincial Commissioner knew that you were 8 Provincial Commissioner aware you wanted to concentrate? 9 Not what Major-General Annandale was going to do but you going to focus on dealing with mine management and the 10 wanted to concentrate on engagement and negotiation with 10 trade unions, do you not think it strange that she didn't 11 11 report to you what she had communicated to mine management? mine management and the labour unions? 12 12 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson, I 13 13 have said yes, because I was saying I have a meeting with said she has no obligation to report anything to me because the unions, if she had a problem she could have raised 14 I'm her junior. I have already testified about that. 14 15 15 there with me to say don't go there, I want you in the JOC. MR CHASKALSON SC: But it's not an issue 16 of seniority or juniority, Major-General, presumably the 16 So she was aware. 17 MR CHASKALSON SC: Now if we can go to 17 Provincial Commissioner didn't want you going to deal with 18 the transcript of the meeting between the Provincial 18 them and to say things that were contrary to what she had 19 Commissioner and Lonmin mine management on the Tuesday -19 said the previous day. 20 20 CHAIRPERSON: Exhibit JJJ192, what page MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I 21 are you referring to? 21 said she could have told me not to go to that area of

communicating with Lonmin management. She will, if because

But she knew that, you

my reports to her, she was aware that that is one of the

strategies of resolving the matter.

MR CHASKALSON SC:

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Well before we get to

Yes, Chairperson.

MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:

her raising at the meeting with Lonmin on Monday night?

MR CHASKALSON SC:

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Yes, Chairperson.

So what do you recall

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    have said that she knew that you were going to concentrate
                                                                              MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    on engaging with them and with the unions, do you agree
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    with that? She knew that you were going to concentrate on
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                                                                              MR CHASKALSON SC:
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    that.
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                                                                       would like to know, Major-General. What was that? What
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                                             I just want the
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                                                                       did she raise on Monday?
           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    clarity again about the question.
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
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                                                                       the morning the Provincial Commissioner raised the issues
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    confirmed that she was aware that you were going to
                                                                       of what was precisely the conflict and we were informed,
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    concentrate on engagement with mine management and the
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                                                                       and as I have illustrated it clearly in my statement,
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    unions.
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                                                                       what she raised is that then they need to get the unions to
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                       resolve the matter. And then I made a follow up in terms
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    just want to put it, I will say yes with this explanation,
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    when I was reporting my feedback to her, when I was
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                                                                       of that meeting.
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    reporting my feedback to her, she was aware that I am
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                                                                              MR CHASKALSON SC:
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    engaging in the negotiations because of the meeting that
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                                                                       her raising anything about management colluding with AMCU
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    took place also on Monday.
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
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                                                                              MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    generally that you had decided to focus, to concentrate on
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                                                                              MR CHASKALSON SC:
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    this and as a particular, as something that you wanted to
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                                                                       she suggests that she did. If we can just go to the next
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    do?
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                                                                       page, and if we start at about line 5, "So I think
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                             Correct.
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                                                                       yesterday Abie will recall, you will recall when this
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    Chairperson.
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                                                                       discussion with the National Commissioner, she also from
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                       She didn't know that?
                                                                       the discussion she raised with you, and you know some of
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                       these questions that she raised, you will remember that I
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    that but she could have known when I'm giving her feedback.
                                                                       raised them in the morning at our meeting, and she also
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                                                                       felt that you know it is difficult to separate management
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
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    correctly, when you previously said that she was aware of
                                                                       from giving these people leeway and if management gave
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    this, that is something that you infer from the fact that
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                                                                       these people this type of leeway, how do we separate this
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    she received some feedback from you?
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                                                                       from an allegation that can come and say but they are
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                             Yes, Chairperson.
                                                                       supporting them. So I want us to, when you said people
           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                       Well let's go to the
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                                                                       must be arrested, I wanted us to be very clear that any
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    transcript of this meeting, that took place in your
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    absence, on page 8, and if we can go down to line, about
                                                                       our interest because yourselves here as management you will
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    line 15 where the Commissioner speaks, "You see I want us
                                                                       clear yourselves from this and Mr Mokwena says perception."
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    to, you remember last night Abie I raised this thing when
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    we were dealing with Impala we had a lot of allegations and
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                                                                       perception that management is colluding with AMCU against
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    rumours that some of these allegations that they were
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                                                                       NUM. You can see that from line 3. "Also remember from a
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    pointing to the management, that the management is
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                                                                       political point of view there was even this feeling that
    colluding with AMCU and so." Now she says she raised that
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                                                                       you know, the mining sector wants to replace NUM you know
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    last night, now that's the reference I presume to the
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                                                                       with a new face, and maybe that is why these things are
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    meeting that she had with Lonmin and the National
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                                                                       erupting," and the Provincial Commissioner seems to be
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    Commissioner, at which you were present. Do you recall her
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                                                                       saying that this was raised by the National Commissioner on
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    raising something of this nature at that meeting?
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                                                                       Monday night and also by her in the morning in our meeting.
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                              No, Chairperson.
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                                                                       Do you recall her raising it in the morning in the meeting?
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            MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                        But you're not aware
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                                                                              MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    of any other meetings that she held with Lonmin on the
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                                                                              MR CHASKALSON SC:
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    Monday night?
                                                                       National Commissioner raising it in the evening in the
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but what I recall what the National Commissioner and the

MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:

No, Chairperson,

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the Chairperson?

Page 37 Provincial Commissioner raised, it was that that was 2 emphasised, that the police should be assisted in terms of 3 obtaining more information of those that have been 4 identified. 5 MR CHASKALSON SC: And you have got no memory of something about mine management colluding with 6 7 AMCU to replace NUM? 8 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I have never heard 9 that and in all of my role, we were very impartial. 10 I'm not asking about MR CHASKALSON SC: what your role was. I'm asking about your recollection of 11 12 what was said by the National and Provincial Commissioners 13 on Monday night and Monday morning respectively. MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 14 I don't recall 15 anything said about collusion with AMCU. MR CHASKALSON SC: We will take it 16 further with the Provincial Commissioner, who apparently 17 18 made these remarks. No yesterday, in response to 19 questioning from the Chairperson, and the reference is page 20 16245 to 16249. You were dealing with the stance of Lonmin

and NUM, that there was a wage agreement, that the wage

and that it wasn't proper to talk to the people on the

agreement and the bargaining structures had to be respected

koppie about wage demands. You recall that exchange with

2 MR CHASKALSON SC: And Major-General, you 3 testified yesterday that you found this attitude of Lonmin 4 frustrating. 5 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: My answer was in 6 two ways, frustrating yes and I also said that with regards 7 to the weapons that they were requesting that the 8 negotiations should take place unarmed, I said they had the 9 right to say so. 10 CHAIRPERSON: On that point you weren't 11 restrained, you felt Lonmin's attitude was a reasonable 12 13 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, 14 Chairperson. 15 CHAIRPERSON: It was the other aspect 16 that was the source of the frustration as I understood it. 17 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Definitely, 18 Chairperson. 19 MR CHASKALSON SC: But leaving aside the 20 question of negotiating with armed people, flatly refusing 21 to negotiate with people because there was a two year wage 22 agreement in place and NUM was the recognised bargaining 23 partner, you said you found that attitude frustrating is, 24 that correct? 25 MR NTSONKOTA: Chair, Thando Ntsonkota

MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 1 May I request that it should be placed there, Chairperson, it's my humble 2 3 request. 4 CHAIRPERSON: When I questioned you 5 yesterday, you were being asked about your attitude towards 6 Lonmin and the way Lonmin was acting and so on, their 7 attitude, by Mr Mpofu I think it was, and I then asked you 8 some questions flowing from questions Mr Mpofu had asked, 9 and they had to with Lonmin's lack of response, and Lonmin 10 was effectively saying two main things. The one was wages, we are not prepared to talk about because there is a two 11 12 agreement in place, and secondly they were saying insofar 13 as there are negotiations, they have got to be through the 14 recognised channels which meant through NUM and NUM had 15 meanwhile adopted the stance, the local branch of NUM 16 adopted the stance of meetings and so forth with the rock 17 drill operators, to say there is nothing we can do about 18 the wages at this stage because there is the two year 19 agreement in place. That was the point I traversed with you, do you remember? 21 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, 22 Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: You remember that now, and

that's what Mr Chaskalson is coming to, I think.

MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:

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Page 40 from NUM, Chair, it is with great reluctance that I beg leave to interject, Chair. I don't want to take the thunder out my learned colleague's cross-examination, but this is nothing new, Chair, this -CHAIRPERSON: Yes, I understand so, but I must assume, well let's just check it. Am I correct in assuming that these questions are preparatory questions leading up to something, which is covered by documents which became available after the witnesses in the box previously? You are not simply re-traversing the questions that were asked yesterday? MR CHASKALSON SC: Yes, I mean it will be taken back to the transcript of the Commissioner, which is a very important document in this regard. CHAIRPERSON: You see the transcript of the discussion, which I know the transcript is still subject to debate but the transcript about the discussions between the Provincial Commissioner and representatives of Lonmin on the Tuesday is a new document that came to light after General Mpembe was cross-examined by Mr Madlanga for the evidence leaders, and so questions on that document obviously are covered by the point we now, covered by the cross-examination we are now busy with, and the preparatory questions we are assured lead up to that. I take it, Mr

Chaskalson will take note of the fact that he mustn't spend

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     too much time on the preparatory material and get to the
                                                                        did you suggest to Lonmin that they should be speaking to
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                                                                        the strikers?
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    transcript as soon as he can, but I think we must, for the
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    moment leave it to him. But if it gets unduly prolonged on
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                                                                               MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    the foothills as it were, before we get further up the
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    mountain, then you can raise your objection, alright?
                                                                        Commissioner met with Lonmin.
            MR NTSONKOTA:
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                                                                               MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                    Okay, thank you Chair,
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                                                                        established. She met on the afternoon of Tuesday, at any
    save merely to say that even this transcript I'm not sure
    that this particular witness is able fruitfully to can
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    clarify the issue.
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            CHAIRPERSON:
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    very valid point, but let's see how Mr Chaskalson handles
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                                                                        meeting that I held with Lonmin, it was when I held the
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            MR NTSONKHOTA:
                                      Thank you, Chair.
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                                                                        Provincial Commissioner held a meeting with them.
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  I take it, he is asking
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                                                                               MR CHASKALSON SC:
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    questions of this witness which may be, the answers which
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                                                                        questions is, forget the Provincial Commissioner, let's
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                                                                        just think of a time, 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. At
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    may be relevant when the Provincial Commissioner comes.
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    But anyway those are matters that will become clearer to us
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                                                                        any stage after 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, did you
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    with the passage of time. Mr Chaskalson?
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            MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                        Major-General, the
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    question is a very simple one, did you ever communicate to
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                                                                               MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                        Except when I had a meeting with them and with the unions.
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    Lonmin, well its two questions, did you ever communicate to
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                                                                               MR CHASKALSON SC:
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    Lonmin that you were frustrated with their attitude of
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    refusing to negotiate with the strikers because there was
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                                                                               MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    an existing two year agreement in place and NUM was the
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    recognised bargaining agent? Did you communicate that to
                                                                               MR CHASKALSON SC:
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                                                          Page 42
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    Lonmin?
                                                                        communicate to them in relation to speaking to the
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                                                                        strikers?
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                            No. Chairperson.
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    even at that time I didn't even know NUM that was the only
                                                                               MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    recognised union, but what I did is that whether AMCU or
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    NUM, immediately from the identification of that we had, I
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    call all of them, so it was upon Lonmin to say to me no we
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                                                                        with the strikers to lay down their weapons and disperse.
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    cannot sit with AMCU because it is not a recognised union.
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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    That is not within my knowledge of recognition in terms of
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    labour relations.
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                                                                              MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                       Well let's take the
                                                                        Chairperson, it was to all of them.
    question one step back, did you communicate to Lonmin that
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
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    you found it frustrating that they flatly refused to talk
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                                                                        that to Lonmin? What day?
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    to the strikers on the koppie?
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                                                                        meeting that I had with the unions and Lonmin management on
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                            Chairperson, I
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                                                                        the 15th.
    will say to that extent not to use the word exactly
    frustrating. But I used the word, I confronted them on
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                                                                        [10:26] CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                                                      Yes, no the reason I asked
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    Monday and in that confrontation, the decision then that we
                                                                        you that is because in your statement, Exhibit GGG12, at
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    agreed with Lonmin is that they should facilitate the
                                                                        paragraph 30, you mentioned a meeting you had with Lonmin,
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    meeting that I will have to meet them with the union. But
                                                                        on the 14th, that's the Tuesday at 17:30. This is when you
    I didn't say I'm so frustrated with, but the words that I
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                                                                        challenged them about their statement that the marches and
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    used is confrontations and I even said to them you told me
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                                                                        protesters were unknown to the mine, and faceless, and you
22 that these people are faceless, and yet they are your
                                                                        then go on to say in the last sentence of paragraph 30, "I
    employees.
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                                                                        informed them that they have a duty in terms of the Labour
         MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                       And at any stage after
                                                                        Relations Act, to engage respective unions and remind them
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of their obligation to engage the company in negotiations

Lonmin had met with the Provincial Commissioner on Tuesday,

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    of issues the workers sought to have resolved." So there
                                                                        think that I, I mean, if I am not going to finish by tea, I
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    already on the Tuesday, at 17:30, you raised this question,
                                                                        am not going to be more than 15 minutes longer than tea, so
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    and then you go on to say, of course that subsequently
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                                                                        my suggestion would be that we proceed.
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    later that - on the Tuesday, you again arranged through
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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    mine management to have a meeting with the presidents of
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                                                                        now but if - proceed as you suggest, let's proceed until
    the two unions. So you were actually dealing with this
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                                                                        say about 11, and then we'll see whether we need to take
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    matter, or aspects of it already on the Tuesday.
                                                                        tea or whether you can just proceed to the end, or you may
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                        finish by then, so carry on then in the meanwhile.
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    Chairperson.
                                                                               MR CHASKALSON SC:
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                                 And you say you dealt with
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                                                                        to raise with you now two letters that were written by
           CHAIRPERSON:
    it again on the Wednesday, as you've just told Mr
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                                                                        Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak, one on 28th May 2012 and the
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    Chaskalson.
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                                                                        other on 12 December 2012. The -
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                             Correct,
                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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    Chairperson, I was just relating to say it was making a
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                                                                        been suggested to me that it might be sensible for us to
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    follow up of Monday meeting.
                                                                        take a comfort break at this point. This letter of May,
           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                       This meeting at 05:30
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                                                                        before we take the comfort break though, this letter of May
    on the Tuesday, that took place approximately an hour after
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                                                                        to which you refer, has that got an - been given a
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    the same Lonmin people had met the Provincial Commissioner
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                                                                        preliminary exhibit number?
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    and heard something completely different from the
                                                                               MR CHASKALSON SC:
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    Provincial Commissioner. Did none of them say to you, but
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                                                                        that has been given a preliminary exhibit number, or the
    your boss has just been in here and said we need to remove
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                                                                        May letter's been given a formal exhibit number, if I can -
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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    the perception that we are colluding with AMCU?
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                        December one which is AAA68.
                                             No, Chairperson,
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                                                                               MR CHASKALSON SC:
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    that could have appeared on the OO form.
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                                       I am talking about the
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                                                                                     Well, I haven't got the May
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    Tuesday afternoon meeting, the Tuesday afternoon meeting at
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                                                                        one. What number is it?
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    17:30.
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                                                                              MR CHASKALSON SC:
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                                                                                                         It is JJJ137.
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                            No, Chairperson,
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
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    that I could have been informed. They could have said it
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    to me.
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                                                        it has - it's been handed in along with the rest of the
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                                       And they said nothing
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    of the sort?
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                                                                        JJJs as part of the files. We can get a -
           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
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                                            No, Chairperson,
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    as far as I know, is that they agreed even to arrange the
                                                                        comfort break, have a copy of that made in the meanwhile,
    meeting that I should meet the unions.
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                                                                        extra copies. We will take the comfort break now.
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                                                              [COMMISSION ADJOURNS
                                                                                                           COMMISSION RESUMES]
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                                       And they didn't even
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    mention that they'd met the Provincial Commissioner an hour
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                                                                        [10:41] CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                        Major-General, you're still under oath.
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    previous to your meeting?
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                              WILLIAM MPEMBE:
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                                            Correct,
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                   Mr Chaskalson.
    Chairperson, yes, Chairperson.
           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                       So they didn't mention
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                                                                              CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR CHASKALSON SC (CONTD.):
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                                                                        Major-General, you've seen the two letters. Had you seen
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    it?
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                            Yes, Chairperson.
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                                                                        either of these two letters before you were called to give
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           CHAIPERSON:
                               Mr Chaskalson, can you give
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                                                                        evidence to the Commission?
    me the indication of how much longer you think you'll be.
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                                                                              MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    In other words, are you going to finish by tea? That
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                                                                              MR CHASKALSON SC:
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22 depends on when we are going to have tea, or do we take tea
                                                                        JJJ137, the May letter. Sorry, JJJ137 is not the May
    and just, or do we just go on until you've finished? You
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                                                                        letter.
24 can help me on that.
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                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                   It is the May letter.
           MR CHASKALSON SC: Chairperson, I don't
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                                                                              MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                                                                                         JJJ137 is the May
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Page 49 letter. I've got - JJJ137 is the May letter, I apologise. The May letter, when did you first see JJJ137? 2 3 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I 4 don't remember the exact date, but what I do know is that I 5 once discussed these letters with Brigadier Calitz and I did task him about these letters of Colonel Vermaak. 6 7 MR CHASKALSON SC: Was it both letters or when you discussed the matters with Brigadier Calitz, or 8 9 was it one letter? 10 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, it's long time ago. I do not remember whether it was one or two 11 12 or three letters, but what I do know is that I did discuss 13 these letters with Brigadier Calitz and also to task him 14 about these letters. 15 CHAIRPERSON: What I'd like to ask you is 16 the letter of the 28th of May 2012, that's JJJ137, is there 17 are references in the letter to discussions with Brigadier 18 Calitz at a conference on the 17th of May 2012, so obviously 19 I take it we can assume that Brigadier Calitz knew about 20 this letter. It was addressed, I see, to the Provincial 21 Commissioner and the Provincial Head, Operational Response 22 Services, SA Police Service, North West. Now who was the 23 Provincial Head, Operational Response Services? 24 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Brigadier Calitz. 25 CHAIRPERSON: Brigadier Calitz. So it's

6 criticism? 7 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson. 8 MR CHASKALSON SC: And why do you say no? 9 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, POPS 10 has got first priority and second priority, and in terms of whatever they have to do they have to concentrate on their 11 12 first priority, and if their first priority is not there at 13 all, they cannot just sit and do nothing, and that's when 14 they are expected to assist in crime prevention and crime combating, and there is also a mixture here, Chairperson, that I wanted to shortly describe. That paragraph refers 17 before the restructuring of the POP, because POP has undergone a certain restructuring, and after restructuring 19 that didn't happen. What did actually happen, it's the 20 primary functions of POPS was clearly defined and they 21 concentrate what they are supposed to do. 22 MR CHASKALSON SC: So even though you say 23 the criticism wasn't really a fair criticism, it's been 24 addressed anyway by the restructuring of POPS? Is that the gist of your answer?

divided to assist at different stations that are not unrest

related." So he's saying that there is the deployment of

POPS members for non-POPS related activities and as a

unrest situations. Does that strike you as a fair

result POPS are under-resourced when they have to deal with

Page 50 addressed to him and to General Mbombo. 1 2 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct. 3 Chairperson. 4 CHAIRPERSON: Right, so he knew about it. 5 Now did you discuss it with him, or perhaps did he discuss it with you - if it was addressed to him one would assume 6 7 he would have taken the initiative - did he discuss it with 8 you before the events at Marikana in August 2012? 9 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, 10 Chairperson. 11 CHAIRPERSON: Alright, that's what I want 12 to know. Thank you. 13 MR CHASKALSON SC: So then obviously 14 you'd have discussed this letter before the second letter 15 was sent, because that was sent only several months after 16 the Marikana events. But let's look at what Colonel 17 Vermaak says in the May letter, because it seems to me that 18 there are certain suggestions that Lieutenant-Colonel 19 Vermaak makes in this May letter that seem prima facie sensible suggestions. He complains first of all about, or

sensible reports Lieutenant-Colonel Merafe's complaint

22 that, if we go to paragraph 3, "POPS members are withdrawn

from POPS units to form part of shifts at stations and the

situations are not effective enough. POPS members are

MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson. Maybe I don't know whether I should repeat it. I said paragraph 3.1 which says "POP members are withdrawn from 4 the POP units to form part of shifts at stations," only that paragraph refers before the restructuring because 6 there was a time where in the police there were no unrest 7 at all and by that time it was the time of the National 8 Commissioner Selebi, there was a time where these members 9 had to be deployed for crime combating and they were called 10 crime combating units, but immediately after restructuring 11 some members of the POP were sent to station. It did not 12 happen anymore. Those that were left at the POP and that 13 is currently the POP, their main function is crowd 14 management, but if there is no crowd management at all, 15 then they are assisting in crime combating and in crime 16 prevention. 17 MR CHASKALSON SC: And are you now 18 satisfied that within your province the resources available 19 to POPS to handle unrest situations are adequate, POPS 20 isn't under-resources at the moment? 21 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson, at the moment, since there were some certain development

that erupted and this was also addressed.

I'm struggling to understand your answer. You must

Sorry, Major-General,

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MR CHASKALSON SC:

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24 resources that are available to POPS to handle unrest

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- understand where I'm coming from. I mean one of the
- 2 recommendations that this Commission may have to make is -
- 3 well, one of the recommendations that this Commission may
- 4 have to consider relate to the resourcing of POPS and
- 5 whether POPS is sufficiently resourced to handle the unrest
- situations that it confronts. As things stand at present, 6
- 7 are you satisfied that POPS in your province has the
- resources it needs to deal with the unrest situations it 8
- 9 confronts?
- 10 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, my
- 11 answer is, says I did already raise that we need to
- reconsider the restructuring process already, and that was 12
- said to the acting National Commissioner Mkhwanazi by 13
- 14 myself.
- 15 MR CHASKALSON SC: So you're saying that
- restructuring that was done under then Commissioner Selebi
- needs to be reconsidered, it hasn't yet been reconsidered, 17
- 18 or steps to reverse it haven't yet been taken?
- MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 19 Yes, Chairperson.
- 20 MR CHASKALSON SC: And from your
- perspective you would like that process to be reversed? 21
- 22 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct
- 23 Chairperson.
- 24 MR CHASKALSON SC: Then there's another
- 25 issue that Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak raises partly in this

- ground is that you cannot predict where the projectile will
- end up. I have to withdraw the helicopters. We were
- afraid it could be hit by live ammunition that were fired
- by members of TRT as some were firing shots into the air as
- well," and over the page, "Lieutenant-Colonel Merafe
- 6 handles the situation very good with minimum manpower, but
- 7 this incident could end in tragedy if the helicopter was
- 8 hit or a marcher was killed by an R5-round." And then that
- 9 is amplified much more emphatically in the December letter
- 10 at pages 12.3 and 12.4 -
 - MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Sorry,
- 12 Chairperson, I do not have a December - I've got two May
- 13 letters.

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- 14 MR CHASKALSON SC: I'm sorry, Major-
- 15 General, HHH68, if we -
- 16 CHAIRPERSON: Does that mean that you
- haven't seen this letter recently? Do you want time to 17
- read it, or do you remember the letter? It was, I think
- 19 you agreed that you saw it subsequent. Am I correct? You
- 20 have seen this letter before? It was sent to General
- 21 Mbombo and to Brigadier Calitz, but was it discussed with
- 22 you by either of them at any stage after December last
- 23 year?

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- 24 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson -
 - CHAIRPERSON: Have you never seen this

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- letter, but more in the next letter, which is in December, 1
- which is HHH68, which is the use of R5 rifles in crowd 2
- 3 management situations, and the suggestion, as I understand
- 4 it, partly from this letter in paragraphs 13, 14, and 15,
- 5 JJJ137, and much more clearly in the December letter, which
- is HHH68 at paragraphs 12.3 and 12.4 -6
- 7 CHAIRPERSON: I'd better mark that
- 8 exhibit. This is HHH -
- 9 MR CHASKALSON SC: 68
- 10 CHAIRPERSON: - 68, letter from, is he
- 11 Lieutenant-Colonel?
- MR CHASKALSON SC: 12 Lieutenant-Colonel
- 13 Vermaak.
- 14 Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak, CHAIRPERSON:
- 15 dated 12 December 2012. It's a letter addressed to the,
- well effectively addressed, I take it, again to General 16
- 17 Mbombo and Brigadier Calitz.
- 18 MR CHASKALSON SC: That's correct,
- 19 Chairperson. If one reads paragraphs 13 to 15 of the May
- letter, "The members put the R5 rifle on automatic when
- 21 they fire into the ground. I was afraid for recapitulation
- 22 of Ficksburg and phoned the Provincial Commissioner to
- report the situation to her, as the cluster commander was
- 24 not answering his phone. No other senior officer was

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25 available. The danger in firing live ammunition into the

- - letter before?
 - 2 The letters that I MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
 - 3 saw were these letters where he complained and I remember
 - going to the meeting, addressing these issues that were
 - raised with head office, but the December one I just wanted
 - maybe to check the contents, whether were they also part of 6
 - 7
 - the issues that I raised already.
 - 8 CHAIRPERSON: Yes, would you like me to
 - 9 adjourn for a short while to enable you to read the letter,
 - or are you happy to read it there at the table where you're 10
 - sitting, or you're going to be questioned about the 11
 - 12 letter and it is only fair that you should get a chance to
 - 13 consider it carefully. What do you want me to do?
 - 14 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I can read it -15 CHAIRPERSON: Quietly at the table?

 - 16 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Quiet, yes,
 - 17 Chairperson, quickly. Thanks, Chairperson.
 - 18 MR CHASKALSON SC:
 - Major-General, we'll go a bit slower through the December letter later, but to

 - begin with if we can just, in fact we need to pick it up at
 - paragraph 9 in relation to the R5/R1 issue, and there Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak is essentially talking about the
 - 23 difference in risk where there is Public Order Policing
 - 24 with an R5 and when there is Public Order Policing with
 - number 5 shotgun birdshot weapons. Paragraph 9 he says,

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Page 57 "The period from '90 to '94 the country experienced some of 2 the worst unrests and members most the time handled it 3 without loss of lives. The members were permitted to use 4 number 5 shotgun birdshot cartridges and in my 15 years in 5 the POPS there was only two protesters killed by number 5 birdshot shotgun rounds." And then over the page, "At this 6 7 stage the SAPS members have no other means than to use 8 either his R5/R1 when other resources fail, there's nothing

9 in between to use. Pyrotechnical equipment don't always 10 have the required outcome when used in open areas or rural

11 areas." And then 12.3 to 12.4 where he makes suggestions,

12 "Reconsider the fact to issue members again with number 5

13 birdshot shotgun rounds instead of R5. I'd rather wound a 14 protester with a number 5 shotgun birdshot than kill him

with an R5 rifle." And 12.4, "In past ever section of POPS 15

was issued with only one R5/R1 and all the other members 16

17 were issued with shotguns and rubber rounds and number 5

18 birdshot. A section consists out of eight members." Now

19 there Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak is pointing to a problem

20 that between, that when the current POPS non-lethal

21 resources are inadequate, in other words teargas, stun

22 grenades, and rubber bullets, the next step up is an R5

23 rifle which has lethal consequences, and he's suggesting

24 this is not appropriate for Public Order Policing or crowd

25 management situations. What is your assessment of that Page 59

MR CHASKALSON SC: You may not be in a

position to inform us as to what the SAPS official view is, but as a senior SAPS officer, do you not have a view

yourself?

5 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson,

6 whether I do know, as I've said I was not in that team.

7 This matter, I think General Annandale also address it that

8 there are still investigations taking place in terms of

9 what type of firearms, even including the R5s and the R1s,

10 whether they are still going to be there or not.

MR CHASKALSON SC: Do you accept that there is a problem that between rubber bullets and R5s

13 there is this gap with nothing in between?

14 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I just want the 15 clarity that in, is it said in the, in which context?

[11:00] MR CHASKALSON SC: In a crowd management

situation where rubber bullets, teargas, and stun grenades,

are inadequate to resolve the problem, the next step up at

19 present is an R5 rifle. Do you accept that that is a

20 problem?

> MR MATHIBEDI SC: Sorry, Mr Chairman, the letter may be new, but these issues were extensively raised

23 with Brigadier Mkhwanazi, so my submission is that the

24 topic is not new.

> CHAIRPERSON: Well, ja, there are two

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criticism and suggestion that he makes?

2 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, that

3 criticism, the way in which it was said to me, because the

4 letters were, as I discuss it with Brigadier Van Zyl, there

5 was a time where the rubber bullets were reduced and when

we have got the blue rubber bullets, and that's when then I 6

7 took it up with head office and that was ratified with the

8 letter of the National Commissioner replacing the previous

9 letter, and -

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CHAIRPERSON: Sorry, you're not really answering the question. The question is that the jump from

12 rubber bullets to R5s is too big a jump. There should be 13 something in between, something less lethal than R5, but

14 something more effective than rubber bullets. So I think

15 that's his point. I don't know whether there is such a

16 thing, but that's something which Mr Chaskalson is asking

17 you to give us the benefit of your experience and expertise

18 by commenting on this proposal which is made by Lieutenant-

19 Colonel Vermaak.

20 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:

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21 Chairperson, in a position in the sense that I was not in

22 that team which made decisions in terms of other firearms

that were retracted and then others were left, and I think

24 maybe that's the main reason why I'm not in a position to

comment on this issue.

Page 60 points to it, aren't there? The one is these matters were

raised to some extent with Mkhwanazi, but of course some of

the facts or allegations in these letters weren't

available, so they weren't put to Brigadier Mkhwanazi.

That's the first point. The second point is it relates, I

6 would think, to the knowledge of those concerned, because

7 one of his complaints in the letter is that warnings were

8 given and weren't heeded. Now that's also a relevant

9 factor, is it not? I don't know to what extent the

10 allegation is correct, but it looks like something that's

11 got to be investigated. So I think I'll allow Mr

12 Chaskalson to proceed, but on the basis that we don't want

13 a repetition simply of what was covered when Brigadier

14 Mkhwanazi was in the witness box.

15 MR CHASKALSON SC: Let's go back to the May letter then. Do you know what steps, if any, were

17 taken in response to the May letter?

18 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes, Chairperson.

19 MR CHASKALSON SC: Can you tell us what

20 steps were taken?

21 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I've already said

that it's replacement of the previously issued letter of by

23 then Lieutenant-General Mkhwanazi by the new National

24 Commissioner.

25 MR CHASKALSON SC: Was that a direct

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25 for your answer.

Page 61 response to Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak's May letter? 1 2 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: According to me 3 what was conveyed by Brigadier Calitz, and that was a 4 direct answer because with regard to the R5s and the R1s, 5 we do not use them in crowd management at all. We don't 6 use them, and that's why I wanted the clarity in terms of 7 the question. 8 MR CHASKALSON SC: But with respect, 9 Colonel, if you don't use them in crowd management - Major-General, I apologise - if you don't use them in crowd 10 management, why are POPS members then issued with R5 11 rifles? 12 13 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: It is only to 14 engage when they are being faced with people who are using other rifles. It's not that they are supposed to use it in 15 crowd management. They are also as police officials, they 16 17 can see hijackers, bank robberies, where they have to 18 engage those that will be shooting at them in terms of R5s, 19 but in terms of the crowd management policy you do not use 20 any sharp ammunition at all. That's why maybe I don't 21 understand the question, where is the question leading in

terms of why of the R5s, but this issue that I'm talking

that's the one that I said I know that head office is still

considering it and is investigating it, but in crowd

about in terms of engaging and using any other weapons,

MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, Chairperson, it was within correct management because we do have Standing Order 262 at that time, so what was, to me in my mind it was a crowd management situation. 5 CHAIRPERSON: You know, you say that, but 6 in fairness to you, I'm not sure that you're necessarily 7 doing justice to your own position. I mean you were 8 managing a crowd, but it was a crowd armed with dangerous 9 weapons. So it's not quite as - perhaps it's a particular kind of crowd management situation we're dealing with, but you certainly took with you people who were armed with R5s. 11 12 That's right, isn't it? 13 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, 14 Chairperson. 15 MR MATHIBEDI SC: Sorry, Mr Chairman, with -16 17 CHAIRPERSON: Mr Mathibedi, sorry, I see 18 your light has come on. 19 MR MATHIBEDI SC: With regard to the 20 shooting incident that occurred on the 16th, SAPS case is that the shooting was done by the TRT members and not POP, 21 22 and this letter relates to POP. 23 CHAIRPERSON: I'm informed by Adv Hemraj, 24 who has been looking at the relevant slide of exhibit L,

that according to slide 211 of exhibit L some POP members

did shoot with R5s. So that factual statement you make is

1 management we do not use at all sharp ammunition. 2 MR CHASKALSON SC: Well, Major-General, 3 we deal in this Commission with two incidents, one of which 4 on the 13th started out certainly as a crowd management 5 situation, and we would submit the 16th was at least in large part a crowd management situation, and people were 6 7 killed with sharp-point ammunition, R5 ammunition, fired by 8 SAPS members, on both occasions. 9 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct. Chairperson, but that was not a crowd management situation. 10 CHAIRPERSON: [Microphone off, inaudible] 11 12 talking about the 13th as well as the 16th? 13 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct. 14 Chairperson, I was saying the members they were using those 15 weapons in defending themselves, or other members. It was not a crowd management. 16 17 CHAIRPERSON: No, I understand that. That's the contention advanced by the SAPS and it may well 18 be correct, but the point is slightly different. If people were killed with sharp ammunition on the 13th, it means the

members who went to deal with the situation had R5s with

22 them, I take it. Now when you went to deal with the

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situation by the railway line, did you see it as a crowd

24 management situation or how did you see it? I'm waiting

2 not entirely correct, but -3 MR MATHIBEDI SC: Thanks. I'm sorry, I 4 withdraw that, Mr Chairman. 5 MR CHASKALSON SC: And Mr Chairperson, at scene 2 the bulk of the shooting was done by units other 6 7 than the TRT. In fact it was the dog squads, POPS and NIU. 8 CHAIRPERSON: At the moment you're being 9 granted, you are questioning the Major-General on specific 10 aspects flowing from these letters of Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak, and you're giving him an opportunity in effect to 11 12 deal with the criticisms expressed by Lieutenant-Colonel 13 Vermaak. Now you saw both letters, I think you said. You unfortunately only saw the December letter now, it would 14 15 appear. Is that correct? Exhibit HHH68 hasn't been shown 16 to you until now. Is that what you tell us? You never saw 17 it in the course of your ordinary work as a deputy 18 commissioner in the North West Province. Your attention 19 was never drawn, if I understand you correctly - if I don't 20 please correct me - was never drawn to exhibit HHH68. Is 21 that right? 22 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, it 23 might be during the course of my work Brigadier Calitz 24 might have mentioned it to me that I got another letter

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from Colonel Vermaak -

Page 65 Page 67 instructions on this -1 CHAIRPERSON: Yes, so he may have 2 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Perhaps you could 2 mentioned it to you, but you never saw the letter. You 3 take some instructions and see, what I -4 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, MR MATHIBEDI SC: Thanks. We'll get to the 5 Chairperson. 5 MR CHASKALSON SC: 6 CHAIRPERSON: As I say, I find it a bit 6 criticisms in due, but maybe if we can start with a more 7 awkward, to put it gently, is that here's a letter written 7 neutral issue, which is the suggestions, because again we by one of those who participated in the events of both the 8 need in this Commission to consider what recommendations 9 13th and the 16th of August at Marikana, writes a letter to would be appropriate, and in paragraph 12 there are a range your superior, the Provincial Commissioner, and Brigadier 10 of suggestions that Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak makes. He 10 Calitz, who I presume is effectively your subordinate to 11 says, "Go back to the basics that worked in the past, for 11 12 example SAPS15s." There are two questions that flow from 12 some extent -13 that. The first is, are SAPS15s something that should be 13 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, 14 14 Chairperson. implemented? 15 CHAIRPERSON: - and in that he expresses 15 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: We are still using SAPS15. I don't know what is he referring to. 16 criticism of the senior management involved in Marikana, 17 MR CHASKALSON SC: 17 and you see that from 11.4 of that letter. Now this is Because it seems 18 criticism which is essentially directed at a group of 18 implicit in his suggestion that there has been some degree 19 people of whom you were one, and I must say that I think 19 of breakdown in the system of SAPS15s. Are you aware of 20 it's very unfair to you that you weren't at the time given 20 any such breakdown? 21 21 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: an opportunity pertinently to study this letter and No, Chairperson, 22 22 formulate a view about it, whether the criticism was but what I do know is that there are some amendments to the 23 23 SAPS15 than those of the past. Maybe he still wants the justified, in which case you presumably would hope to do 24 24 better next time, or if it was unjustified, so that you past 15s, not the new one. 25 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: 25 would be able to if necessary reply and tell Lieutenant-Haven't we in fact Page 66 Page 68 Colonel Vermaak that he's wrong, at least insofar as he's had a whole series of SAPS15s handed in? 1 2 MR CHASKALSON SC: We have, Commissioner 2 discussing you as a member of the senior management 3 involved in Marikana. But anyway, that's just my own Hemraj, but we've also had a video of Brigadier Calitz on 4 comment. I take it you'd agree with me on that. the Saturday, indicating that large numbers of those 5 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I will agree, 5 SAPS15s were filled out two days after the event, and I think that may be something that, or hadn't yet been filled 6 Chairperson. I only want to add to say even on the 16th 7 7 out on the Saturday. I think that may be something that himself, Colonel Vermaak, he was not with me, but he made, 8 he phoned the Provincial Commissioner, he spoke about me Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak has in mind here, I don't know; 9 we can raise it with him. "An operational diary for each and he never told me that he phoned the Provincial 10 Commissioner, and he made certain remarks, that he didn't 10 section," that suggestion, what is your response to that? 11 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: It's my testimony 11 make those remarks in my presence, whether I agree or I 12 disagree with them. I just want to add to what the 12 that each Nyala should have, and they should complete an 13 operational diary. That has never been taken away. 13 Chairperson is saying, that that is his modus operandi. 14 CHAIRPERSON: But the big point we're 14 MR CHASKALSON SC: And is that properly 15 15 implemented? busy with at the moment is, which Mr Chaskalson I take it 16 16 will take further, is there is criticism here, and I take MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: According to me, 17 it, it's being put to you so you can give us your response, yes, but in terms of management thereof, that's the one 18 in fairness to you, and also to guide us as to whether this that I cannot say, because that has to be done by section 19 19 is criticism we must accept or criticism we mustn't accept, commanders themselves. But it has to be implemented and it 20 20 from your point of view. has to be managed correctly. 21 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Mr Mathibedi, do 21 MR CHASKALSON SC: You see, Majoryou know if these criticisms have been taken to any General, as evidence leaders we've been trying to collect particular person or body and are being discussed? Is 23 from SAPS all of the operational diaries and all of the 24 there any feedback on it? pocketbooks from members who were present at Marikana, and MR MATHIBEDI SC: We don't have there is a very large proportion of the pocketbooks and

Page 69 Page 71 operational diaries that should be here that have either MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, I agree, 1 2 been lost or disappeared or are otherwise unavailable. So Chairperson. 3 it seems to us that the system as it's currently being 3 MR CHASKALSON SC: If we can then go to 4 implemented has some problems. Can you comment on that? 4 the criticisms, let's start with paragraph 11.4, "Senior 5 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 5 officers do planning without any experience in serious As it put to me now, the problem is not that they are not there, and that's 6 incidents and this caused that the SAPS must afterwards 6 7 7 explain their actions. Marikana Lonmin is a very good what I said; they are there, but it could be a problem, it could be management thereof by the commanders themselves. example where senior management was warned before specific 8 9 And you'd agree that MR CHASKALSON SC: actions were taken, but they did not give any attention to 10 it's very important that the proper management of that 10 the advice. This type of ignorance put the National and system takes place? Provincial Commissioners in a very difficult situation." 11 11 12 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 12 Now are you aware of any warnings that were given before Yes, Chairperson. 13 MR CHASKALSON SC: And then, "Out-handing specific actions were taken at Marikana which had 13 14 and back-handing register for equipment signed by the 14 unfortunate consequences? 15 15 platoons and section commanders," is that a system that's MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson. in place in SAPS? 16 MR CHASKALSON SC: You're not aware? 16 17 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 17 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I just wanted to I say no, 18 find out whether is he speaking about when they are booking 18 Chairperson. 19 it from the logistic, that I will say it is still being 19 MR CHASKALSON SC: And nothing in this regard has been brought to your attention since Lieutenant-20 done, and I don't know what is he referring by that, out-20 21 handing and – because any equipment, any government 21 Colonel Vermaak wrote this letter? 22 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct. 22 equipment when you book it out, you need to sign it in the 23 register and you need to bring it back, and there must be 23 Chairperson. As I've pointed out, it is his modus operandi 24 24 entries made in your pocketbook, in the occurrence book, that he does not communicate with me. 25 25 and that according to me is still being done. MR CHASKALSON SC: That may be so, Major-Page 70 Page 72 General, but he clearly does communicate both with 1 MR CHASKALSON SC: And as far as you are concerned, that's being properly administered within SAPS Brigadier Calitz and Lieutenant-General Mbombo, and they've 2 3 at the moment? 3 had this letter, it would appear, but they haven't conveyed 4 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 4 any specific concerns in this regard to you? That's my I would say it is 5 supposed to be properly administered, those that I have question. Have they conveyed any specific concerns in this checked, yes. But what is he referring specifically, I'm 6 6 regard to you? 7 7 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: not aware of. Which particular -8 8 MR CHASKALSON SC: Well, that's a matter the one of December? 9 9 we'll take further with him. "Tasking form issued by the 11.4, "Senior MR CHASKALSON SC: commander," do you know what he's referring to there? 10 10 management was warned before specific actions were taken, 11 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson. but they did not give any attention to the advice." 11 12 MR CHASKALSON SC: And "Post shift report 12 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: That is a bit of a 13 where all successes are mentioned and also information that 13 vague statement though, isn't it, Mr Chaskalson? the commander must have knowledge of." Are you aware of 14 MR CHASKALSON SC: It's a very vague 14 15 15 statement. We'll have to find out from Lieutenant-Colonel what he's referring to there? 16 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes, I'm aware of 16 Vermaak -17 what he's referring to and it's also applied in different 17 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: What he meant by 18 18 units. In terms of crime prevention I think that's where that. 19 19 the problem is. It depends which priority that they have MR CHASKALSON SC: - what specifically he done, because in others it's a sector report which I know meant by it, but I would have thought that that's something 21 that they had to complete, and then also this one where that would have been canvassed with him either by Brigadier successes are being mentioned. Calitz or Lieutenant-General Mbombo in response to this 22 MR CHASKALSON SC: And is that a 23 letter, and I was hoping that the witness might be able to 23 suggestion with which you agree, that that's a useful 24 help us, but it seems he's not. system? 25 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Maybe he's

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- hamstrung by the fact that we don't really know what the
- 2 specific actions are, or what the warnings are.
- 3 [11:20] CHAIRPERSON: Ja, I can see the witness
- 4 has got a problem. You know, you talk about Lieutenant-
- 5 Colonel Vermaak's modus operandi, but of course it sounds
- as if it's the modus operandi of the Provincial 6
- 7 Commissioner and Brigadier Calitz not to raise these things
- with you either when they get a letter dealing with it, but 8
- 9 that's something we'll have to take up with them, but I
- understand your problem is if they didn't raise it with you 10
- either because of their modus operandi or otherwise, it 11
- 12 puts you at a distinct disadvantage in dealing now with the
- 13 letter in these vague terms. That's correct, isn't it?
- 14 You're at a distinct disadvantage of dealing with this.
- 15 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
- 16 Chairperson, because I don't specifically know about the
- 17 warnings, but the warning that I do know, which I was told
- 18 by the Provincial Commissioner, is a threat on my life that
- 19 was said by Brigadier, that was said by Lieutenant-Colonel
- 20 Merafe. The Provincial Commissioner did communicate that
- 21 with me and him, Colonel, when I was on the scene, then I
- 22 also said that he did communicate, but before that - and
- 23 that is what is, my answer should be read in that context -
- 24 before that he has never communicated with me with any
- 25 warnings.

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- MR CHASKALSON SC: I don't think that's 1
- the sort of warning to which Lieutenant-Colonel Vermaak is 2
- 3 referring, because this seems to be a warning in relation
- 4 to the advisability of a particular course of conduct being
- 5 followed, and we'll have to canvass it with Lieutenant-
- Colonel Vermaak. "Members don't have commanders with 6
- 7 experience in charge at unrest scenes." Are you aware of
- 8 any instances of this nature?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON: That is 11.1?
- 10 MR CHASKALSON SC: 11.1.
- 11 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I'm 12 not aware of that, but what I do know, that, is that all
- 13 members in the command positions in POP, they do have
- 14 experience in POP matters.
- 15 MR CHASKALSON SC: Yes, but he's talking
- about the unrest at Lonmin, Amplats, and Impala, where
- 17 there were a large number of members drawn from other
- 18 units, apart from POPS, and what he was saying is that some
- of the commanders in that situation do not have, did not
- have experience at unrest scenes. Is that a fair
- 21 criticism?
- 22 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson, I
- don't know what is he referring to. 23
- MR CHASKALSON SC: And as far as you are

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concerned, all of the commanders of the non-POPS units who

- were at the unrest scenes at Marikana had had previous
- experience being in charge in unrest scenes?
- MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: It's really
- difficult to refer to unrest situations because those who
- were there for unrest situations were highly experienced
- 6 officers. So I don't know whether was he saying TRT,
- 7 because the role of TRT it was made clearly to the
- 8 Commission what was the role, NIU, and STF. So I don't
- 9 know whether was, what was he referring to as his unrest 10 situations.
- 11 MR CHASKALSON SC: Well, we'll take it
- 12 further with him and get some particulars from him.
- 13 "Commanders don't know or have the legislation under which
- 14 they can act." Are you aware of any commanders at Marikana
- 15 who weren't aware of the legislation under which they were
 - acting at Marikana?
- 17 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
- wasn't aware, but the Commission made me aware of
- 19 Lieutenant-Colonel Scott - Colonel Scott, I'm sorry,
- 20 because he's now a full colonel, that he said he was not
- aware, but what I do know is that all members have gone 21
- 22 courses and they have -
- 23 MR CHASKALSON SC: I think that relates
- 24 more specifically to 11.5, "Officers and members do
 - planning without any knowledge of the Gatherings Act or

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- Standing Order 262." Lieutenant-Colonel Scott fairly
- conceded that he wasn't aware of the provisions of Standing
- Order 262 in its current form. You say that you didn't
- know that at Marikana.
- 5 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I didn't know that
- 6 he said he did not know the Standing Order, but it is my
- 7 testimony to this Commission that Colonel Scott did not
- 8 plan for us. The POP members and the commanders with their
- 9 wealth of experience did do the planning, and I've said it
- 10 many times through my testimony.
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 - MR CHASKALSON SC: That was an issue to
- 12 which I was going to turn, Major-General, because we've
- 13 heard the testimony of Lieutenant-Colonel Scott, and he has
- 14 now confirmed that the plan for stage 3, which was the plan
- 15 that was ultimately implemented on the 16th, was a plan, the
- details of which were determined, or were provided 16
- 17 exclusively by him. Do you dispute that?
- 18 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct,
- 19 Chairperson, because what I said is to this Commission, the
- 20 plan that was discussed, it was discussed with all stages,
- 21 so I don't know at what time he provided it exclusively
- 22 without us.
- 23 MR CHASKALSON SC: Well, perhaps I can
- help you there, Major-General. The plan for stage 3
 - changed. Stage 3 in its original form changed at some

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Page 77 stage on the 16th of August. Either at the morning meeting 2 at 6 o'clock on the 16th of August, or at the 1:30 JOCCOM, 3 the JOC for the first time abandoned the encirclement plan, 4 that was the original plan, and adopted a new plan, 5 disperse and disarm. Now the details of the dispersal and 6 disarm plan were not put to the JOC before the 1:30 JOCCOM. 7 Do you accept that? 8 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson, 9 it is my testimony to this, unless he will come with any other one. 10 11 MR CHASKALSON SC: Well, he has already 12 come with other one, Major-General. 13

MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Ja, what I'm 14 saying is that I did mention in my testimony to say the 15 first plan that we had, it was to encircle the whole koppie

and that we realised that we were running short of the 16

barbed wire, and that it was abandoned. So I, that's what, 17 18 that's the context in which I don't know what he was

19 referring to, unless he was speaking something that he

20 thought of.

21 MR CHASKALSON SC: That plan, Major-

General - and it's an issue on which we spent, gosh, the 22

23 better part of a day in cross-examination with Colonel

24 Scott - that plan was not abandoned before the 16th of

25 August, and I don't want to rehash that cross-examination

Page 79 But anyway, I don't know if you were aware of that, but

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were you aware of that?

3 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson, I

was not aware of that.

5 CHAIRPERSON: I understand your previous 6 answer then. But the evidence we got was that Brigadier

7 Calitz asked Lonmin for more barbed wire and they had more

8 barbed wire, but that's obviously a matter that you don't

9 know anything about, so you can't help us. But Colonel

10 Scott said expressly here when giving evidence that the

11 encirclement plan, what we call plan A, was on the table in

12 the JOC on the 16th and was only abandoned there, and was

13 abandoned for a number of reasons, which he elaborated on,

14 and the other plan was first tabled in the JOC on the 16th, 15 and the details of it were given at the 1:30 meeting when

there were apparently no commanders present, you know the

17 POP commanders present. That was his evidence on the

matter. Now if you don't agree with him, obviously you

19 must say so, but I must tell you, that was his evidence,

20 and as Mr Chaskalson says, it was dealt with extensively in

21 cross-examination over - my recollection is it was more

22 than a day, but if Mr Chaskalson says it was a day, well, I

23 won't fight with him. But anyway that was his evidence,

24 you see. Now is that in accordance with your recollection

or - there are two, there are three possibilities, aren't

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1 with you, but if needs be I can take you to reams of, well

at least 10 contemporaneous documents which show that that 2

3 plan was on the table at the JOCCOM on the 16th of August.

4 Are you suggesting that that plan had been abandoned before

5 the 16th of August?

6 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, what 7 is now put to me by Advocate, I had no knowledge of. The

knowledge that I had is that that plan was abandoned 8

9 immediately when we realised that we do not have enough

barbed wire to -10

11 CHAIRPERSON: When was that? When was

12 the decision taken -

13 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: It was before the

14 16th.

15 CHAIRPERSON: On the Tuesday or the

Wednesday? 16

17 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I

18 just have to check my records when what was then abandoned,

but it could be on Tuesday when we were going through the

20 stages of the plan.

CHAIRPERSON: 21 Ja. You see, there's also

22 been evidence, or a suggestion at the very least, which I

think was put to Colonel Scott, that in fact Brigadier

24 Calitz asked Lonmin for more barbed wire, and Lonmin had

more barbed wire available. That was covered in evidence.

Page 80 there? The one is in accordance with your recollection.

The second is you remember that's not correct. The third

one is you can't help us from your own recollection as you

4 sit there at the table today. Now which of the three is

5 it?

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6 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, to me 7 it is that that plan, once we ran short of the barbed wire,

it was abandoned.

9 CHAIRPERSON: Expressly at the JOC?

> According to me, MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:

11 yes, Chairperson, but not -

12 CHAIRPERSON: Recorded in a minute?

> MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, it was not

14 recorded in the minutes.

> CHAIRPERSON: And you say you can't

remember when it was, but it was either the Tuesday or the 16

Wednesday?

18 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct,

Chairperson, but I was personally present in the JOC and he

20 was the one that was showing us how much - what is it? -

21 barbed wire is needed and then we asked, "Do we have that

22 barbed wire?" He said no.

> CHAIRPERSON: Well anyway, according to

the evidence Brigadier Calitz asked - I don't know whether

it was before or after that discussion - asked Lonmin if

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Page 81 they could provide more barbed wire. But anyway, you don't 2 know about that, so it's pointless discussing it with you. 3 MR CHASKALSON SC: You say that the plan 4 was not a Scott plan, it was a plan into which POPS 5 commanders contributed a great deal. That's what I understood your evidence to be a short while ago. Am I 6 7 correct? 8 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct. 9 Chairperson. 10 MR CHASKALSON SC: Which POPS commanders made a contribution to stage 3 of the plan as it was 11 implemented? 12 13 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I did mentioned 14 their names. Brigadier Calitz, Brigadier Makhubela, those 15 who were forming part of the JOCCOM meeting. MR CHASKALSON SC: And do you remember 16 17 when they made these contributions? 18 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: It is the same 19 date that I'm speaking to the Chairperson about, and the 20 date when we were dealing with all the stages of the plan, 21 because on the 16th that plan had all the different stages. 22 MR CHASKALSON SC: Well, the 23 contemporaneous documents and the evidence of Colonel Scott 24 suggests that the date on which all of the stages of the 25 plan were first recorded, was the Tuesday, Tuesday the 14th. Page 82 Is it your suggestion that it was on Tuesday the 14th that 1 2

say, which was different from what's in exhibit L, and Colonel Scott's evidence insofar as it differs from exhibit L was obviously not put by Mr Madlanga because nobody knew about it. Mr Chaskalson can carry on. 5 MR CHASKALSON SC: 6 Mr Chairperson, it 7 goes considerably further than that because there are 8 hundreds of documents that were disclosed during the course 9 of Colonel Scott's evidence that are directly relevant to 10 this issue. The documents that were put to Colonel Scott, 11 none of them had been, well with one or two exceptions none 12 of them had been disclosed prior to his giving our access 13 to his hard drive. So if we have to canvass this issue 14 afresh with Lieutenant-General Mbombo there are a plethora 15 of documents that we will -16 CHAIRPERSON: With Major-General Mpembe. 17 MR CHASKALSON SC: Major-General Mpembe. There are a wide range of contemporaneous documents that 19 support Colonel Scott's evidence and that are at odds with 20 Major-General Mpembe's evidence, which we will have to put 21 to him. 22 CHAIRPERSON: Yes, now it would appear 23 that the Major-General doesn't know what happened when 24 Colonel Scott gave evidence. He doesn't know about these documents. So I don't know that it's fair to cross-examine

but what wasn't covered was what Colonel Scott was going to

the encirclement plan was abandoned?

3 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I'll just have to 4

check, Chairperson. That's why I said Tuesday, either

5 Tuesday or Wednesday, but it was when we were dealing with

all the stages of the plan. 6

7 MR CHASKALSON SC: And do you recall what contributions were made by what POPS officers? 8

9 MR MATHIBEDI SC: Sorry, Mr Chairman,

this ground has been covered before. I don't think it's 10

11 new -

12 CHAIRPERSON: Well, it was covered by

13 Colonel Scott, but I mean if Colonel Scott's evidence is

not accepted by an important witness from the police in the 14

form of the Major-General, it's got to be covered with him 15

16 as well, surely. I mean the ground has been covered with

Colonel Scott, that's correct, but he's not the only 17

18 witness on the matter and if a different version has been

19 given to us by somebody else, that's got to be looked at

because we can't automatically assume that Colonel Scott's

21 evidence is right and the contradictory evidence isn't.

22 MR MATHIBEDI SC: Sorry, Mr Chairman, it

was dealt with during the evidence of this witness by Adv 23

Madlanga.

CHAIRPERSON:

Yes, no I understand that,

Page 84 him on documents he hasn't seen, on evidence he doesn't

know about. I'm not saying that that means that the cross-

examination can't take place, but I am saying that in

fairness to the witness, to enable him to give meaningful

answers that can be relied on, if it's appropriate to do

6 so, that he should be given the opportunity to look at

7 those documents. Of course when you say hundreds, you

8 don't seriously mean he must be shown all the documents,

9 but I wonder whether the manner in which the plan developed

10 and the stages of it, which you covered fully with Colonel

Scott, this is what you're now covering with this witness 11

12 and it would appear, at least prima facie, that what he's

13 saying differs from what Colonel Scott said, so I wonder

14 whether it's not appropriate for us at this stage to call a

15 halt to the proceedings today. The witness is coming back

16 on Monday anyway. He could be given an opportunity to look

17 at the document to which you are referring and possibly

18 even be given reference to the transcript of Colonel

19 Scott's evidence, so when Colonel Scott's evidence is put

to him and he's asked whether he agrees or doesn't agree,

21 the documents that were dealt with in that cross-

22 examination are put to him and at least he'll be able to

23 deal with it in an appropriate manner.

24 MR CHASKALSON SC: Chairperson, I -

25 CHAIRPERSON: What Adv Hemraj says, and I

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- haven't had a chance to consult my other colleague yet, but
- I will in a moment, but what Adv Hemraj says is, you know,
- 3 he's being questioned at the moment and expected to answer
- 4 from memory. It may be when he sees the documents and even
- 5 when he reads Colonel Scott's evidence, that his memory may
- be jolted. So I've got to be fair to him, but let me first 6
- see what Adv Tokota has to say. 7
- 8 Yes, Mr Tokota says that it's your cross-
- 9 examination; the documents you want to rely on, you know, I
- must leave it to you to pick them, if you are going to rely 10
- on any other documents, but my suggestion was that we call 11
- a halt now, you carry on with your cross-examination on 12
- 13 Monday, and the witness be given an opportunity to have his
- 14 memory jolted, if necessary, by such documents as you want
- to put to him, and perhaps even passages in Colonel Scott's
- evidence. But I think to be fair, he's testifying at the 16
- moment under a bit of a disadvantage and I don't think 17
- 18 that's something we should permit.
- 19 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct,
- 20 Chairperson, because I would like to have gone through
- 21 because, even my transcripts, because I did deal with it in
- 22 detail to say what was suggested, how was it counted and
- 23 what were the reasons. So I must also go -
- 24 CHAIRPERSON: No, we know what you said
- 25 before, but anyway, we're not busy with what you said

- were tasked with ensuring that the Provincial
- 2 Commissioner's instruction is properly operationalised by
- 3 all the JOC commanders and that was how you encapsulated
- 4 your function as JOC Commander and of course, overall
- commander. Now I assume that that meant that when the
- 6 Provincial Commissioner had an instruction to give out it
- 7 would come down through you. You would be the channel
- 8 through which that instruction would be communicated if
- 9 that was your responsibility as JOC Commander. Is that 10 correct?

11 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I'm not clear 12 about the question, Chairperson. And may I also make a

13 request that I don't see my glass here, if I ask Captain 14 just to bring the glass for me.

> CHAIRPERSON: Did you leave your

spectacles behind in the police headquarters here at the

17 council offices? Well I'm sure someone will go from the 18 legal team to get your spectacles for you. People rushing

19 forward to help you.

20 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I'm

21 just asking the clarity on the question.

22 CHAIRPERSON: What he's done is he's read

to you from your statement GGG12, Para 7 and I'll just read 23

24 it to you again, well can you see on the board above you

now or do you need your spectacles for that? The passage

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- 1 before; we're busy with your comments on what Colonel Scott
- 2 says. But anyway, what do you say to my suggestion that we
- 3 call a halt now, or unless there are other matters you can
- 4 deal with now that don't - so we could use the time,
- 5 available time, which won't involve this aspect.
- 6 MR CHASKALSON SC: Chairperson, the bulk
 - of the documentation that would be required to canvass the
- plan issues I think would make it impossible to do that 8
- 9 today. There are a couple of discreet other issues that I
- 10 could address. I'm happy to do that now, or if it would be
- 11 more convenient to do it on Monday, I have no preference in
- 12 that respect.

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- 13 CHAIRPERSON: We'll take the tea
- adjournment now and you can then gather your discreet 14 15 points and ask the witness about them thereafter.
- [COMMISSION ADJOURNS **COMMISSION RESUMES**] 16
- 17 [11:58] CHAIRPERSON: The Commission resumes.
- Lieutenant-General, you're still under oath, sorry I've
- promoted you inadvertently, forgive me. I'm sure you'll
- 20 forgive me. Major-General you're still under oath. Mr
- 21 Chaskalson.
- 22 MR CHASKALSON SC: Major-General if we
- can go to a completely different topic now and your

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- 24 statement GGG12, page 3, paragraph 7 sets out what your
- responsibilities as JOC Commander were. And you say you

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- he's read is it relates to you, Commander of the JOC and
- says "tasked with ensuring that the Provincial
- Commissioner's instruction is properly operationalised by
- all the JOC commanders." That's what he's put to you and
- 5 he suggests that that means or should mean that all
- 6 instructions from the Provincial Commissioner should come
- 7 through you so you could ensure that they are properly
- 8 operationalised. That's the question if I understand it
- 9 correctly. Is that right, Mr Chaskalson?
 - MR CHASKALSON SC: That's correct,
- 11 Chairperson.

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- 12 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Not necessarily
- 13 like that, Chairperson, then my answer will be no.
- 14 MR CHASKALSON SC: Can you explain why
- 15 your answer is no? Can you explain in what circumstances
- instructions would come down through a different channel? 16
- 17 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, if
- the Provincial Commissioner phoned General Naidoo and
- 18
- 19 tasked General Naidoo, General Naidoo can during the JOCCOM
- 20 meeting communicate what the Provincial Commissioner said.
- 21 It can also be done through General Annandale, but with
- regard to me being the head of the operations and during 23 the operations as I've been appointed that could have
- happened. I don't know whether my explanation, but this is

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how I know it could happen.

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2	unless I'm misreading this, the problem is if the	2	MR CHASKALSON SC: When did you first
3	instruction was given to somebody else by the Provincial	3	find out about it?
4	Commissioner, to somebody else other than to you and you	4	MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: It was when I was
5	didn't know about it because it wasn't communicated to you,	5	given the document yesterday by Brigadier Pretorius when
6	then you would have difficulty in ensuring that it was	6	actually she was preparing for me the file that is in front
7	properly operationalised. I think that's what underlies	7	of me. So before that I didn't know about it.
8	the question. Am I right, Mr Chaskalson?	8	MR CHASKALSON SC: And possibly if we can
9	MR CHASKALSON SC: Yes, Chairperson.	9	call up JJJ177 because I think that's the document to which
10	CHAIRPERSON: So do you understand the	10	you're referring. Can we call up JJJ177? So, this is the
11	point?	11	document – is this the document to which you're referring
12	MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I understand the	12	in the context of that answer?
13	point, Chairperson, the other thing if maybe that is said	13	MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct,
14	in a JOCCOM where I was not present then it could happen.	14	Chairperson.
15	But if it is said in the JOCCOM where I am present it will	15	MR CHASKALSON SC: And before you saw
16	also be discussed in the JOCCOM.	16	that document yesterday you weren't aware that there had
17	MR CHASKALSON SC: But presumably there	17	been a proposal put by the Provincial Commissioner in
18	would have to be some sort of system so that you, at all	18	relation to Marikana at this extraordinary session of the
19	times, knew what the Provincial Commissioner's instructions	19	National Management Forum?
20	were so that you were in a position to give effect to them	20	MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, I do
21	even if they are channelled down through different officers	21	not know about it, not even now, but I did not even know,
22	within the force.	22	that's my answer.
23	CHAIRPERSON: In the service.	23	MR CHASKALSON SC: I just need to
24	MR CHASKALSON SC: The service.	24	understand that answer. Had you heard that this had taken
25	MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct,	25	place?
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MR CHASKALSON SC:

MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:

her call was to tell you that you needed to announce

yourselves to the other provincial deputies to say I'm the

24 contact person, when people report they must report to me?

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    to you was that NATJOC had taken some sort of decision and
                                                                       Chairperson.
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    you could now approach deputies in other provinces to get
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                                                                                                          And she didn't mention
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                                                                              MR CHASKALSON SC:
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    extra resources.
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                                                                       to you that there had been a proposal adopted to disarm the
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                             Not to get, but to
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                                                                       protesting masses at that meeting?
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    channel them when to come in terms of the plan.
                                                                              MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                              MR CHASKALSON SC:
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                       Did you need - at that
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    stage were you looking for extra resources in terms of the
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    plan?
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    Chairperson, and these are the resources that I've already
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                                                                      correct, Chairperson.
    said that they were already being mobilised. But I was the
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                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
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                                                                                                        Sorry, Mr Chairman, the
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    person to say when will they be necessary, when they will
                                                                       word used is endorsed, not -
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    be utilised, not necessary, when will they be utilised and
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    that's actually what I'm referring to here.
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                                                                       difference between adopted and endorsed? I think you need
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                                                       to turn your microphone on. I know the minutes says after
                                       So you made the
                                                                       deliberations the meeting endorsed the proposal. Counsel
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    decision about when new resources could be - when new
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    resources were necessary to be used because that was your
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                                                                       has paraphrased that by saying adopted. Now what I'm
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    responsibility, is that correct?
                                                                       asking you is - and you're objecting to the paraphrase
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                             I said no.
                                                                       which you say is inaccurate. Now what's the difference
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    Chairperson, but what I'm saying now is I was supposed to
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                                                                       between the two?
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    tell them when, where to report actually because the
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                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
                                                                                                        My understanding is
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    mobilisation was done already.
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                                                                       that for something to be adopted, it should be put up for a
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                       And did you understand
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                                                                       decision.
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    that mobilisation to have been done earlier in the week or
                                                                              CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                    Endorsed?
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                                                                              MR MATHIBEDI SC:
    just pursuant to what the Provincial Commissioner was
                                                                                                        It's something that is
                                                         Page 94
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                                                                      there, it's merely being, you know, endorsed.
    reporting to you from the National Management Forum?
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                             CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                   Oh I see, Endorsed means
                                             It is the one that
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    was already done by what I was informed by Brigadier
                                                                      endorsed.
                                                                             MR MATHIBEDI SC:
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    Calitz.
                                                                                                       Endorsed -
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                        And that was already
                                                                             CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                   All right, all right well
    on the Monday or the Tuesday you were saying?
                                                                      perhaps to solve the problem Mr Chaskalson I take it you
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                      would happily adopt the suggestion that sorry - I wasn't
                                             Monday,
                                                                      trying to be funny. You would happily accept the
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    Chairperson, but Brigadier Calitz when he phoned me
                                                                       suggestion that the wording of the resolution should be
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    actually he started that mobilising as far as Saturday and
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    Sunday is concerned.
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                                                                      strictly adhered to.
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                       So what then was the
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                                                                             MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                                                                                        I'll go so far as to
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    relevance of the call from the Provincial Commissioner on
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                                                                      endorse that suggestion, Mr Chairperson. Now Major-General
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    the Wednesday night? What did she tell you that you
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                                                                      the call that you received from the Provincial Commissioner
    didn't know already?
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                                                                      appears to have been made by her at 10:27:58. We've
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                       produced a list of cell phone records of calls made to and
                                             Chairperson, it
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                                                                      from your phone on the 15th and 16th of August.
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    was to say where will the people report because the other
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    deputies need to somebody, a contact person when those
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                                                                             CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                   That is exhibit HHH65, 65
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    resources are coming they need to know to whom are they
                                                                      is calls to and from the witness and 64, we may as well
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    reporting on the other side. That is the purpose which I
                                                                      deal with both at the same time I suppose. HHH64 is a
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    am trying to explain.
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                                                                      selection of calls by senior SAPS officers on the night of
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the 15th. So let's accept both of them as exhibits at this

stage to save time when the other one's referred to. So

exhibit HHH64 is Selection of calls by senior SAPS officers

calls to and from Major-General Mpembe on 15 and 16 August.

on night of 15 August and exhibit HHH65 is Selection of

So the only purpose of

Correct,

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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                       And Maior-General
                                                                      for us to work out what the length of the discussion was.
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                                                                             MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    you'll see that there's a call that was made at 22:27:58 on
                                                                                                               Correct,
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    the 15th for almost five minutes, four minutes and 57
                                                                       Chairperson.
4
    seconds from the Provincial Commissioner to yourself. Is
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                                                                             CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                   Thank you.
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    that the call to which you were referring when you
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                                                                             MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                                                                                         Was Major-General
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    described this instruction that you needed to contact your
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                                                                      Naidoo present throughout those discussions with the union
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    counterparts in the provinces as deputy commissioners.
                                                                       members?
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                   8
                                                                             MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                              Of the feedback,
                                             Correct
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    Chairperson, but it also included my feedback to her of
                                                                       correct, Chairperson.
    what has transpired in the meeting with the unions.
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                                                                             MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                                                                                         You see if we go to
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                                                                      HHH64 we see that in fact about half an hour before your
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                       So you gave that
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    feedback to her in the same call you say?
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                                                                       call Major-General Naidoo had already called Lieutenant-
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                       General Mbombo, that's 21:55 at the top of HHH64. Now did
                                             Correct,
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    Chairperson.
                                                                      Major-General Naidoo make any call to Lieutenant-General
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                       You see what's curious
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                                                                      Mbombo in your presence while you were meeting with the
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                                                                      unions?
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    about that is that the regular session of the National
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                                                                       [12:18] MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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    Management Forum finished at 9:15 according to what we've
                                                                                                                 No, Chairperson,
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    been informed from the actual minutes. So this call was
                                                                      because I was not even aware that he made a call.
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    made an hour and 15 minutes after the regular meeting
                                                                             MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                                                                                         So I think we can
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    finished, did you understand the Provincial Commissioner to
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                                                                      safely say that your meeting with the unions would then
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    still be at the National Management Forum?
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                                                                      have finished before 21:55, which is when he called the
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                  22
                                             Yes, Chairperson.
                                                                      Provincial Commissioner, and you'll see that the Provincial
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                       You understood that
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                                                                      Commissioner called him back at 10 past 10, that's the next
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    she was still there an hour and 15 minutes later.
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                                                                       call. She then called Captain Adriao at quarter past 10.
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                             That was my
                                                                      Major-General Naidoo then called Major-General Annandale at
                                                         Page 98
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    knowledge at the time that she's phoning me while she's
                                                                      14 minutes past 10, and then the Provincial Commissioner
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    still in Pretoria attending Management Forum.
                                                                      called Major-General Naidoo back at 25 past 10. There are
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                        If we go to the next
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                                                                      then a series of calls between, SMSs between Major-General
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    list of cell phone records -
                                                                      Annandale and Brigadier Tsiloane before we get a call from
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Before you do that can I
                                                                      Major-General Naidoo to Captain Adriao at 27 minutes past
    interpose and ask a question? What time did you have the
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                                                                       10, and it's only at that point that you are called by the
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7
    meeting with the union presidents, the Wednesday evening?
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                                                                      Provincial Commissioner at 22:27:58. Now when you spoke to
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                             It was late the
                                                                      the Provincial Commissioner, did she indicate to you in any
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                                                                      way that she had received a report from Major-General
    evening of the 15th.
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                                                                      Naidoo about those negotiations?
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                  What time approximately?
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                             I said it was
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                                                                             MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                              No, Chairperson.
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    almost late from 8:00 and it ended up very late on that
                                                                             MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                                                                                        And she made no
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    night.
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                                                                      mention to you of the proposal that had been endorsed at
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                                                                      the National Management Forum?
           CHAIRPERSON:
                                  How long did it take?
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                             MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                             Because I dealt
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    with different unions, I'm not quite sure how long did I
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                                                                      get the question clear.
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    take per union. But it could have taken at least one to
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                                                                             MR CHASKALSON SC:
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                                                                      the document that was up on screen, JJJ177, a proposal to
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    two hours but at about like that because I had to deal with
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    two unions separately.
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                                                                      disarm the strikers that was endorsed.
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Is the whole discussion
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                                                                             MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                              She did not speak
21
    with each union dealt with in the transcripts that you've
                                                                  21
                                                                      to me about it.
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    seen?
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                                                                             MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                                                                                        Now were you present
           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                      at the 6AM JOCCOM on the 16th, the next day?
    Chairperson.
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                                                                             CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                   [Microphone off, inaudible]
                                 So it should be fairly easy
           CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                             MR CHASKALSON SC:
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     the phone calls. Mr Chairperson.
                                                                            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                      Chairperson.
                                  On the Wednesday evening,
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    how many times did you phone General Mbombo?
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                                                                            CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                  And according to your
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            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                              I phoned her, I
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                                                                      statement GGG12, in paragraph 36 you say, "The leadership
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    think when she phoned me I phoned her also back, I think
                                                                      of both unions was conveyed to the koppie at about 16:00."
    there was one aspect that she wanted to know and -
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                                                                      So clearly that means that the conversation that you have
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            CHAIRPERSON:
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                                  What time was that? Was it
                                                                      told us about that you had earlier with the Provincial
    after you had told her about what Mr Mathunjwa had told
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                                                                      Commissioner took place before 16:00, 4PM. Is that right?
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     you?
                                                                            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                              Yes, Chairperson.
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            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                            CHAIRPERSON:
                                              Correct,
                                                                                                  Right, so now you had
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     Chairperson, but it was after our communication -
                                                                      another conversation with her some hours after that, which
            CHAIRPERSON:
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                                  No, no, I understand that,
                                                                      lasted for 6 minutes and 17 seconds, at 18:50 and, so it's
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     but earlier than that did you speak to her at all, before
                                                                      just after 10 to 7. Now what was that about? You hadn't
14
     your discussion with Mr Mathunjwa?
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                                                                      mentioned that. What was that about?
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            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                              The last time that
                                                                                                              That could have
    I spoke to her, Chairperson, it was when I reported to her
                                                                      been when I was giving her progress of the situations that
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     that I am going, I finally got the unions.
                                                                      were taking place.
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Yes, and when would that
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                                                                            CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                  What did you tell her at
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     have been?
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                                                                      that time?
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            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                              I think that could
                                                                 20
                                                                            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                              Chairperson, I was
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                                                                      also telling her about what has transpired when the
     have been maybe during the day, but I -
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                                                                      presidents were addressing the crowd, and also telling her
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            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  During the day? During the
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                                                                      that I was still going to hold the debriefing with each
    day.
                                                                 24
                                                                      president.
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            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                              Yes, and -
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                                                                            CHAIRPERSON:
            CHAIRPERSON:
                                  Was this before the
                                                                                                  Had you already heard via
                                                       Page 102
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                                                                      members of the service who were at the koppie, who were
    presidents went to the koppie?
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                                                                      present when Mr Mathunjwa spoke to the strikers, had you
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                             Correct.
 3
    Chairperson.
                                                                      already heard what had been said, namely that there was a
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 You see, if that's so,
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                                                                      possibility that they would lay down their arms at 9
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    there's something I want to ask you about. If you look at
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                                                                      o'clock the next day?
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                                                                            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
    HHH65, you had a conversation for about 6 minutes 17
                                                                                                             That I heard,
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                                                                  7
    seconds at 18:50 on the 15th with General Mbombo. That
                                                                      Chairperson, during the debriefing.
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    couldn't have been the discussion you talked about earlier,
                                                                            CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                  I see. According to the
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    before they went to the koppie. So what was it about?
                                                                      occurrence book FFF25 there's a note that, entry 228, that
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                                                      at 18:45 there was a situation report, "Papa1 reported that
                                             Chairperson, there
                                                                      they concluded they will meet tomorrow 9 o'clock and
11
    was a time when I said she didn't know that finally I got
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    now, that I was going to have a meeting -
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                                                                      they'll get feedback from management and what they said
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                 I understand that, but here
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                                                                      today." So that's what you heard at 18:45 if you were in
    you had a conversation, you said you spoke to her - sorry,
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                                                                      the JOC and heard what was reported by Papa1. Is that
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    let's take it step by step. You said you had a
                                                                      right?
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    conversation with her earlier in the day before the
                                                                            MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                             I would just have
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    presidents had gone to the koppie, when you told her that
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                                                                      to check, Chairperson, because I was not on the JOC always,
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    you'd succeeded in doing what you'd set out to do, that's
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                                                                      but there was a time where I had that debriefing with -
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    namely to get the presidents to come to Marikana and
                                                                            CHAIRPERSON:
                                                                                                  Yes, yes, I understand
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20
    address the strikers. Is that right?
                                                                      that, but you see, the point is that occurring to the
21
           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                             Correct,
                                                                 21
                                                                      occurrence book Mr Mathunjwa left the koppie at about
22
    Chairperson.
                                                                      18:45, just before 18:45, and there was a report from the
          CHAIRPERSON:
                                 And you said that
                                                                 23
                                                                      Nyala which had taken him there, to the JOC at 18:45.
23
   conversation took place before the presidents went to the
                                                                 24
                                                                      There's a brief little summary of what was said, which I've
   koppie. That's correct, isn't it?
                                                                      read you. I take it the people in the Nyala would have
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1 heard, not just Mr Mathunjwa, but would have heard what was

2 exchanged between Mr Mathunjwa and the strikers'

3 representatives. Is that right?

4 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct,

5 Chairperson.

6 CHAIRPERSON: And we see that five

7 minutes later you phone General Mbombo, a conversation you

8 didn't remember a few minutes ago. Can you remember now

9 that your memory has been jogged what you told General

10 Mbombo in that conversation, which lasted 6 minutes and 17

11 seconds?

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MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, the conversation that I know I gave it to her properly, it was after the debriefing, that what Mr Mathunjwa told me

through the debriefing, but that the strikers were going to

16 lay down their weapons, I heard it from Mr Mathunjwa, not

17 from the JOC, and thereafter we conveyed it to –

CHAIRPERSON: Well you see, the next

telephone conversation that you had with her, according to

20 HHH65 was at 27 minutes past 10, in fact nearly 28 minutes

21 past 10. It's a conversation that took 4 minutes 57

22 seconds. That's the one that Mr Chaskalson questioned you

23 about, where she phoned you. You didn't have any

24 conversations with her, as far as I can see, between 18:50

25 and 22:27 when she phoned you, and what we, I think it

1 seems clear is that that meeting of the National Management

2 Forum, which endorsed Lieutenant-General Mbombo's proposal,

3 must already have taken place, and when the proposal was

4 endorsed according – she doesn't quite say this in her

5 statement because she doesn't mention the National

6 Management Forum meeting, but she does say that, well she

7 does mention she was there, but she doesn't mention any

8 endorsement of any proposal, but what she does say is that

9 she had told the National Commissioner what you had said

10 about what Mr Mathunjwa had said, but that was, it would

11 appear, overwhelmingly clear that that must have happened

12 before half past 10, before, even before 28 minutes past

13 10. So it does look – I must put this to you not because

14 I'm making any finding or already have made up my mind, but

15 I'm just putting what prima facie appears to me to be the

16 case so I have the benefit of your comment on it. It does

17 appear as if the only opportunity you would have had to

18 have conveyed what Mr Mathunjwa, not what Mr Mathunjwa told

19 you, but what you were told from the Nyala at about quarter

20 to 7, was the conversation you had with her for 6 minutes

21 17 seconds at 10 to 7. Now what do you say about that?

22 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Chairperson, as

23 I've said when I gave her full-blown feedback about the

24 debrief with Mr Mathunjwa, it was after the debriefing

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25 meeting that I had with Mr Mathunjwa.

was 1 CHAIRPERSON: Yes, I understand that, but

CHAIRFERSON. Tes, I uniderstatio that, D

2 the point that I am putting to you is it appears from

3 exhibit HHH65 that the conversations you had with her over

4 the relevant time were at 18:21 when you had a conversation

5 with her for 1 minute 12 seconds, and at 18:50 when you had

6 a conversation with her for 6 minutes 17 seconds, and the

7 next conversation you had with her was at 22:27:58 when you

8 had a conversation with her for 4 minutes 57 seconds. But

9 it does appear, and I may be wrong on this, but it does

10 appear as if the National Management Forum meeting at which

11 her proposal was endorsed had already taken place, and

12 according to her statement, when she spoke to the National

13 Commissioner she'd already been told that she'd heard from

14 you that it appeared there was a – the wording differs from

15 time to time, but that there was at least a distinct

16 possibility, if not something more than that, that the

17 strikers would lay down their arms at 9 o'clock the next

18 day. So I'm trying to find in this selection of calls here

19 on HHH65 when that call where you communicated that to her

20 took place, and if we can knock out the one at 22:27 as

21 being too late, then the only one we have is the one at

22 18:50. Now there may be an answer to the point, there may

23 be something missing, etcetera, but it's my duty to put it

24 to you so you can help me to understand something that I'm

25 having difficulty with. So are you able to help me?

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MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes, Chairperson,

the - I just want to check when did I finish the debriefing

3 with the unions, and that -

MR CHASKALSON SC: Major-General, I might

5 be able to help you in that regard because if you go down

6 in the occurrence book to entry 130/247, it says that at

7 21:40 you inspected the off-duty SAPS members on the

8 operation who reported off-duty free from injuries. Can we

9 $\,\,$ just call up the occurrence book, which is FFF25? And if

10 we go down to 21:40, and there you see there's an OB entry

11 saying that at 21:40, which would have been 20 to 10, you

12 had inspected "Duty-off SAPS members on operation reported

13 off-duty free from injuries and inspected by General

14 Mpembe." Do you recall that inspection?

MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes, Chairperson.I just wanted to check that inspection time, maybe if I can

17 check GGG4, that inspection happened actually after the, my

18 debriefing with the unions.

19 MR CHASKALSON SC: That was the point

20 that I was indicating.

21 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Yes, that's right.

22 MR CHASKALSON SC: So we can say that you

23 must have finished with the unions some time before 21:40.

24 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct,

5 Chairperson.

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Page 109 MR CHASKALSON SC: Do you recall how 1 long, where you met with the unions and where you did your 2 3 inspection? 4 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I met with the 5 unions not very far from the JOC, and moving from the JOC, moving from where I met with the unions, I came to the JOC. 6 7 MR CHASKALSON SC: So how long do you 8 think it would have taken you from the point at which you 9 ended your meeting with the unions to the point at which you did your inspection? 10 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 11 Chairperson, 12 walking, it couldn't take me long time. It couldn't take, 13 definitely couldn't take me long time where I had the 14 meeting with the unions to the JOC. 15 MR CHASKALSON SC: So we can say that 16 your meeting with the unions finished some time around half 17 past 9, one way or another, if 10 minutes later you were doing your inspection? 18 19 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct. 20 Chairperson, but it will also be confirmed by the GGG4. 21 MR CHASKALSON SC: Yes, I'm not sure 22 there's a time on GGG4. That's our problem. 23 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: In GGG12 in 24 paragraph 37 you say you returned to the Lonmin's offices 25 for a debriefing of the unions' address to the protesters

anyone saying D-Day at the start of that meeting? 2 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson, 3 at 6 o'clock in the morning? 4 MR CHASKALSON SC: Indeed these are notes 5 taken at 6 o'clock, the 6 o'clock in the morning meeting. MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 6 I just wanted the 7 clarity of the question, you say indeed in that meeting. 8 MR CHASKALSON SC: Yes, near the start of 9 the meeting saying something about D-Day. 10 CHAIRPERSON: You see the exhibit which 11 is on the screen and you were, I take it, provided with a 12 copy or referred to copy, have you got your copy in front 13 of you? 14 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: Correct, 15 Chairperson, I do have it front of me. 16 CHAIRPERSON: Do you see it's written 17 there "D-Day, terms and conditions, not to continue. 18 Constitutional rights, the boundaries, ten killed, two 19 SAPS, firearms missing. Given the opportunity to lay down 20 weapons, mine gave opportunity to work. Unions - I'm not 21 quite sure what that word means, but faulted or failed, 22 sorry. Lay down and return, denounce violence. Will re-23 attend today, weapons to be left at koppie. Reality, the 24 position to act in case weapons not left. Specific policing acts to take place, not limited to both hostels.

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at the koppie at 21:00. That's in GGG12, paragraph 37.
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           CHAIRPERSON:
                                You see my problem? I'm
3
    trying to find a telephone conversation that you had with
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    the Provincial Commissioner, but anyway, if you can't help
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    me, you can't help me. Mr Chaskalson, carry on.
           MR CHASKALSON SC:
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                                      Major-General, to
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    leave the cell phone conversations at this point, were you
    at the JOC at 6 o'clock in the morning at the JOCCOM
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    meeting on the 16th?
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                            Yes, Chairperson.
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                      Now we've recently
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    been given - or it's not recent anymore, we were given some
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    handwritten notes that were taken by Adv Moolman of that
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    meeting. Have you seen those notes? JJJ168.
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                            I was provided
    with a number of handwritten notes. The one of Adv Moolman
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JJJ168, down a page. These were informed on notes that

Advocate Moolman took of the 6 o'clock JOCCOM.

24 radio technical and field mechanics not here to follow up,

25 the first note of consequence says D-Day. Do you recall

Well, if we call up

Yes, I do have

Now if we get past

I'm not precisely sure of which of those.

MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:

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[12:38] MR CHASKALSON SC:

them in front of me, Chairperson.

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MR CHASKALSON SC:

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    Phase 2 today, further deployments while unions talk at 9
    o'clock. SAPS to phase 2 - present POP and TRT front
3
    line, is that word cordon is it, intensified and out to
4
    bigger areas. Any person with weapon will be, I take it
5
    that means apprehended and arrested. Info. Must
6
    constantly provide info spotters. That's what it says.
7
    Then POP, I'm not quite sure what that word is, Mr
8
    Chaskalson can you help me? POP looks like cap, it can't
9
    be, it doesn't make sense, something info and
10
    communications presumably. Negotiators will talk them
11
    through, we cannot entertain people with weapons and then
12
    cluster 170 cells, individual detention facilities spread
13
    over, it looks like five stations. Six trucks, one
14
    Klerksdorp truck confirmed plus potentially more to join."
15
    Now that's what it says and that's what Mr Chaskalson is
    asking you about. In the light of what I've read to you is
17
    it now clear to you what the phrase D-Day means?
18
           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                              Chairperson, at 6
19
    o'clock that word D-Day was not said and some of the
20
    information here it was not said at that time, at that 6
21
    o'clock time.
22
           CHAIRPERSON:
                                  We are told these are the
23
    notes that Captain Moolman took at that meeting, so you
24
    were saying she wrote things down that weren't said.
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                        Is it possible that it
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    may have been said but you may just not have heard it being
                                                                        deployment. So when you were talking about a deployment at
2
    said?
                                                                        12 to 14:00 or if you were talking about a deployment at 12
3
           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                            Chairperson, I did
                                                                        to 14:00 that couldn't have been phase 2, that would have
4
    not hear them being said there and I was always in that
                                                                        had to have been phase 3. Do you accept that?
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5
    meeting.
                                                                               MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                                No, Chairperson,
           MR CHASKALSON SC:
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                                                                        what I was referring to is that by that time - what I'm
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                                       Maybe we can go to
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    another note. If we go down maybe two pages to the fifth
                                                                        saying is that by time the deployment should have been
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                                                                        taking place. But I don't know what you say about phase 2
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    page of the PDF file and there Advocate Moolman recorded
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    "Brigadier's Scott's briefing important. NB. To follow to
                                                                        deployment, maybe that one I should be abreast with.
    the letter. NB. To start with force continuum they must
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                                                                               MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                                                                                          Colonel, you know the
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    see it stopping here and now, SAPS not retreating.
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                                                                        plan had a number of -
    Agreement. Everything to be done on command, today things
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                                                                               CHAIRPERSON:
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                                                                                                    General.
    will be changed." Do you recall any of that?
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                                                                               MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                                                                                          Major-General, I must
           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
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                                            No, Chairperson,
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                                                                        apologise. The plan had a number of phases. There was
15
    what I do recall is that there should be a show of force,
                                                                        phase 1 which was the negotiation phase. There was phase 2
    we should have given Mr Mathunjwa the chance and later they
                                                                        which was a show of force and a pre-positioning for phase 3
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    will be informed in terms of any other action that will
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                                                                        and phase 3 was the tactical phase. You're aware of all of
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    have to be taken.
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                                                                        that?
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                       So you don't recall
                                                                               MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                                Correct.
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    what the notes taken on the day record.
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                                                                        Chairperson, but at this time it was the time when we were
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                        speaking about all the deployments because if these notes
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                                            No, I don't, yes,
22
    Chairperson.
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                                                                        are being taken on the 16th because I was already going to
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
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                                                                        go with the Provincial Commissioner to the press
                                       Can I take you to the
                                                                   24
                                                                        conference.
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    next note because it refers to you? It says "General
                                                                   25
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    Mpembe; coming 9:00, tired. 12 to 14:00 start moving and
                                                                               MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                                                                                          When were you going to
                                                         Page 114
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    then underneath small groups stop and search." Do you
1
                                                                        go to the Provincial Commissioner's press conference?
    recall mentioning that someone was coming at 9:00?
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                                                                               MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                                I already
3
           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                             I don't know what
                                                                        testified that the Provincial Commissioner conference I was
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    she was writing but what I do remember is that there should
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                                                                        with her.
5
    have been stop and searches, but tired, I don't know
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                                                                               MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                                                                                          That took place
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    whether it's referring to me or to whom was she referring.
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                                                                        approximately at half past nine.
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           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                       What about coming 9
                                                                               MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                                                                Correct, and what
                                                                        I was saying here it was that I was talking about times
8
    o'clock, that on its face seems to be something that you
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    said at the meeting. Do you recall that somebody would be
                                                                        then I was going to leave the meeting.
    coming at 9 o'clock?
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                                                                               MR CHASKALSON SC:
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                                                                                                          You see if we go back
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                                                        up a page that page deals with the timing for phase 2. At
                                             I don't really
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    recall, I think it has taken a long time, I think she must
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                                                                        the top it says Phase 2 pre-positioning show of force and
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    be in a better position, but I remember I was there in the
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                                                                        then at the bottom of the page, if we go down to the bottom
14
    meeting.
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                                                                        of the page after its dealt with all of the resources that
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                                                                        are available for phase 2. It says "Parade 8:30.
           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                        And what about 12 to
    14:00 start moving, does that ring a bell for you, did you
                                                                   16
                                                                        Brigadier Calitz, Colonel Gaffley, Colonel Makhubela's
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    say anything along those lines?
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                                                                        grouping. So phase 2 it seems had already been addressed
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           MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:
                                             There was a time
                                                                   18
                                                                        and that's consistent with what we know happened later
19
    where we were speaking about deployment that when should
                                                                        which was following a parade that happened sometime shortly
    they have taken place, when they should have already been
                                                                        after 8:30. Phase 2 deployment was in effect by 9:30. So
21
    deployed. That could be the time that we were referring
                                                                        if you were speaking about 12 to 14:00 start moving then it
22 to.
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                                                                        seems to me you wouldn't have been speaking about phase 2
           MR CHASKALSON SC:
                                     But we know that the
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                                                                        because phase 2 was going to happen a long time before 12
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phase 2 deployment in fact rolled out and it's described in

this meeting, it rolled out around 9:30, the phase

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o'clock. What's your response to that?

MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE:

Chairperson, in my

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Page 117 Page 119 mind what I was speaking I was just referring in terms of those that were written in short form. 2 the deployment and knowing very well that that will be left 2 MR CHASKALSON SC: We had started that 3 with the commanders because I was going to go to the media 3 exercise, it hasn't yielded a great deal more than what we 4 press. It might well be then I was speaking about phase 2. had deciphered already, but I think what we ought to do is 5 MR CHASKALSON SC: 5 to obtain from Captain Moolman an attempted transcription But the phase 2 deployment had already been addressed in the meeting and 6 of the notes at the very least. 6 7 7 the phase 2 deployment we know took place - it was already COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: That would assist, in place by 9:30. It would be odd for you to have been 8 8 thank you. 9 9 talking about phase 2 in that context. Would you not MR CHASKALSON SC: Before we leave the 6 accept that? 10 o'clock JOCCOM I just want to touch on another issue and Mr 10 11 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 11 Chairperson, I'm leaving these notes, so if there's No, Chairperson, 12 anything in relation to the notes from the 6 o'clock JOCCOM because I know that there could have been a time where Mr 12 13 I'm -13 Mathunjwa could have addressed the people and I didn't know 14 14 at what time they were going to finish so I could not be CHAIRPERSON: In fact we can wait for a 15 talking either of any of the phases because there were so 15 transcription if we can get one from the amanuensis who many activities that could have taken place. wrote them. Is it possible that we could get it, or ask 16 17 CHAIRPERSON: anyway Colonel Moolman to produce it by Monday so we don't You said a minute ago that 17 18 you were going to go to the media. I think you used the waste time subsequently. Perhaps Mr Mathibedi's good 19 word press, I don't know if I heard correctly, but I take offices that could - that the necessary request could be 20 it you knew already at that stage you were going to a media 20 addressed to Colonel Moolman. Thank you very much. Mr 21 conference to be addressed by the Provincial Commissioner, Chaskalson, it's now by my watch by the screen clock it's 21 22 22 is that correct? 12:52. I was proposing to adjourn at 1 o'clock. If you're 23 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: 23 moving onto a topic that you can't dispose of in eight Correct. 24 minutes perhaps we can adjourn now or is there some short 24 Chairperson. 25 CHAIRPERSON: Did you know why the point you want to make? Page 118 Page 120 conference had been called? Did you know why she was 1 MR CHASKALSON SC: Chairperson, having 1 there, what she was going to say at the conference? 2 2 made wild promises earlier in the day I would be I cannot 3 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson. 3 suggest that I'm going to finish in eight minutes. So I 4 CHAIRPERSON: 4 L see. would accept -5 MR CHASKALSON SC: Did you know that she 5 CHAIRPERSON: In the circumstances, in was coming at approximately 9 o'clock for that press 6 the absence of a wild promise we will adjourn now until 9 6 7 7 conference? o'clock on Monday morning. 8 8 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: I knew that there [COMMISSION ADJOURNED] 9 9 was a press conference at one stage when she arrived we 10 will have to accompany her to that, but I couldn't know 10 11 even to say at what time. But I knew that I must be with 11 12 her to the press conference. 12 13 MR CHASKALSON SC: Is it possible that 13 14 that reference to coming 9 o'clock which appears to have 14 15 been attributed to you, might have been something that you 15 16 said in relation to the Provincial Commissioner, that the 16 17 Provincial Commissioner was going to come at 9 o'clock? 17 18 MAJOR-GENERAL MPEMBE: No, Chairperson, 18 19 because I did not know at what time she was coming, when 19 20 she was going to come. 20 21 COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Mr Chaskalson, has 21 Advocate Moolman been approached to assist with the 22 deciphering of some of these notes or is it contemplated 23 24 that she will be at some stage? It might assist for us as 24 well to understand what some of those words actually mean, 25 ARCHIVE FOR JUSTICE

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