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2	[09:14] CHAIRPERSON: The Commission resumes. Mr	2	whether that's an exhibit yet? MS PILLAY: Chair, I haven't seen the
3	Bham, I believe you're going to call a witness. MR BHAM SC: I am, the witness is	3	Blou bundle, so I'm not sure. Unfortunately I wasn't here
4		4	yesterday.
5	[microphone off, inaudible].	5	CHAIRPERSON: Alright, well is that the
6	CHAIRPERSON: Would you please stand up,	6	Blou bundle or is that the cross-examination bundle you're
7	Sir? I think you'd better turn your microphone on. What	7	getting?
8	are your full names?	8	MS PILLAY: Chair, I have it now, the
9	MR BLOU: Mr Chairperson, my full names	9	examination-in-chief bundle.
10	are Mntunaye Henry Blou.	10	CHAIRPERSON: Right, okay. So the first
11	CHAIRPERSON: Are you prepared to take	11	document there is a statement, 12-page statement dated the
12	the oath?	12	17th of October 2012. Do you know whether that's an
13	MR BLOU: Yes, Mr Chairperson.	13	exhibit?
14	CHAIRPERSON: Will you swear that the	14	MS PILLAY: I know one of Mr Blou's
15	evidence you will give before this Commission will be the	15	statements is an exhibit, Chair, but just give me a few
16	truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth? Please	16	seconds, I can find –
17	raise your right hand and say, "I swear, so help me God."	17	CHAIRPERSON: As far as I know most of
18	MR BLOU: I swear that the evidence I	18	the documents in this bundle are not exhibits. There's one
19	will give –	19	that I think is. I just want to identify that one and then
20	CHAIRPERSON: No, just say "I swear, so	20	we'll mark the others.
21	help me God," all you have to say.	21	MR TIP SC: Chair, if I can assist, the
22	MNTUNAYE HENRY BLOU: So help me God.	22	statement dated 3 July 2014 I believe is FFFF1.
23	CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, you may be	23	CHAIRPERSON: That document is the one
24	seated. Mr Bham.	24	you say that is FFF1, is it?
25	EXAMINATION BY MR BHAM SC: Thank you, Mr	25	MS PILLAY: No, Chair, FFFF1 is the
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2	documents in front of you. May I ask you to turn to the	2	CHAIRPERSON: Oh, alright. Well, Mr Tip,
	very first document, which is a witness statement dated 17	3	have you misled us inadvertently?
4	October 2012. Do you have that in front of you?	4	MR TIP SC: It seems that I have. I am
5	CHAIRPERSON: His statement I think is	5	dreadfully apologetic, Chair.
6	already an exhibit. Is that correct?	6	CHAIRPERSON: Apology accepted. Right,
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2	MR BHAM SC: And is that the date on	2	MR TIP SC: Thank you, Chair –
3	which you signed the document?	3	MR BHAM SC: Sorry, Mr Chairman, just
4	MR BLOU: That is correct.	4	before Mr Tip starts, having done my bit I understand that
5	MR BHAM SC: May I ask you then to turn	5	the electronic form of the statements may not be with the
6	to the next document in the bundle? That's a supplementary	6	person dealing with that and I wonder whether we can just
7	statement, it's a two-page statement, could you mark that	7	sort that out because –
8	RRRR1.2? If you turn the page, the second page of the	8	MS PILLAY: Chair, we've just giving him
9	statement, there's a date at the bottom, 19 July 2013 and a	9	a copy of the electronic statements.
10	signature below that. Is that your signature?	10	MR BHAM SC: Then that's sorted out,
11	MR BLOU: That is correct.	11	thank you very much.
12	MR BHAM SC: Thank you. Could I ask you	12	CHAIRPERSON: Problem solved. Mr Tip.
13	to then turn to the next page, the next document. That's a	13	MR TIP SC: Thank you, Chair. Perhaps we
14	document dated 3 July 2014. Could you mark that RRRR1.3,	14	should deal with some further housekeeping. There are some
15	please. On the last page of that document there's a date 3	15	additional documents that need to be exhibited. The
16	July 2014 and there's a signature below that. Is that your	16	Commissioners will have before them a bundle that we've
17	signature?	17	compiled, which hopefully comprise those documents. Could
18	MR BLOU: That is correct.	18	I just go through each one of them and if I'm incorrect in
19	MR BHAM SC: Now Mr Blou, before we move	19	the sense that some of them are already exhibits, then Ms
20	from that statement, you'll see that statement is fairly	20	Pillay will hopefully correct us. The first document is
21	similar to the first statement which is dated 17 October	21	the –
22	2012. Can you explain to the Commission why you had signed	22	CHAIRPERSON: The first document you
23	this statement, which is RRRR1.3?	23	refer to in your index isn't actually in the bundle I've
24	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, this RRRR1.3 I	24	got, but it's a document which we have now called RRRR1.3.
25	signed because it was a correction of the first statement.	25	MR TIP SC: That's correct, Chair, yes.
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3	statement of Mr Sinclair.	3	comes. You've just come at the psychological moment, Mr
4	CHAIRPERSON: And that can be RRRR2. In	4	Ramphele, because Mr Tip has been talking about you. So
5	fact shall we call all of these RRRR2 and give them	5	he'd better repeat in your presence what he said behind
6	numbers?	6	your back.
7	MR TIP SC: Yes.	7	MR TIP SC: Yes, as soon as Mr Ramphele
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9	Sinclair will be RRRR2.1. Then you've got the ICAM report,	9	said that although I don't have any formal instruction in
10	that appears to be an exhibit, DDDD2. Is that correct?	10	respect of the family of Mr Mabebe, that in discussion with
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13	CHAIRPERSON: Then you've got a new one	13	events at K4 Shaft and the death of Mr Mabebe.
14	and you've marked the new one in heavy type. The new one	14	MR RAMPHELE: Absolutely correct, Chair.
15	will be RRRR2.2, ICAM File 1 Tab 22 will be RRRR2.3, ICAM	15	CHAIRPERSON: Was Mr Mabebe a member of
16	File 2 Tab 5 RRRR2.4, ICAM File 3 Tab 12 RRRR2.5, ICAM File	16	NUM?
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19	RRRR2.8, then documents in bundle prepared by Lonmin, the	19	can ask these questions –
20	first section, pages 423 to 432 is already before us as	20	MR TIP SC: There is a residual
21	FFFF6, pages 355 to 359 RRRR2.9. Lubbe's statement, which	21	interest –
22	is pages 324 to 326 of the Lonmin bundle, RRRR2.10, and	22	CHAIRPERSON: - in your own right.
23	then pages 327 to 344 already before us, XXX8, pages 363,	23	MR TIP SC: There is that interest also,
24	368 to 370, 372, 374, RRRR2.11. The ICAM file 3 Tab 7 is	24	and then Mr Blou, also just to give you something of a
25	RRRR2.12. Post mortem report on Mr Mabebe is already	25	roadmap of what I intend to do this morning through the
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2	or no. It does save a lot of time.	2	[09:34] MR TIP SC: So that is a significant
3	MR TIP SC: Yes.	3	briefing session and we'll look at certain of the details
4	MR BLOU: Thank you, Mr Chair.	4	of it shortly. Can we track onto the 10th of August at
5	MR TIP SC: I was really just wanting to	5	13:58? Did I say 13? No 10 August at 13:58, yes. That's
6	say that use the mike when you give the answers, otherwise	6	perfect thank you. That is described, if you look at the
7	they won't come through, not to push you into agreeing with	7	top annotation next to that time, Debriefed by GS. That's
8	everything that I say.	8	two minutes to two on the Friday. Were you present at that
9	Mr Blou, very briefly, you've explained in your	9	meeting Mr Blou? Do you recall?
10	statements that you took up the position of the manager of	10	MR BLOU: May I just for clarity, Mr
11	security at Lonmin from 2005. Is that correct?	11	Chair, if I may, that is a meeting, the debrief of that
12	MR BLOU: That is correct.	12	being done by GS, is that correct?
13	MR TIP SC: And before that did you have	13	MR TIP SC: Correct.
14	relevant experience in the security environment?	14	MR BLOU: Yes.
15	MR BLOU: Mr Chair, yes, before that I	15	MR TIP SC: That's at 13:58, in other
16	had worked for De Beers Consolidated Mines at their Finsch	16	words shortly after the group that had marched to the
17	Mine for three years in the Northern Cape, followed by	17	Lonmin offices had gone back to Wonderkop stadium and they
18	another three years at their Kimberley Mines, as well as	18	had dispersed from there.
19	some 10 months at their Venetia Mine Operations in Limpopo.	19	MR BLOU: Correct.
20	So I'd worked for De Beers for just shy of seven years in	20	MR TIP SC: Do you recall that meeting?
21	security.	21	MR BLOU: I recall a series of meetings,
22	MR TIP SC: In security, yes.	22	I do not recall specifically the one that is up on the
23	MR BLOU: That is correct.	23	screen.
24	MR TIP SC: Right, thank you. Well	24	CHAIRPERSON: The next entry relates to a
25	that's very helpful. Now as I'd indicated one of the	25	briefing at ten past three which says in terms Briefing by
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1	interests that I'll be traversing with you is the planning	1	HB and GS, so you undoubtedly were at the meeting at ten
2	or shortcomings, and of course in order to do that we need	2	past three –
3	to be clear about what meetings took place amongst the	3	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, I remember that
4	security management over that period, and I'm going to do	4	meeting, yes.
5	that, I think it may assist if I ask for EEEE19, perhaps	5	MR TIP SC: All right. Then we can go
6	point 1, the log sheets to be put up, and I'm going to take	6	onto the 11th of August at 8 o'clock in the morning. You'll
7	you to certain of the entries, and let me again just	7	see there, there is a gain a briefing by GS and HB is noted
8	explain what I'm doing at this stage.	8	as present. That, we can take it, is yourself.
9	What I want to do is just to identify the various	9	MR BLOU: That is correct.
10	briefing and debriefing meetings that are annotated on the	10	MR TIP SC: So you were there. Then the
11 12	log, first of all. I'll refer to a paragraph in the statement where you refer to a different, another meeting,	11	next one is at 9:43 on the 11th. A short debrief by GS and
12	and then to ask you whether there were any other meeting,	12 13	you were present. MR BLOU: That is correct, Mr Chair.
13	other than the ones that we thus identify, that took place	14	MR TIP SC: The next one is at 2 o'clock,
14	in respect of security planning over that period. You're	14	14:00 briefed by HB and D Botes, yourself and Mr Botes.
16	happy with that?	16	MR BLOU: That is correct.
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1	Page 36120 meeting until 19:12. If we can just go through to that	1	Page 36122 remind us if we were to account to management. Now I note
1	time. That's again a briefing conducted apparently by Mr	2	it was not there, I wouldn't really know why it was omitted
2			in the first place, but I've certainly noted that that
3	Sinclair. Your initials don't appear there, I think, but	3 4	meeting has not been logged.
4	do you recall whether you were present at that? MR BLOU: Mr Chair, I do not have a	4 5	MR TIP SC: All right, well we needn't
5	recollection of my presence in that meeting.		dwell on that, but we have catalogued here then is all the
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7	5	7	meetings, briefing, or debriefing meetings that are
8		8	recorded in the log plus the one that you've referred to in
9	you're there it's recorded, normally. You may occasionally	9	paragraph 21 on 12 August. Were there any other meetings
10	slip in unnoticed, but normally when you are at a meeting	10	that you can recall that aren't included in this catalogue?
11	the occurrence book records the fact.	11	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, yes, although I
12	MR BLOU: That is correct, Mr Chair.	12	would not be able to give an accurate record of the number
13	CHAIRPERSON: That seems to be the case.	13	of those meetings. I know, for example, that we had
14	MR BLOU: That was the norm that those	14	meetings with other security managers in the close vicinity
15	present must be recorded.	15	of other companies, to share the events as was happening
16	MR TIP SC: Yes fair enough. Then that	16	and to prepare themselves as well as lots of other
17	exhausts the briefing meetings that are logged in this log	17	meetings. I had, for example, meetings with the welfare
18	sheet over those days. Could I ask you to go to paragraph	18	people, with the late Mr Frans Mabelane's sons and so on.
19	21 of your supplementary statement which is RRRR1.4?	19	MR TIP SC: Yes all right. Forgive me,
20	Paragraph 21, thank you. There you say that, if you don't	20	what I'm really focusing on purely are meetings over the
21	mind I'll just read it, Mr Blou. "I attended a further	21	course of 10, 11, 12 August. Not any that took place
22	security meeting during the early afternoon of 12 August	22	thereafter. Are the ones that you've just referred to
23	2012. Messrs Sinclair and Botes also attended this	23	meetings that may have taken place after the 12th of August?
24	meeting. We discussed the events of that morning including	24	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, they fall within
25	the tragic murder of the late Hassan Fundi and the late	25	that period 10 to 12th of August.
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1	Frans Mabelane. Do you confirm that?	1	Page 36123 MR TIP SC: All right, yes I see. You've
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3	Counter Industrial Action Response Procedure Document For	3	that document.
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5	MR BLOU: I see that, Mr Chair, correct.	5	signing off? I understand signed off means it's signed and
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13	document.	13	that some documents do not bear a physical signature, but
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15	drafted, yes, Mr Chair.	15	MR TIP SC: Well let's just deal broadly
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18	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, I wish to state	18	are to be managed of some consequence. We'll look at some
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2	MR BLOU: Correct.	2	[09:54] MR TIP SC: Thank you, and these
3	MR TIP SC: Yes and then paragraph 3.2.2	3	paragraphs bear on those meetings, the ones that we have
4	"The manager mining security" that is yourself "or other	4	looked at?
5	such appointed person will be the custodian of all generic	5	MR BLOU: Yes.
6	security risk management procedure, document and associated	6	MR TIP SC: Alright now I'm going to read
7	information within Lonmin.	7	the number and I'll pause with each paragraph to afford you
8	MR BLOU: Correct, Mr Chairperson.	8	the chance to comment or if I have a particular observation
9	MR TIP SC: And did you, at all times,	9	to put to you for your comment, I will do so.
10	consider yourself bearing that custodial responsibility?	10	MR BLOU: Thank you.
11	MR BLOU: Correct, Mr Chairperson.	11	MR TIP SC: Then 4.4.1, "The manager,
12	MR TIP SC: Paragraph 4.1.3 we can go to	12	mining security, or such an appointed person will be
13	next on the following page. Yes we have it there, thank	13	responsible to conduct an effective and detailed planning
14	you. "This procedure will serve as a guideline for	14	and briefing session."
15	managing industrial action as each individual type of	15	MR BLOU: I note that, yes.
16	incident will warrant the manager, mining security to apply	16	MR TIP SC: And is that what you
17	his or her discretion on how to effectively manage the	17	understood your duties to be?
18	relevant situation."	18	MR BLOU: That is correct.
19	MR BLOU: Noted, Mr Chairperson.	19	MR TIP SC: So I underline for us to
20	MR TIP SC: Yes and I just want to check	20	attention to later, the word detailed. If you'll just flag
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22	to be really quite an important statement in respect of	22	parties attending the briefing session must be recorded and
23	your responsibility. Namely, that industrial action	23	stored safely." Correct?
24	situations are not to be treated as though each one	24	MR BLOU: Correct, yes.
25	duplicates the one before. Each one may have individual	25	MR TIP SC: 4.4.3, "Minutes of the
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1	characteristics, individual implications, individual	1	briefing session pertaining to the content of the
2	security requirements, correct?	2	information, plans, and action conveyed must be recorded
3	MR BLOU: Correct.	3	and stored safely."
4	MR TIP SC: And that you are the person	4	MR BLOU: Noted, yes, Mr Chair.
5	who must apply his discretion to the proper management of	5	MR TIP SC: Now, again, that appears to
6	that.	6	me, Mr Blou, to be a very important provision, because that
7	MR BLOU: That is correct.	7	requires proper minutes to be kept and stored of very
8	MR TIP SC: And implicitly it would be	8	critical steps in the security process, namely the
9	correct also that there would need to be very effective	9	evaluation of information – the gathering of information,
10	communication systems in place to ensure that relevant	10	of course, the evaluation of it, plans and action. That
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3 4	minutes, fuller minutes that are stored somewhere else that	4	if we can carry on with paragraph 4.4.4 of this document,
5	relate to sessions of this kind?	5	which reads as follows, "Deployed members must be briefed
6	MR BLOU: Mr Chair, indeed, all briefings	6	on the latest situation when reporting on duty, and
7	that were held at security, as the procedure quite	7	debriefed when reporting off duty. You note that?
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8 9	correctly states, needed to be kept in a manner that is detailed and as explained above there. My recollection of	。 9	
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10 11	all briefings held is that we kept our logs up to date, and that briefings that we needed to do were done. Also, Mr	11	obviously important purpose that when security members are
12	Chairman, you referred to the fact that it must be a	12	deployed, they are put into the field, they must be briefed
12	detailed briefing. As far as I know all such briefings	12	fully with what the latest facts are concerning the
14	would have been detailed and were detailed, however I do	14	situation and security issues. Correct?
14	note that in the log sheet kept there appears to be	14	MR BLOU: Correct, Mr Chair.
16 17	discrepancies and quite honestly I am noting them, however, I can only surmise that either we did not capture them, as	16 17	MR TIP SC: And likewise that, when they come off duty, they are debriefed so that they can
18	one reason perhaps. Perhaps another reason would be that	18	immediately relay to a person, such as yourself, in the
10	because of events that were developing at the time, as well	10	security management, what their experiences have been, what
20	as the pace at which we were going at the time, there would	20	their observations have been, and what their perceptions
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2	MR TIP SC: 4.5.4, "Important shortfalls,	2	realistically possible scenarios. I'll use that word,
3	risks and events must be identified, recorded and managed."	3	because it comes up from time to time.
4	MR BLOU: Correct, Mr Chair.	4	MR BLOU: Yes, Mr Chair.
5	MR TIP SC: And would I be correct, Mr	5	MR TIP SC: What may happen?
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7	or might typically include shortfalls in the security	7	MR TIP SC: And if indeed there is an
8	deployments, the security plans, that sort of thing?	8	incident, and a particular aspect of that incident or the
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10	shortcomings identified, Mr Chairman.	10	as being a miss in the planned process, would that be
11	MR TIP SC: Yes. So it might be, well,	11	right?
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14	information, decisions about deployments, equipment to be	14	debriefing session must be recorded and all documentation
15	used in deployments, the number of deployments, the place	15	must be securely stored." That again is an important
16	of deployment, all those sorts of factors.	16	requirement and perhaps I need to ask you again where we
17	MR BLOU: Yes, Mr Chairman.	17	come across, as we do several times in the log, that
18	MR TIP SC: Yes. And risks, likewise, a	18	debrief sessions are held, would there be places than in
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20	a particular risk becomes apparent, and risks, I think,	20	details of it? Or do we find what there is in the log and
21	almost inevitably are potential events, aren't they?	21	only in the log?
22	MR BLOU: Yes.	22	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, some debriefings
23	MR TIP SC: That they are identified and	23	are done and not logged, so I believe the only place where
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2	one at the same time, because I want to hear your answer	2	MR BLOU: Yes.
3	on. It seems to me you can have three situations. You	3	CHAIRPERSON: And there will also be, as
4	could have an incident, where there's a debriefing session,	4	far as you're aware, there has been no case where there was
5	and it's recorded and the documentation is secured. That's	5	an incident, where there was debriefing and it wasn't
6	the first instance. The second case you could have is	6	recorded? That's as far as you're aware?
7	there's an incident where there was no debriefing, and the	7	MR BLOU: Yes.
8	third incident is we have an incident, there was	8	CHAIRPERSON: Alright, thank you.
9	debriefing, but it wasn't recorded. So those are the three	9	MR TIP SC: Thank you, Chair. Mr Blou,
10	things that can happen. Am I right?	10	the, just one or two further aspects of this document that
11	MR BLOU: Correct, Mr Chair.	11	I'm going to deal with. On the following page, 18, there
12	CHAIRPERSON: Fine. Now, obviously if	12	is the important topic of the set up of a joint operational
13	there's no incident, there's no debriefing, but are there	13	command, and that we know was put in place certainly by the
14	cases where incidents take place and there is a debriefing	14	afternoon of the 10th of August, in fact, there had been
15	and it's not recorded?	15	some operational consolidation even before that on the 9th
16	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, let me just first	16	of August.
17	answer you on the first part, if I may please? If there's	17	MR BLOU: Yes, Mr Chair.
18	no incident, there will still be a debriefing.	18	MR TIP SC: And that was an important
19	CHAIRPERSON: But this procedure document	19	facility?
20	doesn't apply, so there's no obligation to record the	20	MR BLOU: Correct, Mr Chair.
21	debriefing session –	21	MR TIP SC: And I want to just take you
22	MR BLOU: I understand.	22	to a couple of these paragraphs under 5.2, general, that's
23	CHAIRPERSON: Because clearly the	23	underline there, 5.2.1. "In the event of an incident it is
24	debriefing sessions that have to be recorded are post-	24	necessary to set up an organised and equipped central JOC
25	incident debriefings?	25	in order to effectively manage information and strategy."
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1	Page 36141 MR BLOU: I understand that.	1	MR BLOU: Yes, Mr Chair.
2	CHAIRPERSON: So that we can take off the	2	MR TIP SC: Then I'll look at 5.2.3, "The
3	table. So you leave my three cases. The first case,	3	JOC will centralise all communications pertaining to the
4	incident, debriefing recorded. Second case, incident,	4	specific incident.
5	debriefing not recorded. Third case, incident, no	5	MR BLOU: Correct.
6	debriefing, no recording. Right?	6	[10:13] MR TIP SC: And 5.2.6, "work in the JOC
7	MR BLOU: Yes.	7	is an ongoing task and the centre commander will ensure
8	CHAIRPERSON: Right, now let's take the	8	that records, maps and communications logs are updated
9	second case. Are there cases where there's an incident,	9	continuously and accurately."
10	there's debriefing and it's not recorded?	10	MR BLOU: Yes, Mr Chairman.
11	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman –	11	MR TIP SC: Now all of those are again it
12	CHAIRPERSON: Yes or no?	12	seems to me very important factors in the management in an
13	MR BLOU: I don't think there are.	13	effective way of security responsibilities.
14	CHAIRPERSON: So the answer is, you think	14	MR BLOU: Indeed.
15	not?	15	MR TIP SC: And the JOC occupies a
16	MR BLOU: Yes.	16	particularly important place, as is recorded here, that it
17	CHAIRPERSON: Alright. Third case, are	17	is the location where all relevant information must be
18	there cases where there's incidents, and there's no	18	centralised and strategy decisions, among others, must be
19	debriefing?	19	taken there.
20	MR BLOU: I know of if there's an	20	MR BLOU: That is correct, Mr Chairman.
21	incident, there will definitely be debriefing.	21	MR TIP SC: Not elsewhere.
22	CHAIRPERSON: I see. So there'll be no	22	MR BLOU: Correct.
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24 25	case, let's get this clear, there will be no case where there was an incident, where there was no debriefing? There will be no case where there was an incident, where	23 24 25	MR TIP SC: Right, we'll also look at aspects of that in due course, Mr Blou, but the last point I want to take you to – well, let me just say, there are

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1	many provisions in the document relating to details in	1	MR TIP SC: Thank you, Commissioner.
2	terms of administration and recordkeeping, etcetera. We	2	Just following on that, Mr Blou, it presents an important
3	don't have time to look at those. I think that the essence	3	question. You've given some examples of incidents as being
4	of it we have captured. Lastly I'd like you to look at	4	particular events that may be out of the ordinary, but
5	page 23, paragraph 8.1.3.	5	specific and isolated.
6	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Mr Tip, I'm sorry	6	MR BLOU: Yes, Mr Chair.
7	to interrupt you. I just want to clarify something with	7	MR TIP SC: What my understanding is of
8	the witness. Mr Blou, incident, would that cover anything	8	this document in the context of the events of 10, 11 and 12
9	that's out of the ordinary in any giving day? The word	9	August 2012 is that under your leadership according to this
10	"incident," what would in your estimate qualify as an	10	document a JOC was set up with effect from the 9th of
11	incident?	11	August. It became more fully established on the afternoon
12	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, to me an incident	12	of the 10th of August.
13	is something that has occurred. For example it is, let's	13	MR BLOU: Yes, Mr Chair.
14	talk about if there's a murder; that is an incident.	14	MR TIP SC: Now that JOC was to serve an
15	During the event, I referred earlier to an event, during a	15	ongoing purpose, was it not –
16	strike event there could be one incident that is a murder.	16	MR BLOU: Yes –
17	That is how I define incident. That's how we normally know	17	MR TIP SC: - of coordinating all
18	them as.	18	information, strategic and management and deployment
19	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Well, that's quite	19	decisions throughout the course of the industrial action
20 21	serious, murder. On a lower scale what would qualify as an incident?	20 21	for so long as it might last. MR BLOU: Correct, Mr Chair.
21	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, for example there	21	MR BLOU: Correct, Mr Chair. MR TIP SC: So it's not as though a JOC
22	 let's talk about the strike as was happening during the 	22	gets set up because there has been an assault and a
	time. There's a strike and somebody was able to, maybe to	23 24	different JOC for a different assault. This is one single
24 25	come to the JOC when they are not authorised to come to the	24 25	central location where decision-making is to be done.
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4	Tip –	4	MR BLOU: The, because at that point in
5	MR TIP SC: Yes.	5	time security are at the forefront of what's happening, so
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8	precedes the point you're now dealing with. In 8.1.1 it's	8	Resources people, yes.
9	said, "Liaisons must immediately commence to establish a	9	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Thank you, Mr Blou.
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11	MR BLOU: Yes.	11	MR TIP SC: Mr Blou, an important moment
12	CHAIRPERSON: - "in order to address the	12	in all these developments was of course the march to LPD on
13	reason for the industrial actions/community unrest	13	10th of August and the mood of the strikers at that stage,
14	situations."	14	and there are observations that have been made by you in
15	MR BLOU: Correct, Mr Chair.	15	your statement, also by Mr Sinclair in his statement – I'm
16	CHAIRPERSON: Now what exactly is meant	16	going to come to them in a moment, but I want to put to you
17	by liaisons?	17	the general proposition that in a situation of industrial
18	MR BLOU: It is that the responsible	18	action of that kind when one thinks about mood, mood is not
19	people, like Human Resources, Employee Relations, they must	19	an absolute, it is a relative –
20	already engage with those that are starting with the	20	MR BLOU: Relative –
21	community unrest or the industrial action, and the reason	21	MR TIP SC: - concept, is it not?
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1	MR TIP SC: In other words people who are	1	Friday the 10th –
2	regarded as scabs.	2	MR BLOU: Yes.
3	MR BLOU: Yes.	3	CHAIRPERSON: - they came, they wanted to
4	MR TIP SC: Sell-outs. Correct?	4	present demands. We're presumably going to have some
5	MR BLOU: Yes, correct.	5	evidence, we already had some evidence already about what
6	MR TIP SC: And that's a serious	6	happened.
7	consideration, is it not, in looking at industrial action	7	MR BLOU: Yes.
8	which may be looming or may be underway?	8	CHAIRPERSON: Now what you say in your
9	MR BLOU: It is a serious –	9	statement, the first one that we've referred to, which is
10	MR TIP SC: Then closer to home perhaps	10	RRRR1.1, what you say on page 6 of that statement,
11	also there were the events earlier in 2012, quite extensive	11	paragraph 20, is what happened when the crowd dispersed.
12	in time and quite intensive in their character, at Impala,	12	MR BLOU: Yes.
13	which is of course very close to you at Lonmin.	13	CHAIRPERSON: And I don't think that
14	MR BLOU: Yes.	14	should be put on the screen. "As the crowd was
15	MR TIP SC: And I just want to put up	15	dispersing," you say, "threats from various people in the
16	XX1. It is statements by Mr Gcilitshana, who's given	16	crowd were uttered" -
17	evidence here. He was at the time the chief negotiator for	17	MR BLOU: Correct.
18	NUM at Lonmin. I don't know whether you came across him at	18	CHAIRPERSON: - "with suggestions that
19	all.	19	this was not the end of the issue and something would
20	MR BLOU: Across him, Mr Chair, as a	20	happen further."
21	person?	21	MR BLOU: Yes, Mr Chair.
22	MR TIP SC: As a person.	22	CHAIRPERSON: And then you go on to say,
23	MR BLOU: Yes, I have.	23	"I cannot point to any specific individuals who uttered
24	MR TIP SC: You have, alright.	24	such threats, but they were voices from the crowd with a
25	MR BLOU: I have, yes.	25	level of verbal aggression which I'd not previously
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1	MR TIP SC: Let us go to paragraph 7, and	1	experienced at the mine."
2	Mr Blou, I'm going to run through these paragraphs because	2	MR BLOU: Yes, indeed.
3	it may be thought of as a convenient shorthand way of –	3	CHAIRPERSON: "Words to the effect that
4	CHAIRPERSON: How long is this process	4	management would have to deal with the consequences and
5	going to take? The reason I ask the question is it's just	5	would be responsible for what was to happen were uttered."
6	before half past 10 –	6	MR BLOU: Correct.
7	MR TIP SC: Yes.	7	CHAIRPERSON: So there was clearly a
8	CHAIRPERSON: - and I was proposing to	8	significant change of mood.
9	take the first comfort break now, so if this is going to be	9	MR BLOU: Indeed.
10	a short process we can take it after you've done it,	10	CHAIRPERSON: Which required an
11	alternatively it might be appropriate to take it now. I'm	11	appropriate response from Lonmin.
12	in your hands. It's your cross-examination; you tell me.	12	MR BLOU: Correct.
13	MR TIP SC: Chair, I have as I said	13	CHAIRPERSON: Ja, thank you. We'll take
14	approximately half a dozen topics. It would flow better if	14	the first comfort break, adjournment now.
15	they're all done in one, so this would be a convenient	15	[COMMISSION ADJOURNS COMMISSION RESUMES]
16	time.	16	[10:54] CHAIRPERSON: The Commission resumes. Mr
17	CHAIRPERSON: Alright, let me ask the	17	Blou, you are still under oath. Mr Tip?
18	witness one question before we go, actually go back a step	18	MR TIP SC: Thank you, Chair. If we
19	from where you are now. You referred to the need to assess	19	could get XX1 on the screen please. Mr Blou, I am taking
1	the mood of the workers.	20	you just to a few paragraphs from the statement of
20	13	21	Gcilitshana which he's dealt with in his evidence, just to
20 21	MR BLOU: Yes, Mr Chair.		
	CHAIRPERSON: I take it that includes	22	sketch out in very, very brief terms, the sorts of things
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21 22	CHAIRPERSON: I take it that includes	22	
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1	in mind in respect of events at Lonmin. MR BLOU: Yes, Mr Chair.	1	period. MR BLOU: It was largely driven by our
2	MR TIP SC: Thank you. Alright,	2	je je star je star star star star star star star star
4	paragraph 7 of this, Mr Gcilitshana has mentioned that	4	human resources people. MR TIP SC: I see.
5	there's a collective agreement which has been entered into.	5	MR BLOU: Yes.
6	Then he says, "notwithstanding this agreement, on or about	6	MR TIP SC: Alright, and let me just ask
7	18 December 2011, Impala unilaterally granted an additional	7	you this, Mr Blou –
8	wage increase effective from January 2012, to one category	8	CHAIRPERSON: You said largely driven by
9	of its workers being miners. No similar increase was	9	human resources people, I understand that. Largely implies
10	afforded to any other categories of workers in respect of	10	that other people were involved as well. From a security
11	whom the wage agreement applied." Did you, roughly	11	point of view, did you people contact or communicate with,
12	speaking, have an awareness of that having taken place at	12	or have talks with the security people at Impala, just to
13	Impala?	13	find out what had happened, to get a sort of sense of what
14	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, no.	14	might well happen at Lonmin?
15	MR TIP SC: Not? Alright. Then	15	MR BLOU: I personally had lots of
16	paragraph 8, "As at January 2012, the RDOs at Impala had	16	conversations with people at Amplats, at Anglo Platinum,
17	become aggrieved by the company's decision," in other words	17	who would be telling me what was going on at Impala. I
18	this unilateral –	18	wasn't really in conversation with Impala.
19	MR BLOU: Yes.	19	CHAIRPERSON: But you know from,
20	MR TIP SC: - increase to certain	20	indirectly as it were, from the Amplats security people
21	workers, "they too fell within the bargaining unit and the	21	what was happening on the security front at Impala.
22	two year wage agreement applied to as much to the miners as	22	MR BLOU: Correct.
23	it did to them. They embarked on an unprotected strike in	23	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: And when you say
24	support of a demand for a R9 000 basic wage." Were you	24	you didn't know about the 60 and the 4, does that mean that
25	aware of that development?	25	you did know that there were some persons who sustained
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1	MR BLOU: I was aware of the strike, but	1	injuries and lost their lives, but you didn't know the
2 3	I wasn't aware of the demand, Mr Chair. MR TIP SC: Alright. Then, paragraph 9,	2 3	exact number? MR BLOU: 100% Commissioner.
4	and this is really the crux of it, as far as you are	4	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Thank you.
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3	MR BLOU: Oh, let –	3	MR TIP SC: You recall that?
4	CHAIRPERSON: Probably because there was	4	MR BLOU: Yes.
5	industrial action at Karee at the time, was there not?	5	MR TIP SC: And Mr Dulane and evidently
6	April 2012.	6	his colleagues –
7	MR BLOU: Yes.	7	MR BLOU: Yes.
8	CHAIRPERSON: Was that when there was	8	MR TIP SC: - were on their way to work
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10	MR BLOU: When there were leading	10	brief review of previous events, is that – is to ask you
11	indicators to an industrial action, yes.	11	whether this kind of incident, was of concern to you as the
12	CHAIRPERSON: Alright. And what we see	12	security manager in the particular sense that it conveyed a
13	from this ICAM report is that he and two of his colleagues	13	message that the potential was there that when there were
14	were on their way to work –	14	persons who were involved in some of industrial action,
15	MR BLOU: Yes.	15	then they might take action against those who wanted to
16	CHAIRPERSON: - when they were assaulted.	16	work, to the extent where there could be a death? Was that
17	So the indications are it was some kind of attempt, I would	17	noted in those terms by you, particularly?
18	think, to enforce an unprotected strike by violence.	18	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, correct, it was of
19	MR BLOU: Yes. Mr Chairman, thank you,	19	some serious concern that somebody lost their lives during
20	it – like I said, if it is the incident that had taken	20	incidents where they were going to work, yes indeed.
21	place in and around April, along the Karee Mine then I know	21	MR TIP SC: Yes, now the loss of life of
22	definitely about it, I know.	22	course is a great concern but I am particularly interested
23	CHAIRPERSON: I am glad you use the word	23	in what you as security manager, what you were logging as
24	"incident," because that indicates that there would have	24	it were in your sense of what the environment was as it
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6	with at that meeting, concerned as I've indicated the fact	6	mind also to something to be logged as the existence of
7	that there were ongoing disputes pending in relation to	7	anti-NUM sentiment.
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9	in 2011 by Lonmin.	9	MR TIP SC: Nothing emerged from the
10	MR BLOU: That is correct.	10	meeting itself, but it was something to bear in mind.
11	MR TIP SC: And the significance of that	11	MR BLOU: Correct.
12	is that the dismissals followed upon NUM having disbanded	12	MR TIP SC: Thank you. Then the next
13	the branch committee at Karee.	13	important development that we have, I think, because it
14	MR BLOU: Absolutely.	14	really leads directly into the mass march of 10 August, was
15	MR TIP SC: And what I again just wanted	15	the approach to Mr Da Costa by RDOs, and I think that this
16	to check with you was whether as you reflected on a meeting	16	is what you might have had in mind a few minutes ago.
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18	yourself well, there's the potential at least of a feeling	18	MR TIP SC: These were persons who
19	of anti-NUM sentiment in these sorts of gatherings, and	19	expressly disavowed any affiliation with unions.
20	they are large.	20	MR BLOU: Yes.
21	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, indeed I was aware	21	MR TIP SC: And that was on 21 June, and
22	of the anti-NUM sentiment. We had received such	22	that is when the demand for R12 500 was presented.
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	IR TIP SC: So you appreciated that?
	IR BLOU: Yes.
	IR TIP SC: Alright, then let us get,
	t review of some of the background material I'd
	et back to the 10th of August circumstance, and –
	OMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: I'm sorry to
	t you. May I just get clarity, red alert or high
	ould that encompass something more than just the
	ng of the march?
3	IR BLOU: Commissioner, red alert would,
	rity it would be monitoring it. It would be
-	up the JOC that has – maybe let me just go a step
14MR BLOU:- Chairperson.14backward	ds, if you'll allow me. We're on green alert if
	no strike or no community unrest. Then when we see
	sions are building up we activate our JOC and that
17 Chair's questions to you before the break on the mood at 17 is now o	n red alert where we have got people stationed
18that stage. I just wanted to know whether, when Mr Da18there on	a 24-hour, 24/7 basis with operators monitoring
1 , 3 , 3	nce as it were. Red alert would then mean that
20 onto high alert, as at 23 or 24 July, whether you were 20 for exam	nple you are now going to have regular meetings with
	agement team who will be coming down sporadically to
22 perspective, at least a need for – in consequence of this 22 the JOC	to visit, as well as you will have a manager
	that JOC, being in charge of that JOC, but security
	ping to monitor the strike in order to protect
25 Were you aware of that? 25 Lonmin's	s property and people.
Page 36169 1 MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, I am aware. 1 0	Page 36171
	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Yes, but that's trative arrangement. What is done on the ground in
	t situations?
	MR BLOU: Right, Commissioner, we're
°	b have our security people being deployed at the
	ve areas and where the hotspot is monitoring the
	s. If there's a march, if there's a gathering
	aking place, we want to monitor that.
	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Do you bring in
-	ecurity personnel?
	MR BLOU: We do bring them. We do bring
	security persons for example, or reinforcements
	her security divisions within Lonmin.
	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: And whose decision
5	o do so?
	MR BLOU: That is my decision to my up-
17 MR BLOU: Absolutely. 17 line repo	
	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Which is Mr
19 ask you this, whether in the particular category of concern 19 Sinclair?	
	MR BLOU: Which is Mr Sinclair.
/ 3 2012 64 / A	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Yes, thank you, Mr
22 thought well, for NUM to have said we're opposed to the 22 Blou.	
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	MR TIP SC: On the 10th of August, Mr
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25 MR BLOU: Yes, that was noted by myself, 25 Blou, a v	very large march assembled at Wonderkop and made

1	Page 36172 its way to LPD and that was all known and monitored.	1	Page 36174 ultimately filed, not very many but the paragraph I'm going
2	MR BLOU: Yes.	2	to go to is one such difference. It is present in the
3	MR TIP SC: Along the way there were two	3	first statement, but not in the second, not in the same
4	occasions when roadblocks were put up.	4	terms.
5	MR BLOU: That's correct.	5	CHAIRPERSON: Which paragraphs are you
6	MR TIP SC: Involving Lonmin Security and	6	referring to?
7	also SAPS. I think the one was at Rowland Crossing, the	7	MR TIP SC: Paragraphs 31 and 32. Right,
8	other was at the four-way crossing nearer to LPD.	8	31, this is after the exchanges that I've spoken to you
9	MR BLOU: Excellent.	9	about, Mr Blou. "Thereafter the crowd dispersed and
10	MR TIP SC: And although management had	10	intimated that management would have to take the
11	issued an instruction to security that this should not get	11	consequences and would be responsible for what was to
12	to the office, that there should be a roadblock –	12	happen." 32, "The levels of aggression and number of
13	MR BLOU: Yes.	13	workers involved were unusual and very disturbing. I
14	MR TIP SC: - the marchers in fact then	14	realised that people were joining the crowd from Karee and
15	simply pushed their way past those roadblocks.	15	from other mines." So those are the words of Mr Sinclair
16	MR BLOU: That is correct, Mr Chair.	16	and they convey a fairly alarming sense of the mood at that
17	MR TIP SC: Did that ring any alarm bells	17	point. You agree?
18	with you in terms of the mood of those marchers?	18	MR BLOU: At that point being at LPD, Mr
19	MR BLOU: Mr Chair, at that point in time	19	Chair.
20	no. Our assessment was that this was consistent with	20	MR TIP SC: At LPD.
21	previous marches, with previous gatherings, as a security	21	MR BLOU: Yes, I agree with that.
22	team.	22	MR TIP SC: At the moment that –
23	MR TIP SC: Alright, so that didn't	23	MR BLOU: I agree with that.
24	concern you, but once the marchers, or the strikers - they	24	MR TIP SC: - that the marchers were
25	were by then already on strike - had assembled and had been	25	about to return to Wonderkop and disperse –
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3	and the important question that flows from it of course is	3	MR TIP SC: Because what is not apparent
4	what you, Mr Sinclair and others in the leadership of	4	from your statement, certainly not apparent from Mr
5	security did thereafter.	5	Sinclair's statement, also not apparent from the entries in
6	MR BLOU: Yes. Mr Chair, what we then	6	the log as I read them, is that there was interaction and
7	did was to ensure that we bring in the extra resources to	7	discussion between you, Mr Sinclair, and the others in the
8	manage the unfolding events. We started having	8	leadership of the security, along the lines of doing the
9	conversations with private security people, like Protea	9	predicting that the procedures memorandum or document
10	Coin Security. We engaged with our counterparts at	10	requires that you assess in order to predict the
11	Processing to give us more security so we could manage the	11	consequences, and I want to focus on that.
12	strike and we ensured that that evening we are now going to	12	MR BLOU: Ja.
13	assess the situation further and see whether the people	13	MR TIP SC: Prediction seems to me to
14	have dispersed completely and that the things that we would	14	require that you and your colleagues should have sat there,
15	be doing henceforth would be commensurate to manage the	15	you should have compared notes; 'I thought that they looked
16	labour unrest as we saw it.	16	very aggressive, what did you think? I too, I thought it
17	MR TIP SC: Let me take you to paragraph	17	very disturbing. What do we think that they may do next?'
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19	"Although the crowd had dispersed it had become apparent	19	MR TIP SC: What are they going to do?
20	that internally there was a need for Lonmin to establish an	20	They've been turned away by management. What are the
21	operation centre which combined the efforts of Lonmin	21	likely scenarios, and I want to use that word "scenarios"
22	Security and the emergency and disaster management. The	22	deliberately.
23	idea was to centralise all calls and log them in a Lonmin	23	MR BLOU: Yes.
24	joint central centre which would monitor the developments	24	MR TIP SC: What are the scenarios, and
25	and coordinate any responses," and then you go on to	25	once we identify the possible scenarios we can then make an
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3	MR BLOU: I follow, yes.	3	MR BLOU: Yes.
4	MR TIP SC: Alright, and if you could	4	CHAIRPERSON: Whether you were aware that
5	give us your comment –	5	it was something that might well happen, in other words on
6	CHAIRPERSON: Before you give us your	6	this prediction exercise that Mr Tip spoke to you about was
7	comment can I just ask you a further question linked to the	7	it considered as something that might well happen?
8	one that you've been asked? Were you in contact in any way	8	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman –
9	with NUM officials? Did you know that NUM was minded to	9	CHAIRPERSON: Not necessarily would
10	escort those who wanted to work to the shafts, to protect	10	happen, but might well happen.
11	them to enable them in fact to go to shafts? Did you know	11	MR BLOU: Yes. We had never experienced
12	that that was what NUM was going to do?	12	before any attack on specifically for example NUM offices.
13	MR BLOU: Mr Chairperson, I did not know	13	Our considerations were that whenever there were strikers
14	beforehand that NUM had plans to escort them. It became	14	or community people, they would attack Lonmin property and
15	apparent during that evening and the next morning on	15	intimidate people. Therefore our strategy was immediately
16	Saturday.	16	to protect our immediate areas in the vicinity and I can
17	CHAIRPERSON: Yes, so it became apparent	17	make examples such as the power stations, the Andrew Saffy
18	already on the Friday evening?	18	Hospital, but there has never been any attempt in
19	MR BLOU: Yes.	19	specifically going and attack NUM. But there were
20	CHAIRPERSON: I take it, it was also	20	dissatisfaction on NUM even as early as 2011.
21	foreseeable that the strikers wouldn't like that.	21	CHAIRPERSON: Did you know that the NUM
22	MR BLOU: Correct.	22	office had been attacked at Impala? Remember Mr Tip took
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3	did you have a briefing session for an hour or more?	3	been given to us.
4	MR BLOU: Or less, an hour or less.	4	CHAIRPERSON: RRRR1.3, paragraph 22.
5	CHAIRPERSON: Well what was it, can you	5	MR BLOU: Yes, Ms Commissioner?
6	tell us? Are there minutes of the briefing session that	6	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Were you aware of
7	you had?	7	the refusal of that request?
8	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, I'm afraid, as has	8	MR BLOU: I only became – if I can just
9	been shown earlier, our record keeping was not the best at	9	refer to that paragraph if I may. As it states there,
10	the time.	10	Commissioner, that per the email shortly after 7pm there
11	CHAIRPERSON: Does that mean you had a	11	was a decline and this is after the meeting would have
12	session, you can't tell us how long it lasted and there	12	taken place at 5pm.
13	should have been records kept but there weren't. Is that	13	CHAIRPERSON: That's what I couldn't
14	what you're telling me?	14	understand. They asked you at 4 o'clock for security
15	MR BLOU: That would be my submission,	15	presence. The meeting was going to be at 5:00 and at 7
16	yes.	16	o'clock Mr Dietrich said your application is declined.
17	CHAIRPERSON: Never mind your submission,	17	mean what's the good of that? If they're going to have a
18	that's your evidence.	18	meeting at 5:00 what's the point of telling them two hours
19	MR BLOU: I beg your pardon, my evidence,	19	later after the meeting was supposed to take place that
20	yes.	20	their request is declined? I mean that's not a business
21	CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.	21	like way of doing things is it?
22	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Were there any	22	MR BLOU: Mr Commissioner, I note that,
23	plans and areas of deployment that were put up on your	23	but I really wouldn't know. I see that Mr Dietrich would
24	board. Was that stored at all, was that recorded, a plan	24	have responded at 7pm and that is all on email.
25	of action?	25	MR TIP SC: Let us proceed with EEEE19
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3	busy with other tasks.	3	march they will all be dismissed." That they will be
4	MR TIP SC: Well that's – I'm just going	4	dismissed. "Management can't make decisions sitting in the
5	to press you a little on that because I want to underline	5	office, they must allow people on the ground to make
6	what I said to you that you're the security manager at	6	decisions." And I'll come back to that as well and then it
7	Lonmin. You're the person who is charged with all the	7	says "Arthur and Ludick to communicate about the access.
8	functions in the procedures document that we dealt with	8	SAPS asked if security have information committees and they
9	earlier.	9	were informed that Crime Intelligence was on the ground
10	MR BLOU: Correct.	10	gathering information. Security and E and DM are not to
11	MR TIP SC: It's your responsibility in	11	address the media. The media must follow the right
12	fact to see to it that there is the process of prediction	12	channels. PW to organise the third RU from Protea." What
13	and the process of decision and strategy making, etcetera,	13	is an RU incidentally?
14	is it not?	14	MR BLOU: It loosely translates to a hard
15	MR BLOU: Correct.	15	skin vehicle. It's a response unit.
16	MR TIP SC: And we are to repeat three	16	MR TIP SC: Response unit, thank you.
17	minutes after the group has dispersed, surely it was	17	"PW the command structure for the weekend" and then
18	incumbent on you to be part of that discussion.	18	"briefing on the 11th of August at 8:30." Now looking at
19	MR BLOU: That is incorrect, Mr Chair.	19	all those entries what is on my reading I believe not to be
20	If we looked, for example, at the procedure it said the	20	found there's any indication of a discussion about
21	manager, mining security or such appointed person and there	21	scenarios and what the strikers may do and what we need to
22	are many instances where if I could not make it myself,	22	plan for and what deployments need to be made, etcetera.
23	somebody else would be there and in this instance I note	23	So that it is for me a question that is important but is
24	that it was Mr Sinclair. I have mentioned also that there	24	nowhere addressed in that record of the discussion. Can
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4	MR BLOU: I understand, yes.	4	those specific discussions were not logged and I say in
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6	MR BLOU: Yes.	6	CHAIRPERSON: Not only not logged, they
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13	others should have worked out what the likely scenarios are	13	to why it wasn't done.
14	that Mr PW might have to confront and what he should then	14	MR BLOU: Noted, Mr Chair.
14	do. If any of those eventualities in fact presented	15	CHAIRPERSON: You agree with me there's
16	themselves. Would that not have been a more effective way	16	no explanation to why that wasn't done.
17	and in accordance with the requirements of the procedures	17	MR BLOU: I wouldn't know, the only thing
18	document?	18	I can think and this is now two years later, I may be so
19	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, let me perhaps	19	wrong, but for me is to state to the Commission what I
20	just correct first before responding. Mr PW Botha is not	20	think would have happened and that perhaps the entries that
20	the senior security officer, he's a security superintendant	21	were supposed to be made were not made and I cannot tell
22	and there's a vast difference between the two. And indeed	22	for what reasons.
23	security superintendants assume a penultimate role before	23	CHAIRPERSON: There's just no
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	•	e 11th was also an event that was	2	
		it, in terms of your security	2	
	istory?	Vac Mr. Chair		·
4	MR BLOU:	Yes, Mr Chair.	4	you telephonically? Would somebody get hold of you to say
5	MR TIP SC:	We'll come to what should	5	this is what is happening, what do we do to modify our
	ave happened with th		6	situation; do we need specific arrangements in place, or do
7	MR BLOU:	Yes.	7	you just leave everything on a reactive basis?
8	MR TIP SC:	But let us for the moment	8	MR BLOU: Mr Chair, yes, they were
-		log whilst we have it on the	9	communicated to myself and I would communicate upwards
		iefing that is referred to there at	10	through, for example we've mentioned Graeme Sinclair here,
	-	all, you were present there certainly	11	and I know he would also be communicating upwards, but
	-	t are discussed – we don't even need	12	these events as they unfolded that evening, in my mind and
		are three comments about buses.	13	in our mind at the time they were consistent with events
14	MR BLOU:	Yes.	14	that had been happening, like at the Karee area where
15	MR TIP SC:	That's all. Otherwise	15	people were being intimidated for not, or rather for going
	-	respect of security arrangements or	16	to work against the will of the worker committees at the
	eployments.		17	time, and the strategy we put in place was to deploy
18	MR BLOU:	Yes.	18	security on the ground, as we have done there on this
19	MR TIP SC:	Now if you go down a little	19	particular day. For example we had security deployments
		at as an example at 16:30, this is	20	where we knew within that area of Wonderkop, Rowland Shaft
	•	the conclusion of that debriefing	21	- or let me rather say the Western Platinum Mine, we were
		led instance of a report concerning	22	covering that what, to what we believed at the time was
		kop, and as it happens it's in the	23	sufficient.
	cinity of the NUM off		24	CHAIRPERSON: [Microphone off, inaudible]
25	MR BLOU:	Yes.	25	to prevent intimidation?
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1	MR TIP SC:	And as you know - we don't	1	MR BLOU: They were sufficient in our
2 ne	eed to work through t	hem all – there are throughout the	2	mind, Mr Chair, to protect the people that work for Lonmin
3 ev	vening and even into	the night other recordals of reports	3	that want to go to work.
4 of	f intimidation, acts of	violence and the like.	4	CHAIRPERSON: Yes.
5	MR BLOU:	Yes.	5	MR BLOU: As well as the property.
6	MR TIP SC:	Correct?	6	CHAIRPERSON: In other words to prevent
7	MR BLOU:	Yes.	7	intimidation and protect your property.
8	MR TIP SC:	As well as, as the	8	MR BLOU: Yes.
9 CI	hairperson raised with	n you earlier, the very important	9	CHAIRPERSON: And did you get any reports
10 fa	ict that there are a nu	imber of reports of NUM members and	10	later as to how, in the course of the Friday evening, early
11 of	fficials escorting perso	ons to work.	11	Saturday morning, as to how successful those attempts to
12	MR BLOU:	Yes.	12	prevent intimidation had been, whether people were still
13	MR TIP SC:	And you've already fairly	13	intimidated and didn't go to work, or whether everybody who
14 ac	cknowledged that tha	t was likely to seriously displease	14	wanted to go to work was able to do so because there was no
15 th	nose who were on stri	ke.	15	intimidation, or no successful intimidation? Did you get
16	MR BLOU:	Yes, Mr Chair.	16	any reports about that?
17	MR TIP SC:	They would be angered by it.	17	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, yes, we got
18	MR BLOU:	Yes.	18	reports that towards Wonderkop, towards Rowland Shaft from
19	MR TIP SC:	Now what I want to ask you is	19	Wonderkop people were intimidated. Security intervened;
20 as	s events of that kind u	unfold, as reports of that kind	20	they repelled those that intimidated and people were able
	131 12021	ne JOC and are recorded, was there a	21	to go to work.
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21 ur	1 36.00	ch as yourself to be kept up to date	22	CHAIRPERSON: I see. Mr Tip, when we
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1	Chair. CHAIRPERSON: Well, Mr Tip has decreed		especially in the circumstance where as at 10 August you
2		2	had in the first place an unusually large number of people
3	that we'll take the tea adjournment now and so we will.	3	in a march, correct?
4	[COMMISSION ADJOURNS COMMISSION RESUMES]	4	MR BLOU: Yes.
5	[12:27] CHAIRPERSON: The Commission resumes. We	5	MR TIP SC: And secondly a mood involving
6	took a bit longer over the tea adjournment than we had	6	levels of aggression that had not been encountered before
7	anticipated, but we had a very important housekeeping	7	and that both you and Mr Sinclair found very disturbing,
8	meeting and agreement has been reached on the allocations	8	very worrying.
9	of times in respect of the expert witnesses, which was a	9	MR BLOU: Yes.
10	very worthwhile exercise. I want to congratulate the	10	MR TIP SC: Now when you've got that, can
11	parties concerned on the fact that agreement has been	11	you sit back and say well we'll conduct our security
12	reached in this way. But that doesn't concern you, Mr	12	arrangements in the manner that we've always conducted them
13	Blou; what concerns you is that you're still under oath.	13	and that will be good enough? Don't you have to do a lot
14	MNTUNAYE HENRY BLOU: Thank you, Mr	14	more?
15	Chair.	15	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, I believe that
16	CHAIRPERSON: And Mr Tip has got a few	16	when you look at a situation like what we were faced with
17	more questions to ask you.	17	you will obviously devise your strategy to what you believe
18	MR BLOU: Thank you, Mr Chair.	18	will be sufficient to counter whatever threat that comes to
19	MR TIP SC: Thank you, Chair.	19	the operation and people. So we really planned around
20	CHAIRPERSON: A few or a good many, I'm	20	those. We did not foresee that the strike would turn out
21	not sure which.	21	the way it did.
22	MR TIP SC: Well Chair, I did notice that	22	MR TIP SC: Let me examine a particular
23	qualification with some anxiety.	23	facet of this. I can understand, let me make it clear,
24 25	CHAIRPERSON: I've qualified the qualification.	24 25	that where your concern is that there may be small pockets of strikers who tangle with small pockets of those who want
25	quanication.	25	or strikers who tangle with small pockets of those who want
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1	CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR TIP SC (CONTD.):	1	to go to work, well that is something that you deal with in
2	Mr Blou, perhaps it may be useful just to get EEEE19 up on	2	the way that you are accustomed to.
3	the screen again, but let me, whilst that is being done I	3	MR BLOU: Yes.
4	just want to take up something that you said shortly before	4	MR TIP SC: You deploy a detachment of
5	the break when there was some discussion about the	5	security people and they take whatever action is
6	foreseeability or otherwise of NUM offices being attacked.	6	appropriate to deal with it.
7	MR BLOU: Yes.	7	MR BLOU: That is correct.
8	MR TIP SC: And you said well, that, you	8	MR TIP SC: That's correct, but when one
9	know, that sort of thing hasn't happened in the past, so we	9	looks at a different dimension of it, namely that there
10	didn't foresee it, essentially to that effect, correct?	10	might be a large gathering of strikers and not small
11 12	MR BLOU: Yes, Mr Chair. MR TIP SC: Now what I want to debate	11 12	pockets, then that requires different planning, does it not?
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13 14	with you is the question of whether Lonmin, and your department in particular, in that circumstance could rely	13 14	MR BLOU: It does, Mr Chairman. MR TIP SC: And I want to get the benefit
14 15	on what has happened in the past in order to govern its	14 15	MR TIP SC: And I want to get the benefit and for you help the Commission at that level. You see,
15 16	arrangements, and you do that in your statement on a few	16	whether one says well, we anticipated that there might be
10	occasions and we'll look at some of them.	17	attacks on Lonmin facilities –
18	MR BLOU: Okay.	18	MR BLOU: Yes.
19	MR TIP SC: And again what I'm going to	19	MR TIP SC: - or whether one says we
20	echo, Mr Blou, is the requirement of scenario planning –	20	anticipated that there might be an attack on a NUM office
20	MR BLOU: Yes.	20	doesn't really affect the principal question, which is what
22	MR TIP SC: - of prediction, on the basis	22	arrangements did you put in place to deal with a large
23	of a particular assessment of a particular mood –	22	gathering, another march, wherever it might be intending to
24	MR BLOU: Yes.	23	go and whatever it might be intending to do.
25	MR TIP SC: - at a particular time,	25	MR BLOU: Yes, Mr Chairman, and indeed
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1	even the NUM office is a Lonmin property. Also our	1	MR TIP SC: And that was a definite
2	security is still and was at the time concerned with	2	prospect.
3	protecting the property as well as the people of Lonmin and	3	MR BLOU: That is correct.
4	that whatever public gathering would take place or issues	4	MR TIP SC: And you were able to go to
5	that would be flowing out of that public gathering, for	5	SAPS with a definite prospect.
6	example public violence, that in our mind has always been a	6	MR BLOU: That is correct.
7	matter for the South African Police Services to deal with	7	MR TIP SC: And SAPS was able to react
8	and you would see, Mr Chairman, that we had consistently	8	and it did so by providing amongst other things four
9	engaged them in that period, or tried to engage them in	9	Nyalas.
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10	that period in other instances.	10	MR BLOU: That is correct.
11	MR TIP SC: Mr Blou, what you've said now	11	MR TIP SC: Which is a very significant
12	is of course a very important matter and I've got no doubt	12	security presence.
13	that my learned colleague Ms Baloyi for SAPS will ask you	13	MR BLOU: Yes.
14	questions about that in due course, but I want to ask you a	14	MR TIP SC: Plus soft-skin vehicles and a
15	general question about the place of SAPS in your planning,	15	large number of SAPS members.
16	and it also goes back to the question of scenarios and	16	MR BLOU: Yes.
17	prediction and what I want to put to you for your comment	17	MR TIP SC: Now that I want to translate
18	in general terms is this; that even when you are seeking to	18	into the question that I've put to you, again for your
19	secure the intervention of appropriate SAPS personnel, SAPS	19	comment, which is that to go to SAPS in a meaningful way
20	vehicles –	20	and to say this is what we have to deal with, required you
21	MR BLOU: Yes.	21	and Mr Sinclair and the other management of security
22	MR TIP SC: - then you need to be able to	22	directly after the dispersal of the march on the 10th of
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2	large contingent of the SAPS. That evening we were in	2	match – a march, I beg your pardon, if there's a march that
3	conversation, Friday the 10th evening, conversation with members of the SAPS, giving them all the necessary	3	is governed by the Gatherings Act and when that happens our
4		4	role is to make sure that we inform the South African
5	information to prepare as we were getting information, and	5	Police Services, so yes, we knew about it.
6	Mr Chairman, it will be, also be able to be proven on	6	MR TIP SC: Well, that is a response that
7	telephone records and so on the attempts we were doing to	7	has built into it a large time delay, doesn't it?
8	ensure that the SAPS were aware of what is to unfold.	8	MR BLOU: I don't understand clearly, Mr
9	MR TIP SC: Mr Blou, let me put to you a	9	Chair.
10	specific question in respect of the position as at Friday	10	MR TIP SC: Well, if SAPS are not
11	afternoon, the 10th of August, and into the evening.	11	actually on Lonmin premises –
12	MR BLOU: Yes.	12	MR BLOU: Yes.
13	MR TIP SC: Did you and your colleagues	13	MR TIP SC: - for you to inform them that
14	in Lonmin Security identify the possibility that there	14	there is an illegal gathering –
15	might be another large gathering of strikers in the course	15	MR BLOU: Yes.
16	of the early morning of Saturday?	16	MR TIP SC: - would require a good deal
17	MR BLOU: Mr Chairman, we got information	17	of time for SAPS to organise itself to mobilise its
18	that because the workers, we know when they dispersed had	18	personnel and its vehicles and to get out to Lonmin.
19	said they are not going to go to work, so we knew that they	19	MR BLOU: Yes.
20	would be gathering in a form of strike and do the normal	20	MR TIP SC: In the meantime you have a
21	things that they do on a strike, that is to gather and so	21	march which is going somewhere, and doubtless has arrived
22	on.	22	there long before SAPS arrives there, correct?
23	MR TIP SC: That's a bit vague. Normal	23	MR BLOU: Yes.
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2	to that effect. If they hadn't then – or let me rather say	2	the NUM office and the Lonmin Combi.
3	we were with members of the Marikana SAPS on the Friday	3	MR BLOU: That is correct.
4	evening and we share information as to what is going to	4	[12:47] MR TIP SC: Now we also know that the
5	happen the next day. So we expected them as well to know	5	only Lonmin security presence that was in the picture in
6	what was to unfold the next day.	6	the course of those events was two security officers, Mr
7	MR TIP SC: I need to repeat a question,	7	Dibakoane and Mr Motlogeloa.
8	forgive me, Mr Blou, but –	8	MR BLOU: That is correct.
9	MR BLOU: No problem.	9	MR TIP SC: Nobody else.
10	MR TIP SC: - did you say to the members	10	MR BLOU: That is correct.
11	of SAPS that you are talking about now on the course of the	11	MR TIP SC: They were manifestly were
12	Friday evening that you anticipated that there would be	12	unable to contain the situation, correct?
13	large marches again on the following morning, perhaps	13	MR BLOU: If I may just explain. Upon
14	fairly early and that the level of aggression that had been	14	noticing the crowd they went to the NUM offices to go and
15	seen at the point of dispersal might be present and that	15	protect the people which was now the NUM people who are
16	they should be ready to deal with that?	16	also Lonmin people. That is what they did, Mr Chair.
17	MR BLOU: We did that, Mr Chairman.	17	CHAIRPERSON: What do you mean protect,
18	MR TIP SC: And what did they say?	18	what do you mean by protect? Went to protect the people,
19	MR BLOU: I want to repeat what I said	19	how were they going to protect them?
20	earlier. SAPS during that time were unusually – they, I	20	MR BLOU: The strategy was to tell them
21	don't know whether they did not anticipate that the events	21	that people are intent on coming and burn these offices, so
22	would have turned as they did, as we now know. We were	22	please vacate these offices.
23	with members of the, of SAPS, particularly at Marikana. We	23	CHAIRPERSON: That's right. So they were
24	shared with them and what we did say to them was we	24	going to protect them by doing what they endeavoured to do
25	anticipated the strike to continue the next day. However,	25	according to their evidence, telling them that they must
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1	we would see how the seriousness thereof would be, but we	1	leave.
2	definitely communicated with them throughout, Mr Chairman.	2	MR BLOU: Yes.
3	MR TIP SC: In other words if I followed	3	CHAIRPERSON: For their own safety.
4	you correctly what you said to SAPS in the course of the	4	MR BLOU: For their own safety.
5	Friday evening was that you expected more activity, but you	5	CHAIRPERSON: That was the form of
6	would have a look and see what happened and you'd let them	6	protection, the only form of protection they could provide,
7	know in due course. Is that right?	7	it wasn't really protection, it was a warning that they
8	MR BLOU: Not entirely, Mr Chair.	8	should leave.
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10	MR BLOU: Yes.	10	CHAIRPERSON: No, no, no, we know what's
11	CHAIRPERSON: Ja.	11	in the NUM office, these offices you're talking about near
12	MR TIP SC: And Mr Blou, of course the	12	the Wonderkop stadium.
13	position is that as you've already remarked the NUM office	13	MR BLOU: These are Lonmin offices, these
14	is Lonmin property, but from the perspective of NUM, my	14	are technical offices. So there would be all sorts of
15	client, an extremely important element in this is that in	15	Lonmin property and equipment and the like, yes.
16	that office are contained all its records, all its	16	MR TIP SC: I want to be very clear about
17	membership records, all its records of grievances that it	17	what you're saying, Mr Blou. This question of the
18	is handling. Everything in fact that sustains the life of	18	instruction. Now it goes back to the issue of planning.
19	a union was in that office. You would accept that I	19	MR BLOU: Yes.
20	suppose.	20	MR TIP SC: Are you telling us that all
21	MR BLOU: I would imagine so, yes.	21	your security officers are instructed as a matter of
22	MR TIP SC: And for NUM to be placed in a	22	standing practise that if they encounter a large group then
23	situation where the members present on the day had to make	23	they must got to wherever that large group is heading and
24	a decision as to whether they would abandon all that or try	24	instruct the people in that building whether it's the
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10	that and that is to go and tell the people to evacuate, but	10	there wasn't much else they could have done was there?
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13	not the only thing that they should do and let people	13	was going to come from Pretoria that was discussed the day
14	vacate. Let me make, not an example, but let me paint a	14	before in this occurrence book entry at 15:10 the day
15	picture of a clear incident that has happened. At Karee	15	before? What happened to that hadn't that come yet?
16	there was somebody that was trapped in a hostel and in that	16	MR BLOU: Mr Chair, if I remember
17	instance we had had no choice to go and extricate that	17	correctly it arrived on Monday the 13th.
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19	but on example 2 we had had to extricate the people, his	19	own vehicle.
20	family so that we could save their lives.	20	MR BLOU: The RU.
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23	employed as a security guard or whatever the title is at	23	MR BLOU: Yes because it was a Protea
24	Lonmin and he's not quite sure what he's got to do. So he	24	Coin –
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2	used by our members on the 12th for example. So I'm	2	and then you'll continue on Monday.
3	particularly sure of the judgment that was made on Saturday	3	MR TIP SC: Thank you, Chair. Just two
4	not to use that vehicle.	4	questions, Mr Blou, first of all once it became apparent on
5	CHAIRPERSON: Well you see we know from	5	the 11th of August that there was a gathering in the
6	entries that were subsequently excised from the copy of the	6	vicinity of the Wonderkop stadium and the information came
7	occurrence book that we were given that already on the	7	out that the intention was that they would march to the NUM
8	Friday night rubber rounds had been fired at some of the	, 8	office and burn it down, that was a serious development was
9	strikers.	9	it not?
9 10	MR BLOU: Yes, Mr Chairman.	9 10	MR BLOU: Correct, Mr Chair.
11	CHAIRPERSON: Because it was believed	11	MR TIP SC: Was that conveyed to you by
12	that they were intimidating some of the people who wanted	12	JOC or anyone else?
12	to go to work.	12	-
13	MR BLOU: Yes, Mr Chairman.	_	
14	CHAIRPERSON: And they were effectively	14 15	aware afterwards, after the march had taken place. MR TIP SC: In other words nobody
	dismissed by that weren't they?	_	5
16 17	5	16 17	conveyed it to you. MR BLOU: No, no, Mr Chair.
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18	CHAIRPERSON: Right, well was there any	18	MR TIP SC: Was there no practise in
19 20	reason why attempts could not have been made to disperse	19	place or instruction from you that if something of that
20	who were on their way to the NUM office on the Saturday	20	order should start developing that you were to be informed
21	instead of leaving the NUM office if necessary to be burnt	21	immediately so that you could exercise the duty that you
22	down and all the records of NUM?	22 23	had in terms of the procedure to decide what should be done
23 24	MR BLOU: My response and it's an	_	about it?
24 25	opinion, Mr Chair, I wasn't on the ground there, I would just say those two security persons saw that they would not	24 25	MR BLOU: Correct, that was the case. MR TIP SC: They should have and didn't.
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1	be able to disperse that crowd –	1	It was a breach on their part.
2	CHAIRPERSON: No, no, no I think we've	2	MR BLOU: Yes.
3	agreed that we can't criticise the two security people.	3	MR TIP SC: And the second question is do
4	MR BLOU: Okay.	4	we understand then from what you have said about the
5	CHAIRPERSON: They could only do what	5	position on the 11th of August that as far as Lonmin
6	they did.	6	security was concerned there wasn't even a possibility that
7	MR BLOU: Yes.	7	extra personnel might be deployed in the Wonderkop area to
8	CHAIRPERSON: But the question is whether	8	stop this march?
9	there shouldn't have been more people, whether it was	9	MR BLOU: Mr Chair, can you just
10	appropriate to only have these two security people who	10	elaborate a little bit?
11	could do very little except warn the people. To only have	11	MR TIP SC: Yes I will. Forgive me, I
12	those two people there to deal with the situation. That's	12	know it was a bit cryptic. You said that of the two, there
13	the point. Now how do you respond to that?	13	were two security persons, officers there and they saw that
14	MR BLOU: I do not think if a crow of	14	their only function was to try and persuade the NUM people
15	3000 was to be dispersed that that would have been	15	to leave, correct?
16	effective. I honestly don't think that the capacity was	16	MR BLOU: Correct.
17	enough to disperse a crowd of 3000 because the one that was	17	MR TIP SC: Now you've told us that that
18	dispersed on Friday evening were just pockets of people,	18	is what they should do because that's the instruction,
19	yes.	19	correct?
20	CHAIRPERSON: I understand thank you.	20	MR BLOU: Correct.
21	Sorry, Mr Tip.	21	MR TIP SC: Does that mean that at that
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3	people were stationed to patrol. Now they saw it and I	3	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: And these two phone
4	suppose they probably would have relayed it to the JOC and	4	calls were before you received the information about the -
5	I think that the decision that would have been made at that	5	wanting the march to burn the NUM offices. These two phone
6	point in time was do not try and disperse a crowd that	6	calls to the police, because you phoned to monitor the
7	large, rather go and warn the people to vacate the offices.	7	situation.
8	MR TIP SC: You're speculating.	8	[13:07] MR BLOU: That is correct. Sorry,
9	MR BLOU: I'm definitely speculating	9	Commissioner?
10	because I wasn't there, Mr Chairperson.	10	COMMISSIONER HEMRAJ: Was there a phone
11	MR TIP SC: Thank you, Chair.	11	call to inform the police that there was now this march to
12	CHAIRPERSON: I just want to ask you one	12	burn down the NUM office, after you received the
13	question before we go and that's paragraph 24 of your	13	information?
14	statement dealing with the events of Saturday the 11th of	14	MR BLOU: Commissioner, I can't really
15	August. You say you got to the office at 7:30 and you went	15	remember specifically, but I do know that there were
16	to brief your colleagues and you'd received reports from	16	telephone calls to the SAPS to the situation that was
17	the Midland Bus Service. Then you say you went home at 9	17	turning since the Friday, that was playing itself out at
18	o'clock, 9am, you deal with what had happened earlier	18	Lonmin.
19	though. There'd been information about threats being made	19	CHAIRPERSON: I understood you to say in
20	to burn down the NUM offices and you say this "I had	20	your statement that you left at 9 and then during the
21	earlier in the day made calls to both the local Marikana	21	course of the day you received a call that there was this
22	police station and the Rustenburg cluster of the SAPS for	22	information about the people going to burn the office. Is
23	increased police presence in order to monitor the situation	23	that right? So by the time you left at 9, am I reading
24	developing at Lonmin. I was concerned at SAPS response."	24	your statement correctly? By the time you left at 9 to go
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3	MR BLOU: Yes, Mr Chair.	
4	CHAIRPERSON: So did you, from your home?	
5	MR BLOU: I did, because we –	
6	CHAIRPERSON: What time was that?	
7	MR BLOU: I just don't know now, but if I	
8	had looked at the records it would –	
9	CHAIRPERSON: You don't mention that in	
10	your statement. All you say in your statement is you had	
11	made phone calls to the police – I beg your pardon, I'm	
12	wrong. In paragraph 25 you say, "Upon hearing the	
13	gathering of the group," that presumably is the information	
14	you got from EDM, you say you "further communicated with	
15	SAPS and advised them of the developing situation." That's	
16	the position, is it?	
17	MR BLOU: That's correct, Mr Chair.	
18	CHAIRPERSON: Whether they came or not,	
19	how they responded, that's something you can't tell us from	
20	your own knowledge.	
21	MR BLOU: Yes.	
22	CHAIRPERSON: Alright. Thank you. 9	
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24	MR BLOU: That is correct, thanks.	
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