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This is the record of the interrogation of
JONATHAN Leontsinis:

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The interrogation is being conducted at the Swedish Embassy in Pretoria on Wednesday 16 October 1996, beginning at 10.45. Leading the interrogation is Detective Superintendent Hans Ölvebro. Also present is Chief Prosecutor Jan Danielsson.

The interrogation is being recorded on tape.

Leontsinis is being interrogated in connection with the so-called "South African lead". His name came up as a result of interrogations of other people.

Ö = Ölvebro
D = Danielsson
A = Leontsinis

Ö: Yes, Mr Leontsinis, I would like to ask you to give us a brief information about yourself.

A: [REDACTED]

Ö: Well, we are most interested in the middle of the eighties: I mean the murder of Mr Palme was in 1986 in February, so if you can tell us where you were at that time.

A: I was in South Africa at the time. I believe I was in South Africa at the time of Olof Palme's death. I...yes I'm almost certain of that. It's almost certain. I can't say I'm one hundred per cent certain, but I'm pretty certain: I was in South Africa at that time. What else do you...will you ask me some questions now?

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Ö: Yes, we will ask you some questions. Have you...do you know anything about the company Longreach or...?

A: No. I know nothing about it.

Ö: You don't know anything?

A: No.

Ö: Do you know...?

A: I've heard the name "Longreach" in the papers. Is that what you're talking about?

Ö: Yes. Well then, if you have any connection with Longreach...?

A: Not at all.

Ö: Not at all?

A: No.

Ö: Do you know this person Craig Williamson?

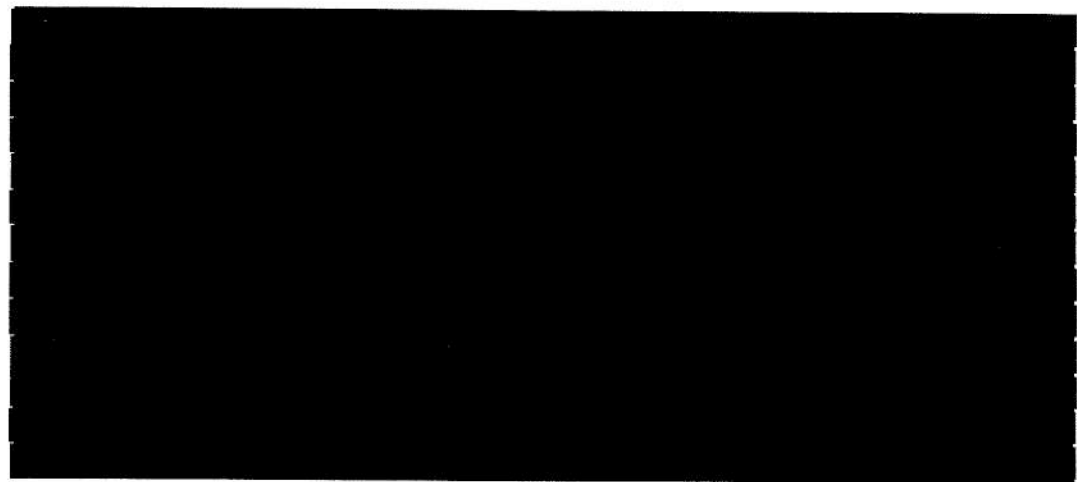
A: Yes I do.

Ö: Are you familiar with him?

A: Yes, I'm familiar with him. I think...

Ö: Can you tell us about your contacts with him?

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D: Beyond the company, do you have any connection with Mr Williamson and this Longreach?

A: [REDACTED]

D: [REDACTED]

A: [REDACTED]

O: Can you describe your relationship to Craig Williamson in the middle of the eighties? We're not interested in today, of course.

A: You know, I've always had a friendly relationship with Craig Williamson. I've always...

O: Any kind of business relationship?

A: No. You say "Any kind of business relationship?" I mean, very small, but not really business, no. He's bought plants from me, that kind of thing, but no, not business, not really. When you mean business, you mean proper business.

O: Yes.

A: No.

Ö: Some kind of operator for Mr Williamson?.

A: Some kind of operator?

Ö: Yes: I mean he's told you to do some things in the security business.

A: No, I've never been involved in a security operation with Craig Williamson.

Ö: Never?

A: No, never.

Ö: We have a person who says that you are aware of the murder of Mr Palme.

A: You know, before I came here, I knew that it was likely you would ask me certain questions, and I thought to myself: "They probably have more information than they will allow me to realise. So if you know something, don't lie, just tell them."

Ö: So you do know?

A: Yes. Now I'm telling you that I know nothing about the murder of Olof Palme. Nothing. I remember at the time I read - and I'm not sure where I read it - but there was a scandal in Sweden about Bofors guns that were sold to India. And it surrounded Olof Palme. It seemed from... Look, this is how long ago? Ten or twelve years ago?

Ö: Ten years.

A: And I remember thinking, and this was never told to me, but I might have... I definitely read something about Bofors guns being sold. I don't even know if they're made in Sweden. I don't know where they're made. But I knew that there would be people who wouldn't be happy if these guns were sold to India, and it wouldn't surprise me if the Pakistanis, for example, sent a team to kill Olof Palme. But I mean that was just a thought. I never read anything about that. I just thought to myself: "You know, the Pakistanis and Indians don't like each other, the Hindus and the Moslems..."

D: Well, as you told you before the interrogation started, there have been many theories about the murder, and the selling of Bofors guns is one of them, but we have come here to investigate the South African link. If we...if I may put some more questions...

A: Please. Go ahead. Go ahead.

D: ...concerning Craig Williamson. When did you first meet with him? Which year?

- A: It's a really hard question that... I would say... When did I first meet with him? When did he come back from Sweden?
- D: 1980.
- A: Then I met him in 1980. Approximately.
- D: But you said before that you went to school together.
- A: I was at the same school with him. I didn't know him at school. I 'm older than Craig Williamson. You know, if you're at school and you're two or three years older, you don't see the boys beneath you.
- D: All right. So it was in the beginning of the 1980's that you got acquainted with him.
- A: Yes.
- D: And you have been that ever since?
- A: Yes, I have been. But when I say "acquainted with him", I don't see a lot of him. I don't see a lot of Craig Williamson. I don't see him once a week, once a month. I see him maybe once every six months. I might... Just occasionally you know I might see him.
- D: Has he ever told you about his undercover work?
- A: No.
- D: I mean, it would have been normal that you had asked him questions or he would have boasted about it or something like that.
- A: I always thought that Craig Williamson did speak too much about his work. That was my opinion. The reason I thought that was not because he boasted. He didn't really... You know, our relationship was never one... Well, simply he didn't boast to me about what he did. He didn't and I didn't really ask him. I mean, occasionally you know he would say, well... He really told me very very little. Very very little. What he spoke about was actually what was revealed in the papers and then he would maybe boast about what was in the papers. But apart from that, no. He didn't tell me about any work that he was involved with. I have no information, and I didn't ask about any work that he was involved with at the time, in operations that he was running or anything like that. Nothing like that. I didn't ask him and it was never told to me. I thought that he talked too much. My reason for saying that is that I thought that he's got a high profile and it wasn't good to have such a high profile in my opinion. It could be dangerous. Not dangerous from the point of...because someone... If there was a change of government, the authorities would prosecute him or grab him. No, I didn't think that at all. That never crossed... I didn't worry about that. What I thought about was: I used to think, you know...the ANC is a

banned organisation at that time, was a banned organisation. And they were fighting a liberation struggle. And I thought: maybe some young guy who wants to make a name for himself will take a shot at Craig Williamson. And then he'll be a big hero for having killed the super-spy. And I felt that Craig was silly to talk and to maintain a high profile, because he made himself a potential target, not by the authorities or by government agencies, but by some unknown person who just wanted to make a name for himself. That was my opinion.

D: Has Craig Williamson ever, in your presence, made any comment upon the murder of Olof Palme?

A: Never. Not once.

Ö: Do you know any Swede?

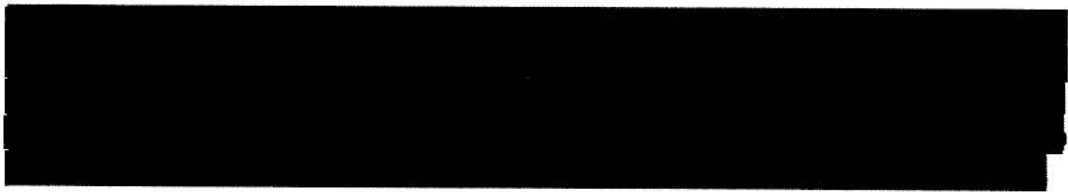
A: Any Swede?

Ö: Yes.

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Ö: Yes.

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D: When?

A: Before Olof Palme was murdered. You say "when?" Maybe two years before. You know I'd have to go and look at my passport to see when my passport was stamped. I can't really remember.

Ö: That was the beginning of the eighties...

A: When was Olof Palme murdered?

Ö: '86.

- A: I would say it was the beginning of the eighties. At the beginning of the eighties. Before '86, yes definitely. [REDACTED]
- Ö: This other Swede you mentioned, this journalist, was he a correspondent down here for a Swedish newspaper?
- A: You know, I didn't really know him well. I kind of knew him through his newsletters. I don't... He might have been a correspondent. He might have been a correspondent at some stage. And then I think he retired and lived in Johannesburg and he used to send out newsletters around the world. I think that's how he more or less made a living you know. I think he sold his newsletters. People subscribed to them and...
- Ö: Is he still in South Africa?
- A: No, he died about... I think he died about two years ago I think. Roughly two years ago.
- Ö: [REDACTED]
- A: I think they knew... Yes. I don't know how friendly. When you say "Was he a friend?" I don't know how friendly, but yes I think they were acquainted.
- D: [REDACTED]
- A: Yes, I've seen him in South Africa. He came here on holiday. He came here on holiday. He stayed...he went down to Natal, to the coast and he stayed there. He had a holiday there for about...I don't know how long. A week, two weeks. I think not even, no: about a week, I think it was a week. I think he was in the country for about two weeks.
- D: When would that have been?
- A: When would that have been...? You know, it's very hard for me to remember. What I'm trying to say is: Was it before or after Olof Palme's death? I honestly can't remember. What I'm trying to think now to myself is: did I see him for the last time here. or did I see him for the last time in England? Did I... Did he come here for a holiday and then did I go there? No, but he came here for a holiday. No, it was... The last time I saw him, he came here. The last time I saw him he came here.
- Ö: Do you know where he lived when he came down here?
- A: Yes, he stayed in an hotel in Durban.
- Ö: No, I don't mean... I mean where he has his residence. Where he was living. Was he still in the UK?

A: [REDACTED]

D: [REDACTED]

A: No, I haven't. I haven't. I received...I think I received a Christmas card from him. That's all.

D: [REDACTED]

A: No.

D: That he was working as an agent for somebody?

A: [REDACTED]

D: [REDACTED]

A: No, I haven't heard it.

D: Is this the first time you hear that?

A: [REDACTED]

D: [REDACTED]

A: I don't think he did. If he did, he never said anything to me.

D: And nor did Williamson?

A: [REDACTED]

D: [REDACTED]

A: [REDACTED]

D: [REDACTED]

A: [REDACTED]

D: [REDACTED]

A: [REDACTED]


Ö: What did he talk about when he talked about Sweden, for instance?

A: When he talked about Sweden? I always told him that I wanted to go to Sweden because I thought it was a lovely country. I'd heard... I've never been to Sweden and I've heard that it's a very nice country. And I did actually... There was another acquaintance of mine whose mother or grandmother was Swedish. He only sold me a chainsaw. He lived here for a few years and used to tell me a lot about it. So I've always wanted to go there.

[REDACTED]

Ö: Why?

A: [REDACTED]



D: And that was the last you heard of him?

A: Yes.

Ö: And if I ask you to tell us about his opinion about Sweden. It's similar to UK or...?

A:



Ö: Did he ever say that he had a Swedish policeman as his friend?

A: No. Not that I remember, no.

Ö: Do you know any Swedish policemen?

A: No.

Ö: The last time in Sweden there have been a lot of articles about the South African link. That's why this is being done down here: people have stepped forward and said something - that they have information about the murder. Those people who have been in the media in some way, do you know any one of those people?

A: Who have been in the media where?

Ö: Here in South Africa.

A: No. No, I don't.

Ö: [REDACTED]

A: [REDACTED]

Ö: Have you ever met him?

A: [REDACTED]

Ö: Where?

A: I think it was at a restaurant. I mean it wasn't in... It was at a restaurant. I think it was a restaurant in Johannesburg, but I don't know. I've met him.

D: Is that the only time you have met him?

A: Yes.

D: Were other people present too?

A: There were people in the restaurant, yes.

D: Yes, but in your company?

A: Oh yes, there were...I think, yes, we were a group of people as far as I remember.

D: Do you remember the other persons?

A: I'm not sure if I remember the other persons. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I don't know if I would recognize him if I saw him now. I've seen pictures of him in the newspaper, so I would recognize him from that, if he looked the same, if he wore glasses, like he seems to wear heavy glasses. Yes, I would recognize him if he wore those glasses, but I don't think I would recognize him if I saw him.

D: Do you remember what you talked about?

A: No. I didn't talk to him.

Ö: [REDACTED]

A: I know of him.

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Ö: You have met him?

A: No.

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Ö: [REDACTED]

A: He was a criminal, I think. Wasn't he the one who was killed in the United States?

Ö: No, he's a...it's a person who is attached to the security police in South Africa.

A: No. I don't know him.

Ö: And as far as we know he's still alive.

A: [REDACTED]

Ö: I mean, he's been in the newspapers too.

A: [REDACTED]

Ö: [REDACTED]

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A: [REDACTED]

Ö: You know him?

A: Yes.

Ö: Can you tell us about...

A: [REDACTED]

D: Do you know of any connection between [REDACTED] ?

A: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Ö: We'll go on on this list. [REDACTED]

A: Who?

Ö: [REDACTED]

A: No.

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Ö: [REDACTED]

A: No.

D: [REDACTED]

A: No.

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Ö: [REDACTED]

A: Yes. I know him.

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Ö: Can you tell us about him? He's a Swede or...?

A: [REDACTED]

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Ö: [REDACTED]

A: [REDACTED]

Ö: [REDACTED]

A: [REDACTED]

D: Yes.

A: [REDACTED]

Ö: Do you know if this [REDACTED] is a friend of Craig Williamson?

A: Yes, they are friends.

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Ö: Do you know a person: [REDACTED]?

A: No.

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Ö: [REDACTED]?

A: No.

D: I want to come back to...

Ö: Yes I think we stop the band and we'll turn it over, yes?

The band is now turned over and please go on.

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D: Well I want to come back to the company. Or...as it was also called: Operation Longreach, as we asked you about before. Did you ever hear about Longreach in the midst of the eighties?

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A: No, definitely not. No, the first time I heard of Longreach was in the papers about two weeks ago, three weeks ago.

D: [REDACTED]

A: No.

D: [REDACTED]

A: You mean as...?

D: [REDACTED]

A:

[REDACTED]

D: Have you heard of a person called [REDACTED]

A: No.

D:

[REDACTED]

A: I don't think so.

D: A very wealthy person.

A:

[REDACTED]

D: Yes.

A:

[REDACTED]

D:

[REDACTED]

A: It's quite possible. It's quite possible. I don't know anything about that. I personally... I read in the papers about...I don't know, a short while ago, ten days ago, maybe last week, that the previous government under P. W. Botha, sanctioned the assassination of Olof Palme. In my opinion that is a pack of lies. That's an absolute pack of lies. Because the one thing about the Afrikaners, I'm not Afrikaans myself, but the Afrikaner psyche, the Afrikaner mentality wouldn't allow them to do it. It would be too much against the grain. They are God-fearing people and there are certain things...there may be a lot of things that I would never dream of doing, but there are certain things that they would never do: they would never ever sanction the assassination of a foreign head of state, never. Not the government, not P. W. Botha, never. I say that absolutely adamantly. Absolutely adamantly. If...if it was a South African connection that was responsible for Olof Palme's death, then it was definitely without the knowledge, certainly of the president of the

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country. I'm certain of that. Well, I mean that's my assessment of what the Afrikaner people are like. I don't think they would ever do it. I really don't. Whether or not there was a South African connection I don't know, I really don't know. That I don't know. I don't...I can't see the reason for it though. I can't see the reason. I mean to say there's no reason for it. I mean we all know, we all know that Sweden was one of the countries that financed what was then, we were all told, was a terrorist organisation. The African National Congress was a terrorist organisation, they were banned in the country. they were banned here. And every time you read anything in the paper, it was "the terrorists had put a bomb here" or "the terrorists had put a bomb there", so everyone thought that they were terrorists. Now I don't think... The fact that Sweden gave money to them is not a reason to go and kill the prime minister. Britain gave money to them. America gave money to them. Germany gave money to them. A lot of countries gave money to them. Killing the prime minister is not going to make them not give money.

D: If I suggest that Longreach was a cover-up for anti-terrorist operations. what do you...how do you comment on that?

A: Well, this is possible, that's all I can say.

D: But you haven't heard of it?

A: No.

D: [REDACTED]

O: [REDACTED]

A: [REDACTED] Well, they must...they can only say that, whoever it was. Because they know that I have been friendly with Craig Williamson and so I assume that certain confidences would have been exchanged, but no I didn't know anything about Longreach and my wife I can assure you knows far less than I know.

O: [REDACTED]


A: [REDACTED]

O: You know him?

A: Yes.

O: Can you tell us about your friendship?

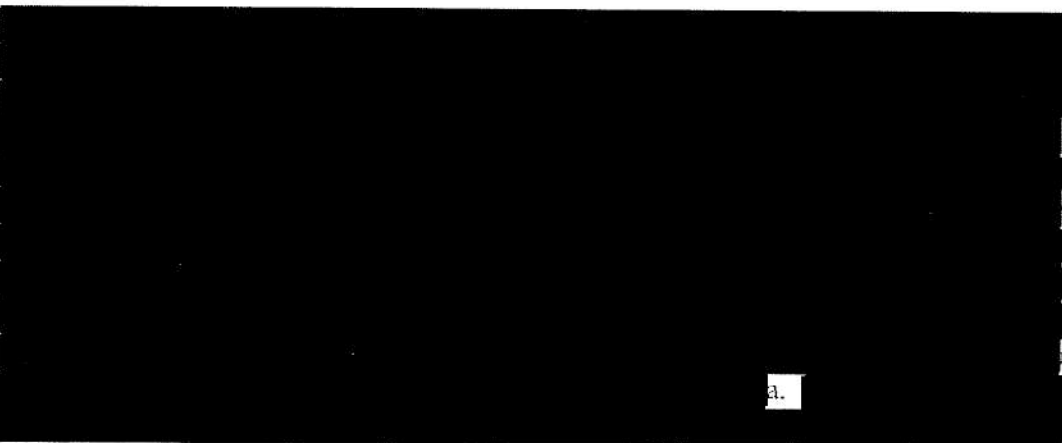
A: [REDACTED]



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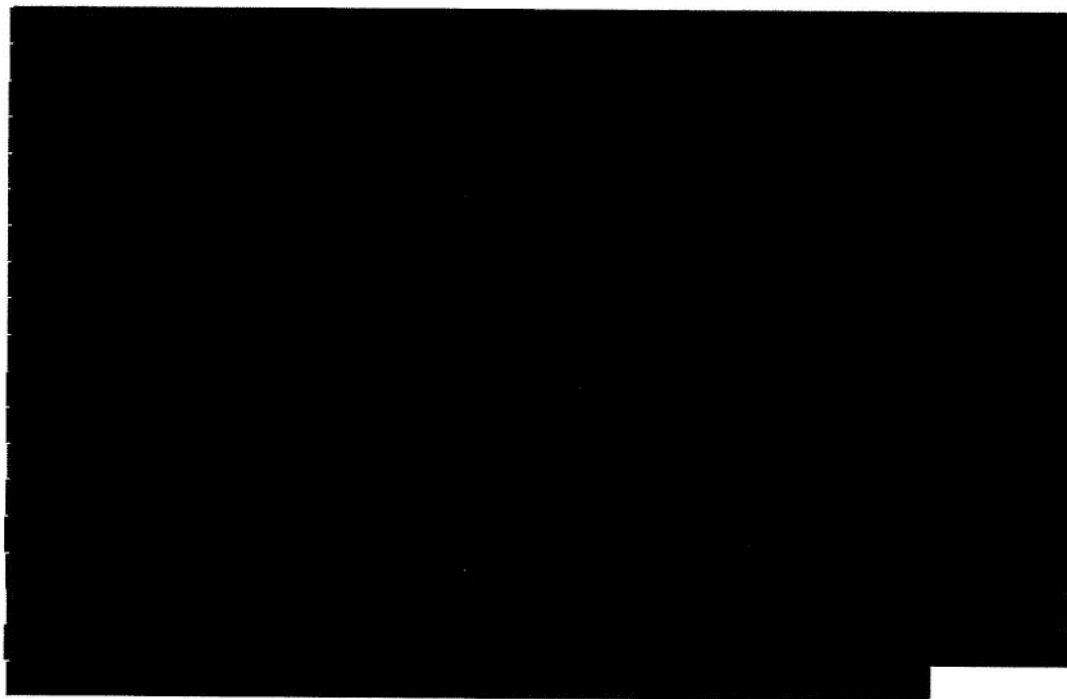
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D: There is one thing that puzzles me: that is that you as a horticulturalist has come to know so many security agents and policemen.

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D: Is there something else you could tell us that you think could be of interest to us in this connection?

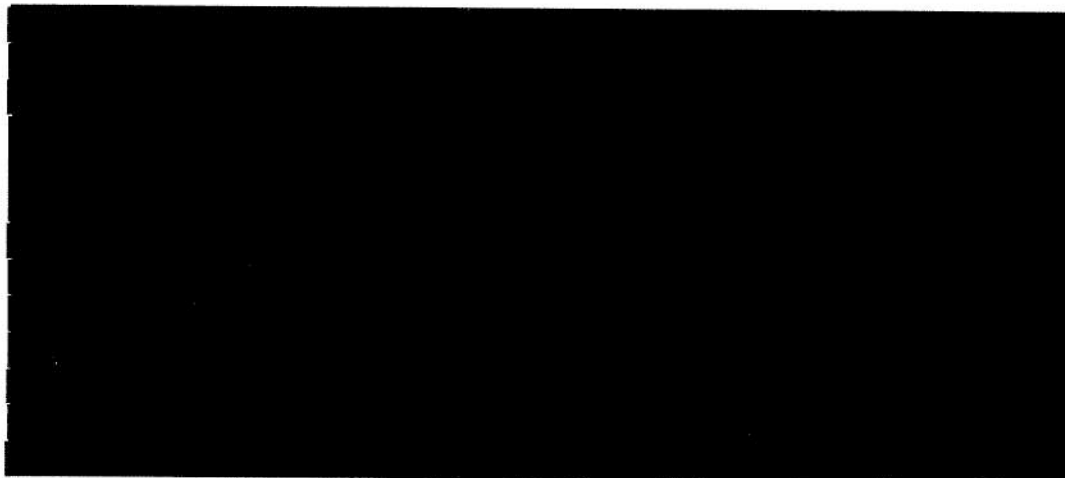
A: In connection with what? With Williamson?

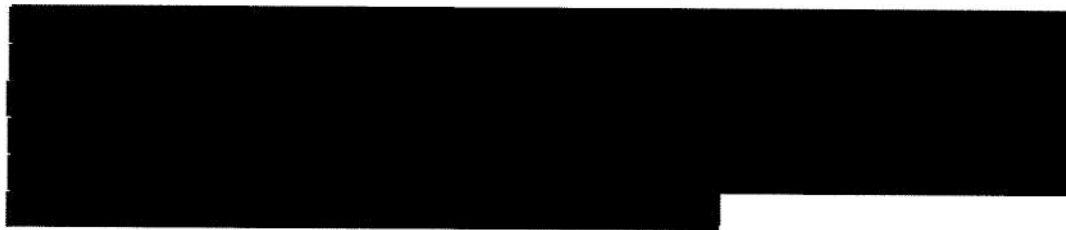
D: With the murder of Olof Palme. Or with the investigation here in South Africa: people we should talk to.

A: I don't think so. I personally... I must be honest with you. I don't...

D: We would appreciate that.

A:





D: Okay, I didn't mean that you should speculate. What I asked you was rather: Do you know any specific person that we ought to talk to that we haven't mentioned?

A: No I don't. I definitely don't.

Q: You have no further knowledge of this matter?

A: No.

O: Okay, then we will end this at ten minutes to twelve. Do you want this tape, to listen to it?

A: No.

O: You don't? Okay.

END OF INTERROGATION

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