1		1	is a statement of truth. Is that right?				
2	(2.05 pm)	2	A. It is.				
3	MR JAY: Sir, the next witness is Mr Flanagan.	3	Q. Is this the evidence which you stand by, as it were?				
4	MR DINGEMANS: I had one question I understood I was going	-	4 A. I do.				
5	to be able to ask?	5	Q. You have been a journalist, you tell us, for 21 years.				
6	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Of course you did.	6	You followed a typical career path, if I may say so,				
7	MR DINGEMANS: That's all right. I know it's not very	7	through regional press and then you joined the national				
8	valuable, but I'd still like to ask it.	8	press, indeed the Daily Telegraph in the year 2000 where				
9	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Well, that's a good trailer.	9	you have stayed ever since; is that right?				
10	Questions by MR DINGEMANS	10	A. The Daily Express.				
10	MR DINGEMANS: Can I take you to the article of 1 December		Q. Pardon me, the Daily Express. You now are a senior news				
11	2007, for you sir the reference 1645. You were asked	11	reporter at the Daily Express, is that so?				
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13	what was your contribution to this article and on quick	13	A. That's right.				
14	scanning through, you couldn't work it out. Can you	14	Q. You tell us in paragraph 2 that you were the third				
15	read the fourth paragraph up from the bottom?	15	journalist sent by the Express to Portugal to cover this				
16	A. Yes.	16	story. You remained there for more than a month. You				
17	Q. Does that help answer that particular question?	17	visited Portugal four times, usually fortnightly spells,				
18	A. Yes. I think it was a meeting between the British	18	to cover the story.				
19	ambassador and police officers at the head of the	19	A lot of what you say has already been covered by				
20	investigation and the Portimao District Attorney at the	20	the previous witness, but did you have any sources on				
21	police headquarters in Faro.	21	the ground in Portugal which differed from those that				
22	Q. Just in case people have no understanding of how joint	22	Mr Pilditch was talking to us about?				
23	headlines and bylines work, does that mean, because your	23	A. I don't know all Mr Pilditch's sources, but I was				
24	name appears on the top, that this is like a sort of	24	checking this morning my records and I had between 50				
25	lawyer's letter with two names at the bottom, or legal Page 1	25	and 60 names and numbers of people that I called Page 3				
1	advice that is prepared by counsel, that is prepared and	1	regularly on this story. Not all of them in Portugal.				
2	signed and not altered, or do you just file separately	2	Some of them, the extended families back in Britain, but				
3	and it gets put together back in London?	3	there was a wide variety of sources that I used in				
4	A. The first name on the byline is normally the person who	4	Portugal.				
5	is putting it all together. My role was as I stated.	5	Q. In relation to the Portuguese police, can we identify				
6	I went to the airport, I'd literally just landed and it	6	who your sources were? You had no one in the police				
7	was near the police station so I went straight there and	7	itself, since they officially could not speak to you, is				
8	I just stood there and witnessed what was going on, and	8	that so?				
9	all I did was relay that, I can't remember, either to	o 9					
10	the news desk or to the reporter, but it was just simply	-	A. Yeah. It was impossible to get any official comment				
		10	from the police.				
11	what I saw which was again police officers wouldn't talk	11	Q. Right, so sources around the police, we've heard of two				
12	to me, but I saw the people involved leaving.	12	journalists and a translator. Were they the individuals				
13	MR DINGEMANS: Thank you very much.	13	who were effectively your sources as well?				
14	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Thank you. Mr Dingemans, you were		A. Probably more than two journalists, I think. There were				
15	probably right, but it's important to be clear. Thank	15	lots of TV, radio and newspaper crime specialists who				
16	you.	16	were who we made contact with and became friends				
17	MR JAY: Thank you, Mr Pilditch. It's Mr Flanagan next.	17	with, and we helped them on the British side of the				
18	MR PADRAIC FLANAGAN (affirmed)	18	story and they helped us on the Portuguese side of the				
19	Questions by MR JAY	19	story.				
20	MR JAY: Make yourself comfortable, please, Mr Flanagan.	20	Q. Right, but did they have contacts within the Portuguese				
21	Your full name?	21	police?				
22	A. Padraic John Flanagan.	22	A. Yes.				
23	Q. Thank you. I hope you'll find in the bundle in front of	23	Q. Thank you. Can I ask you, please, about specific				
24	you under tab 1 your witness statement, which is signed	24	stories you wrote. I think the first of these is				
25	and dated 12 December of this year, and appended to it	25	paragraph 11, 25 October 2007, which is page 31664.				
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1	You'll find this in the bundle you have probably under	1	I had to make it clear to my superiors, you know, the					
2	tab 4.	2	strength of the story and whether it was something that					
3	A. Yeah.		<ul><li>3 they would want me to write up later in the day.</li></ul>					
4	Q. "Police want answers to 14 questions."	4 Q. So is this your evidence: you did make it clear to the						
5	This is dated 25 October 2007. Can we be clear who	5 news desk that you felt that it would be difficult to						
6	the source is for this story? The answer may be found	<ul><li>stand up this story if it were ever tested?</li></ul>						
7	seven lines from the bottom.	7	A. Well, I illustrate I don't think I would put it in					
			those stark terms, because at the time, working in					
8	A. I think this story originated actually in one of the	8						
9	Portuguese newspapers and it was written by a journalist	9	Portugal surrounded by every rival newspaper who were					
10	I became friends with and I called him up and asked him	10	working on the same stories, it was my duty to tell my					
11	where he'd got it from and he said he was shown these 14		desk what the sources were and where the stories were					
12	questions in a document that was to be sent over to	12	coming from, but I didn't feel as though it was my sole					
13	British detectives, and said it was absolutely true.	13	decision to establish, you know, the whether I could					
14	That's where it came from.	14	stand up in a court of law and defend it.					
15	Q. So when you say "a source within the Policia	15	Q. No. But in order to assist their decision, did you					
16	Judiciaria"	16	share your misgivings about the ability to stand this					
17	A. Yeah, that's via him, via the journalist.	17	story up with the news desk or not?					
18	Q. So the journalist who has written the piece in the	18	A. No. I think once you'd told them the sources and where					
19	Portuguese paper, that was his or her source, and then	19	it had come from, then they could draw their own					
20	you're setting this out here in your piece; is that	20	conclusions.					
21	right?	21 Q. Mm. How would they do that?						
22	A. Yes, it is.	22 A. Well, by reading what I've written.						
23	Q. Can I ask you, about ten lines from the top of the	23	Q. Right. So you felt that it would be obvious to the news					
24	story:	24	desk, given that you had misgivings about being able to					
25	"Investigators believe [do you have that?] that	25	stand this story up, you needn't spell it out to the					
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1	members of the party dubbed the Tapas Nine after the	1	news desk, they would make the same deduction; is that					
2	Spanish themed restaurant they were in when Madeleine	2	the position?					
3	disappeared may have been involved in the crime."	3	A. Broadly. Working in Portugal, the first question you					
4	Where did you get that from?	4	asked yourself wasn't: can I stand this up? It was:					
5	A. From the same source.	5	what can I find today? What's the best material that					
6	Q. How was it put to you?	6	I can offer the news desk and keep up with my rivals and					
7	A. I was talking to him as I often did about the latest	7	do what I'm being paid to do? Considerations of the					
8	developments that he'd heard and, telling me about this	8	law, you know, were always going to be further down the					
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9	dossier of questions, he also told me about that he	9 10	line that day for my superiors.					
10	thought the members of the friends that were with the	10	Q. That's a very frank answer, Mr Flanagan, but are you					
11	McCanns at the time of the disappearance may have	11	telling us that the predominant consideration, given all					
12	been may have had something to do with that.	12	the pressures you were under to produce a story, was to					
13	Q. Anything more specific or was it at that level of	13	produce really the best you could and then leave it to					
14	generality?	14	others to worry about the legal niceties?					
15	A. Yeah, it was that general.	15	A. Well, it's quite a stark way of putting it. You would					
16	Q. How did you believe that this piece, this story, if at	16	be discussing with the news desk through the day what					
17	all, could be stood up if it ever came to litigation?	17	you were doing, what was happening in Portugal, what					
18	A. Well, it would be very difficult to do that. I think it	18	were the likely best lines of the day. I mean, bear in					
19	needs to be said that I wasn't sort of working alone, as	19	mind that although we're concentrating on single stories					
20	it were, in Praia da Luz, scratching around for	20	here, you know, it's highly likely that when I was					
21	something to send back. These stories were all the	21	writing this, I might have been writing a front page					
22	result of conversations with the news desk about the	22	story and a spread inside the paper, so there would be					
23	strength of them and the sources, and a view was taken	23	an awful lot of material to work through.					
24	whether to proceed or to drop it.	24	So it what I'm trying to say is that there were					
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2	A. I don't remember one.	2	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I'm pleased you said that.				
3	MR JAY: Yes. Those are all the questions I have for you.	3	A it's very difficult on any given day to be able to				
4	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I'd like to use the word I used	4	look at a story, as we are now, in the whole. We know				
5	before. These were clearly very fragile stories in the	5	some things to be false, a lot of things to be false,				
6	sense that it was all I used the phrase	6	that we didn't know at the time. I think what you try				
7	tittle-tattle, but information coming from somebody who	7	to do is faithfully and accurately report what you're				
8	was getting information from somebody else, who wasn't	8	finding out from people who know more about what's gone				
9	supposed to be saying anything anyway.	9	on than you do.				
10	A. Yes.	10	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: You see, one of the things you could				
11	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: That's certainly right. You told		have said in these articles, repeatedly, is, "This is an				
12	Mr Jay that you had some concerns about that. Did you	12	impossible job. The police won't talk to us, they're				
13	do anything at all to express concern that a lot of	13	not permitted by law to, but for some unusual reason				
14	theorising was taking place, no solid fact, and this was	14	they're prepared to leak like a sieve to people they				
15	a great risk?	15	know, who will then tell us. How accurate all this is,				
16	A. I didn't raise it specifically. I didn't phone and ask	16	who knows?"				
17	someone and say, "Look, I'm really worried about this",	17	A. Well, there were critical reports of the Portuguese				
18	but I think everybody was aware of the strength of these	18	police. There's a convention that newspapers don't tend				
19	stories, how fragile they were. I think it's sometimes	19	to write about their own problems, they don't write				
20	the case on crime stories that this kind of procedure	20	about journalism, they don't write about the challenges				
21	takes place where there's supposition and theorising in	21	that reporters are facing to gathering stories.				
22	the absence of any hard information being released.	22	Maybe in the media sections of the broadsheets they				
23	It's a kind of natural tendency to fill a vacuum, and	23	will, but it's not saying				
24	with the Portuguese police's stance on speaking to the	24	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: But don't you think and I don't				
25	press, there was a very large vacuum there.	25	edit a tabloid newspaper, indeed any newspaper, but				
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1	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: And you mentioned that all your	1	don't you think that's itself a very substantial story?				
2	competitors are there. But who takes the decision	2	You all back in the UK want to know about this missing				
3	well, I suppose I can answer my own question. The	3	girl. We want to give it to you. We want to find out.				
4	decision as to what is right and what is not right is	4	And this is the problem we've got.				
5	not yours; is that fair?	5	A. Mm.				
6	A. It's partly mine, I think. I do I do have some	6	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: And the result is that "Everything				
7	responsibility, but, for instance, I can't write a story	7	I say you must now take with a pinch of salt." Because				
8	that I know to be a lie and claim to the news desk that	8	you personally were taking it I'm not saying you				
9	it's true.	9	didn't believe that you were being given genuine				
10	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: No, I hope we'd agree about that.	10	information, that's the honesty bit that you mentioned,				
11	A. But, also, the news desk and the editor also have a key	11	but I rather gather from the thrust of what you say that				
12	role.	12	you did not find this particularly comfortable, so				
13	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I understand that, and I'm sure	13	you're saying that's not a story?				
14	you're right. But you appreciate that I am looking at	14	A. I think it is a story, but then you're faced with the				
15	this phrase that we bounce about customs, practice and	15	problem: what do you fill the paper with the next day?				
16	ethics all the time, and I'm just trying to grasp the	16	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: But the one thing you don't want to				
17	nature of the problem. You've been sent out to	17	fill the paper with, surely, is stuff that is terribly				
18	Portugal, it's costing a lot of money. All your	18	damaging to people and may be complete piffle.				
19	competitors are doing the same. There's enormous	19	A. As I said, I think all you can do is the best that you				
20	pressure, which you've told Mr Jay about, to file	20	can in the circumstances.				
20	something, you want something that's interesting, that's	20	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Yes.				
21	going to command attention. Where does balance,	21	A. That's the dilemma. And it's true that especially				
22	fairness, propriety come into it all?	22	reporting on crime stories, you know, the effects on the				
23 24		23 24	families of victims is appalling. And I would like to				
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25	LORD IJJSTICE LEVESON. Well does it have a place at all?	25	take this opportunity to apologise to the McCanne for				
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1	adding to their hurt and distress through what I wrote.	1	a staff news reporter at the Daily Mail?				
2	Only a week or two ago we had an advisory from the	2	A. Correct.				
3	Dowlers reminding us about the effects of seeing	3	Q. Thank you very much. You tell us in paragraph 2 your				
4	a photograph of their murdered daughter in the paper	4	experience at the Express. You had covered a series of				
5	every time somebody wrote about the deleted emails	5	major news stories, the tsunami in Sri Lanka and				
6	story, and it brings it home to you what a searing	6	Indonesia, criminal proceedings relating to the murder				
7	experience it must be to keep being reminded.	7	of Caroline Dickinson and various other high profile				
8	So we are mindful that these stories can be	8	stories, is that so?				
9	incredibly distressing, but at the heart of the story it	9	A. Correct.				
10	is a crime, a little girl went missing, and while I was	10	Q. You also speak French and Spanish, which was relevant,				
11	out there, that was the focus.	11	I think both languages, relevant to the Madeleine McCann				
12	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I understand. But it's not as though	12	case; is that so?				
13	the problem is unique. I mean, one can look at what	13	A. Correct.				
14	happened and I'm not in any sense asking you	14	Q. You explain in your statement how you were involved in				
15	questions about it, but one could look at what happened	15	the Madeleine McCann story. First of all, you went to				
16	to Mr Jefferies thereafter. And everybody goes like	16	Morocco in September 2007 because you speak French and				
17	a train at a story, which is destructive.	17	you were following up a lead there, I believe; is that				
18	I have made it very clear that I am an absolute	18	right?				
19	believer in freedom of expression, there's no question.	19	A. That's right, yeah.				
20	But I am concerned to find a way of identifying balance,	20	Q. And then you went to Portugal. In Portugal, we've heard				
21	which might, I appreciate, mean that the story is not in	21	about sources close to the PJ, two journalists in				
22	such bright colours.	22	particular, and a translator. Were your sources the				
23	A. I think that's a reason why we're all so interested to	23	same or different?				
24	hear what you conclude.	24	A. My sources certainly would be amongst those, as we all				
25	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: You're not alone.	25	made friends with different people and there were				
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1	All right, thank you very much. Thank you very much	1	different people there at different times, I certainly				
2	indeed.	2	had two journalists I trusted and spoke to almost				
3	MR JAY: The last witness is Mr Fagge, please.	3	well, on a daily basis, as well as other people I spoke				
4	MR NICHOLAS FAGGE (sworn)	4	to more infrequently.				
5	Questions by MR JAY	5	Q. Yes. Looking at this at a reasonably high level of				
6	MR JAY: Your full name, please, Mr Fagge?	6	generality, because I think we've derived the picture				
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3	the High Court, in all honesty. I would be doing my	3					
4			4 by the direction in which this was going?				
5	be thinking about a potential libel case some time in	5	A. Yes.				
6	the future. I think that's unlikely.	6	Q. Okay. We know this was a very big story, we know you've				
7	Q. But you would be concerned, of course, with clause 1 of		written other stories where the same difficulties				
8	the PCC code and the requirement of accuracy, wouldn't	8	haven't arisen, I trust. Was this the only occasion in				
8 9		9	which this sort of difficulty arose, or are there				
9 10	you? A. Yes.	10	others?				
10	Q. And you'd also be concerned, wouldn't you, in more	11	A. I can't think of another situation similar to this.				
12	general ethical terms, that your story should indeed be	12	MR JAY: Unless it's thought helpful, I'm not going to go				
		12	through the individual stories because it's the same				
13	true, and if the matter had to be tested, you would be						
14	able to substantiate your stories, wouldn't you?	14	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: The same point.				
15	A. I'd certainly verify the story as best as I could and	15	MR JAY: point. Thank you, Mr Fagge.				
16	try to be as accurate as I possibly could be, but, as	16	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Well, you've heard what I've said to				
17	you've heard before, you couldn't get the police to	17	your colleagues. If you have any different answers to				
18	verify anything at all, therefore you'd have to rely on	18	the questions I've asked, I'd be interested to hear				
19	less credible sources because you'd have to talk to	19	them.				
20	somebody to talk to somebody else.	20	It can't just be a question of sales, can it?				
21	Q. Yes. This weakness in the evidence base, if I can	21	A. I think you have to ask the editor that, sir.				
22	describe it in those terms, was that a matter which you	22	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I might do. But in relation to				
23	expressly communicated to the news desk, or did you	23	a story like this, where you're hearing through several				
24	cover it simply by the moniker "legal please" or words	24	layers, to what extent do you feel it's right, as the				
25	to that effect?	25	journalist on the ground, to spell out perhaps in an				
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2	morning, when you'd speak with the news desk, explain	2	used is the fragility of what you're reporting. Or do				
3	what the developments had been overnight, explain what	3	you think it's just sufficient to say "legal"?				
4	stories the Portuguese papers were running, and you'd	4	A. No, these would be conversations that I would have with				
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6	evening. All through the day they knew exactly what was	6					
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2	entitled to answer "yes" is it unfair of me to be	2	2 LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Yes.					
3	concerned that after all that happened, then when we got	3	MR JAY: In order to facilitate the remainder of module one,					
4	to a similar high-profile case somewhat later, the press	4	we have suggested that the core participants provide					
5	broadly act in a not dissimilar way in relation to	5	a skeleton argument, which summarises their evidence, in					
6	Mr Jefferies?	6	particular the evidence bearing on corporate governance					
7	A. I wasn't there.	7	and systems. Those skeleton arguments, we hope, will be					
8	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I know.	8	available in good time for the 9 January start. We will					
9	A. You may take that view.	9	provide, if necessary, further summaries and focus on					
10	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I think that's probably fair enough	10	the oral evidence which is most likely to assist you in					
11	Right, Mr Fagge, thank you very much indeed.	11	identifying culture, practices and ethics, but a lot of					
12	A. Thank you.	12	evidence will be taken as read and will naturally be					
13	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Thank you.	13	considered. But the key evidence will be called in the					
14	MR JAY: Sir, that concludes the evidence for today.	14	allotted time.					
15	I should point out that the statements of Messrs	15	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Very good.					
16	Pilditch and Flanagan were made available on Friday, not	16	MR JAY: We hope that will work well and will mean that in					
17	yesterday. Mr Fagge's statement, which we've seen is	17	general terms the Inquiry is on its timetable.					
18	dated yesterday's date, was necessarily only made	18	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: It's a mistake to say that, Mr Jay.					
19	available to the CPs yesterday, which was as soon as we	19	MR JAY: I'm going to continue to stick my neck out and run					
20	obtained it.	20	the risk of being proved wrong, but it is not, of					
21	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Thank you very much for that	21	course, the overriding objective. The overriding					
22	information. Doubtless, it will be passed to	22	objective is a fair Inquiry under section 17 of the Act.					
23	Mr Sherborne. Right.	23	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Of course it is.					
24	Housekeeping	24	MR JAY: But we have to have regard to the timetable and					
25	MR JAY: Sir, that leaves any housekeeping matters for	25	we'll continue to do so.					
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1	9 January and beyond.	1	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: If any of the core participants are					
2	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Yes.	2	concerned that there is some feature of the case which					
3	MR JAY: Maybe I can move myself to a slightly more	3	we have overlooked or not provided justice to, given					
4	comfortable place.	4	that I am not descending into the detail that a number					
5	The position is that the timetable for the remainder	5	of the examples that have been generated have suggested					
6	of module one has been circulated to the CPs and I hope	6	might be valuable, because I'm taking a much more					
7	you've seen the latest version. We are running three	7	over-arching view, and only taking two or three examples					
8	and four-day weeks as before. We are starting on	8	to look at in a bit more detail, the one of which we've					
9	9 January and we're finishing on Thursday, 9 February.	9	dealt with most of today, then of course I shall listen					
10	That will conclude module one.	10	to any concerns, but fairness remains the watchword that					
11	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Not entirely.	11	I am trying to apply to all.					
12	MR JAY: No.	12	Is there anything else?					
12	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Because it's likely that there are	12	MR JAY: No.					
13	some witnesses who cover all three modules, who by	13	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I have something else. I'm sorry					
14	definition we ought only to call once, and they will	14	Mr Sherborne isn't here to hear this. I think when he					
15 16	come and deal with everything.	15	opened the case on behalf of the core participants for					
10	MR JAY: Yes. A strategic decision has been taken precisely	10	whom he appears, he said that he intended to provide					
17	along those lines, that some witnesses exceptionally	17	something in writing to deal with aspects of the case					
18 19	will be called twice, for example Mr Campbell, but							
19 20	otherwise we've taken the view, well, we'll call them	19 20	which he would not mention in his opening. I'd be very					
20 21	once, in which module do they most conveniently fit?	20	grateful if he'd make good that I don't say					
21 22		21	undertaking, but assurance.					
	And that's the way in which we have proceeded.	22	MR JAY: Yes, it was written submissions on the law, which					
23	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Yes. We've already had one example,		would be helpful. If anybody else has written					
24 25	because you asked some questions of Mr Morgan yesterday	24	submissions on the law, doubtless we'll get them.					
25	which touch on module three.	25	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I'm sure we'll get them. I have no Page 28					
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1	doubt we're going to have to analyse where the law of	1	2				
2	privacy presently stands.	2	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Yes, I understand the point.				
3	The second thing that I'd like those who are acting	3	MR DAVIES: And you have also already made the point this				
4	for core participants to consider is this: there are	4	afternoon that there will be some witnesses giving				
5	inevitably some credibility issues that will arise.	5	evidence later on matters which relate to module one.				
6	I take very much on board Mr Browne's point today about	6	So to that extent it would be incomplete.				
7	specific points not being put, and the concern that	7	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Yes, but I'm sure Mr Jay coul				
8	cross-examination is inevitably being very restricted,	8	identify, if you can't identify, who those witnesses				
9	if not effectively prevented.	9	might be and the impact they are likely to have on the				
10	But I would be grateful if the core participants	10	evidence that I've already heard.				
11	would address themselves to issues of credibility so	11	MR DAVIES: Yes.				
12	that by the end of module one, or within two weeks	12	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Because although it has legitimately				
13	thereafter, if they have submissions on the credibility	13	been the subject of questions, I repeat I will not be				
14	of witnesses, they can make them in writing.	14	seeking to analyse precisely who said what to whom or				
15	I make it abundantly clear that the reason that I am	15	when, or did what to whom.				
16	keen to do that in relation to module one, and I'll hear	16	MR DAVIES: Yes.				
17	anybody who wants to suggest that that's not feasible or	17	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Because that would not be fair in the				
18	appropriate, is so that I can consider the narrative and	18	context of part 1 of this Inquiry.				
19	those features that are contained within Count 1	19	MR DAVIES: No, we are very alive to that, but I just wanted				
20	concurrently with the rest of the Inquiry.	20	to make the point.				
21	I am very concerned not to hear the entirety of the	21	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I understand.				
22	Inquiry and then be left at whatever date we finish with	22	MR DAVIES: That there will be an incompleteness there.				
23	volumes of evidence, even more volumes of transcripts,	23	Whilst I'm on my feet, can I raise two other matters				
24	and then left, as it were, to start from scratch on the	24 25	shortly? One is the question of what in fact happened				
25			with Milly Dowler's voicemail. I don't want to say				
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1	think these three modules are comparatively	1	anything substantive about that, but it's simply that				
2	self-contained, sooner than that.	2	you indicated that before the Inquiry broke for				
3	From your perspective, Mr Jay, do you see any	3	Christmas				
4	problem with that?	4	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Yes. That's on my list, but by all				
5	MR JAY: No.	5	means address it now.				
6	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Right. I'm going to ask others. I'm	6	MR DAVIES: Our position on this is that we have				
7	sorry, Mr Rhodri Davies, you always seem to get the	7	a considerable interest in the material on that, but				
8	short straw for a first go and you're entitled to think	8	most of it is not in our hands any more, so I don't				
9	about it and you can think about it over the break we're	9	think that I can suggest anything positive for the				
10	about to have.	10	moment. I think it's more in the hands of the police.				
11	MR DAVIES: Yes.	11	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: So yours is just a gentle nudge to m				
12	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: But I'm sure you understand why	12	to remind me what I said so that I say something to				
13	I want to do what I want to do.	13	require it to be done?				
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1	Inquiry and I just wanted to get it on the record,	1	have gone to the detail.		
2	because it's had the result that until the written order	2	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Yes, that's absolutely right, because		
3	came out, we were complying with what we thought you had	3	in order to reach conclusions about the general picture,		
4	said, which turned out not to be the same as the	4	one has to go sometimes a bit into the detail.		
5	original order.	5	MR CAPLAN: Yes. Sometimes we've gone rather a lot into the		
6	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: You'd better tell me the difference,	6	detail.		
7	Mr Rhodri Davies.	7	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: All right.		
8	MR DAVIES: It's simply this. Our understanding at the end	8	MR CAPLAN: But clearly I think it's a question of focusing		
9	of the Friday afternoon was that we could retain the	9	on those issues that clearly are going to form part of		
10	data on a hard drive, or in fact counsel's hard drive	10	the narrative as far as you are concerned, and it may be		
11	and solicitors' hard drive, I think until the end of the	11	it's for us to speak to Inquiry counsel to get more		
12	Inquiry, for the practical reason that it's	12	particulars.		
13	extraordinarily difficult to access it if you wipe it	13	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: That's entirely reasonable. The more		
14	off and return it to a single memory stick every time.	14	that everybody can be helpful, obviously, the better.		
15	The order made is that it should not be retained on	15	But, Mr Caplan, you will understand what I need to do,		
16	a hard drive except for the period it's actually being	16	not merely to identify the egregious behaviour about		
17	used. That's the written order.	17	which we have heard, but also to ensure, as I think I've		
18	When we saw the written order, as soon as we saw it,	18	also said several times, that it is put into context		
10	when we saw the written older, as soon as we saw it, we complied with it. So we are currently in compliance	19	among the rest of the work of the press.		
20	with it but it's not quite what we expected and until	20	MR CAPLAN: Yes.		
20 21	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I remember the discussion, because		LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: So I want to be balanced and fair, in		
22	the concern expressed I think it might have been	22	other words to comply with the very standards that I've		
23	Ms Palin(?) who expressed it.	23	just been putting to some of the witnesses.		
24	MR DAVIES: I think it was Ms Boase, but I may be wrong.	24	MR CAPLAN: Yes. Obviously we're all anxious that should		
25	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I think you're right was that it Page 33	25	happen. Page 35		
	1 age 55		1 age 35		
1	would be difficult for more than one person to look at	1	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Good.		
2	it at any one time.	2	MR CAPLAN: Thank you.		
3	MR DAVIES: Yes, exactly.	3	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Is there anything else that you want		
4	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: You're quite right.	4	to raise?		
5	MR DAVIES: Particularly if one of them is in Linklaters'	5	MR CAPLAN: Not at the moment, thank you.		
6	offices and the other is in chambers at the Temple.	6	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Thank you very much indeed.		
7	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Yes. Thank you. I'll	7	Mr Dingemans, here you are.		
8	MR DAVIES: I just wanted to make sure that was on the	8	MR DINGEMANS: I have nothing to say, thank you, sir.		
9	record before we broke for Christmas.	9	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Thank you. Right. So the		
10	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Yes. Let me see if I can do more	10	Metropolitan Police? Yes?		
11	than put it on the record. All right. Thank you.	11	MS MICHAOLOS: Sir, as regards the credibility issue,		
12	MR DAVIES: That was all.	12	I don't have any submissions to make now and we'd like		
13	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Thank you. Let me deal with the cor		to consider that over the Christmas adjournment.		
14	participants who are newspapers first. Mr Caplan?	14	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Right.		
15	MR CAPLAN: Thank you, sir. I would like the opportunity to	15	MS MICHAOLOS: As regards what we're proposing to put before		
16	discuss it, if I may, with my team.	16	the Inquiry in relation to the Dowler issue, Mr Garnham,		
17	As far as the issues of credibility are concerned,	17	I understand, has been keeping the Inquiry informed. It		
18	sir, obviously there are difficulties that arise from	18	is in hand. The Metropolitan Police will be submitting		
19	the procedure under the Act and the procedure in this	19	a note to the Inquiry. We hope to have that for some		
20	Inquiry. I'm not sure in fact it's an issue, I hope,	20	time in the beginning part of the Inquiry sitting in		
20 21	that will concern us as much as others.	20	January, but obviously		
21 22					
	One issue I think that is of possibly some concern is the perfective. I know that frequently you have	22	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I hope you have it in time for the		
23 24	is the narrative. I know that frequently you have	23	beginning part of the sitting in January, too.		
24 25	stressed that you are looking at the general picture and	24	MS MICHAOLOS: But I'm not in a position to give any		
25	not the detail, but there are many occasions when we Page $34$	25	guarantee, which I'm sure you appreciate.		
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1	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: No, I'm	1	1 granularity I'm sorry and secondly to ensure that				
2	MS MICHAOLOS: The importance of anything being put forward	2	they're ordered in a way that's helpful rather than				
3	being accurate.	3	everybody doing what they feel might be helpful and then				
4	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: You don't need to persuade me about	4	finding that I have eight different approaches.				
5	that at all. Right. Do you say anything about the data	5	MR JAY: Yes.				
6	point that Mr Rhodri Davies has raised?	6	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Thank you very much.				
7	MS MICHAOLOS: I don't, no. I can't make submissions about	7	Anything else anybody wants to raise?				
8	that.	8	MR DAVIES: I'm sorry to stand up again. Two things.				
9	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: All right, thank you very much.	9	I didn't know the Guardian had lodged a note with the				
10	I have not forgotten. Is there anything that you want	10	Inquiry, and I would like to know whether that's going				
11	to say on behalf of Mr Sherborne and Collyer-Bristow?	11	to be available to core participants.				
12	MR LOWLES: Not at this time.	12	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: It will be available to core				
13	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Thank you very much. The Guardian?	13	participants in some form, but at the moment it is not.				
14	MS PHILLIPS: No, save that we have given to Mr Jay our note	14	MR DAVIES: Yes.				
15	on the Milly Dowler incident.	15	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I have received it and I know I've				
16	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Thank you very much.	16	received it, but I know that I have received it at this				
17	The National Union of Journalists?	17	stage on a basis that does not permit me to provide it				
18	MR HARRIS: No, nothing to add, thank you, sir.	18	to others, and I don't think at this stage it's				
19	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I'm sure you're aware that there's	19	appropriate to do so.				
20	a topic about which I do need some evidence, indeed	20	MR DAVIES: Very well.				
21	there are a number of things I think I'm waiting for	21	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Thank you.				
22	evidence from you.	22	MR DAVIES: And so far as the Motorman data is concerned, I				
23	MR HARRIS: Yes, sir, investigations are being undertaken.	23	have to say, I wasn't here on that Friday afternoon, but				
24	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Thank you very much.	24					
25	Right, Mr Jay? Mr Rhodri Davies raises the issue	25	oral judgment, she then raised the practical problems				
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1	shout data. I could as hear to the transmint but	1	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: That's true, she's right.				
1 2	about data. I could go back to the transcript, but I have a clear recollection of the discussion, even if	1 2	MR DAVIES: and that you indicated that you would modify				
3	I incorrectly identified the person who raised the	2	it.				
4	problem.	4	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I remember it. Thank you. I will				
4 5	MR JAY: Yes.	4 5	solve it and, if necessary, amend the order before				
6	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: And that was if more than one persor		concluding this evening.				
7	wanted to see the data, because different people are	7	MR DAVIES: Thank you.				
8	working on different aspects of it, there would have to	8	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Ms Phillips, I've accurately				
9	be a facility to store it. I thought that I had agreed	9	understood, I did not mention when Mr Davies identified				
10	that that was a sensible	10	material because of the basis upon which I received the				
10	MR JAY: The issue was batted about a bit and I'm afraid	11	document, but I'm sure that there will come a time when,				
11	I can't recall what your final view was expressed	11	whether in that form or a slightly different form, it				
12	orally.	12	will have to be made available.				
14	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: No.	14	MS PHILLIPS: I think that's correct. I think at the moment				
14	MR JAY: My recollection is that that which you put in	14	because everybody is putting in what they are putting in				
15	writing reflected your final position orally.	15	and because nobody is seeing what everybody else is				
10	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: But I think we'll resolve that in the	10 17	putting in, then there will need to be a process devised				
18	hour we have for the afternoon. I think I want to	17	so that if people want to pick other people's things				
10 19	resolve that quite quickly.	10 19	apart or whatever, we all have the same opportunity.				
20	MR JAY: Yes.	20	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: I understand that. Once more,				
20	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Thank you very much.	20	I shall be fair about it.				
22	I'm sure that you'll be able to have a discussion	21	MS PHILLIPS: Of course, thank you.				
23	with the other core participants in relation to how	23	LORD JUSTICE LEVESON: Thank you very much. It only ther				
24	views as to credibility might be marshalled first of all	24	leaves me to thank everybody for the very hard work				
25	to ensure that they are at the right level of	25	they've put into the Inquiry, both in its preparatory				
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