

### Video Equipment

23. In terms of the helicopters themselves, they would be attributed with call signs. For example, "Gazelle" (indicating the type of helicopter), then "1", "2", "3" and so on. There was no operational or technological difference between each of the Gazelle helicopters. To my knowledge they were all the same. However, there may have been different pieces of technology on each aircraft, but I could not really say. I do not know whether they all had cameras and I am unable to elaborate on this. I understand that Gazelle 4 (the helicopter that I accompanied first on Sunday, 14 March 1999) had recording equipment on it, but I do not know about Gazelle 6 (the helicopter that I accompanied on the second occasion on Sunday 14 March 1999). If there was video equipment on board then it would be the responsibility of the Commander to operate it, not mine. I could ask the Commander to video certain incidents and I could also communicate with the Operations Room to check certain details about people or places. Generally, incidents would be recorded only where something extremely serious, such as a murder, was happening or a bomb had exploded. The event would be recorded as it happened. I cannot recall having had to make such a request. Under normal circumstances, the Commander on board the helicopter would make the decision whether or not to record something and generally he would not need to be told.
24. If the Operations Room wanted to obtain a copy of the video then there was a procedure to follow. It is not a case of simply asking for it. I do not have the authority to request the video myself. It would be requested by the Operations Room via a formal request and that would be telephoned through, usually to Aldergrove. A driver would then need to collect it and sign for it. Normally the Operations Room requested a video tape when evidence was required. I have been asked whether any such videos have been used for training purposes. Using such videos for training purposes would be difficult to do and perhaps insensitive especially if it concerned army or police colleagues since some of their colleagues could be in the audience.