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17	Wednesday, 11 February 2015	
18	(10.00 am)	
19	DETECTIVE INSPECTOR CRAIG MASCALL (resumed)	
20	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr Davies.	
21	MR DAVIES: Sir, today we're going to be considering	
22	evidence primarily in relation to the events of 16 to	
23	18 October 2006.	
24	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.	
25	MR DAVIES: Mr Mascall has been recalled to the stand.	
	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. Do sit down, Mr Mascall.	
	MR DAVIES: Sir, we are going to hear evidence,	

1 I anticipate, firstly from Mr Mascall as to
2 Transaero flights used by Messrs Lugovoy and Kovtun on
3 16 and 18 October respectively.

4 We will hear evidence in relation to bookings made,
5 we anticipate, from 7 October in advance of that journey
6 to book hotel rooms, and 9 October to book the flights,
7 and we will then hear directly from, for example,
8 Detective Constable Scott who conducted a stop at
9 Gatwick when they arrived at Gatwick on the incoming
10 flight.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

12 Questions by MR DAVIES

13 MR DAVIES: Just for context, can we start with the master
14 telephone schedule, please. INQ017859.

15 Mr Mascall, as we've established, this schedule
16 isolates certain apparently relevant telephone numbers?

17 A. That's correct, yes.

18 Q. It's not every call on every billing record that we have
19 that has been included. There has been a selection.

20 A. Yes, it's key individuals involved in the investigation.

21 Q. Further, of course, you do not necessarily have billing
22 records for each and every mobile or other telephone
23 reflected in this schedule?

24 A. No, the data used to produce this has been taken from
25 incoming and outgoing bills from differing phones.

1 Q. If you could just expand the document. Thank you. We
2 can see -- just remind everybody -- in the fifth column
3 on the schedule, it indicates whether the data used is
4 from the outgoing billing or reflected as an incoming
5 record on billing on another bill. Is that correct?

6 A. Yes, that is correct. That can get confusing, but that
7 is simply to indicate where the information came from.

8 Q. Further, if you have data from both the incoming and
9 outgoing, you have stripped it down to a single entry --

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. -- to avoid duplication on this record?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. I've simply asked for it to come up to establish that in
14 the ten days or so prior to Messrs Lugovoy and Kovtun
15 coming to London on 16 October, if one just plots
16 through this schedule with the qualifications
17 established, we do not see direct communication, do we,
18 involving Messrs Lugovoy and Kovtun, with any of those
19 other numbers reflected in the schedule?

20 A. Certainly not on the page I can see, sir. I can see up
21 to the 7th, but --

22 Q. If we just take this through, we come to INQ017865,
23 which is where we start to see the record for
24 16 October, the date of travel.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. On the next page at 11.45, entry 488, all of these are
2 UK time.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. 11.45:34 seconds, outgoing data Lugovoy 1 to Mr Shadrin.
5 And 11.46:47, based on incoming data, a call from
6 Mr Lugovoy to Mr Litvinenko 2?

7 A. Yes, where it says attributed, originating number, that
8 is always the dialling number and the destination is
9 always the receiving number, regardless of the outgoing
10 and incoming billing.

11 Q. So in very simple terms, it's "from" on the left-hand
12 side, "to" on the right-hand side?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. So it would appear in terms of our attributed numbers
15 that the first relevant call is at 11.45 and then one
16 from Mr Lugovoy to Mr Litvinenko at 11.46?

17 A. That's correct, yes.

18 Q. Can we turn then to the question of the flights used by
19 Mr Lugovoy and Mr Kovtun on the 16th. Could we have the
20 passenger list up, please, COM00199004. If that could
21 be expanded. It is the apparent booking and payment for
22 this flight, Mr Dmitri Kovtun, top left.

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. Top right-hand side, we see the date 9 October 2006, and
25 the respective flights listed here, Moscow, London,

1 Moscow, but if we just take the first of those entries,
2 please, just highlight that, thank you. And it is
3 16 October, allowing 20 kilograms of weight, and the
4 next entry, 18 October, for the London entry.

5 If we could have, please, 199005, sorry,
6 COM00199005, is that an equivalent document for
7 Mr Lugovoy?

8 A. Yes, it is, and that document also shows the flight
9 numbers UN333 and the return flight UN444.

10 Q. Yes. We'll come on to this, but those numbers are
11 effectively the route and airline number as distinct
12 from the specific aeroplane number, the fin number?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. We'll come on to the fin numbers in due course.

15 Could we have document INQ012678, please. Statement
16 from Leyton Hawkins, signed and dated 18 January 2007.
17 He says as part of the team, he was tasked with
18 obtaining flight manifest for UN333, a flight from
19 Moscow to London, on 16 October and from London to
20 Moscow on 18 October 2006. He contacted a person at
21 Transaero, and in due course was provided with flight
22 manifests in relation to those flights.

23 If we could have, please, INQ006274, the entry we
24 need, please, is the third down the page, indicating
25 a time, Gatwick, 11.15, EI-DDK, 734. Is that the

1 tailfin number for the 333 scheduled flight?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. In other words it is the specific effectively

4 registration number for that aeroplane --

5 A. Exactly, yes.

6 Q. -- in motor vehicle terms. We have a time of 10.48

7 there. What does the annotation "NATS" mean to you?

8 A. National air traffic -- I can't remember what the S is,

9 but it's national air traffic organisation -- service.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Service, I would have thought.

11 A. Yes.

12 MR DAVIES: Did you make enquiry, Mr Mascall, as to these

13 aeroplanes and the seats occupied respectively by

14 Messrs Lugovoy and Kovtun?

15 A. Yes, I believe we were informed of the actual seats that

16 they were sitting in.

17 Q. Yes. For the Moscow-London UN333 flight on EI-DDK, what

18 information did you obtain?

19 A. That Mr Lugovoy was sitting in seat 16F and that

20 Mr Kovtun was sitting in seat 16E.

21 Q. For the return flight, the position was what? It's

22 aeroplane EI-DNM?

23 A. Sorry, bear with me, forgive me, sorry.

24 Q. Can you confirm, this was Mr Lugovoy shown as sitting on

25 seat 26F? Your note, paragraph 107.

1 A. Mr Lugovoy was sitting in seat 26F and Mr Kovtun was
2 sitting in seat 26E.

3 Q. As part of the enquiry, once you'd established the fact
4 of those flights and the respective seat numbers, did
5 you take steps to seek to examine those planes
6 forensically for traces of polonium?

7 A. Yes, we did.

8 Q. Can you help with when that process started in terms of
9 seeking to establish the whereabouts or not of polonium?

10 A. On 30 November, we identified a plane that was
11 travelling into Heathrow airport that we believed was
12 one of those planes. I think there was confusion due to
13 the lack of understanding between the tailfin numbers
14 and the flight numbers as to which was the unique
15 identifier of that particular plane.

16 So in essence, the wrong plane was stopped on
17 30 November. As a result --

18 Q. Pausing there, effectively, was it the understanding of
19 the police at that time that the same plane would fly
20 the same route on an habitual basis?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Accordingly, whichever plane landed as UN333 would be
23 the same plane that conducted the flight on the previous
24 occasion?

25 A. That was the belief, yes.

1 Q. Continue with what happened next, then. So another
2 plane was stopped on that scheduled flight and examined?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. It wasn't the flight used on the 16th?

5 A. No, it was identified that what we actually needed to do
6 was stop the particular tailfin number, and we advised
7 Transaero that we wished to stop EI-DDK and EI-DNM and
8 requested when they would next be flying to the UK.

9 Q. Just let that pass, if you would, a helicopter overhead.

10 A. (Pause)

11 There was then communication between the Foreign and
12 Commonwealth Office in the UK with the Foreign and
13 Commonwealth Office in Moscow to pass on this message to
14 Transaero back in Russia, and they had a response back
15 on 1 December to state that they had already been
16 reporting in the Russian press that both of these planes
17 had already been tested for contamination and that
18 they'd both been found to be free and clean of any
19 contamination.

20 Q. We're going to look at these emails and the source of
21 your information in a little detail now.

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. As a matter of context, could we have INQ019001, please.
24 Witness statement of Paul Knott, signed and dated
25 4 July.

1 On this occasion, I will read the entirety of the
2 statement. If that could be expanded for anyone
3 watching. Thank you.

4 Sir, it provides the context for the emails we will
5 come to.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, thank you.

7 MR DAVIES: "This statement concerns the cancellation of
8 a Russian commercial flight whilst I was working at the
9 British embassy in Moscow in 2006. I have worked with
10 the Foreign and Commonwealth Office diplomatic service
11 since 1989.

12 "In 2004, I was posted to the British embassy in
13 Moscow as second secretary political. I left the
14 embassy in Moscow in 2007.

15 "In order to assist my recollection of events
16 surrounding this incident, I have today been shown by
17 Detective Constable Cattermole ... a copy of exhibit
18 RG1, which is a printout of a chain of emails between
19 myself and other members of FCO staff in connection with
20 the cancelled flight.

21 "On the morning of 1 December 2006 I was duty
22 officer at the embassy in Moscow when I was [contacted]
23 by the FCO in London and informed that the UK public
24 health authorities were concerned about the status of
25 two Russian commercial aircraft operated by the airline

1 'Transaero', as they had been identified as being used
2 by two possibly contaminated individuals on flights
3 between London and Moscow in October 2006.

4 "I was already aware that it was suspected to be
5 radiation contamination. I was informed that the
6 identities of the aircraft in question were tailfin
7 numbers E1DNM (seat numbers 26F and 26E) [so that is the
8 18 October London flight] and E1 [as it was put] DDK
9 (seat numbers 16F and 16E)."

10 Pausing there, in fact I think the proper code is
11 "EI" rather than "E1"?

12 A. That's correct, yes.

13 Q. "The advice from the UK was that the aircraft should be
14 tested for contamination before they next fly. I was
15 instructed to inform Transaero and the Russian
16 authorities about the concern over these aircraft.
17 I was also informed that these aircraft may fly on 1 and
18 2 December so this request needed to be dealt with
19 urgently.

20 "I was told that Transaero had already been notified
21 about the concern over the two aircraft so it was
22 possible they may have already carried out monitoring
23 for contamination. If this was the case, I was asked to
24 find out what the readings/results were. I became aware
25 that the concern over the possible contamination of

1 a number of aircraft had been reported in the media and
2 that the reports claimed that the Russian authorities
3 had examined a plane (or planes) and no contamination
4 was found.

5 "I then made contact with the office of
6 Mr Gennadiy Onishchenko, the then Russian chief public
7 health officer, who informed me that the information
8 reported in the media was correct, that the two
9 Transaero planes in question had been checked and that
10 no contamination had been found."

11 Again, pausing there, is Mr Onishchenko somebody who
12 provided further information at a later stage of the
13 enquiry to the Metropolitan Police?

14 A. To the German authorities.

15 Q. Yes.

16 A. Yes, yes, he is.

17 Q. So we will hear again of his role in terms of enquiries
18 in Germany connected to this investigation?

19 A. Yes, we will, yes.

20 Q. He has confirmed in his official capacity, it would
21 seem, to a British government official that the planes
22 had been checked and no contamination had been found.

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. Was that reported back to you?

25 A. Not to me personally.

1 Q. To the investigation?

2 A. I believe so, yes.

3 Q. Was it reported back to the investigation at or about
4 the time it was provided to Mr Knott, so far as you're
5 aware?

6 A. I don't know the timescale for that, sir.

7 Q. Continuing with his statement:

8 "I then made contact with Mr Aleksandr Tarrents, the
9 deputy director of security for Transaero, who informed
10 me that two aircraft, tailfin numbers E1DNM and E1DDK,
11 had been checked on 30 November 2006 and they were found
12 to be completely contamination free.

13 "He also told me that further checks had been
14 carried out under the authority of Mr Onishchenko which
15 confirmed these findings.

16 "I then tried to double-check this information with
17 Mr Onishchenko's office but was unable to reach them.

18 "Later that evening (1 December 2006) I was
19 contacted by FCO in London and asked to inform the
20 Russian ministry for transport that the UK authorities
21 planned to detain the Transaero aircraft E1DDK when it
22 landed at Heathrow on public health grounds.

23 "I contacted the Russian ministry early the next
24 morning and informed them of the intention to detain and
25 examine the aircraft when it landed at Heathrow on

1 2 December 2006.

2 "On the morning of 2 December 2006, I was contacted
3 by the duty officer for the Russian ministry of
4 transport who informed me that flight E1DDK did not
5 leave Moscow that morning and the flight had been
6 cancelled. He said that he had spoken to Transaero and
7 they had told him the cancellation was due to disruption
8 to their scheduling arrangements caused by the detention
9 of another of their aircraft in London the previous day.
10 I then passed this information to the FCO in London."

11 Pausing there, Mr Mascall, the authorities in the
12 United Kingdom who would have had an interest in
13 stopping this plane in the United Kingdom if it
14 returned, would that be the Metropolitan Police Service?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. The statement, please, of Rosie Grieves, INQ016767.

17 Sir, without reading it all out, Ms Grieves is
18 a civil servant who was invited to establish from
19 archives and databases any email or other communication
20 relating to these flights and communications with the
21 Russian authorities, and she produces the record as
22 exhibit RG1.

23 Can I turn to that, then, please, Mr Mascall.

24 Did the Metropolitan Police Service do anything else
25 in order to ensure that this plane, if it returned to

1 certain airspace, would be stopped or at least you would
2 be notified of it? What steps did you take?

3 A. On 30 November we asked the national air traffic control
4 to put a trace on both planes, EI-DDK and EI-DNM, to
5 have them stopped if they were to enter UK airspace, and
6 it was as a result of that that EI-DNM was stopped and
7 following the stop of that plane, that is when EI-DDK
8 was cancelled as a result of the disruption they say was
9 caused from us stopping their plane.

10 Q. So the Metropolitan Police Service with the appropriate
11 national airline authorities took positive steps to be
12 notified if these planes came into British air space?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. The London-Moscow flight, in other words the return
15 flight, was so stopped and examined --

16 A. Yes, on 1 December.

17 Q. -- on 1 December. We'll come to the results of that
18 testing in due course. But your interpretation is that
19 having been notified of that, the flight that would
20 otherwise have taken place with EI-DDK was then
21 cancelled?

22 A. Yes, I believe the evidence held within the emails of
23 RG1 explains that.

24 Q. Was the Metropolitan Police Service ever notified of
25 EI-DDK returning to British air space?

1 A. No, not at all.

2 Q. Let's go to RG1, then, please. INQ019275.

3 Sir, this is part of an email string, and, as is
4 often the case, they are in the original in reverse
5 order, so I'm going to take them in sequence.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

7 MR DAVIES: Could you highlight the header part of this,
8 please, just so we get the details.

9 This is the first in the sequence, I believe,
10 Mr Mascall. It's from Simon Smith to Paul Knott, and
11 copied to a series of others, 1 December 2006,
12 01.19 hours. The subject is:

13 "Transaero aircraft -- suspected contamination --
14 restricted -- urgent. Importance: high."

15 If we then turn, please, to the body of the email,
16 let's take the first three or four paragraphs just so
17 that they're visible to everybody:

18 "Dear Paul, our public health authorities remain
19 concerned about the status of two Transaero aircraft
20 which have been identified as having been used by
21 possibly contaminated individuals on the flight between
22 London and Moscow in October.

23 "The tailfin IDs of the aircraft [are given, seat
24 numbers given]...

25 "We have not received precise information about the

1 schedule plans for either aircraft, but it is thought
2 that one may fly on December 1 and one on December 2.

3 "The HPA and Department of Transport remain
4 concerned that we should draw to the attention of
5 Transaero and the Russian public health authorities the
6 possibility that these aircraft may be contaminated.
7 Their advice would be that the aircraft should be tested
8 for contamination before they next fly. If
9 contamination is found, rapid action needs to be taken
10 to establish where else they have flown, and similar
11 action to that undertaken by British Airways with
12 passengers should be taken.

13 "One element of confusion may arise. It appears
14 (although we have not received precise details) that
15 although these two tailfin numbers were notified to
16 Transaero by Nik Duke in the early hours of 30 November,
17 one was taken to refer to an aircraft which arrived in
18 London at 11.15 on 30 November, but was subsequently
19 found not to have been one of the two aircraft thought
20 to be contaminated. (When it arrived, it turned out to
21 have a different tailfin number)."

22 Pausing there, that's the vehicle the
23 Metropolitan Police tested, based on the scheduled
24 flight?

25 A. I believe that's correct, sir, yes.

1 Q. That testing was on 30 November?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. The email continues:

4 "The Department of Transport have confirmed to us
5 that the tailfin numbers now listed are the aircraft in
6 question, and it is hoped that the precise seat number
7 references will help ensure that contamination
8 monitoring -- if this was not already done as a result
9 of the previous notification -- can be efficient and
10 targeted.

11 "In view of the likelihood that one of these
12 aircraft may fly tomorrow, early contact with
13 Transaero on the morning of December is advised. Given
14 that the tailfin numbers have been previously notified
15 to Transaero, it is reasonable to assume that checks may
16 already have been carried out. If so, it would be
17 useful to know when and what the findings were."

18 He sets out contact details for the relevant parties
19 which I needn't rehearse. Simon Smith is, the next
20 page, please, we will just see who he is, he is, was,
21 director Russia, south Caucasus, central Asia for the
22 Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

23 The investigation has produced relevant documents
24 reflecting that Messrs Lugovoy and Kovtun were sitting
25 in these seats and they formed part of the material

1 produced to the Inquiry?

2 A. The flight manifest shows them as sitting in those
3 seats, yes.

4 Q. Next email, please, INQ019204. So Mr Smith was sent at
5 01.19 hours, approximately halfway down the page,
6 please, could you highlight the second email in the
7 sequence. The lower half of the page, please. Yes,
8 that's it.

9 This is from Mr Knott, 09.44, so about eight hours
10 later, to Simon Smith and a series of others, part of
11 the email chain:

12 "Dear Simon, I spoke to Mr Taranets,
13 Transaero deputy security director, this morning.
14 (1 December). He said the two aircraft [tailfin numbers
15 given] ..."

16 He is using EI on the face of it, is that right,
17 rather than E1?

18 A. That's correct, yes.

19 Q. "... had been checked on 30 November and found to be
20 completely contamination free. Further checks carried
21 out under the authority of Gennadiy Onishchenko, chief
22 public health officer, (ie the nearest Russian
23 equivalent to the head of the CPA) ..."

24 CPA being?

25 A. I think he means the HPA, as in the Health Protection

1 Agency.

2 Q. Yes.

3 "... had confirmed these findings.

4 "I am trying to double-check this with
5 Mr Onishchenko's office but have not been able to reach
6 them yet, but I should note that Onishchenko has been
7 quoted in the press this morning as saying that the two
8 planes (plus one from Aeroflot) were checked yesterday,
9 along with the various parts of Sheremetyevo and
10 Domodedovo airports. All were found to be clean. He
11 also said monitoring of planes arriving from the UK
12 would continue."

13 That is signed off by Mr Knott.

14 Since Aeroflot is introduced there, you will have
15 observed in the opening of this Inquiry by Mr Tam, there
16 was reference to the incoming flight being an Aeroflot
17 plane?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. That was obviously an inadvertent error. There's no
20 dispute that it was a Transaero --

21 A. No, there's clear evidence to show that it is
22 a Transaero flight.

23 Q. On the face of this email, Mr Mascall, British
24 authorities are receiving positive and unqualified
25 information from the Russian authorities that these

1 planes had been checked and are free of contamination.

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. The email at the top of the page, please, the third in
4 the sequence, 07.02:

5 "Dear Simon, just to confirm, Onishchenko's office
6 have told me that the information in the press is
7 correct. The two planes were checked yesterday and no
8 contamination was found."

9 Turning to INQ019203, the email at the bottom of
10 this page, please, from Nick Latta, to Paul Knott and
11 others.

12 1 December at 22.00 hours:

13 "Paul, we spoke earlier. Post will need to advise
14 the Russian ministry for transport of DfT plans to
15 detain the second Transaero plane (EI-DDK) when it lands
16 at Heathrow on public health grounds."

17 Are you able to interpret the meaning of "post" in
18 this context as between government officials?

19 A. I think it's the person's position at the FCO, as in the
20 office.

21 Q. The Russian post of the FCO, I think?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. When it lands at Heathrow, over to the next page,
24 please. 019204.

25 "Grateful if you could confirm when this has

1 happened. If done at the weekend, please confirm to me
2 and George Howe as well as Simon Smith and Damion Potter
3 (we are covering the weekend in various permutations)."

4 The Metropolitan Police at this time plainly had
5 a strong interest in examining these planes?

6 A. Yes, we did. The Metropolitan Police wanted to examine
7 the planes to identify the contamination from an
8 evidential point of view, and the Health Protection
9 Agency also wanted to examine the planes from a health
10 point of view.

11 Q. In terms of how that's facilitated in practice where
12 cooperation is required from those in different
13 jurisdictions, in this case Russia, what is the
14 mechanism to achieve it that was necessary here?

15 A. Through exactly what we have just seen, through
16 communication through the Foreign and Commonwealth
17 Office.

18 Q. You were dependent on what you were being told by them,
19 plainly.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Back to 019203. From Paul Knott to Nick Latta and
22 others, timed at 12.22.

23 I'm reproducing these in the sequence in which
24 they're in the email string.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Simply because that appears to be the sequence on the
2 actual document:

3 "Nick, I have finally managed to contact the Russian
4 ministry of transport (at 09.10 UK time) and informed
5 them about DfT plans to delay Transaero plane EI-DDK.
6 The MFA have also been informed."

7 Further up the page, Paul Knott to the parties
8 including Nick Latta, 2 December:

9 "Nick, a potential problem -- the ministry of
10 transport duty officer just called back to say that the
11 plane did not leave Moscow this morning and the flight
12 has now been cancelled. He had spoken to Transaero and
13 they had explained the cancellation was due to the
14 disruption to their scheduling arrangements caused by
15 the detention of their plane in London yesterday. They
16 now expected this first plane to take off from London at
17 12.25 UK time."

18 Then he offers further follow-up.

19 So the plane on the ground in Moscow at this time is
20 EI-DDK.

21 A. That's correct, yes.

22 Q. Which was scheduled to fly and then it was cancelled --

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. -- as we can see from these emails?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Just to take the end of the next email at the top of
2 that page, please, to save having to go back to it, just
3 to identify who Mr Latta is, he was health and transport
4 issues, Russia section, of the Foreign and Commonwealth
5 Office at the time?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. INQ019202.

8 Just to take the header to start with, Nick Latta,
9 2 December, 16.33 as timed on this email, it's the final
10 part of this email string, I think, Mr Mascall,
11 Nick Latta to Paul Knott and others, subject:

12 "REST: Transaero aircraft, GDS and the Met Police."

13 "Paul, we spoke. Investigation of Transaero flights
14 for contamination.

15 "You should be aware that the plane HPA checked
16 yesterday in London was found to have traces of polonium
17 210 (8 becquerels per centimetre squared). This is
18 a level considered not to be a threat to public health
19 but is contrary to the line Taranets and
20 Onishchenko gave you yesterday.

21 "As concerns the second plane which did not fly, the
22 police are giving further thought as to whether they
23 want to detain the plane for the purposes of their
24 investigation. The HPA do not feel that they can
25 recommend detention of the plane on public health

1 grounds. We should therefore hold back from talking
2 further to Transaero or the Russian transport
3 authorities about detention of the plane."

4 Then he goes on to say that government
5 decontamination service away team:

6 "GDS raised a number of issues at today's pre-COBR
7 meeting."

8 A COBR meeting, as is well known, is an acronym in
9 fact for committee briefing room A, and it's where
10 meetings of a certain sensitivity take place involving
11 government?

12 A. That's correct, I think it's the cabinet office, but,
13 yes.

14 Q. Cabinet office briefing room A, and GDS is the
15 government decontamination service, I take it?

16 A. Yes, that's correct.

17 Q. This just gives a picture of the issues involved at this
18 time. I needn't rehearse the whole thing, but:

19 "Arrival: firstly, the three person team will be on
20 the 12.25 BA flight departing London on Monday. GDS
21 advise that they spoke to Tony last night to ask that
22 embassy representatives meet them off the flight and
23 escort them through. The team will be carrying all
24 their equipment as hand luggage and we are concerned
25 that this very expensive kit might have problems

1 clearing Customs.

2 "We spoke about handling of the MFA following
3 Simon Smith's letter yesterday. You agreed that you
4 would try to intercept the letter before the MFA
5 forwarded it to the prosecutor general's office, or
6 failing that, that you would stand the prosecutor
7 general's office down by explaining that the team was
8 only looking to work in the embassy and not on planes."

9 They speak about the challenges about this team
10 going to Moscow and back here and how to dispose of
11 materials.

12 A. Yes, that's in relation to our visit to Russia.

13 Q. Was it possible in the end for the Metropolitan Police
14 Service to examine this plane?

15 A. EI-DDK, no, it wasn't.

16 Q. Just finish the sequence. INQ019207. A separate email,
17 Nick Latta to Paul Knott, 2 December 2006, 22.40:

18 "Paul, you will have seen my egram yesterday
19 updating on the state of play in transport. One thing
20 not discussed in that egram is the fate of the second
21 Transaero flight (EI-DDK). We heard this morning from
22 Fedotov that Transaero would refuse to allow the UK
23 authorities to detain the plane in frustration about the
24 detention of their first plane (EI-DNM) on Friday.

25 "Currently, there is an AWE and DfT team on standby

1 at Heathrow in case Transaero send EI-DDK to UK. This
2 is an expensive option. However, given that UK air
3 traffic control only becomes aware that a particular
4 plane is entering UK airspace 30 minutes before it
5 lands, this appears to be the only way of ensuring
6 a team is available when the plane lands.

7 "One thought we have had here is that it might be
8 worth approaching Transaero and explaining that:

9 "(a) we do not want to ban this plane from UK
10 airspace, but if it does fly to the UK we will need to
11 detain it on public health grounds.

12 "(b) the Russian test of the planes did not identify
13 any contamination, but the UK's tests on the first plane
14 did identify trace amounts. As EI-DDK was the inbound
15 flight (rather than the return leg) it is more likely to
16 be a risk (a point we have also made to Fedotov).

17 "(c) Transaero may wish to consider whether they
18 would like to take the opportunity of the presence of
19 the GDS team in Moscow to allow them access to the plane
20 to test it there. Time on the ground in Domodedovo will
21 cost Transaero significantly less than time on the
22 ground at Heathrow."

23 There's comments there to costs and whether a
24 commission rogatoire would be required.

25 MR GARNHAM: Sir, I apologise for interrupting, I wonder if

1 I could ask the Inquiry team to delete the telephone
2 number that was shown on the screen at the end of that
3 document.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, certainly. Yes, thank you.

5 MR DAVIES: Yes. Now, Mr Mascall, various options were
6 plainly being considered at that point to enable you,
7 within a reasonable period of the possible date of
8 contamination, to examine the plane.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Was it possible, was that achieved, in practice?

11 A. No, it wasn't. The simple question is we asked for it
12 to be stopped on where it would be, where it would fly,
13 so that we could search it or screen it. Whether that
14 would be in England or Russia. And from -- what is
15 apparent in there and from the information we've been
16 told, that was frustrated and it never happened, and
17 I think the view is that once that had been frustrated,
18 any subsequent search of that plane, the credibility of
19 any results from it would have been reduced.

20 Q. In 2013, did the investigating commission for the
21 Russian Federation provide materials to the then inquest
22 in connection with the investigation?

23 A. In 2013, yes, they did.

24 Q. Had there been in the interim any revision to the
25 position taken in early December 2006 that these planes

1 had been tested by them and no contamination found?

2 A. Not to the investigation team.

3 Q. If we can look at the documents that were provided,
4 please, in 2013 by the ICRF, COM00046001.

5 Now, Mr Mascall, are you in any better position than
6 anybody else to interpret these documents?

7 A. No. Sorry.

8 Q. By which I mean did they come with any form of statement
9 to further explain that which is on the face of the
10 documents?

11 A. I believe that's not the case, sir. I think there are
12 a list of readings and contamination readings that were
13 provided to the Inquiry team. We subsequently found
14 them on the Lextranet system. And I don't believe
15 there's a statement explaining how it's been done.

16 Q. No. So we take it from the face of the statement for --
17 face of the documents provided for present purposes.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. If, please, the top half of this document could be
20 highlighted, on the face of it, it is in fact annex 4
21 case sheet. Just go to the very top of the document, if
22 that's possible. Just go back to the main document,
23 please. Just take the very top right-hand corner. It's
24 probably clear from -- I'm looking at the very top.

25 All right, it can't be done.

1 Does it say "24" and then the line underneath --
2 that's it, thank you -- "annex 4, case sheet" and then
3 there is no further reference?

4 A. Yes, it does.

5 Q. So it would appear to be annex 4 of a wider document.

6 A. Apparently so, yes.

7 Q. Then if we take it down to where the box starts, please,
8 as a highlighted area. Thank you.

9 The crime scene examination report, December 21,
10 2006.

11 Do you know whether that refers to the date of the
12 report or the date of the underlying examination that is
13 said to be reflected in this document?

14 A. I don't know, sir.

15 Q. It indicates that the examination was begun at 12.10 pm
16 and the examination was finished at 15.00 hours.

17 It is on the face of it part of the -- it is for the
18 investigator for particularly important cases of the
19 general prosecutor's office of the Russian Federation.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. It indicates an arrival at Domodedovo airport in Moscow,
22 various named parties said to be present. The Russian
23 provisions authorising the examination, and the vehicle
24 examined we find, lower half of the page, please, if you
25 highlight where it says "in accordance with" and down to

1 the bottom -- appears to relate to an examination on
2 some date of EI-DDK.

3 A. Yes, that's correct, sir.

4 Q. At a bay at Domodedovo airport. If we go across to the
5 next page, COM00046002, it provides various
6 measurements, this document, and the second half of the
7 page, if that could be expanded, provides some form of
8 readings for alpha and gamma particles respectively in
9 different parts of this plane. Correct?

10 If we go, then, to COM00046003, the middle block
11 where the words start "the results of the examination",
12 could that be highlighted, please, down to -- that's
13 fine, thank you.

14 On the face of the document, this part of the report
15 appears to conclude:

16 "The results of the examination showed that the
17 gamma radiation intensity on the aircraft does exceed
18 the natural radiation background typical for the Moscow
19 region. The reference level is as follows: the
20 effective gamma radiation intensity does not exceed the
21 radiation intensity in the open territory by more than
22 0.2 [a Russian unit] (radiation safety standards ...)",
23 and so on.

24 "The levels of alpha active nuclides identified by
25 measurements do not exceed the hygienic standards

1 contemplated by the radiation safety standards ..."

2 Correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. That's what the document purports to say. And as
5 a matter of context, if we could just take the pages in
6 sequence that were also provided, which was a series of
7 verification certificates for the testing equipment
8 referred to in the earlier part of the report, so if we
9 just have a quick look at what else was provided.

10 COM00046005. It's one verification certificate, and
11 we have further such certificates going through to
12 COM00046009.

13 Have you any information about this beyond the face
14 of the document?

15 A. No, I don't, sir, no.

16 Q. On the face of it, it is saying, on whatever date the
17 testing took place, that the levels of alpha active
18 nuclides were not in excess of ordinary background
19 readings.

20 A. That's what it appears to say on that particular section
21 you've shown, Mr Davies, but I've looked through that
22 document and I can only give my lay person's view of it,
23 and I find it very confusing as to whether it is
24 contaminated or not contaminated, and I think someone
25 from the Atomic Weapons Establishment will be best

1 placed as to the accuracy or -- explain that document.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

3 MR DAVIES: I'm going to take this very shortly just to show
4 up the other document that will be relevant to that very
5 exercise. COM00198001.

6 This is, top right-hand corner, annex 1 to the
7 letter 6 December 2006, and again, first page of this is
8 apparently reflecting gamma radiation testing?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. But we do have a date at the top here, it's "Excerpt
11 from protocol dd 01.12.2006". Again, that isn't
12 necessarily a date of testing.

13 A. That's correct, that's still a date after they said the
14 plane was clean.

15 Q. Yes. In terms of alpha radiation as distinct from gamma
16 radiation testing, can we turn to COM00198004, the lower
17 half of that page, please, where we have a series of
18 readings from seat D, row, and then number 26 and 25.

19 So on the face of it testing seat number 26 perhaps,
20 and turning to COM00198006, we have an opinion on the
21 face of the document. This is for EI-DNM, so the plane
22 you did test.

23 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr Davies, on the screen before the one that
24 we're now looking at, does that assist us as to whether
25 there was testing specifically in relation to row 16?

1 MR DAVIES: Row 16 would be relevant to the incoming flight,
2 and this is the -- we're now back to the outgoing
3 flight, which is row 26.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, thank you.

5 MR DAVIES: But the conclusion at 19806, COM000198, relates
6 to the flight you did test, in other words the
7 London-Moscow element, and inspected facilities, met the
8 requirements, gamma radiation, but then this:

9 "On board tailfin number EI-DNM, flight number 444
10 London-Moscow, date and time of arriving
11 2 December 2006, radioactive contamination was detected
12 in the economy class cabin, seats D in rows 25, 26.
13 Maximum contamination value amounted to 188 parts. The
14 indicated seats were disassembled along with the entire
15 section (seats D, E, F) and placed into a separate
16 inaccessible for unauthorised parties premise for
17 utilisation with further identification of the
18 radionuclide composition of the contamination by
19 a special organisation according to the established
20 procedure. Upon installation of the new seat section
21 radioactive contamination was no longer observed."

22 So looking at that, Mr Mascall, it's indicating that
23 the aircraft examined was EI-DNM, which was that for
24 18 October 2006, London-Moscow. It refers to the date
25 of 2 December, time of arrival, and is indicating

1 effectively alpha radiation. Were you notified of that?

2 A. No, we were not notified of that result, no. Not until
3 2013 when it came into the inquest team.

4 Q. Turning to EI-DDK, the Moscow-London incoming flight,
5 16 October 2006, COM00198011, please. It's the second
6 half of the page.

7 Areas tested, doesn't provide arrival times, and if
8 we turn over the page to 0198012, areas tested include
9 a number of seats, arm rests, and the opinion, part 2 of
10 the opinion:

11 "... GR [gamma radiation] in the premises over the
12 territory background considering the measurement error,
13 13.2 at the permitted value of 20."

14 And 2:

15 "Radioactive contamination (fixed and non-fixed) was
16 not detected."

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Again, a further interpretation of the adequacy of these
19 documents is really for a qualified scientist?

20 A. That's correct, sir, yes.

21 MR DAVIES: Sir, that might be a good moment to pause for
22 a separate witness of fact if it's convenient.

23 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

24 MR DAVIES: We have exhausted, so far as we are for present
25 purposes, the question of the aeroplane and --

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, would it be sensible to take our break
2 at this point?

3 MR DAVIES: I hesitate, actually. If I may, we can look at
4 your own testing of the same plane.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

6 MR DAVIES: Could we have up, please, INQ007581.

7 Sir, in terms of the testing evidence, as you would
8 anticipate, there are dozens of statements as to those
9 conducting the testing at each of the various scenes.
10 We're not intending to rehearse them all.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

12 MR DAVIES: The product of the statements has in any event
13 been reflected in the master contamination schedule
14 which reflects date of testing and so on. But simply to
15 illustrate the form of one of these statements, we have
16 got one on the screen.

17 Is this right, Mr Mascall, multiple statements were
18 taken to similar effect here as to the testing of
19 aeroplanes and other places?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Can you just expand this statement so I can read it off
22 the screen. Thank you.

23 This statement, he says, is made in relation to
24 Transaero aircraft EI-DNM, terminal 1, Heathrow, and
25 relates to the monitoring for radioactivity on

1 1 December 2006. The scientist indicates that he is
2 employed by the Atomic Weapons Establishment under
3 arrangements with government. He responded as a trained
4 team leader of a group of staff involved in the search
5 and detection of radioactive materials, and he attended
6 Heathrow airport where this plane was stopped for the
7 purpose of examination.

8 "General task: ... I was tasked with monitoring for
9 radioactivity to determine its presence and if present
10 the location and intensity of the contamination.

11 "... the equipment used by each team member was
12 a Selectra ... monitor fitted with an IAP2 probe for
13 measuring alpha. A function test of each instrument was
14 conducted and it was checked using an alpha check source
15 at the start of each working shift.

16 "Personnel and specific tasks: my team members at
17 the scene were Scientist A5 and Scientist A13, both AWE
18 employees present in the role of radiological search
19 officers. Both Scientist A5 and Scientist A13 were
20 tasked with monitoring the passenger seats of rows 25,
21 26 and 27 of the airport for [radioactivity],
22 specifically alpha contamination, and report the
23 location and intensity if present. Alpha radiation was
24 detected and confirmed by both search officers on three
25 seats, 25D, 26D and 27D."

1 Sir, to illustrate the point as to the contamination
2 schedule could we have on screen, please, INQ018028
3 starting at INQ018027.

4 Mr Mascall, is this an entry from the contamination
5 master schedule?

6 A. Yes, it is.

7 Q. Which extends to I think some 356 pages or 256 pages of
8 data like this?

9 A. Yes, this schedule contains or should contain every
10 reading that was obtained from every scene that we did.

11 Q. We can see -- and Scientist A1 on her return will
12 interpret this for us, but we can see the date of
13 monitoring, the agency responsible, the location of
14 alpha radiation and the counts per second reflected
15 thereon, and we see readings in relation to seats 25D,
16 26D, 26E, 27D and so on, at different places?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. If we go across to INQ018028, to complete the entry for
19 the EI-DNM aeroplane, again we see some readings there
20 that can be interpreted for us by Scientist A1?

21 A. Yes.

22 MR DAVIES: Yes, sir, that would now be an appropriate
23 moment.

24 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, very well. Ten minutes.

25 (11.07 am)

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(A short break)

(11.18 am)

DETECTIVE CONSTABLE SPENCER SCOTT (affirmed)

Questions by MR DAVIES

MR DAVIES: Can you give your name, please?

A. Spencer Scott.

Q. In October 2006, what was your occupation, Mr Scott?

A. I was detective constable at Gatwick airport.

Q. Could I ask you to keep your voice up? You won't appreciate this, but it's being --

A. Okay.

Q. -- reported through to a separate annexe and people sometimes can't hear what's being said. You were a detective constable based at Gatwick airport, and you were on duty on 16 October 2006.

A. That's correct, yes.

Q. You conducted a stop, Detective Constable Scott, did you, of men named Lugovoy and Kovtun?

A. Yes, I did, yes.

Q. I'm going to ask you to describe the circumstances of that stop, please, in a little detail.

A. Both individuals were coming off a flight from Russia. I identified them as -- I thought they were of interest and basically as they came through immigration controls, I stopped them and questioned them.

1 Q. Right. You indicate that you identified them as being
2 of interest. Was that based on -- what was that based
3 on?

4 A. That was just based on basically they were together
5 and -- I can't remember completely because it's a long,
6 long time ago, but I just had a feeling that they may be
7 of interest to ourselves.

8 Q. Right. Did you have any prior intelligence about either
9 man as a basis for stopping them?

10 A. No, I didn't, no.

11 Q. They were arriving on a flight from Russia. You've
12 recorded in your initial witness statement the details
13 of that flight. Just for the record, can you confirm
14 them.

15 A. It's the Russian UN333 flight.

16 Q. A Transaero flight from Moscow?

17 A. Yes, that's correct.

18 Q. Subsequent to speaking to these men, you prepared
19 a report from which you based your statement or
20 statements?

21 A. Yes, I did, yes.

22 Q. Do those notes contain any form of photograph of the men
23 you stopped?

24 A. There was a photograph taken of the men, yes.

25 Q. What time is that photograph taken or timed at?

1 A. I'd have to look at my statement for that.

2 Q. A statement of 9 December. Could we have INQ013790 up,
3 please.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Is that it?

6 A. Yes, that's correct, yes.

7 Q. So 11.34 on 16 October. Looking at that and based on
8 your notes, can you indicate which man is which on the
9 photograph?

10 A. Andrei Lugovoy is on the left and Dmitri Kovtun is on
11 the right.

12 Q. Just look at your statement and take your time.

13 A. Sorry, the wrong way. Dmitri is on the left and Lugovoy
14 is on the right, yes.

15 Q. So Mr Kovtun on the left, Mr Lugovoy on the right?

16 A. Yes, yes, yes.

17 Q. Taking it in summary to start with, Mr Scott, did you
18 obtain any documents from these men, and if so what were
19 they?

20 A. I obtained their tickets, also their booking for their
21 hotel.

22 Q. You made your statement on 9 December 2006 based on your
23 notes, so no doubt things were somewhat more directly in
24 mind then.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Take your time. You obtained copies of a number of
2 documents. Just rehearse what you said.

3 A. He was carrying a leather laptop case. I obtained
4 tickets, booking receipts for the Best Western
5 Shaftesbury hotel, and given to me concerning their
6 business of Global Project and Metropolises.

7 Q. So there's reference to Global Project, I'll take this
8 more slowly.

9 Did you see a booking form in relation to the
10 Best Western?

11 A. Yes, I did, yes.

12 Q. And the travel company associated with that?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What was the name of that company?

15 A. That was ...

16 Q. Was it Gullivers Travel Associates?

17 A. Yes, it was, yes.

18 Q. I'm just starting with the statement of 9 December, so
19 stick with that one for now, the second page of that.

20 A. I don't think I've got one dated 9 December.

21 Q. Right. In terms of the men's respective capacities to
22 speak English so far as you could ascertain it, what was
23 your impression?

24 A. I recall that Mr Kovtun did not speak any English, but
25 Mr Lugovoy answered all my questions.

1 Q. Mr Kovtun did not appear to you to speak English?

2 A. No.

3 Q. But Mr Lugovoy answered all your questions --

4 A. That's correct, yes.

5 Q. -- in which language?

6 A. In English.

7 Q. In English?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. In terms of what was said between you, turning to your
10 statement of 19 December for a second, Mr Scott, have
11 you made an exact note of the questions and answers you
12 received, asked and received, or not?

13 A. I didn't make an exact note of all the questions and
14 answers at the time.

15 Q. What accounts did they give, first of all, as to their
16 purpose in coming to the United Kingdom?

17 Perhaps if we could have on screen INQ002851,
18 please. Just have the second paragraph highlighted.

19 This is from your statement dated 9 December?

20 A. I mean, both of them obviously said that, according to
21 my statement, they were travelling for business.

22 Mr Lugovoy said he owned a company called Global Project
23 and Mr Kovtun was a member of a finance department of
24 Bank Metropolises in Russia.

25 Q. Yes, keep your voice up, please, Mr Scott.

1 A. Mr Lugovoy stated they had travelled to the UK, London,
2 for a meeting with a company called
3 Continental Petroleum Limited based at 58
4 Grosvenor Street, London. Mr Lugovoy said he had
5 a contact in that company called Mr Alexander Shadray.
6 He gave Mr Shadray's contact number to me and a mobile
7 number.

8 Q. You've recorded that name as Shadray --

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. -- we see from the statement. Was that your spelling or
11 a spelling they gave you or --

12 A. That was his spelling.

13 Q. His spelling?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Shadray. Is that reflected in your notes, that
16 spelling, from what you can remember?

17 A. I had done a report, yes, that was reflected in there.

18 Q. In any event, contact numbers were given which the
19 police enquiry could follow up to establish who that
20 person was.

21 A. That's correct, yes.

22 Q. Looking at your statement of 19 December 2014, what was
23 your impression of each man's manner and openness with
24 you in terms of questioning on these lines?

25 A. Well, the reason that I went and called Mr Shadray up

1 and asked for those phone numbers is because they were
2 very evasive as to why they were coming into the UK.

3 Q. They were very evasive?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Can you amplify upon that assertion?

6 A. Well, as I asked them questions, they weren't coming out
7 with the answers that I wanted to hear or expected to
8 hear. They were giving me very, very short answers, so
9 there was no information in those answers.

10 Q. What type of questions were you asking to which you were
11 getting this quality of response?

12 A. The normal questions that you ask: where are you going
13 to, who are you seeing, what businesses are you involved
14 in. A lot of it was one word answers; they weren't
15 elaborating of why they were coming in for this business
16 or why they were going to meet these individuals, or
17 this individual.

18 Q. Did you conduct any further checks before they were
19 permitted to continue or did you conduct them
20 afterwards?

21 A. No, I conducted them at the time.

22 Q. At the time?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. You conducted those checks based on what, Mr Scott?

25 A. I conducted those checks to verify that they were

1 actually going to meet this individual and that the
2 companies that they were talking about were correct.

3 Q. Putting back up INQ002851, please, the final paragraph.

4 Just to refresh your memory from this, does this
5 accurately reflect the checks you conducted before they
6 were permitted to continue? I'll read it into the
7 record:

8 "I conducted further checks on the company details
9 Mr Lugovoy provided but could not find any trace at the
10 address that had been given. I called the landline
11 number provided for Mr Shadray and spoke to a man who
12 stated that the company Mr Lugovoy and Mr Kovtun were
13 visiting [was] called EC03 Capital [company] and gave
14 the address as 58 Grosvenor Street, London. The man
15 stated that EC03 Capital [company] was a sister company
16 of Continental Petroleum Limited and both companies were
17 listed with the UK financial services. I completed
18 a Ports report of the actions I had undertaken and the
19 results of my enquiries. I then submitted this to my
20 sergeant who would have supervised it."

21 A. Yes, that's correct, yes.

22 Q. That is what you've put in your statement.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. I've simply reflected it on screen for ease of
25 reference.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. But prompted by that, does that help you with the checks
3 you conducted?

4 A. Yes, they were the checks I conducted. Also, obviously,
5 the police checks that I conducted as well.

6 Q. So you conducted further standard policing database
7 checks, did you?

8 A. That's correct, yes.

9 Q. Turning to your statement of 11 December 2006 -- do you
10 have that one?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Is this right, you conducted some other checks as well,
13 including those in relation to the integrity of the visa
14 applications for Mr Lugovoy?

15 A. That was done later. It wasn't done at the time.

16 Q. This was later?

17 A. Because we didn't have access to that system.

18 Q. So you conducted checks on 11 December later?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Which I needn't trouble you with.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. You took a decision to permit them to continue,
23 obviously.

24 A. Yes, that's correct, yes.

25 Q. Although you filed a report for the purpose of what

1 Mr Lugovoy and Mr Kovtun said they were involved with,
2 Global Project and Bank Metropolises.

3 A. That's correct, yes.

4 Q. Did you do any searches on the internet to see whether
5 those companies existed?

6 A. I'd done searches on our systems to see if they were
7 registered in the UK, which they weren't, and that's why
8 I phoned up Mr Shadray to figure out if they were in
9 fact visiting him and what companies they actually were
10 visiting.

11 Q. Was there any record or trace of those companies on the
12 internet?

13 A. No, I don't believe there was, no.

14 MR STRAW: Thank you.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr Scott.

16 Yes?

17 MR DAVIES: Sir, we now turn to Mr Krgo who is the house
18 manager at the Best Western Hotel.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

20 MR GORAN KRGO (affirmed)

21 Questions by MR DAVIES

22 MR DAVIES: Would you start by giving the Inquiry your full
23 name, please?

24 A. My name is Goran Krgo.

25 Q. What was your occupation, Mr Krgo, in October/November

1 of 2006?

2 A. I was employed as house/hotel manager at
3 Best Western Premier Shaftesbury Hotel in
4 Shaftesbury Avenue in London.

5 Q. You were asked in connection with the death of
6 Mr Alexander Litvinenko to provide evidence by the
7 Metropolitan Police Service?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. You provided statements respectively dated
10 24 November 2006?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. 5 December 2006?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. And a further one simply producing a floor plan dated
15 26 October 2007.

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Do you have any memory, Mr Krgo, of individuals staying
18 at the hotel in connection with this police
19 investigation?

20 A. I remembered those two guests quite vividly.

21 Q. Just in headline terms, what was it about these two
22 guests as distinct from thousands of others going
23 through the hotel that stuck in your mind?

24 A. We found them to be quite comical, really, on the
25 account of how they were dressed and the excessive

1 jewellery that they were wearing too.

2 Q. We'll come back to that, but these are men you
3 specifically remember, are they?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. For those reasons. Let's start with the booking and
6 circumstances of the booking, Mr Krgo --

7 A. Mm-hmm.

8 Q. -- if we can. We'll come back to it, but these were
9 rooms in fact booked through Gullivers Travel.

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. We'll come back to the evidence of Ms Percy after you
12 have finished, but if we could have, please, the hotel
13 booking form, INQ006479. Can you help us to interpret
14 this, Mr Krgo, please, in terms of what it tells us
15 about the booking?

16 A. GTA or Gullivers Travel Association are global
17 distribution sales agency.

18 Q. Yes. That is global travel document?

19 A. Yes, so this booking was made either directly by the
20 gentlemen who stayed at the hotel or somebody else on
21 their behalf. Through global distribution systems, they
22 were sent to our hotel's central reservation department
23 and from there to the actual hotel unit registered in
24 hotel's property management system.

25 So obviously this is a booking for two rooms

1 arriving on 16 October, staying for two nights. Looking
2 at the nationality ID, I saw that they come from Russia,
3 and on the left-hand side you can see the internal
4 agency booking ID numbers.

5 Q. Yes. Are you able to help, Mr Krgo, as to the date of
6 this booking?

7 A. I couldn't tell exactly when the booking was made by
8 either two gentlemen or somebody else on their behalf,
9 but we received it at the hotel from our central
10 reservations office on the day before the arrival,
11 I think.

12 Q. Yes. Could I just ask you to look at your statement of
13 5 December 2006?

14 A. Mm-hmm.

15 Q. The second half of the first page of that statement, so
16 there's no mystery about it, could we have on screen
17 INQ002885. We are, after all, going back a number of
18 years now.

19 A. Yes, so the booking was received by the central
20 reservation system which was at another property, on
21 7 October 2006.

22 Q. Right. If we could have the lower half of that
23 highlighted, please.

24 You're indicating that in relation to this
25 booking --

1 A. Yes, that it's made on 7 October.

2 Q. On 7 October?

3 A. 2006.

4 Q. At about 17.30 pm.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. To go to the upper half of that page, please, on the
7 screen, what address details were given?

8 A. You mean by Lugovoy and Kovtun?

9 Q. Yes. Yes. These details.

10 A. Do you mean upon the arrival or at the time of the
11 booking?

12 Q. Yes, at the booking. It's the document we've seen, GK4.

13 A. There is no address here, just the names, obviously.

14 Q. Right. So that was a booking made on 7 October for the
15 two nights for the two men in separate rooms.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Were you working on 16 October, Mr Krgo?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. If necessary, it's not for my purposes, you could
20 produce the staff rota to demonstrate that?

21 A. I think there's -- a part of the evidence supplied to
22 the police was the hotel's roster, showing who was on
23 duty during that week.

24 Q. We've got that, and if necessary it can be part of
25 the Inquiry document.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. I'd just like to help, please, with your direct
3 engagement if any with Messrs Lugovoy and Kovtun.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Can you give an account of that insofar as you met them,
6 what time it was, and how it occurred?

7 A. Well, they arrived on 16 October.

8 Q. What time did they arrive from what you remember?

9 A. We remembered it was quite early, it was between 9.00
10 and 9.30 in the morning, and they were -- they wanted to
11 book into their rooms that were booked for them.
12 However, the rooms were not ready from the previous day
13 because the check-in time was after 2.00, I believe.

14 Q. Right, so just pausing there, did you make any note at
15 the time of their arrival time at the hotel?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Or was this going from memory, Mr Krgo, on 5 December?

18 A. I think when I was giving this statement to the police,
19 we were looking at the hotel's CCTV images as well.
20 They do have a time on them.

21 Q. They do?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Well we'll cover that with the police, if necessary.
24 But your statement says 9.00 to 9.30.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Where were you at that time?

2 A. I was probably either behind or around the front desk
3 area.

4 Q. Your responsibilities were what?

5 A. I was in overall charge of the hotel operation.

6 Q. Were you responsible for entering details to the system
7 if guests arrived and so on, or was that delegated to --

8 A. No, that would be the receptionist on duty.

9 Q. Yes. So if you're at or around or behind the desk, just
10 describe the two men that approached the desk, please,
11 and your response to them.

12 A. The two men approached the hotel's front desk from
13 entering the hotel through the main entrance, which is
14 from the Shaftesbury Avenue.

15 Q. Yes.

16 A. They directly approached the desk and spoke to us in
17 English, and they --

18 Q. You say "they" spoke to you in English.

19 A. One of them, I think, Lugovoy.

20 Q. Did Mr Kovtun speak in English from what you remember?

21 A. I can't remember exactly, but I think Lugovoy was kind
22 of the one who was the party leader, if you like.

23 Q. Yes. So they came up to the desk, spoke to you. Did
24 you recognise either of them?

25 A. I recognised from the newspaper and the TV one of them,

1 which was Lugovoy, as either bodyguard or a very close
2 associate of -- I think it was a president, either
3 Russian government or a mayor of Moscow, Yegor Gaidar.

4 Q. Yegor Gaidar?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Was he a former prime minister?

7 A. I think so, yes.

8 Q. You recognised Mr Lugovoy in that capacity, did you?

9 A. Yes, I did, yes.

10 Q. Did the men give their names?

11 A. Yes, they did, yes. They actually gave us the booking
12 form and they identified themselves as Lugovoy and
13 Kovtun.

14 Q. How much luggage did they have?

15 A. They didn't have much luggage. I think that was kind of
16 unusual, because normally people would have arrived with
17 a certain amount of luggage and suitcases. They had
18 very little luggage, maybe hand luggage only.

19 Q. Their rooms were not ready, they'd arrived too early for
20 the rooms to be ready.

21 A. Yes, they arrived too early, yes.

22 Q. What procedure was adopted to deal with the fact they'd
23 arrived and their rooms were not ready?

24 A. They were told that they will have to wait until the
25 rooms are ready for their arrival which is -- I think it

1 was 2.00 in the afternoon was the check-in time, and we
2 offered to help them by storing their luggage in the
3 hotel's storage room, and asked them to come back later
4 when their rooms are ready.

5 Q. What was the reaction to that?

6 A. They elected to leave their luggage in the hotel's
7 storage room, and they asked where could they go for
8 a couple of hours to get some food and refreshments, and
9 I recommended the cafe just round the corner from the
10 hotel. And then they were gone.

11 Q. Did you see them doing anything else in the foyer of the
12 hotel before they left?

13 A. They made a couple of phone calls on their mobile
14 phones, talking in Russian.

15 Q. Did you see them again that day, Mr Krgo?

16 A. I think I saw them when they came back later on, and we
17 gave them keys for one of the rooms that was ready, so
18 they picked up their luggage from the concierge and they
19 went to one of the rooms, and I saw them when they came
20 back from the rooms when they changed their clothes from
21 casual to kind of business suits.

22 Q. Can you remember now which of the two rooms it was that
23 was available first?

24 A. 107, which was Lugovoy's room.

25 Q. Mr Lugovoy's room?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. That was allocated to him?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Was standard pre-authorisation procedures followed in
5 terms of cards and the usual booking-in procedures?

6 A. Yes, when they came back they filled in their
7 registration cards and that's also part of the evidence,
8 and a credit card was pre-authorised in case of any
9 incremental costs.

10 Q. You've referred to your statement to a time at which
11 those cards were pre-authorised.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Was this the time at which certainly Mr Lugovoy formally
14 was being booked into the hotel?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. At or about this time?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. So what time was that?

19 A. According to the credit card slip -- I'll have to have
20 a look -- it's 12.51.

21 Q. 12.51?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You indicated that that time was verified through
24 a Detective Constable Stewart as accurate?

25 A. Yes, that's the time that's verified by the PDQ terminal

1 as well.

2 Q. Having given them access to room 107, Mr Lugovoy's room,
3 the men went upstairs to that room, did they?

4 A. Yes, they did.

5 Q. Did they have their luggage?

6 A. Yes, they did.

7 Q. When did you next see them?

8 A. I saw them maybe 20 minutes, half an hour later on, when
9 they came back from their -- from Lugovoy's room to
10 hotel's reception, and they went outside. They asked
11 a few general questions, like where is the nearest
12 underground station and I think they asked how could
13 they get to see Arsenal football game, or something like
14 that. But that was really trivial, you know, nothing
15 to --

16 Q. They were asking questions, standard questions,
17 underground station and how they could watch Arsenal?

18 A. A question that any visitor would have asked, really.

19 Q. In terms of the use of "they", did you speak Russian?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Can you remember now whether Mr Kovtun was conversing in
22 English at any point?

23 A. He was, yes, in a very kind of bad English, but still,
24 yes.

25 Q. Was he appearing to understand your English to a degree?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. When they reappeared, was there anything different about
3 their appearance?

4 A. They wore different clothes.

5 Q. Why do you remember that?

6 A. I think we gave them very detailed description how they
7 were dressed, but they were wearing like business suits
8 with shirts and ties, quite colourful, silk and
9 polyester suits and shirts.

10 So Kovtun was wearing a silvery metallic
11 polyester-type suit and Lugovoy was wearing a dark grey
12 checked suit.

13 Q. Was there anything else about their appearance you
14 noted?

15 A. Nothing suspicious, really.

16 Q. Did their clothing attract any conversation with other
17 members of staff?

18 A. Yes, we were laughing.

19 Q. Who was laughing about it?

20 A. The girl who worked behind the desk, she was amused by
21 the dress code and she was like -- she was making
22 general comments about the way they were dressed, so ...

23 Q. What was amusing about their suits, ties, et cetera,
24 relative to what may be thought to be standard Western
25 business dress?

1 A. They were dressed -- the colours didn't match, the suits
2 were either too big or too small, they just didn't look
3 like people who are used to wearing suits. So they
4 looked like -- I think the expression is like a donkey
5 with a saddle, if you like, you know.

6 Q. You've referred already to jewellery?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Some very visible jewellery?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. All right. Did you see them again on the 16th, Mr Krgo?

11 A. I haven't seen them after that.

12 Q. Did you conduct some checks as to their stay at the
13 hotel thereafter, in other words for the 17th and the
14 18th?

15 A. We don't normally carry out checks on whether people
16 are -- when people are entering and leaving the hotel
17 premises, but I was told that they departed early on the
18 17th, rather than 18th.

19 Q. Just dealing with that, you were not working, but you
20 have examined computer records in relation to them
21 booking out.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Can you indicate by reference to those records, please,
24 at what time by reference to the records there was an
25 early departure by Messrs Lugovoy and Kovtun on the

1 17th?

2 A. The computer property management system audit trail
3 report shows 13.37 pm on 17 October.

4 Q. 13.37?

5 A. Yes, on 17 October.

6 Q. There's a reallocation of room 107?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. It was released to be re-let at 14.15.

9 A. Yes, and it was let to another resident at 17.02 on the
10 same day.

11 Q. In terms of the consequences of that to the guest,
12 booking out early, in the particular circumstances, did
13 the fact that they booked out early, a day early, mean
14 they were entitled to a refund or not?

15 A. Typically, they wouldn't be entitled to a refund. I was
16 told by the receptionist on duty that they didn't ask
17 for a refund. They just said that they were leaving
18 a day early.

19 Q. Right. So they didn't ask for a refund?

20 A. No.

21 Q. They didn't receive a refund?

22 A. No.

23 Q. From what was reported to you, they simply said they
24 were leaving a day early?

25 A. They decided to leave one day early and that was it.

1 They didn't elaborate on why or left any messages or
2 send emails.

3 Q. From what was reported to you, was there any complaint
4 as to the condition of the rooms at the hotel that would
5 have caused them to leave early?

6 A. No.

7 Q. You have records -- I don't need to trouble you with
8 them -- of matters such as a limited number of items
9 from the duty free -- not the duty free, the minibar in
10 the hotel room, things of that kind, fairly standard
11 stuff?

12 A. Yes, there is a hotel bill showing that they had
13 a bottle of wine, I think, and something else.

14 Q. A bottle of wine is shown at GBP 4.50.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. We can take it it's either terrible wine or a small
17 bottle, or both, I daresay?

18 A. Yes, something miscellaneous really.

19 Q. Minibar experiences.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. All right, but nothing dramatic on the hotel bill beyond
22 those sorts of...

23 A. No, nothing unusual, really. There was one telephone
24 call made on the 17th in the morning, probably before
25 they were left, but it was very short.

1 Q. The number has been provided to the police.

2 A. The number was given to the police, I think it's
3 blackened out here.

4 Q. Thank you. Further, Mr Krgo, you assisted the police by
5 providing floor plans of the Best Western Hotel
6 including rooms 107 and 108 which are exhibited as GOK1
7 and 2 respectively.

8 A. Mm-hmm.

9 Q. I needn't bring them up, and a more general floor plan
10 of floors 2, 4 and 5, GOK3. Is that right?

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. No doubt you were aware of the fact that these rooms
13 were subsequently tested by the police for polonium
14 contamination?

15 A. Yes.

16 MR DAVIES: That's all I'm asking.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr Straw.

18 Questions by MR STRAW

19 MR STRAW: A couple of questions about the time they arrived
20 first of all. Were you here earlier when DC Scott gave
21 evidence?

22 A. Yes, I was, yes.

23 Q. So you saw the photo that came up on the screen of
24 Lugovoy and Kovtun at the immigration desk at 11.34.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. You heard DC Scott say that he thought they stayed there
2 for about 20 minutes longer after that.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Once someone gets through the immigration desk, leaves
5 Gatwick airport, how long would it normally take them to
6 get to your hotel?

7 A. From Gatwick?

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. An hour at least, an hour and a half maybe.

10 Q. Which room was allocated to Kovtun at your hotel?

11 A. 308.

12 Q. They chose to leave those rooms a day early on the 17th.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. So the hotel -- they weren't asked to leave because the
15 hotel was overbooked?

16 A. No.

17 Q. We're going to hear that those rooms were sealed and
18 then tested for radiation at the end of November.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Between the day they left, 17 October, and the end
21 of November, would you have expected the rooms to be
22 cleaned daily?

23 A. Yes, every day.

24 MR STRAW: Thank you.

25 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Mr Krgo.

1 MR DAVIES: I recall Mr Mascall, please.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

3 DETECTIVE INSPECTOR CRAIG MASCALL (resumed)

4 Questions by MR DAVIES (continued)

5 MR DAVIES: Just to complete that little passage of
6 evidence, there was reference yesterday to a statement
7 from Julia Percy from Gullivers Travel. She produces --
8 and we may as well have on screen -- the Best Western
9 booking form, INQ006401. That is the booking form she
10 refers to in her statement for the 16 to 18 October stay
11 by Messrs Lugovoy and Kovtun and the price can be seen
12 at GBP 617 for the rooms alone.

13 Now, to revert to events at Gatwick, Mr Mascall, did
14 you seek to conduct enquiries in relation to the airside
15 coaches used to ferry passengers from the aeroplane to
16 the south side terminal at Gatwick?

17 A. Yes, we sent officers to the airport to locate which
18 buses would have been used to detain them and to have
19 them screened for potential contamination.

20 Q. On screen, please -- was that dealt with by
21 Detective Sergeant Maberly?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. On screen, INQ007475.

24 The final paragraph here, please, starting "further
25 enquiries", it's a witness statement by him of

1 8 December 2006.

2 The relevant part for our purposes:

3 "Further enquiries at the airport located the
4 coaches used to transport the occupants of flights UN333
5 and UN444, the incoming flight on 16 October 2006 and
6 the outgoing flight on 18 October 2006 on which Lugovoy
7 and Kovtun left.

8 "At 3.20 pm I attended the Gatwick airside coach
9 park adjacent to Atlantic House. Coach C6 was
10 identified as the Airlinks COBUS 2700 vehicle used to
11 convey Kovtun and Lugovoy from the plane to the terminal
12 on the 16th. It was examined by colleagues from AWE
13 between 3.20 pm and 3.45 pm without trace of any atomic
14 matter.

15 "Coach C4, another Airlinks COBUS 2700 that was also
16 parked in the same coach park was identified as the
17 vehicle used to convey Kovtun and Lugovoy from the
18 terminal to the plane (flight UN444) on 18 October 2006.
19 It was examined by colleagues from the AWE between 3.50
20 and 4.15, again without any trace of atomic material.
21 Enquiries with staff that ran the coaches identified
22 that the coaches were swept on a daily basis and deep
23 cleaned on a fortnightly basis. The deep clean involved
24 mopping of the floor and the wiping down of all the
25 other surfaces."

1 A. Yes, that's correct.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: I think, Mr Davies, those inspections were
3 carried out on 8 December.

4 MR DAVIES: Sir, yes, correct. I should say that
5 Mr Maberly's statement, if we can just go back to the
6 full document, the previous page, please, 007475, is
7 this right, Mr Mascall, Mr Maberly directed Detective
8 Constable Brown to retrieve the original reports from
9 Detective Constable Scott from whom we have heard this
10 morning?

11 A. Yes, that's correct.

12 Q. They were so obtained?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. We come to further alpha monitoring of different sites,
15 most particularly for immediate purposes the
16 Best Western Hotel.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. These were monitored for alpha radiation. The
19 background statements in terms of continuity are in
20 the Inquiry's materials, I won't rehearse the references
21 fully now, but the basic data is reflected at INQ017942,
22 if that could be expanded.

23 In fact the monitoring at the Best Western starts at
24 the schedule -- there is in fact a 21 page schedule,
25 I think, Mr Mascall, just for Best Western Hotel alone,

1 of the number of samples taken.

2 A. That would sound correct.

3 Q. It's not for to you interpret the data, but we can see
4 the number of samples taken and references to the
5 agency. Can you just explain why, while we have it up,
6 the distinction in this schedule between AWE and the MPS
7 for our purposes, just so I can understand that
8 distinction?

9 A. Yes, I think it would help explaining, it might seem
10 obvious, but this was the first time this had ever been
11 done, sir, certainly in this country, and I am led to
12 believe the first time in the world, where we had to
13 examine a scene for a criminal purpose, for radioactive
14 contamination, and from a health perspective, and it was
15 how the different agencies worked together to ensure
16 that obviously from the health side that the place was
17 cleaned and made safe for public consumption, health,
18 for health grounds, and also from the criminal
19 investigation that we had the evidence we needed to show
20 where the contamination was at each particular scene.

21 The different agencies held lengthy meetings, so
22 that's the Atomic Weapons Establishment, the Health
23 Protection Agency, the forensic management team from the
24 Metropolitan Police, as well as other agencies and they
25 all got together to decide the best way forward on how

1 to produce these results.

2 It was decided that key locations would be initially
3 screened by the Atomic Weapons Establishment, and then
4 subsequently the clean-up operation would have been
5 conducted by the Health Protection Agency. So, from
6 a scene such as this, what would happen is police
7 officers would go to the Best Western Hotel, speak to
8 Mr Krgo and establish which rooms they'd stayed in.
9 Those rooms would have then been secured and treated as
10 a crime scene, and a cordon put in place so no one could
11 enter that particular room, and also areas within the
12 hotel that they believed they'd been, they would also
13 have been treated as a crime scene. And then the
14 Atomic Weapons Establishment would have gone into those
15 rooms and screened for contamination, and initially they
16 went in and checked for alpha contamination and came out
17 and said, yes, there is alpha contamination within that
18 room.

19 That process would have involved a team of staff
20 from the AWE. There would have been a forensic
21 management sergeant or DC from the police, who would
22 also have been recording what was going on, and then
23 after they've left or still with police presence, the
24 Health Protection Agency would later then have gone into
25 that room, and that's why you get different readings on

1 different dates by different agencies.

2 Just to not complicate matters, but just to explain
3 it fully, what was established was although we
4 identified that alpha contamination was in the room, if
5 I can explain that if they held the counter on this
6 particular table and located a certain counts per
7 second, say 10 counts per second on this part of the
8 table, it was also recognised that if you held the
9 counter on the other side of the table, you could get
10 a far higher reading where the contamination was
11 greater. And it was recognised that if the Health
12 Protection Agency then went and cleaned up the scene, we
13 would have lost our data that showed the full extent of
14 the contamination within the room, and that's -- so what
15 then happened was there was a re-examination of the
16 room, which is why you'll see different rooms screened
17 at a later date where there's a much more thorough
18 screen of the rooms, a lot more data is obtained, and
19 it's that data that's then used to produce the
20 computer-aided modelling.

21 Q. Let's illustrate that, because the testing at
22 Best Western took place on multiple dates starting
23 30 November, but in fact not concluding until
24 22 December, multiple dates within that period.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. If we go back to INQ017940, the master contamination
2 schedule is chronological, and just to illustrate the
3 theme, really, 30 November 2006, we can see a number of
4 readings taken in room 107.

5 A. Yes, I should also explain that the readings there from
6 the AWE are the readings from their team, and that's
7 documented in that evidential reference X465. Where you
8 have the MPS, the MPS were not doing readings. We were
9 just recording key measurements that were -- we were
10 informed of by the AWE, so that's just almost like
11 a replica.

12 Q. It's probably easy now to recognise what was done, why
13 it was done, and so on, but, as you've indicated, this
14 was a unique challenge, really, for the
15 Metropolitan Police Service, wasn't it, in terms of
16 coordinating agencies?

17 A. It was.

18 Q. Evidential and safety requirements to be balanced and so
19 on?

20 A. It was, it was a continual learning process, I think is
21 the best way of putting it.

22 Q. But let's just take the first set of data that was
23 obtained as an illustration, and we can see for room
24 107, it's 30 November. If, for the sake of argument,
25 16 October is a relevant date, this of course would be

1 something like six weeks after that date in any event,
2 wouldn't it?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. For a room, as we've just heard, that was subject to
5 daily cleaning?

6 A. That's correct, sir.

7 Q. We have a reading on the first date on which testing
8 occurred for the plug hole of 1,500 counts per second.

9 A. Not just daily cleaning, but daily usage as well.

10 Q. Yes. We can follow this through. Could you go to the
11 next page, 17941? We start to come on to room 308.

12 Some of the data as tested on 30 November, again for
13 example the back of the chair has a count of 650.

14 If we go on to the next page, please, 17942, again
15 we see readings above 600 in some cases. Yes?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. I'm not going to go through every page, but if we then
18 take a page in terms of detail towards the end of the
19 same document, just illustrating it, INQ017958.

20 Sir, as you appreciate this, the whole of this will
21 be on the Inquiry website.

22 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

23 MR DAVIES: The testing jumps from 7 December to 17 December
24 for the respective rooms. The data we can see on the
25 top of that page is part of a lot of data for testing on

1 the 7th, and for rooms 308 and 107 on 17 and
2 22 December, we can see the level of detail that's been
3 gone into even then.

4 A. Yes. You can see from the date between the 7th and the
5 17th that it was obviously established that where we
6 believed material would have been washed away, in fact
7 that wasn't the case at all, and that's why a decision
8 was made to go back in and re-examine things such as
9 sinks and plug holes and to further examine those.

10 Q. Yes. Can you remember, were rooms 107 and/or 308 sealed
11 between 30 November, the date of things first being
12 tested, and the end of December when you finished?

13 A. Yes, from the date that room was identified that
14 Mr Lugovoy and Kovtun had stayed when I spoke to
15 Mr Krgo, those rooms were sealed and locked and I will
16 have to double-check, but had a police presence right up
17 until the point they were -- the police had finished
18 with them -- or, sorry, the Health Protection Agency had
19 finished with them.

20 Q. Yes.

21 A. They were treated as a crime scene throughout.

22 Q. So it may be obvious, but in the currency of that
23 period, once they'd been sealed to the point at which
24 they were released, they were not being -- the baths and
25 so on, and sink holes and so on, were not being used?

1 A. No, they weren't.

2 Q. With running water or anything else for that matter?

3 A. No, no. No one was allowed access. There was obviously
4 no cleaning either.

5 Q. Let's look at the computer modelling of this just so we
6 have a sense of it in advance of Scientist A1's
7 evidence, please. Could we start with the computer
8 modelling for room 107, which is INQ017926.

9 That's it, thank you.

10 You've seen this document before, but it does
11 provide a convenient way to seek to absorb a lot of
12 data. If we could just go through the document, please,
13 this is a room occupied by Mr Lugovoy on
14 16 October 2006. That's the layout. Pausing there, can
15 you just interpret this scene for us in terms of the
16 data and the process that was being followed? It's the
17 first time we've looked at one.

18 A. Yes, as I said before, when they first went into the
19 room and screened it, they were checking for alpha
20 contamination, and once that was confirmed, that
21 information was fed back to the control room that was
22 managing this operation. All that it was was a positive
23 indication that there was contamination in the room. It
24 was then decided that we needed to be able to plot this
25 and preserve the scene for a future date such as today,

1 where we can present the evidence to show exactly what
2 the contamination was. And the senior investigating
3 officer was conscious of the fact that following this,
4 the screening, there was going to be a huge clean-up
5 operation, and that the scenes would potentially be
6 stripped, and there wouldn't -- any evidence would have
7 been lost.

8 So what happened was they went back into the scenes
9 and they closely monitored every area of the room,
10 scanning every inch of the room, moving the detector
11 around very slowly, to pick up every single reading, and
12 where they picked up readings, this is where you see
13 where they tape them, tape it off, they stuck a sticker
14 on it and they marked what the counts per second or
15 becquerels, whichever the measurement was, depending on
16 which equipment they used, that's where they marked it
17 off and then took a photograph of it. And that
18 information was then plotted in the various logs by the
19 Atomic Weapons Establishment, the Metropolitan Police or
20 the Health Protection Agency, whichever agency was in
21 there doing their measurements at the time.

22 And it's the same information has then been used by
23 the computer-aided modelling bureau people to replicate
24 that in a graphic form.

25 Q. Yes. It has taken the highest -- the graphic has taken

1 the highest absolute reading on any date of testing.

2 A. That's correct, yes.

3 Q. If you could expand, please, the overhead view of the
4 room. Thank you. If it's not immediately obvious, we
5 have a series of readings here, the highest of which is
6 90 to the top right-hand corner in that corner unit
7 against the wall, readings of 10 and 30 counts per
8 second on the curtain, 10 and 15 on the chair, and 6 on
9 the head rest of the bed, 10 on the telephone and
10 a reading of 70 to the bottom of that page.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Can we go through the document, please, to the next
13 page. That's the bedroom area. Again, it's more
14 evidence of the type of taping and scene examination
15 that was going on here, is that right, Mr Mascall?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. We then get to the bathroom, the next page, and
18 photographs of the scene in the currency of testing to
19 mark the locations from which samples had or should be
20 taken, and again could you expand, please, the graphic
21 in the middle.

22 We have reflected here, don't we, the reading of
23 1,500 counts per second taken for this room for the plug
24 hole on 30 November?

25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. And other readings of a much lower order of magnitude,
2 really, around the bathroom.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Thank you. If you can look at room 308 on a similar
5 basis, please, INQ017931. Room occupied by Mr Kovtun on
6 the 16th.

7 Again, if we simply plot through the document,
8 please, the next page, the overhead of the room, fairly
9 standard, no doubt, hotel room. And the next page. We
10 have the room. But I wonder if you could expand the
11 left-hand overhead graphic and we see the highest
12 reading recovered from this room from a chair was 1,500
13 counts per second?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Back to the main body of the same page, please, the top
16 right-hand graphic; there are other lower order of
17 magnitude readings, albeit 250, 350, but a coat hanger
18 reading here, 1,500 counts per second.

19 A. Yes, that's correct.

20 Q. And a reading of 600 counts per second on some form of
21 radiator, whatever else that is, on the left-hand side
22 of the image?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Thank you, and that's it for that graphic. Of course,
25 it will be for Scientist A1, Mr Mascall, to interpret,

1 based on certain assumptions or working propositions,
2 that data in terms of source of the material and timing
3 of it.

4 A. Yes, it would.

5 Q. I've already identified this morning the telephone call
6 made by Mr Lugovoy to Mr Litvinenko at about 11.45 on
7 16 October. You heard the evidence from Mr Krgo this
8 morning that he --

9 A. Yes, I did.

10 Q. -- his memory is of the arrival of Mr Kovtun and
11 Mr Lugovoy at about 9.30 or thereabouts in the morning
12 at the hotel?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. He referred to CCTV coverage in particular.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Are you aware of such CCTV coverage?

17 A. I'm not. I did make a note of that when he said that.
18 Something I will have to check.

19 Q. It would appear that the plane hadn't landed at that
20 time on the face of other records. Do you agree?

21 A. My understanding of the CCTV is that we don't have it
22 for that date, but that's why I wish to check.

23 Q. Yes, that's fair. Just look at a number of sources,
24 briefly, for various accounts that have been given by
25 different people as to arrangements at this time.

1 Mr Lugovoy was subject to interview in Russia on
2 11 December 2006.

3 A. Yes, he was.

4 Q. Can we have INQ002742 up, please. Again, sir, this was
5 a document introduced by my learned friend Mr O'Connor
6 with another witness this week.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

8 MR DAVIES: Can we take it from the second half of this
9 page, please. I'm going to run through these in summary
10 accounts of movements given by different people over
11 time, Mr Mascall, because we come on to cell site
12 analysis in due course.

13 But, as a headline point, you presumably have
14 considered the accounts of movements and arrangements
15 for meetings on 16 and 17 October as given by
16 Mr Lugovoy, Mr Kovtun and Mr Litvinenko respectively?

17 A. Yes, I have.

18 Q. As a headline response, when you have seen the outcome
19 of the cell site analysis for that, is there any
20 material inconsistency between the accounts given of
21 arrangements for meetings and the cell site locations of
22 telephone calls made and received?

23 A. No, Mr Lugovoy's account is generally consistent, where
24 he went, and that is corroborated by the cell site.

25 Q. We'll come on to the cell site and its limitations in

1 due course, but the headline point is there's no
2 material difference between Mr Lugovoy's account and the
3 product of that analysis?

4 A. No.

5 Q. I don't believe this account of the 16th has been read
6 in yet, and it is a context for further questioning, and
7 certainly shortens the cell site evidence.

8 This was an interview conducted, and a record of
9 interview, on 11 December 2006. An officer from the
10 Metropolitan Police Service was there, a Mr Slater?

11 A. Yes, that's correct.

12 Q. A Russian speaker, and he's produced his own record of
13 it.

14 A. Mr Slater doesn't speak Russian.

15 Q. No, sorry. A record has been produced of it based on
16 a different officer, namely ...? The Russian speaking
17 Met officer?

18 A. There was -- Mr Slater, if I remember rightly, tried to
19 make notes during this interview and he wasn't
20 permitted. As soon as he came out of the interview, he
21 made his own note of what was said.

22 Q. All right. We'll concentrate on the formal record from
23 the Russian authorities for present purposes. If there
24 are material distinctions, they can be drawn out later.

25 A. Okay.

1 Q. Let's take Mr Lugovoy's account under formal questioning
2 as to the 16th to 18th:

3 "Can you name exactly the route of all movements in
4 connection with your trips for the period from 16 to
5 18 October ..."

6 He replies:

7 "The first trip was from 16 to 18 October 2006. In
8 the morning of 16 October 2006, at about 10.00 hours,
9 I together with Kovtun Dmitri Vadimovich flew out of
10 Moscow from Domodedovo airport on a plane of Transaero.
11 I flew into the airport of Gatwick on 16 October at
12 about 12.00 hours [meaning midday]. The flight took
13 about three hours. From the airport I left by train to
14 Victoria train station in central London. I settled
15 into a hotel, the name of which I do not remember at the
16 present time. It is situated in the area of Piccadilly
17 Square.

18 "I do not remember the number of the room I stayed
19 in. From the hotel, I communicated with
20 Alexander Valterovich Litvinenko by phone. He suggested
21 that we meet at 15.00 hours in the office of the British
22 company Erinys. 15 minutes before the arranged
23 appointment, I met with Alexander Litvinenko not far
24 from that office and together we came to that company.
25 With me was Kovtun. I introduced him to Litvinenko.

1 "The company Erinys is based on Grosvenor Street.
2 We took the lift, I think, to the third floor. We were
3 met by a member of staff of the company whose name is
4 Tim. I don't remember his surname. In this company,
5 everyone speaks Russian. The company is engaged in
6 providing security for oil sources and also in the
7 security of the transportation of oil and gas."

8 I'm going to go back if I may to the telephone
9 schedule on screen so we get our bearings for this in
10 terms of calls again. INQ017865.

11 Just expand the top half of that, would you please.

12 I hope it's apparent, at the risk of repetition,
13 Mr Lugovoy's call to Mr Shadrin is at 11.45. His call
14 immediately thereafter to Mr Litvinenko, 11.46, and at
15 11.53, Mr Litvinenko is calling Tim Reilly.

16 A. Sorry, Mr Davies, we are on the wrong screen.

17 Q. 17866. I do apologise.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

19 MR DAVIES: He's indicated in that statement to the Russian
20 authorities that he made the call from the hotel,
21 whereas of course he was photographed at Gatwick airport
22 at 11.45 -- 11.35 -- 34 to be precise, correct?

23 A. Right, yes.

24 Q. There is a sequence there involving Mr Lugovoy,
25 Mr Litvinenko and Mr Reilly, building up to the meeting

1 that took place later that afternoon.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Or should I say an apparent sequence.

4 Now, I'll leave that for now. We'll come back to
5 the account of events that day, because I want to turn
6 to Mr Litvinenko's travel in sequence.

7 Can we have on screen, please, the statement of
8 Mr Hodgson from Transport for London, INQ002837.

9 Can you just expand that to provide a context for
10 this document.

11 Effectively he produces an Oyster card record for
12 Mr Litvinenko.

13 A. That's correct, yes.

14 Q. Through the current period. His statement reads that he
15 works for Transport for London. He was asked to find
16 out oyster usage for a specified individual, and did so,
17 and produces a printout as NH1.

18 If we turn to NH1, please, INQ006490.

19 If that could be expanded, and if we could go to
20 the -- just go to the heading, please, to start so we
21 can see that it makes sense of the columns.

22 So this is a printout of Mr Litvinenko's Oyster card
23 usage.

24 If we can turn to INQ006490, and the entry for
25 16 October 2006, 10.59. The data demonstrates

1 Mr Litvinenko boarding the number 43 bus in
2 Friern Barnet, and it's a "validate bus boarding"
3 transaction, is that right?

4 A. Yes, that's Mr Litvinenko getting on the bus.

5 Q. At 11.12, 13 minutes later, there's a validated entry to
6 Highgate underground station.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And at 11.37, he is shown exiting at Green Park station.

9 A. Yes, that's correct.

10 Q. Underground station, and the only further entry for that
11 date is at 18.04 when he is boarding the 134 bus at
12 Tottenham Court Road station.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Just to finish the interpretation of that data, could we
15 have INQ016327 on screen, please. This is Mr Hodgson,
16 Mr Mascall, as you're aware, statement of 27 November.
17 In material part he says as follows -- I wonder if the
18 middle two paragraphs could be expanded. Thank you.

19 "In relation to exhibit NH1, an Oyster card data
20 report, I would like to clarify the following points.
21 The search of the system carried out in relation to the
22 above card was done on 20 November 2006 and covered the
23 whole of the preceding eight weeks. In relation to the
24 times on the tube gates, these are set on a central
25 system which then feeds out to the individual gates via

1 the local system. These would be accurate to within
2 a minute or so and would only be incorrect if there was
3 a fault with the central system or the local system was
4 off line when the time was set.

5 "In relation to the buses, these are set by the
6 local garage and may differ from GMT. A fare stage or
7 bus details as on the report are manually changed by the
8 bus driver at each fare stage. Some bus drivers do not
9 change their system for a period of time, a number of
10 fare stages or the whole shift. As a result the fare
11 stage shown on the report doesn't always truly reflect
12 the stage where the passenger boarded the bus and
13 touched in. The route is set locally by the garage but
14 I have never known this to be incorrect."

15 Then he deals with an entry for 27 September.

16 Again, Mr Mascall, by reference to your wider
17 enquiry, is there any reason from your enquiry to think
18 that the data we see on NH1 in relation to the buses is
19 materially inaccurate in terms of the time?

20 A. No, it would appear to be accurate.

21 Q. Is that effectively triangulating other data, cell site,
22 telephone calls and so on.

23 A. Primarily CCTV.

24 Q. And CCTV?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. In particular, on the face of it, Mr Lugovoy is in the
2 underground system until about 11.34.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Having entered at Highgate. Mr Litvinenko, I'm sorry.
5 There do not appear to be any telephone calls relating
6 to him in that period.

7 A. I'd have to double-check that, but I -- yes, he wouldn't
8 have been making calls whilst on the tube.

9 Q. You have made enquiry, Mr Mascall, of -- you've tracked
10 down the 43 bus that we saw in that schedule.

11 A. We did.

12 Q. Its vehicle registration number was LR02 BCX.

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. It was tested for alpha radiation on 21 December 2006.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. We could look at it if necessary, but there was no alpha
17 radiation detected as at 21 December 2006?

18 A. That's correct, sir, that was found to be clean.

19 Q. We progress, therefore, to the intended meeting at
20 Eriny's. Sorry to jump around, I'm trying to maintain
21 the basic sequence here of people's accounts. INQ002742
22 is back to Mr Lugovoy's account on 11 December. Again,
23 can we just have the lower half of that page, please,
24 expand it. I read on:
25 "The company is engaged in providing security for

1 oil sources and also in the security of the
2 transportation of oil and gas. The company has an
3 exclusive contract for safeguarding oil resources in
4 Iraq. From the words of the company's employees, I am
5 aware that the company entered Iraq together with the
6 American forces and took under its protection oil and
7 gas ... territory of Iraq. The discussion took place in
8 the conference room and went on for about an hour.
9 Those present were: I, Alexander Litvinenko,
10 Dmitri Kovtun and the company's employee by the name of
11 Tim."

12 Pausing there, from your enquiries, is that
13 Mr Tim Reilly?

14 A. That's correct.

15 MR DAVIES: From whom, sir, we expect to hear tomorrow as
16 a witness.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

18 MR DAVIES: "The discussions were on the following. This
19 was not my first meeting with this company. The British
20 company was interested in partners in Russia who could
21 represent them on the territory of the
22 Russian Federation. After the discussions, at
23 Alexander Litvinenko's invitation, we went for a bite at
24 the sushi bar, Itsu, situated at Piccadilly by the Ritz
25 hotel. We arrived there at about 16.00 hours. We had

1 lunch, the three of us, and were there for about 30
2 minutes. Alexander did not have food, saying that he
3 had some stomach problems. But then he did take some
4 food, but what exactly I don't remember.

5 "After that, we separated with Litvinenko. That was
6 either immediately after leaving the bar or some time
7 after that. Then I spoke on the telephone with our
8 other business partner, Alexander Shadrin, who lives
9 permanently in London and represents two British
10 companies, SPL and Echo Capital 3, with their office at
11 Grosvenor Street."

12 I'll just read on:

13 "We agreed to dine together at an Italian restaurant
14 on Piccadilly at 20.30 hours. I cannot remember now the
15 name of the restaurant. Before dinner, Kovtun and
16 I returned to the hotel to change clothes. After that,
17 maybe, we both went into a shop, but I don't remember
18 this exactly.

19 "Dinner took place at the said restaurant at about
20 20.30 hours on the 16th. At dinner present were: I,
21 Dmitri Kovtun and Alexander Shadrin. The dinner went on
22 for about two, two and a half hours. After dinner,
23 Alexander Shadrin left and Kovtun and I decided to
24 saunter around central London. We strolled round
25 Piccadilly Circus, the street by the same name and Soho

1 for about one and a half hours. I do not remember
2 whether or not we went into any places during that time.
3 We returned to the hotel at about midnight or 1.00 on
4 the night of the 17th and went to sleep. Kovtun stayed
5 in the same hotel but in a different room. I do not
6 remember the number of his room."

7 He then turns to the 17th. That's the context for
8 further evidence, and you've obviously analysed the
9 history and movements and we're going to go through it
10 now. Did Mr Lugovoy also provide a declaration in
11 proceedings dated 23 November 2006?

12 A. Yes, he did, that's correct, he did that at the British
13 embassy in Moscow.

14 Q. INQ02058. I'm prompted to ask and if I don't, I'll
15 forget. Did you make enquiry of the company responsible
16 for the buses, the number 43 bus, as to the regularity
17 of cleaning and the regime?

18 A. The short answer to that is no. Mr Maberly, who I know
19 very well, who is an experienced detective, when he went
20 to the airport, he took it upon himself to make that
21 enquiry, to make a full and thorough investigation
22 around the circumstances of the testing of that bus at
23 the airport. There wasn't a conscious decision at the
24 time for all buses -- for the evidence to be obtained
25 around the cleaning regime, and I think I should also

1 sort of explain that these sort of decisions were made
2 as information was coming back into the investigation
3 team.

4 If the bus had been found to have been contaminated,
5 then there may have been a reason or justification for
6 getting that extra bit of evidence to say had it been
7 cleaned, to explain a higher reading may have been
8 a lower reading following cleaning. Once the bus was
9 tested and it was clean, having evidence to show that it
10 had been cleaned doesn't really take you much further
11 forward.

12 Q. But the bus was still in ordinary service, was it, as
13 far as you understand it between the two dates?

14 A. Until it was stopped by the police, yes.

15 Q. Let's go to the information provided by Messrs Lugovoy
16 and Kovtun respectively as to the purpose of this
17 meeting at Erinys that afternoon.

18 You've referred to a declaration at the British
19 embassy by Mr Lugovoy on 23 November 2006. Can you just
20 explain the circumstances of that and what if any role
21 the Metropolitan Police Service had in obtaining that
22 document?

23 A. I believe we had very little involvement in it. What
24 happened was there was a lot of media reporting in
25 relation to what had happened to Mr Litvinenko, very

1 widespread media reporting, and Mr Lugovoy and Mr Kovtun
2 would appear to have seen it, their names in the press
3 and they felt they wanted to explain their position and
4 through their solicitor they opted to go to the British
5 embassy in Moscow and provide an account through their
6 solicitor.

7 Q. We can see not only is the document dated
8 23 November 2006. Can we go on to INQ002059. That's
9 plainly an English translation, but the other half of
10 the document is in Russian and would appear to be
11 formally signed and documented, correct?

12 A. Yes, that's correct.

13 Q. We'll work from the English, if you don't mind.

14 A. Thank you.

15 Q. Although not visible on this, there is a fax number at
16 the top of the original, 24 November 2006, 12.28, from
17 British embassy, all right, which at least in terms of
18 the document being faxed, it would put it at the 24th.

19 A. I'm still waiting for the English version to come up,
20 sir, but I take your word.

21 Q. INQ002058, thank you.

22 For present purposes, I only want to go down
23 halfway. It's to the British embassy, Russia, from
24 Andrei Konstantinovich Lugovoy, national of the
25 Russian Federation. Declaration:

1 "I want to begin by expressing my sympathies for the
2 British national Mr Alexander Litvinenko. The main
3 reason I have decided to write this declaration is the
4 sincere wish to help in the situation around
5 Mr Litvinenko.

6 "I have known Mr Litvinenko for about ten years.
7 Approximately a year ago he called me in Moscow and
8 proposed a joint business project, adding that he is in
9 close contact with English companies seeking to gain
10 access to the Russian market. As I often visit London,
11 I decided to meet him during my next visit. As a result
12 of this meeting, I had several meetings with
13 representatives of RISC Management Limited and
14 Erinys Limited during my frequent visits to the UK over
15 the last year.

16 "On 16 October 2006, I introduced the general
17 director of Global Project, Dmitri Kovtun, to
18 Mr Litvinenko, as I thought the business activities of
19 Global Project might be of interest to Erinys Limited."

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Can we just take the last two paragraphs, please. He
22 indicates that he had flown back to Moscow on
23 3 November, but these paragraphs continue:

24 "Having learned from me that my spouse and I were
25 planning to visit Madrid as tourists in the second half

1 of November, Mr Litvinenko offered to meet there and
2 introduce me to a man looking for partners in Russia.
3 To agree the date of the meeting, I talked to him twice
4 on the phone between 3 and 20 November. He said he was
5 very unwell and asked me to move the trip to December.

6 "If the British embassy has any further questions,
7 I am ready to provide any information that I can."

8 He provides his telephone number and email address.

9 Is there any reference in this declaration,
10 Mr Mascall, to the visit on 25/26 October 2006?

11 A. No, not at all.

12 Q. Although it is addressed in his interview in December --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. -- when he's specifically asked about it. Mr Kovtun's
15 account in summary, please, INQ -- as to the purpose and
16 background to the meeting. INQ002069. If that could be
17 expanded.

18 Again, just try and get the date of it. The same
19 date, I think, 11 December. 5 December, I apologise.
20 Take the lower half of the page:

21 "Do you know Alexander Litvinenko? If yes, then
22 under what circumstances you became acquainted and what
23 relationships connected you?"

24 Reply, as translated:

25 "I was acquainted with Alexander Litvinenko on

1 16 October 2006, the first time flew into London. We
2 were introduced by Andrei Lugovoy.

3 "On 16 October 2006 having flew into London, having
4 changed clothing in a hotel, I do not remember the
5 address of the hotel now, I met Alexander Litvinenko,
6 who immediately took us to the offices of the company
7 'Aiers' [it could simply be a translation] on
8 Grosvenor Street, I think 25.

9 "Litvinenko and I were not connected in any way
10 other than in this company to which he took us mutual
11 activity was envisaged. In this case, Litvinenko would
12 have had from us some mediatory money for organising
13 this ..."

14 Just to carry on the next page, please, as well,
15 INQ002070, and the questioner goes on to other matters
16 at that point?

17 A. Yes, he does.

18 Q. If we can go to INQ -- Mr Kovtun's declaration,
19 INQ002696. His declaration. We can see on this one the
20 fax details again, 24 November 2006 from the British
21 embassy, unofficial translation, similar format to
22 Mr Lugovoy's declaration, Mr Mascall.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Signed and dated 23 November again. I wonder if we
25 could expand the first two paragraphs to start:

1 "I Dmitri Kovtun visited the UK for the first time
2 on 16 October 2006 at the invitation of the British
3 company Continental Petroleum Limited (58
4 Grosvenor Street, London) with whom I have worked
5 since May 2006. The aim of the visit was to discuss
6 future work in Russia in the area of oil and gas field
7 development. Andrei Lugovoy, who I have known about
8 20 years, introduced me in London to
9 Alexander Litvinenko who had long lived in the UK and
10 had many connections including in the oil sector, who
11 were keen to work with Russian oil and gas enterprises
12 in Russia and abroad.

13 "On the same day, 16 October, Mr Lugovoy,
14 Mr Litvinenko and I visited the office of Erinys ...
15 where we met Tim Reilly, director energy projects. Then
16 the three of us visited the office of RISC Management
17 (1 Cavendish Place ...) where Mr Lugovoy and
18 Mr Litvinenko held talks with one of their senior
19 managers."

20 And the second half of the document, please. He
21 indicates that the second time he came to London was
22 1 November, and we'll cover that in later evidence.

23 We're going to hear, Mr Mascall, from Mr Reilly as
24 to the actual or scheduled time of that meeting directly
25 by reference to his diary entries, so I needn't trouble

1 established that in fact the digital system that was
2 used at that location only recorded for 14 days, so they
3 did review the system with him, but it was established
4 that there was no material of relevance.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, I follow.

6 MR DAVIES: Let me turn to, just in outline at the moment,
7 please, forensic examination that took place at the
8 offices of Erinys and Titon International, 25
9 Grosvenor Street, this being the location for the
10 meeting we've heard described earlier in evidence.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Were these scenes examined as with others for the
13 presence of alpha radiation?

14 A. Yes, they were, and exactly the same process.

15 Q. Could we have INQ017922, please. This is just to see it
16 in graphical terms in terms of the overall effect of the
17 evidence. Can we follow the document through again.

18 Pausing there, can you orientate us? Is this the
19 relevant boardroom that is described by various
20 witnesses as the location of the meeting?

21 A. Yes, that's the correct -- that's the boardroom between
22 Erinys and Titon, shared boardroom.

23 Q. By reference to this, where is the window or windows to
24 the room and the entry door and so on?

25 Can you help?

1 A. I can't help, no.

2 Q. Can we go on a page. Maybe if we look at the
3 photographs on the left-hand side first. Again, could
4 you highlight the top one. It may be it's too small for
5 some.

6 So there's the table. We get a sense of scale from
7 this. We can see on the table, for example,
8 a conference call, a familiar conference call triangle
9 device, and a series of chairs, apparently some form of
10 leather or imitation leather and wooden frames. Is that
11 right?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. There is a door in that opens into the long side of the
14 table and various bits of furniture and so on in the
15 room. We get that as a sense of scale. Thank you.

16 Perhaps another perspective of it, the lower
17 left-hand corner demonstrating, perhaps, there's more
18 than one door in and out. And another view of the same
19 table with the map of the world on the left-hand side.

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. The green fabric cover to the boardroom table.

22 Now, if we look at the summary in graphical form of
23 the contamination testing, could that be highlighted,
24 please. There's the scale, and if the image itself
25 could be highlighted now, please, we can see, can we

1 not, by reference to this, the chair with, the top
2 right-hand corner, a count of up to 7,500-odd counts per
3 second?

4 A. Yes, that's correct.

5 Q. Broad areas of the table itself, the fabric to the
6 table, I should add, in the 300 counts per second or
7 less category, with the figures ranging between 3 and
8 300 counts per second.

9 A. Yes, that clarifies what I said earlier about the
10 different readings being found at different locations
11 within the table.

12 Q. A count of 1,400 counts per second in one corner of the
13 table but coupled with, importantly, a count there of,
14 as it's put, a full scale deflection of the monitoring
15 device --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. -- at the scene, which would, as we understand it, it
18 will be for Scientist A1, put it at over 10,000 counts
19 per second?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. But more generally in terms of what is seen there, it is
22 restricted to chairs, table tops and coasters?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Follow the graphic through, if there's any more of it.
25 More detailed readings of the chair from these premises.

1 This was the one highlighted earlier in red on the
2 previous graphic. We see counts per second there at
3 various locations, different perspectives of the same
4 chair, of up to and over 7,000 counts per second, the
5 maximum reading being on the front right-hand corner of
6 the seat.

7 A. Yes, that's correct.

8 Q. INQ017962. Just to anticipate what will come, the
9 testing here took place on various dates, again it's
10 a seven-page schedule in total, and the testing took
11 place between 25 November and 21 December.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Again, can we take it that between those dates, this was
14 a sealed site?

15 A. Exactly, that's correct, sir.

16 Q. If we look at the first page, in fact the data
17 demonstrates for chair 3 a full scale deflection. The
18 table has a reading -- or part of the table has
19 a reading of up to 2,300 counts per second. If we turn
20 over to the next page, INQ017963, the last entry is
21 10,000 counts per second for a conference room chair.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. INQ017967, we have the reading as at 5 December 2006 for
24 the chair that we've just seen in the graphic of up to
25 7,560.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Thank you. I emphasise we'll hear from Mr Reilly
3 tomorrow as to seating plans and so on, to see to what
4 extent they correlate with that evidence.

5 Does the evidence demonstrate overall, Mr Mascall,
6 that after the meeting at Erinys, Mr Litvinenko,
7 Mr Lugovoy and Mr Kovtun went to Itsu restaurant in
8 Piccadilly?

9 A. Yes, that's correct.

10 Q. INQ006386. Does this show a purchase on Mr Lugovoy's
11 credit card timed at 16.22 hours at Itsu in the sum of
12 GBP 25.86?

13 A. I can see that that relates to the expenditure of that
14 amount of money. I'm just trying to see where it shows
15 that it's from Itsu. I can clarify that that is the
16 time and date and I recognise the amount. I think it
17 might have been a different document that says it's
18 Itsu, but that is correct.

19 Q. INQ002876. It's a statement from a Stephen Simmons from
20 HSBC. It confirms the purchase, that being the
21 transaction at Itsu.

22 By way of background to Itsu, could we have on
23 screen, please, INQ002822, a statement from
24 Jarno Maatta, the general manager, dated
25 22 November 2006.

1 He is or was the general manager of Itsu at the
2 relevant time. Could you highlight the passage starting
3 "the restaurant is situated", please, down to the
4 bottom. It's about the eighth line and then down to the
5 bottom. I'll read it:

6 "The restaurant is situated over two floors, ground
7 level and basement. A lot of our customers are
8 take-away customers. However, we have seating for 120
9 customers. At lunchtimes the restaurant is usually full
10 with in excess of 120 customers within the restaurant.
11 I would estimate 70 per cent of our customers pay by
12 cash and 30 per cent by debit/credit card ... There is
13 no CCTV operation in the restaurant. The total number
14 of staff employed ... is 27."

15 He has been asked to produce a list of food
16 suppliers to the restaurant for 1 November, and
17 subsequently he produced a floor plan for you as part of
18 your investigation.

19 A. Yes, that's correct.

20 Q. The point being that there was a further visit to Itsu
21 restaurant involving Mr Litvinenko and a Mr Scaramella
22 on 1 November.

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. So there are two visits here. They have to be
25 disentangled for the purpose of forensic examination.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Are you aware that there was an interview in the German
3 newspaper Der Spiegel by Mr Kovtun and Mr Lugovoy at or
4 around this time?

5 A. I wasn't at the time, but as I said before, there was
6 a lot of media reporting, and I tried not to get too
7 distracted by it, as did others.

8 Q. Yes. Plainly some media reports are accurate and some
9 are not?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Just a matter of in your experience. Could we have up,
12 please, INQ012404, which is, if we take the top half of
13 that, please, Spiegel Online, it purports to give a date
14 of 12 November 2006, and it reflects a report of
15 interviews by the newspaper journalists with
16 Messrs Lugovoy and Kovtun. Again, we're not going to
17 rehearse the whole thing, but the first paragraph helps
18 with context.

19 "A few days before he was put in quarantine in
20 a Moscow hospital, Russian businessman Andrei Lugovoy,
21 believed to be one of Scotland Yard's main suspects in
22 the killing of Alexander Litvinenko, spoke to
23 Der Spiegel about his meetings with the former spy."

24 Do you know what date he was said to have been put
25 in quarantine?

1 A. I cannot recall, but I do know it coincided with the
2 Metropolitan Police arriving in Moscow.

3 Q. That date was? You don't know? Don't worry,
4 Mr Mascall.

5 A. I can't remember off the top of my head.

6 Q. I hadn't warned you about that. Can you pick it up,
7 now, please, starting at "and of course Lugovoy is
8 professing his innocence", to the bottom of the first
9 page of this article:

10 "And of course Lugovoy is professing his innocence.
11 But that's not so easy for someone who is presumably
12 surrounded by a whole corona of eastern and western
13 secret service shadows.

14 "He also wanted to give Der Spiegel his version of
15 events."

16 The journalists set out what was required to meet
17 him, somewhat elaborate arrangement to meet him.

18 If we turn over the page, please, to INQ012405. If
19 the date of the hospitalisation was 11 December -- if
20 this is American dating on this document, in other words
21 reversing the British formula of days and months to
22 month and day --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- it would make it 11 December 2006.

25 A. I believe -- well, Mr Kovtun was hospitalised?

1 Q. Yes.

2 A. I believe it may have been earlier than that. I've just
3 checked my notes. I know that the Metropolitan Police
4 travelled out there on 4 December.

5 Q. All right, we can resolve that later in the proceedings.

6 The journalist described Mr Kovtun's appearance at
7 the top of the next page:

8 "Kovtun chain-smokes cigarettes. He said he burned
9 himself while lying on a sun bed. That's why he shaved
10 off his hair. Otherwise it would have been too painful
11 to stand. Five days later the authorities will announce
12 that Dmitri Kovtun too has been exposed to radiation and
13 taken to a Moscow hospital."

14 A. Yes, he gives a different explanation around losing his
15 hair at a later stage.

16 Q. What was his explanation in summary at a later stage?

17 A. I believe he was -- he stated that he was advised to
18 shave it off because it may have been retaining
19 radioactive contamination.

20 Q. The article speaks of a conversation in a sauna, and
21 Mr Lugovoy's account of meeting Mr Litvinenko.

22 I'll pick it up here, Mr Litvinenko having fled to
23 London, bust up with Putin and Berezovsky.

24 "Lugovoy said he saw Litvinenko again for the first
25 time in November 2004, with Berezovsky in London. He

1 spent 40 minutes with him in a Chinese restaurant during
2 which Litvinenko talked about 'how Russia is waging war
3 on the emigres and the emigres are waging war on
4 Russia'. Lugovoy appeared as though the subject didn't
5 interest him [particularly] ... a year ago Litvinenko
6 rang him again, said Lugovoy. He evidently wasn't doing
7 very well. 'He wanted to arrange business deals for me
8 so that he could get money.' With a touch of vanity,
9 Lugovoy reports how Litvinenko envied him because of how
10 'well positioned' he was, 'in which hotels he stayed'
11 and what he spent on shopping.

12 "Then they discussed commission payments and whether
13 Litvinenko should get his money from both business
14 partners or just from him. They agreed on 20 per cent
15 per deal arranged, payable by Lugovoy."

16 Then there's this passage as to the business
17 transactions generally in the London meetings:

18 "The London emigre proceeded to introduce him to
19 security firms, another speciality of Lugovoy's next to
20 lemonade and Kwas, a low alcohol bread-based beverage.
21 'They were serious companies located in the heart of the
22 city where the rent per square metre is even higher than
23 on Tver Street in Moscow', said Lugovoy.

24 "In the end, he didn't succeed in closing any
25 business deals and, to tell the truth, 'Alexander had

1 the contacts but he didn't always know how to behave',
2 said Lugovoy ... with an air of indignation how
3 Litvinenko, during a meeting with potential partners,
4 kept nervously reminding them not to forget to 'transfer
5 GBP 10,000 to us'. Lugovoy, a man of the world, said he
6 found that embarrassing."

7 Then this:

8 "Dmitri Kovtun attended a meeting on October 16 for
9 the first time. 'It was a very successful
10 conversation', he said. After that, they went for lunch
11 to the sushi restaurant Itsu on Piccadilly Circus that
12 a few weeks later would gain world fame, and Litvinenko
13 again got on everyone's nerves. 'He behaved in
14 a strange way', recalled Kovtun. 'One shouldn't talk
15 politics with him. He just couldn't stop talking about
16 politics.'

17 "And Kovtun remembered another thing too. In the
18 sushi bar, Litvinenko told his two guests from Moscow:
19 'I won't eat anything, I'm not feeling well. I poisoned
20 myself a few days ago and have been throwing up since
21 then.' But he went on to eat something 'and he even had
22 an appetite', Kovtun observed."

23 I'll just complete this passage:

24 "Then came the meeting on November 1, the day on
25 which Scotland Yard believes Litvinenko was poisoned.

1 They hadn't intended to meet, said both Kovtun and
2 Lugovoy.

3 "Kovtun came to London from Hamburg that day. His
4 divorced German wife lives in Hamburg. Last weekend
5 investigators searched her home and found traces of
6 polonium. 'We hadn't planned the meeting with
7 Alexander', Kovtun said. 'But Litvinenko insisted on
8 seeing his London partners', Lugovoy added."

9 So as reported -- and this would be an article to
10 which further reference would be made in other
11 contexts -- as reported, is there any reference in this
12 article to the trip of 25 October to 28 October?

13 A. No.

14 Q. The account given by Mr Kovtun apparently to these
15 journalists about Mr Litvinenko's comments about Itsu
16 restaurant, again is that consistent or inconsistent
17 with his other accounts of the same point?

18 A. I believe they're inconsistent.

19 Q. If we could go, then, please, with the qualification
20 that there was a further meeting on 1 November 2006 to
21 the summary outcome of the forensic testing of Itsu.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. INQ017905, please. Simply for us to have it in mind
24 before we turn to 1 November on a subsequent date in
25 this Inquiry. Can you take us back to 017901. Just so

1 we get our bearings.

2 We're going to hear, Mr Mascall, from Mr Scaramella
3 in the Inquiry. Does this graphic reflect the present
4 state of the evidence as to where he and Mr Litvinenko
5 were positioned in Itsu on 1 November?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Plainly, if this evidence changes, that will have to be
8 revised, but this attempts to reflect the existing state
9 of the evidence.

10 A. Yes, if it helps, Mr Scaramella was asked to indicate
11 where he sat, where Mr Litvinenko sat, and they were
12 plotted on a sketch plan by himself which was
13 subsequently replicated on this graphic.

14 Q. And marked additionally on the graphic are stairs to the
15 ground floor. The next page, please. Can you help us
16 navigate this graphic. Start with the top left-hand
17 corner, please.

18 A. Yes, this is the basement of Itsu, or the ground floor,
19 and you come in -- the shop -- as you come in, it's on
20 ground level. The till is, as you walk into the shop,
21 and you walk past the till and on the left-hand side
22 there's a flight of steps that come down, which is the
23 flight of steps you see there. When you get to the
24 bottom, you can either turn left into the larger area or
25 the right where there's there the three separate-type

1 booths.

2 Q. Right. If we can come out again, there's three camera
3 angles. The first reference, the top left graphic, is
4 looking, plainly the way it's looking, camera angle,
5 from left to right of the overall plan.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. The second is effectively the reverse angle.

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. The third is looking in at the table with
10 Messrs Scaramella and Litvinenko marked on it.

11 A. Yes, in essence that's the view you'd have if you
12 looked -- as walking down the stairs, you'd look right.

13 Q. Next page, please. These are fixed benches, by the
14 looks of things.

15 A. Those are the ones they're sitting on there, yes.

16 Q. We now come to the summary of the forensic analysis
17 here. If you could just highlight the left-hand one,
18 please, to start.

19 Now, contamination was recovered, discovered, at
20 this scene, but in terms of the location of that
21 contamination, if the positions of Scaramella and
22 Mr Litvinenko are correct, that which was detected
23 appears predominantly to be at a different table.

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. We'll come back to the readings now, but if we can come

1 back out of that one, please, we've got the table in
2 mind now, and probably without the need to go in any
3 further, the contamination on what is in effect the
4 corner table is evident.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Including one part of the bench with a reading in the 3
7 to 3,000 counts per second range?

8 A. That's correct. The higher readings were found at
9 a different location to that which Mr Litvinenko and
10 Mr Scaramella sat during their meeting.

11 Q. Thank you. And anything further on this graphic? Just
12 follow the document through. It's really a more
13 detailed assessment of the same, but we can see the
14 nature of the tables in these photographs at least and
15 the benches. So it appears to be fixed seating with
16 rolltop backs to the benches and seats?

17 A. Yes, the tables and chairs are as they were. They
18 wouldn't have been moved.

19 Q. Right, next page, please. More of the same. Thank you.

20 If we very briefly look at INQ017973. Just to
21 establish apart from anything else the date of testing
22 behind that graphic, the testing took place at Itsu
23 between 24 November 2006 and 12 January 2007.

24 A. I believe so, sir, yes.

25 Q. Of course, this was a very public site to be tested and

1 attracted some publicity.

2 A. It was, I think it was also one of the first sites to be
3 preserved.

4 Q. Yes. INQ017976. We have the data, middle entry more or
5 less, 600 counts per second which would be the yellow
6 reading on the graphic, front of bench 2 to give us
7 a scale within the 3 to 3,000?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. There will be detailed evidence, sir, as to who was
10 sitting where and when to go with that basic summary.

11 Does the evidence then establish, Mr Mascall, that
12 Mr Lugovoy and Mr Kovtun indicated that they went for
13 a meal at the Pescatori restaurant with a Mr Shadrin?

14 A. Yes, that's correct, later that evening, yes, they did.

15 Q. This was not a meal involving Mr Litvinenko's
16 attendance?

17 A. No, not at all.

18 Q. In fact if one were to revert to the evidence as to
19 Mr Litvinenko's travel. INQ006490. And the next page,
20 6491, just to put that in context. It's probably 6490,
21 I do apologise, go back a page. I was more precise than
22 I thought with my first reference. To the 16th, please.

23 We see at 18.04 he is boarding the 134 bus at
24 Tottenham Court Road station, correct?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. He is not shown to travel again on public transport at
2 least that day?

3 A. No, the Tottenham Court Road route is a route often used
4 by Mr Litvinenko for travelling home.

5 Q. So the Pescatori, can we have INQ006364, please. Sorry,
6 I do apologise, INQ018234. Do you recognise this as the
7 effectively booking list seized from Giuseppe Mare,
8 running the restaurant, whose statement is INQ16285, but
9 showing on the right-hand side at 700, so more or less
10 the last entry on that list, appearing to show Lugovoy
11 and "7"?

12 A. Yes, that's correct.

13 Q. Was the Pescatori restaurant subject to testing for
14 contamination?

15 A. It was the subject of testing. I'm just looking at the
16 date, though, Mr Davies. That says November 2. That
17 may be the wrong exhibit.

18 Q. All right.

19 A. But I don't think there's any doubt that Mr Lugovoy and
20 Mr Shadrin went for dinner at the Pescatori.

21 Q. We'll get to the contamination schedule straightaway.
22 INQ017987. Mr Lugovoy's interview had said they were
23 going to dine together at the Italian restaurant on
24 Piccadilly at 8.30 pm.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. We've been through that already. If we look at the
2 contamination schedule, this is testing on
3 4 January 2007, and the data provides evidence of alpha
4 contamination on multiple locations within Pescatori at
5 different levels, but the highest is the wall on the top
6 of the stairs, a reading of over 5,000 counts per
7 second.

8 A. Yes, that's correct.

9 Q. It's a six-page schedule, but whilst there were many
10 locations within Pescatori that were no detectable
11 amount, there were others, multiple other locations and
12 items, such as menus, cushions and so on, with counts
13 per second, up to about 50 counts per second, and in
14 terms of higher readings, the back of -- the rear of
15 a backrest on chair 4 had readings of up to 540 counts
16 per second?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And multiple locations otherwise, men's toilets and so
19 on, had evidence of this?

20 A. Yes, that's correct.

21 Q. 017246, please, which is a credit card receipt. I'm
22 grateful to those behind me. A credit card receipt for
23 Pescatori on the 16th?

24 A. Yes, that's correct. It's Mr Lugovoy's MasterCard
25 ending 2018.

1 Q. We can see the time is 22.39.

2 A. On the 16th.

3 Q. On the 16th.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. The evidence establishes, I think, Mr Mascall, that the
6 men then went to -- Mr Lugovoy and Mr Kovtun at least
7 went to a bar near the Best Western Hotel named
8 Dar Marrakesh?

9 A. Yes, that's correct.

10 Q. Again, was that subject to testing for contamination?

11 A. Yes, it was, and that too was found to have levels of
12 contamination.

13 Q. INQ017933. I will go straight to my contamination
14 schedule.

15 A. 993.

16 Q. 993, thank you. 017993. Testing here has taken place
17 on 11 January, and the readings are no higher than 15
18 counts per second.

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. And those readings being on a cushion?

21 A. It's actually on the fabric of the pipe --

22 Q. Pipe handle.

23 A. -- which Mr Lugovoy purchased with his credit card.

24 Q. Shall we come on to that, I hope the correct receipt:
25 INQ006364. Does that reflect the transaction at

1 Dar Marrakesh?

2 A. Yes, that's correct.

3 Q. For GBP 9. There's a witness statement from
4 a Mr Blisey, INQ002859.

5 Just expand that, please, which I think indicates or
6 amplifies the circumstances of that, sets out who he is,
7 and the lower half of the page:

8 "I can say that I have a receipt from that day and
9 time, showing a sale of GBP 9 which is probably for the
10 purchase of a shisha pipe ... This is the only product
11 sold which costs GBP 9.

12 "The card number ... at that time [was given] expiry
13 date ... The business name of Dar Marrakesh and phone
14 number appear at the top of the receipt ... The current
15 time shown on the system is 14.38, the same time as the
16 speaking clock."

17 The transaction he has in mind took place at 23.05,
18 going to the top of his statement. Yes?

19 A. Yes, that's correct.

20 Q. Your belief is that when we saw that reference to
21 contamination of a pipe on the contamination master
22 schedule, that is not to piping on a cushion; it's to an
23 actual pipe?

24 A. That's my understanding, yes, sir.

25 Q. Of course, Mr Mascal, we've heard evidence from

1 Mrs Litvinenko as to the circumstances in which
2 Mr Litvinenko reported becoming unwell that evening --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- already in this enquiry which will put the
5 circumstances as reported to her at least later in the
6 evening, in other words following his return?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. If we can go back, then, just briefly for the 17th.
9 I think that ended the evidence of purchases and visits
10 that evening.

11 A. For the 16th, yes.

12 Q. We've already rehearsed the fact that Mr Lugovoy in his
13 11 December 2006 interview related what happened for the
14 rest of the evening.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. I'm going to suggest a break, but if we just go back
17 again to the telephone master schedule just to see how
18 the telephone calls run through for the residue of that
19 evening, INQ017867. This is a record that starts at
20 19.46.

21 Lest there is any speculation about it, we see at
22 19.55 and other entries a call from Mr Lugovoy to
23 a female A. Is that right?

24 A. That's correct, yes.

25 Q. You've made enquiries of female A and those enquiries

1 lead to the conclusion that she was a woman that
2 Mr Lugovoy had met informally on a previous visit?

3 A. Yes, that's correct.

4 Q. Was seeking to meet again on the night of the 16th?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And despite his best efforts, she declined so to meet
7 him?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. And hasn't met him since?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Are you satisfied that she forms no part of this
12 enquiry?

13 A. Totally.

14 Q. So the telephone communication we do see going through
15 until 23.35.

16 We see Mr Litvinenko making telephone calls to
17 Mr Reilly at 20.17, his landline calls Mr Bukovsky at
18 20.27, a call or attempted call to Mr Berezovsky at
19 20.32 from his mobile, his Litvinenko 1 mobile.

20 He is making or attempting to make other calls up to
21 23.35. At 23.35 he appears to be trying to call
22 Mr Lugovoy.

23 A. Yes.

24 MR DAVIES: Sir, that would be a convenient moment just to
25 review how much further we go with the 16th to 18th

1 We could do this by reference to maps and so on, but
2 how far apart would these places be, assuming London
3 traffic by taxi in terms of time? Are they both in
4 Piccadilly?

5 A. One is just north of Piccadilly Circus, up
6 Shaftesbury Avenue, and the Parkes Hotel is close to
7 Harrods in Knightsbridge, so it's a trip down
8 Piccadilly.

9 Q. INQ002915, please. This deals with the booking in at
10 the Parkes Hotel, a statement of Andrea Furlai,
11 receptionist, signed and dated 28 November 2006.

12 She says she's employed as a receptionist at the
13 Parkes Hotel, 91 Beaufort Gardens, and has been so
14 since February 2006.

15 "On Tuesday, 28 November, police officers attended
16 the hotel and asked me if I could check the hotel
17 computer systems to ascertain whether two males by the
18 names of Dmitri Kovtun and Andrei Lugovoy had previously
19 stayed at the hotel. On checking the systems,
20 I ascertained that two rooms were booked through our
21 website in the name of Andrei Lugovoy on 16 October 2006
22 at 15.07 hours. Both rooms were booked for the
23 following day -- Tuesday, 17 October for one night
24 only."

25 It would appear, Mr Mascall, if that's right, that

1 on the day of arrival from Gatwick at 15.07, an
2 arrangement had been put in place to change hotel rooms?

3 A. That's correct. I think Mr Lugovoy's travel had
4 ordinarily been booked for Gullivers Travel and on this
5 occasion I believe it was booked through his daughter,
6 Tatiana Lugovoy, who made an email reservation.

7 Q. Notwithstanding that, the booking was not to change
8 rooms on the 16th; it was to change rooms the following
9 day, the 17th.

10 A. I believe so, yes.

11 Q. Both rooms were booked for the following day, Tuesday,
12 17 October, for one night only.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. "I have handed to police the registration forms in the
15 name of Andrei Lugovoy which shows his address ...
16 and ... telephone number [ending 754]. It also lists
17 his credit card number [ending 2018] and this appears on
18 both registration forms. On checking into the hotel,
19 client's passports are checked and a photocopy retained
20 at reception. Andrei Lugovoy checked in to room 23 at
21 13.50 hours and signed the registration form on arrival.
22 I produce this registration form as my exhibit AF1."

23 I'll come to that in a minute.

24 "Mr Lugovoy checked in with a male by the name of
25 Dmitri Kovtun and he checked into room number 25.

1 Mr Kovtun signed the registration form. I produce
2 this ... as my exhibit AF2. I can confirm that the bill
3 for the minibar for both rooms amounted to GBP 36. The
4 final bill for both rooms was paid when they checked out
5 on 18 October by Mr Lugovoy and amounted to GBP 622.77.
6 I am willing to attend court if necessary and give
7 evidence."

8 If we could just have a quick look, please, at
9 INQ006344, it's not the clearest document, perhaps.
10 With most of his personal data redacted, it's the
11 registration form for Mr Lugovoy, signed by him, room
12 number 23 is marked on it, and the departure date is put
13 on it as well as 18 October.

14 A. Yes, it's the 17th to the 18th.

15 Q. The rate is 295 plus VAT, giving a rate for his room
16 alone of 346.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Just to look at Mr Kovtun's final bill, INQ006409,
19 slightly out of sequence, we can see that as part of
20 a single bill, rooms 23 and 25, we have rooms
21 respectively at 295 and 199, various minibar expenses,
22 paid for, single transaction, GBP 623 round figures --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- for the night. For completeness, INQ006410 shows the
25 credit card receipt consistent with the credit card

1 details we have for Mr Lugovoy.

2 A. Yes. I'm slightly confused by that because I'm looking
3 at that and it looks like Mr Kovtun's bill has both
4 rooms on it because it's only for one night and it has
5 two rooms on there, but Mr Lugovoy -- that's his credit
6 card, 2018, and Mr Lugovoy --

7 Q. We had the room rate shown.

8 A. -- yes, consistently paid for both rooms.

9 Q. Mr Mascall, piecing a number of sources of evidence
10 together there, Mr Lugovoy and Mr Kovtun are at the
11 immigration area at Gatwick at about 11.34 on the 16th.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. They travel, they say, by train, to the Best Western
14 Hotel.

15 A. We believe so, yes.

16 Q. Where they cannot obtain access to their rooms until
17 about lunchtime.

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. At about 3.07 or before they are making arrangements to
20 transfer hotels.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. In the currency of the same afternoon, there is
23 a meeting at Erinys offices with Mr Reilly and others on
24 the 16th.

25 A. The meeting took place at around 3.00 pm.

1 Q. We've been through it, but the data monitoring
2 demonstrates readings at Erinys, Pescatori,
3 Dar Marrakesh and indeed it demonstrated readings at
4 Parkes Hotel as well?

5 A. Every location Mr Lugovoy and Mr Kovtun went to, yes.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr Davies, a small point. We heard evidence
7 about Mr Litvinenko going home on the 134. I don't
8 think we heard anything as to whether there was
9 a forensic examination of that bus. It's page 111 of
10 the transcript, or 112.

11 MR DAVIES: Yes, thank you, sir.

12 Was there an examination of that bus, the journey
13 home, Mr Mascall?

14 A. Yes, there was, sir. That bus was checked and screened
15 and found to be clean.

16 Q. Thank you. Do you have the date on which it was tested?
17 21 December?

18 A. Yes, that's correct.

19 Q. Thank you, and again it's in the contamination schedule.

20 A. Yes, it is.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr Davies.

22 MR DAVIES: Thank you, sir.

23 Whilst we're at it -- and in fact it's a sensible
24 place to conclude -- can we just look at the
25 Parkes Hotel contamination before we conclude the

1 evidence for the day: INQ017994. This is the outcome of
2 radiation testing at Parkes Hotel starting
3 30 November --

4 A. Yes, that's correct.

5 Q. -- 2011. Again, at multiple locations throughout the
6 Parkes Hotel was found contamination. On page 17994, in
7 the hotel lobby leading to rooms 23 and 25, readings of
8 20, external to room 23, 110. And on subsequent dates,
9 including 2 December, more specific testing of rooms 25,
10 23 and 27, 25 and 23 in particular. Room 25, readings
11 of 200. 23, 230.

12 A. Yes, that's correct.

13 Q. Turning on to 17995, 3 December testing, again, lower
14 readings, but nonetheless positive alpha radiation
15 testing within rooms 25 and 23?

16 A. Yes, that's correct.

17 Q. Whereas in a schedule that runs to some 21 pages, it was
18 predominantly no detection found.

19 Perhaps if we look at 018007, this is testing by
20 DSTL. Who's that?

21 A. It's an agency, a subsidiary of the HPA. I'm trying to
22 think of what it stands for.

23 Q. It's under the umbrella of the HPA?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Right. It's rooms 23 and 25 where you have these

1 positive results, with testing starting 30 November as
2 I've indicated?

3 A. Yes.

4 MR DAVIES: Sir, it would preserve the sequence better if we
5 were to turn to Mr Reilly next for the 16th, and that
6 being the case, that would be the evidence we propose to
7 call today.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

9 MR STRAW: Sir, if I may, two very short points for
10 Mr Mascall.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, of course.

12 Questions by MR STRAW

13 MR STRAW: Thank you. Going back to the coaches that took
14 Lugovoy and Kovtun on the 16th from their aeroplane to
15 the terminal building, is that trip ordinarily just
16 a very short trip, in order of a minute or so?

17 A. I personally don't know how long the transfer from the
18 aeroplane to the terminal takes, sir, but I would
19 suggest, yes, it's not much more than a few minutes.

20 Q. You mentioned that those coaches were deep-cleaned every
21 couple of weeks, so between 16 October when Kovtun and
22 Lugovoy used them, until 8 December when they were
23 actually tested for radiation, they would have been
24 deep-cleaned several times?

25 A. Yes, they would.

1 Q. Just focusing on the period then from when Lugovoy and
2 Kovtun arrived from Moscow at Gatwick airport, leaving
3 the airport at around midday, or thereabouts, until they
4 have this meeting in Erinys at around 3.00 pm that day
5 with Mr Litvinenko, when those very high readings of
6 radiation were found, so just focusing on that period,
7 you were read out, or you read out some interviews and
8 statements from Lugovoy and Kovtun earlier on today.

9 It's right, isn't it, that there's no suggestion
10 from them that they had any prearranged meeting during
11 that period from when they arrived from Moscow until
12 they had that meeting at Erinys?

13 A. A prearranged meeting with who? Mr Reilly or
14 Mr Litvinenko?

15 Q. No, before the -- sorry, from when they arrived from
16 Moscow, until when they get to that meeting with
17 Mr Litvinenko and so on at Erinys, there's no other
18 prearranged meeting that they have, is there?

19 A. Not that I'm aware of, sir, no.

20 Q. So other than going to their hotel, being suggested by
21 Mr Krgo to go to a cafe, coming back to the hotel, going
22 up to change their suits and then going out to the
23 meeting with Mr Litvinenko at Erinys, there's no
24 evidence that they met anyone they knew or had any other
25 arranged meetings during that period?

1 A. No, sir. Extensive enquiries were done to try and
2 identify at what time they got on, for example, the
3 Gatwick Express, what time they left Victoria train
4 station, did they get a cab, did they walk, and all of
5 those enquiries proved negative due to the time lapse
6 and CCTV, et cetera. So it is an area in the
7 investigation that we cannot say what Mr Lugovoy and
8 Mr Kovtun did.

9 MR STRAW: Thank you very much.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr Mascall, further to the first of the set
11 of questions that Mr Straw put to you, I suspect most of
12 us have travelled on airside coaches and they are
13 a mixture of both standing and seating accommodation.

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: The preponderance being standing rather than
16 seating.

17 A. I would only be speaking from personal experience, sir,
18 I have always stood, but I would have to speak to
19 Mr Maberly to give me an explanation of the layout of
20 that particular bus.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: I was speaking from personal experience too,
22 but it would be helpful to know the answer to that.

23 A. Yes, sir, I shall check.

24 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, very well. 10.00 tomorrow morning.

25 (3.17 pm)

1 (The Inquiry adjourned until 10.00 am on Thursday,

2 12 February 2015)

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