

1 trip.

2 A It was a fairly short trip so I don't remember all the  
3 details, but it sounds about right.

4 Q I think on the very day of your return, indeed at  
5 a hotel at Heathrow Airport, you had a sort of  
6 debriefing meeting, didn't you?

7 A I don't recall that, but we may have done.

8 Q It's not your note but I'm going to see if it assists  
9 your recollection. I'm going to suggest that there at  
10 Heathrow, in a hotel, you met the lady that I've  
11 mentioned, Lorna Harris, the case controller from the  
12 Serious Fraud Office. (Handed)

13 A That's certainly what the first couple of lines indicate  
14 so, yes, I'm sure that meeting happened.

15 Q So you were letting the Serious Fraud Office know how  
16 things had gone on your inspection?

17 A Yes. It does look like it, yes.

18 Q Now, the reports on behalf of Mr Nadir were called BDO  
19 Binder Hamlyn. Your reports had the name Mantle on the  
20 top. Does it follow from that contact with the Serious  
21 Fraud Office that we see before in July and on your  
22 return in July that you would have notified the Serious  
23 Fraud Office of your Mantle reports and conclusions?

24 A I certainly don't think we would have informed them of  
25 the reports because they didn't exist at this time. If

1 I can just read the note? (Pause) Yes, this certainly  
2 looks as though we did discuss in general terms the  
3 findings of the inspection, but, as I say, they  
4 certainly wouldn't have received a note at this point  
5 because it didn't exist.

6 Q Obviously if you had just returned you would have been  
7 very efficient if you had typed-up your report. Just  
8 have a look at your first Mantle report. That's dated  
9 3 July, isn't it?

10 A Yes, it is.

11 Q So that clearly did exist?

12 A It did exist.

13 Q Had you notified the Serious Fraud Office of those  
14 conclusions?

15 A I don't know what conclusions I notified, other than  
16 anything that was in this note.

17 Q But there was an open and frank discussion about the  
18 investigations you were making?

19 A Certainly the SFO knew we were going there and we told  
20 them what we found, yes.

21 Q An open and frank discussion?

22 A An open and frank discussion, but whether we shared all  
23 our conclusions with them I have no idea now.

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1 Office as you went along.

2 A I can't remember whether it was as we went along or at  
3 the end, but there was liaison with the SFO, yes.

4 Q We heard evidence on Friday from Mr Tantam; do you  
5 remember him?

6 A I indeed.

[Mark Tantam, Head of the Commercial Investigations Group with Touche Ross & Co]

7 Q He had quite a lot of face-to-face contact with the SFO.

8 A Yes.

9 Q Presumably he was in a better position to give evidence  
10 of that than you are from your recollection.

11 A Yes.

12 Q Do you recollect for instance that, before the SFO  
13 executed a search warrant on the premises of PPI on  
14 30 October 1990, they called you in the day before for  
15 a discussion about that?

16 A I think so, yes. Yes.

17 Q That was the level of co-operation, was it not?

18 A We did co-operate insofar as we could properly do so  
19 with the SFO.

20 Q Did you authorise that your report, the Mantle report,  
21 should be provided to the SFO?

22 A After taking legal advice we disclosed it.

23 Q I think that representatives of the administrators, when  
24 they flew back from the Mantle inspection, actually met  
25 representatives of the SFO at a hotel at Heathrow when