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Service Police - Record of a Tape Recorded Interview

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Interview of	
Number	Rank/Status Capt Surname SEAMAN
Forenames	John Edward
Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Ship/Corps/Regt/Unit	1 QLR, Alexander Barracks, BFPO 58
Colour of eyes	Blue (Tick Box) Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Colour of Hair	Blond Height 5'9 Marital Status

Interviewed by	
Number	Rank SSgt Surname JOHN
Forenames	Christopher John
Unit and address	OP TELIC MIR HQ SIB (UK) RMP Campion Lines Bulford Village, Wilts

Persons Present		
Rank/Status	Name & Initials	Reason
Sgt	M Waring	2nd Service Policeman
Mr	T Line	Legal Adviser

Date of Interview	Mon 14 Mar 05	At (Place)	HQ SIB (UK) RMP, Campion Lines, Bulford
Time Started	1544 hrs.	Time Finished	1800 hrs.
No. of Master Tapes	Three	Exhibit No(s)	JES/1/1, JES/1/2 & JES/1/3

Certificate	
This record consisting of 80 pages each signed by me is the exhibit referred to in the statement made and signed by me.	
Date	Signature of Service Policeman Preparing record.
2 Apr 05	C JOHN

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Forenames	<input type="text" value="John Edward"/>						
Times(s) and Tape Count							
	<p>Capt Seaman: Yes, I think it would be odd to have had a death in custody, within your unit and not to have discussed it...</p> <p>SSgt John: Uh huh.</p> <p>Capt Seaman: ... in a casual manner about, yeah, yes, we would discuss it, of course we have, I think it would be very odd not to have done.</p> <p>SSgt John: Could you expand on that in a little bit more detail please?</p> <p>Capt Seaman: In what way, on like, how ...</p> <p>SSgt John: What was discussed, what were your feelings about it for example?</p> <p>Capt Seaman: My personal feelings about it are that for there to have been a death in custody, then something must have gone wrong, and it is wrong, something must have gone wrong, and, you know, that's a fair summary of my feelings about it...</p> <p>SSgt John: Uh huh.</p> <p>Capt Seaman: ... You can't have that kind of incident without something going wrong.</p> <p>SSgt John: Was that generally what was discussed between yourselves?</p> <p>Capt Seaman: Generally in a, yes, yeah, generally, socially amongst myself and others of my rank, yeah.</p>						
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Forenames	<input type="text" value="John Edward"/>						
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	<p>SSgt John: Okay. Have you got any points on that at all?</p> <p>Sgt Waring: Yeah. You said earlier you was only made part, you was only partial to knowing about the sandbags being an issue, so is that the only part of the, the treatment of the detainees that you was aware of, after the incident?</p> <p>Capt Seaman: Yes, I was, obviously there is also the, there as I've just implied by my previous answer in social talk with the other members of BHQ...</p> <p>Sgt Waring: Uh huh.</p> <p>Capt Seaman: ...Then, then there, there must have been something go, something else go wrong, for Baha Musa to have died in the way that he did die. So yeah, so yeah we discussed that, but just say again your question, I can't remember what I'm trying to answer now?</p> <p>Sgt Waring: Basically I'm trying to, I'm asking if, if it was discussed between yourselves, the exact treatment, what Corporal Payne and others done to the detainees?</p> <p>Capt Seaman: No. What the, what the, in the specific, no, no it wasn't, because the, there were obviously rumours over what, over what had happened, because for him to have died in our custody, in the way that he did, then it's quite one can assume, that he would have been hit at, at some point, and therefore something has gone wrong, and, yeah, that's...</p>						
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	Sgt Waring:	And we got up to your feelings, you said something must have gone wrong, is that the only personal feeling you had about it, something's gone wrong, or ...					
	Capt Seaman:	No, no, no, when I say something's gone wrong I don't mean something's gone wrong, I think, there has been a failing somewhere ...					
	Sgt Waring:	Uh huh.					
	Capt Seaman:	... i.e. yes something's gone wrong and equally there has been a failing somewhere for that chap to have died in our custody. Something must have gone wrong in the process, somewhere along the line, and that's my personal, but that's my personal feeling.					
	Sgt Waring:	Just a question, I know over there everyone was working constantly and you've all got your own things to do, and like you've already said some mornings you was working until one in the morning. But is there a system in place where there is a duty officer, as it were, somewhere, anyone requires junior rank or senior rank, requires to speak with an officer, is there a nominated officer in charge as a first port of call?					
	Capt Seaman:	They have the, they have their chain of command.					
	Sgt Waring:	Right.					
	Capt Seaman:	They, and if they aren't take a private sold, if your suggesting a private soldier ...					
	Sgt Waring:	Yeah.					
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