

Witness Name: PAUL LOGAN

Statement No: 1

Exhibits: None

Dated: 27 July 2010

THE BAHAMOUS PUBLIC INQUIRY

WITNESS STATEMENT OF PAUL LOGAN

I, **PAUL LOGAN** will say as follows: -

1. I make this statement in response to the Inquiry's Rule 9 Request dated 6 July 2010. I have read this Request, and I seek here to cover everything it raises to the best of my ability and recollection. I have also been shown and have read copies of extracts of Inquiry witness statements and evidence provided by SO16 and Maj Royce.
2. Having joined the Royal Marines in 1987, I left in March 2010.

Rank and role in 2003

3. I deployed to Iraq in about May 2003 as a Research NCO holding the rank of Sergeant within the Field HUMINT team (FHT) based at Basra Palace. I reported to either the Ops Warrant Officer, Dave Harris or the OC of the FHT, SO16. I did not have anybody reporting to me in the chain of command.
4. My primary function was gaining information to protect coalition forces. My role involved attending a daily in-house FHT meeting chaired by either the Ops Warrant Officer or the OC of the FHT to discuss relevant points that had arisen from the daily morning Brigade briefings, which they attended. If I was asked to lead on a force protection operation, I would discuss it in more detail with the Ops Warrant Officer or the OC after the meeting, carry out any necessary preparatory work and then led it. I also on occasions assisted in operations led by others. Following operations, I would complete documentation recording information gained and then brief the Ops Warrant Officer or the OC before submitting the documents to them. This information might then form part of an intelligence product.

Conversation referred to by Major Royce

5. I have been shown and have read extracts from the evidence of Maj Royce to the Inquiry, namely BMI03173 to BMI03175 and BMI Trans. Day 57 pages 57 to 63, 73 to 75 and 122 to 125. In addition, I have been shown and have read extracts from the evidence of S016 in connection with a conversation, namely BMI04538 and BMI Trans. Day 85 pages 96 to 105. I am not the person being referred to by Maj Royce. I am confident of this for the following reasons:
- a. I have no recollection of any such meeting, but I am clear that I did not at any stage discuss or advise on conditioning, hooding or stress positions or any other prisoner handling matters with anybody, as these were not within my area of expertise. I have not received training in tactical questioning and know it is a specialist area. Therefore I am confident that I have never advised (nor would I ever advise) on matters pertaining to it as I am not qualified to do so.
 - b. Maj Royce gives evidence at BMI03175 (para 113) regarding the operation which was being discussed and states it did not result in any arrests, conditioning, TQ or internment. This operation would therefore have been what we termed a 'dry hole', i.e. when a house was targeted in which the primary individual was not present. I was definitely not involved in any 'dry hole' operations. Moreover, Maj Royce describes an operation which involved only one house (BMI03175 para 113), whereas none of the operations I was involved in concerned only one house.
 - c. I do not recall being present in any discussion in which Maj Robinson told Maj Royce that a TQer was not going to be immediately available (Royce BMI03173 para 10).
 - d. Maj Royce describes at (BMI03173 para 108) the FHT following suspects on the ground. I was not involved in any such operation and I doubt Maj Royce's evidence on this point, as I am not aware of the FHT ever following suspects on the ground. Although there were a few of us with knowledge of covert surveillance, none of us deployed in this capacity and, as far as I am aware, none of us were ever called upon to carry out such work in Iraq. Our role was intelligence gathering; we were not a surveillance team.
 - e. I believe the 'Red Brick conference' referred to by Maj Royce is reference to the daily morning Brigade briefings attended by the Ops Warrant Officer or the OC of the FHT. If so, I did not attend any of these meetings.
6. For the above reasons, I am confident that I was not party to any such discussion described by Maj Royce. I have considered whether he could have been thinking of another member of the FHT who had been TQ trained but if so, I do not know who this could be. I had been seconded to my post and did not know any of my colleagues' backgrounds.

Prisoner Handling

7. I did not see any detainees in Iraq with hoods placed over their heads or with blindfolds. Nor did I witness any stress positions being used on them.
8. Indeed, I only ever saw detainees on one occasion, briefly, when they were being lifted from an operation and did not witness anything inappropriate. They were certainly not hooded, plasticcuffed, blindfolded or in stress positions.

9. I have been asked by the Inquiry to provide information about any discussions I was involved in, or concerns that I was aware of, regarding hooding, stress positions, sleep deprivation or other aspects of the physical handling of prisoners in Iraq during Op TELIC 1 and/or 2. In response, I was not involved in any discussions on these matters and I did not hear of any concerns.

10. I have not received any specific prisoner handling training beyond that covered in the mandatory annual LOAC training as this has never formed part of my work. I have not therefore had any reason to receive training in this area.

Accounts to Press

11. I have not given an account of matters relevant to the Inquiry to the press or other media and nor have I provided an account of events relevant to the Inquiry before now.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed

[Redacted Signature]

Dated

20 July 2010