

Record of Tape Recorded Interview

Person Interviewed **Rebecca Johnson**

Place of Interview Charing Cross Interview Room

Date of Interview 6th July 1993

Time Commenced 3.02pm Time Concluded 3.09pm

Duration of interview

Interviewing Officers DC Cahill DC Stepney

Person Speaking Text

Introduction and caution.

CAHILL Well basically it's our job to ask you some questions in relation to your arrest today. Now obviously we weren't there but the circumstances that have been reported to us are that yourself in company with a group of other ladies were arrested within the grounds of Buckingham Palace having breached the wall in Grosvenor Place. Is that correct?

JOHNSON The British Government in the name of the Queen has violated the sovereignty of the Western Shoshone Nation by doing nuclear testing in the Nevada Desert.

CAHILL Right I can understand obviously if we want to go into a bit of the background it's obviously your right to do so. Given that your presence here in London this morning is to demonstrate in relation to that matter and obviously I can fully understand what you are saying. But our job is basically to deal with the circumstances where any breach of the law may have been committed. Do you understand that?

JOHNSON Britain should immediately negotiate with the other nuclear testing nations to conclude a comprehensive nuclear test ban.

CAHILL Right okay then. Obviously I understand your point of view and you know you're quite entitled to voice that but again as I said I want to ask you some questions about your presence within the grounds of Buckingham Palace today. Do you care to answer any of those questions in relation to that?

JOHNSON The nuclear testing at Nevada has also contaminated the environment. It's leaked radioactivity into the water table and it is necessary now that the British Government must stop nuclear testing but it should also compensate the Western Shoshone nation, the people of the Western Shoshone for the damage done to their environment by years and years of British nuclear testing.

CAHILL Right once again I understand what you're saying well if you just let me recap then, there can be no doubt that you were arrested today within the grounds of Buckingham Palace. An officer has given evidence to that fact, when the premises or

the wall was being breached some damage was caused to some wires. Did you cause that damage?

JOHNSON No reply.

CAHILL The women who were seen to climb and scale the wall, two of them were seen to cut the wires, the security wires on top of the gate and the wall. Are you responsible in any way for that damage?

JOHNSON No reply.

CAHILL Obviously you decline to answer that question. Well that's basically the matter I'm going to put to you.

JOHNSON Can I ask if Britain will take responsibility for the damage done to the environment of the Western Shoshone people in Nevada by British nuclear testing for the purposes of building nuclear bombs, the purposes of which are to kill and maim hundreds and thousands of people worldwide?

CAHILL I can understand your statements but by sort of versing them to me it's not going to go any further than this, the four walls of this room. Obviously as I explained to you all I can put to you is the matters in relation to any crimes that may have been committed and not of a political nature.

JOHNSON The crimes that I've seen (and I've been to Nevada) and the crimes that I've seen committed there are the crimes of both of the violence of trying to produce and test nuclear weapons and the crime of genocide against the people.

CAHILL Indeed and once again I fully understand exactly what you're saying to me but obviously I don't intend to ask you any further questions. Do you wish to say anything about the allegations I have put to you?

JOHNSON That since nuclear testing is done in the name of the Queen of this sovereign nation the sovereignty and the rights of the land of the Western Shoshone people should be respected and they must be compensated for the damage to their environment done by the British Military programme.

CAHILL Right indeed. Okay this notice here explains how you can have a copy, access to copies of the tapes, I'll serve upon you, this label here is a sticky label which will be used to seal one of the tapes and preserve its integrity. Are you willing to sign that?

JOHNSON Yes I am willing to sign that.

STEPNEY Just before we finish, how did you get to London Rebecca? Did you come, there are a number of people here in custody, I think there's another 14 I could be wrong, but there's a number of other people in custody who were also arrested in the grounds of Buckingham Palace as were yourself. Did you travel to London with those people? Is it not right that you travelled to London I believe in a white, it's like a mini bus a Volkswagen mini bus. Is that right did you come here in that minibus?

JOHNSON No reply.

STEPNEY This is your opportunity, obviously you exercised your right of silence which is your entitlement.

JOHNSON No I didn't exercise my right of silence I've been speaking during this interview about the violation of the rights of sovereignty of the Western Shoshone people.

STEPNEY With regards to my questions and some of my colleague's questions you've chosen to exercise your right of silence. I just wanted to point out to you that you were arrested in the grounds of Buckingham palace. Obviously we have spoken to witnesses who saw a group scale ladders cut wire at the top of the wall before going into the grounds and then go down into the other side and into the grounds causing Criminal Damage in order to do so. Now as I believe you are part of that group and therefore are responsible for the damage caused to that wall or the wire above it, have you any comment to make about that.

JOHNSON No reply.

STEPNEY That's all I wish to ask.

CAHILL I've got nothing else to say.

CAHILL Right the time by my watch is 3.09pm and this interview is concluded.

Record of Tape Recorded Interview

Person Interviewed **Kay Tabernacle**

Place of Interview Charing Cross Interview Room

Date of Interview 6th July 1993

Time Commenced 3.53pm Time Concluded 3.58pm

Duration of interview

Interviewing Officers DC Stepney DC Cahill

Person Speaking Text

Introduction and caution.

STEPNEY You were arrested earlier today with a number of other ladies within the grounds of Buckingham Palace having entered those grounds by scaling the wall in Grosvenor Place, cutting the barbed wire above the wall and climbing in. Is that right, is that how you gained access to the Palace gardens?

TABERNACLE No reply.

STEPNEY Can you tell me Kay, how did you come to London today?

TABERNACLE No reply.

STEPNEY Is it right you came with others in a white Volkswagen mini bus?

TABERNACLE No reply.

STEPNEY In fact with other ladies who are here with us at the present time who were also arrested within those gardens, of the Palace gardens. Are you one of the ladies who cut the wire above the gate?

TABERNACLE No reply.

STEPNEY I mean the thing is collectively all of you are responsible for that damage. This is a planned, let's call it an assault on the Buckingham Palace, whereby you have all come together decided on a plan of action and carried that plan of action out i.e. cutting the wire, using the ladders to scale the wall and then climbing over the wall once the wire was cut into the gardens. To confirm that the Volkswagen mini bus was brought here to Charing Cross Police Station and was searched. In that mini bus were found two sets of bolt cutters which are red, painted red. Have you ever seen those before?

TABERNACLE No reply.

STEPNEY You're grinning. Also in that mini bus was found a piece of paper which read almost, it's an information sheet of which I have a photocopy here. The actual original is identified as exhibit ID/4. Basically on that sheet is given various parts of information which are information, gives information about Buckingham Palace basically a brief history. The security of the Palace it sets out if I read a small part, "The physical barrier is a high wall topped with metal spikes and strands of barbed wire apart from the front and along Buckingham Palace Road. Behind the wall is mainly parkland including lakes, security provided by Special Palace Police and by Police outside by the Queens Guards. There are police on the gates at the front.", and it carries on basically setting out what security is at Buckingham Palace. It also sets out legal matters, it's headed Legal Matters, which gives various offences which you could be arrested for if you committed an act similar to which was committed by you and others this morning, i.e. Criminal Damage, Breach of the Peace, Conspiracy and it's said if I quote from it, "Suspicion of Criminal Damage, Conspiracy to Commit Criminal Damage, (they would need evidence of conspiracy like this piece of paper)." Which basically explains what you could be arrested for within those grounds. It also gives on the back of the original sheet a history of break-ins including Michael Fagan who broke in in 1982. Have you ever seen that information sheet before Kay, have you read that information sheet?

TABERNACLE No reply.

STEPNEY Did you have anything to do with the producing or writing of that information sheet?

TABERNACLE No reply.

STEPNEY You are exercising your right to make no comment during this interview. If I can just point out to you Kay, you obviously had good reason for protesting if I may call it that in the way you did this morning. This is your opportunity if you wish to do so to explain to us your reasons for doing what you did. Do you wish to make any comment while this tape is running in this interview?

TABERNACLE No reply.

STEPNEY Kay I will put it to then that you along with others are responsible for Criminal Damage to the wire at the wall in Grosvenor Place and also trespassing within the grounds of Buckingham Palace. Do you have any comment to make about that allegation which I am putting to you?

TABERNACLE No reply.

STEPNEY Right I don't have any further questions at the present time, do you have any questions?

CAHILL No I don't have any questions.

STEPNEY Right the time now is 3.58pm and I conclude the interview.

Record of Tape Recorded Interview

Person Interviewed **Cat Spider Crone**

Place of Interview Charing Cross Interview Room

Date of Interview 6th July 1993

Time Commenced 3.23pm Time Concluded 3.28pm

Duration of interview

Interviewing Officers DC Sadler DC Williams

Person Speaking Text

Introduction and caution.

WILLIAMS You were arrested this morning when you were found in the grounds of Buckingham Palace would you like to tell us how you got in there?

CRONE No reply.

WILLIAMS Would you like to tell us why you went in there?

CRONE The Western Shoshone need compensation for the damage done to their land.

SADLER Sorry who need compensation?

CRONE The Western Shoshone need compensation for the damage done to their land.

SADLER Is that in Canada or America?

CRONE No reply.

SADLER You turned round to show me the back of a lime green t-shirt, "Stop British Nuc Test on the Sovereign Western Shoshone land," sorry I can't see what it says, "Nevada, USA." Is that right?

CRONE No reply.

SADLER Could you say yes or no please? It will make it a lot easier. Right she's nodding again.

WILLIAMS You're wearing a lime green t-shirt as we previously described, blue jeans, pink socks.

SADLER Mauve.

WILLIAMS Mauve socks, I assume they're both the same, walking boots. And you've got a pair, what's that a pair of tracksuit bottoms round your head?

CRONE No reply.

SADLER Wispy beard and short mid brown hair, one small necklace, probably an acorn on cotton.

CRONE Giggles.

WILLIAMS In the van driven by Miss McDonald we've found a piece of paper which we, this is a copy of it. Have you ever seen this before?

CRONE No reply.

WILLIAMS This time you shake your head, signifying you haven't seen it before. Who actually cut the wire on top of the gates of the Palace?

CRONE Who does the nuclear testing?

SADLER Protest the nuclear testing.

CRONE Who does the nuclear testing, Britain does the nuclear testing.

SADLER Ah right.

CRONE States does nuclear testing, France does nuclear testing, all on lands which do not belong to them, that are sovereign lands of the Western Shoshone.

SADLER Right I think I got some of that.

WILLIAMS Yes obviously it didn't quite answer as to who cut the wire on top of the gates of Buckingham Palace.

CRONE Who does the nuclear testing on sovereign land of the Western Shoshone?

SADLER It's question with a question time is it?

SADLER I'll just explain for the tape that that heavy banging is in fact the magnetically controlled doors outside the station and nothing happening in this interview room.

CRONE Police tried to strangle me earlier though not now.

SADLER Whereabouts was that?

CRONE That was earlier.

SADLER Where?

CRONE Before the arrest.

SADLER Where?

CRONE Laughs. You damn well know where.

SADLER Well damn well tell me then?

CRONE Laughs.

SADLER Doe this concern you "Canadian national" are you?

CRONE My throat is very sore.

SADLER I'll get you a glass of water in a moment.

Jumbled conversation concerning feeding.

SADLER 'Corse this has been produced by people who do the nuclear testing you realise that don't you?

CRONE No reply.

WILLIAMS Do you wish to add anything further or clarify a point.

CRONE No reply.

SADLER Shaking her head.

WILLIAMS Shortly I'll give a copy of the leaflet explaining what happens to the taped interviews and how you can obtain a copy of the tape. This interview is concluded at 3.28pm.

Record of Tape Recorded Interview

Person Interviewed **Howard**

Place of Interview Charing Cross Interview Room

Date of Interview 6th July 1993

Time Commenced 3.10pm Time Concluded 3.14pm

Duration of interview

Interviewing Officers DS Williams DC Sadler

Person Speaking Text

Introduction and caution.

WILLIAMS You were arrested this morning in the grounds of Buckingham Palace. Is that correct?

HOWARD Yeah that is correct.

WILLIAMS Would you like to tell me why you were in Buckingham Palace?

HOWARD Yeah I was in Buckingham Palace, in the grounds of Buckingham Palace because I strongly believe that it's time that the British Government should recognise the Western Shoshone nation and stop exploding nuclear bombs on their land and the Queen is head of Government you know she's in a position to do that and that's all I've really got to say in this interview. I'm not going to say anything else.

WILLIAMS Would you like to tell us how you got into the Palace or into the grounds?

HOWARD No reply.

WILLIAMS You're shaking your head.

SADLER Can I just run through what you are wearing then, we'll call you Miss Howard because that's the name that was given when you came in. You are wearing a black cardigan, base white shirt with crimson and green floral pattern, black just below the knee length trousers, pink socks, black shoes. You're also carrying a green/blue stiped canvas bag and also an off-white cotton over-shirt or something similar, which is a jacket. Yeah a denim jacket oh.

WILLIAMS Boiler suit.

SADLER Boiler suit with faded pink with red paint on. Is that right. Yes you're nodding your head again. So the cameras can't pick that up cos they ain't got cameras. You're wearing glasses, you've got centre parting hair swept back behind the ears, tied in a, plaited at the back. Is that fair comment. Nodding again.

WILLIAMS I have here a little piece of paper that was found in the van driven by Miss McDonald, would you like to have a look at that. There's a photocopy of it the other one's being used in the other interviews. Have you seen that document before?

HOWARD No reply.

WILLIAMS And here's the second page of it here.

HOWARD No reply.

WILLIAMS Again no reply made. Anything else Bob?

SADLER I can't think of anything.

WILLIAMS Do you wish to add anything further or clarify a point.

HOWARD No reply.

WILLIAMS Here's a leaflet which explains tape recorded interview and how you can obtain a copy of the tape. The interview is concluded at 3.14pm.

Record of Tape Recorded Interview

Person Interviewed **Gregory**

Place of Interview CX Interview Room

Date of Interview 06.07.93

Time Commenced 5.35pm Time Concluded 5.44pm

Duration of interview

Interviewing Officers DCI Jackson, PC 604 CX Singh, DC Sadler

Person Speaking Text

Introduction and caution.

DCI JACKSON Miss Gregory you are in custody at Charing Cross Police Station for breaking strands of wire, security wire at the edge of Buckingham Palace grounds in Grosvenor Place this morning, scaling a gate with the aid of a ladder and by a length of Blue rope descending the other side with intent to gain entry and access as trespassers to the Royal Palace. What was your intention?

GREGORY No reply.

DCI JACKSON Was is a protest with your colleagues over the treatment of Western Shoshone People in Nevada where HM Government undertakes Nuclear Trials?

GREGORY No reply.

DCI JACKSON Did you use bolt cutters to break the wires and gain access?

GREGORY No reply.

DCI JACKSON Do you know who may have?

GREGORY No reply.

DCI JACKSON You have a pretty good idea throughout the last few hours of who is in custody here. Do you know of anyone who we have arrested who is perhaps innocent of these crimes and therefore should be released as soon as possible?

GREGORY No reply.

DCI JACKSON Tell me do you agree that your intent was to gain access to the Royal Palace and meet one of the members of the Royal family if not the Queen?

GREGORY No reply.

DCI JACKSON What would you have done had you reached, realised that ambition?

GREGORY No reply.

DCI JACKSON There was clearly a plan beforehand of what was something very well organised to meet before and discuss arrangements, isn't that so?

GREGORY No reply.

DCI JACKSON In Miss McDonald's van, the White VW is that how you came here this morning to Grosvenor Place at the back of Buckingham Palace grounds, in the van? Because we found in a back pack amongst the clothing was what's now produced as exhibit ID4, identified as ID4 which is a plain type-written sheet one sheet. The typing is very good. There are a few errors the typing is very good and under various headings are history of break ins, Fagan, possibilities, information about the Police, security, legal matters and it is quite clear that a lot of preparation has gone into this. Did you realise by your actions you would cause alarm and distress to a lot of people because of the very high protection of this Royal Palace?

GREGORY No reply.

DCI JACKSON Let me repeat at any time of course as I'm sure you'll well know you are entitled to have a solicitor for free legal aid, free legal advice at any time day or night and you can avail yourself with that right should you wish it at any opportunity.

GREGORY No reply.

DCI JACKSON Would you like to say before I close the interview what your intention was today?

GREGORY No reply.

DCI JACKSON Would you describe yourself as a seasoned and committed CND protestor?

GREGORY No reply.

DCI JACKSON Is there anything you want to say that would assist the Police in determining the extent of your conduct and what charge to prefer?

GREGORY No reply.

DCI JACKSON This is an opportunity to speak and say whatever you wish to say it's being recorded very fairly on the tape recorder, can you think of anything?

GREGORY No reply.

DCI JACKSON Is there anything that you'd like to say?

DC SADLER I'll just run through your description if I may. You are wearing Green and White Hummel Trainers, Green socks, Black tracksuit trousers, a Red T shirt with a Back motif on the front, Blue letterings Heal Global Wounds your also carrying a bright Jordan baseball cap, a navy Blue sweatshirt, Nike in make nothing on the back and a small Green and Brown haversack is that correct?

GREGORY No reply.

DC SADLER You have a Mohican style haircut shaved at the sides about three inches long on top and you are wearing glasses. Would that be a fair description of your description, what your wearing?

GREGORY No reply.

DCI JACKSON And a bracelet what was out of cloth, a sweat bracelet.

DC SADLER Woven bracelet for the reference.

DCI JACKSON Woven and it says heal global wounds and what's underneath clear something, clear testing.

DC SADLER Nuclear Testing and five hundred years.

DCI JACKSON Alright do you want to open the bag?

DC SADLER No sir that's already been searched.

DCI JACKSON And what we, what we seem to be dealing with here is a criminal conspiracy of a large number of people who have undertaken this exploit. Should you wish to speak to any Detective at any time to do attract the attention of the Gaoler. I'm going to stop this tape shortly and can I make the comment that you seem very determined not to say anything which of course is your right and were now moving towards a quarter to six what is it?

DC SADLER It's 5.44.

DC SINGH It's 5.44.

DCI JACKSON 5.44, 5.44 and I'm going to stop the tape.

Record of Tape Recorded Interview

Person Interviewed **Diane McDonald**

Place of Interview CX Interview Room

Date of Interview 6th July 1993

Time Commenced 2.25pm Time Concluded 2.39pm

Duration of interview

Interviewing Officers DCI Jackson, DC Stepney, WPC 578 CX Collins

Person Speaking Text

Introduction and caution.

JACKSON I arrested you approximately 2 hours ago opposite a black gateway to the grounds of Buckingham Palace. You were briefing the media and TV crews while holding a single banner some six feet in length which said and I quote "Royal Recognition for Western Shoshone Sovereignty". "Shoshone Sovereignty" would you like to explain that? We brought your vehicle a VW bus with the banner and other equipment including two pairs of bolt cutters, two bolt cutters, would you like to make any statement about their purpose?

McDONALD No reply.

JACKSON You've already been told on your receipt, reception at this Police Station that you were entitled to a Solicitor or a friend to be present. Would you like someone present?

McDONALD No reply.

JACKSON It is an opportunity for you to give your side of events before we determine what if any criminal charges to prefer.

McDONALD No reply.

JACKSON A lot of the people that have been arrested just prior to your arrest you seem to know. Did you all travel up together to make this protest and climb over the gates and sever the barbed wire to gain entry to the Royal grounds?

McDONALD No reply.

JACKSON You've been present whilst the van, the VW bus, was searched and when we spoke briefly about a back pack which had some inhalers in it. We both were concerned that the person, who you gathered is not at this Police Station, might need that inhaler. Indeed there were others, also in that very back pack was a sheet of paper describing past Royal trespassers and the criminal law in respect of the crimes that

seem to have been committed this morning. Do I take it that you all planned to make this protest about HM Government's Nuclear Testing policy by a trespass on Royal grounds?

McDONALD No reply.

JACKSON I think certainly that was part of the press coverage that you were making just before I arrested you on the sidewalk.

McDONALD No reply.

JACKSON One thing that you can help me is was there any plan to inconvenience or do anything worse to the Royal residents in the Palace?

McDONALD No reply.

JACKSON Di is your home in Southampton?

McDONALD No reply.

JACKSON Can I advise you there is an opportunity and indeed we can have a later opportunity if you'd like a solicitor present to give some explanation or account for your actions. You have this opportunity here today to do that, is there any comment that you'd like to make?

McDONALD No reply.

JACKSON Excuse me just one moment and I will get that sheet of paper that I refer to 14.32, 14.32 excuse me keep the tape going because I'm going to be just half a minute.

DC STEPNEY Mr Jackson leaves the interview.

STEPNEY Just one thing while Mr Jackson's not here is it Miss McDonald? All I was gonna ask is, you've chosen to exercise your right not to make any comment during the interview. Would you just acknowledge your presence during the interview because you've said nothing throughout, could you do that for us?

JACKSON I have this sheet of paper that was taken from the back pack, the first one we that looked at.

STEPNEY It's two thirty three, Mr Jackson returns to the interview room.

JACKSON And it says TD4 ID4, ID4 and it's a single sheet of paper information about the Palace which is set in an acre, in an area as big as St James Place with over 600 rooms and over 350 staff. The land was seized in the fifteenth century during the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry the 8th making the monarch extremely rich. The monarchy as an institution has more power than most people think, apart from the ceremonial duties which the Queen performs such as opening Parliament and signing its events, the Queen has and exercises real power in forming and un-forming governments. There's also a range of powers independent of Parliament

covered by executive powers in Whitehall these include obviously troop deployment, declaring war, recognising countries and making treaties. The whole of the armed forces and civil service, police and the judiciary owe allegiance first to the crown which effectively means the government as it is, the Queen's government. Firing a nuclear missile is done on the orders of the Prime Minister but in the name of the Queen.

Security, the physical barrier is the, is a high wall topped with metal spikes and strands of barbed wire apart from the front and along Buckingham Palace Road behind the wall is mainly parkland including the lake. Security is provided by Special Palace Police and the Police outside and by the Queen's Guards, there are Police at the gates at the front as well as walking around the outside, as it's also very near several Police Stations there will be Police driving about quite a lot anyway and probably also quite a few soldiers in the area and in the parks. There is detection equipment installed and at night there are roaming sentries in the grounds. The Police station in the Palace is near the Royal Mews. In 1983 it consisted of Chief Inspector, an Inspector, two Sergeants and twenty Constables presumably working to shifts. They are responsible eventually to Commissioner of the Met and then return to the Home Office.

On the other side it has history of break ins and then FAGIN but the final piece says legal matters. Obviously it says with the Police having such a creative approach the possibilities are endless. Breaching the Queen's peace public order, both can be used on private land, obstruction of the Police or as we will probably need to cut a bit of wire, suspicion of criminal evidence, sorry, suspicion of criminal damage, conspiracy to commit criminal damage in brackets they would need evidence of conspiracy like this piece of paper or hopefully not attempting to commit criminal damage. Personally I'm putting my money on suspicion of criminal damage because they will want to arrest us for something to get rid of us as quickly as possible, things we won't be arrested for, Treason Section 1 best to avoid and it's still a capital offence involving killing the Queen and that sort of thing, Treason Section 2 not nearly so serious involves alarming the Queen, throwing things at her, etc. We are, we are likely to bump into HM but anyway this will be a non-violent action.

McDONALD No reply.

JACKSON And a no comment from you on that but presumably this indicates that you intended to invade the Palace, to enter the Palace.

McDONALD No reply.

JACKSON Tony anything you can think of?

STEPNEY No obviously as my governor has pointed out to you this is obviously your opportunity to give us an explanation as to your actions this morning. Is there any comment you want to make while the tape is still running?

McDONALD No reply.

JACKSON Do you know of anyone in Custody at present or have you any suspicions of anyone in Custody who shouldn't be here that you would like to speak about?

McDONALD No reply.

JACKSON That's not part, it seems as if it's very much an action by you all and very well planned to. Have you anything?

COLLINS No nothing I can think of sir, no.

JACKSON No, okay well that that's about it Miss McDonald. If there is things that you would like to say in answer to the questions about your detention here and about events earlier today then I will certainly welcome listening to you and if you'd like a solicitor present or would like to make any phone call then certainly that will be allowed. Well for the time being then you'll be detained at this Police Station and we will make further enquiries into the action earlier today, thank you.

STEPNEY We will now conclude the interview just to clarify one point today is Tuesday 6th July 1993.

JACKSON Did I not say that?

STEPNEY I think you missed it earlier Sir.

JACKSON We missed it, okay.

STEPNEY But the time now is 2.39pm and I'm gonna turn the tape off.

JACKSON Thank you.

Record of Tape Recorded Interview

Person Interviewed **Yvonne Eyre**

Place of Interview CX Interview Room

Date of Interview 6th July 1993

Time Commenced 3.21pm Time Concluded 3.26pm

Duration of interview

Interviewing Officers DC Stepney, DC Cahill

Person Speaking Text

Introduction and caution.

DC STEPEY Right you were arrested earlier today in the grounds of Buckingham Palace, in the gardens. Now the facts as I understand them are that you with others scaled the walls in Grosvenor Place or the wall in Grosvenor Place by putting two ladders up against the walls, climbing to the top of the ladders, cutting the barbed wire above the wall which was nearby to a gate which is within the wall, cutting the barbed wire and climbing down the other side into the gardens of the Palace, is that right?

EYRE No comment.

DC STEPNEY Can you tell me, sorry can I call you Eyre?

EYRE Hey.

DC CAHILL No the surnames Eyre, Yvonne Eyre.

DC STEPNEY Can I call you Yvonne?

EYRE Yep.

DC STEPNEY Is that okay?

EYRE Yep.

DC STEPNEY Yvonne can you tell me how you managed to get into the grounds of the Palace?

EYRE No comment.

DC STEPNEY There are a number of other women here who were also arrested in a similar fashion in the grounds of the palace, we believe by entering by the same means i.e., up the ladders and cutting the wire and through into the grounds. Did you come to London with those, those ladies?

EYRE No comment.

DC STEPNEY Had you all travelled together I believe it in a, we have here a Voltswagen minibus a White Voltswagen minibus, did you travel down to London in that minibus?

EYRE No comment.

DC STEPNEY With others. Can you tell me your reason, if any, for being in the grounds of the Palace?

EYRE No comment.

DC STEPNEY Within that minibus as I say which is a White Voltswagen minibus was two sets of there actually bolt cutters or large wire cutters. They are red in colour, have you ever seen those items before? I haven't actually got them in the interview room but there are two sets of Red bolt cutters, we believe they were used to cut the wire above the wall where you and other ladies got into the grounds. Did you at any stage use those bolt cutters?

EYRE No comment.

DC STEPNEY Do you know any of the other persons who were arrested in the grounds?

EYRE No comment,

DC STEPNEY Did you cut the wire?

EYRE No comment.

DC STEPNEY Also in the minibus a white, as I say the White Voltswagen minibus which was searched here at the Police Station was found this, well this is a photocopy of a sheet of paper which was found in the van. It's actually identified as exhibit ID4 and I will stress this is only a photocopy, okay what it basically is, it's an information sheet which gives information about the Palace, i.e. Buckingham Palace. It gives information about the security of Buckingham Palace, there's an interesting piece at the bottom of the first page which regards legal matters. If I can quote a little bit from it, it says "Obviously with the Police having such a creative approach the possibilities are endless, breaching the Queen's peace or public order. Both can be used on private land, obstruction of the Police or as we'll probably need to or as we will probably need to cut a bit of wire, suspicion of criminal damage, conspiracy to commit criminal damage they would need evidence of conspiracy like this piece of paper". I.e. It's basically it's a sheet which explains what offences you may be arrested for if you enter the grounds of Buckingham Palace in the fashion which you and others did. Hhave you ever seen this sheet of paper before?

EYRE No comment.

DC STEPNEY Have you any input into the writing or producing of this sheet of paper?

EYRE No comment.

DC STEPNEY I'll just point out obviously you have your reasons for protesting in the way that you did this morning. This is, as I've explained before is a, is your opportunity to explain to us your reasons for doing what you did this morning, do you wish to comment in any way?

EYRE Not at this time.

DC STEPNEY About the events of this morning?

EYRE Not at this time.

DC STEPNEY I will put it to you before I finish that you along with others attended Grosvenor Palace where you committed collectively criminal damage and entered the Palace grounds without invitation. Do you have any comments to make about that, that allegation that I'm putting to you?

EYRE No I have nothing to say at all.

DC STEPNEY Okay, I don't intend to ask you any further questions I don't know if my colleagues got any?

DC CAHILL No I don't have anything that's past the wall.

DC STEPNEY Right I'll now conclude, is there anything you want to say before I turn the tape off?

EYRE No.

DC STEPNEY Right I'll conclude the interview.

EYRE Not at this time.

DC STEPNEY The time is now 3.26pm.

Record of Tape Recorded Interview

Person Interviewed **Paula Modeson**

Place of Interview Charing Cross Interview Room

Date of Interview 6th July 1993

Time Commenced 2.56pm Time Concluded 2.58pm

Duration of interview 2 minutes

Interviewing Officers DS Williams DC Sadler

Person Speaking Text

Introduction and caution.

WILLIAMS You were arrested earlier this morning when you were found inside the grounds of Buckingham Palace. Would you like to tell us how you got there?

MODESON (No reply made).

SADLER Can I just go through what you're wearing then. Yellow and black, orange and black loose fitting tracksuit top, faded, badly faded black jeans, turquoise blue/green tee shirt, numerous necklaces around the neck and also hair tied in plaits.

WILLIAMS You're carrying a shoulder bag of.

SADLER Indian patterned canvas. Would you agree with that, tied in plaits with multi coloured ribbons?

MODESON (No reply made).

WILLIAMS Would you disagree with that?

MODESON (No reply made).

SADLER Suede shoes.

WILLIAMS Would you like to tell us why you were in Buckingham Palace?

MODESON (No reply made).

SADLER And the protest you were making was it referred to on the banners that we've recovered?

MODESON (No reply made).

SADLER I see no point in continuing with this interview.

WILLIAMS One little bit.

SADLER One little bit.

WILLIAMS The van that you were using, that was driven by Miss McDonald, inside the van we found a piece of paper with some typing on it. Would you like to look at that, that's a copy of it. Have you seen that before?

MODESON (No reply made).

WILLIAMS As you said before I see no point in continuing this interview. Do you wish to add anything further or clarify a point?

SADLER Just a few giggles and a few raised eyebrows or something.

WILLIAMS Or a smile.

SADLER Or a smile.

WILLIAMS This interview is concluded at 2.58pm.

Record of Tape Recorded Interview

Person Interviewed **Anneke Kraakman**

Place of Interview Charing Cross Police Station Interview Room

Date of Interview 6th July 1993

Time Commenced 5.12pm Time Concluded 5.16pm

Duration of interview 4 minutes

Interviewing Officers DC Stepney DC Cahill

Other persons present Miss Rayner (Solicitor)

Person Speaking Text

Introduction and caution.

STEPNEY You were arrested earlier today along with a number of other ladies within the grounds of Buckingham Palace in the gardens. First of all can you tell me how you got into the grounds of Buckingham Palace?

KRAAKMAN The only thing I have to say is that I am calling on Great Britain, this country, to stop Nuclear Testing, not only in this country, in Scotland in particular where I live, where nuclear material is being transported through the middle of Glasgow. In particular I call on Britain to stop nuclear testing in Western Shoshone Land and recognise through this deed their land rights to their land. That is all I have to say.

STEPNEY As I understand you had a protest or a reason for gaining entry to the Palace grounds earlier today, you've expressed some views there. Would that be your reason, is that your protest to gain entry into the grounds?

KRAAKMAN All I have to say is what I've said, this is my statement.

STEPNEY Can you tell me how you came to London today?

KRAAKMAN I have no comment.

STEPNEY Did you come with others, others who are actually here at the police station with you? I understand that you came in a a Voltswagen minibus which is white in colour, is that right? And then that ladders were used I believe taken from that vehicle, placed against the wall in Grosvenor Place whereupon people got up those ladders and used bolt cutters to cut the wire above the wall in order to allow you and your friends or associates, however you were refer to them, into the grounds of Buckingham Palace? Is that right?

KRAAKMAN I repeat all I have to say I've said and I won't say anything else.

STEPNEY That minibus which I suggest you came with your friends in has been brought to the police station here at Charing Cross and searched. Inside that minibus are two sets of red bolt cutters. Do you have any knowledge of that? Have you seen those before? I haven't actually got them in the interview room, two sets of red bolt cutters.

KRAAKMAN I've got no comment.

STEPNEY Ok. Also in that minibus was found an information sheet. The original is referred to as exhibit ID/4. Now I have a photocopy of it here. It's an information sheet about Buckingham Palace. It gives information about the Palace, the security at the Palace, i.e. the police that patrol it and how it is patrolled and what sort of security there is above the walls. It then refers to legal matters, i.e. what types of offences you could be arrested for if you effected an entry as I'm suggesting you and your friends did earlier today. It also gives a history of other break ins at the Palace and makes reference to Fagin who entered the Palace in 1982. If I show you that, as I say it's only a photocopy, have you seen that information sheet before?

KRAAKMAN I've got nothing to say.

STEPNEY Do you have any knowledge of the preparation or the compilation of that information sheet? I'm suggesting, sorry what is your first name, is it Anneke?

KRAAKMAN That's right.

STEPNEY Do you mind if I call you Anneke?

KRAAKMAN I'll prefer you call me Anneke Kraakman, my full name.

STEPNEY Anneke Kraakman I'm suggesting to you that you either cut those wires using the bolt cutters found in the Voltswagen minibus or collectively with the others caused criminal damage to that wiring around the top of the wall in order to effect your entry to the grounds of Buckingham Palace. Do you have any comment to make during this interview about that entry and that damage?

KRAAKMAN No.

STEPNEY Is there anything else, you are obviously as I say making a protest, is there anything else you would like to say while the tape is running?

KRAAKMAN I call on the British Government to stop nuclear testing. The United States Government have called a moratorium until '94 and we call on the British Government to stop their nuclear testing totally.

STEPNEY I have no further questions at this stage.

CAHILL Neither do I.

STEPNEY Is there anything else you want to clear up?

KRAAKMAN No thank you.

STEPNEY I now conclude the interview, the time is now 5.16pm.

Record of Tape Recorded Interview

Person Interviewed **Vron Edwards**

Place of Interview Charing Cross Police Station Interview Room

Date of Interview 6th July 1993

Time Commenced 4.42pm Time Concluded 4.46pm

Duration of interview 4 minutes

Interviewing Officers DC Stepney DC Cahill

Person Speaking Text

Introduction and caution.

STEPNEY You were arrested earlier today along with others in the gardens of Buckingham Palace. As I understand it entry was gained to the gardens by using ladders to scale the wall in Grosvenor Place above these gates and which are situated within the wall there. Wire was cut above these gates and the wall was scaled, subsequent entry being gained to the gardens, or the grounds of Buckingham Palace. You were, I don't think there's any dispute, you were arrested within those grounds. Can you tell me if I'm right in suggesting that was your means of entry?

EDWARDS No comment.

STEPNEY Can you tell me Vron how did you come to London today?

EDWARDS No comment.

STEPNEY Did you come with others or alone?

EDWARDS No comment.

STEPNEY Did you or are you responsible for cutting the wire in order to gain entry to the grounds of Buckingham Palace earlier today?

EDWARDS No comment.

STEPNEY At the police station here we have a white minibus which I believe was your mode of transport along with the other ladies here with us at Charing Cross. Within that minibus were found two sets of red bolt cutters which witnesses have described to us as being used to cut the wire in order to gain access to the grounds. Have you used bolt cutters?

EDWARDS No comment.

STEPNEY Were you aware that those cutters were in that Volkswagen minibus?

EDWARDS No comment.

STEPNEY If I suggested to you, did you travel to London in that minibus?

EDWARDS No comment.

STEPNEY Also in that minibus was found, let me call it an information sheet. The original which is identified as exhibit ID/4. Now I have a photocopy of it here. It's an information sheet which sets out information about the Palace itself, security of the Palace, basically what security there is around the walls and what type of police security and soldiers there are within the Palace itself. It then deals with legal matters in respect of if you carried out an entry such as I'm suggesting you did with others this morning what offences you may be arrested for and dealt with for. If I may quote a little bit from here it mentions, suspicion of criminal damage, conspiracy to commit criminal damage and it mentions that we, police would need evidence of conspiracy such as it suggests i.e. this information sheet. Which means collectively you all had the common purpose to gain entry by causing the damage to the wire. Have you ever seen, if I show you that, I say it is only a photocopy?

EDWARDS No comment.

STEPNEY Have you seen that before? Did you have anything to do with the production or the writing of that information sheet?

EDWARDS No comment.

STEPNEY I will just point out you are exercising our right to make no comment. Can I just point out that this is your opportunity. You've obviously gained access to the gardens in whatever manner you did for a specific purpose. Would you like to make any comment as to what that is while the tape is running?

EDWARDS No comment.

STEPNEY Can you offer me any explanation as to your presence within the gardens, or your means of entry to the gardens?

EDWARDS No comment.

STEPNEY I will just put it to you that you along with others did commit criminal damage in order to gain access to those gardens. Do you have any comment to make about that allegation I'm putting to you?

EDWARDS No comment.

STEPNEY I don't have any further questions.

EDWARDS No I don't, it's covered it all.

STEPNEY Is there anything else you want to say while the tape is on, anything you want to clear up?

EDWARDS No.

STEPNEY Anything you'd like to clear up.

EDWARDS No thank you.

STEPNEY I have no further questions at this stage. The time is now 4.46pm.

Record of Tape Recorded Interview

Person Interviewed **Helen Back**

Place of Interview CX Interview Room

Date of Interview 6th July 1993

Time Commenced 3.39pm Time Concluded 3.44pm

Duration of interview

Interviewing Officers DC Cahill, DC Stepney

Person Speaking Text

Introduction and caution.

DC CAHILL Right you were arrested earlier today in the grounds of Buckingham Palace having scaled and breached the walls in company with a large number of other women. Now I understand that, that's in protest to some nuclear testing going on in Nevada. Am I right, in the USA or proposed testing in that area, is that correct?

BACK No reply.

DC CAHILL Again you are nodding in the affirmative, right the information we have is that to gain access to the grounds of Buckingham Palace some ladders were placed against a gate in the wall and security wire above these was cut with the aid of bolt cutters. Two rather large red handled implements of the same we have at the station at the moment. They are not in the interview room, were you responsible for cutting the wire to gain access to the grounds?

BACK No reply.

DC CAHILL Obviously this is your opportunity to answer the allegation that I'm putting to you. I mean collectively what we're saying is that for the purpose of the demonstration you all came to London this morning in the White VW minibus intending to get into the grounds of Buckingham Palace and by doing so having to cut the wires above, is that right?

BACK No reply.

DC CAHILL Well that's the allegation against you, obviously we have evidence on notes here from the arresting officer to the effect that you were arrested within the grounds of the Palace so there's obviously no doubt about it that you were trespassing within those grounds. And to do so you would have had to scale the wall as I've indicated and as I say once again you damaged, criminally damaged the security wire on top of that wall to afford you access, do you have anything to say about that allegation?

BACK No reply.

DC CAHILL Right, the vehicle concerned which was used to convey you to that location contained among other things the bolt cutters I've mentioned to you and this leaflet or notice explaining details about the Palace. Its security, legal matters concerning breach of that security, history of the break ins and a paragraph regarding Fagin who breached security in 1982 and other possibilities and obviously that would clearly indicate an intention for you to get into the grounds today and as a consequence cause damage in doing so. Have you ever seen that leaflet I'm showing you a photocopy of exhibit ID/4.

BACK No reply.

DC CAHILL Do you have any comment to make about that?

BACK No reply.

DC CAHILL Right well obviously it's quite a serious allegation made against you and I can understand that for whatever motives you know you've demonstrated in the way you've seen fit. Do you have anything to say at all in relation to this incident?

BACK No reply.

DC CAHILL Do you want to go into any detail about the exact reasons why you've demonstrated in this way?

BACK No reply.

DC CAHILL You are sure, I mean you have nodded in the negative but do you want to make any statement in relation to your actions of today?

BACK No reply.

DC CAHILL Again you've nodded in the negative.

BACK No reply.

DC CAHILL Do you have any questions Tony?

DC STEPNEY No none at all, thank you.

DC CAHILL Right well I don't propose to labour the matter, obviously you've exercised your right to silence. Do you wish to say anything before I terminate the interview?

BACK No reply.

DC CAHILL Right the time now is 3.44pm and this interview is concluded.

Record of Tape Recorded Interview

Person Interviewed **Deborah Blacksmith**

Place of Interview CX Interview Room

Date of Interview 6th July 1993

Time Commenced 4.11pm Time Concluded 4.17pm

Duration of interview

Interviewing Officers DC Cahill, DC Stepney

Person Speaking Text

Introduction and caution.

DC CAHILL Right, obviously, you were arrested earlier today in company with a number of other women having scaled and breached the wall to the grounds of Buckingham Palace and subsequently you were arrested within those grounds by a uniformed officer. Now in the process of gaining access to the grounds some wire on top of the wall and gate was damaged and that basically is the allegation against you that either you, yourself or collectively caused criminal damage to the wire on top of the wall and gate to afford you access. Now I appreciate you've come to London today to demonstrate for whatever reasons in relation to certain political matters, now do you wish to say anything about those matters or the allegation that's against you?

BLACKSMITH No comment made.

DC CAHILL Right obviously you are declining to make a comment, am I correct in saying that?

BLACKSMITH I want a Nuclear Test Ban.

DC CAHILL Right I mean we understand the reasons why, what you've done today I mean, but it isn't a matter for us to sort of deal with political issues. We're just here to sort out the matter where a crime is alleged to have been committed. What's alleged to have happened today is that some wire has been damaged, now I'm asking you directly was it you who damaged the wire?

BLACKSMITH Will remain silent.

DC CAHILL Indeed, there can be no dispute that you were arrested within the grounds so it would appear then that if you didn't that collectively with your friends or associates, whatever you want to describe them as, deliberately damaged that wire to gain access to the grounds, would that be right?

BLACKSMITH I remain silent.

DC CAHILL Right, as far as we understand it you all arrived today in Grosvenor Place in a White VW minibus which has been located and is in fact currently at this Police Station. Now found therein are a couple of large red handled bolt cutters which witnesses have indicated to us were used to cut the wire. Did you at any time have possession of those bolt cutters?

BLACKSMITH I remain silent.

DC CAHILL Also within the vehicle was found a leaflet or an information sheet outlining details about the Palace, its security, legal matters and other matters in relation to break ins at the Palace. Now obviously this is sort of a pre-prepared document and I'm showing you a copy of the original which is exhibit ID/4, so you recognise that document? It is a photocopy.

BLACKSMITH I remain silent.

DC CAHILL Well obviously clearly that would indicate to us a sort of pre-meditation in what has occurred today and some intention to gain entry to the grounds for whatever purpose. And I am again putting it to you that you came to London today with your friends intending to gain entry to the Palace and its grounds and by doing so caused damage in the process. Do you have anything to say in relation to the reasons why you've chosen to demonstrate in that way today?

BLACKSMITH I want Nuclear Testing banned and I want sovereignty for the Western Shoshone in Nevada.

DC CAHILL I mean obviously to lay people we're not extremely aware of the situation over there. I mean what is it you're demonstrating against?

BLACKSMITH I remain silent.

DC CAHILL Obviously you feel strong enough through these views to come to London today and demonstrate in this way though. Is that right?

BLACKSMITH I remain silent.

DC CAHILL Right, okay well I haven't got anything else to say, so you want to say anything else before the interview terminated?

BLACKSMITH I want Nuclear Testing banned.

DC CAHILL Unfortunately we can't arrange this this afternoon but do you have anything else to say Tony?

DC STEPNEY No I don't.

DC CAHILL Right the time is 4.17pm and this interview is concluded.

Record of Tape Recorded Interview

Person Interviewed **Pippa Taylor**

Place of Interview CX Interview Room

Date of Interview 6th July 1993

Time Commenced 4.59pm Time Concluded 5.03pm

Duration of interview

Interviewing Officers DC Cahill, DC Stepney

Person Speaking Text

Introduction and caution.

DC CAHILL In short the allegation against you is that of criminal damage. And the information and the facts that we have received are that earlier today you were arrested within the grounds of Buckingham Palace, is that correct?

TAYLOR No reply.

DC CAHILL Well as I said I don't think there can be any dispute that you weren't arrested within the grounds and obviously it's our job to investigate the matter and find out exactly what happened. Now as we understand it, yourself and a group of friends or associates went to the grounds of Buckingham Palace today to protest or demonstrate in relation to a particular issue, is that correct?

TAYLOR I call for an Anti-Nuclear Testing Ban and compensation to the Western Shoshone, the Indian People who've been harmed. That's about it, that's it.

DC CAHILL Right, okay, well obviously what I'm putting to you is that whether yourself in person or collectively as a group you caused damage to the wires on top of the wall and the gate at the rear of Buckingham Palace today. Do you have anything to say in relation to that allegation?

TAYLOR No reply.

DC CAHILL The information we have is that yourself and your friends arrived at the scene at the rear of the Palace there in a White VW minibus. Now we have that minibus at the station and it's been searched and in it have been found two red handled bolt cutters. Did you use either of those bolt cutters today to cut the wires to gain entry to the Palace grounds?

TAYLOR No reply.

DC CAHILL Also found in that vehicle was , an information sheet, a copy of which I have in front of me, the original of which is identified as exhibit ID4. Now this in short is an

information sheet about the Palace in general, its security, legal matters in relation to your arrest or any offences that came to be committed within those premises, history of break ins, a paragraph regarding Fagin who entered there in 1982 and some other possibilities. Now this clearly indicates some level of intention today to go to the Palace and gain entry. I appreciate for the purpose of demonstration, have you seen this article before, this leaflet?

TAYLOR No reply.

DC CAHILL Do you have any involvement in its production or content?

TAYLOR No reply.

DC CAHILL Right well in short obviously you've elected your usual right of silence but I'll put it to you that you went to the grounds of Buckingham Palace and to gain entry you caused criminal damage either personally or collectively with your associates to gain entry. Do you have anything to say in relation to that?

TAYLOR No reply.

DC CAHILL Have you anything to say Tony?

DC STEPNEY No I don't think I do.

DC CAHILL Do you have anything to say in relation to the reasons why you went into the grounds today.

TAYLOR No reply.

DC CAHILL Right I've no further questions for you the time by my watch is 5.03pm and this interview is concluded.

Record of Tape Recorded Interview

Person Interviewed **Rowan Tilly**

Place of Interview Charing Cross Interview Room

Date of Interview 6th July 1993

Time Commenced 3.45pm Time Concluded 4.10pm

Duration of interview

Interviewing Officers DCI Jackson

Person Speaking Text

Introduction and caution.

JACKSON You've been arrested here in respect of conspiracy to cause criminal damage and entering the grounds of Buckingham Palace earlier this morning. Did you all come up in the one van?

TILLY No we all came by different means.

JACKSON But a number of you came in Miss McDonald's van.

TILLY I didn't come in the van.

JACKSON Did Miss McDonald's van as far as you know have the ladders?

TILLY I don't know.

JACKSON You scaled the ladders and with a rope got down the other side?

TILLY Yeah.

JACKSON Is it true to say that you then scattered?

TILLY I wouldn't say we scattered.

JACKSON You separately went different paths.

TILLY Yeah I guess so.

JACKSON What was the intention?

TILLY My intention was to get as close to the Palace as I could and if possible to get into the Palace with banners.

JACKSON Had you a banner on you?

TILLY No but my friends had banners.

JACKSON So you were going to be close to them?

TILLY Yeah that was my intention.

JACKSON So once you were in the Royal grounds the intent was to invade it efficiently and as quickly as possible whatever security there was there?

TILLY That's right.

JACKSON Were you interested in seeing someone at the Palace?

TILLY Well it would have been nice to see the Queen because we were asking for respect for the sovereignty of the Western Shoshone People.

JACKSON Can you develop that a little bit more, the Western Shoshone People?

TILLY Well the Western Shoshone live in the desert in America and there's nuclear, there has been nuclear testing going on in their lands and that's what I'm concerned about.

JACKSON And currently we've been aware in the press, have we not, of HM Government's intention to continue nuclear experiments there?

TILLY Well there was something in the paper on Sunday saying that there was going to be a moratorium on testing until 1994 I think it is. But my concern is that those people are still not being respected for their sovereignty and that they haven't been compensated for things like leukaemia and eye diseases and genetic deformities of the births of their children.

JACKSON Is it true that in essence this was behind your efforts today?

TILLY Yeah. I want to alert the public and I wanted it to be brought to the highest state possible which I consider to be the Royal Family or what this country considers to be the Royal Family perhaps. And that therefore coming to Buckingham Palace is making that point I think that it should go to the highest level.

JACKSON Miss McDonald's intention, is it true that she was going to stay with the banner once you had all got over and explain to the press what was going on?

TILLY I can't really speak for anybody else but myself.

JACKSON But you knew your part in what was a collective effort?

TILLY Yeah, but I was very clear about my own intentions.

JACKSON When was the plan conceived?

TILLY I don't know, I don't know.

JACKSON Because although it has been recently in the press about the nuclear programme clearly from your point of view the total disregard of the Shoshone's rightful land has gone on for a long time?

TILLY Yeah the first that I knew about it was last summer. Some Western Shoshone women spoke in Oxford Town Hall and they spoke about nuclear testing and the effects it was having on their people and the wildlife in the area.

JACKSON And what group were they addressing at Oxford on this occasion?

TILLY I don't know actually.

JACKSON No.

TILLY I think it might have been organised by the local peace group, I'm not really sure.

JACKSON Do you belong to a peace group?

TILLY I don't know.

JACKSON What was your last protest?

TILLY It was the Timber Action actually.

JACKSON Timber Action, in this country or not?

TILLY In this country.

JACKSON So that was quite different too?

TILLY Yeah, but it was also connected to indigenous people which I feel very concerned about. I mean that particular protest was about taking tropical rain forest, stealing tropical timber from indigenous peoples' reserves in Brazil.

JACKSON Who had the bolt cutters this morning?

TILLY I've no idea.

JACKSON But clearly you knew that bolt cutters were being used so that you could gain easier access?

TILLY That's right but I didn't really wish to know who was using them.

JACKSON No, no but clearly and of course they were the first two up the ladder.

TILLY Yeah.

JACKSON And then did they drop them down or come down with them? Because they were later in the van.

TILLY I don't know I was one of the last people to go.

JACKSON But you took your turn straight up the ladder and then a rope down to the other side or a jump.

TILLY A rope.

JACKSON A rope down. Which was attached to the ladders?

TILLY I can't remember now actually.

JACKSON You still had to get under a gap didn't you, I think there was seven strands of barbed wire cut so there were a good hole but you still had to watch out for yourself though didn't you?

TILLY Yeah.

JACKSON But you didn't have too much of a drop did you?

TILLY No it wasn't very far it must have been about I don't know one and a half times my own height or something like that.

JACKSON What risk would there have been to Her Majesty?

TILLY From us?

JACKSON Mmm.

TILLY None at all.

JACKSON Well you say that because there's a large group of you and you then coming across the lawn in bright sunlight.

TILLY We wanted to make a honest sort of approach really. A kind of up front public sort of approach.

JACKSON Yes.

TILLY As far as possible without actually giving ourselves away.

JACKSON And you knew I take it that this was criminal.

TILLY Yeah, well I didn't know whether it was criminal there is no law of trespass so I had a feeling that I might be arrested but I didn't really know whether there would be a charge.

JACKSON But there would be damage.

TILLY In fact I still don't know whether there is going to be a charge.

JACKSON But there's damage on the way isn't there, there's bound to be damage.

TILLY Yeah, but not from me.

JACKSON No but you're all together.

TILLY Yeah.

JACKSON You see you would have been thwarted without the damage being caused, you would obviously not have squeezed through that horrid barbed wire.

TILLY No, but I respect any individual's choice to do whatever they feel is appropriate to defend the rights of those people.

JACKSON Yes, but your access was being gained by the bolt cutters above you. You never, you didn't say at the bottom of the ladder, "Oh my goodness me I must have nothing to do with this."

TILLY No.

JACKSON When may I ask you, when this Tuesday morning, when were you party to this, when was the seed sown?

TILLY What for me personally?

JACKSON Yes.

TILLY Last night.

JACKSON Last night? Did you get a call?

TILLY No.

JACKSON Last night you met someone and it was agreed?

TILLY I got together with friends.

JACKSON Yes.

TILLY And we talked about it then.

JACKSON Friends who are now at this police station now with you?

TILLY Yes.

JACKSON Where was that, was that in London?

TILLY Yeah.

JACKSON Do you wish to tell me anymore on that?

TILLY No.

JACKSON Bob?

SADLER Just go through what you're wearing please Tilly, you're wearing I call that a light denim shirt worn outside of black tights, black shoes and you've also got a navy blue cardigan with you.

TILLY Yeah.

SADLER Your hair is cut square about an inch and a half below your ears okay, would that be a fair description?

TILLY Yeah.

SADLER You're not wearing any really noticeable jewellery.

TILLY No.

JACKSON Do you know who's here largely?

TILLY What in this room?

JACKSON No, no of your friends?

TILLY I know them by first, in fact I don't know them by first name (unintelligible).

JACKSON No, we haven't got everyone here who shouldn't be here you know we haven't got people who are not involved in this.

TILLY I heard, yes I heard that there were some journalists arrested and they weren't nothing to do with it.

JACKSON Right.

SADLER And they were the only men arrested.

TILLY I think they probably were, yeah.

SADLER No worries on their account they have gone.

JACKSON Yes.

TILLY Sorry?

SADLER There is no worries on their account they have gone.

JACKSON That is important, that's important for us that we haven't got someone as we interview each person and they can give their explanation or not if they wish but we must make absolutely certain we haven't got someone who's quite innocent because that person must be released as quickly as possible. You were very likely to then to go as far as you could until arrested, until being stopped. Where do you go from here?

TILLY From here?

JACKSON Knowing yourself how committed you are you would not rule out would you a similar effort to this morning?

TILLY I don't know about that actually because I tend to be involved in forest actions as a priority and that tends to be my direction.

JACKSON Yes and that's, this is mostly Belamy, isn't it and Tasmania? Not mostly but he's been one of the most high profile public figures hasn't he?

TILLY He's one with a high profile.

JACKSON But of course this is not a forest action because of course where you are talking about I think is Nevada?

TILLY That's right.

JACKSON Which is desert, all be it it's desert people it belongs to, Shoshone tribe?

TILLY The Western Shoshone people.

JACKSON Just the Shoshone tribe and no other tribe?

TILLY No there are two other tribes.

JACKSON And do you know as a matter of fact that the actual development programme is on a reservation or is it ancient tribal lands?

TILLY I understand it to be ancient lands and I think one of the problems is that when the when the testing takes place, the testing always takes place when the wind is blowing in the direction of the Shoshone reservation rather than California so that those people get the fall out rather than the Californians.

JACKSON You're aware that your action would have alarmed and distressed the Sovereign?

TILLY My wish wasn't to distress. It was to call alarm to the plight of the people in Western Shoshone lands.

JACKSON There's been.

TILLY No intention to terrify or cause any kind of alarm as to anybody's safety.

JACKSON But there was a large group wasn't there, 15?

TILLY Yeah, but I think we looked pretty harmless really.

JACKSON Yes but large, was there any concern about the size?

TILLY Not for me, I don't think that I would have taken part in this if it hadn't been with women because I think that women tend to look less threatening.

JACKSON Was it when you discussed this last night was it whoever was willing would be part of the escapade?

TILLY Yeah.

JACKSON And you were making as direct a route as possible to the Palace and not only to gain entrance but to get to the Royal Quarters?

TILLY As far as we could yeah.

JACKSON So you would for instance you would move stealthily if there was a domestic coming down the corridor? You'd try and dodge that domestic?

TILLY Actually I don't think I have thought that far.

JACKSON Yes.

TILLY Because obviously there would be armed personnel.

JACKSON You would describe yourself fairly as a militant?

TILLY I don't think I'd use the word militant.

JACKSON Activist?

TILLY I'm a radical activist.

JACKSON Radical activist. Would you agree that a legitimate concern of police would be that there are varying degrees so that it is not inconceivable but members of your group may not have had what you indicate to be therefore a reasonable end. In effect that others may be prepared to go further?

TILLY I know that everybody that was involved was non-violent as I am and I'm absolutely positive that nobody who was involved in it would have meant any harm to anybody or would have wanted to frighten anybody or caused any distress. I'm absolutely positive of that. Otherwise I wouldn't have taken part.

JACKSON You arrived not in the white van yourself, you arrived on foot?

TILLY Yeah, via public transport.

JACKSON Via public transport, on your own or with other, someone else, with one or two others.

TILLY With somebody else.

JACKSON By public transport?

TILLY Yeah.

JACKSON So for you there was a bit of hanging around at the target area before the others came?

TILLY I wandered around in the park.

JACKSON Oh you were early, you were dead early.

TILLY Yeah.

JACKSON And the time was 10.30.

TILLY Yeah about that time.

JACKSON About that time. But presumably the banner 'Royal Recognition for Western Shoshone Sovereignty' was in place first?

TILLY We didn't have a banner at that point I don't think. Well I don't at least I'm not. I mean I don't know maybe

JACKSON The banner was from a lamppost to one end so it enabled one person to hold it. Is it your view that you don't know or that it could have been erected once you'd gone?

TILLY It could have been I don't know. I mean it might have been there because you know.

JACKSON Had the press been alerted?

TILLY At that point I don't think so.

JACKSON But they might have been?

TILLY They may have been.

JACKSON Presumably there was an inner core of organisation and then you were round the wider core, is that true?

TILLY I don't know.

JACKSON No.

TILLY I mean my experience of these kind of actions is that there are leaders and that they evolve.

JACKSON Well it's somebody's brain child or should I say brain child or somebody's idea.

TILLY Perhaps but if that is the case I mean yes it must have been the case but I don't know whose, that would have been.

JACKSON Essentially we're talking CND here are we?

TILLY I don't think it was CND.

JACKSON No it's a much looser core. Have you found yourself in similar position here with police on other protests.

TILLY What in London?

JACKSON No, in this country?

TILLY I have been involved in things in this country. In fact actually I have been involved in London.

JACKSON Yeah, yeah.

Tilly But mostly forest protests.

JACKSON Yes, yes.

SADLER No nothing further.

JACKSON Anything you can think that you would like to add?

TILLY Just that I hope that this country will respect the sovereignty of the Shoshone people and I hope that anybody who's involved with this will respect our reason for doing it.

JACKSON Well I must say that from our point of view it is a criminal conspiracy to get into a Royal Palace, well organised, very efficiently executed and one that would cause alarm and distress not just to the Sovereign but to a lot of people. It was a very mobile and thoroughly organised criminal conspiracy with a lot of equipment and where with all and I think a lot of people will be worried on that score. We have other people to interview and we will get on that as efficiently as possible and let you know of the developments as we go on. You were given a right weren't you to have a person informed when you arrived here?

TILLY I informed my own household.

JACKSON Your own family right?

TILLY Yeah.

JACKSON No-one else?

TILLY No. I mean I really don't think that this could be called a conspiracy because it's just a group of friends who felt strongly about something.

JACKSON I think that there is evidence of conspiracy and criminal conspiracy and in the white van, Miss McDonald's, in a back pack amongst the clothing we found a typed single piece of paper. It describes previous history of break ins, a section on that, then there's Fagin, quite a bit on that. Possibilities we might be seen as trespassing, different like political aspect, planned activity. And then on the obverse side a history of break ins connected with Royal premises. Information about the police on

the obverse side which is numbers and their powers, the security at the Palace and finally legal aspects.

TILLY But that's all legal information.

JACKSON Sorry?

TILLY That's all legal information.

JACKSON But this uses the word 'we' and says obviously with the police having such a creative approach the possibilities are endless. Breaching the Queen's Peace, Public Order (both can be used on private land) Obstruction of the Police or as we will probably need to cut a bit of wire Suspicion of Criminal Damage, Conspiracy to Commit Criminal Damage (they would need evidence of a conspiracy – like this piece of paper).

TILLY No reply made.

SADLER Why was today chosen for this protest?

TILLY I don't know.

SADLER Was it because the Queen would be in residence?

TILLY As far as I understand people thought that the Queen would actually be in Scotland.

SADLER Surely I think it's a commonly known factor that if the Standard is flying the Queen is in residence?

TILLY I didn't know that.

JACKSON Yes but you yourself were intent on gaining the Royal household and speaking to someone as high up as possible. So clearly had they been away that would not have been an ideal situation for you?

TILLY Why should they have been?

JACKSON Been away, if they had been absent, Balmoral.

TILLY No but I think entrance to the Palace is a symbolic gesture towards making a political point at those people. Do you see what I mean? I mean I think in a way for us whether the Queen was in residence or not was of no great importance because we were making a symbolic protest. The British military for example invading the Western Shoshone's lands and so you could say that us going into Buckingham Palace is a symbolic way of saying, making a point.

JACKSON Well I hear what you say but HM Government has the necessary consent from the US Government haven't they? So the issue is, if it is about people's rights then that's the US Government who give the right for trials there, don't they? Like the Australian Government albeit years ago.

TILLY Yeah but nevertheless it's the British who carry out the tests so.

JACKSON Thank you very much well I'm going to stop the tape now and that will be the end of the interview.

TILLY Right.

JACKSON And it is 4.10pm.

SADLER Do you wish to add anything further and clarify any points?

TILLY No.

SADLER Okay thank you. Here's leaflet 987 explaining what happens to the tape interviews and how you may obtain a copy. The time by my...

JACKSON Where is the leaflet, you're saying here's the leaflet where is it?

SADLER Have you got any there Sir?

JACKSON I thought we had, no we haven't we better find a ...

SADLER DC Sadler leaves the room.

JACKSON To get a 488 no a 987. To get a leaflet 987. It's going to explain this tape, it's going to explain this seal and you will sign this and I will sign it or you may refuse and the Custody Sergeant signs and then this seals one now and that won't be opened without a Court authority and the other one we can make copies with. You're entitled to a copy, so we would make a copy with one and seal the other. I'm going to stop it now and you have got a 487.