



METROPOLITAN POLICE

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Room 1501
Broadway SW1

Mr Andrew POCOCK
British Embassy
3100, Massachusetts Ave NW
Washington
USA

7 June 1990

Dear Sir

Re: WITNESS BILL GENTILE

With reference to our telephone communication on 6 June 1990. I forward to you a copy of Mr Gentile's letter which he sent me in respect of the shooting of British Journalist Mr David BLUNDY, who died in SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, 17 November 1989.

I would ask that prior to Mr Gentile giving his account of the incident by way of video recording, he be allowed to refresh his memory so that the statement he makes is as factual as possible; he would conclude by stating that the account he has given is true to his knowledge and belief.

At the commencement of the recording Mr Gentile should introduce himself, state his age and occupation and who he is employed by and for how long. Then explain why he happened to be in San Salvador at the time of the incident, then state his recollection of the incident, would he explain how he knew David BLUNDY, and the conflict in El Salvador particularly during the month of November, leading to the day David was shot.

Points to cover:

- 1) Mr Gentile when referring to organisations (eg AFP) should give the full title - Agence France Presse.
- 2) Describe the area "Mejicanos" slogans and signs of battle and if a guerrilla stronghold.
- 3) Did he see David BLUNDY fall to the ground, if not when did he first see or realise David had been shot and what action was taken, if any, by members of the Armed Forces at the scene.
- 4) Bill should quote what he put in the letter in the recording, as it is quite a comprehensive report.
- 5) Avoid too much heresay.
- 6) When referring to the diagramme could Bill hold it up to the camera and point things out as the Inquest Jury will have copies to help follow his evidence.

7) Did he see the person responsible shoot at David, if not could he explain why. This is covered in his letter, but could Bill go into more detail in order that the inquest fully understand the situation.

Please would you, on behalf of Dr Chamber HM Coroner and myself, thank Mr Gentile for all his assistance.

The video recording and any other correspondence should be forwarded to me as quickly as possible, in order that I can prepare for the Coroners Court sitting, 2nd July 1990.

I very much appreciate your help and cooperation.

Yours faithfully

X Webster

Robert WEBSTER
Detective Inspector
S01(1) Branch

NB. — Bill will call on you
12th or 13th June '90.

— ID as Bomlist

— David not ID as D.A.

→ 2 Answers for study

ID as D.A.