

THE HEARING RESUMED AS FOLLOWS ON THE 9TH DECEMBER, 1999 AT

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CHAIRMAN: Good morning everyone.

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MS. DILLON: Morning Sir. Mrs. Bridie Flynn please.

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BRIDIE FLYNN, HAVING BEEN SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AS FOLLOWS BY

MS. DILLON:

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CHAIRMAN: Morning Mrs. Flynn.

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1 Q. MS. DILLON: Morning Mrs. Flynn.

A. Morning.

2 Q. My name is Patricia Dillon, I am part of the Tribunal  
team. I am going to ask you a few questions in relation to  
the statements you furnished to the Tribunal in January of  
1999; is that all right?

A. That's all right.

3 Q. I understand you live at Lisnanuran, Hillstreet,  
Carrick-on-Shannon, County Roscommon?

A. That's right.

4 Q. Have you always lived there or did you previously live in  
Arigna?

A. I lived in Arigna.

5 Q. You are the mother of Denis Flynn; is that correct?

A. That's right.

6 Q. Mary Elizabeth Flynn was your mother-in-law?

A. That's right.

7 Q. You were Mr. Murphy's aunt, that's Mr. Murphy Jnr.?

A. That's right.

8 Q. And I understand that your mother-in-law died on the 9th of

June, 1989?

A. She did.

9 Q. And prior to that when Mr. Murphy Jnr. had been very, very young he had come to live with you at, in Arigna at Upper Rover with Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Flynn?

A. That's right.

10 Q. And she had lived with you; is that correct?

A. That's right, until I moved to Hillstreet.

11 Q. Thereafter did Mrs. Flynn live on her own in Arigna?

A. She did, that's right.

12 Q. Mr. Murphy lived with her and with you for some considerable period of time?

A. He had, yes.

13 Q. When he lived in Arigna he lived with you and your husband and your son, Denis, and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Flynn?

A. That's right.

14 Q. And I think that she became, that she became unwell around the 7th or 8th of June of 1989, and that she subsequently died on the 9th of June of 1989?

A. That's right.

15 Q. And you contacted or attempted to contact Mr. Murphy in London on the 9th of June of 1989?

A. That's right.

16 Q. And you weren't able to make actual contact with him and you left a message?

A. I left a message, yes.

17 Q. Did he ring you back?

A. He did.

18 Q. And you informed him of the death of Mrs. Flynn; is that correct?

A. That's right.

19 Q. And thereafter I believe he said to you that he would

attempt to get an early flight on Saturday the 10th of June of 1989?

A. That's right.

20 Q. And he subsequently arrived in Arigna on the afternoon of the 10th of June of 1989?

A. That's right.

21 Q. And he attended at the house of Mary Elizabeth Flynn; is that correct, on his arrival?

A. That's correct.

22 Q. And thereafter the removal to Arigna church?

A. That's right.

23 Q. And he returned to stay in your house that evening in Hillstreet in Carrick-on-Shannon?

A. That's right.

24 Q. And he stayed with you that night?

A. He did.

25 Q. And thereafter on Sunday the 11th of June the funeral mass of Mary Elizabeth Flynn took place in Arigna church; is that correct?

A. That's correct.

26 Q. He attended at that mass and the burial afterwards in the cemetery?

A. That's right.

27 Q. And he then went to the County Hotel in Carrick-on-Shannon for a meal with the relatives; is that correct?

A. That's correct.

28 Q. I believe that you met Mr. Gogarty in the graveyard?

A. I did, I spoke to him.

29 Q. And did you ask him to go back?

A. I did.

30 Q. And he refused to do so?

A. He did.

31 Q. Right. And he, Mr. Murphy Jnr. returned to your house in Hillstreet that evening; is that correct?

A. That, later that --

32 Q. Approximately what time?

A. Well, it was late.

33 Q. When you say "it was late"?

A. I was gone to bed, so it would be half 11 or 12 o'clock probably or whatever.

34 Q. By the time Mr. Murphy arrived back?

A. Yeah.

35 Q. He subsequently left your house the following morning; is that correct?

A. That's correct.

36 Q. That's the 12th of June of 1989?

A. That's right.

37 Q. In the company of one Derek Greene?

A. That's right.

38 Q. Who is Mr. Greene exactly?

A. Mr. Greene, his father - Mary Elizabeth Flynn was his step aunt, Mrs. Flynn who died was Sean Greene's aunt and Derek Greene is a son of Sean Greene's.

39 Q. Yes.

A. They lived on the same street practically and, you know, they were, we were friends and whatever. Mary Elizabeth Flynn was a grand step aunt of Derek Greene.

40 Q. And when Mr. Murphy Jnr. was living with you in Arigna would Derek Greene have been a very close next-door neighbour of Mr. Murphy's?

A. He would have come on holidays. He was, lived in England earlier, and as a young boy he would come on holidays and play with Joseph.

41 Q. Yes. And he returned in any event. He left Arigna on the

morning of Monday morning, at approximately what time can you recollect, the 12th of June?

A. Well, it would be morning time, maybe a quarter to 9, half 8 a quarter to 9, I couldn't exactly say.

42 Q. Was Mr. Murphy driving?

A. Yes.

43 Q. Thank you very much, Mrs. Flynn. If you answer any questions that any of - either Mr. Cooney or --

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THE WITNESS WAS THEN CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. O'MOORE AS FOLLOWS:

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44 Q. MR. O'MOORE: We just have a small number of questions for Mrs. Flynn.

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I appear for Mr. Gogarty in the Tribunal, and can I tell you at the outset that we have no difficulty at all with the evidence you have given to the Tribunal today. I want to ask you a few questions about the purpose of the evidence. When were you first told that you might have to give evidence at the Tribunal, Mrs. Flynn?

A. 1998.

45 Q. And who told you that?

A. Possibly Joseph.

46 Q. Yes, and he talked to you earlier on about your recollection of these events?

A. Well, I would have remembered it anyway.

47 Q. Yes, and I think if it was only last year you would remember that he approached you to suggest that he might want you to give evidence on his behalf?

A. That's right.

48 Q. Your evidence, as I understand it, deals with effectively

two days, the Saturday and Sunday that your mother-in-law was removed and buried; isn't that right?

A. So that's right.

49 Q. And are you aware at all, Mrs. Flynn, that on the 24th of February of this year Mr. Gogarty gave evidence that whatever time the meeting at Mr. Ray Burke's house took place it wasn't on either of those days, are you aware of that?

A. I don't know.

50 Q. Well, I can tell you, Mrs. Flynn, that's so.

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CHAIRMAN: Just a moment please, this - you start into your examination on the premise that you accept the lady's evidence and there is no reason why it shouldn't be accepted. She is recounting a sequence of events which undoubtedly happened, i.e. the death and burial. And she says Mr. Murphy Jnr. was there and you say you accept that.

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MR. O'MOORE: I have no difficulty there, Sir.

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CHAIRMAN: What more can, what is the exploration of this lady's relationship or --

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MR. O'MOORE: I want to ask her just one more question, Sir, and it is this --

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CHAIRMAN: All right, one more.

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51 Q. MR. O'MOORE: Clearly you were never told between February of this year and now that in fact your evidence on this point doesn't contradict or deal with --

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MR. COONEY: That's comment, Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN: I agree that's comment, and it is quite unnecessary. This good lady has very courteously attended the Tribunal here to establish a particular sequence of events on a particular two days. She has done it, she was not questioned, she is not being challenged, I beg your pardon, in relation to that account, and I think it is unfair to explore, well peripheral matters and very peripheral.

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MR. O'MOORE: Sir, can I just say this, and I won't ask any more questions of this witness. I will explain to you, Sir, the line of questioning. Mr. Gogarty made it clear many months ago what his evidence was with regard to the Saturday or Sunday period. This lady, whose evidence I accept, has been brought down to Dublin to give evidence utterly unnecessarily it seems to me, in order to add weight to whatever Mr. Murphy Jnr. says about those days.

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Now, her evidence doesn't add or subtract anything to the

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MR. COONEY: That's a submission.

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CHAIRMAN: First of all I want to say that that is inaccurate. This good lady is a person whom the Tribunal became aware could give evidence which was material as part and parcel of the Tribunal's evidence. She was called by the Tribunal and by nobody else. She furnished the necessary statement to the Tribunal. Yes.

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MR. O'MOORE: At the instigation of a certain party, but I will leave it at that, Sir.

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CHAIRMAN: I mean, I call all people that I know that can be relevant, be they black, white, yellow or Greene, I have no particular agenda. All I want to do is try and get all the facts before me from which I can find out what are matters of probability. Thank you very much, Mrs. Flynn, and I do appreciate your kindness and courtesy of coming.

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MS. DILLON: Sorry, Sir, Mr. Cooney would like to ask questions.

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THE WITNESS WAS THEN CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. COONEY AS FOLLOWS:

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52 Q. MR. COONEY: Mrs. Flynn, could I just ask you one or two questions, if I may? Mary Elizabeth Flynn was your mother-in-law as you have told us?

A. That's right.

53 Q. And I think what age was she when she died?

A. 86.

54 Q. But she continued to live in what had been the family house in Arigna after you had left to go and live in Hillstreet near Carrick-on-Shannon?

A. That's right.

55 Q. She was a very independent lady, was she?

A. That's right.

56 Q. And she lived on her own?

A. Yes.

57 Q. But as she got older I think your son, Denis, who worked



close to Arigna made it his routine to call in and look after her; isn't that right?

A. That's right.

58 Q. I think she was also looked after by a home help in her later years?

A. That's right.

59 Q. And of course her neighbour, Mr. Greene, also looked after her as you know?

A. That's right.

60 Q. Now, just coming to the week in which she died, Mrs. Flynn, I think that she was physically quite fit. Her house is a two storied house, and she was able to go up and down the stairs and so on, but I think that you and your son had noticed a deterioration in her condition during the early part of that week, or the mid-part of that week; isn't that correct?

A. Yes.

61 Q. And I think that the doctor visited her routinely but during this week came a little more frequently and was keeping an eye on her condition and the fact that it was deteriorating?

A. Yes, she phoned on the Wednesday.

62 Q. I think this caused some worry and alarm to you and your son Denis; isn't that correct?

A. That's correct.

63 Q. And were you anxious, and Denis anxious, to convey this information to Joseph Murphy Jnr. in London?

A. That's right.

64 Q. And this is because Joseph Murphy Jnr. effectively regarded the late Mrs. Flynn as his grandmother as well?

A. That's right.

65 Q. She was, in fact, Denis's grandmother but Joseph Murphy

also regarded her as his grandmother I think?

A. That's right.

66 Q. And was he very attached to this lady?

A. Very much so and she to him.

67 Q. Yes, I see. And now we know Denis will be giving evidence to the Tribunal, so I won't ask you about that, but your clear recollection is that on Friday the 9th of June after Mrs. Flynn's death you phoned Mr. Murphy Jnr. in London and spoke to him; is that correct?

A. Yes, I did.

68 Q. Yes. Can you recall --

A. I didn't speak to him when I rang first and he rang me back.

69 Q. Very well. What time did that happen?

A. It was 12 o'clock roughly.

70 Q. Yes.

A. When Mrs. --

71 Q. Midday?

A. And shortly after that I rang Joseph, I rang his office.

72 Q. You rang and he wasn't available?

A. He wasn't available and rang me back shortly after that.

73 Q. From London, and told you what his travel arrangements would be?

A. That's right, he would come early in the morning.

74 Q. All right. Thanks Mrs. Flynn.

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CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much and I do appreciate your travelling.

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THE WITNESS THEN WITHDREW

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MS. COGHLAN: Sheila Foley please.

SHEILA FOLEY, HAVING BEEN SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AS FOLLOWS BY  
MS. COGHLAN:

75 Q. MS. COGHLAN: Good morning.

A. Good morning.

76 Q. I believe you are presently living in Church Street,  
Drumshanbo, County Leitrim?

A. Yes, we were living in Church Street but we are still in  
Drumshanbo but sold that premises.

77 Q. You were earlier living in Arigna in County Roscommon?

A. My home place was in Arigna, yes.

78 Q. And I believe you were the owner of a lounge bar?

A. That's right, The Railway Bar in Drumshanbo.

79 Q. Around the time of June 1989, I believe on the 9th, Mrs.  
Mary Elizabeth Flynn?

A. That's right.

80 Q. You know Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Flynn?

A. Very well, she was my aunt.

81 Q. She was your aunt. I believe you attended the removal on  
Saturday the 10th of June, 1989?

A. That's correct.

82 Q. And when do you first recollect seeing Mr. Joseph Murphy  
Jnr.?

A. Joseph Murphy arrived at Mrs. Flynn's house in the early  
afternoon of Saturday the 10th with Derek Greene.

83 Q. And you also know Derek Greene?

A. I know Derek Greene, he is my nephew.

84 Q. I see. You have known Joseph Murphy Jnr. for how long?

A. Since he was a baby, since he came to live in Arigna and as  
he was growing up, I have known him all along.

85 Q. And he arrived sometime in the early afternoon on the 10th?

A. On Saturday the 10th, he arrived in the early afternoon.

86 Q. And you remember him at the removal and that evening in your lounge bar I believe?

A. I do. I remember him well. He was there.

87 Q. Thank you. And then on Sunday the 11th of June you were at the funeral mass?

A. I was at the funeral mass in Arigna and the burial and --

88 Q. Do you have a recollection of Mr. Joseph Murphy Jnr. at the --

A. Definitely he was there.

89 Q. And afterwards at the meal in the hotel?

A. In the County Hotel in Carrick-on-Shannon, he was there all day.

90 Q. And when do you last remember seeing Joseph Murphy Jnr.?

A. Just before we left we said cheerio to him at about 6:30 on Sunday evening.

91 Q. Sunday afternoon?

A. Yeah.

92 Q. Thank you very much. If you may answer any other questions.

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MR. O'MOORE: I have no questions. The witness is saying nothing that contradicts Mr. Gogarty's evidence.

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CHAIRMAN: May I just make an inquiry, it is only out of interest. Is the County Hotel and the Bush Hotel, are they the same or two different hotels, just as a matter of interest?

A. The Bush Hotel is owned by the same people.

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CHAIRMAN: They are different hotels, that's all I wanted to know, just a matter of interest.

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MR. COONEY: No questions.

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CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much for coming up.

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THE WITNESS THEN WITHDREW

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MS. DILLON: Mr. Denis Flynn please.

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DENIS FLYNN, HAVING BEEN SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AS FOLLOWS BY  
MS. DILLON:  
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93 Q. MS. DILLON: Good morning Mr. Flynn.

A. Morning.

94 Q. You are Denis Flynn and you live at Lisnanuran, Hillstreet  
Carrick-on-Shannon, County Roscommon?

A. That's correct.

95 Q. You are a first cousin of Mr. Joseph Murphy Jnr. and a  
nephew therefore of Mr. Joseph Murphy Snr.?

A. That's correct, a nephew by marriage.

96 Q. Nephew by marriage. You now live at Hillstreet but you  
formally lived in Arigna, County Roscommon?

A. That's correct.

97 Q. And I believe that the first witness this morning, Mrs.  
Bridie Flynn, is your mother; is that correct?

A. That's correct.

98 Q. And Mr. Joseph Murphy came to live with you in early, the  
early 1960s, around 1963?

A. Correct.

99 Q. And thereafter stayed with you for some considerable period  
of time?

A. Correct.

100 Q. Would it be fair to say that you were reared as brothers?

A. We would be very close indeed, yes.

101 Q. And Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Flynn was your grandmother, and in  
effect in the status of grandmother to Mr. Joseph Murphy  
Jnr.?

A. That's correct.

102 Q. And during the period that you lived in Arigna, Mrs. Mary  
Elizabeth Flynn also lived with you?

A. That's correct.

103 Q. And when your family moved to Carrick-on-Shannon, which is Mrs. Bridie Flynn and yourself and your family moved to Carrick-on-Shannon, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Flynn stayed on in Arigna; is that correct?

A. That's correct.

104 Q. Now, I believe that you also, I think if I deal with it in sequential order and deal first of all with the wedding as it were. I believe in your statement you have covered both the wedding that Mr. Joseph Murphy Jnr. attended and thereafter at funeral of Mary Elizabeth Flynn?

A. That's correct.

105 Q. So first of all can you tell me what arrangements you had made in relation to the wedding with Mr. Joseph Murphy?

A. We were both invited to the wedding, we were both friends of the groom who was from Hillstreet as well, and Hillstreet was a little village outside Carrick-on-Shannon, so we were good friends of Michael Feeley and we were all invited, both of us were invited down to the wedding. My wife, both of us, we had a child six months prior to the wedding and we thought we would make a good weekend out of it. We hadn't had a break since the child was born and the child was about six months old at the time.

106 Q. Yes. Had you all gone to school together, Mr. Feeley, Mr. Murphy and yourself?

A. No. I don't know if Michael Feeley had gone to school with Joseph but Michael Feeley went to school with me, but he was always friendly, he would have known Michael Feeley through myself on his visits to Hillstreet, and he possibly would have, possibly would have gone to school with him in Carrick-on-Shannon, yes.

107 Q. When Mr. Murphy was living in Carrick-on-Shannon?

A. Correct, yeah.

108 Q. You were all very good friends and going to this wedding in Waterford I believe?

A. Correct.

109 Q. And can you tell me what arrangements you had made to meet Mr. Murphy in Waterford?

A. Well, we had arranged to go down on, I think it was the Wednesday before, the wedding was on a Saturday. We arranged to go down on the Wednesday and along with others as well, other people as well who had been friends of mine from Hillstreet as well, we said we would have one hell of a weekend.

110 Q. These other friends of yours from Hillstreet, had they also arranged to go down on the Wednesday?

A. Some of them.

111 Q. Yes. Would these have been people known to Mr. Joseph Murphy?

A. Some of them, yes.

112 Q. And you had originally made that arrangement to go down and meet Mr. Murphy on the 31st, which was the Wednesday?

A. That's correct, yes.

113 Q. Of May of 1989, but you unfortunately had to change your plans, I think, and you didn't in fact travel until the 1st?

A. No, our child was sick.

114 Q. Yes, and did you contact Mr. Murphy to tell him of the change in plans?

A. I did. We had intended to go down and leave on the Wednesday morning. The child was sick. We were leaving, while we were away that weekend we did intend to leave the child, which we did do after, with my mother-in-law, and my wife didn't want to leave the child, the child was sick, so



we couldn't go, and I rang Joseph on the, I had no other way of contacting him except until he arrived at the hotel in Waterford. I rang the hotel and spoke to him and told him I wouldn't be able to make it until the following morning.

115 Q. Yes. When approximately do you recollect?

A. It would be sometime in the afternoon, late afternoon.

116 Q. But the other people from Hillstreet who were also going to the wedding and who had arranged to go down on the Wednesday, they presumably travelled on, on the Wednesday and you, because of your difficulties with your child, stayed over until the Thursday?

A. Yeah, there were probably, Mick had lots of friends coming to the wedding, we had, there was a big, it was a big wedding.

117 Q. Yes.

A. He had numerous friends, both - his father was - Liam McNeill, he was a friend who lived in Mick's house, he would have been down, various different people who would have gone to it, you know.

118 Q. Yes. I think you had said to us earlier that there were other people from Hillstreet who you were going to make a weekend of it, it was going to be a good break for everybody and four days at a wedding was going to be - and so a gang were going from Hillstreet?

A. Correct.

119 Q. And they, the arrangement had been that they would all travel on the Wednesday?

A. Not them all, no.

120 Q. Some of them?

A. It would have been all individuals, you know, but in general we would have discussed it, and I would have known

other people that were going to the wedding, and we said we would meet up probably the Wednesday or Thursday, we would have a long weekend of it.

121 Q. And you unfortunately had to change the plans but the other people had gone?

A. Some of them, I didn't say them all.

122 Q. Some of them did go down on the Wednesday?

A. Yeah, yeah.

123 Q. So, and you contacted Mr. Murphy on the Wednesday to say that unfortunately your plans had changed and that you would be coming down with your wife on the Thursday?

A. Correct.

124 Q. And that was Thursday I think the 1st of June of 1989, and did you come down on the Thursday?

A. Yeah.

125 Q. Did you travel early on the Thursday?

A. I would have left reasonably early, I would have left, I suppose sometime mid-morning.

126 Q. I see. And you went down to Waterford, and did you meet Mr. Murphy?

A. I did.

127 Q. What time approximately did you meet him?

A. Early afternoon.

128 Q. I beg your pardon?

A. Lunchtime, it would have taken me three to four hours to go down.

129 Q. That was on the 1st of June, the Thursday?

A. That's correct.

130 Q. And did you stay in his company throughout that day?

A. I did.

131 Q. And is your, was your wife with you?

A. She was.

132 Q. And were the other people who travelled from Hillstreet for the wedding?

A. People were arriving at that stage. As I said other people who would have been probably, they mightn't all have been, stayed in The Bridge Hotel, other people were coming down for the wedding, we didn't all stay in The Bridge Hotel by any means. There were a lot of people arriving on the Thursday, specially on the Friday, then the bulk of the people arrived on the Friday.

133 Q. Yes. Of the wedding?

A. Yeah.

134 Q. Were you in Mr. Murphy's company throughout all of this time?

A. I was.

135 Q. At all times?

A. At all times.

136 Q. You stayed with Mr. Murphy?

A. I didn't sleep with him.

137 Q. I am delighted to hear that, your wife might have had some complaint about that if you had. You stayed in Mr. Murphy's company during the day?

A. I did.

138 Q. And you attended the wedding then on the Saturday the 3rd of June of 1989?

A. Correct.

139 Q. And the celebrations afterwards?

A. Correct.

140 Q. And you stayed in the hotel; is that correct, until the Monday?

A. That's right.

141 Q. So on Sunday the 4th of June of 1989 did you stay in Mr. Murphy's company all day?

A. I did.

142 Q. Yes. And were there other people as well in his company during that day?

A. There were, they were people, the aftermath of the wedding was there and people, they were starting to dwindle off on the Sunday.

143 Q. Yes. On Monday the 5th of June, 1989, I think you returned to Carrick-on-Shannon?

A. That's correct.

144 Q. And Mr. Murphy returned to Dublin?

A. Yes.

145 Q. Yes.

A. We had, we had, I think we had lunch that day before I left.

146 Q. Yes. Was Mr. Murphy travelling on his own, as best you recollect, back to Dublin on that day?

A. Yes.

147 Q. Right. And you returned to Hillstreet?

A. I returned, we collected our child at Carrick-on-Shannon and returned to Hillstreet, yes.

148 Q. Can I take you then to the events of the 7th, 8th and 9th of June 1989?

A. Yes.

149 Q. I think that you were very close to Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Flynn?

A. I was.

150 Q. And that on the 7th of June, 1989, the local doctor attended your grandmother, she wasn't feeling well?

A. That's correct.

151 Q. Had she had a fall previously?

A. No, but it would have been a routine call. I think it was Mrs. Early who was the local GP who made her calls, but she

felt that my mother, my grandmother wasn't, she wasn't just as good as normal and she was getting old and she had prescribed, I don't know what type of tablets for her at the time on that particular Wednesday, and she did note to me that she didn't think she was in very great health.

152 Q. Yes, and this was Dr. Farley I think?

A. No, this is Dr. Beth Early.

153 Q. Sorry, Dr. Beth Farley in your statement?

A. Dr. Beth Early.

154 Q. And Dr. Early told you on the 7th that she was somewhat concerned about Mrs. Flynn?

A. Correct.

155 Q. And what did you do after that when she told you that?

A. Well, I mean she was an old woman, you know, and I discussed it with my mother and my mother said, you know, she had always concerns for her, my grandmother wouldn't move out of the house under any circumstances, it was our concern at all times that she would move in either with us or go some place but she wouldn't, she was a very independent woman, and I was concerned for her and the only consolation we had was that we had Mrs. Greene who was her sister that lived next door, and we had Sean who was living next door as well, who kept a close eye on her, plus we had home help. I think the home help at the time was coming three days a week, she was a Mrs. Christy, and I think we had maybe a couple of weeks earlier or a couple of months earlier in the business when Mrs. Christy started to come, it was three days and we increased it to five days and she - the cause for concern to me was that --

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CHAIRMAN: Mr. Flynn, did you contact Mr. Murphy in relation to your concern?

A. I did, that night.

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CHAIRMAN: That night?

A. Yes.

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CHAIRMAN: And did you contact him the following day?

A. I did.

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CHAIRMAN: And keep him advised of --

A. I used to visit my grandmother on, I worked at that time, I worked at coal mines in Arigna and the coal mines where I worked were about three miles away from the home place, I was the proprietor of a colliery beside it, and I used to call to her religiously at the break time at 10 o'clock which I would visit her, I would go in and light the fire if it wasn't lit from the night before or the day before, or I would make her a cup of tea and leave and see was she okay and leave at that. The home help would probably come around 11 or half 11. And again, I would visit her again approximately in around 4 o'clock when we finish in the evening on my way home to Hillstreet.

156 Q. So you kept in very good contact with Mrs. Flynn?

A. I was in constant contact with her because I was working very near to her and it was easy for me to call to her, you know?

157 Q. Yes. And after the death of Mrs. Flynn did you contact Mr. Murphy?

A. No, I didn't. I think it was my mother that contacted Joseph on the death of Mrs. Flynn.

158 Q. And you didn't speak to him?

A. I spoke to him that night, I think I spoke to him that night because of, I was just wondering what arrangements he

had made and discussed in general the arrangements that were made for the funeral. I generally kept in contact with him, we were very close anyway.

159 Q. Yourself and Mr. Murphy?

A. Yeah.

160 Q. And on the following day, the 10th of June of 1989, I think you have - Mrs. Flynn was in the house; is that correct?

A. Correct.

161 Q. Her remains were in the house, and friends and neighbours and relatives called in the course of the day?

A. Correct, yeah.

162 Q. Including Mr. Murphy Jnr. who arrived, can you tell us at approximately what time?

A. Early afternoon.

163 Q. Was there anybody in his company when he arrived?

A. Yeah, Derek Greene was.

164 Q. Mr. Derek Greene is?

A. He is a son of Sean Greene's.

165 Q. And they are next-door neighbours?

A. Correct.

166 Q. And you stayed there in Mrs. Flynn's house all day; is that correct?

A. I stayed there all day, yes.

167 Q. Did you attend the removal?

A. I didn't even go home, I stayed there all night on that particular night. I went to the removal on the Saturday, on the Saturday evening.

168 Q. And after the removal where did you go?

A. After the removal went to Charlie Foley's pub, The Railway Bar in Drumshanbo.

169 Q. And then that night, I think Mr. Murphy stayed with your mother; is that correct?

A. That's correct.

170 Q. And you returned to your own house?

A. Correct.

171 Q. You attended the funeral on the following day which was the Saturday, which was the 11th of June of 1989?

A. That's correct.

172 Q. And the burial thereafter?

A. It was on the Sunday.

173 Q. Yes, you're quite right, the burial thereafter. Where did you go after the burial?

A. Myself and Joseph after the burial, there was a local thing that the grave diggers, the local people that dug the grave, it wasn't ordinary grave diggers that came in and done it, as a sign of courtesy we would have gone to the local pub and bought drinks for the grave diggers.

174 Q. Did you in the normal course bring that, is it normal in Arigna to bring that out to the grave or did you bring them into the pub with you?

A. No, they went into the pub.

175 Q. Yes. Yourself and Mr. Murphy brought them into the pub and looked after them there?

A. Correct.

176 Q. And then travelled on to Carrick-on-Shannon?

A. Correct.

177 Q. Where the majority of the funeral party was having lunch?

A. Correct.

178 Q. Did you travel together?

A. We did.

179 Q. Yes. And you stayed on in the hotel after the meal; is that correct?

A. We did.

180 Q. And how did you get home that night, can you recollect?



A. My wife collected us.

181 Q. And did she leave you home, obviously to your house, and Mr. Murphy to your mother's house?

A. The two houses are only about half a mile apart, and she had already gone home in my own car, so she brought Joseph's car out after.

182 Q. Yes, and the following day Mr. Murphy was returning to London; is that correct?

A. That's correct.

183 Q. And that's the 12th of June?

A. That's correct, on the Monday.

184 Q. And did you attend at your mother's house on that morning?

A. I did. I just went up to visit him before he went back because I just wanted to say goodbye before he headed away.

185 Q. Yes. Did Mr. Derek Greene arrive also at your mother's house?

A. He was there when I went up.

186 Q. He was travelling back to London with Mr. Murphy?

A. That's correct.

187 Q. They both left that morning?

A. They did, yes.

188 Q. At approximately what time did they leave?

A. It was early, I suppose half 8, quarter to 9, half 8 probably, very early anyway.

189 Q. When were you asked to make a statement in relation to this matter can you recollect?

A. Sometime in '88.

190 Q. '88?

A. I don't know, '88.

191 Q. I don't think it could have been '88, maybe '98?

A. Sorry '98, sorry, sorry.

192 Q. Sometime in 1998?

A. Yeah.

193 Q. Can you recollect who asked you to make the statement?

A. Yeah, Joseph --

194 Q. Mr. Murphy Jnr.?

A. -- would have asked me to, not to make a statement, would have asked me had I any recollection of the events around that period.

195 Q. And you discussed the matter with Mr. Murphy?

A. I did, indeed.

196 Q. Yes. Thank you very much. If you answer any questions that the other gentlemen have. Mr. Flynn. Thank you.

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THE WITNESS WAS THEN CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. CALLANAN AS FOLLOWS:

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197 Q. MR. CALLANAN: Mr. Flynn, if I could just ask you a few questions, limited to the period around the wedding. This was a fairly substantial wedding in Waterford?

A. It was.

198 Q. And in the ordinary way the invitations would have gone out a considerable time before?

A. I presume so.

199 Q. Have you any recollection of when the arrangement to meet up in The Bridge Hotel was made for the night of Wednesday the 31st of May?

A. Well, first we would have made arrangements to stay in the hotel prior to the wedding, and I would say that's when we made the arrangements or when we could get rooms, I suppose they were made a couple of weeks beforehand.

200 Q. Yes, that was an arrangement under which you, Mr. Murphy and various other people from Hillstreet would meet up before the wedding proper got underway or the wedding

festivities proper got underway?

A. Correct.

201 Q. And who else was involved in that arrangement or how many people - I know it is a very considerable distance of time?

A. In the arrangement for?

202 Q. The arrangement to meet up on the Wednesday night the 31st of May?

A. Myself and Joseph arranged to meet on the Wednesday night, the Wednesday afternoon more than Wednesday night.

203 Q. Yes. I think you indicated in your answers to Ms. Dillon, there was an arrangement extending to other people as well?

A. There would have been other people going, friends of ours going to the wedding as well, yes.

204 Q. That's not the question, I think you know what the question is?

A. What's the question?

205 Q. Your evidence to Ms. Dillon was there was an arrangement not limited to yourself and Mr. Murphy but extending to other people from Hillstreet to meet up on the 31st, Wednesday?

A. There was loads of people from the vicinity going to the wedding, it was common knowledge that we were going, everybody was going for a long weekend when somebody from the locality was going to the likes of 50 or 100 miles away for a wedding.

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CHAIRMAN: Mr. Callanan, what exactly is the relevance of this pre wedding arrangements?

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MR. CALLANAN: Simply, Sir, that if - Sir, if you look at the supplemental statement of Mr. Murphy Jnr. he makes it, I will read out the relevant part of the statement, he

said: "I travelled to Dublin at lunchtime on the 31st of May and picked up a hire car at the airport. I travelled to The Bridge Hotel in Waterford that day as I had arranged to meet Denis Flynn and his wife there. Shortly after arriving he informed me by ... And I didn't know anyone in Waterford. Most of the wedding party arrived the next afternoon, the 1st of June 1989". (Quoted). And that corresponds very closely to the evidence given by Mr. Murphy which was even more emphatic on Day 110 at page 19.

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CHAIRMAN: Mr. Callanan, I still want to know what's the relevance of it?

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MR. CALLANAN: There is a contradiction in that Mr. Murphy's evidence has been he had an arrangement to meet Mr. Flynn, when Mr. Flynn didn't arrive he was left alone, now Mr. Flynn's --

A. I didn't say that people, I didn't say that everybody that was going were staying in The Bridge Hotel.

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MR. CALLANAN: Well, it seems clear to me there is a --

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CHAIRMAN: Frankly, Mr. Callanan, I can see no relevance in this matter. But you may make it relevant in the next few questions, "few" being the operative word.

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206 Q. MR. CALLANAN: Very good, Sir. What time did you ring Mr. Murphy on the evening of the 31st of May?

A. I couldn't be precise about the time.

207 Q. I see. Can you remember what conversation you had with him?

A. I told him that we had, that Laura and our child was sick

and basically, that my wife wasn't happy about going down on the Wednesday, she wanted to leave it until the following day and that I wouldn't be meeting him until the following day.

208 Q. And I think it is your evidence that you were with Mr. Murphy for the entirety of the wedding period up until the Monday morning?

A. I would think that all of the guests that knew us would be able to verify that.

209 Q. Well, that is quite an extended period, isn't it? What time did you get in to The Bridge Hotel on the Thursday?

A. It would be early afternoon.

210 Q. I see. And presumably when Mr. Murphy inquired from you as to what you could remember, you had a discussion in which you traded what you could remember in relation to the situation over the period of the wedding from the 31st of May to the 5th of June?

A. It is not very often that you go and have a hell of a weekend with half of a town land.

211 Q. Thanks very much Mr. Flynn.

A. Thank you.

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THE WITNESS WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. CUSH AS FOLLOWS:

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212 Q. MR. CUSH: Mr. Flynn, just a couple of questions please.

The - your call-off because your child was sick, that was a late call-off I think, was it?

A. Correct.

213 Q. Is that why you weren't able to tell Mr. Murphy Jnr. that you weren't coming on the Wednesday until he had arrived in Waterford?

A. That's correct.

214 Q. So you didn't make it on the Wednesday and you don't know who was there?

A. No, I don't know who was there.

215 Q. Yes. And if there is any confusion about this, Mr. Flynn, if you have suggested that others were there on the Wednesday you don't know that?

A. No, I don't think I suggested that there were other people there, I said there were prior arrangements made. There were a lot of people going down to the wedding and we would have made a long weekend out of it.

216 Q. Yes. I understand. We know that your evidence in relation to the wedding, and on the Monday you parted company, I think you lunched with Mr. Murphy Jnr.; isn't that right?

A. That's correct, the three of us, myself and my wife and Joseph, the three of us had lunch.

217 Q. And you parted company after lunch; isn't that so?

A. That's correct.

218 Q. Where did he tell you he was going?

A. He said he was going back, back to Dublin.

219 Q. Okay. And then just coming to the death of Mrs. Flynn and the date prior to that?

A. Yes.

220 Q. I know you were close and that you attended her home regularly, and I think Dr. Beth Early saw Mrs. Flynn on the Wednesday; isn't that right?

A. That's correct.

221 Q. That's the 7th of June?

A. That's correct.

222 Q. And she expressed some concern?

A. She did.

223 Q. About Mrs. Flynn's health, and I think in answer to the

Chairman, you said that you contacted Mr. Murphy Jnr. on the 7th; is that right?

A. I contacted him at his home on the evening, or the night of the 7th.

224 Q. Did you contact - sorry, on the 7th. Did you contact him again the following day?

A. I contacted him again on the morning, afterwards, after the usual call, called around 10 o'clock. I contacted him the following morning at his work in London, and it would be after my usual call around 10 or a quarter past 10 when I noted that she wasn't, she wasn't bad at that stage and she was hazy enough.

225 Q. Yes.

A. I noticed her, her - she had become groggy and she wasn't, she just wasn't herself.

226 Q. I understand that, Mr. Flynn, I am just, want to know about your communications with Mr. Murphy Jnr.?

A. Okay.

227 Q. Now, I think you said that you rang him on the 7th?

A. That's correct.

228 Q. Now, the following day --

A. Yes.

229 Q. -- did you contact him?

A. I did, I contacted him twice.

230 Q. To where did you ring on the first occasion?

A. I rang him, the usual call I made to my grandmother, I noticed that she wasn't all that well and I contacted him in his office in London.

231 Q. Was that the first contact on the 8th?

A. Correct.

232 Q. And you said there was a second contact?

A. There was.

233 Q. And to where did you make that call?

A. I made that call to his house, Maidavale.

234 Q. Okay. When you say you called, did you speak to him on those occasions?

A. I did.

235 Q. And you informed him of the state of Mrs. Flynn?

A. I did.

236 Q. Thanks Mr. Flynn.

A. Okay.

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CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

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THE WITNESS WAS REEXAMINED BY MS. DILLON AS FOLLOWS:

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237 Q. MS. DILLON: Just arising out of that, Sir. Can you explain to me, Mr. Flynn, why you made the second call on the 8th of June to Mr. Murphy?

A. I can. We were working, I explained to you that we had a colliery beside, about three miles up the road from Mrs. Flynn. I was the proprietor of the colliery. The reason that I rang him again that night and it was, I was, I would have called to her at 4 o'clock that evening and she was, she wasn't herself and so I didn't pay that much remark, she hadn't deteriorated or anything substantially from the morning time, but we, at the time we had, what we called tunnels, up the road and we were constantly 24-hours a day pumping water out of the tunnels, and we had a major problem all that day, we had, we nearly lost our coal cutting machines at the face, the coal face, and we had a night shift repairing the pumps, and I returned to work on that particular night at about approximately, it would be 8, half past 8. I stayed with the fella's until 11 or half



11 until they finished. We had the pumps up in operation and the water was being pumped out and the lads left around half past 11 generally to make the pub before closing time, and I headed away home, and as I was going home I noticed that she hadn't gone to bed and that the lights were on in the house. I called into the house at about half 11 to her, around. She was sitting there in the kitchen of the house, she wasn't - she was in a semi slumber state, asleep or semi asleep, and she didn't seem to be herself, but I stayed with her, and she said she was going to go to bed. I waited until she did go to bed and made sure that everything was right, and she did go and I left her, I left the house I suppose that night maybe 12'ish.

238 Q. After that you rang Mr. Murphy?

A. Correct.

239 Q. So that your phone call to Mr. Murphy on the 8th of June, 1989, the first one was in the morning after your first visit to Mrs. Flynn which happened, I think you said you normally called in about 10 o'clock. The second phone call was after you visited her on the second occasion after midnight?

A. I would have called to her, around that time.

240 Q. Around the time you had got her to bed and you felt her condition had deteriorated and you contacted Mr. Murphy in London?

A. I did indeed. I didn't think she was going to die to be honest with you, but I felt she would be hospitalised shortly.

241 Q. It was following your concern after going home and seeing her light on, you had gone in and seen the condition she was in, you put her to bed and gone home sometime around midnight and contacted Mr. Murphy Jnr. at Maidavale at his

home on that occasion?

A. That's correct.

242 Q. Can I take you back briefly to the arrangement you made to attend the wedding in Waterford. It was a big local wedding, as you said yourself half the town land were going?

A. Maybe more.

243 Q. A lot of people like yourself would have arrangements to take four or five days off, it was a big party?

A. A lot of people around our own age at the time. There would be plenty, it was a big hooley at the weekend.

244 Q. The original plan you had made in conjunction with a number of other people, though the party was going to increase, was that you were going to assemble on the Wednesday and make a full weekend out of it as best you could?

A. Assemble on Wednesday and Thursday and make a hell of a weekend.

245 Q. Your plans went awry unfortunately, your child got sick and you couldn't come until Thursday. Insofar as the plans had originally been made, it was for as many people as possible to meet on the Wednesday?

A. No, not as many as possible.

246 Q. Some?

A. Some, there may have been people going down on Wednesday. As I said there would be a few going, some going on Wednesday and some on Thursday and more on Friday over the duration of the whole weekend. From the middle of that week people would have started coming to the wedding.

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CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Thank you.

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THE WITNESS THEN WITHDREW

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CHAIRPERSON: We will try and slim down the evidence of these witnesses to the material details.

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MS. COGLAN: Sorry, Chairman, Michael Feeley isn't here yet.

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MR. COONEY: He will be here about half 12, Mr. Chairman.

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MS. COGLAN: Mr. Charlie Foley please.

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MR. CHARLIE FOLEY, HAVING BEEN SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AS  
FOLLOWS BY MS. COGHLAN:  
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247 Q. MS. COGHLAN: Good morning Mr. Foley?

A. Morning, good afternoon, whatever.

248 Q. I believe you know Joseph Murphy Jr.?

A. I do, yeah.

249 Q. For how long have you known Mr. Murphy?

A. From when he was a kid.

250 Q. When he was a child. You lived originally in Arigna?

A. I live in Drumshanbo, my wife is from Arigna.

251 Q. That's Sheila Foley who gave evidence this morning?

A. That's right.

252 Q. You are formally the proprietor of The Railway Bar?

A. That's right.

253 Q. And when do you, at this particular event in June of 1989  
when do you first recollect seeing Joseph Murphy?

A. I seen him at the removal.

254 Q. The removal was Saturday?

A. Saturday evening, and he was in our pub then on Saturday  
night.

255 Q. You actually met him in the house, was it?

A. I met him - no, I met him in the house and I met him again  
in my own premises on the Saturday night.

256 Q. So it was Saturday evening when you first met Mr. Murphy?

A. Yeah.

257 Q. And then you, he was in the lounge bar that evening?

A. That's right.

258 Q. And drinking with his other members and relatives?

A. That's right.

259 Q. And how late in the evening was it when you last recollect

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A. I don't know, after a few pints you wouldn't know what time it was.

260 Q. Right, it was late probably?

A. Probably was.

261 Q. And then on the Sunday you recollect seeing Mr. Murphy Jnr.?

A. At the burial, and then went into the County then for a meal afterwards.

262 Q. Afterwards. When was your last recollection of seeing Mr. Murphy Jnr.?

A. I went home about half six and --

263 Q. Mr. Murphy was still there --

A. He was, yeah.

264 Q. -- when you left. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN: Half six in the evening of course, not half six in the morning. Thank you very much.

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MR. O'MOORE: No questions, Sir.

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CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much. Mr. Michael Feeley isn't around at the moment?

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MS. DILLON: Mr. Sean Greene please.

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SEAN GREENE HAVING BEEN SWORN WAS EXAMINED AS FOLLOWS BY

MS. DILLON:

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CHAIRMAN: Morning Mr. Greene.

265 Q. MS. DILLON: Good morning, Mr. Greene. Thank you very much for coming up. I believe you live at Upper Rover, Arigna, County Roscommon?

A. That's correct.

266 Q. And I believe that you lived fairly close or maybe next door to Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Flynn?

A. That's correct.

267 Q. And that you are a step nephew of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Flynn?

A. That's correct.

268 Q. And you had lived next door to her for how long?

A. Well, I was born there beside her.

269 Q. Yes. And did you live all your life there?

A. No, not all my life. I left, I was in England for about, I was 21 when I went to England.

270 Q. Yes.

A. I returned then in 1983.

271 Q. And where did you work when you were in England, Mr. Greene?

A. I worked in Bolton in Lancashire and London.

272 Q. And you returned to Arigna; is that right?

A. That's correct.

273 Q. And did you bring a family back with you?

A. Yes, my wife and my son.

274 Q. Yes, and you lived next door to Mrs. Flynn?

A. That's correct.

275 Q. And while formally I believe that she had been, had some

people living with her, she was a very independent lady I think Mr. Cooney said, and she insisted on remaining on in Arigna on her own?

A. Oh, yes.

276 Q. You kept an eye on her as a good neighbour?

A. Yes.

277 Q. Had she been in good health prior to her death?

A. I suppose up to the, maybe a week or eight days or something like that prior to her death maybe, she was in reasonably good health.

278 Q. Yes. "In your statement you say prior to her death she had not been in great health and I used to keep a watching eye on her"?

A. Prior.

279 Q. You mean in the week?

A. Maybe a week or eight days, like she was, you know, just getting a little bit rocky, if you like.

280 Q. Yes. And on the morning of the 9th of June, I believe that home help called regularly to see Mrs. Flynn?

A. That's correct.

281 Q. And on that morning she was unable to gain entry?

A. That's correct.

282 Q. And she contacted you?

A. Yes.

283 Q. And you effected an entry into the house; is that right?

A. That's correct.

284 Q. And you went in to Mrs. Flynn's bedroom and you found her in bed and she was dead?

A. Yes.

285 Q. You thereafter contacted, I think, the doctor and the priest and Mrs. Bridie Flynn and Mr. Denis Flynn?

A. Well, I contacted Denis Flynn, I am not just sure, I think

it was Bridie Flynn that rung the doctor.

286 Q. Did you contact Mrs. Flynn?

A. I rung Mrs. Flynn and there was no answer.

287 Q. Yes.

A. But it turned out after that she was on her way to Arigna, so in the intermediate few minutes after, we gained access to the house, Mrs. Flynn arrived.

288 Q. Yes. And?

A. I think, I am not sure, I think maybe it was her phoned the doctor now.

289 Q. Yes. And you contacted and spoke with Mr. Denis Flynn?

A. I did.

290 Q. And the doctor subsequently arrived and pronounced her dead at about 1 o'clock?

A. I think around that time.

291 Q. And the priest also arrived?

A. Yes.

292 Q. And I think you then contacted your own brother and sister in Canada?

A. I did.

293 Q. And you contacted your son, Mr. Derek Greene, who was in London at the time?

A. That's correct.

294 Q. And you made certain suggestions in to Mr. Greene in relation to flying home, and can you tell us what they were?

A. I suggested to him that himself and Joseph Murphy were probably the only people coming home to the funeral, and he can maybe tie-in with him to get a lift from Dublin.

295 Q. Did you speak to your son on a second occasion on that day?

A. I did.

296 Q. Can you tell us what transpired?



- A. He told me he was traveling the next morning with Joseph Murphy on the flight, on the 10 o'clock flight.
- 297 Q. He told you he would be travelling on the same flight as Mr. Murphy, and that he would travel down from Dublin to Arigna with Mr. Murphy as Mr. Murphy would be hiring a car?
- A. Correct.
- 298 Q. And on the following day, on the Saturday, the 10th of June, 1989, I think you spent the day at the house of Mary Elizabeth Flynn; is that correct?
- A. I spent that night that she died at the house and the next day.
- 299 Q. And the next day. I think there were a lot of people arriving in the normal course to pay their respects?
- A. That's correct.
- 300 Q. And your son, Mr. Derek Greene, arrived with Mr. Joseph Murphy?
- A. That's right.
- 301 Q. Can you recollect what time they arrived at?
- A. Around the 3 o'clock mark.
- 302 Q. And they stayed in the house; is that correct, until the removal to the church?
- A. Well, they were in the house and they were outside and they were out as far as our street, you know?
- 303 Q. Yes, around and about?
- A. They weren't in the house all the time like.
- 304 Q. And you went, did you go to the removal?
- A. I did.
- 305 Q. And thereafter did you go to The Railway Bar --
- A. I did.
- 306 Q. -- for some food and some drink, and did you stay in the company of Mr. Murphy?
- A. Yeah.

307 Q. And he was there until half 11 or thereabouts?

A. Yeah.

308 Q. And on the following day you went to the funeral mass and the burial?

A. I did.

309 Q. And Mr. Murphy was present?

A. He was.

310 Q. And you recollect him being present?

A. Yes.

311 Q. And thereafter you went to the County Hotel in Carrick-on-Shannon with your wife and your son?

A. That's correct.

312 Q. And you stayed there until 9 o'clock,?

A. Yeah, about that.

313 Q. And Mr. Murphy was still in the hotel, is that right?

A. He was, yeah.

314 Q. And was your son travelling back to London the following day?

A. Yes, he asked me then would I run him in in the morning to Hillstreet.

315 Q. To Mrs. Flynn's house, Mrs. Bridie Flynn's house and he was getting a lift back with Mr. Joseph Murphy?

A. That's right.

316 Q. And on the following morning did you bring your son in?

A. I did.

317 Q. And they both left; is that correct, to go back to Dublin?

A. Yeah, they did, yeah.

318 Q. Thank you very much. Mr. Greene, if you answer any questions.

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CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much, Mr. Greene.

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THE WITNESS WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. COONEY AS FOLLOWS:

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319 Q. MR. COONEY: One question. They left to go back to Dublin

Airport; isn't that right?

A. Yes.

320 Q. Thank you.

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CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much. Thank you very much

for coming up. Very fine of you, and you are free to go,

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THE WITNESS THEN WITHDREW

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MS. DILLON: Mr. Derek Greene please.

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DEREK GREENE, HAVING BEEN SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AS FOLLOWS BY  
MS. DILLON:

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321 Q. MS. DILLON: Good morning Mr. Greene.

A. Morning.

322 Q. And you are a son of the previous witness, Mr. Sean Greene;  
is that correct?

A. That's correct.

323 Q. And have you lived in Arigna, County Roscommon?

A. Yes, that's correct.

324 Q. And did you grow up there?

A. I spent summers there.

325 Q. When your father was working in England?

A. That's correct.

326 Q. And when your father came back to live in Ireland did you  
come back or did you remain on in England?

A. I came back to Ireland at the same time.

327 Q. When approximately was that?

A. 1983.

328 Q. And did you subsequently return to work in London?

A. I did.

329 Q. And when approximately was that?

A. The first time was in 1986.

330 Q. Yes. And what were you working at, Mr. Greene?

A. I was a machine driver, activator, machine driver.

331 Q. Who were you working for?

A. For a company called Ashjay's Limited.

332 Q. Did you subsequently come back to live in Ireland?

A. Yes, later on. Let me see, it was in '87, '88. I spent a  
time home in Ireland.

333 Q. Then you returned to work in London at the same occupation?

A. That's right.

334 Q. And in or around the early month of June of 1989 you were working in London?

A. That's correct.

335 Q. And you were familiar with and would have known Mr. Joseph Murphy Jnr.?

A. That's correct.

336 Q. And would you have been friendly with Mr. Murphy Jnr.?

A. Well, wouldn't have socialised with him but, you know, would have been speaking to him on and off occasionally.

337 Q. And did your father contact you on the 9th of June of 1989?

A. That's correct.

338 Q. That was the Friday. What did he tell you?

A. He told me about the death of Mary Elizabeth Flynn, and he said there would be, that if I contacted Joseph he probably would be coming home for the funeral.

339 Q. Did you have Mr. Murphy's number?

A. I had.

340 Q. Did you contact him?

A. I did.

341 Q. Did you make an arrangement with him?

A. I asked Joseph what his arrangements were, and he said he didn't know at the present time and that he would contact me when he knew what time he was flying to Dublin at.

342 Q. And he rang you, he hadn't made an arrangement?

A. No, he didn't know what the arrangement was at the time.

343 Q. And then he rang you back to tell you what flight he was on?

A. He rang back my house and left a message, but a partner of mine took the details and I just took it that he was going at that time the next morning.

344 Q. And did you try and get on the same flight?

A. I did.

345 Q. And were you successful?

A. No.

346 Q. Did you make an arrangement to take a flight after Mr. Murphy?

A. I went on stand-by on that flight that Joseph went on, couldn't get on it and got the next immediate flight.

347 Q. Yes. You didn't ask Mr. Murphy to book you both on the one flight when he was making his arrangements?

A. No.

348 Q. So, on the following day, Saturday the 10th of June, you arrived at the airport?

A. That's right.

349 Q. And was it at that stage that you discovered there were no flights available?

A. That's right.

350 Q. Not the previous day?

A. No, well I knew there was, you know, that the possibility of getting the flight was slim, but they said if I went on stand-by I probably could get on.

351 Q. So on the following day you weren't able to get on the flight?

A. Not on the flight Joseph went on.

352 Q. And did you meet Mr. Murphy in the airport?

A. Yes.

353 Q. What arrangements did you make?

A. I said "Joseph, you go ahead on the flight you are booked on and I will get the next immediate flight".

354 Q. Were you able to get that flight?

A. Yes.

355 Q. You had no difficulty? What time did you arrive in Dublin at?

A. Approximately 11 o'clock, 11 am.

356 Q. You arrived in Dublin?

A. Yes.

357 Q. And was Mr. Murphy --

A. Sorry 12 am, about approximately midday. The flight was at 11.

358 Q. And was Mr. Murphy waiting for you?

A. He was.

359 Q. And you drove to Arigna; is that correct?

A. That's correct.

360 Q. And you arrived at approximately 3 o'clock?

A. That's correct.

361 Q. And you attended the removal of Mrs. Flynn on the Saturday evening?

A. That's correct.

362 Q. And Mr. Murphy was present?

A. He was.

363 Q. And her funeral the following day, the Sunday the 11th of June, and Mr. Murphy was again present?

A. He was.

364 Q. And after the funeral did you go to the County Hotel in Carrick-on-Shannon?

A. I did.

365 Q. And Mr. Murphy was present?

A. He was.

366 Q. Was he present from immediately afterwards or was he there for the entire afternoon?

A. For the entire afternoon.

367 Q. Yes. And did you make an arrangement with Mr. Murphy about returning to Dublin and then on to London?

A. I did.

368 Q. And did you travel on to London the following day together?

A. We did.

369 Q. Were you able to get on the same flight as Mr. Murphy on the return?

A. Yes.

370 Q. Right. And had you made that arrangement when you booked the flight in, when you were initially booking the flight in Heathrow?

A. That's right, we got return tickets that we were going back on the Monday and we were able to get on the same flight.

371 Q. So when you were booking your flight in Heathrow you weren't able to get on the same flight going out as Mr. Murphy but you were able to get the same flight back as Mr. Murphy?

A. That's right.

372 Q. You made an arrangement to meet Mr. Murphy in Carrick-on-Shannon the following morning, which was the 12th, Monday the 12th?

A. That's correct.

373 Q. Did you meet him?

A. I did.

374 Q. Did you travel to Dublin Airport together?

A. We did.

375 Q. What time approximately did you leave Carrick-on-Shannon?

A. Half past 8, quarter to 9.

376 Q. What time was the flight?

A. The flight was approximately midday, 12 o'clock.

377 Q. 12 o'clock. Did you drive straight to the airport?

A. We did.

378 Q. You took the flight to Heathrow, I think?

A. That's correct.

379 Q. You parted at Heathrow?

A. We parted at Heathrow, that's correct.



380 Q. Thank you very much. Would you answer any questions please.

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THE WITNESS WAS THEN CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. CALLANAN AS FOLLOWS:

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381 Q. MR. CALLANAN: Just very briefly, Mr. Greene. I take it you were asked by Mr. Murphy to give evidence and make a statement to the Tribunal?

A. Well, initially I was asked by Mr. Denis Flynn on behalf of Mr. Joseph Murphy, yes.

382 Q. I see. Did you discuss the matter with Mr. Flynn or Mr. Murphy?

A. Mr. Flynn.

383 Q. Did you subsequently discuss it with Mr. Murphy at all?

A. Yes, later on in, you know in the proceedings.

384 Q. Can you, have you any idea at what time, date those discussions would have taken place first with Mr. Flynn and secondly with Mr. Murphy?

A. Well, I talked to Denis Mr. Flynn, it was approximately, you know, late 1998, and after that a couple of weeks, maybe, I was talking to Joseph.

385 Q. And that would have been before you made the statement which the Tribunal has?

A. Yes, that's correct.

386 Q. Thanks very much, Mr. Greene. Thank you.

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CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much, Mr. Greene.

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THE WITNESS WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. CUSH AS FOLLOWS:

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387 Q. MR. CUSH: Sorry, two very short questions, Mr. Greene.

On the 9th of June, on the Friday the 9th of June I think you spoke to Mr. Murphy on two occasions, is that right, in London?

A. Yes, that's correct.

388 Q. And then on the Monday after the funeral?

A. Yes.

389 Q. When you took the hire car back to Dublin Airport?

A. Yes.

390 Q. You said you went straight to the airport?

A. Yes.

391 Q. No stops?

A. No stops.

392 Q. And you got on the same flight from the airport?

A. On the same flight. We sat beside each other.

393 Q. And you parted company with Mr. Murphy Jnr. in Heathrow Airport?

A. In Heathrow, that's right.

394 Q. On the Monday?

A. On the Monday.

395 Q. Thanks Mr. Greene.

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THE WITNESS THEN WITHDREW

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CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

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MS. COGHLAN: The only remaining witness is Michael Feeley.

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MR. COONEY: He is on his way, Mr. Chairman, he has been delayed. He travels around the country.

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CHAIRMAN: Can you make contact with him? Is he on a

mobile?

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MR. COONEY: He will be here in ten minutes,

Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN: All right. If he is a distance away, if he was down in Drogheda or something like that you can make contact, but he is coming, of course we will wait for him.

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MR. COONEY: He is coming and should be here in about ten minutes.

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CHAIRMAN: No problem with that, Mr. Cooney. We will rise then for, rise for - when you are ready.

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MR. COONEY: We will notify the Tribunal.

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CHAIRMAN: When you are ready.

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THE HEARING THEN ADJOURNED FOR A SHORT BREAK AND RESUMED AS FOLLOWS:

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MS. COGHLAN: Michael Feeley please.

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MICHAEL FEELEY, HAVING BEEN SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AS FOLLOWS  
BY MS. COUGHLAN:

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396 Q. MS. COUGHLAN: Good afternoon, Mr. Feeley.

A. Good afternoon.

397 Q. I believe you are presently living in Carrick-on-Shannon in  
County Roscommon?

A. That's right.

398 Q. Do you work and live there full time?

A. I work from home.

399 Q. What do you work at?

A. I work for an insurance company.

400 Q. Thank you. I believe the events of June 1989 is what you  
prepared your statement on?

A. That's right, yes.

401 Q. You were getting married at this time?

A. I was.

402 Q. Which was to be the 3rd of June, 1989?

A. Correct.

403 Q. You travel down to the wedding to Waterford on Thursday  
which was the 1st of June?

A. That's correct.

404 Q. And when you arrived on the 1st of June did you meet Mr.  
Murphy Jnr.?

A. I met him on Thursday evening, yeah.

405 Q. On Thursday evening, and you had some discussions with Mr.  
Murphy at that stage?

A. Well, I recall I met him and I had to go out to the  
rehearsal. When I came back I had a drink with him and we  
were discussing old times and that type of thing.

406 Q. I believe you learned from your discussions that he had

arrived the day previously, which was Wednesday the 31st of May?

A. Yeah, yeah.

407 Q. How did you learn this?

A. Well, I recall he seemed to have a rapport built up with the bar staff, and I kind of said to him, "I thought I was going to be the main man here this weekend", and I said "what's the story?". "Well", he said, "I was here last night and I had a few pints, I told them to expect you".

408 Q. Whose company was he with when you met him on the Thursday?

A. As far as I know Denis and Martina.

409 Q. Denis and Martina, had he been in anybody's company on the previous day?

A. No, he said that he had been there on his own.

410 Q. He was on his own?

A. Yeah.

411 Q. And this is how he built up the rapport?

A. It was purely casual the way it came out.

412 Q. You also learned from discussing with others that he had checked in on the previous day. Who were the others that you mention in your statement?

A. Sorry?

413 Q. It just says in your statement that you prepared for the Tribunal, you say that, "From my discussions with him", and that's Mr. Joseph Murphy Jnr. "and others it transpired that he had checked into the hotel the day before"?

A. The others I referred to would be the bar staff, the grooms man was there at the time that night.

414 Q. Who was the grooms man?

A. Michael King.

415 Q. Thank you, and anybody else?

A. My brother was the best man, but he wasn't there that

night.

416 Q. Michael King wasn't there the previous night?

A. No, this is the Thursday night that we are talking about, on the Thursday night Michael King was there. He would have been party to the discussion as well, so would the bar staff.

417 Q. Would Mr. King have known Mr. Murphy Jnr.?

A. Yes.

418 Q. He checked in on the Wednesday?

A. No.

419 Q. But --

A. He travelled down from Roscommon with me on the Thursday.

420 Q. On the Thursday. Had you known anything about arrangements for everybody to be arriving on the Wednesday, or what were the arrangements that you were told?

A. As far as I can recall the hotel was booked out. I even recall my own father, he couldn't get accommodation in it, he had to stay in a B&B. So there would have been people probably staying, but I don't know, there could have been my wife's friends or --

421 Q. So to the best of your recollection Mr. Murphy Jnr. was alone on the Wednesday night and you checked in then on the Thursday. Do you remember meeting Mr. Murphy Jnr. on the Friday?

A. Yes.

422 Q. And I believe you had a few drinks with him that afternoon as well?

A. I did. I had to go to finalise a few arrangements. I had, I recall I had a problem with my passport, it had to be couriered down the day I got married, it arrived by courier, I had to try and finalise that, but I would have been with him on the Friday.

423 Q. And then on Saturday I believe you got married?

A. That's right.

424 Q. And again you met him on the Saturday at your reception?

A. I did.

425 Q. And the wedding. And then on Sunday again you say in your statement that you met him, which was the Sunday?

A. I did, I met him on the Sunday. We had more drinks on the Sunday. It kind of went into extra time.

426 Q. And then on the 5th of June, which is the Monday, you checked out of the hotel?

A. That's correct.

427 Q. Did you meet Mr. Murphy on that day?

A. I did, I spoke to him before I left.

428 Q. Was he staying on in the hotel?

A. He was departing that day, leaving that day. There was a few people still around, but he was one of them and I spoke to him, like that morning was a rush, I was anxious to get away.

429 Q. What time were you leaving the hotel?

A. I left the hotel at approximately 10, half 10.

430 Q. In the morning on the 5th?

A. Yes.

431 Q. That's your last recollection?

A. That's my last recollection.

432 Q. Thank you very much. If you may answer any questions please.

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CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Thank you kindly for coming along.

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THE WITNESS THEN WITHDREW

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MS. COGHLAN: Chairman, that's all the witnesses for today. I believe we are not sitting again until Monday for Mr. Roger Copsy who won't be available Monday morning but in the afternoon.

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CHAIRPERSON: That's correct. Mr. Cooney, in fact I, if Mr. Copsy is available before 2 o'clock I would be available to this extent; I am dealing with a matter in the Central Criminal Court at half past ten, I would anticipate that's about half an hour to three quarters of an hour. If I can facilitate Mr. Copsy by sitting earlier I will do so, if I can't so-be-it.

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MR. COONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think, I have to say to you now, he will not be available, he is going away on Friday afternoon and will be returning on Monday and it is most unlikely that he will be available before lunchtime on Monday, I have to tell you now, Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN: Very good. I will sit at 2 o'clock in those circumstances, is that convenient?

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MR. COONEY: Yes.

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CHAIRMAN: I will facilitate him if it were in anyway to get the business done.

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MR. COONEY: We appreciate that, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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THE HEARING THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL MONDAY THE 13TH OF DECEMBER, 1999.