

Inquiry Committee concerning the Hon. Lori Douglas

Comité d'enquête au sujet de l'hon. Lori Douglas

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THE CANADIAN JUDICIAL COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF AN INQUIRY COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 63 OF THE JUDGES ACT R.S.C. 1985, C. J-1 AS AMENDED INTO THE CONDUCT OF THE HONOURABLE ASSOCIATE CHIEF JUSTICE LORI DOUGLAS OF THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF MANITOBA

HELD BEFORE THE HONOURABLE CATHERINE FRASER (CHAIRPERSON),

THE HONOURABLE DEREK GREEN,
THE HONOURABLE JACQUELINE MATHESON,
BARRY ADAMS, AND MARIE-CLAUDE LANDRY
at Court of Queen's Bench
363 Broadway, 4th Floor, Winnipeg, Manitoba
on Monday, July 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

APPEARANCES:

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Kirsten Crain appointed pursuant to
the Complaints

Procedure

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1 --- Upon resuming on July 16, 2012 at 10:02 a.m.
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- THE CHAIR: Thank you, please be
- 3 seated. Good morning, counsel, ladies and
- 4 gentlemen. We're ready to proceed to continue
- 5 with the hearing of this inquiry committee, and
- 6 before we begin, are there any preliminary
- 7 matters that counsel wish to raise at this time?
- 8 Ms. Crain.
- 9 MS. CRAIN: Yes, we have the --
- 10 I'm not sure if we've got sound here. We have
- 11 two pieces of written evidence that we were going
- 12 to hand out this morning. I don't know if you
- want to deal with that now or if you would like
- 14 to deal with that at some later point in the day.
- THE CHAIR: What does it relate
- 16 to?
- MS. CRAIN: Two things. The
- 18 first is the agreed evidence of selected
- 19 witnesses, which is the document we provided by
- 20 e-mail on Friday to Mr. Macintosh. What we have
- 21 here are the documents which are referred to in
- that statement. We've just bound it and have
- 23 copies for the committee. So in terms of the
- 24 substance of the witness statements, these are
- 25 the same that were circulated to you on Friday.

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                       THE CHAIR: Okay. I believe your
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       first witness this morning was to be Mr. Chapman,
       and I don't believe any of that relates directly
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       to his evidence, correct?
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                       MS. CRAIN: Right.
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                       THE CHAIR: I think that perhaps
       we'll have an opportunity first thing this
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       afternoon to deal with some procedural matters
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       and perhaps it might be best to leave that until
       that time. We did receive the document in
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       question; in other words, the summary, if you
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       will, of some of the evidence, and one of the
       issues we'd like you to address this afternoon
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       before you present that to us or at the same time
       as you do is whether or not the witnesses who are
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       referred to therein have adopted these summaries,
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       if you will, of the evidence that they're to give
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       in those statements. So that's one piece. And
       is there a second piece of evidence, then?
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                       MS. CRAIN: There is. We've also
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       prepared an agreed statement about which pictures
       have been available on the internet since
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       September 2011, and this is a document that we
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       have agreed to with counsel for Justice Douglas,
       and we're happy to hand that up when it suits the
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1 committee. I know Ms. Block has some submissions
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- 2 to make about whether or not that should be filed
- 3 confidentially or not.
- 4 THE CHAIR: And, again, I think
- 5 it's best if we defer that until this afternoon
- 6 to deal with that as part of the procedural
- 7 issues as well that we will deal with immediately
- 8 after the lunch break, and by the way, the first
- 9 of those items will include scheduling matters
- 10 for the rest of the week as well and next week.
- 11 Okay? So then --
- MS. CRAIN: The only other matter
- is whether or not we actually had an order
- 14 excluding witnesses. Did we make one before we
- 15 left? I know we discussed it, but I'm not sure
- we actually made an order.
- 17 THE CHAIR: I don't believe that
- 18 we made an order.
- MS. BLOCK: I actually can't
- 20 figure out how that works in a proceeding like
- 21 this where everything is on the internet, where
- the press is obviously covering it, and you will
- 23 have more experience than I in this sort of
- 24 situation. I'm more A versus B, and we can
- exclude witnesses, and that's it. So I'm not

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1 sure how it works. I mean, do we then tell
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- 2 people who are going to be witnesses, do not read
- 3 any newspaper accounts or -- I just raise that.
- 4 It seems to be a bit of a tilting of windmills to
- 5 exclude witnesses. If they shouldn't be in here,
- 6 maybe ask them not to read the actual
- 7 transcripts, but they're going to hear about the
- 8 case because it's widely covered, as you know.
- 9 THE CHAIR: Ms. Crain?
- 10 MS. CRAIN: I certainly agree
- 11 with Ms. Block that there are some challenges
- 12 with actually making that work; however, there
- are credibility issues in this case, and I think
- it would be preferable to start with an order
- 15 excluding witnesses. Maybe Mr. Pratte wants to
- 16 add something to that.
- MR. PRATTE: As usual, Ms. Block
- 18 makes a good point, but even in highly publicized
- 19 trials, when there are credibility issues, it's
- 20 not unusual to have an order excluding witnesses,
- 21 and it also means, for example, if a lawyer
- representing a witness happens to be here, he or
- 23 she will know that she's not supposed to tell the
- 24 witness what happened. So not perfect, but in my
- 25 respectful submission -- and we have some lawyers

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who will be witnesses. We expect that being
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- 2 apprised of that order will mean that they will
- 3 understand. They shouldn't take active steps to
- 4 familiarize themselves with the evidence. Will
- 5 it be perfect? No. But is it prudent? In my
- 6 respectful submission it would be.
- 7 THE CHAIR: Now, one question
- 8 that flows from that is an obvious one, which is
- 9 the point that Ms. Block has raised. I take it,
- 10 it follows, therefore, that none of this evidence
- should be put on the public website until we've
- heard the witnesses. In other words, how would
- 13 we -- we're making an order excluding witnesses,
- but if witness number 10, who is not here today,
- is reading the evidence as it's published each
- 16 day on the transcript -- as the transcript goes
- on the website, how would that work?
- MR. PRATTE: Well, in the same
- 19 way, in my respectful submission. The first
- thing that should go on the website is that there
- 21 is an order excluding witnesses and it would mean
- 22 to invite people who might be witnesses, they
- 23 should not review it. Can you enforce it and
- 24 know if people tell you -- you know, maybe the
- 25 first question is, Mr. So and so, have you taken

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1 active steps to familiarize yourselves with the
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- evidence, without a publication order, and then
- 3 we'll know from these people. But in my
- 4 respectful submission, prudence would dictate, as
- 5 in any highly publicized trial, the same problem
- 6 always happens. The orders are still made, and
- 7 it's counsel of prudence, not perfection. So I
- 8 would say the first thing you should do is put an
- 9 order excluding witnesses on the website and
- 10 alerting -- I'm sure your counsel can assist you
- in that -- the witnesses as to the meaning of
- that, and their counsel, should they be so
- 13 advised.
- 14 THE CHAIR: I guess the one
- difference, though, here is that in a highly
- 16 publicized trial, we are not publishing daily
- 17 transcripts of the evidence, so the question I
- have for all of you is whether or not we should
- 19 simply refrain from publishing the evidence of
- 20 the witnesses until the conclusion of the
- 21 hearing.
- 22 MR. PRATTE: I would support
- that. I don't see any real need to have public
- 24 reporting because the media is here. In my
- 25 respectful submission, it's highly unusual that

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1 the immediate daily transcripts would be
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- 2 available anyway, so the public is not hurt by
- 3 that consequent order, if I could call it that.
- 4 THE CHAIR: Thank you.
- 5 Mr. Galati.
- 6 MR. GALATI: I very briefly
- 7 suggest, just as my client is concerned, because
- 8 he is the first witness, I agree that the
- 9 transcripts -- I agree with Ms. Block that the
- 10 transcripts should not be published until all the
- 11 evidence is out if there is an exclusion of
- 12 witness order.
- 13 THE CHAIR: Ms. Block, anything
- 14 that you wish to say about the proposition of not
- 15 publishing the evidence on the council website
- 16 until the conclusion of the evidence?
- MS. BLOCK: No. I just don't
- have the background to be able to help you. I'd
- 19 be speculating, so I'll leave it to -- I mean,
- 20 Mr. Pratte has been in every highly publicized
- 21 case I know of, and so I'd stick with his advice.
- 22 But in terms of --
- 23 MR. PRATTE: The charm is already
- 24 out.
- 25 MS. BLOCK: But in terms of the

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1 media coverage, so, you know, you can't open the
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- 2 Winnipeg Free Press without seeing this story.
- 3 Are we going to tell, you know, Chief -- former
- 4 Chief Justice Monnin he can't read his newspaper
- 5 or -- it just seems a bit impractical. And we've
- 6 all had -- in this case unusually we've had
- 7 extensive disclosure of what the witnesses are
- 8 going to say because my friend has interviewed
- 9 them, Ms. Hickey has interviewed them. You know,
- 10 the credibility issues really don't involve most
- of the -- most of the witnesses, so --
- 12 THE CHAIR: Well, are you
- 13 suggesting, then, that you don't want an order
- 14 excluding witnesses?
- MS. BLOCK: Well, I'm just
- 16 suggesting that there's an impracticality about
- it unless we're telling -- unless we contact
- 18 every witness and say, do not read anything in
- 19 the paper or listen to the radio about this. I
- 20 think that's unrealistic. That was my only
- 21 point, and it's a practical point, and I have no
- 22 -- unfortunately no experience to help you with
- 23 sorting that out.
- 24 (Off the Record Momentarily)
- THE CHAIR: Thank you, counsel.

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1 We are all agreed that there should be an order
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- 2 excluding witnesses from this courtroom until
- 3 they have given their evidence in the
- 4 proceedings, and there will be no publication on
- 5 the Canadian Judicial Council website of the
- 6 transcripts -- the daily transcripts of the
- 7 evidence of the witnesses until all of the
- 8 evidence has been heard. Thank you. And if any
- 9 counsel are here representing any particular
- 10 witnesses, we would ask that you communicate the
- order that we've given to your clients. Thank
- 12 you.
- 13 And one other point I'd just like
- 14 to make. You've probably noticed, as have we,
- that there is a jackhammer out there, and so if
- 16 you could speak up, it would really be helpful
- 17 because sometimes on occasion your voices are
- 18 dropping, you're not speaking into the mics, and
- 19 we're having difficulty hearing here.
- 20 MS. BLOCK: And if I -- just on
- 21 the exclusion of witnesses, if I can make a point
- that that would not apply to Associate Chief
- Justice Douglas, I assume, as the Respondent in
- 24 this -- in this proceeding. She should know what
- 25 the evidence is.

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1 MR. PRATTE: I agree with that
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- proposition, Chief Justice.
- 3 MR. GALATI: I'm sorry, Chief
- 4 Justice, for interrupting you, but I'd like to
- 5 weigh in for two seconds on that. I strenuously
- 6 object to her exclusion to that. She's
- 7 considered one --
- 8 THE CHAIR: You'll have to speak
- 9 up, Mr. Galati, there is no way -- some of my
- 10 colleagues are having difficulty hearing you.
- 11 MR. GALATI: All right. I thank
- 12 the court staff for the Danny Devito lectern to
- my height here. I'm saying that --
- 14 THE CHAIR: Just take your
- 15 microphone and move it up like that.
- MR. GALATI: All right. On
- 17 behalf of my client, my friend Ms. Block's
- 18 proposition that Associate Chief Justice Douglas
- 19 be exempted from that exclusion, I would object
- 20 because, I mean, she's at the other bookend of
- 21 the -- what my independent counsel friends are
- 22 saying is the crucial credibility battle at this
- 23 inquiry, and this is not a criminal trial as has
- 24 been pointed out many times. She is not accused
- 25 criminally; therefore, it should also apply to

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- THE CHAIR: Mr. Pratte.
- 3 MR. PRATTE: With the greatest of
- 4 respect, fairness dictates that the party whose
- 5 interest is at stake is entitled to hear all of
- 6 the evidence. That's true in criminal cases,
- 7 civil cases, and any administrative proceedings.
- 8 In my respectful submission, there is no law that
- 9 supports Mr. Galati's proposition.
- 10 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Anything
- 11 by way of reply, Mr. Galati, to that?
- MR. GALATI: No. There's very
- 13 little law on these proceedings, very, very
- 14 little. I think circumstances dictate that the
- rulings be made to ensure fairness of the hearing
- 16 for all those involved as articulated by your
- 17 previous ruling.
- 18 THE CHAIR: Thank you.
- 19 (Off the Record Momentarily)
- THE CHAIR: Counsel, we are
- 21 entirely satisfied that the order for exclusion
- of witnesses does not apply to Associate Chief
- Justice Douglas. Under the Canadian Judicial
- 24 Council bylaws, the judge is entitled to know the
- 25 case that she has to meet, and under these

- 1 circumstances, that would necessarily include the
- 2 evidence of the witnesses in the hearing before
- 3 us. That's our decision, and we are now ready to
- 4 proceed, I believe, with the first matter this
- 5 morning. I believe you're going to call your
- first witness. Is that so?

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- 4 --- Upon resuming at 1:35 p.m.
- 5 THE CHAIR: Counsel, before we
- 6 begin to resume hearing evidence in this matter,
- 7 we have a number of procedural issues that we
- 8 thought we could get your assistance on, and you
- 9 mentioned a couple this morning.
- The first one is the issue of
- 11 scheduling, and I wanted to know whether counsel
- 12 had any submissions that you wish to make in
- terms of timing of the hearings and so on.
- 14 MR. PRATTE: If I might, Chief
- Justice. In terms of how things are progressing,
- 16 we provided a roadmap. I think it's fair to say
- that maybe it's going a little slower, as is
- often the case, when you have the first witness.
- 19 That being said, we think it might be prudent to
- 20 try to find a bit more time, if there is any, to
- 21 have a realistic hope of finishing within the two
- weeks.
- The options would be to maybe add
- 24 Saturday as had been suggested to us, and in my
- 25 respectful submission we would prefer that not be

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- in addition, to try to add a bit to your day, I
- 3 appreciate that it's a lot harder to listen to
- 4 lawyers than for lawyers to talk to judges, and
- 5 with that in mind, though, I've spoken to
- 6 Ms. Block and I haven't spoken to Mr. Galati, but
- 7 I at least have this from counsel -- independent
- 8 counsel's point of view. Whatever time you can
- 9 add on any day within the limits of human
- 10 toleration, I'm sure we would accommodate you so
- 11 we build a bit of a buffer. And I think --
- 12 Ms. Block and I, I think we are willing to start
- 13 at any time and finish at any time, but I leave
- 14 it to your discretion. If we could add an hour a
- day or half hour, whatever it is, Chief Justice,
- 16 I realize it is very difficult to concentrate for
- 17 that long. So that's where we're at, and I leave
- 18 it to your discretion.
- 19 THE CHAIR: Ms. Block and
- 20 Mr. Galati, you're in agreement with that, I
- 21 assume.
- MR. GALATI: I'm not. I'm in
- agreement to abide by my friend's suggestion.
- I've been in a lot of big trials, some of them
- 25 going a year, two years. I always say, okay,

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let's extend the day, but my experience is that
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- 2 less is done during an extended day because
- 3 people -- everyone gets tired, witnesses,
- 4 counsel, and if the day is kept shorter,
- 5 everybody is more focused. I would prefer to add
- 6 a Saturday. I think more would get done that way
- 7 than extending eight hours during the week, quite
- 8 frankly. But I leave it to -- obviously it's in
- 9 the committee's hands but that's my experienced
- 10 view on long proceedings.
- 11 THE CHAIR: Thank you.
- 12 (Off the Record Momentarily)
- 13 THE CHAIR: I think we have an
- 14 agreement amongst us that hopefully will be
- 15 acceptable to counsel. We're very mindful of the
- 16 fact that there were concerns from counsel -- or
- some counsel about sitting on the Saturday, and
- while we were prepared to do so and are prepared
- to do so, we recognize that those concerns are
- 20 entirely valid. And so we think perhaps the best
- 21 way to handle it is to extend the hours, and we
- were going to suggest 9:45 to 4:30, so that adds
- 23 45 minutes a day.
- 24 MR. PRATTE: Thank you, Chief
- 25 Justice.

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1 THE CHAIR: So we'll try that and
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- 2 see how that works out as things progress.
- Now, Mr. Pratte, could you help
- 4 us on the issue of the scheduling of witnesses
- 5 for this week and just let us know which
- 6 witnesses you plan on hearing from this week.
- 7 MR. PRATTE: Thank you, Chief
- 8 Justice. So after Mr. Chapman, we expect to call
- 9 Mr. Sinclair former managing partner of TDS,
- 10 then -- and he shouldn't be a very long witness.
- 11 Then Mr. King. By the way, if it assists, Ms.
- 12 Crain is to lead Mr. Sinclair's evidence. Then
- 13 Mr. King, and I will be leading his evidence, and
- then Mr. Histed, who was Mr. Chapman's lawyer,
- 15 and I guess is -- still is in some capacity. And
- then if we magically had time left over on
- 17 Friday, then we would call Justice Monnin, who
- told us he would be available if required. So
- 19 that's the line-up for this week, Chief Justice.
- 20 THE CHAIR: Thank you. That's
- 21 very helpful. So I think that takes --
- 22 Mr. Galati, sorry. I'm so sorry.
- MR. GALATI: I'm sorry to
- 24 interrupt. On the issue of Mr. Sinclair, there
- 25 was correspondence between myself and the -- oh,

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1 I'm sorry. On the issue of Mr. Sinclair, there
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- 2 was correspondence between independent counsel
- and myself. I was going to be seeking leave of
- 4 the committee to cross-examine him. My view was
- 5 that I thought the order would have covered him
- 6 because he -- his evidence all goes to allegation
- 7 number 1, but my friends are opposing my
- 8 cross-examination. It's my -- I'm not going to
- 9 be long. It's my respectful submission that
- 10 given that he is giving evidence about his
- 11 conversations with Jack King and Associate Chief
- Justice Douglas about the Chapman matter, that I
- should have the right to cross-examine him.
- 14 THE CHAIR: Thank you.
- 15 Mr. Pratte.
- 16 MR. PRATTE: Chief Justice, I'm
- 17 not sure that we had finalized our position, but
- in any event, Chief Justice, my view is that
- maybe that's premature. Mr. Galati should wait
- 20 to see what independent counsel does. Our
- 21 general goal, as you know, is to cover all the
- issues as best we humanly can, and if there's
- 23 really something very significant that he needs
- 24 to do, then maybe he can renew his application at
- 25 that time as opposed to deciding this now in a

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1 bit of a vacuum.
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- THE CHAIR: Does that make sense
- 3 to you, Mr. Galati?
- 4 MR. GALATI: It does and it
- 5 doesn't. That would mean that I'd have to do my
- 6 preparation on the fly. If I had the right to
- 7 cross-examine, I'd do a full prep and delete
- 8 anything I didn't need to cover. To do it the
- 9 other way puts me at a disadvantage.
- 10 THE CHAIR: All right. Ms.
- 11 Block, any submissions you wish to make on this
- 12 issue?
- 13 MS. BLOCK: I had understood your
- 14 ruling that you had indicated which witnesses
- 15 Mr. Galati could cross-examine, that he had
- limited standing, he's not here on everything or
- for all purposes, but you were balancing an
- issue, and so I would oppose it, but it's
- obviously your order, so I hope it stands.
- 20 THE CHAIR: I guess that -- I
- 21 should invite -- if there are any further
- submissions on this, you should make them now.
- One thing that should be made very clear is that
- 24 when we made the order regarding which witnesses
- 25 could be cross-examined by Mr. Galati, we had not

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1 at that point seen the evidence from
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- 2 Mr. Sinclair. That came after. And now having
- 3 seen that evidence, it's -- speaking only for
- 4 myself, there is an issue of whether or not
- 5 Mr. Galati should be cross-examining Mr. Sinclair
- 6 and should be given leave to do so. So if you
- 7 have any further submissions to make, either one
- 8 of you -- if you just hang on a moment. There is
- 9 -- in terms of timing, when was it you were
- 10 thinking that Mr. Sinclair's evidence would be
- led and what kind of gap might there be between
- 12 your point, Mr. Pratte, having an opportunity to
- 13 consider whether there is any further questions
- 14 to ask and Mr. Galati's asking those questions
- and renewing his application? In other words, if
- the timing were such that you anticipated
- 17 finishing with Mr. Sinclair at the end of one
- 18 day, one could then see there would be adequate
- 19 time to renew an application and prepare any
- 20 further -- if any further questions were
- 21 warranted, it could continue the next day.
- MR. PRATTE: Well, yes, I would
- 23 have thought just immediately, but Mr. Sinclair
- 24 is not going to be a long witness. Mr. Galati
- 25 has his -- basically knows what the issues are

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going to be, and if he wants to tell us what --
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- the things he's interested in, we could tell him
- 3 what we intend to cover. So to have to decide
- 4 after an examination whether you have any
- 5 questions, in my respectful submission, is not a
- 6 huge hardship. So in my respectful submission,
- 7 it's not a huge hardship for him to wait to see
- 8 what we do. We'll not -- we can tell him
- 9 generally the areas we want to cover. He can
- 10 tell us what areas he thinks we should cover, and
- if there's something left, there might be -- I
- 12 can't imagine it will be two hours. It might be
- 13 15 minutes unless we're really not doing our jobs
- 14 here.
- 15 (Off the Record Momentarily)
- 16 THE CHAIR: Are there any further
- 17 submissions to be made? I take not on this
- issue. We're all agreed that Mr. Galati should
- 19 have the right to cross-examine Mr. Sinclair with
- 20 respect to any matters involving allegation 1.
- 21 We also assumed from the representations you've
- 22 made, Mr. Galati, that this is the only witness
- in respect of whom you will be seeking a further
- right of cross-examination. Is it so?
- MR. GALATI: No, there is also

- 1 Mr. William Gange, but he's scheduled for next
- week. He also is giving evidence on allegation
- 3 number 1. Those are the two witnesses that I was
- 4 seeking. Oh, I'm sorry. There is also
- 5 Mr. William Gange, and the third witness would be
- 6 Mr. Justice Joyal because he speaks to the
- 7 credibility of my client's sincerely held belief
- 8 of why he came out with the reporting in 2010
- 9 following his police lawsuit. It goes to
- 10 Mr. Justice Joyal's testimony. Maybe the
- 11 committee hasn't -- hasn't seen all the evidence
- or disclosure yet, but maybe I should make my
- 13 pitch at that juncture next week.
- 14 Those are the three witnesses
- 15 that I was seeking to -- and that's not
- 16 suggesting it's going to be lengthy
- 17 cross-examination.
- 18 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr.
- 19 Galati. Mr. Pratte, you were going to say
- 20 something?
- 21 MR. PRATTE: On the Justice
- Joyal, as the roadmap indicated, we haven't
- decided whether to call him or not. We put him
- there and still don't know. At least in respect
- of Justice Joyal, I would say the application is

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1 premature at this stage.
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- THE CHAIR: Okay, counsel.
- 3 Anything that you wish to add, Ms. Block, on this
- 4 point?
- 5 MS. BLOCK: Yes, thank you.
- 6 Mr. Gange has been called about the photos being
- 7 put on the internet. That's not count 1.
- 8 THE CHAIR: Mr. Galati?
- 9 MR. GALATI: Very -- very
- 10 briefly. The reason why I'm seeking to
- 11 cross-examine Mr. Gange is that in reviewing the
- 12 entries of Associate Chief Justice's diary,
- 13 Associate Chief Justice Douglas had constant and
- lengthy conversations and meetings with respect
- to the settlement between Mr. King and
- 16 Mr. Chapman that's been put into issue vis-à-vis
- my client's credibility. So that goes right to
- the core of allegation number 1, and that's why
- 19 I'm seeking to examine him on that restricted
- 20 basis.
- 21 THE CHAIR: Well, we're all of
- the view that it's premature to deal with the
- issue of cross-examination both of Mr. Gange and
- 24 Chief Justice Joyal and that those issues should
- 25 be left for a later time.

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       you to raise with him any issues and areas you
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       wanted him to explore as independent counsel, and
       perhaps this is an issue that could be resolved
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       by you working with independent counsel and Ms.
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       Block to sort this out in a different way. So
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       we'll leave those two applications then for now.
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       next issue, which is the agreed statement that
       you have. I have four here, and not in any
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       particular order, but the second one I have on my
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       list is the agreed statement that you wanted to
       submit concerning certain photographs on the
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       internet. Ms. Crain.
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                       MS. CRAIN: Yes, this simply is
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       an agreed statement as between independent
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       counsel and counsel for Justice Douglas about
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       which photos were available on the internet from
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       September 2011 onwards. And the way we've
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       addressed it in this statement is the photos have
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       not been -- there are no descriptions of the
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       photos, we have not attached the photos, but we
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       do refer to them by file name, and we expect to
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       be filing at some point shortly the photos
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1 that the committee will be available to have this
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- document in front of it and cross-reference and
- 3 see which photos were on the internet in the last
- 4 year.
- 5 THE CHAIR: Okay. There is two
- 6 issues here. One is whether or not all the
- 7 photos we have are then referenced as being on
- 8 the internet. That's one issue. The other
- 9 question is whether there is anything on the
- 10 internet that is a photo that we have not already
- 11 seen, whether there are other photos on the
- internet besides those that have been provided
- 13 and disclosed to us.
- 14 MS. CRAIN: I don't believe there
- 15 are any new photos. It's just a question of --
- of the photos, which ones were still available on
- 17 the internet as of last fall and carried through
- 18 to present.
- 19 THE CHAIR: Okay.
- 20 MS. CRAIN: And, Madam Chair,
- 21 just to clarify, the reason we crafted it this
- 22 way, by not putting descriptions of photos in
- 23 this document or by attaching photos, was at the
- 24 request of counsel for Justice Douglas so that
- 25 this would be clean of those details, so to

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       part. But our intention in doing it that way was
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       is no descriptions of photos or photos attached,
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       and I understand counsel for Justice Douglas is
       still not comfortable having this filed as a
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       public exhibit, but that's something that, I take
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       it, you'll ask for submissions on from her.
                       THE CHAIR: Can I ask the obvious
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       question? There have been certain photos that
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       have been disclosed to the committee and will you
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       be at some stage indicating how many of those are
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       presently on the net and how many are not?
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                       MS. CRAIN: And that is what this
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       document will show. So this document will detail
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       which of the photos were available from September
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       onwards with file names.
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                       THE CHAIR: I understand that,
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       but let's assume there were -- I'm picking a
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       number -- ten photos, and that shows there's
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       eight on the net. Then you would say to the
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       inquiry committee, there were ten and you had ten
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       disclosed, and of those ten, eight remain on the
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net, and here is the numbers. You can check

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1 which ones if you wish to do so. So I'm just
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- 2 asking about are you going to be making a
- 3 submission on numbers that we had disclosed to us
- 4 and how many of those remain on the net, or do we
- 5 have to go and check each one out according to
- 6 your list?
- 7 MS. CRAIN: Maybe I'll approach
- 8 it this way: We have imperfect information about
- 9 what has been on the internet over the years.
- 10 The only thing that we can tell you today is that
- 11 when we were retained, we had searches carried
- 12 out to ascertain what was available then.
- 13 I expect that you will hear from
- 14 Mr. Chapman and from others what they found on
- the internet in 2003 and at different points in
- 16 time. This document does not address that. All
- 17 this attempts to do is to capture what was
- 18 available from September onwards. So it's a
- small piece of evidence, but it goes to count 3.
- THE CHAIR: All right. Well, I
- 21 think we all agree that this would be useful to
- 22 have, and if we feel that we need any further
- 23 information to clarify numbers and what this
- 24 translates to, we'll ask, then. Thank you so
- 25 much, Ms. Crain.

| Τ. | MS. CRAIN: Illalik you. |
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| 2 | THE CHAIR: So that will be |
| 3 | marked as Exhibit 5. Are we up to that? And is |
| 4 | there any suggestion that this has to be kept |
| 5 | confidential? You alluded to that. |
| 6 | MS. REYNOLDS: Chief Justice, |
| 7 | with the description as you described it in the |
| 8 | current document, we have no objection to it |
| 9 | being filed publicly as long as it remains with |
| 10 | the descriptions of the names and no other |
| 11 | documents are attached. |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. |
| 13 | Reynolds. So that will be marked, then, as |
| 14 | Exhibit 5. |
| 15 | EXHIBIT 5: |
| 16 | AGREED STATEMENT BETWEEN INDEPENDENT |
| 17 | COUNSEL AND COUNSEL FOR JUSTICE DOUGLAS |
| 18 | ABOUT WHICH PHOTOS WERE AVAILABLE ON THE |
| 19 | INTERNET FROM SEPTEMBER 2011 ONWARDS |
| 20 | THE CHAIR: Counsel, that then |
| 21 | takes us to the next issue on my list, which is |
| 22 | the question of the chronology of the events. |
| 23 | And as I understand it, there has been agreement |
| 24 | reached in terms of a general chronology as |
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judge, and Mr. Galati still has some concerns,
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- 2 however, with respect to the chronology. So
- 3 perhaps you just might let us know where we
- 4 are -- where you are on this, and if the only
- 5 issue is Mr. Galati's concerns, I think this --
- 6 it would be useful to hear them at this time.
- 7 MS. CRAIN: Well, I can tell you
- 8 that there has been a lot of effort put into this
- 9 chronology and there were e-mails flying as late
- 10 as midnight last night and passed, and we had
- 11 hoped that we would be able to come to you with a
- document, but there are still some issues that
- 13 we're working through with Mr. Galati, and our
- 14 hope is that we can continue to work through
- those and have something ready for tomorrow
- 16 morning.
- 17 THE CHAIR: Well, that would be
- 18 -- that's excellent. If that's the case, we
- 19 don't want to press you. We certainly don't need
- it today, so why don't we simply leave that until
- 21 tomorrow and you can let us know if it remains an
- issue at that time?
- MS. CRAIN: Thank you.
- 24 THE CHAIR: Then the last thing I
- 25 have on my list, subject to any other items you

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- 2 Dr. Sellick, the psychologist. Have I got the
- 3 name right? And I realize that there is an issue
- 4 with respect to his report and the underlying
- 5 notes, and so the underlying notes or records are
- 6 what's in issue, and if you could let us know
- 7 what it is that you'd want advice on and a
- 8 decision on we'd appreciate it.
- 9 MS. BLOCK: We would ask for that
- 10 until tomorrow. We're going to try and get some
- instructions and make a proposal to my friend and
- 12 perhaps we won't have to trouble you.
- 13 THE CHAIR: Good luck. That's
- 14 excellent. Are there any other procedural issues
- 15 you wish to raise at this time?
- MS. CRAIN: Well, I almost hate
- 17 to bring it up because things are going so well,
- 18 but there is the Agreed Evidence of Selected
- 19 Witnesses documents.
- 20 THE CHAIR: The -- so that's the
- 21 agreed -- what are you calling that, the agreed
- 22 or selected evidence or --
- MS. CRAIN: Well, we used to call
- 24 it an Agreed Statement of Facts. Now we called
- it the Agreed Evidence of Selected Witnesses.

| 1 | THE CHAIR: All right. And where |
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| 2 | does that stand in terms of the various witnesses |
| 3 | and whether or not you want to file that, and I |
| 4 | assume it's for the purpose of having that |
| 5 | introduced as evidence for certain individuals |
| 6 | who are not going to be called to give oral |
| 7 | evidence. And so the first question that we |
| 8 | would have is whether or not the people who are |
| 9 | identified in terms of what their evidence is |
| 10 | have adopted those statements that you have |
| 11 | included in the Agreed Evidence of Selected |
| 12 | Witnesses? |
| 13 | MS. CRAIN: Yeah, and the answer |
| 14 | to that is with a few exceptions, no. What this |
| 15 | was intended to be as it currently stands |
| 16 | there are 13 individuals whose information is |
| 17 | contained in this document. What we have tried |
| 18 | to do as counsel is streamline the oral portion |
| 19 | of this hearing by committing those that we think |
| 20 | didn't need to be called orally to paper with the |
| 21 | understanding that, of course, the committee may |
| 22 | have a different view and may look at something |
| 23 | like this and say thank you, but we would like to |
| 24 | hear from X, Y, and Z, in which case we will call |
| 25 | them. But what this represents is our effort to |

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       agreement before you to say, you can take it, but
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We have interviewed all of these
individuals, and I believe Ms. Block has as well,
and there has been very significant back and
forth in terms of the language that's in here, so
it's been subject to a lot of discussion and
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could give to this committee.

| 1 | Justice MacInnes and Justice |
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| 2 | Mercier have actually signed off on their |
| 3 | portions of it. They wanted that involvement and |
| 4 | we welcomed it. The others have not actually |
| 5 | you know, we've not asked them to sign off on it |
| 6 | or anything. It's a document created by counsel |
| 7 | as we've said on the footnote on the first page. |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: What is your |
| 9 | proposal? What is it that you're proposing then? |
| L O | I mean, what you seem to be saying is the only |
| L1 | people who have signed off on what the evidence |
| L2 | is are Justices MacInnes and Mercier, correct? |
| L3 | MS. CRAIN: Yeah. We are |
| L4 | proposing that the committee simply take this as |
| L5 | an Agreed Statement of Facts. This is done in |
| L6 | Ontario as a background document which we put to |
| L7 | the Court and say this is the background that we |
| L8 | have agreed to and you can accept as true. |
| L9 | Again, we're in your hands. |
| 20 | We're trying to streamline this |
| 21 | to make it to get through this hearing. If |
| 22 | you're telling us that you're not happy with this |
| 23 | format and you'd like it to be more of an |
| 24 | affidavit format where witnesses sign off on it, |
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- lot of effort to commit these -- these statements
- 3 to writing, and we are satisfied that this is --
- 4 we're comfortable putting this before the
- 5 committee.
- 6 THE CHAIR: Ms. Block.
- 7 MS. BLOCK: As I understand the
- 8 purpose of the document, my friends have
- 9 interviewed all these people, provided us with
- 10 statements, we've had the opportunity to talk
- 11 through those statements with people. There have
- 12 been some changes made that were reviewed with
- 13 all these people, and you'll see when you read
- 14 it, there are internal inconsistencies because
- we're talking about people remembering things
- 16 from 2003 or 2005 without any notes. People who
- 17 had notes shredded the notes. Particularly the
- JAC process, you don't keep anything.
- So different people remember
- 20 different things. This is what they remember.
- 21 So that's what we're providing you with after
- 22 we've had a very fair opportunity to -- on each
- 23 side to talk with these witnesses, and this is
- 24 what we say they would say if they were called.
- 25 So instead of calling them, here it is.

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       these people, we got to add another -- I don't
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       of it, and recognizing that people do have
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       believe they remember, and I think we're happy
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                       THE CHAIR: The problem is that
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       they've not adopted it, so, you know, ordinarily
       you have an Agreed Statement of Facts and you're
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       not purporting necessarily to say what somebody
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       else thought. And I guess the thing that's
       troubling me, speaking only for myself, is that
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       not signed off that your collective efforts to
       produce what it is they said is what they
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                       MS. BLOCK: Right, maybe I can
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       help you with that because we had the first cut
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       at it, being Ms. Crain's notes, and then we, with
       Ms. Crain's notes, talked to the witnesses, and,
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       witness to get the witness to -- to say whether
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       this was more accurate or sometimes they would
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       say something else, not Ms. Crain's version or
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       our version but something else, no, I'd put it
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       we've constructed. It's -- it has been -- the
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       dialogue has been a three-way dialogue with these
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25 THE CHAIR: Then I guess the

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well, fine, put it this way. It's -- we've

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- all be asked to sign off that this is an accurate
- 3 reflection of what their testimony would be. I
- 4 should be asking Mr. Pratte that, not you, Ms.
- 5 Block.
- 6 MS. BLOCK: It really was a
- 7 timing thing. They didn't officially sign off,
- 8 but we did -- we did go through this process with
- 9 all of them. So, I mean, if you need it
- 10 officially signed off, it will take some time to
- 11 go back to the witnesses and have them sign. I
- think some of them, like Mr. Lawrencel (ph) did
- provide his notes, and we built them in. And
- 14 Mr. Fineblit all but one last issue, which I
- think we're comfortable that's what he told us,
- 16 we've come back to him on one particular point,
- 17 but we could do that.
- So, you know, it's -- really,
- 19 it's just been a question of timing. We had a
- lot of people to deal with and sort out. So I
- 21 defer to Ms. Crain, if she thinks the process is
- 22 anything different than what I've described, but
- that's what we've been trying to achieve as
- opposed to line them all up to say, well, this
- is -- this is the best I can do for you from this

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1 many years ago without any notes. This is how I
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- 2 remember it. We've just tried to put that on
- 3 paper for you.
- 4 THE CHAIR: Okay. Ms. Crain?
- 5 MS. CRAIN: Just to be clear,
- 6 other than Justice MacInnes and Justice Mercier,
- 7 I have not provided these 13 individuals with
- 8 this form of the information that we are
- 9 attributing to them. We interviewed people, we
- 10 did memos to file on the information they gave
- 11 us. We never sent those interview notes to the
- individuals and asked them to sign off on them.
- 13 These were our own investigative notes that we've
- 14 disclosed to Ms. Block in the process.
- Some of these witnesses have
- 16 received those notes just because we were trying
- 17 to really clarify things and pin them down, but
- 18 consistently they have all received that
- 19 information. I just wanted to be clear on that,
- 20 although I think certainly all of the JDC
- 21 witnesses have received those notes.
- But, again, we're in the
- 23 committee's hands. We will do whatever you think
- is most useful with this information.
- 25 HON. JUSTICE GREEN: Ms. Crain,

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1 the concern I have -- the concern I have is that
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- 2 this purports to be an Agreed Statement of
- 3 Evidence as opposed to be an Agreed Statement of
- 4 Facts. In a civil case, it's frequent, of
- 5 course, that counsel will stipulate that certain
- facts are agreed and from which then the judge
- 7 can make certain finding. But this is not this.
- 8 This is -- you're stipulating what individuals
- 9 will say from which arguments may be addressed to
- 10 us, we should draw certain inferences and certain
- 11 conclusions.
- 12 Well, I don't want to be in the
- 13 situation where -- for example, if former
- 14 Minister Cotler commits to writing something and
- then we say as part of our ruling that, you know,
- 16 well, Mr. Cotler knew this or he didn't know
- that, if, in fact, he's not in agreement with it.
- I wouldn't want after the fact for him to be
- 19 saying, well, that's not what I said.
- So, to me, it seems to me that
- 21 there's something more here than just simply an
- 22 Agreed Statement of Facts that we need to pin
- down.
- 24 THE CHAIR: The bottom line is
- 25 this simple. If this is agreed evidence of

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1 selected witnesses, then the witnesses are going
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- 2 to have to say, I agreed that that is, in fact,
- 3 my evidence, and if they've not been provided
- 4 with a copy of it, I'm not sure how they would
- 5 possibly be able to do that.
- 6 MS. CRAIN: Well, we're happy
- 7 to -- we're in your hands. We're happy to have
- 8 them sign it, we're happy to call which of -- you
- 9 know, whomever of these witnesses that you would
- 10 like to hear from orally. As I said, we always
- 11 expected that, you know, this isn't the end
- 12 product. This is starting the conversation with
- the committee and you will tell us what you
- 14 require.
- So we can start by having these
- individuals sign off on these pieces of
- information, and we'll also obviously take
- direction from you if you'd like us to call some
- 19 of them on top of that once you've had a chance
- 20 to digest some of this information.
- 21 THE CHAIR: It may be that we
- 22 will wish to hear from one or more of the
- 23 individuals, but this starting point at this
- 24 stage could be and should be to give them a copy
- of what it is that you have agreed reflects their

- 1 evidence and see whether they agree.
- I guess you'll find out when you
- 3 submit the copies to them whether any further
- 4 refinements are required to the Agreed Evidence
- 5 of Selected Witnesses.
- 6 So if you could do that, I think
- 7 it would be very useful. At least then we have a
- 8 starting point.
- 9 MS. CRAIN: Yeah, no, I think
- 10 we'll do that. And I think to your point, Chief
- Justice, I mean, this is something that really
- 12 did evolve. I mean, it started with the concept
- of an Agreed Statement of Facts, but, frankly,
- one of the tricky issues, as Ms. Block alluded
- to, is the members of the JAC remembered things
- 16 differently.
- 17 So at the end of the day, you
- 18 will have to make findings and struggle with
- 19 these different recollections of event, which is
- 20 why we couldn't call it an Agreed Statement of
- 21 Facts because you still need to find those facts
- 22 based on this -- on this evidence.
- So we will do that. We will go
- 24 back, we will get individuals to sign off on
- 25 this. Hopefully we won't have to revise any of

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1 it, and hopefully we can do it quickly.
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- 2 Perhaps we should withdraw it
- 3 right now then and we will deal with it quickly.
- 4 THE CHAIR: I don't believe that
- 5 we've received the copies to be marked in any
- 6 event, have we? We have what you've provided to
- 7 us, but we've already got a copy of that and have
- 8 read it, but you've not introduced anything for
- 9 today so I think we're fine.
- MS. CRAIN: Good.
- 11 THE CHAIR: Sorry, Mr. Galati. I
- 12 didn't see that you were attempting to make
- 13 submissions on this issue.
- MR. GALATI: My life story, I'm
- only 5 foot 3. I'm easy to miss. Very briefly.
- 16 Two of the witnesses concern
- 17 allegation 1; Mr. Fineblit and Mr. Lambkin. I
- 18 was not in the loop to these discussions when my
- 19 friend -- when my friend sent me a copy of the
- 20 PDF without the attachments, and I apologize to
- 21 her for it. I think my response -- my response
- 22 was a strenuous objection.
- 23 The -- what they are, in my
- 24 respectful view -- I'm speaking to Mr. Fineblit
- 25 and Mr. Lambkin because that's -- that's the only

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1 two witnesses that concern Mr. Chapman.
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- 2 Mr. Lambkin's evidence speaks
- directly to the credibility of Mr. Chapman with
- 4 respect to the allegation --
- 5 THE CHAIR: I'm sorry,
- 6 Mr. Lambkin's evidence?
- 7 MR. GALATI: Speaks directly to
- 8 the credibility that will be attacked by my
- 9 friend Ms. Block of my client Mr. Chapman, and
- 10 Mr. Fineblit, half of his evidence goes in the
- 11 same direction. He actually sat down and took my
- 12 client's complaint.
- 13 The problem I see with these --
- 14 with these statements as they are now is that
- they're not statements. They're simply a
- distilled perception of independent counsel's
- 17 view of what the evidence was during their
- interviews of them, and I've said respectfully to
- my friends before, I understand that independent
- counsel was appointed, but they're not anointed.
- 21 And so -- and so I would like to be kept in the
- loop on any discussions about those two witnesses
- 23 because they speak directly to my client's issues
- in allegation number 1. I've got an electronic
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for Fineblit and Lambkin. Is that your position?
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- MR. GALATI: Correct, yes.
- 3 THE CHAIR: One moment.
- 4 (Off the Record Momentarily)
- 5 THE CHAIR: I would like to
- 6 hear -- or we would like to hear from both
- 7 independent counsel and Ms. Block as to why
- 8 Mr. Galati should not be in the loop for the
- 9 presentation of the agreed evidence of witnesses
- 10 Fineblit and Lambkin. Is there any concern on
- 11 that front?
- MS. CRAIN: We don't have any
- 13 concerns with that. In fact, I told Mr. Galati
- 14 that I'm happy to sit down with him prior to
- 15 circulating those to Mr. Fineblit and Lambkin and
- taking any suggestions he has, incorporating
- them, and then putting them to the witness and
- 18 signing off on them. I'm quite comfortable doing
- 19 that.
- 20 THE CHAIR: Ms. Block, any
- 21 concerns that you have?
- MS. BLOCK: That he see the
- documents? No.
- 24 THE CHAIR: All right. Then
- thank you. We're all in agreement, then, that

- with respect to the agreed evidence of witnesses
- 2 Fineblit and Lambkin, that Mr. Galati will be
- 3 "kept in the loop" as those are developed. So we
- 4 look forward -- and we so order. We look forward
- 5 to receiving, then, the finalized version of the
- 6 Agreed Evidence of Selected Witnesses, and as I
- 7 said earlier, we've obviously not prejudged any
- 8 of this, but we reserve our right to call as
- 9 witnesses -- or have you call as witnesses, I
- 10 should say, any of those individuals should we
- 11 consider that necessary. Thank you.
- I take it that then allows
- 13 you, Ms. Crain, to continue with your examination
- of Mr. Chapman?

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