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**Subject:** RE: Hi Craig and Tarradale question [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]  
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Thanks Craig,

A beautifully composed summary that I will forward to Willem (He is keen to instruct this committee how problematic some of their terms are. A 40 year period. He will find this helpful. I am not sure why he wants to mention Taradale but I trust him in terms of his desire to be thorough).

I forgot about Travers till you refreshed my memory! Yes indeed. Wrong jurisdiction!

To extend your metaphor – I wonder if “going somewhere for them” = a type of jettisoning onto the scrap heap! Still, you made me laugh and I thank you for that!

PS: I have a full draft of my Encountering Nazi Tourism sites book so happy about that! (and in response to – *The Empire Strikes Back* [bad mouthing by Tomsen and his crew of imbecilic devotees] – Willem and I are quietly about to submit a journal article that accuses these players of fuelling a moral panic about homicides that is not supported by evidence. Pray that *one* makes it into print [We are targeting *British Journal of Criminology*]. Its always a long gestation but hopefully it will appear in a year (fingers Xd)

PS: Did you see this piece in the Weekend Australian?

<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/inquirer/pamela-johnson-nsw-police-and-the-death-of-scott-johnson/news-story/5a1e6c754b75e57b07b3e3e71c57c030>

I always wondered why her name evoked awkward silences at the Homicide meeting I went to on my first trip.

Take care and THANKS for your prompt response.

And yes – Willem and I walking the beat would be hilarious.

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**From:** Craig N Middleton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 October 2018 3:38 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: Hi Craig and Tarradale question [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Derek

Good to hear from you, albeit it sounds like your in upheaval mode !

The original terms of reference for SF Taradale was to investigate any possible links between the following:

- \* The disappearance of Ross Bradley WARREN on 21.7.1989
- \* The assault on David McMAHON at Bondi/Tamarama walk on 21.12.1989
- \* The suspicious death of John RUSSELL at South Bondi on 24.11.1989

However, as would be expected, as the investigation its original terms of reference for expanded and eventually SF Taradale reviewed a whole bunch of matters, both homicides and serious assaults.

Of course Parrabell did not consider any matters where the victim was assaulted but lived. As you know this was definitely not in our charter.

Of the Homicides on our list, Taradale investigated the following : resulting in the following findings by Deputy Coroner Milledge in 2005.

\* **No 19 Giles MATTAINI (unsolved)** - In 2005 Senior Deputy State Coroner Jacqueline MILLEDGE came to the following determination; “Giles Jacques Mattaini died on or about 15 September 1985 in Sydney, “the cause and manner of death are undetermined as the evidence before me does not enable me to say.” It must be noted that MILLEDGE also concluded that “the persons of interest that may have been responsible for the deaths of Mr WARREN and Mr RUSSELL would have been far too young at the time of Mr MATTAINI’S disappearance in August 1985.”

\* **No 34 Ross Bradley WARREN (Unsolved)** - In 2005 the Deputy State Coroner MILLEDGE found that WARREN died in Sydney on or about 22 July 1989, “whilst the cause and manner of death are unknown, I am satisfied that the deceased was a victim of homicide perpetrated by person or persons unknown.”

\* **No 36 John RUSSELL (unsolved)** - As a result of SF Taradale re-investigation of these matters, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Inquest was held in 2005, Deputy State Coroner MILLEDGE found that RUSSELL died at Marks Park, North Bondi between the 22 and 23 November 1989, “the cause of death is multiple injuries sustained when he was thrown from the cliff onto rocks, by a person or persons unknown.”

As for the Travers matter- that was never reviewed under SF Taradale and was excluded by Parrabell - as *Brian TRAVERS was murdered by Daniel ROETZ in Latrobe, Tasmania on 01 March, 1992.*

*Strike Force Parrabell did not review this matter as the incident location occurred outside New South Wales.*

Its my experience that tenure only actually means something when the hierarchy want to stop you moving/doing something, if they really need you to do something or go somewhere for them - tenure never seems to be an issue.

Keep your chin up- worst case I think the NSWPF is recruiting at the moment. Could imagine you and Wilem walking the beat !

Regards



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From: Derek Dalton <derek.dalton@flinders.edu.au>  
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Dear Craig,

I hope all is well for you.

We have been approached to make a submission to the Upper House Parliamentary Committee and will do so. Keeping it pretty tight. A few pages at best. I won't mention content to avoid any accusation that we have colluded with police.

We will be emphasising that post-Parrabell speculation about our findings is somewhat improper as we remain (apart from the NSW police as you well know) the only parties that had unfettered access to the rich case files and that it would be appropriate that the committee keep this factor in mind. (Willem thinks I am being overly-defensive. Maybe I am, but I worry that some submissions will seek to *undermine* the veracity of our findings and I would like to be on the front foot about this).

Some of the post Parrabell criticisms floating out there in the cesspool of public commentary have been pretty objectionable. Sue Thompson implied Willem and I have "no honour" [her words] in one of her online rants that nobody probably reads. Willem spotted it when doing so research.

We are concerned that this committee is out of its depth (expertise wise) but we can't control that. Fred Nile. I mean *really*.

Anyway – I do have a particular reason for writing to you (in part caused by the loss of my notes in that unmentionable event that will forever haunt me).

Willem wants 100% clarity about **Tarradale matters** (I recall this was thrashed out in our long meeting – the notes of which are gone).

In short:

1. Is it fair and accurate to describe Strike Force Tarradale as an investigation into Bondi and Alexandria potential/suspected homicide cases?
2. How many matters were subject to review or exploration? (I have 5 cases in some notes - see attached PDF with notes I concocted that might not be accurate. One case was an assault?)
3. I have an email from you wrote that lists *Mattaini* and *Travers* as Tarradale matters (when we corresponded about cases that were still being processed).

We just want to be really clear so we can ensure accuracy in our submission.

PS1: Things are in turmoil here. Every College in our University is spilling jobs [from lecturer to Prof level] and so we may have to apply for our own jobs. Hard to believe but it's true. Tenure appears a meaningless concept in the modern era.

PS2: Willem says hello and hopes you are well.

Cheers

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