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25 LAKATOS: Does your Worship have a copy of Constable  
Morieson's statement?

CORONER: No I don't.

30 LAKATOS: May I hand you one. It refers to a number of  
annexures, some of which are duplicated and have not been  
attached but the ones which have not been duplicated are  
the hard document.

35 Q. Ms Morieson, is your full name Kathryn Morieson, spelt  
Morieson?

A. Yes.

40 Q. And are you a plain clothes constable of police  
attached to the Waverley Police Station?

A. Yes I am.

Q. Now you prepared a statement dated 30 March this year,  
that is two days ago?

45 A. Sunday yeah.

Q. Working long hours, in relation to your investigations  
concerning the disappearance of Gilles Mattaini?

A. That's right.

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Q. And if I might just take you through this very briefly  
you say that on 30 May 2001 Strike Force Tara Dale was  
created to investigate, amongst other things, the death  
and disappearance of Mr Mattaini. On 1 August 2002 Antony  
Wyzynski, having read about this inquiry in the Star  
Observer, contacted police concerning the disappearance of  
his friend Gilles Mattaini?

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A. That's right.

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Q. And I think in the following paragraphs - and I won't take time with this - he gives his history that he has had of his contact with the disappeared man Mattaini?

5 A. Yes.

Q. You also I think spoke to a Mark Hubert who was Mr Mattaini's boss at the Menzies Hotel?

10 A. Yes a statement was obtained from him yes.

Q. And in relation to that can I just take you to paragraph 8. Mr Hubert said that he became better friends with Mr Mattaini when Musy, his partner, returned to France in about August of 1985, is that so?

15 A. Yes that's right.

Q. I've run a few things together there. If you need to check it please do by all means?

20 A. No that's all right.

Q. And he said that when his partner Musy returned to France they would socialise a little more, Mattaini would stay back after work and he got to know Mr Mattaini a little better?

25 A. Yes.

Q. Hubert recorded that Mattaini had recently become an illegal citizen and that he felt trapped because he couldn't leave Australia and then come back again?

30 A. Yes.

Q. Maybe take it Hubert felt that Mattaini was coming under a little bit more pressure from at least that event?

35 A. Yes.

Q. And I think you noted and recorded in Mr Hubert's statement on his behalf that Mr Hubert remembers that one night at work a day or two prior to Mattaini's disappearance an incident occurred where Mattaini asked to go home ill?

40 A. Yes.

Q. Now I won't go through the details as we'll call Mr Hubert but it does indicate, does it not, that one or two days before his disappearance Mr Mattaini did certain things which were not in character including smoking a cigarette and also stating that he was stressed but didn't say why?

45 A. Yes.

Q. You've obtained statements, one of which is in the brief, of Jacques Musy and Mark Hubert which is now behind that particular - your statement just now being tendered.

55 EXHIBIT #5 STATEMENT OF CONSTABLE K MORIESON TENDERED,  
ADMITTED WITHOUT OBJECTION

LAKATOS: Q. You traced down, did you not, a number of

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the leads, investigative leads given by Mr Wyzynski and Mr Hubert, you found out that Mr Ottoviani who was one of the moving parties in searching for Mr Mattaini when he disappeared has subsequently died of AIDS in about  
5 September of 1992?

A. Yes.

Q. So you're unable to follow that lead too far?

A. That's right.

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Q. In August of 2002 you or the other police were known - when I refer to you I mean the team, if you could take it that way?

A. Yes.

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Q. In August of 2002 sought a request for assistance through Interpol Canberra to Interpol of France. That was with a view, was it not, to find out whether or not there had been any record of Mr Mattaini returning to France?

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A. That's right or any contact with his parents or if they had any knowledge at all of him since that time.

Q. What was the result of that inquiry?

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A. His father had passed away and his mother had had no contact. She had just assumed that he had killed himself.

Q. So it was her belief that he had suicided at some point?

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A. Yes.

Q. Did you also discover through that investigation that the mother of Mr Mattaini believes that Wyzynski had told her that Mattaini, at the date of his disappearance, was planning to go swimming? I'm looking at paragraph 11 of your statement in about the middle?

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A. Yes.

Q. Was that a matter you cleared up with Mr Wyzynski because it seems not to fit in with any of the other material which is on the brief?

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A. No I haven't spoken to Mr Wyzynski about it.

Q. We may ask him that. Also you discovered through this Interpol contact that Mattaini's mother was informed by the Red Cross that their search for her son had been unsuccessful?

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A. Yes.

Q. Did you ascertain who co-opted the Red Cross into a search if that in fact was the case?

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A. No.

Q. You also received some information that Mattaini communicated with his family by phone and the last time that his mother had spoken to him was approximately one week before he disappeared?

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A. Yes.

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Q. You didn't find out what the substance of that conversation was?

A. No. It appeared that they used to speak, you know, every couple of weeks on the phone.

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Q. All right. Now Mr Hubert, in his statement, said that on one occasion when he was travelling in Hawaii he felt somebody looking at him and he turned around and he saw the face of Mr Mattaini apparently looking at him in some supermarket, is that correct?

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A. Yes.

Q. As a result of that lead did you make some contact with some US authorities to determine whether or not Mattaini had gone to the United States?

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A. Yes.

Q. And what were the results of that inquiry?

A. They had no record of a person by that name having ever entered or being in the United States.

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Q. I think you also checked a number of financial institutions, the Advance Bank to find out whether or not there had been any activity on known accounts. That was negative?

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A. That's right.

Q. You also checked with the Human Resources Manager at the Menzies Hotel once again to determine whether they knew anything. Negative once again?

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A. Yes.

Q. Mr Musy, in his statement, said that when he - that he came to learn that a neighbour had apparently seen Mr Mattaini on 15 September 1985 walking and looking aloof. Do you recall that piece of information?

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A. Yes.

Q. Did you attempt to track down the person who made that observation?

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A. Yes.

Q. Did you meet with any success in that regard?

A. No.

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Q. The trail was a little too cold by that stage I suppose would it be fair to say?

A. He couldn't - Mr Musy couldn't recall who the person was.

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Q. The normal, if I might put it this way, checks through Centrelink, Austrack and the Electoral Roll were done and nothing was disclosed?

A. That's right.

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Q. Baycore Advance Limited, what connection did that have with Mr Mattaini?

A. That's just another credit - a way of checking credit

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for people and that sort of thing.

Q. And once again negative?

A. No.

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Q. And unfortunately that is where the present police investigation lies--

A. Yes.

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Q. --so far as Mr Mattaini's concerned?

A. Yes.

CORONER: Mr Saidi, do you have any questions of the witness?

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SAIDI: No you Worship.

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