1	Thursday, 8 June 2017	1	Statement of MR PHILIP ROSSER (read)
2	(11.17 am)	2	MR WASTELL: "AIG Life Limited (AIG Life) is the life
3	THE CORONER: Mr Skelton, just before we start. As far as	3	insurance arm of AIG in the UK, Channel Islands and the
4	what I am going to call the brothers-in-law are	4	Isle of Man. We are a provider of insurance and do not
5	concerned, I am going to admit the evidence. I will	5	sell directly to the public. To sell our products we
6	give reasons for my decisions in due course, but what	6	use approved and regulated distributors, such as
7	I am going to admit as far as Mr Gursky is concerned is	7	financial advisers and insurance brokers to do this on
8	all his material, save opinions he expresses about	8	our behalf.
9	medical matters.	9	"To enable financial advisers to sell policies we
10	In respect of Mr Ismagilov, I am going to admit it	10	provide them with an agency which gives them access to
11	all rather than picking parts of it. That isn't the	11	our secure online application system, through which they
12	same as saying that it all needs to be read. My feeling	12	can then submit and activate applications for cover.
13	is that some of his comments about the inquest process	13	The company was previously known as Ageas Protect and
14	can probably be summarised, but I shall of course have	14	changed its name to AIG Life at the beginning of 2015.
15	it all in mind and I know the points that are made about	15	I am employed as a compliance analyst by AIG Life
16	the rest of it.	16	currently based in our London office AIG Life Limited,
17	All right?	17	which is in Fenchurch Street, and I have been employed
18	MR SKELTON: Thank you, sir.	18	in that capacity for four years.
19	THE CORONER: Yes.	19	"My role within the company includes assisting with
20	MR WASTELL: Sir, before you hear from two live witnesses	20	the investigation and reporting of suspected fraudulent
21	scheduled for today, there are two statements for you to	21	activity. This statement provides details and
22	admit under Rule 23 of the Coroners' Inquest Rules 2013.	22	information collated from various members of staff from
23	Then, subject to technological constraints, some audio	23	a number of departments at AIG Life. The information
24	recordings to hear.	24	referred to in this statement forms part of the records
25	As to the statements, the first is a statement from	25	relating to the business of AIG Life and its agents. In
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1	Philip Rosser found in the hearing bundle at tab 20. It	1	the course of my employment I have access to all
2	is dated 13 June 2016 and he is a compliance analyst at	2	relevant records of the company and the documents
3	AIG Life who produces information about applications	3	produced in this statement form part of the records of
4	made to AIG Ageas on Mr Perepilichnyy's behalf for life	4	the company. The information was compiled in the normal
5	insurance in summer 2012.	5	course of the company's business by persons acting under
6	There are, as I understand, no objections from the	6	a duty who had or may reasonable be supposed to have had
7	interested persons in admitting it and therefore you may	7	a personal knowledge of the matters dealt with in that
8	admit it under Rule 23.1(d) on the basis that it is	8	information.
9	written evidence that is unlikely to be disputed.	9	The persons who compiled the information cannot
10	That is subject to the formalities under Rule 23.2	10	reasonably be expected, having regard to the time which
11	that, before admitting it, you must announce at the	11	has elapsed since they supplied or acquired that
12	hearing firstly the nature of the evidence	12	information and all the circumstances, to have any
13	THE CORONER: Which is as you have summarised.	13	recollection of the matters dealt with in the
14	MR WASTELL: As I have summarised.	14	information recorded."
15	Secondly, the full name of the maker: Philip Rosser.	15	Then he deals with policy applications:
16	Thirdly, that any interested person may make	16	"On 17 June 2012 an application for term assurance
17	an objection to the admission of the evidence.	17	with a sum assured of £2 million was submitted to
18	Fourthly, that any interested person is entitled to	18	AIG Life for Mr Alexander Perepilichnyy through a firm
19	see a copy, which of course they already have.	19	called Clarity Financial Services Limited. The adviser
20	THE CORONER: Yes, well I announce all those things as to	20	who submitted the application was called Aaron Batten.
21	the content, the name and the rights of everybody.	21	The reference number for this policy is P055579435. Due
22	MR WASTELL: Sir I am going to read this statement now in	22	to the sum assured, AIG Life requested that a number of
23	open court. It is a short statement. As I say, from	23	medical tests be conducted before being able to provide
24	Philip Rosser dated 13 June 2016. He says this.	24	cover.
25		25	"On 20 June 2012 another application for term
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1	assurance with a sum assured of £2 million was submitted	1	the evidence, which of course they have.
2	to AIG Life for Mr Alexander Perepilichnyy through	2	THE CORONER: I adopt then what you have said about name,
3	a firm called Protect Line Limited. The adviser who	3	contents and the rights.
4	submitted the application was called Sarah-Jane Morrell.	4	MR WASTELL: Sir, thank you, it appears the technical
5	The reference number for this policy is P055844932, once	5	constraints that I presaged have occurred and we are not
6	again AIG Life requested medical tests before being able	6	in fact able to hear the audio now. We will clearly
7	to provide cover.	7	make arrangements to hear that as soon as we can.
8	"On 21 June 2012, another application for term	8	In which case it will be Mr Whitworth.
9	assurance with a sum assured of £1 million was submitted	9	MR RUSS WHITWORTH (sworn)
10	to AIG Life for Mr Alexander Perepilichnyy through	10	MR MOXON BROWNE: Sir, before this witness gives evidence,
11	a firm called Reassured Limited. The adviser who	11	can I just raise a matter. He asked me whether it would
12	submitted the application was called Stuart Lindley, the	12	be in order for him to take into the witness box a page
13	reference number for this policy was PO55879060. Once	13	or two of notes that he has made. I sought advice from
14	again AIG Life requested medical tests before being able	14	your solicitor, Mr Suter, who told me that you might
15	to provide cover.	15	allow him to do that but probably on the basis that you
16	"The medical disclosures given by	16	would like first to glance at the pages.
17	Mr Alexander Perepilichnyy for all three applications	17	I don't know if that is your view but anyway I think
18	are provided as evidence marked PR1306161.	18	that Mr Whitworth would like to look at his notes, if
19	"Medical test results. The medical tests were	19	you agree.
20	carried out by a third party firm called Medicals Direct	20	THE CORONER: As far as I am concerned I am happy for you to
21	who specialise in conducting medical examinations for	21	have them. What are they, just notes you have made as
22	the life insurance industry. The tests were carried out	22	to references in documents and so on?
23	on 17 July 2012. The copy of the results of these tests	23	A. Absolutely.
24	is provided as evidence marked PR1306162. On	24	THE CORONER: For myself, I am not that interested in really
25	20 July 2012 an underwriter reviewed the medical results	25	seeing them either if anybody else wants to.
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2	find your signature again. The date of the signature,	2	A. Absolutely.
3	in fact it is not signed in my version, but	3	Q. Mortgage protection insurance, usually tailored to the
4	A. I have signed it.	4	mortgage that is being offered, so you borrow £200,000,
5	Q. You have signed it?	5	you get life cover for £200,000?
6	A. Yes.	6	A. Yes.
7	Q. Thank you.	7	Q. For example. And likewise tailored for the period of
8	Can I ask you first of all what your job title is	8	the mortgage, which can vary?
9	and how long you have had that job?	9	A. Absolutely.
10	A. Certainly. I am Legal & General's claims and	10	Q. Is it always the case that you get a policy which pays
11	underwriting director for life assurance and I have held	11	the full amount of the mortgage as at the time of death,
12	that position for 20 years.	12	as in it decreases or do you get a single policy that
13	Q. The same position for 20 years?	13	pays a single amount for the original borrowed sum?
14	A. Yes.	14	A. There are level term assurance available which pays out
15	Q. What does it entail in terms of your day-to-day	15	the same amount of death benefit throughout the term.
16	responsibilities?	16	There is also a decreasing term assurance which pays out
17	A. It is just to, you know, define the philosophy for the	17	a reducing amount of sum assured during the term.
18	underwriting and claims of life assurance product.	18	Q. So by the time you get to the end of the mortgage it
19	Q. Do you tend to get your hands dirty with individual	19	could be very little indeed?
20	policies?	20	A. It could be indeed.
21	A. I don't.	21	Q. Yes, and do the premiums go down accordingly?
22	Q. You are a higher level management	22	A. No, they don't. They remain level.
23	A. Yes.	23	Q. Okay. Family protection, I mean broadly speaking that,
24	Q. Thank you.	24	is just some form of insurance that provides money to
25	In your first statement you describe types of cover	25	the family in the event of your untimely death?
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1	that are available to people, I would like to ask you	1	A. Yes.
2	a few questions about that, if I may.	2	Q. Protects them from the vicissitudes of losing the
3	Life cover, you describe level term or whole of	3	breadwinner of the family or someone who had a number of
4	life. Could you just explain the difference between	4	assets which they were providing?
5	those two?	5	A. Absolutely.
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6	A. Certainly.		Q. You have already identified there could be a variety of
7	Level term pays out a benefit in the event of the	7	purposes, there could be a particular short term need,
8	policy holder's death for a defined period.	8	a loan for example but presumably some people just get
9	And whole of life does the same thing but over the	9	it anyway just to provide for their families in the
10	whole life of the customer.	10	event of their death?
11	Q. You can get different periods for level term?	11	A. Yes, certainly in the industry family protection is
12	A. Absolutely. You can customers can choose anything	12	distinct from loan cover. People take out term
13	from months to years.	13	assurance to protect, you know, the wellbeing of their
14	Q. Why would one get a short-term policy?	14	family after losing the breadwinner, loan cover would be
15	A. A customer may want to cover a loan for a short period.	15	more specific to a particular loan.
16	Q. You might borrow some money from the bank for any	16	Q. Do you think everyone understands the different
17	purpose, the purchase of a property, a car?	17	concepts? I don't want to speak personally about these
18	A. Absolutely.	18	sorts of things but it isn't always that straightforward
19	Q. Anything like that and you	19	to understand the difference between the types of life
20	A. Absolutely.	20	insurance that are being offered.
21	Q. And for a short period of time you want to make sure	21	A. I think what the industry tries to do, and certainly
22	that you are covered?	22	what Legal & General tries to do, is sort of polarise
23	A. Yes.	23	the application form and make it clear that it is either
24	Q. That is effectively so your family are not fixed with	24	family protection or loan mortgage protection to try and
25	some form of liability after your death which they	25	help the customer through that.
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1	Q. Is there a difference in terms of the procedure for	1	A. I think my job as the claims and underwriting director
2	making the application or the premiums?	2	is to make sure that there is insurable interest they
3	A. There is no difference.	3	need for the cover being proposed and that can come in
4	Q. Same process?	4	the form of family, mortgage or inheritance tax. The
5	A. Yes.	5	case has to make sense in the round.
6	Q. Same amount	6	Q. How unusual is it to get a mortgage when you have no
7	A. Except that customers will often try and incept a family	7	assets in the jurisdiction?
8	protection term assurance quicker, because the family	8	A. I wouldn't say that was unusual, but Legal & General
9	protection by definition needs to be in place as soon as	9	don't generally know the affairs of most of their
10	possible, whereas with mortgage protection, there is no	10	customers.
11	real need to put it in place until the mortgage has been	11	Q. You don't provide mortgages?
12	granted, is in place.	12	A. No.
13	Q. You come on to a point I was going to ask you. I mean,	13	Q. I mean one of the concepts that was raised in the court
14	can you get mortgage protection life insurance or life	14	previously by Mrs Perepilichnaya in this case was
15	assurance before you have a mortgage?	15	that in order to get a mortgage in circumstances where
16	A. Yes.	16	you don't have assets to secure, beyond the house
17	Q. Before you have a mortgage offer even?	17	itself, you would need to get insurance in place. Does
18	A. Yes.	18	that make sense to you?
19	Q. You can say to your IFA, "I am thinking of buying	19	A. I think that is a misnomer. I think it is perfectly
20	a property at some point, can I get it in place	20	prudent to take out mortgage protection term assurance
21	beforehand?"	21	but there is no compulsion to do so.
22	A. You could.	22	Q. No, I think to be fair to Mrs Perepilichnaya, she was
23	Q. Do you have some customers perhaps this is no longer	23	not saying it was compulsory, she was saying she thought
24	the case because you are not on the front line who do	24	that was the reason, which is possibly true?
25	not necessarily understand the different concepts? You	25	A. Absolutely.
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1	have said that you try and polarise the two to make it	1	Q. You can have multiple life assurance policies?
2	as clear as possible but there are some people	2	A. Absolutely.
3	notwithstanding that polarisation presumably who do not	3	Q. How many can you have?
4	appreciate the difference?	4	A. That is quite difficult to answer, as many as is
5	A. That could be so.	5	sensible to cover the risk that is being insured.
6	THE CORONER: Would you mind if someone didn't get	6	I would add that it would be unusual to have scores of
7	a mortgage in the end? Does it matter?	7	policies.
8	A. Not really. Because, yes, a mortgage term assurance is	8	Q. By "scores" what do you mean? 20 is a "score".
9	fundamentally the same as a family protection term	9	A. Yes. I have certainly never seen that.
10	assurance. It pays out a certain amount of death	10	Q. Do you come across people that might have 5 to 10?
11	benefit for a given term. There are slight policy	11	A. I do.
12	differences but they are tiny nuances.	12	Q. Just in terms of the reasons why that might be the case,
13	MR SKELTON: If someone buys a house for cash, an expensive	13	there could be a gradual accumulation of policies over
14	house, and is then facing tax on death, or their	14	time, so you could when you are 25 get one and 30, 35
15	families are facing a tax liability on death, and you	15	and so on and keep building up policies which have run
16	insure against that tax, that isn't mortgage protection	16	for different periods and so on. That is one reason?
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2	would incur a larger fee than one individual policy.	-	if you say, "I would like my wife to be incredibly
3	Q. What about if the fees are built into the premium.		ter I am dead, we are not rich now but I would
4	There are different ways of charging, aren't there for		r to be after I am dead"?
5	this?		Legal & General underwriters don't believe that it
6	A. Absolutely, but I think the thing that overrides all of		of it is a contract of indemnity, it is there
7	that is that it is a very competitive marketplace, like		and replace what was there before, not to create
8	motor or household and that is why customers are well		I call it, a lottery win.
9	advised to get a quote for term insurance to see who is		ly there is a liability that you are insuring
10	offering the best value for money.	_	r, rather than just a benefit?
11	Q. Just to go back to my initial question, do you think the		I think it is easy with a mortgage because it is
12	price of 10 £1 million policies is the same as		d. With family protection it is a little bit more
13 14	a £10 million policy?		It, because
15	A. It could be but not necessarily.Q. In terms of getting a policy for £10 million for the		RONER: But it might be a lifestyle you already have, e that you aspire to, that is really what you are
16	sake of argument, that presumably is an unusually high	16	e that you aspire to, that is really what you are
17	degree of cover?	17 A. Abso	lutaly
18	A. It is.		LTON: What about with people who don't have liquid
19	Q. Does that trigger a process of assessment which is		or assets that are going to become liquid after
20	different from a £1 million policy?		eath, for example people who own a lot of money
21	A. It does.		s tied up in companies which their wife is not
22	Q. That involves can you explain more detailed		arily is going to become a major director or
23	medical examination for example?		older of after the death but has been until the
24	A. Absolutely. There are two facets here to the		providing with a lot of money. How does one
25	underwriting of large policies, one is the medical		against that?
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1	to get a mortgage next year, tick family protection, get	1	would feel that whole of life product would be more
2	my policy, get my mortgage, and then think I am covered	2	appropriate.
3	for my mortgage, will my wife find when I die that in	3	Q. Do you mean he may have been looking at the wrong
4	fact I am not covered because I ticked the wrong box?	4	products to justify that reasoning?
5	A. No, that would be fine.	5	A. Well, I can't really comment on that. What I would say
6	Q. So it is where you are suspicious that it is	6	is I would reiterate that term assurance only pays out
7	a deliberate ploy that it gets you into trouble?	7	a death benefit for a period determined at outset,
8	A. Yes.	8	whereas whole life pays out the same benefit but for the
9	Q. Can I turn to Mr Perepilichnyy in particular.	9	whole life of the customer.
10	You very helpfully, in fact your second statement	10	Q. I understand.
11	I think is the easier one really in terms of	11	And is more expensive, presumably?
12	understanding because you have corralled in all the	12	A. Yes.
13	information together in your second statement as to the	13	Q. Because with modern mortality rates getting longer and
14	various applications that were made. In summary, over	14	longer?
15	the period from around mid-2012 Mr Perepilichnyy	15	A. Yes, ultimately, you know, to explain this, you are
16	obtained £3.5 million worth of life insurance and could	16	potentially paying out an amount of cover on an older
17	conceivably, had all his various other applications gone	17	customer whose mortality will be higher.
18	ahead, got another 5 million?	18	Q. You always get something from the whole life cover?
19	A. Yes.	19	A. Yes, you do.
20	Q. What Mrs Perepilichnaya said in her evidence was that	20	Q. By definition you are having to pay presumably a lot
21	she and her husband were keen to buy what is by any	21	more to make sure that you as an insurance company have
22	standards a very expensive property. They had	22	received enough money to be able to pay that back?
23	considered properties in Chelsea previously but	23	A. That's right.
24	St George's Hill was somewhere they liked and she said	24	Q. I will just take you to a few of the documents, just to
25	in evidence that there was a particular property called	25	get your comments on I don't know whether you have
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1	Pinebrook House that was on the market for around	1	seen some of the EFG material?
2	7.8 million and they were thinking of buying it. So her	2	A. I have seen some of the material.
3	understanding was that, to get a mortgage, they needed	3	Q. You have, that is helpful. I think it is fair to say it
4	insurance.	4	is not an entirely clear picture because so many
5	On the face of it, if that is correct, that is	5	communications were going on around that time but just
6	perfectly normal practice, isn't it?	6	if you have the miscellaneous bundle there, do you?
7	A. Absolutely.	7	A. Yes, I do.
8	Q. An alternative explanation was provided by the client	8	Q. The EFG material is appended to a statement from
9	relationship manager at EFG Bank I don't know whether	9	Mr Suter under tab 19. One of the bits of
10	you were aware of Ms Kaye's evidence to the court?	10	correspondence I would like to you look at is on
11	A. Yes.	11	page 154, please. Please say if there are any
12	Q. That was one which I presaged earlier in one of my	12	particular parts of this section that you think raise
13	questions, which is if the house is bought for cash,	13	issues that I am not asking you about, because I just
14	there could be a very large inheritance tax liability to	14	want to ask you some narrow questions on it.
15	pay on death, say 40 per cent of £10 million and	15	On page 154 Mr Perepilichnyy is writing a message to
16	therefore insurance would be needed to insure against	16	Jonathan Benson, whose name I think you will be familiar
17 18	that.	17	with, who is an IFA at EFG. Did you know about
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	A. That is plausible.	18	Mr Benson?
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2	So that at least, his initial request, is for a very	2	THE CORONER: Yes.
3	long-term policy.	3	MR SKELTON: We will move on, Mr Whitworth.
4	Just pausing there, how do you rationalise the	4	The concept of anti-selection, could you explain
5	request for a long-term policy with someone that may be	5	that, please?
6	at short-term risk for a liability?	6	A. Anti-selection is really about asymmetry of information,
7	A. It is hard to reconcile.	7	it is when a potential customer might know something
8	Q. Further on please, if I may, on page 206 there is	8	that the insurance underwriter does not know.
9	correspondence there involving L&G directly, Mr Symes at	9	Q. The phrase "anti-selection", I am just trying to
10	L&G and Nicky Davies at EFG. This is really to do with	10	understand what does it derive, is it a very odd
11	life insurance for both Mr and Mrs Perepilichnaya?	11	insurance term, you do have quite recondite phrases
12	MR MOXON BROWNE: Sir, that is not right.	12	I think in your industry sometimes or is it something
13	As I pointed out yesterday, these documents	13	that is actually to do with the selection of things on
14	shouldn't be in this bundle, they relate to a completely	14	the forms you fill in?
15	different person and EFG disclosed them in error. They	15	A. No, it is not to do with the selection of anything on
16	should in fact be removed on your order at some point	16	the form. It is simply that a customer might know
17	from the bundle and destroyed. I can make that good	17	something about themselves or something else that they
18	later.	18	don't wish the insurance underwriter to know.
19	THE CORONER: Hmm.	19	Q. Is it the reality that if the person who is applying for
20	From where to where?	20	insurance thinks they are going to be killed by
21	MR SKELTON: It is from the page the correspondence	21	a criminal act, by a third party criminal act, and don't
22	appears to relate to, it is from Mr Symes on page 206 to	22	disclose that, that you can forfeit in some
23	Nicky Davies.	23	circumstances the insurance?
24	MR MOXON BROWNE: Sir, if I could assist, if you go to	24	A. That is true.
25	page 208, the relevant series started at the bottom of	25	Q. You need to be upfront about risks?
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1	the page:	1	A. Yes.
2	"Nicky, I had a meeting with Andy yesterday and he	2	Q. To what degree do you need to be upfront? I mean
3	asked me to look into a five-year life assurance, joint	3	presumably there are some professions or occupations
4	life, second death underwriting situation for Mr B."	4	where it is obvious, working in the armed forces for
5	THE CORONER: Yes.	5	example, and some where it is less obvious, where you
6	MR MOXON BROWNE: If you then look above that, you will see	6	may work as a doctor overseas and therefore come into
7	that somebody is giving some dates of birth, "Male,	7	contact with different types of illnesses. How do you
8	5 June 1963" which is of course not Mr Perepilichnyy's	8	or how do your IFAs judge how to get a person to explain
9	birth date. Someone has very chivalrously crossed out	9	the background to their life in sufficient detail for
10	the name of the lady's birth date, but of course that is	10	you to understand it?
11	not Mrs Perepilichnaya, it is presumably Mrs B.	11	A. The way most term assurance application forms work now
12	THE CORONER: Shall I just put a line through it, is that	12	is that you ask the customer if they are within
13	best?	13	a certain industry, such as oil rigs or armed forces,
14	MR MOXON BROWNE: 208, 207 and 206 all relate to Mr B and	14	because then you know that the customers who are not in
15	what he is after is a five-year term to cover	15	one of those potentially high-risk industries can be
16	inheritance tax having gifted his property and then	16	accepted at the normal rate of premium.
17	dying.	17	Q. Have you yourself come across situations where you were
18	THE CORONER: Yes.	18	dealing with overseas nationals who may come from
19	MR SKELTON: Thank you.	19	countries which are or could be conceived as being more
20	THE CORONER: That covers it, does it, all of 206, 207, 208?	20	inherently risky than the United Kingdom?
21	That is, as it were, all the ones that shouldn't be	21	A. We do come into contact with those customers.
22	there?	22	Q. Is Russia one such place?
23	MR MOXON BROWNE: Yes, and in due course I am going to ask	23	A. Well, we are not allowed to underwrite on the basis of
24	you to ask everybody to remove those documents, because	24	where somebody comes from, we should ask questions that
25	they are a pretty gross breach of confidentiality by	25	are applicable and prudent.
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3	A. Certainly.	3	policies that he made within a short space of time for
4	There were multiple applications between 17 June and	4	family protection that he had become concerned in
5	4 July. That combined with the use of different IFAs	5	mid-2012 about the event of his untimely death?
6	and agents suggests anti-selective behaviour.	6	A. Sorry, can you repeat that question?
7	Q. For how many separate policies did he apply in total?	7	Q. I am referring to that sentence and I don't want to take
8	A. Well, he applied with AIG Ageas for three policies, with	8	you to all of the documents but just using this as
9	Liverpool Victoria for one policy and with Legal &	9	an example of a number of similar ones, does it appear
10	General for one policy, but there was also an existing	10	from those documents for this raft of policies that he
11	Aviva product that had incepted and was running its	11	had become concerned about his untimely death?
12	course.	12	A. No, I wouldn't say so.
13	Q. You mentioned earlier that if all the applications had	13	Q. A number of them mention, don't they, similar things to
14	been accepted the total value would be £8.5 million?	14	this, that they are applications for family protection?
15	A. Yes.	15	If you don't mind just responding so that the tape
16	Q. Do you have bundle 7 of the documents in front of you?	16	can pick it up.
17	A. I do.	17	A. Sorry, can you repeat the question.
18	Q. Could you turn, please, to page 55 within that bundle.	18	Q. Yes, so a number of the all of the documents,
19	The numbers are at the bottom right, if that helps.	19	indicate that the insurance applications are for family
20	A. Right.	20	protection?
21	Q. It is bundle 7 and the insurance bundle. (Pause)	21	A. Absolutely.
22	Do you have that, it is page 55.	22	Q. They make equally clear that they are not for mortgage
23	A. Got it, yes.	23	protection?
24	Q. Could you just tell us what this document is?	24	A. They do.
25	A. This looks like Legal & General's application form.	25	Q. At times like this page, they mention that the reason
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1	medical examinations and also medical declarations that	1	A. Yes.
2	Mr Perepilichnyy made?	2	Q. Underwriting is about assessment of risk, isn't it?
3	A. Yes.	3	A. It is.
4	Q. Just two references as examples of those, please, could	4	Q. There are identifiable occupations which carry increased
5	you turn, first, to page 169 of that bundle. Do you	5	risk?
6	have that?	6	A. There are.
7	A. Yes.	7	Q. If we look at Mr Perepilichnyy, the fact he was Russian
8	Q. Great.	8	would not have entitled you to say there was
9	Number 10, it asks sorry, I should ask what this	9	an increased risk of itself?
10	document is: is this part of the AIG insurance	10	A. Correct.
11	application?	11	Q. The fact that he was a Russian financier wouldn't have
12	A. It is an examination done by an independent examination	12	entitled you to increase the risk of itself?
13	company.	13	A. No.
14	Q. Okay. Including a medical practitioner; is that right?	14	MS BARTON: Thank you very much.
15	A. Yes, I don't know if it is a GP or an independent	15	Questions from MR BEGGS
16	consultant but	16	MR BEGGS: Mr Whitworth, we have heard evidence that as
17	Q. Going back to that page, 169, and I am looking at number	17	Mr Skelton the gentleman who first questioned you
18	10 on the top left:	18	intimated that Mr Perepilichnyy was interested in
19	"Do you have or have you ever had any chest pain,	19	a house in the sum of about £7.8 million, Pinebrook
20	palpitations, irregular heartbeat, any disease or	20	House, do you recall he mentioned that?
21	disorder of the heart, including heart attack, angina,	21	A. I do.
22	high blood pressure, heart murmur, rheumatic fever?"	22	Q. Can you first confirm that customers of L&G looking for
23	Does he tick "no" to that?	23	properties worth over 7.5 million are an extreme
24 25	A. He does.	24 25	minority?
23	Q. He does. The next one, a similar long list:	23	A. They are an extreme minority.
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1	"Do you have or have you ever had any blackout,	1	Q. We can be pretty clear on this, they are significantly
2	numbness, dizziness, involuntarily shaking, loss of	2	less than 1 per cent, aren't they?
3	feeling"	3	A. Yes.
4	A number of similar symptoms, and does he also tick	4	Q. Yes. So we are dealing with people who are worth
5	"no" to that?	5	a great deal of money and operating in a different world
6	A. He does.	6	from the majority of people sitting in this room?
7	Q. Is this an example of a number of similar declarations	7	A. Yes.
8	where he says that he has not experienced that sort of	8	Q. Yes.
9	symptom?	9	It would be fair to say therefore that your 20 years
10	A. It is.	10	of experience is going to be necessarily more limited in
11	Q. The last page, please, page 170 which is just the next	11	relation to people who have this kind of money to spend
12	one, part of the same form, down towards the bottom,	12	on properties and so forth, because they are an extreme
13	there is an entry, number 37. Does that entry ask him	13	minority of your customer base?
14	whether any member of his family has ever suffered from	14	A. Yes. We have philosophy to deal with this minority of
15	various conditions, including any known hereditary	15	customers but it is certainly true that they are
16	condition?	16	a minority.
17	A. It does.	17	Q. And an extreme minority, less than 1 per cent?
18	Q. What is his response to that?	18	A. Yes.
19	A. No.	19	Q. To go back to my question, your experience of such
20	MR STRAW: Thank you very much.	20	people, their motivations, their lifestyles, their
21	Questions from MS BARTON	21	social mores is necessarily exceptionally limited, isn't
22	MS BARTON: Good morning, can I just ask a couple of	22	it, despite your 20 years, sir, of experience?
23	questions of you. You said in the course of your	23	A. It is.
24	evidence that you are not allowed to underwrite on the	24	Q. Yes.
25	basis of where someone lives.	25	You don't know whether Mr Perepilichnyy would in
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1 fact have incepted the other £5 million of insurance 1 it. 2 that he was looking at, do you? 2 Q. Go back to my question though. If you are contemplating 3 A. I wouldn't necessarily know, no. 3 a mortgage but --4 Q. We can't know, can we, because of what happened to him? 4 THE CORONER: He said it was possible. 5 All you know is that he was looking at a number of 5 MR BEGGS: Yes, you accept it is possible? 6 different companies, he incepted £3.5 million of 6 A. It is possible, yes. 7 7 insurance and he was interested, it appears, in other Q. Unlike a witness we have heard from called Liz Kaye, you 8 insurance, that is all you know, isn't it? 8 had never met this gentleman, had you. 9 A. It is, all I would say is I would refer to my earlier 9 10 answer that people who had apply for family protection 10 Q. What she told this court both in a signed statement and 11 would normally want to incept it as soon as possible, 11 orally, that her recollection as someone who had met him 12 but I don't know in Mr Perepilichnyy's --12 about a dozen times was that he wanted life insurance 13 Q. This is a man you have never met? 13 because he was buying a house. Do you see? 14 A. It is a man I have never met. 14 A. I do see, yes. 15 Q. It is a man in a cohort that is an extreme minority, as 15 Q. If you incept a policy for a 30-year level term, which 16 you have accepted? 16 is what he incepted with Legal & General, wasn't it? 17 17 A. It is. 18 Q. It is not sensible is it to describe him as an ordinary 18 Q. To a non-expert like me, that might imply that he was 19 customer, because he plainly wasn't an ordinary 19 expecting to live some time into his early 70s. Does 20 customer? 20 that make sense? 21 A. If I say he is not ordinary, certainly because he is in 21 A. I think I would need to know the psychology of the 22 a minority of the type of customers we would --22 customer, which I clearly don't. It does make sense. 23 Q. Let's not mince our words, he is in an extreme minority 23 Q. On the face of it, if you ask for a 30-year term, it 24 of less than 1 per cent? 24 doesn't appear to be obviously consistent with the 25 25 expectation of sudden death, does it? In an imminent A. He is, yes. Page 41 Page 43 1 Q. To go back to my question, you can't really offer this 1 way? 2 court any sensible prediction as to what he was doing 2 A. No. 3 because you very rarely deal with such people? 3 Q. No. 4 4 When we look at the evidence, as opposed to the A. I wouldn't know what a lot of our customers are doing, 5 5 speculation driven by the media, most of what he was 6 Q. No. But what you can see, is that if someone is looking 6 doing was entirely consistent with a gentleman that was 7 at a property at 7.8 million and seeks to get insurance 7 looking to buy an expensive property and wanted to cover 8 potentially of 8.5 million, there is a certain logic to 8 his family in the event that he is run over by a bus, do 9 that, isn't there, on its face? 9 you see? 10 A. There is absolutely a certain logic to that. 10 A. I do see. 11 Q. Yes. You also I think would have to accept that for 11 Q. And anti-selection is something that, if it were 12 someone for whom English is of course a second language, 12 accepted by the court, would benefit your company 13 ticking "family protection" when you haven't actually 13 commercially, wouldn't it? 14 got the mortgage at that point but you may well be 14 A. Sorry, can you repeat that? 15 getting a mortgage shortly might be thought to be, to 15 Q. Yes. 16 reveal some acuity on the part of the applicants, in 16 If the anti-selection theory that you, a senior 17 other words I want to protect my family in relation to 17 official with Legal & General, were to find favour with 18 a mortgage which I haven't yet purchased, do you see? 18 this court, it potentially benefits Legal & General 19 A. I can see that. 19 commercially, doesn't it? 20 O. Yes. 20 A. I am not sure I understand that question. 21 A. I have never encountered that, but it is possible. 21 Q. Really? 22 Q. Sorry, you have never encountered that? But how do you 22 Are you desperate to pay the £2 million to the widow 23 know? You haven't gone through tens of thousands of 23 in this case? 24 applications have you and subjects them to --24 A. I think that, you know, we are here at an inquest on 25 A. I say in good faith, I have never knowingly encountered 25 a fact-finding journey --Page 42 Page 44

11 (Pages 41 to 44)

1	Q. I am asking you whether you accept that propagating	1	paragraph 36, you spoke of something simply being
2	anti-selection as a theory is in the commercial	2	an indicator, you said anti-selection, an indicator for
3	interests of a company for whom you have worked for	3	elevated risk but you also said in evidence that you
4	20 years?	4	couldn't actually say absolutely you said that what
5	A. Anti-selection is real and it makes prudent sense.	5	was going on here was anti-selection.
6	Q. No doubt it is real. We are dealing with whether there	6	A. No, I can't.
7	is any cogent evidence of it in this case and I asked	7	THE CORONER: You are not saying that?
8	you the question I will ask it for a third time	8	A. Absolutely not.
9	whether promoting anti-selection in this case is in the	9	THE CORONER: You are just simply saying that this can be
10	financial interest of Legal & General, a household	10	an indicator for it but you are not saying that it
11	insurance name?	11	necessarily is here?
12	A. I don't believe it is in the interests of Legal &	12	A. Correct.
13	General.	13	THE CORONER: I think
14	Q. Really? It wouldn't assist you to avoid paying the	14	MR BEGGS: I understand that, sir.
15	widow in this case the £2 million that her husband	15	THE CORONER: I am not sure he was really going quite as far
16	insured? Is that an honest answer, Mr Whitworth?	16	as you think, I don't mean that critically
17	A. The one I gave was a honest answer.	17	MR BEGGS: No, no. I entirely understand forensically how
18	Q. Really?	18	far it goes but I am also keen that we look at and
19	It comes to this then, you are keen to pay out the	19	examine the underlying motives of L&G because, let me go
20	2 million, are you?	20	on.
21	A. I will not be commenting on the outcome of	21	MR MOXON BROWNE: Sir, I am not sure that the underlying
22	Mrs Perepilichnaya's claim.	22	motives of L&G, as described by Mr Beggs is going to
23	Q. You see, in this case it is a matter of record that you	23	assist you in answering the how question.
24	have, your firm, Legal & General, has instructed leading	24	THE CORONER: I have some sympathy with that.
25	counsel and junior counsel from the very outset, haven't	25	Ultimately, is that really going to help me?
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1	you, of this Inquest?	1	MR BEGGS: I think it may do, sir.
2	A. We have instructed counsel.	2	What you have had from L&G, and this is the most
3	Q. Yes. For some reason, Legal & General have preferred in	3	senior representative to visit this court, to my
4	all documents to be described as "the insurers", rather	4	knowledge, is over four years of florid theories,
5	than "Legal & General". Is there a reason for that?	5	including poisoned soup, absent any cogent evidence, and
6	A. I don't know the reason for that	6	indeed in one hearing raising references to the security
7	Q. Is the reason that you would prefer the public not to	7	services and sort of creating a John le Carre type
8	read about the way that Legal & General have conducted	8	atmosphere. When you come, sir there no jury here
9	themselves in this Inquest?	9	to consider submissions made by L&G, at risk for
10	A. What I would say is that we have tried to use	10	£2 million.
11	discretion.	11	MR MOXON BROWNE: That is not actually right. I don't think
12	Q. Yes, discretion to protect your own media image is what	12	Mr Beggs knows anything about L&G's financial interest
13	you mean, isn't it?	13	in this case, whether or not for example they have
14	A. I don't believe so.	14	reinsurance, which if Mr Beggs knew more about insurance
15	Q. Why have you chosen throughout to conceal "Legal &	15	than he does, he would realise is almost 100 per cent
16	General" and to refer to your interested party status as	16	life insurance in this country is 100 per cent
17	"the insurers", why have you done that?	17	reassured. So if anybody is going to pay money, it will
18	A. I am not aware that we have tried to conceal.	18	not in fact be L&G, something I was going to ask this
19	Q. That is what you have done. In virtually every	19	witness when I have the chance.
20	skeleton?	20	It is not an area that has anything at all to do
21	THE CORONER: Is that decision, whatever, is that anything	21	with the cause of Mr Perepilichnyy's death.
22	to do with you?	22	THE CORONER: No.
23	A. I think it is nothing to do with me and I think it is	23	MR BEGGS: Sir, I am afraid that is wrong, for two reasons.
24	subject to legal privilege.	24	I fully understand the content of concept of
	subject to regar privileger	1	
25	THE CORONER: I think all you have said is, looking at	25	reinsurance, as I regularly, at least up until now, have
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1	acted for insurers, but I am grateful for the assistance	1	insurer.
2	from Mr Browne.	2	Going back to this exceptional minority of your
3	In fact I am a customer at least at the moment	3	customer base, any such person is entitled as a matter
4	of L&G but let me make it clear, that it is not good	4	of law to obtain as many life insurance policies as they
5	enough for Mr Moxon Browne now to protest having spent	5	wish, aren't they? I think you have accepted that?
6	the last four years advancing florid theories that	6	A. I think, yes, up to the discretion of the risk that the
7	amongst others Mr Skelton QC have had to rebut in public	7	insurer wants to accept.
8	forum.	8	Q. You have known people in your experience who have had
9	I want to ask this senior representative of Legal &	9	between 5 and 10 such policies?
10	General I am not going to call you the insurers, you	10	A. Absolutely.
11	see, because I would like the press to report who it is	11	Q. If you are a wealthy individual but your wife has no
12	that is treating the widow in the manner in which she	12	independent source of income whatsoever, it might be
13	has been treated whether you think it is	13	thought to be the decent and generous thing to do to
14	a responsible thing to do on behalf of this very famous	14	ensure that in the event of your death, she and the
15	insurance company to raise florid theories, poisoned	15	children are properly covered, do you agree?
16	soup, John le Carre novels, do you think that is	16	A. I think that applies to all customers with a family.
17	a responsible thing to do absent, some of us would say,	17	Q. Of course, so you agree?
18	any cogent evidence?	18	A. I do.
19	MR MOXON BROWNE: Sir, I object to that question.	19	MR BEGGS: Yes, thank you for your help.
20	THE CORONER: I suspect he is going to say that he doesn't	20	Questions from MR MOXON BROWNE
21	really know if it has been done, but as a matter of	21	MR MOXON BROWNE: Mr Whitworth, I think it is right that it
22	generality, I suspect you will say nobody should say	22	is a feature of the United Kingdom life insurance market
23	that, florid theories	23	that virtually 100 per cent of the financial risk is
24	MR BEGGS: That is what your counsel has been doing, you can	24	borne by the reinsurance market?
25	smile, Mr Whitworth, but it is not actually so funny for	25	A. That's correct.
23	Sinne, wir wintworth, but it is not actuary so fullify for	23	A. That's correct.
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2	cases we are looking at, that that crossing through	2	transmission of a property from husband to wife or
3	would have been done by the IFA, rather than by	3	indeed from wife to husband, so there is not usually any
4	Mr Perepilichnyy?	4	need to create protection for that.
5	A. It is entirely probable.	5	A. Correct.
6	Q. I think you have seen quite a lot of data about how the	6	Q. If you gift your property, for example to your children,
7	L&G policy in particular was obtained through EFG, you	7	in order to reduce the amount of your estate at your
8	have seen I think a statement from Mr Benson and we have	8	death I think there are insurance products on the market
9	heard some evidence about it.	9	which will cover you for the seven years that has to
10	It would appear from that I think that a pretty	10	pass by?
11	thorough discussion with Mr Benson about exactly what	11	A. I believe there are.
12	Mr Perepilichnyy's situation was and why insurance was	12	Q. I think that inadvertently and wrongly, some papers were
13	needed?	13	put into what we call the miscellaneous bundle, which we
14	A. It appears clear.	14	were discussing earlier this morning, where a gentleman
15	Q. Nothing said to him about a house?	15	who I will call Mr B was looking at exactly that kind of
16	A. Not to my knowledge.	16	insurance?
17	Q. The suggestion was put to you, I think by counsel for	17	A. Yes.
18	Hermitage, that a reference on a form to requiring	18	Q. I think you have reviewed those papers and are familiar
19	insurance in the event of an untimely death was perhaps	19	with exactly what I am talking about. That is nothing
20	a suggestion that the person thought they were about to	20	to do with Mr Perepilichnyy?
21	die. You disagreed with that proposition?	21	A. No.
22	A. I do. Unfortunately, you know, any death of our	22	Q. That is nothing to do with the 30-year term, it is
23	customers is usually unforeseen in that timescale.	23	a comparatively short-term protection for an exposure to
24	Q. Yes, and it is a standard form of words that you find on	24	tax in the event that you are going to gift your
25	these forms, there is no particular significance to be	25	property.
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2	limit in which you need that evidence.	2	know that people are looking to kill them?
3	Q. Certainly the underwriter is not going to just dish out	3	A. I have.
4	insurance on the basis it is for a mortgage unless he is	4	Q. I think we both have.
5	satisfied by one means or another that there is either	5	A. Yes.
6	a mortgage or one in prospect?	6	Q. More evidence.
7	A. Correct.	7	It is not uncommon for people to take out many
8	Q. Have you seen any evidence in this case that	8	policies, as has been put to you by both Mr Skelton and
9	Mr Perepilichnyy was looking to buy a property as	9	I think Mr Beggs. On your forms for application,
10	opposed to rent one?	10	I think this is universal, we have seen forms from
11	A. I haven't seen any evidence.	11	different people, you are always asked, aren't you, have
12	Q. Have you seen the evidence that suggests that his,	12	you any other, what other insurance have you got? And
13	certainly in the months before his death, that he was	13	are you making any concurrent applications?
14	looking to rent properties? If you haven't seen it, say	14	A. We do.
15	SO.	15	Q. It may not be unusual to take out several policies.
16	A. No.	16	What is unusual is to conceal that fact from the insurer
17	Q. You haven't.	17	to whom you are applying and indeed to answer that
18	On the question of anti-selection, I think you are	18	question wrongly, and say, "No, I am not", when in fact
19	very familiar with people who anti-select anti	19	you have?
20	incidentally to answer a question of the coroner which	20	A. It is an incorrect answer.
21	I think is proper we are talking really Latin, it is	21	Q. Yes, and quite an important one?
22	selection before, it is selecting yourself before, it is	22	A. Absolutely.
23	not "anti", it is "ante" really isn't it?	23	Q. Would I be right in saying that insofar as this aspect
24	THE CORONER: So it is A-N-T-E?	24	of the matter has anything to do with anti-selection, it
25	MR MOXON BROWNE: In the industry they spell it with an I,	25	is not so much the number of policies, it is the
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1	but it has been explained to me that that is not	1	concealment of the amount of insurance that was being
1 2	necessarily based on extensive classical education.	2	sought?
3	A. Of which I don't have.	3	A. Yes, hopefully I made that point.
4	MS BARTON: Sir, perhaps it would be better if the evidence	4	Q. I am not sure you did, which is why I am asking you, but
5	came from the witness rather than from counsel.	5	you agree with that?
6	THE CORONER: All right.	6	A. I would agree.
7	MR MOXON BROWNE: Anti-selection is I think sadly nowadays	7	Q. If we can just go back over the possibilities that
8	with access to the internet and so on, medical is where	8	I think were put to you for the reason why
9	you would find it. People diagnosis themselves with	9	Mr Perepilichnyy was seeking as much insurance as he
10	a potentially fatal ailment and then they instead of	10	did. You have not seen any evidence that has anything
11	going to the doctor, as they should, they go to the	11	to do with the house?
12	insurance broker?	12	A. I have seen no evidence of that.
		13	MR BEGGS: Sorry, sir. Again that is a futile question.
13 14	A. Yes.Q. Sadly people minded to end their own lives distressingly	14	The fact that he has seen no evidence doesn't assist you
15	often take out insurance with that in view and that is	15	at all. You have already seen the evidence and heard it
16	anti-selection?	16	from a different witness. It is the form of
		17	
17	A. Absolutely.		a mini-speech. MR MOXON BROWNE: What I am actually looking at is not the
18	Q. Less common, but sadly not at all unknown, people take	18	, ,
19	out joint life insurance, husband and wife, with the	19	evidence that Mr Perepilichnyy may or may not have been
20	intention of murdering the wife usually it is the	20	looking for a house to buy, as opposed to rent, but
21	wife. Something you have come across?	21	rather whether the insurance documents that you have
22	A. We have come across such claims. O. That is another form of out; calcution?	22	seen, which give specific opportunity to take out
23	Q. That is another form of anti-selection?	23	insurance connected with a mortgage, whether there is
	A. It is.	24	anything there giving you any reason to think that any
24		1	of this had anything to do with a house
25	Q. Again, you have had I think personal experience of cases	25	of this had anything to do with a house.

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2	A. I have seen no evidence of that.	2	we see here, are they going to live, in your experience,
3	Q. Can you envisage any tax liability associated with house	3	is that expectation of living as good as someone who has
4	ownership, other than perhaps a seven-year term to cover	4	not behaved in that way? In other words, are they
5	gifts inter vivos, as they call them?	5	a good risk?
6	A. I am not a tax expert but not within my experience, no.	6	A. By the nature of anti-selection I would believe that
7	Q. It was suggested to you by Mr Beggs, and it sounds on	7	they would live less long.
8	the face of it, if I may say so, a sensible query to	8	Q. Yes, it is not something that you obviously want to
9	raise, if you wanted to cover yourself on	9	advertise but I mean the fact is that very high levels
10	an anti-selection basis for a period of perceived	10	of life insurance are not good for longevity, are they?
11	heightened risk, let's say if you were going off to	11	A. No, generally not.
12	climb Everest for example, which I think is acknowledged	12	MR MOXON BROWNE: Thank you.
13	a high-risk activity, going off to climb Everest and you	13	THE CORONER: Thank you very much indeed. Thank you.
14	might want some life insurance to cover that period of	14	MR SKELTON: Sir, the next witness is Mr Browder.
15	elevated risk. You could go to your insurer and say,	15	
16	"I am going to climb Everest, can I have some	16	MR MOXON BROWNE: Sir, before Mr Browder takes the oath,
17	insurance", and probably not you but probably someone at	17	there is something I wanted to raise. If I may.
18	Lloyd's could be found who would cover that risk?	18	THE CORONER: Yes. Just a moment. Have a seat. That is
19	A. They would.	19	all right, have a seat anyway.
20	Q. What you could do is to take out insurance that would	20	MR MOXON BROWNE: I understand from counsel to the Inquiry
21	be quite expensive, I would imagine, comparatively?	21	that it is not currently his intention to ask Mr Browder
22	A. I would imagine it would.	22	any questions about the Skype messages.
23	Q. What you could do, though, is to take out a 30-year	23	THE CORONER: Yes.
24	term, or indeed five 30-year term insurances and pay	24	MR MOXON BROWNE: As you know, certainly my clients take the
25	them comparatively low premiums for a year or two years	25	view that the Skype messages are very important in this
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1	or three years, until you got back from Everest and then	1	case, as indicating two things, one that in May 2011
2	just stop paying?	2	Mr Perepilichnyy was in contact with his Russian lawyer
3	A. You could do that.	3	trying to I use the expression "cook up" because it
4	Q. In that way you would cover yourself for a period of	4	does seem to me that that is the only explanation for
5	elevated risk at ordinary rates?	5	what was being said cook up reasons or explanations
6	A. You do.	6	for the amount of money.
7	Q. That is not something that you encourage?	7	MR SKELTON: Sir, sorry to interrupt. Again, I am afraid
8	A. No.	8	submissions on the facts are precluded. This is going
9	MR MOXON BROWNE: Thank you very much.	9	a little bit far, I am afraid.
10	THE CORONER: Do you have the same sum assured, say, for	10	MR MOXON BROWNE: You understand, sir, why we think it was
11	a 5-, 10- or 20-year period, what is the effect on the	11	important, I will not say more than that.
12	monthly premiums as between each, suppose they were	12	MR SKELTON: That is probably enough.
13	monthly?	13	MR MOXON BROWNE: We have been keen that the evidence about
14	A. Other than to say that it would increase, I really	14	the Skype should be before you. And preferably put
15	wouldn't want to commit to the percentage of increase,	15	before you by someone with some knowledge of not only
16	but it would be linked in to the increase in mortality	16	what has been said but also the context.
17	that you get with increasing age.	17	We have asked that Ms Ekaterina Clark-O'Connell, who
18	MR MOXON BROWNE: There was one question which I should have	18	was the person working with the police on the
19	asked, I do apologise.	19	translations, might do that and we have understood you
20	THE CORONER: Do.	20	to currently take the view, which we fully understand,
21	MR MOXON BROWNE: On this question again of anti-selection,	21	that you would prefer defer a decision on that until
22	you have had 20 years' experience of this, you say this	22	after Mr Pollard, the officer in the case, has given
23	pattern of behaviour is associated with a perception of	23	evidence.
24	elevated risk. Can I ask you straight, when you have	24	THE CORONER: Yes.
25	someone who has taken very large levels of life	25	MR MOXON BROWNE: But I had hoped that in conjunction with
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1	whatever evidence either she or if she is not called,	1	course of the
2	Inspector Pollard might be able to give about that, that	2	MR MOXON BROWNE: That is not actually right.
3	you would be assisted by evidence from Mr Browder, as to	3	THE CORONER: Is it not?
4	the context in which these messages ought to be seen.	4	MR MOXON BROWNE: I don't know whether you have in mind that
5	You will recall, and I hope I will not be stopped on the	5	originally these very important Skypes were not copied
6	basis that I am addressing evidence, you will recall	6	and nobody had them and in fact it fell to Hermitage to
7	that the documents that you have seen show that	7	draw attention to their potential importance. Although
8	Ms O'Connell advised the police that there was nothing	8	the objection was taken to the quality of the
9	really in those Skypes of any importance and that	9	translations, that was the quarter from which they came.
10	conclusion was one that Inspector Pollard accepted.	10	It was fortunate somebody realised that they might
11	It therefore seems, if I may say so, that you need	11	be significant but it was not if I may say so
12	somebody else to put another side to it, if there is	12	THE CORONER: No, I said "scooped up", they were collected
13	another side to put. We would suggest that to and	13	as it were in the first instance.
14	assuming that if Mr Skelton doesn't think it appropriate	14	MR MOXON BROWNE: They were harvested, yes, indeed.
15	for him to ask questions of Mr Browder, that he would	15	Sir, I have made my point. Obviously it is very
16	take the view and would advise you or you might take the	16	much a matter for you.
17	view that it is not appropriate for anybody to do so.	17	THE CORONER: Yes.
18	And I am concerned that if we don't do that, then the	18	MR MOXON BROWNE: We don't think it is satisfactory.
19	Skype evidence, which as we say is of central	19	MR SKELTON: Sir, might this be a point to pick up after the
20	importance, isn't going to be properly examined.	20	lunchtime adjournment and we crack on with Mr Browder
21	I understand the proposal is that Chief Inspector	21	now for a few minutes at least.
22	Pollard should deal with it. Well, he is a police	22	MS HILL: Sir, might I address you at some point on that
23	officer who has already expressed the view that there is	23	particular issue, it affects my client directly and
24	nothing there of any importance. It seems a very	24	I would like to make some brief submissions at some
25	clumsy, if I may say so, and inefficient and unlikely	25	point.
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1	method of approaching and unlikely to bear any fruit.	1	THE CORONER: Certainly.
2	I would therefore ask you to reconsider to extent	2	MS HILL: Perhaps I can just simply indicate now while we
3	that you have already taken any view as to whether it is	3	are dealing with it that I am sure the point is not lost
4	appropriate for Mr Browder to address this to reconsider	4	on you that it was it was Hermitage that translated the
5	that. In particular, where do we go if he doesn't?	5	Skype messages. The difference perhaps between
6	THE CORONER: I am bound to say, I mean, I am not sure that	6	Mr Browder and Police Officer Pollard is that where
7	I would categorise it as "clumsy and inefficient" or	7	reference is made in the messages to various bits of
8	whatever the words you used were. On the face of it it	8	litigation for example, some of those are pieces of
9	seems to me that the more appropriate person would be	9	litigation in which Mr Browder himself has a knowledge
10	Mr Pollard.	10	of.
11	I mean no translation issue, as I understand it,	11	He of course, unlike the officer, has more
12	arises.	12	experience of the ways in which some of these litigation
13	MR MOXON BROWNE: No.	13	pieces have been conducted and knows how they have been
14	THE CORONER: I am just anxious that otherwise what I am	14	played out. I had certainly hoped, if I could put it no
15	going to get is a commentary really about them and about	15	more than that, that if nobody else dealt with the Skype
16	what it is suggested they might mean, when that is	16	messages to ask him a handful of questions about them at
17	really going to be for me to say	17	a very high level, of, "Looking at these very broadly,
18	MR MOXON BROWNE: Yes, I appreciate that.	18	of course they are not from your phone, and you didn't
19	THE CORONER: in the end.	19	send them but what with your experience and
20	Mr Browder wasn't party to any of them, obviously	20	understanding do these suggest to you?"
21	but the closest connection I suppose is that they were	21	That doesn't preclude them being put to Officer
22	at least scooped up in the course of the Surrey	22	Pollard of course, but that is the extent to which I had
23	investigation.	23	hoped to deal with them in a very short way. It does
24	MR MOXON BROWNE: Sorry, I didn't hear that?	24	seem to me that he has slightly more understanding of
25	THE CORONER: Sorry, they were at least scooped up in the	25	the context in which these messages are likely to have
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1	been sent, and of course Officer Pollard's team took the	1	issues that Mr Browder can assist the court on. When it
2	view that they were not relevant at all. So all he can	2	comes, for example, to identifying people who are
3	literally do is tell you what they say.	3	communicating on Skype, the context in which
4	MR BEGGS: Sir, so that we deal with this compendiously,	4	communications are taking place and the substance of
5	I don't want to make a full submission but can I just	5	what they may be talking about by reference to things
6	indicate that I reserve my position on the admissibility	6	that he was aware of contemporaneously. That is likely
7	and more importantly the weight to be attached to the	7	to be relevant evidence to the court and in those
8	Skype messages. Could I ask you please, if you are	8	circumstances, sir, it seems sensible that Mr Browder be
9	mulling this over over the break, to consider whether	9	taken through that part of his evidence by his own
10	a witness who self avowedly is running a campaign, is he	10	counsel, who is aware of that from discussions with him.
11	the best person to give you context or might he even, if	11	THE CORONER: Yes.
12	it is subconsciously, find himself subject to	12	MR SKELTON: After I have examined, Ms Hill will
13	confirmatory bias.	13	intervene out of the ordinary order sir to deal
14	THE CORONER: Mr Skelton, what is the proposal, that we	14	with that issue. You of course have the power to allow
15	do we are going to take just half an hour I think, do	15	that change of order under Rule 21 of the Inquest Rules
16	you want to as it were do half an hour of Mr Browder now	16	and after that we will resume with the normal order that
17	and then break off, is that is that the proposal and	17	we have been following throughout the hearings with
18	then return to this or do we want to stop now.	18	Ms Hill, as she's entitled to do, sweeping up at the end
19	Do you mind, Mr Browder, we will just be half	19	again.
20	an hour's time. Is that all right?	20	THE CORONER: Everybody happy with that?
21	A. No problem.	21	Good. Let's do that then.
22	THE CORONER: Mr Skelton, just I don't know whether it is	22	MR WILLIAM BROWDER (affirmed)
23	more than enough to do but whether in any bit of that	23	Questions from MR SKELTON
24	half an hour you might just be able to clarify exactly	24	MR SKELTON: Thank you Mr Browder. You have made I think
25	what it is, because there may be a difference as to	25	two statements in the context of this Inquest.
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1	quite what it is sought to do about the Skype messages	1	A. That's correct.
2	with it is quite difficult, I mean as it were there	2	Q. Do you have them both in front of you?
3	is some high level general questions, it is they are	3	A. I do.
4	slightly different things.	4	Q. They appear at different points in the bundles but do
5	MR SKELTON: Yes, in fact there had been some dialogue with	5	you have loose copies?
6	my learned friends about this prior to their making	6	A. I have the second one and the first one.
7	submissions. In fact the position hadn't resolved as	7	Q. Is that in bundle 4.3 or do you have a different version
8	such. Ms Hill in fact has emailed me during the hearing	8	of it?
9	further information which is relevant, so I will have	9	A. 4.3 is my first one and then there is a loose copy of
10	a further dialogue and I will address you on it after	10	the second one.
11	the break.	11	Q. For reference, it is tab 56 of bundle 4.3 and then
12	THE CORONER: We will say now until 1.30.	12	a loose leaf second statement.
13	Thank you very much.	13	Could you state your full name to the court, please.
14	(12.59 pm)	14	A. William Felix Browder.
15	(The Luncheon Adjournment)	15	Q. Your first statement was made to the senior coroner on
16	(1.37 pm)	16	11 November 2015, it is 28 pages long and your signature
17	THE CORONER: Yes.	17	appears at the end of it?
18	MR SKELTON: Sir, as far as the Skype messages are	18	A. That's correct.
19	concerned, we have this proposal which I have canvassed	19	Q. Is it true to the best of your knowledge and belief?
20	with the representatives of the interested persons.	20	A. It is.
21	I will take Mr Browder through his evidence principally,	21	Q. Your second statement was made more recently and you
22	as I have done with all witnesses, save those that	22	have that, as I do, in loose leaf form. Again the
23	Mr Wastell has taken.	23	signature I think appears on the final page, which is
24	As far as the Skype messages are concerned, Ms Hill	24	your signature and the date, which is 2 June, a few days
25	has identified the fact that there are particular key	25	ago, 2017?
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1	A. Yes.	1	A. Yes.
2	Q. Again does that stand as evidence which is true to the	2	MR SKELTON: At the higher level, large scale frauds were in
3	best of your knowledge and belief?	3	your view being committed?
4	A. It is.	4	A. On a regular basis there was large scale fraud being
5	Q. Thank you. May I ask you some initial questions about	5	committed at all the companies that we were investing
6	the background, Hermitage.	6	in.
7	First of all may I say this, will you make clear,	7	Q. Did you get the impression that they were
8	please, in your evidence, where matters are within your	8	state-sanctioned frauds or that the state were
9	direct personal knowledge or are matters which you have	9	co-conspirators in frauds like that?
10	gleaned from research on the internet or from	10	A. In different companies there were different sponsors of
11	discussions with your colleagues or from other	11	the frauds, in some of the large state-owned companies,
12	publications?	12	these were effectively state-sanctioned frauds. In some
13	A. I will.	13	of the smaller companies these were just private frauds
14	Q. Just so we can be clear about the status of that	14	perpetrated by management or other connected parties.
15	evidence.	15	Q. Was there routine payment of protection money or bribes
16	Also, as I hope you appreciate, the court is	16	by companies?
17	determining how Mr Perepilichnyy died and unfortunately	17	A. Basically, within the Russian business environment there
18	it is not within this court's ability to determine how	18	was mafia that was potentially terrorising businesses
19	Mr Magnitsky died or indeed whether or not a fraud was	19	and there were what I call government mafia that were
20	committed in 2007. I am sure you understand that but	20	terrorising businesses and many people, not all, paid
21	where we are dealing with those issues, I will have to	21	protection money or what I would describe as exhortation
22	refer to them for the most part as "alleged fraud" and	22	money in order not to be terrorised.
23	"alleged death of Mr Magnitsky in suspicious	23	Q. You used the word terrorising, do you mean in some
24	circumstances". That, of course, is no assumption on my	24	instances they could put financial pressure on
25	part that it is true or not true but that is just the	25	businesses so that they could not function, which is not
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1	way it needs to be forensically.	1	perhaps to be equated with "terrorising" in the sense we
2	A. Okay.	2	now understand it?
3	Q. First of all, you are I think the CEO of Hermitage	3	A. There is a continuum of terror, it starts out with raw
4	Capital?	4	terror in the way we know it, which is the threat of
5	A. That's correct.	5	people being injured or killed.
6	Q. Which you set up with Mr Safra in around 1996?	6	And then the continuum works its way towards what I
7	A. That's correct.	7	call illegal law enforcement terror in which people
8	Q. In your statement you describe it as "the biggest	8	would be threatened with arrest, detention, criminal
9	foreign portfolio investor in Russia"?	9	cases against them.
10	A. Yes.	10	And then, moving further on, there is the risk of
11	Q. Did it remain so throughout the duration of its trading?	11	maybe "terror" is too strong a word, of business or
12	A. More or less, we started out small and then it grew to	12	regulatory pressure in which businesses might have
13	become the biggest portfolio investor.	13	a difficult time operating.
14	Q. One of the things that you address specifically in the	14	Q. Presumably you and your partner or the managers of your
15	early part of your first statement is the issue of	15	company went in open eyed to the Russian markets about
16	corruption. How widespread was commercial corruption or	16	that issue?
17	business corruption in Russia when you first came to be	17	A. We went in basically with the assumption that this
18	involved with those markets?	18	terrible stuff was going on but as Russia matured into
19	A. Very widespread.	19	a Western market, that the, these practices would start
20	Q. Was it widespread at all levels of business or at	20	to disappear and when we started investing the
21	a particular high level that you were operating at?	21	valuations or the prices of shares of companies in
22	A. At all levels of business.	22	Russia were so low that the idea was that if Russia were
23	THE CORONER: Can you just keep your voice up a bit, people	23	to Westernise and normalise that these types of things
24	are a bit further away so very widespread at all	24	would become less apparent and the value of the
25	levels of business?	25	companies and the value of our portfolio would rise.
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1	Q. Generally speaking, if it is possible to give an answer,	1	minor part of the expense of a Russian businessperson
2	is it fair to say that commercial success within	2	and ended up now being probably the majority of the
3	a nation is often allied with the implementation of the	3	expense of most Russian businesspeople.
4	rule of law?	4	Q. You say in your statement that happily for a time your
5	A. Indeed, yes.	5	anti-corruption objective was allied or aligned with the
6	Q. Were you an outlier in terms of your anti-corruption	6	political objective of the president, President Putin,
7	objective, which we will come on to? Were you unusual	7	at that time because he was in some form of power
8	as a company in trying to proceed down that route?	8	struggle with the oligarchs who had taken over as the
9	A. Yes, I was almost entirely by myself in that activity.	9	fall of the Soviet Union occurred.
10	Q. Did you view that as a moral objective, a commercial	10	A. So when President Putin first came to power he didn't
11	objective or a political objective?	11	have the form powers of a president, because many of
12	A. I viewed it primarily as a commercial objective, my job	12	those powers had been usurped by these wealthy oligarchs
13	was to maximise the valuation of the fund for the	13	and other tycoons who had basically personally employed
14	shareholders. However it became a moral objective when	14	members of the parliament who had law enforcement on
15	I started to witness some of the outrageous things going	15	their payrolls and other types of things. And so as
16	on and I would say when we were fully engaged it was	16	Putin came to power one of his first objectives was to
17	almost equal in terms of the motivation, both moral and	17	take away some of this ill-gotten power from oligarchs
18	commercial.	18	and in doing so our interests my interests of
19	Q. Without necessarily going into detail which is not	19	fighting those same corrupt oligarchs aligned.
20	strictly relevant, just the timing of that change on	20	Q. What in fact transpired, as you summarise in your
21	your part, obviously we come to the events of the 2000s,	21	statement, was that the oligarchs were got under
22	the mid-2000s where your company was on the receiving	22	control, forcibly, because one of their leaders was
23	end of what you perceived to be an attack by the state.	23	detained for a long period of time, and once that power
24	Was it prior to that that you found that it was not just	24	struggle had in fact ended with the outcome being
25	a commercial agenda on your part, that actually you were	25	that President Putin had secured greater power for
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1	seeing the companies that you had a commercial	1 1	
_		1	himself anti-corruption was no longer a political
2	involvement in, had a problem?	2	expedient?
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2	would nothing would happen from that other than that	2	a \$230 million tax refund of taxes that we had paid in
3	approach would have been publicised.	3	the previous year.
4	Q. What transpires, as you explain in your statement around	4	Q. You had legitimately paid those taxes to the government
5	paragraph 8 onwards, is that it became apparent that you	5	and they had then been illegitimately rebated because
6	were persona non grata by 2005 and you were excluded	6	the litigation was bogus?
7	indeed from the country?	7	A. Correct.
8	A. On 13 November 2005, after having run a dozen or more of	8	Q. In fact the victim in terms of the loss of money is the
9	these campaigns against Russian companies, I was flying	9	government, or the taxpayer?
10	from London to Moscow having spent a weekend in	10	A. For the most part. We had a slight bit of money in the
11	London I had been living in Moscow and I was	11	companies when they were stolen but the 99.some
12	stopped at the border in Russia and I was detained at	12	odd per cent was money that was stolen from the Russian
13	Sheremetyevo Airport for 15 hours and then I was	13	government.
14	deported from Russia and subsequently declared a threat	14	Q. I understand.
15	to national security.	15	You, from afar, using lawyers on the ground, fight
16	Q. Have you been back since?	16	back. That involves in part hiring Mr Magnitsky, who
17	A. I have not.	17	was an independent lawyer?
18	Q. I think you say you evacuated your staff on the basis	18	A. Yes.
19	that they were potentially in an unsafe position as	19	Q. Your investigation evolved over 2007 onwards as you
20	well?	20	uncovered details of the alleged fraud, including the
21	A. I took the view that if we were that the Russians,	21	litigation, et cetera, and as you describe in your
22	the Russian government, when they turn on you, they	22	statement, you concluded that the fraud had been
23	don't tend to do so mildly, they tend to do so with	23	conducted by a crime group headed by Dmitry Klyuev, with
24	extreme prejudice, and I looked at what, where my	24	the active collusion of two Moscow tax officers, one of
25	exposure was and I had people in Russia, I had a number	25	which was headed by a lady called Olga Stepanova,
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3	unsuccessfully to get justice in Russia, as	3	A. Yes.
4	I understand, through the ordinary judicial and criminal	4	Q. Broadly speaking they divide into two sort of themes.
5	processes?	5	One is political or politically motivated killings, so
6	A. That's correct.	6	for example Boris Nemtsov, Ana Politkovskaya.
7	Q. Once it became apparent that that was not an achievable	7	I have difficulty pronouncing, I am afraid, and
8	objective, you turned your attention to the possibility	8	Alexander Litvinenko famously on British soil. He, of
9	of hurting hurting is perhaps putting it too	9	course, is the subject of an inquiry that concluded that
10	tendentiously but going after the money, going after the	10	was a state sanctioned, at the highest level, killing?
11	beneficiaries of the fraud?	11	A. Yes.
12	A. We took the view that let me just back up, it is	12	Q. The other theme is killings carried out by organised
13	quite a bit more extreme than we just couldn't get	13	crime, and in particular the KOCG, which is the
14	justice in Russia, the Russian authorities not only	14	organisation which you say is associated with
15	wouldn't give us justice but they exonerated every	15	Dmitry Klyuev?
16	single person involved and they ended up putting	16	A. That's correct.
17	Sergei Magnitsky on trial three years after they killed	17	Q. Your view, having lived in Russia, worked in Russia, is
18	him, in the first ever posthumous trial in the history	18	that there is a propensity for that organisation to kill
19	of Russia. So we took the view that if justice was	19	those who act against its interests.
20	impossible inside of Russia, we should look for justice	20	A. So we have identified a number of people who have been
21	outside of Russia and we looked at what the mechanisms	21	killed by the Klyuev organised crime group in connection
22	were that we could get justice outside of Russia. And	22	to this, to the 230 million fraud case and also in
23	one of the way ways we could get justice out of Russia	23	connection to a previous fraud case called Mikhailovsky
24	was to follow the money.	24	GOK fraud case.
25	Q. Follow the money into jurisdictions where the rule of	25	Q. I can predict what the answer will be, but presumably
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2	one case, they do it on a widespread basis and it has	2	it depends how you define the Chechen, the issues that
3	been documented by various different third parties.	3	the Chechen leaders have with their, with the people
4	Q. Is it fair to say that most of the deaths that have	4	that we are killing, whether it is organised.
5	occurred that you identify have occurred within Russia?	5	Q. Is the MO of shooting generally for those sorts of
6	A. Yes.	6	deaths in your view?
7	Q. There are a small number, Alexander Litvinenko being	7	A. The MO, there is no sort of prescriptive rulebook about
8	probably the most notorious example which have occurred	8	how you kill your opponents. So they do murders, they
9	extraterritorially?	9	do poisonings, they do car crashes, fires, there are all
10	A. There is most of the deaths occur in Russia, however	10	sorts of different ways in which people die. I don't
11	quite a few deaths have taken place outside of Russia.	11	think there is a one size fits all for Russian
12	We didn't document them all in the witness statement.	12	government and Russian organised crime killings.
13	Q. Just in terms of the organised crime deaths, are there	13	Q. You set up a website "Russian Untouchables"?
14	any that occur in your view as a result of the	14	A. That's correct.
15	activities of organised crime which occur overseas or do	15	Q. When was that, when did that go on to the internet?
16	they tend to have a domestic focus?	16	A. I believe it went on to the internet at the very
17	A. I think you are making a sort of rational and realistic	17	beginning of 2010.
18	but Western distinction about organised crime versus	18	Q. It is a sort of multimedia platform in that you have
19	politics. In Russia those distinctions are not as	19	narrative pictures and also videos?
20	clear-cut as one might apply in the West and so what we	20	A. Yes, we
21	have found is that politics or government and organised	21	Q. Sorry, go ahead.
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23	to make a clear distinction between organised crime and	23	information to journalists and government officials and
24	politics.	24	others in order about the Magnitsky case and all the
25	Q. I do understand that. I think I mean using	25	information that we were able to gather about who was
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3	Q. Yes.	3	organised it, to her family member who received the
4	A. Page 62?	4	money.
5	Q. There was a meeting that took place with	5	MR BEGGS: Sir, can I rise just to invite some caution and
6	Mr Perepilichnyy in August 2010?	6	it is not a criticism of Mr Browder or Mr Skelton.
7	A. Just let me I am trying to find your page 62.	7	There is one thing when you are dealing with funds,
8	Q. Paragraph, sorry, I should have made that clear.	8	it is quite a separate thing as to whether you know the
9	Paragraph 62, page 848, or internal page 17.	9	source of those funds. I have no difficulties with
10	A. Got you, one sec.	10	reference to the former, but the latter some caution as
11	Q. There was a meeting that took place in August 2010?	11	a matter of fairness.
12	A. Yes.	12	Thank you very much. I am just doing that as
13	Q. Prior to that, Mr Perepilichnyy had made contact with	13	a matter of caution.
14	your lawyers Firestone Duncan using an alias	14	MR SKELTON: Yes.
15	Alejandro Sanchez?	15	There is, within the evidence before the court,
16	A. Yes, that is correct.	16	evidence that Mr Perepilichnyy managed the funds of
17	Q. Then that meeting took place. Can I just clarify	17	a number of wealthy Russians and that may include
18	whether you attended that meeting?	18	Mr Stepanov.
19	A. I did not.	19	A. That is what he told us and that is what he also that
20	Q. Did you ever attend any meetings with him?	20	is what also became apparent from a public statement by
21	A. I did not.	21	Vladen Stepanov.
22	Q. Did you ever meet him?	22	Q. Which we will come on to.
23	A. I did not.	23	It isn't clear from that whether or not any of those
24	Q. At that meeting, he provided from what your perspective	24	funds were illegitimate on the face of it, it could well
25	was critical information about the beneficiaries of the	25	be perfectly normal investments on behalf of someone
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2	Q. Who did he say that to, if you remember at the start	2	was illegal. And that he was able to make that
3	I wanted to be clear about	3	statement about him receiving those monies because he
4	A. So he told that to the two colleagues of mine from	4	had been responsible for sending those monies.
5	Hermitage who attended the meeting, who then told me.	5	MR SKELTON: Were you also aware at the time that you were
6	Q. The focus initially was Mr Magnitsky, or at least	6	involved with him or your company was involved with him,
7	overtly it was Mr Magnitsky?	7	but prior to the Stepanov media publicity, that he had
8	A. That was the justification for why he came to us when he	8	in Russia, were you aware that there was any personal
9	first came to us. It changed as we started to see	9	animus between the two of them?
10	THE CORONER: Can I ask this sorry, you said you never met	10	A. I am trying to remember, I think I can't remember
11	him, did you speak to him ever.	11	Q. Just looking at your statement around paragraph 73,
12	A. I have never spoken to him either.	12	please. You there explain:
13	THE CORONER: Not a word?	13	"During the course of the relationship between
14	A. Not a word.	14	Hermitage and Mr Perepilichnyy I had come to understand
15	MR SKELTON: Did he inform your colleagues that he knew that	15	his involvement with the Stepanovs and his motive for
16	the funds had come from a fraudulent activity?	16	assisting us. He explained to my colleague that he was
17	A. Yes.	17	a private banker for them and helped to invest their
18	Q. Did he explain when he knew that?	18	money, move it around and open accounts around the
19	A. I believe he knew that because he was the one handling	19	world. He told the Hermitage team that he had lost
20	the funds.	20	a significant amount of their money in the 2008 world
21	Q. The question is he may have handled the funds and	21	financial crisis but they blamed him."
22	then realised afterwards what he was doing or he may	22	When did you get to understand that, or when did
23	have handled the funds at the time realising what he was	23	your team get to understand that?
24	doing, was that distinction ever made clear?	24	A. We once he gave us the information, in the meeting in
25	A. I don't know his state of mind so I can't actually	25	August 2010, we weren't sure whether he was we
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1	answer that.	1	weren't sure what his real motivations were and we were
2	THE CORONER: But to say that he knew the funds came from	2	not sure whether the information was legitimate. And we
3	illegal activity because you say he was dealing with the	3	were concerned that if we were going to act on this
4	funds, I think is slightly the point that Mr Beggs was	4	information and it turned out to be fabricated or
5	making. That simply because someone deals with illegal	5	manufactured that this would then hurt the credibility
6	funds is not a basis for saying, of itself, that they	6	of all the interactions that we were having with law
7	know they are illegal funds. You follow the	7	enforcement agencies and governments around the world.
8	distinction?	8	So we spent a lot of time verifying the information
9	A. So what I do know is that he attributed the funds to the	9	he gave us and also trying to understand what the real
10	\$230 million tax refund. When he knew that I can't tell	10	reason was for him to come to us and the my
11	you, but that was the justification for him approaching	11	colleagues, who had met with him on a number of
12	us to say	12	different occasions eventually came to this conclusion,
13	THE CORONER: Sure, but there is then the question as to	13	that from information that he provided, that he had
14	whether he thought it was or wasn't a legitimate refund,	14	a problem with the Stepanovs based on this loss of
15	that is the point I think you need to be careful with	15	money, and that problem with the Stepanovs was then
16	because you are saying simply that, you said, "Yes, he	16	verified by Vladen Stepanov in his open letter, which
17	knew the funds came from the illegal activity because he	17	I guess you are going to refer to.
18	was dealing with the funds", and I don't think the	18	Q. The chronology is important to understand.
19	second follows from the first.	19	As I think your letter the letter from your
20	A. Well, maybe I am being imprecise.	20	lawyers, Brown Rudnick, to the Surrey Police after
21	THE CORONER: Yes, it is important though.	21	Mr Perepilichnyy died, said that there were about 11
22	A. I get it, I get it.	22	meetings in 2010 and nine I counted in 2011?
23	So from the way in which these conversations took	23	A. Yes.
24	place, he alerted us that Vladen Stepanov had received	24	Q. Was it in 2010 or 2011 that it became apparent that
25	a portion of the illegal \$230 million tax refund,	25	there were other motives to his involvement.
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1 A. I don't know precise	·	1	Q. It takes a slightly odd form from Western perspectives
	nov media campaign not	2	of a letter to Alexei Navaly. Is this sort of
3 campaign, but appearan		3	occurrence with someone a figure of some notoriety who
	video I believe came out, it came	4	has a grievance writing a letter to a national
	etually, I can't tell you what	5	newspaper, albeit a commercial newspaper, is that
	on't know when we became aware of	6	something which occurs very often?
	een before, it could have been	7	A. I have seen it occur a few times in our case. It is
8 after.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	8	everybody I can't comment more generally but I have
_	chronology, because the Swiss	9	seen it several times in our case where different people
	take a major role in this and then	10	have written open letters.
	ee if I can establish when it was	11 12	Just to give you a little context. The reason for
•	of the other aspect with the	13	this letter to — Alexei Navalny is one of the leaders of the Russian democratic opposition, he had taken our
1	your company initiated a criminal	14	video and put it on his blog which has many hundreds of
15 complaint in Switzerlan	• • •	15	thousands if not millions of viewers and this
16 A. That's correct.	nu:	16	particularly upset Vladen Stepanov.
17 Q. Using documents that	you had received from	17	Q. Up until this point, Mr Perepilichnyy from your
l ` ~	is what you say in your evidence?	18	perspective had had an involvement with you and your
19 A. Yes, that's correct.	is what you say in your evidence:	19	company and, through your company, involvement with the
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	g of bank accounts concerning the	20	Swiss prosecutors because they had got material which he
21 money which was alleg		21	had given to you?
22 A. That's correct.		22	A. Yes.
23 Q. How swiftly was the r	money frozen?	23	Q. At that stage were the Swiss authorities aware of the
24 A. Within days.	•	24	provenance of the material from him?
l	video about Olga Stepanova on	25	A. Yes.
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1 Russian Untouchables	in April 2011?	1	Q. Who told them that?
2 A. That's correct, yes.		2	A. I gave evidence to them.
 Q. Was that because you 	felt the proceedings were not going	3	Q. In the form of?
4 fast enough in Switzerl	land?	4	A. Testimony, I went to give in a formal hearing.
5 A. No, it was because ev	very part of our campaign we try to	5	Q. You went there and gave evidence?
6 do publicly and trans	parently and it was this was	6	A. Yes.
7 a particularly import	ant discovery because this, by	7	MR MOXON BROWNE: Can I ask that Mr Browder keep his voice
8 showing where that	t the people in the Russian	8	up.
9 government who orga	anised this illegal tax refund were	9	THE CORONER: It is a big room.
10 beneficiaries of it, mo	ved our whole case forward in	10	A. Sorry about that.
11 every different place	in which we were discussing this	11	I will talk to you.
12 with authorities.		12	MR MOXON BROWNE: Thank you.
-	ril 2011, within or in about	13	MR SKELTON: Did you reveal the source, ie Mr Perepilichnyy,
	panov went public about the issue.	14	with his agreement or did you do it without his
· ·	within Russia to some unwelcome	15	agreement?
16 scrutiny which prompte		16	A. We asked him before we ever filed the criminal
	wave of publicity about him and his	17	complaint with the Swiss authorities we asked him if he
	nany, many newspaper articles and	18	was comfortable with us doing so and he agreed, he was.
	It was quite dramatic how much	19	Q. Before you took what step, the complaint?
20 interest there was in I		20	A. Before we filed the complaint in January 2011 with the
_	he took out an advert in RBK Daily.	21	Swiss law enforcement authorities
What sort of newspape		22 23	Q. Was he named in that complaint?
23 A. It is like the equivale 24 Q. Business related?	ant of Diodinacig.	24	A. He was not, but we asked him if he was comfortable with us passing that information.
25 A. Business related.		25	Q. Did you specifically ask him if he was comfortable with
25 11. Dusiness related.		23	2. 2.0 jou speement, ask min it he was connotable with
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1	being named in the Swiss proceedings?	1	MS HILL: What may be in fairness confusing my client is the
2	A. Yes.	2	reference in his witness statement is bundle 4.1,
3	Q. What did he say?	3	page 149 but it is the same document. So in his witness
4	A. Yes.	4	statement, 4.1/149 has been taken to the same document.
5	Q. Who did he say that to?	5	MR SKELTON: It is.
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7	A. To my colleagues.Q. Did you also ask that question before you initiated it?	7	A. Okay. MR SKELTON: This is the Barron's article. Do you happen to
8	A. Yes.	8	know out of interest if the Barron's article or Barron's
9	Q. This may be something which you cannot answer, and if so	9	online is a subscriber website or if it's open source,
10	please say. How did Mr Stepanov realise it was	10	completely open?
11	Mr Perepilichnyy, or purport to realise it was	11	A. I know specifically that this particular article is open
12	Mr Perepilichnyy, and you, that have concocted what he	12	source, because when we cooperated with Barron's to do
13	perceived to be a conspiracy against him?	13	this I made it a condition of our cooperation.
14	A. Well he I believe and I have to go back to the	14	Q. Thank you.
15	document, his open letter but I think he explained it	15	This article describes the prosecution and it
16	saying that there is only one place this could have come	16	appends on page 23 a copy or a transcription of the
17	from, which was Alexander Perepilichnyy.	17	letter which would presumably have been in Russian?
18	Q. I will take you to it if I may, because it is probably	18	A. Yes.
19	worth looking at and it is appended to a Barron's	19	Q. He talks about the freezing of his money and then
20	article, which is in volume 1.	20	explicitly about Alexander Perepilichnyy, although he
21	THE CORONER: Just so I am clear, you said that he told you	21	slightly misspelt his name, as you can see:
22	he was comfortable with being named in the Swiss	22	"This man owes me a lot of money, as a matter of
23	proceedings?	23	fact not only to me but also to scores of other
24	A. Yes.	24	creditors, he cheated me by pocketing my money and
25	THE CORONER: Yes, and was he named in the Swiss	25	assets. Currently he is in hiding in London."
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3	He then also appears I think on the television?	3	A. I didn't think the level of danger was that high because
4	A. He appears on Vadimosti newspaper did a video	4	he was already in living in the UK, which we all
5	interview with him which I guess you could it is sort	5	considered to be a safe jurisdiction, relative to
6	of a multi — it is not quite television, but it is sort	6	Russia.
7	of like the FT having a video.	7	THE CORONER: There was a danger but it wasn't that high
8	Q. Yes.	8	A. That is what I am saying.
9	That would have been available to a large	9	THE CORONER: is that it?
10	constituency would it, of viewers?	10	You thought the fact that the reason it was only as
11	A. Yes.	11	it were, or it was not that high was because he was
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13	the letter and heard about the media appearance?	13	A. That's right.
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15	had been trying to protect from public exposure, had	15	Mr Litvinenko had been assassinated in the UK in 2006?
16	been so quickly sucked into this whole thing in a public	16	A. Yes.
17	way.	17	Q. Presumably that must have given you some cause for
18	Q. You were upset about it but you, your own website	18	concern that extraterritorial killings could occur in
19	I think repeated the story in detail within a few weeks,	19	the United Kingdom?
20	if you go do you have the same bundle open? If you	20	A. It did, but I view the risk of, the risk in the
21	go forward to page 30, this is a Russian Untouchables	21	United Kingdom as dramatically less than the risk in
22	extract.	22	Russia where they can do everything and they control law
23	A. Yes.	23	enforcement in Russia, so these deaths cannot they
24	Q. There is a recreation or an abbreviated version of the	24	can get away with murder in Russia much more easily than
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1 officials that actually you are better placed to assess 1 had done your sort of bona fides checks that in fact he 2 2 the risk than the individual? was the real thing? 3 A. Yes, well my assessment was that, because he was in 3 A. Correct. 4 London, he was probably going to be okay. 4 Q. And was acting alone? 5 Q. From your knowledge of Mr Perepilichnyy, do you think he 5 A. Correct. 6 was sufficiently aware of the risks he was taking? 6 Q. But he still wasn't protecting himself. Is that 7 7 A. I don't know. correct, were you aware that he had any form of security 8 Q. You don't know? 8 protection at any stage? 9 9 A. I don't know. A. I don't believe he did. 10 THE CORONER: Hold on. 10 Q. So he didn't have a security guard? 11 Your assessment was that because he was in London he 11 A. He did not. 12 was probably going to be okay but you don't know if he 12 Q. He didn't travel incognito? 13 was sufficiently aware of the risks he was taking? 13 A. Not that I am aware of -- actually having said that, let 14 A. That's right. 14 me just correct that. 15 15 THE CORONER: Just a minute. On the weekend in Paris before his demise, he had 16 MR SKELTON: I understand from your book that the first 16 booked two hotel rooms. I don't know what the purpose 17 meeting that your employees had with him was undertaken 17 of that was, whether it was to go incognito or to be 18 18 under some quite severely secure circumstances, so for mysterious, but it is unusual to book two hotel rooms in 19 example you had ex-special forces people positioned in 19 the same city on the same day. 20 the room, you had ex-intelligence officers supporting 20 Q. Yes, although what you know about that trip may mean 21 you? 21 there is another explanation for that? 22 22 A. Yes. A. There could be. 23 23 Q. You even went as far as to sweep the room, I understand Q. My point I think is that if it became apparent during 24 it, with a Geiger counter to test for radioactive 24 the course of your relationship with him that he was 25 poisoning? 25 taking no security whatsoever and your firm was still Page 113 Page 115 1 A. Yes. 1 taking a great deal of security, do you think it would 2 Q. You had -- not everyone who was going to be at the 2 have been appropriate to advise him about that? meeting was present, there were other people waiting who 3 3 A. Well, I should point out that the second, third and 4 could then appear? 4 fourth meeting, we didn't come with ex-special forces 5 A. That's all correct. 5 officers. We all just came as ourselves. 6 Q. That, and also as I understand it there was a suspicion 6 Q. Well, he was putting himself at risk by contacting you, 7 that the drinks could be poisoned and therefore there 7 wasn't he? 8 was caution about taking those drinks. A. He was, indeed. 9 9 So you, your Hermitage employees were employing Q. And engaging with a government, the Swiss government, in 10 a degree of security which is highly unusual but the man 10 a criminal investigation? 11 who is providing the information isn't, he walks in the 11 A. He was. 12 room on his own. 12 Q. Did Hermitage warn him about the risk he was taking? 13 There is an asymmetry there of risk taking. 13 A. I don't believe we did. 14 A. I think your analysis is slightly -- it doesn't take 14 Q. Nor did you provide any warning or any advice to him 15 into account the asymmetry of the situation. 15 about security that he could take to ameliorate any 16 So the information that he was proposing to give to 16 risk? 17 us was so explosive and valuable, it looked like it was 17 A. I don't believe we did. 18 too good to be true to us and it might be some type of 18 Q. Do you think that was a mistake? 19 setup. 19 A. Well I am not sure that -- how you prevent the death 20 Q. You thought he might in fact have been for example FSB? 20 that he suffered from with security. 21 A. He was an unknown entity to us, whereas we were highly 21 THE CORONER: No, but I think you are just being asked more 22 well known entities to him so he would have known that 22 generally. You said earlier you didn't know if he was 23 we don't wish him any harm but we didn't know whether he 23 sufficiently aware of the risks he was taking and 24 wished us any harm. 24 obviously one way to deal with that would be to tell him 25 Q. That is the first meeting. It became apparent after you 25 your own view about it. In fact you say you don't Page 114 Page 116

1	believe you warned him about the risks he was taking.	1	(2.45 pm)
2	In a sense leaving alone the outcome, which	2	(A short adjournment)
3	obviously I shall have to think about, but I think you	3	(3.03 pm)
4	are just being asked didn't you think more generally	4	MR SKELTON: Mr Browder, specific threats to
5	that now, looking back, that it would have been better	5	Mr Perepilichnyy is something you deal with in your
6	had you told him that or given him some kind of warning?	6	first statement, it is paragraph 80 onwards. Could you
7	A. Of course now that this poor hand man has died I look at	7	turn to that and I will just take you through some of
8	all manners of what happened and, you know, ask myself	8	the points that you make, if I may.
9	what we could have, would have or should have done.	9	Internal page 21.
10	THE CORONER: I think that is the bit you are being asked	10	A. One second, I just need to find my witness statement.
11	about. The should have done. Do you think looking back	11	Can you just refresh my memory as to which
12	you actually should perhaps have given him some kind of	12	Q. As to where it appears?
13	warning?	13	A. Yes.
14	A. I am not sure that we are the arbiter or expert on how	14	Q. It is under tab 56.
15	to protect anyone more than anyone else is. In a	15	A. Tab 56.
16	certain way him coming from Russia, he might be more	16	Q. Bundle 4.3.
17	aware of tactics and methods than we would be.	17	A. Okay, great.
18	MR SKELTON: As far as you were aware, he wasn't actually	18	Yes. Which paragraph?
19	taking any precautions whatsoever, was he?	19	Q. Internal page 21, so the centre number page 21,
20	A. That's correct.	20	paragraph 80.
21	Q. But presumably you personally were?	21	A. Got it.
22	A. I would prefer not to, for my own safety, disclose what	22	Q. Yes.
23	I do and don't do.	23	Just first of all I am just concerned to establish
24	Q. I was not asking you about the detail but I think it is	24	the details of when this information came to light. You
25	fair to say and you have said previously that you do	25	say:
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1	tales anacousticas for sour our cofets 9	,	"Mr. Darguili sharry in farmed the Hamaitage toom of the
1	take precautions for your own safety? A. I do.	1	"Mr Perepilichnyy informed the Hermitage team of the death threat he had received in November 2011 when
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3	Q. With a view to preventing physical attacks on your person?	3 4	a member of his family had been contacted by a Moscow police officer."
5	A. I do.	5	Can I clarify, does that contact get made and he
6	Q. But Mr Perepilichnyy wasn't?	6	tells you straight away in November 2011 or what is the
7	A. That's correct.	7	timing?
8	Q. The question then is in retrospect, should he have been	8	A. I do not have the exact timing but I would imagine, from
9	advised to take the same sorts of precautions as you and	9	what I remember, it was roughly around the same time or
10	would that have been helpful?	10	
11	MS HILL: Sir, I am loathe to rise. I think the issue has	11	shortly thereafter. Q. So in November 2011, your team are told. Are there any
12		12	notes of the meeting in which that was disclosed?
13	been put and answered. I am not sure it is helpful to repeat it.	13	
13	THE CORONER: No, you say you don't know quite what help you	14	A. No. Q. When you make this, when you provide this evidence, what
15	could have given him?	15	are you relying upon?
16	A. Security is not my expertise. I do whatever I can for	16	A. My discussion with my teammates about their recollection
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17	myself and people closest to me. He wasn't my employee,	18	of when they got this information? Q. Was this discussion at the time that this occurred or is
19	he wasn't my family member. He was operating on his own	19	it a discussion you have had since during the course of
	initiative. MP SVELTON: Sir a short break of 10 minutes		•
20	MR SKELTON: Sir, a short break of 10 minutes.	20	this investigation?
21	THE CORONER: Certainly, yes.	21 22	A. Both.
22	Just be careful I am not singling you out, if you		Q. Both?
23	have been here you will have heard me say it to	23	A. I was aware of it when it happened, roughly, and I was
24 25	everybody. Just do not talk to anybody about your evidence.	24 25	aware of it as we put together the witness statement. Q. What you say overleaf is that the officer informed the
23	evidence.	23	Q. What you say overlear is that the officer illiorned the
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1	relative. Did he say who the relative was?	1	A. Well, he said that, to the team, that he was upset that
2	A. I believe it was the brother-in-law, Rishat.	2	there was information about him in London but he was
3	Q. Ismagilov?	3	happy that some of the information was out of date.
4	A. Indeed.	4	Q. Information about what?
5	Q. Why don't you say that in your statement?	5	A. I think it had a previous address, not his current
6	A. I don't remember what my reasoning was for not saying	6	address.
7	it.	7	Q. Presumably he must have been worried to see this?
8	Q. You recollect, do you, being told at the time that it	8	A. I would imagine so.
9	occurred that it was Mr Ismagilov, or are you saying, is	9	Q. Is it a common occurrence for extortion attempts to be
10	that part of something you may have gleaned since?	10	made by the police using this form of contact?
11	A. So, in terms of my statement, I believe that I wasn't	11	A. I don't think there is any limit to the creativity of
12	aware of Rishat Ismagilov I didn't know who he was	12	extortion attempts by the Russian police. So everything
13	until more recently and I think that when you are asking	13	is available to them.
14	me this question now, my clarifying it is based on more	14	Q. So Mr Perepilichnyy, did he change his view of it at
15	up-to-date information.	15	some point or was that his original view that he stuck
16	Q. I am a little confused, sorry.	16	with, that this was a genuine threat?
17	Did you get the name Ismagilov in November 2011?	17	A. I don't know what his state of mind was, other than
18	A. No.	18	alerting us to the fact that this was a real dossier
19	Q. When did you first get that name?	19	that came from a real hitman that they had found in
20	A. Recently.	20	Moscow.
21	Q. Who has told you that they are now sure it is	21	Q. Again, do you know if any members of your team gave him
22	Mr Ismagilov?	22	any advice on how to deal with that threat?
23	A. My team members.	23	A. I don't believe they did.
24	Q. The members said it was him?	24	Q. Had other members of your team been on the receiving end
25	A. Yes.	25	of similar kinds of threat?
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1	Q. Are you sure that they gave that name and they didn't	1	A. Yes.
2	just say it was somebody that lived in Moscow and you	2	Q. What had they done in response to that?
3	have drawn that assumption because we know he lives in	3	A. I would rather not say in open court the different
4	Moscow?	4	things we do to protect our lives, because that would
5	A. No, I am sure of this.	5	then put people in danger.
6	Q. You say that the police officer informed the relative	6	Q. So they had taken steps in response?
7	about a hit list being found after the arrest of	7	A. Yes.
8	a professional hitman and that Mr Perepilichnyy's name	8	Q. But Mr Perepilichnyy didn't?
9	was on that hit list and the police had obtained	9	A. That's correct well, I don't know exactly what he did
10	a dossier on him?	10	but based on what we all know jointly.
11	A. Correct.	11	Q. Is it possible either we don't know, obviously he cannot
12	Q. Was the physical possession of the dossier passed on to	12	give evidence as to what he thought about the threat but
13	the relative?	13	assuming it exists, could it be that he in fact didn't
14	A. I don't know.	14	think it was that significant and therefore didn't take
15	Q. Was it passed to Mr Perepilichnyy	15	any steps?
16	A. Actually, I believe it was because he was able to verify	16	A. Could have been.
17	that the information in the dossier, some of it was	17	Q. Could it equally be that he thought it was a genuine
18	correct and some of it was old.	18	threat but he didn't think it appropriate to take any
19	Q. When you say in the final sentence:	19	steps or necessary?
20	"Upon receipt and review of the dossier he realised	20	A. That is possible.
21	that the threat was in fact a genuine threat."	21	Q. Or he was cavalier about his safety?
22	That is Mr Perepilichnyy having looked at the	22	A. That is also possible.
23	dossier?	23	Q. Did you pass on any information about that threat to
24	A. Yes.	24	anyone else?
25	Q. What did he say to your team about it?	25	A. We did not.
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1	Q. Do you do that with other threats that your staff have	1	but I remember viewing it as a serious issue.
2	received, for example? Do you tend to alert law	2	THE CORONER: Did you do anything in response to it?
3	enforcement agencies in whatever country, the UK	3	A. Well, there were, you know, about 20 meetings between my
4	primarily I presume, to that?	4	team and him and I am sure they discussed it and
5	A. Anything to do with my employees or my family, we go to	5	probably strategised about what to do about
6	the law enforcement right away.	6	Andrei Pavlov and what steps could be taken, but I am
7	MS HILL: We couldn't hear the answer there, I'm sorry.	7	not aware of the details of those and didn't prepare
8	THE CORONER: Anything to do with your family or your	8	myself for those details here.
9	employees you would involve law enforcement?	9	MR SKELTON: You said with some confidence I think that this
10	A. We do.	10	was a meeting with Mr Pavlov?
11	MR SKELTON: To your knowledge, did Mr Perepilichnyy take	11	A. That's correct.
12	that step?	12	Q. A gentleman whose name has come up earlier in the
13	A. I am not aware that he did but I don't know what he	13	evidence as being someone that you view as being
14	might have done or not done.	14	a lawyer who works for organised crime and the state?
15	Q. Was he advised to do so?	15	A. Yes.
16	A. Not by me, or not by us.	16	Q. You don't, as far as I can see here, record that
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18	"He met with someone who introduced himself as	18	right?
19	a representative of the interior ministry in Moscow	19	A. I think it is not very well written, but if you read
20	[this is in 2011] and was invited to attend a meeting in	20	further in this witness statement I believe we make it
21	Switzerland in early 2011, and Mr Perepilichnyy told us	21	clear, I would have to
22	that he flew to Switzerland to attend the meeting."	22	Q. I think you make it clear that you think it is, but my
23	You go on to say what occurs there. You have used	23	point was just a narrower one that Mr Perepilichnyy
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2	statements that he has made about the same meetings.	2	A. Yes.
3	Q. Well he may have had the meetings, the question is are	3	Q. What did he say about it?
4	they the same ones being recounted as the threatening	4	A. I don't know the details but I know that the presence of
5	ones?	5	Pavlov in this whole thing was an ongoing issue that
6	A. Yes, so there are three different sources of the	6	I heard about more than once.
7	information about those meetings.	7	Q. When do you think that meeting took place?
8	There is Perepilichnyy.	8	A. Well, we know that there are two meetings that took
9	The second source is Pavlov's own statements.	9	place here in I think in 2011, in early October and then
10	And the third source are the Skype messages where he	10	November 2011 and I believe there was some communication
11	is discussing having those meeting with Pavlov.	11	after that but I would have to go back to the Skype
12	Q. Yes, I understand that. What I am trying to say to you,	12	messages to confirm the chronology but actually no,
13	perhaps not making it very clear, is that he may have	13	now that I think out loud the Skype messages come from
14	had some meetings with Mr Pavlov. It is working out	14	the same time period. So I don't know after that.
15	that this meeting that you are discussing, which is the	15	Q. Thank you. The timing of your involvement with law
16	threatening meeting, is the same one. What I am saying	16	enforcement, as threats occurred during the course of
17	is it is a deduction, because Mr Perepilichnyy never	17	2011 and onwards to your own staff, are you writing to
18	said that?	18	UK law enforcement during that period of time?
19	A. I believe he we know that he had a threatening	19	A. Yes.
20	meeting. I don't know whether he confirmed it was	20	Q. Separate letters specifically about that issue?
21	Pavlov or not but it subsequently has come to pass that	21	A. Yes, correct.
22	Pavlov has confirmed that that meeting took place.	22	Q. Which agencies or police were you writing to?
23	Q. He could have had other meetings as well with other	23	A. I would have to go back to the actual letters but we
24	people?	24	generally when we had issues we approached the
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2	A. Actually there is one more sorry to jump around here.	2	anti-terrorist unit in Scotland Yard.
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2	A. Bundle 1.	2	A. Because it wasn't I didn't consider him my
3	Which page number?	3	responsibility.
4	Q. 232, it is your reference in your statement in the first	4	Q. Can I ask why? It seems we mustn't use hindsight
5	line of paragraph 84. It is a letter to a detective	5	here but you must have thought that your key witness in
6	chief superintendent	6	the Swiss criminal prosecution, the man who had provided
7	A. Got it.	7	you with the details of where in your view the money was
8	Q at the economic crime directorate. It is a long	8	laundered from the fraud that occurred, that led to
9	letter from Brown Rudnick, who is a law firm who	9	Mr Magnitsky's death. Why he doesn't get that level of
		10	attention and advice that others do, like Mr Pastukhov
10	represent you? A. Yes.	11	and other employees?
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12	Q. The letter is dated 20 January 2012, the threats issue	13	A. Because he was not a member — he was not a member of my
13	I think are dealt with from page 240 onwards. So there		team. He was operating independently for his own
14	are two headings, "Death threats made to cell phones in	14	reasons and we had a confluence of interests where he
15	London" and then another heading "Acts of intimidation	15	provided information which was useful to our campaign
16	in the United Kingdom". Do you see that?	16	but we were doing what was useful to his agenda. And
17	A. Yes, I do.	17	I didn't view him as being a person who I had
18	Q. This is an example, is it, of where you are bringing to	18	responsibility for, nor could I control, nor was
19	the attention of the police problems you are having?	19	a member of my team in any way.
20	A. Yes, although if you look at the so there were	20	Q. But it would have cost you nothing, wouldn't it, to have
21	certain police we brought issues of physical safety to,	21	raised the issue with the English police?
22	which is SO15, the anti-terrorist unit of Scotland Yard.	22	MS HILL: Sir, I am loathe to raise again but there have
23	If you look on page 232 at the heading, this is	23	been quite a few questions along this line. I think my
24	a request for investigation of the serious organised	24	client has answered as best he can why he made decisions
25	crime investigation of serious organised crime,	25	that he did but I am concerned that the questioning is
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2	received with what Mr Perepilichnyy received.	2	what degree of threats, compared to him?
3	Can you give us an idea of the volume of threats and	3	A. Sir, I have been at odds with the Russian government for
4	their nature to make that comparison?	4	a decade and I have received I or people working for
5	A. Sure.	5	me have received dozens of threats but we have been at
6	So we have received, either myself or my colleagues,	6	it for a lot longer than this situation that
7	various types of death threats which have come from via	7	Perepilichnyy was involved in.
8	SMS, voicemail, email, we have received indications of	8	Q. Can I just show you Mr A's statement, if I may. There
9	plots to kidnapping plots. And, of course, the Russian	9	is a point of clarification. I think Mr A was
10	authorities have also used their own legal measures to	10	originally, I think in the history of the inquest, he
11	try to have me and other members of my team extradited	11	was originally the witness the original coroner was
12	or arrested and sent back to Russia where they can then	12	hoping to call but for various reasons you ended up
13	carry on doing the types of things that they want to do	13	standing in the shoes of the Hermitage group
14	to us in Russia.	14	A. Could you just tell me which bundle.
15	Q. It might be said that the kind of threats that	15	Q. Of course, yes, it is in bundle 4.3, tab 63, page 919.
16	Mr Perepilichnyy was put under, the ones you have	16	A. Bundle 4.3.
17	identified, are pretty low-grade threats: there is	17	Q. 4.3.
18	something that occurs in a country that he is not	18	A. Tell me again.
19	a resident in any longer; a hit list which he appears to	19	Q. 4.3, tab 63, page 919.
20	downplay, at least initially and I think Mr A, one of	20	A. Yes, this is the witness statement?
21	your employees said he downplay it as well; and the	21	THE CORONER: Yes.
22	other is a meeting with a lawyer who may be representing	22	MR SKELTON: Do you have that?
23	some of the parties in the criminal proceedings and may	23	A. This the witness statement to the police. Yes, I do.
24	be trying to make contact with a view to somehow	24	Q. Yes, this is his statement to the police on
25	ameliorating those proceedings in Switzerland.	25	8 March 2013?
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3	today, which is he did say it was something more than	3	Questions from MS HILL
4	that. Now this is written	4	MS HILL: Mr Browder, I would just like to ask you a few
5	A. I would rely on this because what I am saying is	5	questions now if I may about some of the Skype messages
6	secondhand recollection	6	to see if you can help assist the learned coroner in
7	Q. This is more likely to be accurate?	7	understanding some of the background to what they might
8	A. Yes, that's correct.	8	suggest.
9	MR SKELTON: Thank you.	9	You have given some evidence about how in the early
10	THE CORONER: Before we go on, can I just ask you one thing.	10	part of 2011 you initiated a Swiss criminal complaint;
11	You mentioned the topic of murders towards the start	11	is that right?
12	of your evidence. Obviously if somebody is shot in the	12	A. That's correct.
13	street or at their door and dies, well that is pretty	13	Q. Is this correct, that one of your employees has been
14	straightforward. But just some other examples I just	14	through all of the Skype messages and has distilled
15	want to inject a note of caution are not quite as	15	about five discrete parts of those messages that he
16	straightforward as that, are they? There is one I know	16	thinks are significant?
17	that you give about someone who might have been thrown	17	A. Yes, that's correct.
18	from a height or that is what someone said, someone else	18	Q. Do you understand that one of those tranches of
19	said he was trying to haul a sofa up and so on.	19	communications begins in the spring of 2011 and appears
20	A. Yes.	20	to show Mr Perepilichnyy in discussion with his lawyer?
21	THE CORONER: Which is really I mean there are two	21	A. Yes. There is a discussion with his lawyer.
22	schools of thought about that one and there is no way of	22	Q. Can I ask you perhaps, and the learned coroner, to turn
23	really resolving that, is there.	23	up bundle 8.1, beginning at page 146.
24	A. Well thankfully that one - what you are referring to is	24	A. One second, we are just getting the bundle.
25	another lawyer of us who didn't die, thankfully, he is	25	Bundle 8.1, got you. Yes.
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2	right?	2	questions which will lead to further questions, for
3	A. That's correct.	3	example the Magnitsky case became known in
4	Q. Then again, perhaps the learned coroner at some point	4	December 2008."
5	will read but there an exchange that continues over	5	This is understood, is this right, Mr Browder, to be
6	a few pages. You can see for example turning over the	6	an exchange between Mr Perepilichnyy and his lawyer?
7	page there is a highlighted part where a person that is	7	A. Yes.
8	speaking says, "This is an absolutely incredible	8	Q. What do you understand bearing in mind your knowledge of
9	situation". Do you see that?	9	the chronology of events around this time, which is the
10	A. Yes, I see it.	10	middle of May 2011, these exchanges related to?
11	Q. The learned coroner can read these exchanges in due	11	A. So the in January 2011 Hermitage filed criminal
12	course. I think where this particular exchange ends, if	12	complaint about money laundering in relation to
13	one looks at the bottom of I hope it is 149, do you	13	Stepanov's money and the criminal complaint was based on
14	see there are some exchanges that say this, in the	14	documents provided by Vladen Stepanov I am sorry, by
15	middle of the page:	15	Alexander Perepilichnyy and. So, as I understand it,
16	"What you say can easily be transformed into the	16	the Swiss authorities froze the Stepanov accounts and
17	following scheme. Stepanov sent money from his illegal	17	they also started looking into where the money came from
18	activities and legalised in the form of strange	18	and then began to ask Alexander Perepilichnyy to provide
19	agreements with Baikonur which he was not going to	19	information and evidence.
20	keep."	20	And this is him and his lawyer, as far as I can
21	Then there are further exchanges:	21	tell, just trying to come up with a narrative of what
22	"This was his doing not yours, you didn't know about	22	they are going to tell the Swiss prosecutor so that
23	this at all. You invested with him in real estate."	23 24	Stepanov is the one who stays in trouble and they don't
24	And then "Alex", at the bottom of 149, appears to	25	get into trouble for having been the source of that
25	say:	23	money from Russia to Stepanov.
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2	person accused of stealing money then possibly in Russia	2	please at the bottom of 157 where it appears at the
3	they will consider me as his accomplice."	3	bottom of 157 that the person whose Skype address is
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1	that they have to then pay money to the law enforcement	1	A. I do, yes.
2	authorities in Russia to avoid criminal liability in	2	Q. There is then it seems, if you look on the time, that
3	Russia, which will then cost them more money.	3	was a message sent at 6.38. There is then no message at
4	Q. Thank you.	4	all until gone 10.00, so perhaps there is a meeting that
5	The second of the exchanges that your employee chose	5	takes place, is that what you understand has happened
6	to highlight begins I think at page 195. Again the	6	here, a meeting in person has taken place at the
7	learned coroner can read this in due course but at the	7	airport?
8	foot of 195, you can see an outgoing Skype that says,	8	A. That is what it looks like.
9	"Good afternoon Andrei, this is Alexander".	9	Q. There are then discussions between Mr Perepilichnyy and
10	A. I have, "Good afternoon, Alexander".	10	someone else, he says:
11	THE CORONER: I've got that right down the bottom.	11	"I spoke with a lawyer, there are no questions
12	MS HILL: Bottom of 195.	12	regarding Stepanov. He advised not to mention Browder,
13	A. Got it.	13	at least not for now."
14	Q. It says:	14	And, over the page, I think towards the end of this
15	"Good afternoon, Andrei, this is Alexander."	15	tranche of communications on 205, it appears at the top
16	It is 4 September 2011, do you see that?	16	of 2005, "News RU com", that is the person understood to
17	A. Yes.	17	be Mr Pavlov by you, he says:
18	Q. I don't know if you have an understanding of which	18	"I've got your point, I am preparing a draft of your
19	Andrei this is said to be?	19	letter. I will send it to you tonight. One more
20	A. This is Andrei Pavlov.	20	question, this letter will trigger reaction from mass
21	Q. That is what you understand to be the case?	21	media, will you be ready to say a couple of words to
22	A. That's correct.	22	confirm the contents of the letter without going into
23	Q. If you look over the page, please, on 196, does the	23	detail in case they call you?"
24	person you understand to be Mr Pavlov, the lawyer of the	24	Do you understand what these exchanges suggest?
25	KOCG you have heard, you have said, say this in the	25	A. I believe that Pavlov was asking Perepilichnyy to come
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1	middle of page 196:	1	up with a new narrative on what this money was all about
2	"I believe it would be right to share ideas [to	2	to try to exonerate Stepanov and he wanted him to make
3	Alexander]. I would like to tell you in detail about	3	representations to the mass media, and I believe he also
4	some criminal cases under investigation and the general	4	wanted him to make representations to the Swiss
5	situation. I would also like to discuss your	5	authorities.
6	preferences this way. Believe me, it is easier to	6	Q. You understood from these exchanges that Pavlov was
7	communicate in person."	7	going to prepare something in writing for
8	They discuss meeting in Cannes or somewhere else.	8	Mr Perepilichnyy to use?
9	Then this person says:	9	A. That's correct.
10	"The only thing I ask is not to put it off."	10	Q. Potentially in relation to the Swiss authorities,
11	Do you see that?	11	potentially in relation to the media generally. Were
12	A. Yes.	12	there any other proceedings that this letter might have
13	Q. Then again the learned coroner can read this but there	13	related to that were live at that time?
14	are various discussions over the pages about whether to	14	A. The only other proceeding was a case that Stepanov
15	meet in Zurich or elsewhere and it looks as if	15	brought against the opposition politician,
16	eventually an agreement is reached to meet at Zurich	16	Alexei Navalny, for libel.
17	Airport. You can see on 202 there are discussions about	17	Q. In Russia?
18	where to meet at the airport and on 204 it looks as if	18	A. In Russia, in relation to the movie, our movie, our
19	Alexander is the person saying, you know, "Exactly where	19	YouTube movie that Alexei Navalny put on his blog and he
20	are you?"	20	was being sued by Stepanov and Stepanov was hoping to
21	"Alexander: exactly where are you?"	21	have ammunition in that lawsuit as well.
22	That is the foot of 203 and then it says:	22	Q. Those proceedings were running in tandem chronologically
23	"I am sitting in Starbucks in an orange jacket,	23	were they with the Swiss proceedings?
24	where are you?"	24	A. They were.
25	That is on 204, do you see that?	25	Q. So throughout this time in 2011?
23	That is on 201, do you see that:	-	
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1	A. Yes.	1	A. This seems to be connected to the meeting at
2	Q. Just briefly then the third exchange is 2 November 2011,	2	Heathrow Airport.
3	that I think begins at page 479.	3	Q. The fourth and fifth threads I think can be taken
4	A. Is there another book	4	together, if you look, please, at page 491. At the top,
5	Q. It is in bundle 8.2, I think it is the same file	5	please, of page 491, do you see again the person you
6	actually, it is just called 8.2. Is that right?	6	understand to be Mr Pavlov saying to Mr Perepilichnyy:
7	Sorry, mine are all in one file.	7	"Alexander, the results of the interrogation of your
8	It is a different file, forgive me, it is 8.2.	8	employee are very bad. There is a resentment towards
9	A. What page number?	9	him because he explicitly evaded the answers, you
10	Q. Page 479, please, it is quite a short exchange.	10	shouldn't have done that. The investigator was given
11	Do you see in the middle of the page on 479, the	11	written instructions from the number 1 and his deputy to
12	person who is understood to be Mr Pavlov says:	12	develop your case. If you do show up for an
13	"Good afternoon, please call me at your convenience.	13	
			interrogation there is a real risk for you of being
14	Hello Alexander do you want to talk in person or via	14	accused and detending [I think if you look at the other
15	Skype. If you would like to talk in person I am on my	15	translation that is 'detain'] you at the border. The
16	way now from Nice to London, tonight I am taking a mini	16	meeting on the case and interim report will be held in
17	vacation"	17	a week. Now the investigator is getting the search
18	There are then discussion about meeting up, is that	18	warrants in the court. It seems to me that you need to
19	right?	19	discuss it with the person who introduced us distantly."
20	A. Yes.	20	Alexander says:
21	Q. In fact forgive me the initial call comes from	21	"Unfortunately I didn't control the interrogation of
22	Mr Perepilichnyy:	22	the employer, I had no idea what was discussed there."
23	"Good afternoon, please call me."	23	Further down:
24	Then he says, "Hello Alexander".	24	"I would like to resolve the matter by any means
25	One can see over the page in this tranche of	25	including, excluding coming to interrogation as the
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1	communication, the bottom of 481, there is discussion	1	risks are really high."
2	about exactly where to meet at the airport. This is at	2	Do you see that?
3	Heathrow:	3	A. I do.
4	"If you take your passport with you I can arrange	4	Q. Over the page he says, Mr Perepilichnyy says, if you
5	a ticket for you to the airside."	5	look on 492:
6	481, do you see that?	6	"Is there a possibility to postpone issuing searches
7	A. Yes.	7	and warrants until we are clear on the matter?"
8	Q. That is understood, is it, to be someone speaking to	8	The person you understand to be Mr Pavlov says:
9	Mr Perepilichnyy?	9	"Alexander, I can find out some things for you but
10	A. That's correct.	10	I'm not communicating directly with the guys."
11	Q. Finally to end this chain of communication, if you look	11	What do you understand that exchange to reflect,
12	please at 483, does it appear that what is being said	12	Mr Browder?
13	is:	13	A. Basically that they are now in a negotiation in which
14	"I would like to propose to coordinate our actions	14	Pavlov is telling him that his colleagues in law
15	on Switzerland."	15	enforcement are going to charge him in a criminal manner
16	Do you see that?	16	and Perepilichnyy is trying to negotiate the
17	A. Yes, I see that.	17	postponement of that, subject to whatever they can agree
18	Q. What do you understand in broad terms this chain of	18	on, so that it doesn't happen.
19	communication reflects?	19	Q. You understood this exchange in particular to relate to
		20	the possibility of Mr Pavlov being involved in
20	A. That Pavlov is trying to get Perepilichnyy to put in	20 21	
21	some type of statement to the Swiss authorities in		instigating Russian proceedings against
22	relation to the money that has been frozen in the	22	Mr Perepilichnyy; is that right?
23	Stepanov accounts.	23	A. That's correct.
24	Q. Does this seem to be a meeting at Heathrow Airport, that	24	Q. Finally, if you look, please at 501, and again this is
25	seems to be what is clear, is it?	25	timed in late 2011, these exchanges are
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1	in November 2011, mid to late November 2011. At the top	1	Then in the middle of page it says:
2	of 501 Mr Perepilichnyy says:	2	"They want €1 million and they are ready to
3	"This question is as follows, I will need to give	3	positively resolve all matters by the New Year.
4	evidence in Lausanne within a month. I tried to get in	4	"What do you think is meant [says Mr Perepilichnyy]
5	touch with Vlad to coordinate on this matter.	5	by 'positively resolve'? Will they arrange some
6	I couldn't get in touch with him."	6	documents or they promise not to engage people?"
7	What do you think that relates to?	7	Just pausing there, keeping a hand in 516, I think
8	A. It looks like he is saying that he wants to get in touch	8	there is a different translation for that phase, also on
9	with Vladen Stepanov to get their stories straight	9	the other 516, that says:
10	before he goes to meet with the Swiss prosecutors.	10	"Do they promise not to indict people?"
11	Q. The final part of this exchange, please, 512. There is	11	If the learned coroner can see both of those. Over
12	discussion again about the interrogation of one of	12	the page the answer that is given is at the top of 517,
13	Mr Perepilichnyy's employees, that is on page 512?	13	the fixer or intermediary says:
14	A. Yes.	14	"They said both. Documents or people, neither you
15	Q. In the middle of the page it says:	15	nor your relative will be involved."
16	"Who of your relatives was interrogated?	16	On the parallel translation:
17	"Wife's husband."	17	"Neither you nor your relative will be indicted."
18	Is the answer, but corrected at the bottom of the	18	Do you see that?
19	page:	19	A. I do.
20	"Wife's brother was interrogated."	20	Q. Mr Perepilichnyy observes that the amount of money in
21	Do you see that?	21	question is quite expensive as these things go:
22	A. Yes. Yes.	22	"Do you think it is possible to negotiate the price
23	Q. In the middle of the lower half of the page,	23	of the deal and what time is reasonable for them?"
24	Mr Perepilichnyy says:	24	And the answer is:
25	"I was told his actions were interpreted as	25	"They want to resolve it by the New Year. A person
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1	This is total some Time to the	1	abould some to you to give decomments!!
1	an attempt to bribe. This is total crap. I just want	1	should come to you to sign documents."
2	to close the matter as soon as possible. I need	2 3	It continues, but I think that is the end of the passages identified by your employee.
3 4	explicit instructions who and where to go and what to	4	What do you understand, bearing in mind the
5	tell or do, I also need to know the size of gratitude from my side. The longer it takes, the more	5	chronology, these exchanges suggest?
6	misunderstanding, misconceptions et cetera it will	6	A. So Perepilichnyy was due to give evidence in Switzerland
7	cause."	7	in the spring of 2012. They were trying to come up
8	514, last two entries I think, please, he says at	8	with they were trying to stop him from doing that and
9	the top of 514:	9	they opened up a criminal case against him in Russia,
10		10	which was communicated by Andrei Pavlov.
11	"Good morning I would like to ask for deferred payment, 100 to 200 per month since all major accounts	11	Andrei Pavlov, or some other person, put him in
12		12	touch with this man named Ilya, whose job it was to
13	are arrested in Switzerland. Thank you in advance."	13	intermediate a settlement at least with the Russian
13	Do you see that? A. Yes.	14	police to not open a criminal case. The cost of not
15	Q. The final entry I think on 516 that runs over to 517,	15	opening the criminal case was €1 million €1 million
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	16	or \$1 million?
16 17	the learned coroner can read this, incoming: "There is a way of collaboration."	17	Q. I think that is what is said in the statements.
18		18	THE CORONER: Yes, €1 millions.
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2	evidence and there was due to be a confrontation at the	2	exchanges.
3	end of 2012 in which they would bring in both people to	3	THE CORONER: You understand the particular point.
4	give evidence.	4	A. I understand the point you are making if somebody on my
5	Q. I don't think in fairness that counsel to the inquest	5	legal team can remind me to put this into writing.
6	adduced paragraph 87 of your witness statement, but at	6	MS HILL: A final question, Mr Browder, on this topic. Can
7	paragraph 87 you make clear that your understanding from	7	you assist with why it is understood by some that that
8	the documents is that it was 13 September 2012 that	8	Skype address we have been looking at is that of
9	Mr Stepanov was told that there would be that	9	Andrei Pavlov? Can you assist with that?
10	confrontation in light of Mr Perepilichnyy's evidence.	10	A. Can I assist in why
11	Is that right?	11	Q. Why it is understood to be Mr Pavlov?
12	A. That's correct.	12	A. Because, sorry
13	THE CORONER: He was due to give evidence in spring 2012, he	13	Q. I don't want to read the address out for obvious reasons
14	did give evidence?	14	but if you look at the first of the exchanges in the
15	A. Yes.	15	second thread, you will look please in the middle of
16	THE CORONER: Was a criminal case launched or not launched?	16	page 196 and 195, where at the bottom of 195
17	A. I don't know.	17	Mr Perepilichnyy speaks to somebody and says, "Good
18	MS HILL: I think, sir, if it helps, at paragraph 87 of	18	afternoon, Andrei".
19	Mr Browder's witness statement he refers to a document	19	That Skype address that begins with a N is
20	that you may be shown in due course that illustrates	20	understood by some to be Andrei Pavlov. Can you help
21	Mr Stepanov being told that there would be what is	21	with how that evidential trail is set?
22	described as a confrontation.	22	A. I
23	THE CORONER: No, no, I meant	23	Q. If you can't please say?
24	A. He is asking is there is a criminal case.	24	A. I can't here and now, but I believe I can get
25	THE CORONER: I am asking there is all this thing about	25	information that would assist in that. In the same
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1	pay the million and so on, and as you say he is due to	1	context as what I promised the coroner.
2	give evidence in spring 2012. In fact he does give	2	Q. Some material has been submitted to the court on this
3	evidence, notwithstanding this, he does give evidence in	3	issue but you personally cannot help with it right now,
4	spring 2012, you have said but I was just asking you and	4	is that right?
5	as a result did a criminal case follow, was the threat	5	A. That's correct.
6	followed through and there was a criminal case against	6	MS HILL: Thank you.
7	him, but you don't know?	7	Thank you, sir.
8	MS HILL: Against Mr Perepilichnyy?	8	THE CORONER: Thank you.
9	THE CORONER: Yes.	9	Questions from MR MOXON BROWNE
10	A. Actually, I don't want to speculate too much.	10	MR MOXON BROWNE: Mr Browder, while it is still fresh in our
11	THE CORONER: Well don't speculate at all. Do you know?	11	minds, the last block of Skype messages that you have
12	A. I have some knowledge but I don't have confident	12	been referred to, I think is open to the interpretation
13	knowledge to bring as evidence.	13	that Mr Perepilichnyy is looking to make an instalment
14	THE CORONER: All right.	14	offer for the money that is being asked of him
15	Can you get more confident knowledge?	15	A. Yes.
16	A. Yes, I can, if you wanted to	16	Q would you agree with that?
17	THE CORONER: Something we could look at and show us.	17	A. Yes.
18	A. Maybe we could submit a further witness statement,	18	Q. I believe, I do not have it open in front of me but
19	because I believe that I won't say.	19	I believe what he is suggesting is 200 or 300. Can you
20	THE CORONER: You think there may be, as it were, things you	20	help us as to what 300,000 roubles might amount to?
21	could look at or a document you could adduce?	21	A. I am sorry, I am not sure I understand there is
22	A. Yes, no problem.	22	a reference to \$100,000 and \$200,000 in this Skype
23	MS HILL: If it helps you, sir, you will hear evidence as to	23	Q. Is it dollars?
24	why there are no more Skype messages that might have	24	A. This is dollars. There is no 300 that I saw here but
25	assisted, so there are no more Skype messages that can	25	that may be
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1 Q. Yes, the documents that Mr Perepilichnyy brought to you Q. Sorry, I am not hearing. 2 2 included bank statements from Credit Suisse for both A. I don't see "300" in this document. He is looking for 3 3 an instalment of 100 or 200 in these Skype documents, Quartel and Baikonur? 4 I didn't see 300. 4 A. That's correct. 5 Q. 100 or 200, is that dollars or roubles? 5 Q. You have seen, and there are indeed in our bundles of 6 documents, evidence that very substantial payments were 6 A. That is dollars. I am, sorry, so they said €1 million, 7 7 made out to Mr Stepanov, who you have identified as the and he is looking to do two possible -- he is 8 8 husband of the person in charge of Moscow tax office negotiating. There are two possible things he is trying 9 9 number 28 who authorised the refund? to do, one is to reduce the overall size and second, 10 because he has his money frozen in Switzerland, is to 10 A. That's correct. 11 Q. I think there were also payments in favour of someone 11 reduce the or break it down into instalments and he is 12 offering 100 to 200 per month or something like that. 12 called Ms Sareva(?) and Ms Amisimova(?), I may get the 13 pronunciation wrong. Do you recognise any of those 13 Q. What I want to get at, it may be you cannot help, is 14 what is the amount he offering by way of an instalment? 14 15 A. €100,000 to €200,000. 15 A. Those people were deputies of Mrs Stepanov in the tax 16 Q. Yes, rather than roubles, you think? 16 office number 28. 17 17 Q. The evidence that you had, amongst a great deal no doubt A. That's correct. 18 18 of other evidence, was that Mr Perepilichnyy's company, THE CORONER: Does it actually give a currency in that? 19 A. No, but it is obvious from the context that if he has 19 Baikonur, was being used to make payments not just to 20 20 Mr and Mrs Stepanov but also to those more lowly been asked for 1 million, he is trying to reduce it, so 21 would be absurd to say can I pay you --21 22 22 A. That's correct, they were making payments, hundreds of THE CORONER: He certainly is not increasing it? 23 23 A. It would also be absurd to say, "Can I pay you \$6,000 thousands of dollars of payments in order to purchase 24 a month" for the €1 million. 24 luxury condominiums --25 MR MOXON BROWNE: Well he might, I suppose. 25 Q. In Dubai and elsewhere? Page 167 Page 165 1 THE CORONER: Anyway the figures, we have them there, 1 A -- in Duhai 2 haven't we, we can see them. 2 Q. Yes, now I think either the coroner or Mr Skelton was 3 3 A. That is for you to decide, I can give you my opinion as asking you whether it was possible that Mr Perepilichnyy 4 4 might have made these payments without knowledge of the 5 MR MOXON BROWNE: If we can just go back to the alleged 5 likely or allegedly criminal source of the money, but 6 fraud in Russia. You mentioned. I think, that 6 here you have not just the Stepanovas but also the 7 Mr Pavlov, Mr Andrei Pavlov was involved in that as 7 assistants. 8 a lawyer. I think in fact you believe that he was the 8 I think this is something that you have dealt with 9 lawyer who actually organised the court cases that 9 in different contexts but what sort of salaries would 10 produced the debts that produced the tax refund? 10 ladies of that kind be earning? 11 A. That's correct, Andrei Pavlov showed up either there 11 A. They would earn \$20,000 a year or something of that 12 were a number of court cases around Russia to generate 12 magnitude. 13 fictitious liabilities and Andrei Pavlov, his name is on 13 Q. I would suggest to you that those order of sums of money 14 14 to ordinary salaried tax officials would of itself the documents either as the attorney representing our 15 stolen companies in which he pleads guilty or as the 15 perhaps raise an eyebrow? 16 attorney for the plaintiff companies in different 16 A. It should raise lots of eyebrows. 17 proceedings. 17 Q. Yes. Those payments are made, you have a substantial 18 18 In other proceedings we also have evidence that period of checking in order to be sure that you are not 19 Andrei Pavlov, while he was a defence attorney was 19 being conned --20 instructing the prosecuting attorneys on what to do in 20 A. Yes. 21 21 the court, so he was playing on both different sides. Q. -- by those documents but when you are satisfied, you 22 Q. Your suggestion that he was involved is perhaps 22 take them to the Swiss authorities, in particular 23 23 an understatement? initially to the Attorney General and we have seen 24 A. He was the central figure in creating the mechanism to 24 a very, very detailed letter in which you set out how it 25 25 do the \$230 million tax refund. all happened, you say, plus exhibits. And as is your --

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1	one of the techniques you use as part of your campaigns,	1	MR SKELTON: Sorry, sir, can I just clarify perhaps with
2	all that information was placed on the net?	2	Mr Moxon Browne, I know he likes giving evidence but
3	A. It was placed on RussianUntouchables.com.	3	every document in the first tab under bundle 1 refers to
4	Q. Russian Untouchables, which was a website of yours.	4	Mr Perepilichnyy, is that your submission.
5	Resulting perhaps from that publicity, Mr Stepanov	5	MR MOXON BROWNE: No, of course it is not. Every document
6	seeks to put his side of it, publicly, and he does so in	6	under tab 1 precedes the date of Mr Perepilichnyy's
7	the form of an open letter that we have heard about to	7	death
8	Mr Navalny?	8	MR SKELTON: Yes.
9	A. That's correct.	9	MR MOXON BROWNE: and every one of those documents in one
10	Q. You have told us that Mr Navalny is very well known as	10	way or another is part of Mr Perepilichnyy's footprint.
11	a political opponent of Mr Putin?	11	A lot of it relates to the activities of his companies
12	A. That's correct.	12	which were themselves published as being associated with
13	Q. Would "dissident" be the right word?	13	Mr Perepilichnyy. All one has to do, with great respect
14	A. You could use that word.	14	is to look at the documents, rather than arguing about
15	Q. How is Mr Navalny these days, is he in good health?	15	it in open court.
16	A. He was attacked recently and blinded in one eye with	16	MR SKELTON: Sir, I have counted three documents referring
17	chemicals in one of his campaign rallies.	17	to Mr Perepilichnyy. For reference.
18	Q. He was attacked with chemicals and blinded in one eye?	18	MR MOXON BROWNE: Yes.
19	A. Yes.	19	I am not going it take up time with that.
20	Q. Has anyone been charged or is accused of that crime?	20	If we can move forward a little, in May 2011, there
21	A. No.	21	was a discussion between Mr Perepilichnyy and his lawyer
22	Q. Just after that, and we are talking now May, the date of	22	in Russia about explanations that might be given for the
23	the article, you placed the Barron's article, "Stepanov	23	money movements that had now been widely publicised?
24	swings back", with the open letter, on the Russian	24	A. Yes.
25	Untouchables website?	25	Q. You have been referred to those. It is a matter for the
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2	exculpate them both?	2	point us to it, that is one thing, but asking him if
3	A. Yes, I am not an expert on understanding their	3	things have occurred to him, that is not going to help
4	intentions but what I can say for sure is it looked like	4	me at all, is it?
5	he was trying to extract himself from criminal	5	MR MOXON BROWNE: Perhaps in a tribunal where there is a bit
6	liability.	6	more time and leisure
7	Q. Well the coroner will look at it, but I am suggesting	7	THE CORONER: I am not sure however much time or leisure we
8	that as a possibility.	8	have it would help much.
9	There has been a lot of talk and material coming	9	MR MOXON BROWNE: But we have to get on with it.
10	from Surrey Police and some media comment to the effect	10	THE CORONER: Well no, even if we didn't have to get on with
11	that Mr Perepilichnyy was a whistleblower who was	11	it, I am not sure it would help me very much just to
12	assisting the Swiss police, the Swiss banking	12	know whether it had occurred to him.
13	authorities. Of course he didn't give the documents to	13	MR MOXON BROWNE: That was perhaps a preamble to the
14	the Swiss, he gave them to you, didn't he?	14	question of whether you are aware of Mr Perepilichnyy
15	A. He gave them to us but I should say is that he gave them	15	doing a deal with anyone that, in exchange for some
16	to us and before we filed those documents, we asked him	16	benefit, he would
17	for his approval and his permission, which he gave us.	17	THE CORONER: You see the trouble with that, if he is not
18	Q. Yes, I didn't want to suggest otherwise.	18	aware, that is just floating a theory, isn't it, which
19	In doing so, at least to some extent there may be	19	then
20	differences as to what the extent was he put himself	20	MR MOXON BROWNE: I just want to know whether he has or not.
21	in obvious danger, you believe?	21	A. I don't.
22	A. Yes.	22	THE CORONER: You haven't, there we are.
23	Q. But he also put himself in a position, it was pretty	23	MR MOXON BROWNE: Thank you.
24	certain, that he was going to suffer financial	24	The use of the word "gratitude", as it has been
25	consequences because the documents showed so clearly	25	translated in the Skypes of the autumn of 2011, means in
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1	that his accounts in Switzerland were being used to, for	1	this context "bribe", doesn't it?
2	the passage of these monies.	2	A. That is how I read it.
3	So two things can happen, he might be the subject of	3	MS HILL: I couldn't hear that, I am sorry.
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2	Q. Have you or your organisation done any independent	2	MS HILL: We had understood, based on page 260, I think it's
3	enquiries into where he stayed or who he stayed with?	3	at bundle 5 that there was also another booking for
4	A. We filed a complaint with the French police to open	4	another hotel but perhaps my learned friend and I can
5	a criminal investigation into Perepilichnyy's death.	5	discuss this.
6	Q. Right. As far as you are aware, you have no direct	6	MS BARTON: We can.
7	evidence of where he stayed?	7	Just for your note, sir, at volume 1, page 114 and
8	A. No, that is not true. I am aware of where he stayed.	8	at page 119, the assertion of two hotels is in newspaper
9	Q. Right.	9	articles on the Guardian and the Observer.
10	Are you aware of where the assertion that he booked	10	THE CORONER: You will kindly have a check.
11	two hotels comes from?	11	MR SKELTON: Sir, may we have a short break?
12	A. It comes from his credit card records.	12	THE CORONER: Yes, of course.
13	Q. In fact what comes from his credit card records is set	13	(4.19 pm)
14	out at bundle 9, page 238, which is that he registered	14	(A short adjournment)
15	in the Hotel Bristol with his own three credit cards in	15	(4.46 pm)
16	his own name and with his own passport?	16	THE CORONER: Mr Skelton, it has just gone 4.45. It has
17	A. Yes.	17	been a long day for everyone and for you, Mr Browder.
18	Q. Yes.	18	I am conscious of that.
19	The assertion, insofar as the evidence in this case	19	I just think 6.00 is really as late as we will go.
20	is concerned, that is available to the coroner, that	20	As I have said before, if we finish all well and good
21	there were two hotels, comes from either the Guardian	21	but and I am grateful to everybody for their
22	newspaper or the Observer. Do you have some other	22	cooperation everyone has to have that reasonable
23	evidence?	23	opportunity to explore matters and they will have that.
24	A. I would have to go look back at the I would have to	24	If we have not finished by 6.00 we will have to find
25	answer that question at some point in the future. I do	25	another slot to finish off. If we have, all well and
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1	not have it off the top of my head.	1	good. But there we are.
2	Q. Have you disclosed the relevant evidence in your	2	Is it you next, Mr Beggs?
3	possession to this court?	3	MR BEGGS: Sir, it is, yes.
4	A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.	4	Questions from MR BEGGS
5	Q. Yes. We don't have that evidence, so does that mean you	5	MR BEGGS: Mr Browder, can I first ask you please about some
6	don't have that evidence, Mr Browder?	6	of your team, as you have described them. Ivan
7	A. Either well, we will have to go back and look at what	7	Cherkasov, is he an employee?
8	evidence we have and make sure that we have provided all	8	A. Yes.
9	the evidence.	9	Q. Is he a trusted confident of yours?
10	Q. Yes. Because what you are doing, Mr Browder, is using	10	A. Yes.
11	newspaper articles to make factual assertions, aren't	11	Q. You would say he is a reliable witness, would you?
12	you?	12	A. Yes.
13	A. Is that a question?	13	Q. Vadim Kleiner, is he an employee or a lawyer or
14	THE CORONER: I think it is.	14	A. He is an employee.
15	Will you go and check what you have got because	15	Q. Again, reliable, trusted?
16	obviously if, this may be why Mr Skelton was asking you	16	A. Yes. Yes.
17	at the start just to be careful about what you know from	17	Q. And Olga Bishof, I know she is a lawyer with
18	your own knowledge, because otherwise these things just	18	Brown Rudnick, is that someone in whom you have reposed
19	get recycled and we don't know the basis for anything.	19	trust and confidence?
20	One newspaper prints something and then you say it and	20	A. Yes.
21	another newspaper prints and you have said it and we	21	Q. If you would turn, please, to paragraph 90 of your
22	need to know	22	November 2015 statement.
23	A. I understand, but I don't think that is the basis for	23	A. Is this in bundle 4, volume 1?
24	this information.	23	Q. 4.3 I am told.
25	THE CORONER: Remember the other thing	25	C. 4.3 Fam told. Thank you.
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1	Tab 56.	1	suspicious circumstances might have been necessitated by
2	A. Got it.	2	removing them as witnesses or something like that?
3	Q. You refer at paragraph 90 to the significant	3	A. Well, in the case of basically in order for the
4	ramifications for Hermitage if it transpired that	4	well the Klyuev crime group, in order to cover up the
5	Mr Perepilichnyy had been murdered. Do you see?	5	fraud, found various different scapegoats in this case
6	A. Could you just point me to the paragraph?	6	for example Mr Korobeinikov was named as the owner of
7	Q. Yes, certainly, it is the paragraph 90, internal	7	Universal Savings Bank instead of Dmitry Klyuev, but he
8	pagination 24 and the third line:	8	couldn't testify to the alternative because he was dead
9	"If he had been killed, the ramifications for those	9	at the time that that supposed that that allegation
10	at Hermitage were very serious."	10	was made or that issue was discussed by the Russian
11	A. I apologise, I am just trying	11	police.
12	THE CORONER: That is all right. Are you on paragraph 90?	12	Q. To go back to my question, I think you might have been
13	A. I am in paragraph 90. Does it start, "Because of the	13	agreeing with me that one of your theories is that they
14	whistleblowing"?	14	had been removed as potential witnesses?
15	THE CORONER: That is it.	15	A. Or became scapegoats so witnesses or scapegoats.
16	If you go down I have now lost it, I had it there	16	
		17	Q. When they are dead they are definitely not going to be
17	a minute ago.		witnesses, are they?
18	There we are, it is in the third line, "If he had	18	A. Nor can they rebut the allegations that they committed
19	been killed" and then into the fourth, " the	19	a crime.
20	ramifications"	20	Q. Rebut, of course. So a good time before
21	Do you see that bit?	21	Mr Perepilichnyy arrives on the scene as
22	A. Yes, I see that. Yes, indeed.	22	a whistleblower, as you have described him, you and your
23	MR BEGGS: Then by way of further context for that	23	organisation is on very clear notice as to what might
24	proposition, Mr Browder, you refer to three people	24	happen to potential witnesses, they may be removed?
25	connected to the tax fraud who had died in suspicious	25	A. Yes.
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1	circumstances.	1	Q. Your organisation had access to top flight lawyers,
2	A. That's correct.	2	didn't you?
3	Q. I think you recall those three individuals, one of them	3	A. We did.
4	was Octai Gasanov, I think he died around	4	Q. Not just Brown Rudnick, a reputable firm, an American
5	about October 2007, is that right?	5	firm based amongst other places in England, London, but
6	A. That's correct.	6	you had access to top flight lawyers around the globe
7	Q. And then Valery Kurochkin forgive any of my	7	wherever you needed them?
8	mispronunciations April 2008 or thereabouts?	8	A. Yes.
9	A. I believe so, but I am not sure.	9	Q. Top flight lawyers giving you top flight advice?
10	Q. And Semyon Korobeinikov, some time in 2008?	10	A. Most of the time.
11	A. Yes.	11	Q. Maybe present company excepted but there we are, the
12	Q. Mr Perepilichnyy first met up with your organisation in	12	point is this, that you were on notice as to the
13	the summer of please correct me if I am wrong	13	possible outcome for potential witnesses, three of them
14	2010?	14	had died mysteriously. You had top flight lawyers and
15	A. That's correct.	15	I suggest to you that it followed that anyone that might
16	Q. So by the summer of 2010, your stance is that you had	16	be able to give evidence to support Hermitage's attempts
17	already had three personnel die as you put it in	17	to recover the money, the defrauded money, it follows
18	suspicious circumstances, concerned with this fraud?	18	that you would appreciate that high quality records were
19	A. Sorry, just to make it clear, these individuals were not	19	evidentially crucial?
1.7	my personnel	20	A. I am sorry, there was a mistake made in your
	my personner	21	
20	O. No. Lundaretand	41	presentation.
20 21	Q. No, I understand.		The numbers there was no Hermitege didn't !
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2	A because that was the basis for which Sergei Magnitsky	2	organisation, correct?
3	was killed. And so this was not a commercial exercise.	3	A. Yes.
4	Q. So the exercise to trace the recipients or beneficiaries	4	Q. It is in August of 2010, yes?
5	of the fraud was going to be benefited by good record	5	A. Yes.
6	keeping in the light of the demise of certain potential	6	Q. You come to make this statement more than five years
7	witnesses?	7	later; is that right?
8	A. I am sorry, I don't understand that.	8	A. Let me look at the date, but yes, let's see.
9	Q. You don't understand.	9	Q. 11 November 2015.
10	Let me put it more simply. If an explosively	10	A. Yes.
11	valuable witness comes forward I think those were	11	Q. So more than five years later?
12	your very words relating to Mr Perepilichnyy, do you	12	A. Yes.
13	accept he was "explosively valuable"?	13	Q. I think you would accept that for that five-year period,
14	A. I am not sure if I used those exact words but he was	14	you were an extremely busy man?
15	extremely helpful and valuable witness, yes.	15	A. Yes.
16	Q. Yes, so you would naturally wish to capture his evidence	16	Q. You were conducting scores if not hundreds of media
17	in perpetuity, wouldn't you?	17	interviews?
18	A. He gave us evidence and we used it. I don't understand	18	A. Yes.
19	what you are getting at.	19	Q. Yes?
20	Q. Don't worry what I am getting at, because that suggests	20	You wrote a book?
21	you are trying to think ahead to head off my questions.	21	A. Yes.
22	Just answer the question. It would make very good sense	22	Q. Which was highly publicised, and you put lots of
23	to ensure that any information he gave you in any form	23	material on the internet, amongst other activities?
24	was captured for perpetuity, wouldn't it?	24	A. Yes.
25	A. "Was captured for perpetuity", I	25	Q. How does it come that you are able to, with the accuracy
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1	Q. You understand what that means, I think?	1 2	We see with the date, make a statement about
2	A. Yes, but I don't understand what you are getting at.	3	Mr Perepilichnyy's actions and words at that meeting, how do you do that some five and a bit years later?
3	Q. Don't worry about what I am getting at, just answer the	4	
4 5	question.	5	A. Well first of all, as you mentioned, I have been active in many things, including writing a book, and so when
6	A. I don't understand captured — so we took the evidence and we filed it with the police. I don't understand	6	I wrote my book, I also spent some time discussing the
7	where the captured in perpetuity comes from.	7	
8	Q. You would understand, as a highly intelligent	/	
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1	a number of occasions since the meeting happened. It	1	Q. Because if you were concerned about your safety, one
2	was obviously very monumental meeting.	2	small mechanism to inject an element of safety would be
3	Q. You know the process, don't you, that if you keep	3	to have an accurate record of that meeting lest any
4	discussing something over the years, slowly and surely	4	mishap befall any of those present, do you see?
5	over the years an element of Chinese whispers creeps	5	A. That is, you know, that is your statement but
6	into even the best brains, because if you are discussing	6	Q. Yes, I am wondering whether you might agree with it as
7	something, it morphs from one account to a slightly	7	an intelligent, reasonable, experienced litigator?
8	different account, to a slightly different account. You	8	A. We didn't do that.
9	understand that concept?	9	Q. I want to ask you one more time, is it true that
10	A. That didn't happen here, this was a	10	Hermitage, against a backdrop of mysterious deaths,
11	Q. No.	11	including the death of Magnitsky, is it true that nobody
12	Did you not go to the minutes that you took at this	12	kept even the most perfunctory minute of this first
13	first meeting?	13	meeting with Mr Perepilichnyy?
14	A. I didn't I was not at the meeting.	14	A. That is true.
15	Q. No, which is why I asked. Did you go to the minutes	15	Q. And no tape recording either?
16	that Hermitage, either Jamie Firestone or Vadim Kleiner	16	A. That's correct.
17	took of that first meeting?	17	THE CORONER: Sorry, did anybody make a note of the meeting
18	A. There were no minutes.	18	after the meeting?
19	Q. This was a meeting which I think you had the room	19	A. No.
20	scanned for radioactivity, yes?	20	MR BEGGS: Not even after the meeting?
21	A. Yes.	21	A. No.
22	Q. You had ex-special forces guarding the room, you were	22	Q. Is Jamie Firestone a lawyer?
23	very concerned, generally. Are you telling the learned	23	A. Yes.
24	coroner that your highly experienced organisation,	24	Q. Is he English or American?
25	highly experienced in litigation and mysterious deaths,	25	A. American.
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1	are you saying that nobody took a minute of that?	1	Q. Yes, where litigation is even more intense than in this
2	A. Yes.	2	country. Is he an experienced lawyer?
3	Q. Could you explain why nobody took a minute?	3	A. Yes.
4	A. We just didn't take minutes.	4	Q. Doesn't he keep a minute if only for his client, you?
5	Q. Yes. That is to repeat the fact. Why did nobody take	5	A. He didn't at that meeting and I don't know if he does as
6	a minute of what on any view was a highly prepared, very	6	a matter of course.
7	important meeting. So important and of such concern	7	Q. When you say at paragraph 63, "I remember being
8	that you had ex-special forces present?	8	unconvinced". When are you speaking of, what date?
9	A. Because we didn't take minutes, I mean it is I mean,	9	A. So when they came back after the meeting and discussed
10	there is a million different, you know, we were mostly	10	and briefed me, I wasn't convinced that this was
11	concerned about everybody's safety. We didn't know	11	I thought this was some kind of setup, it was just the
12	we had many concerns we meet with lots of different	12	information that he was providing was just too good to
13	people, we don't take minutes in every single meeting.	13	be true.
14	The main issue for us was: is this guy the guy he said	14	Q. But the briefing that they gave you is not in writing?
15	it was? Is he going to cause us harm and does he have	15	A. That's correct.
16	what he promised us in the email?	16	Q. Is nowhere recorded?
17	And that was what we were interested in.	17	A. That's right.
18	Q. Did you keep a tape recording of the meeting?	18	Q. And you don't know when they gave you that briefing?
19	A. No, we did not.	19	A. That was immediately afterwards.
20	Q. Did you deliberately set out not to record the evidence	20	Q. Why didn't you attend the meeting?
21	forthcoming at that meeting?	21	A. Because I didn't want to put myself in directly I'm
22	A. No.	22	the most at risk Hermitage person and so I didn't want
23	Q. Or is the truth that there are minutes or there is	23	to put myself in harm's way.
24	a tape recording and you have not told anybody about it?	24	Q. 66, please. You describe here the difficulty of
25	A. That is not correct.	25	recollecting exactly what was discussed at each and
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4 meetings? A. That's correct. Q. Ahe'th the first meeting where it was too good to be true almost, did you, Mr Firestone, Vadium or somebody else, maybe almoyt rainer at one firm have algibitable moment and say, "Actually, we had better start recording these explosively valuable meetings"? A. No. Q. Never? A. No. Q. Never? A. No. A. Ves, that is my evidence, is it, on outh to this coroner— threat to the life of this whistleblower? A. Yes, that is my evidence on each here in this count. C. A. Yes, that is my evidence on each here in this count. D. A. Ves, that is my evidence on each here in this count. D. A. Woo desi come to be that you have this valuable witness, extremely valuable, to use your words, you have Page 193 Tage 193 Tage 193 Tage 195 I don't consider that a meeting note or whatever you are referring to. Q. Hour day on want to play that evidential card close to your chest? A. No. Q. Dass it come to this, that you or entire statement made more than five years—five and the minishing numbers of years of course because some of the meetings to checking, as it ware, for corroboration or for a particular statement made more than five years—five and the minishing numbers of years of course because some of the meetings to checking, as it that you are riting on those records because you for the device of the decimal five years—five and then diminishing numbers of years of course because some of the meetings to checking, as it ware, for corroboration or some of our page 196 Meeting the statement made now that has a defreat as to. Or he told us, for example, about a property in Dublai and elected as to. Or he told us, for example, about a property in Dublai and elected as to. A this travel. Q. How was a stating on the exame span of the departs of the was a passing around the winters. A. That's correct passing around the winters and the departs of the passing around the more than five years—five and then diminishing numbers of years of course because some of the meetings took place lat	2	I think you suggested, but do correct me if I am	2	a or he told us about a piece of property in Moscow
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5	Let's break that down then, when were you told by	5	Mr Perepilichnyy?
6	the team the matter set out therein?	6	A. I don't think it was an unspecified threat, but
7	A. Some time after the meeting that they got that	7	everything else you said was correct.
8	information.	8	Q. Yes, but they couldn't give you any more detail than you
9	Q. When?	9	put in this?
10	A. I don't know the date.	10	A. That's correct.
11	Q. Does it not concern you that you are unable to give any	11	Q. Nonetheless, despite the manifest lack of detail, it
12	kind of specificity to these matters?	12	doesn't even say whether the death threat comes from
13	A. No.	13	American, Australia, Russia it doesn't even say that,
14	Q. It doesn't concern you?	14	does it?
15	A. No.	15	A. I think it does say that it came, comes from Russia, in
16	Q. This however is not simply invaluable evidence, is it,	16	that it
17	this is evidence, you say, of a death threat, yes?	17	Q. Sorry, where does it say that?
18	A. Yes.	18	A. I don't know, either here or Mr A's witness statement.
19	Q. We can agree, can't we, that a death threat is serious?	19	Q. Well look at paragraph 75, I don't want to catch you out
20	A. Yes.	20	unfairly. Does it say where the death threat emanated
21	Q. Indeed, if your evidence is to be relied upon, this	21	from?
22	invaluable witness, extremely valuable evidence is how	22	A. No, but I think in conjunction with whatever else we
23	you described it, is now telling you that he has had	23	have provided it does because we just discussed it
24	a death thread. It follows, doesn't it, that this	24	earlier in the day in my testimony.
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3	death threat came from, since you have not identified	3	that nobody thought to make even a back of the envelope
4	it?	4	note or a note on their iPad or iPhone or Samsung to the
5	A. It doesn't say here.	5	effect, "There has been a rather unfortunate turn of
6	Q. No. You were not in a rush when you signed this	6	events, we are now told that our valuable witness has
7	statement, were you?	7	suffered a death threat"?
8	A. I don't recall.	8	A. That just not how we operate. You are applying
9	Q. No, you had plenty of time, didn't you?	9	a standard that you as a barrister or a solicitor
10	A. I think so.	10	I am not a barrister or a solicitor.
11	Q. Yes, so why didn't you put any detail there?	11	Q. Am I really? Because even an ordinary member of the
12	A. All I know is that the detail is now fully in the realm	12	public who has a rear end shunt with a car in front of
13	of the coroner's inquest and so I don't know what	13	them will tend to note down things like the name, the
14	reason I don't believe there is any reason I didn't	14	colour of the car, the make of the car, which side the
15	put it in there.	15	road it was and the time. And they are not represented
16	Q. There may be a reason you see. It may be that when you	16	by Brown Rudnick or international lawyers, are they?
17	spoke to Vadim or Pastukhov, that neither of them could	17	A. I don't know.
18	remember either?	18	Q. You see, Mr Browder, I am going to suggest to you that
19	A. That is not correct.	19	your evidence is not entirely frank. That it is
20	Q. If that is not correct, then why isn't there some	20	inconceivable that you have no records of not a single
21	detail, since it is a turn of events, a death threat to	21	bit of any of these 20 meetings.
22	your valuable witness is surely a significant event so	22	A. Well, you can suggest anything you want but your
23	why haven't you put the detail in?	23	suggestion is wrong.
24	A. I think it was in Mr A's witness statement.	24	Q. Although you haven't in fact taken the time to check,
25	Q. This is your witness statement. You are the one giving	25	have you?
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2	Q. Are you able to help this coroner with when	2	the court you might have named him or her. Do you see?
3	Mr Perepilichnyy reported those threats?	3	A. That's correct.
4	A. So the threats that — the threat that I am referring to	4	Q. You didn't know the name of the relative at that time?
5	is the November 2011 threat.	5	A. That's right.
6	Q. Well I am not, I hope, taking a lawyer's point but it	6	Q. That's despite, is it, speaking to Vadim and
7	does say "death threats"?	7	Mr Pastukhov?
8	A. It does.	8	A. That's right.
9	Q. It is perfectly okay if you wish to resile from the	9	Q. Does it follow that they didn't know the name of the
10	plural and revert to the singular, then please say so.	10	relative?
11	A. I am not aware of any other death threat than that	11	A. That's right.
12	threat.	12	I can't say for sure but I think they would have
13	Q. All right, so could the coroner confidently strike	13	told me if they had.
14	through the "S" at the end?	14	Q. Yes. But again, I probably scarcely need ask the
15	A. Yes.	15	question, there wouldn't have been any order to look at,
16	Q. He could.	16	according to you?
17	What you say in 79 is he had blown the whistle on	17	A. That's right.
18	money laundering activities and you are juxtaposing that	18	Q. This event, reference to a hit list, would you accept
19	with your lack of surprise, but what you are saying is	19	that is a dramatic escalation, if your evidence is
20	nobody in the Hermitage organisation thought to record	20	reliable, in relation to this extremely valuable
21	the nature of the threat, whether it was made on the	21	witness?
22	telephone, in person, by letter, by code and so forth.	22	A. Yes.
23	You cannot help with any of those details?	23	Q. Yes. Nonetheless, nobody thought to make a record?
24	A. Well what I can do is, it has been reported in the	24	A. That's right.
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1	threats.	1	in the statement is that Mr Perepilichnyy received the
2	Q. I am hoping that this Inquest will be conducted by	2	dossier, yes?
3	reference to evidence rather than media reporting. Do	3	A. Yes.
4	you see?	4	Q. Do you agree?
5	A. That may be the case, but what I am telling you is that	5	A. Yes.
6	this is not just my memory.	6	Q. Did anyone at Hermitage ask him whether they could take
7	Q. Then paragraph 80, you would accept that this is	7	a copy of the dossier?
8	a significant paragraph in your statement?	8	A. I don't believe they did.
9	A. Yes, this was the paragraph I was referring to when you	9	Q. You don't believe they did?
10	were getting mad at me about the	10	A. No.
11	Q. I am not getting mad, don't worry.	11	Q. Wouldn't that have been the jewel in the crown,
12	A. Anyway, when you were raising your voice about the lack	12	evidentially? To have a copy of the dossier lest the
13	of specificity in paragraph 75, I was then trying to	13	threat in question is carried out, so that you could
14	explain to you that there was more specificity,	14	show courts, whether in Switzerland, England or
15	I thought it was in Mr A's statement but it is actually	15	wherever, just the type of risk that Mr Perepilichnyy
16	in this paragraph.	16	was subject to?
17	THE CORONER: This is what you were referring to?	17	A. Well your statement would have assumed that we knew it
18	A. That's correct.	18	was going to happen.
19	MR BEGGS: Let's just try to work out what you are here	19	Q. Well, when he tells you, that there a hit list and
20	saying. When you gave the statement, you didn't know	20	a dossier, why didn't you ask to have a copy of it?
21	who the relative was?	21	A. I don't know, I wasn't there.
22	A. Sorry, what I am confused about what you're asking	22	Q. No, I appreciate that, but the trusted confidents from
23	me.	23	Hermitage were there?
24	Q. No, I am just asking you that. When you gave this	24	A. I don't know why they didn't.
25	statement, I have inferred that you didn't know the	25	Q. Do you accept that that is surprising to say the least?
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1	A. No.	1	A. No, we also as I mentioned to you, we also have
2	Q. No? I thought you said earlier in your evidence that it	2	a report in the Russian press about this.
3	was Hermitage's style to thoroughly check anything that	3	Q. Why would anybody give credence to reports in the
4	potential witnesses say to you?	4	Russian press?
5	A. No, I said that it was Hermitage's style to thoroughly	5	A. Because it is contemporaneous with my recollection,
6	check any evidence that we were given that we were going	6	which you are questioning.
7	to use in a criminal complaint or any other type of	7	Q. You have no idea who the source of those reports are,
8	public exposure of that information.	8	you have no idea of the political agenda of the reporter
9	Q. What you say is:	9	or the newspaper.
10	"As the team has to challenge every piece of	10	A. What I am saying is that I am making the statement, you
11	information and documentation that was received."	11	are challenging my recollection and I am saying there is
12	In the light of that comment, why didn't one of your	12	a contemporaneous press report saying the same thing.
13	members of staff say:	13	Q. The fact that there is a contemporaneous press report
14	"Look, Alexander, can we have a copy of that	14	proves absolutely nothing, because you don't know the
15	dossier, because it may help us in our ongoing	15	motives behind those who placed the report. You
16	campaign?"	16	understand that, I think?
17	Why not?	17	A. It also doesn't prove your point that my recollection is
18	A. I guess my colleagues didn't think to do it.	18	bad.
19	Q. They are not stupid men are they, far from it?	19	THE CORONER: Do you know how many names were on the list?
20	A. Not at all.	20	A. I do not off the top of my head, my colleagues would
21	Q. They are highly intelligent, aren't they?	21	probably know.
22	A. They are.	22	THE CORONER: It is more than one, it is a list of names?
23	Q. Again, explain to this coroner how highly intelligent	23	A. That's right.
24	men don't ask a basic question that I suspect my 12-year	24	THE CORONER: Did anybody ever ask who else's name was on
25	old daughter might have asked in that situation?	25	the list, so in the sense of who else was at risk?
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1	A. They chose not to. I don't know what their reasoning	1	A. I don't think that that Perepilichnyy was given the
2	was.	2	other names, I think he was given the dossier that the
3	Q. It is surprising, isn't it?	3	police recovered in his apartment which had this
4	A. No.	4	information about his whereabouts in the UK or
5	Q. No? You are saying that on oath as a reasonable honest	5	I should say stale information about his whereabouts in
6	witness to this coroner, it is not surprising they	6	the UK.
7	didn't ask for the dossier?	7	MR BEGGS: Mr Browder, that is pure speculation, isn't it?
8	A. No.	8	A. No.
9	Q. For example, they might have asked for it not just for	9	Q. You were not at the meeting with him, there is no record
10	the record, but to see whether your name or any of your	10	of the meeting with him?
11	colleagues might have been on the hit list?	11	A. This is what was reported to me by my colleagues, who
12	A. It wasn't it was a hit list with a bunch of	12	were at the meeting with the
13	information about Alexander Perepilichnyy. As was	13	Q. That is what you tell us six years later, do you see the
14	written in this in this witness statement or of my	14	problem?
15	colleagues I can't remember who said it he wasn't,	15	A. I don't.
16	he thought it was an extortion attempt and downplayed	16	Q. You don't see the problem?
17	it.	17	A. I do not see the problem.
18	Q. If I may say so, Mr Browder, we have your word for that.	18	Q. You are not suggesting to this coroner that your memory
19	A. I am sorry?	19	is fix in aspic way back from November 2011?
20	Q. We have your word for that	20	A. No.
21	A. That wasn't in my witness statement, that was in Mr A's	21	Q. No.
22	statement.	22	After learning that your extremely valuable witness,
	Q. I am not interested in Mr A's statement, he is currently	23	so Hermitage assert is on a hit list, it didn't occur to
23	•		
24	not before the court, we have your word that there was	24	you
	•	24 25	you A. Sorry, say again, could you just back up?
24	not before the court, we have your word that there was		•

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1	Q. I'm sorry?	1	MR BEGGS: Sir, I am going to proceed to a different matter
2	A. Could you start from the beginning?	2	now. I am in your hands as to whether you wish me to
3	Q. Of course, of course.	3	continue doing so I am very happy to.
4	After learning that this extremely valuable witness	4	THE CORONER: I know it is late
5	you say is on a hit list, it didn't occur to you, or	5	MR BEGGS: I don't want to inconvenience Mr Browder, can
6	your extremely intelligent colleagues, or Brown Rudnick	6	I make that clear but equally, can I make clear that
7	that perhaps you ought to pass this information to the	7	some of his evidence, most particularly relating to for
8	British authorities?	8	example the Skype messages you will appreciate was not
9	A. Well, I guess the answer is that because it wasn't	9	presaged in his statements. I don't criticise him for
10	because he wasn't alarmed by it, that made us less	10	that, but it does require me naturally to take some
11	alarmed by it as well.	11	instructions.
12	Q. Yes, but he is your extremely valuable witness. Isn't	12	I am going to a new topic and it may be in the
13	he?	13	interests of all concerned, including Ms Hill, that we
14	A. Well, I would characterise him as an extremely valuable	14	draw stumps because I am unlikely to finish before 6.00
15	•	15	
	whistleblower who gave us a bunch of information which		and doing the best I can
16	set a process in motion. He was an extremely valuable	16	THE CORONER: Yes.
17	witness at that point to the Swiss police and the Swiss	17	MS HILL: If it helps, my understanding is that Mr Browder
18	prosecutor. He was no longer our witness, he was the	18	is able to return tomorrow. I think he is able to
19	Swiss police's witness.	19	return to court tomorrow. What I would be concerned to
20	Q. I think, if I may say so, you are now somewhat	20	avoid is if he cannot be recalled tomorrow, I know the
21	disingenuously splitting hairs. You didn't want him	21	intention perhaps was not to sit on Monday. I would be
22	killed, did you?	22	concerned to have him part heard until say Tuesday. If
23	A. Of course not.	23	it is possible for him to return tomorrow and for us to
24	Q. I don't just mean from a moral perspective, I mean from	24	re-timetable, accordingly that would be my preferred
25	a hard-nosed commercial perspective, he was a valuable	25	course.
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1	witness?	1	If he is not going to finish his evidence today then
2	A. There was no commercial interest in anything that we	2	it seems silly to press on, and it may be that
3	were doing, and from a moral perspective	3	THE CORONER: I mean it is on any view just very late. In
4	Q. I remove the word "commercial", the litigation you were	4	the sense we do 20 minutes now it means we don't do it
5	involved in?	5	another time, but on the other hand we do ordinarily
6	A. I'm sorry?	6	finish a long way before this.
7	Q. For the litigation that you were involved in, he was	7	MS HILL: I don't know if Mr Beggs can give a time estimate
8		8	for how much further he is likely to be? I know how
	a valuable witness?		•
9	A. We were not involved in any litigation	9	long I am likely to be at the moment.
10	Q. He was a valuable witness?	10	THE CORONER: One possibility is if we break off now, but
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11	A we were involved in reporting a crime that he had	11	I will see what Mr Skelton says, I mean it will have
12	provided the information for.	12	I will see what Mr Skelton says, I mean it will have a knock-on effect but I mean that doesn't matter but it
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1	THE CORONER: Is that all right with you, if we break off	1	(The Inquest adjourned until 10.00 am the following day)
2	now?	2	(
3	A. I just need to be finished by around noonish tomorrow.	3	
4	MR BEGGS: I certainly wouldn't be anywhere near that long.	4	
5	MS HILL: The FLOs would return on Tuesday then, would they?	5	
6	THE CORONER: Ms Hill, you obviously have to have the time	6	
7	you need, Mr Browder has just said he needs to finish by	7	
8	noonish or maybe 12.30.	8	
9	MS HILL: That should be enough time.	9	
10	THE CORONER: All right for you as well, that gives you	10	
11	enough time for anything you want to ask?	11	
12	MS HILL: Yes, if we sit at 10.00 and we try and have	12	
13	a prompt start at 10.00.	13	
14	THE CORONER: Right.	14	
15	MS HILL: That will be fine. I am just trying to establish	15	
16	who else	16	
17	THE CORONER: That will be fine.	17	
18	12.30 latest but probably 12.00, even before that?	18	
19	A. So long as you don't mind me flashing out of here at	19	
20	12.30 then?	20	
21	THE CORONER: No, we will make sure we have done it.	21	
22	A. I understand I don't talk to anybody.	22	
23	THE CORONER: You have got it, good. All right. Thank you	23	
24	very much for staying late. I am grateful.	24	
25	A. My pleasure.	25	
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1	THE CORONER: All right, so nothing else for now?	1	
2	MR SKELTON: Nothing, sir.	2	
3	MS HILL: Tomorrow we simply hear my client and then	3	INDEX
4	Mr Pollard; is that right?	4	
5	MR SKELTON: Then if Mr Pollard is done tomorrow then all	5	Statement of MR PHILIP ROSSER (read)3
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17	THE CORONER: We were not sitting on Monday was the plan.	17	Questions from MR BEGGS180
18	Nothing I have heard, Mr Skelton, changes that, have	18	
19	I got the right day?	19	
20	MR SKELTON: Indeed. It is open to Mr Moxon Browne to come	20	
21	to court obviously, but we will not be here.	21	
22	MR MOXON BROWNE: Thank you.	22	
23	THE CORONER: Thank you very much. Good. All right. Thank	23	
24	you all.	24	
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