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Background

- I was born on 30 November 1950 in Burnley, Lancashire. I went to school there and then my family moved to Weston-super-Mare in 1966. I studied for a Business Studies degree at Weston Polytechnic in a joint venture with the University and graduated with a BA in 1969. I worked for the Weston Electricity Board until 1971 and then joined Marks & Spencer as a management trainee. In 1975 I moved to London and worked in Marks & Spencer's headquarters in Baker Street as a junior executive until 1981.
- I then set up my own business as a fashion consultant and recruitment agency 'Prestige' which I ran until 1986 or 1987. I then entered into a very successful joint venture with a Dutch partner, Hans Gottphalsen, who was with Technotrade International BV. Part of our business was in Turkey and we exported and imported products such as leathers to Holland. We had a £2 million turnover out of Turkey and I spent a lot of time there. The joint venture eventually ended on friendly terms.
- I took some time off and then in 1988 I began working for Merit Link in London who distribute electric

cables. I was firstly an assistant accountant and then a buyer. A holding company, Unitlink, was set up and I became a sales director.

- I worked for Merit Link until 1991 and then worked as an agent for one of Unilink's manufacturing suppliers, Electrunk Limited, who are based in Birmingham. Electrunk Limited make steel products for the building trade. It was a very profitable business and my association with Electrunk lasted until 1992 when I became implicated in the Asil Nadir affair.
- 5. Between 1988 and 1990 I was also involved in timesharing, firstly in Spain and later in Turkey. As an
 accountant I carried out various feasibility studies.
 The project in Turkey was at a place called Illysos
 which is about 30 miles from Istanbul. It would have
 been ideal as the Turkish people like to go on holiday
 to the same place every year and they all have beach
 houses. Unfortunately the project never got going or
 I would have made a lot of money. However I did make
 a lot of contacts.
- 6. My colleague, Hans Gottphalsen introduced me to a man called Michael Adams. I leant later that he also used the name of Michael Francis. I first met him at my home in Edgware, North London. He was introduced as someone who did business in Holland. He seemed to know what he was talking about and was very astute. From then until January 1991 I met Michael on a number of occasions in the United Kingdom and in Holland sometimes with Hans and sometimes alone. These meetings were general business discussions.
- 7. At the time I was still working in the cable industry and we were always looking for new suppliers. It was difficult to buy cable in the United Kingdom and most

Michael got quotes for of it came from abroad. cables and plastics from Hungary and CSSR. I spoke to him about once a fortnight. He also met with Rosendahl who was the managing director of Unilink.

- We tendered for the Canary Wharf project as Michael 8. I myself met them in knew the Reichman brothers. Toronto in 1990. Unfortunately everything went sour as the Olympia & York project went under. about this time (which time?) that I met also Michael O'Keefe.
- Throughout our business relationship, Michael Adams 9. spent lot of the time abroad. I thought that he was ex-SAS. He was very articulate and knew how to make money. At the time I did not know of his aliases. did not know these or of his police background until we went to Cyprus in 1993.

1985 - 1991

about in meeting I was introduced to the Nadir family in about 1985, 10. cannot remember exactly when. (anything else?) January 1991 Mr Adams came to me with a proposition about Asil Nadir. The proposition was to secure the return of Asil Nadir's passport and to help him with the outstanding case. This seemed to me rather strange as he had just been charged and his company, Polly Peck International, had collapsed. Michael told me that the proposition was totally legitimate and that he was working on behalf of the British Authorities, the British Police and the British I did not understand why they should want Government. to give him back his passport but I accepted the proposition although I said that I wanted its legitimacy confirmed by somebody else.

January/February 1991

- 11. Shortly afterwards the position was confirmed for me by Jim Davies who was working for the Serious Fraud Office. I met him with Michael at the Grosvenor Hotel in late January or early February 1991. He was introduced to me as Detective Chief Inspector Davies. I asked for and was shown his official warrant card. He gave me one of his SFO business card but I no longer have it. He was about 5'10" with a ruddy complexion. He was well built and stocky. His hair was grey and swept back. He also had a slight Scottish accent and was dressed like a policeman. The meeting lasted for approximately 30 minutes and afterwards left with Michael.
- 12. Jim Davies confirmed everything that Michael hold told me. He also said that he wanted me to make contact with the Nadir family, either Asil Nadir or any other member of his family, in order to put forward a proposition for the return of his passport. The return of the passport would enable Asil Nadir to move freely and to be able to conduct his business. The price for this would be £3.5 million. I did not know then that this was the bail figure.
- 13. My immediate reaction was to question what it was all about. Jim Davies said that it was the best way for Asil Nadir to proceed. He also told me that I had been checked out after David Kent (another alias of Michael and the name that he was then to go by) had told them that he would involve me in making the approach to the Nadir family. I was to be involved because I knew Turkey, could speak the language and probably had contacts. Jim Davies asked me to provide him with details of my bank account so that they would ascertain my financial status as well. In consequence



of this request I gave him information about my credit cards and bank accounts. I was only to find out later why they wanted these details (why?).

- Jim Davies kept on telling me that my business 14. involvement in Turkey, and also my involvement in timeshares, made me an ideal person to approach the This seemed very strange but the reason they wanted to help Asil Nadir was because they had problems trying to confirm all the information with which he was originally charged. They now wanted to assist in getting himself from the country so that they could carry on with their investigations in different ways. Even though Asil Nadir had been arrested and Polly Peck International had collapsed the previous year I was told that this was completely legitimate and that the idea was to involve the Nadir family in business deals. I was also told that I would be paid £100,000.
- 15. At the time I was involved in a business transaction in Istanbul and I did have some business acquaintances in Turkey. The project was for the building of a massive timeshare complex and we were looking for an investment of approximately £140 million. I had previously been involved through Michael in a large construction unit in Spain which was also looking to expand. The initial approach to the Nadirs would be made through the timeshare complexes which we were hoping to build. Jim Davies said he knew that Bilge Nevzat, Asil Nadir's sister, might be interested in a time share in Cyprus.

February 1991

16. In February 1991 I went to Istanbul in order to try an meet some members of the Nadir family. I went there

Bilge

because not only had I been there many times before but I also had some very good business contacts there. I spoke to a friend of mine called Mr Altun and I asked him if he could introduce me to any associates of the Nadirs. At the time Mr Altun could not make contact with anybody who could introduce me to the family. I was in Istanbul for about three or four days and I left without seeing anyone.

- 17. When I returned to London I received a telephone call from Mr Altun saying he knew somebody called Mr Mustapha who worked for an associate company of Polly Peck International. At the time Mr Mustapha worked for Noble Air. He is now the managing director of Cyprus Turkish Airlines.
- 18. I invited Mr Mustapha for lunch at Ephesus II in Great Portland Street in February late 1991. I asked him at that meeting whether he was for or against the Nadir family. He said he was completely for them so I explained to him that I had a business proposition that I would like to put to the family and I asked him if he could introduce me to them. He made arrangements for me to meet Bilge Nevzat in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in late March 1991.
- 19. I called Jim Davies to let him know. He later called me when I got home. He was very friendly. I asked him for a meeting to go over the arrangements and to confirm what I was going to do. We met at the Watford Hilton the next morning at 9 am and I was introduced to another serving police officer namely Tom Glendenning. He gave me his card. I was told that he would make contact with me if ever Jim Davies could not.

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20. Tom Glendenning reconfirmed the instructions that I had already received and told me what I should say at the meeting in Cyprus. He also said that it was also totally legitimate. Jim Davies said that he would organise the ticket and accommodation for my trip to Northern Cyprus in March 1991.

March 1991

- I met Jim Davies at the Watford Hilton two days before I flew. This meeting was in the late afternoon and he was alone. He handed over the airline ticket and a President Holidays voucher for the Dome Hotel in Kyrenia. The flight was a charter flight. Jim Davies also gave me £50. I flew from Gatwick airport in March 1991.
- On my arrival in Northern Cyprus I stayed at the Dome Hotel. I telephoned Mrs Bilge Nevzat and spoke to her son who said that she was not there. Instead Mrs Safiye Nadir telephoned me and we arranged a meeting at the Olive Tree Hotel just outside Kyrenia. I was picked up by car and the meeting took place in a suite. It lasted about 2 hours.
- I explained the proposition of the timeshare village in mainland Turkey which is about thirty miles from Istanbul and the proposed extension to the development in Spain. I also said that I had heard Mrs Nadir was interested in looking at a timeshare complex in Northern Cyprus. She expressed great interest in the timeshare and I gave her a brochure for the Spanish project and a feasibility study for the Turkish one. She said that she would speak to Bilge Nevzat and arrange a meeting.

- During that meeting it became abundantly clear to me that I could not raise the subject of returning of Mr. Nadir's passport for the sum of £3.5 million as I was sure that she was not the type of person who would want to know anything about it. She was too honest and too serious. She was convinced that Asil Nadir would be back soon and she would have been offended by the proposition.
- I returned to the United Kingdom and Jim Davies rang me a couple of days later. I met him at the Grosvenor Hotel a day or so later in the morning. I explained that I had met Mrs Safiye Nadir and that we had discussed the timeshare. I also said that I had mentioned the subject of the passport although this was not true. However I was not worried about saying this as I was sure I was to meet Bilge Nevzat shortly. I told Jim Davies about the prospect of meeting Bilge Nevzat and he told me to carry on.
- I had told Michael Adams after my meeting with Mrs Safiye Nadir about my fear that we should not approach the Nadirs. He told me to go along with the British Authorities and especially the SFO but not to tell them that I had not mentioned the £3.5 million to Mrs Safiye Nadir.
- 27. Subsequently, acting under the instructions that I had received, I had further meetings with the officers of the SFO, mainly Jim Davies and Andy Barnes, who was introduced to me as Jim Davies' assistant. They wanted me to carry on talking to the Nadirs about the timeshare complexes but also to let them have any documentation I received from the Nadir family especially anything bearing the signature of Mr Nadir although at no time have ever I received a document with his name on.

Whenever I met with Jim Davies and Andy Barnes I said that I had made good contacts and that Bilge Nevzat had taken me into her trust. Jim Davies said I was to keep things going that way and to establish a rapport.

June 1991

- In June 1991 Jim Davies telephoned me and said that he wanted a meeting. We met at the Watford Hilton in the late afternoon. Tom Glendenning was with him. Jim Davies said that he wanted me to keep going with the project and try to extract some documents. He asked whether I had met Asil Nadir and I said no. He said that it was "crucial" that some documents relating to our joint venture should be acquired and to extract £100,000 which Jim Davies said was required. This was supported by Tom Glendenning. I said that I would try.
- I then went to see Bilge Nevzat and asked her if she wanted to participate in the Turkish project and if so that I needed some money as a gesture of good will and as a retainer for the feasibility studies of the timeshare complexes in Turkey and Cyprus. This was not true. She agreed and asked how much was needed. She said that she would persuade her mother to put up some money.

July 1991

35. I had another meeting with the police in July 1991.

We had lunch in an Italian restaurant near Victoria.

I said it looked as though Bilge Nevzat would put up the money and that it would be better if we met outside the United Kingdom.

- 36. Bilge Nevzat called me on about 15 July to say that she would be put up the money. She said her husband was coming to Paris on about 20 July and that we could meet in the Hotel des Scribes in rue des Scribes near Opera. She was to be in Paris for the weekend.
- The purpose of the meeting was for her to hand over to 37. me the sum of £100,000 which had been put up by her mother for the feasibility studies, business plans and final architects drawings for the complexes in Spain and in mainland Turkey. I also had a document of joint co-operation that the police had drawn up. document was to be signed by two parties, Party A (myself) and Party B (Bilge Nevzat). The parties were ostensibly to assist in financing the project and the sum of £100,000 was to be Party B's contribution. had told Bilge that the money was needed to go The joint co-operation document mentioned the figure of £3.5 million which was to be guaranteed by both parties within 6 months making £7 million in total.
- Junder instructions from the British Authorities I had persuaded Bilge to meet in Paris under the pretext that this was to be an offshore business venture and for tax reasons she should arrange the handing over of the money to me outside the UK.
- 39. All my tickets were paid for by the Authorities.

 Sometimes they paid me cash to enable me to purchase the tickets and sometimes they purchased them themselves and handed over the tickets to me prior to my departures. On some occasions when they gave me the cash for my air fare, instead of purchasing the tickets with cash provided, I paid for them with my credit card and used the cash provided to cover my other expenses.

- 40. Prior to the meeting which was arranged for 26 July I called Jim Davies and two days later Michael O'Keefe arrived with the envelope with the joint co-operation document in duplicate and the air ticket.
- On 26 July I flew on a British Airways flight which 41. arrived at 10.30 am and I went by taxi to the Hotel des Scribes where Bilge's husband met me in the reception and took me to the suite where I met her. Ι showed her the document which we then both signed. was given £50,000 in a carrier bag and another £50,000 in a sealed parcel. Bilge told me that the money belonged to Safiye Nadir. I did not count it. Bilge's husband Fehim Nevzat had brought over the cash I had not suggested or expected from Northern Cyprus. this and I was very surprised. I had only brought a small brief case with me. I took one copy of the document and left the duplicate with Bilge.
- 42. After I had collected the money I handed it over to Jim Davies and Andy Barnes who were waiting for me at the George V Hotel in Paris. They too were very surprised to receive cash. I also handed over the document that which Bilge and I had signed. After about 10-15 minutes I left and went back to the airport. About two days later I received a call from Mike Adams asking me if everything had gone well.

July - October/November 1991

43. From July to October/November 1991 I had various meetings with Bilge and these were at her offices at Noble Raredon. We continued to discuss how all the feasibility studies were going. I also advised Bilge in respect of converting her hotel at Kusadasi into time share units. At this time Bilge needed £2.75 million to keep the hotel. An American company had

venty uth Bilgr. agreed to invest in principle but in the end they pulled out and Impex Bank foreclosed.

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At the end of October I was told by Bilge that we needed to set up an escrow account to receive any funds for the development of the site we were discussing. Bilge was to make all the arrangements. I said that this was fine. I called Jim Davies and told him that Bilge had suggested that an escrow account should be opened in Switzerland. Jim Davies said that this was fantastic and that I should go to Geneva.

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- I was away in Malta between 10 and 24 October. Bilge called me there for discussions. On my return on 25 October she called me to say that we should go on 29 October. I called Jim Davies and told him of the suggestion. I met him on 28 October at the Watford Hilton and he gave me the ticket for the trip. He also gave me some expenses, about £100.
- I flew over to Geneva on 29 October on a British 46. Airways flight and I met Bilge at the airport. Geneva we went to a big bank by the river. It was on a street corner. In the reception there was a huge ship on display and on the right hand side there was a glass mosaic. There were winding stairs up to the We met with David Scheim and he filled first floor. in all the documents and asked what the account was I said it was for a timeshare. He took copies of our passports. We agreed that the statements should remain in the United Kingdom. I came back to England with Bilge on a Swiss Air flight that day. The bank account was set up in Geneva on that day.

47. On 30 October I called Jim Davies and told him what had happened. I also mentioned that my car had not started when I got back to Heathrow.

November 1991

- I saw Bilge throughout November and gave her copies of various faxes. Jim Davies called about once a week to see if everything was going well. Occasionally Andy Barnes would call. At the end of November 1991 Jim Davies called and asked me to have a meeting with him and Andy Barnes. I agreed and we met the Grosvenor House Hotel in Park Lane. Jim Davies said that things were taking too long and that I had to get things moving. He said "People are getting frustrated". I was asked if I thought that the Nadirs might come up with more money but I did not know what their financial position was although I knew they were tight for money. Asil Nadir was by then bankrupt and his assets were frozen.
- During October and November I also had many other meetings at the Watford Hilton. Sometimes I received What messages by telephone. On many occasions the police would give me notes to pass onto Bilge. These varied in length. Sometimes I wrote them down. Michael these O'Keefe also brought notes round. The majority of the notes were to suggest that Asil Nadir should say certain things in court if asked by the magistrate.

 I never passed any of the notes onto Bilge although what?
- I worked, away from my office. When I was working we met either first thing in the morning or later on in the afternoon. It was at this time, around the end of 1991, that I was also told that Michael Adams would

also be known as Michael Francis or David Kent for operational reasons.

December 1991

- Just after I met with Jim Davies at the Grosvenor House Hotel, I telephoned Bilge and we met in early December at her office. Under the instructions of Tom Glendenning, who was by this time becoming more prominent, I told her that I was being pressurised by the Turkish time share people at Illysos and that I would have to put up a guarantee if I really wanted to participate. Bilge said she would see what she could do.
- In mid-December she called me to say that she could not put up any money but asked if they would accept a painting. She said she had convinced Asil Nadir's ex-wife Aysegul Nadir to put up a picture called "Sisters" by Lord Frederick Leighton as security. Aysegul now also became a participant in the timeshare scheme through Bilge Nevzat. I said that I thought that there would be no problem putting up a painting as guarantee but I would ask. I said that in my opinion I thought this would be fine.
- The next day I called Jim Davies, explained the situation and he said he would check it out. He called me later the same day to say that it would be fine and that I should make the arrangements with Bilge. Jim Davies said he wanted to know what the arrangements were to be as "we want to be there". A few days later I called Bilge to say that the painting would be an acceptable guarantee. She said she would make the arrangements.

54. At the end of December 1991 I arranged with Bilge that I would collect the painting from Mr Nadir's office in Berkeley Square. I collected the painting at a prearranged time from the offices at Berkeley Square. had an authority that the painting was now legally in my possession and this was signed over by a lady I took who? called A. Gonultas acting under instructions. the painting and, as arranged, handed it over to Andy Barnes and Jim Davies in the street. There is some central parking just facing into the Square and they were waiting there for me in a maroon coloured Ford Grenada or a Scorpion or something like that. them the painting together with the authority and they put it into the back of their car. I left them and they walked away. I thought that would be the end of the painting or the last I would ever see or hear of it but that was not to be.

December 1991 - July 1992

55. Between December 1991 and July 1992 I was not expected to do anything by the police and I thought that the £3.5 million proposition was not going to happen. Jim Davies rang me every fortnight or so. I saw Bilge from time to time and it was agreed that the time share could wait until things were sorted out with Asil Nadir.

January 1992

I met Asil Nadir in January 1992 when he moved into Bilge's office. I told Jim Davies that I had met him when he called. He asked me whether I could get any sort of timeshare guarantee with Asil Nadir's name on it as it would be useful. I told him that I did not know if I could but I would try if the time was right.



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I saw Asil Nadir two or three times between January and April.

March 1992

57. Throughout this period I was still working for myself on the Spanish and Turkish timeshares and I had managed to arrange some finance.

April 1992

- In April I had a meeting with Tom Glendenning and Jim Davies at the Watford Hilton. They said that they had a very important document that they wanted Bilge and Safiye Nadir to sign. I said I would see what I could wanted do. Bilge had asked me to go to Cyprus at Easter.
- 59. Jim Davies made arrangements for the trip and gave me £300 in cash. I was given two tickets for the flight which was chartered and on CTA. I was to stay at the Jasmine Court. Before I left Michael O'Keefe came round with an envelope which he said contained the document that the police wanted signed.
- 60. Some two years ago I had arranged financing for one of the projects, the Pueblo Lugano, through a Swiss bank which was a Citibank subsidiary. This had been arranged by an associate of mine in Switzerland. The funding was to be £3.5 million and I had a letter of intent. I took a copy of this with me to Cyprus.
- On 19 April Bilge called me at the Jasmine Court and asked me to come over as she was leaving. I went to her house in Kyrenia. Bilge was very rushed and she was surrounded by relatives including Safiye. I asked her to sign the document that I had brought from

England. To show her that I had money coming from my side I showed her the letter from the bank.

62. Bilge signed the document and said she wanted details of the actual arrangements. She also said that Safiye would sign which she did two days later. Fehim Nevzat took copies. I then returned to London on about 29 April.

<u>May 1992</u>

on about 2 May Jim Davies called. He asked whether I had got the document and I confirmed that I had. I met him at the Watford Hilton on about 4 May and gave him the document. He said he wanted me to add the words "We the above ..." but I said that I did not want to. He insisted. I felt threatened and so I add added the words as he dictated them. Jim Davies then whe had left with the document.

<u>May - June 1992</u>

During this time I saw Bilge and also Asil Nadir.

Although the police were in touch with me they did not seem to expect anything of me at that stage. I saw Michael perhaps twice during 1991 and 1992 as he was out of the country a lot.

July 1992

In July 1992 I received a telephone call from Jim Davies and he asked me to meet Andy Barnes and Jim Davies at a pre-arranged location outside Bonhams in Knightsbridge. On the telephone they had said that they wanted me to take the painting into Bonhams to have it valued with a view to it going into an auction which was coming up two or three months later. The

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meeting at Bonhams was to be with a gentleman whose name I cannot remember; I think it was Andrew. When I arrived I double parked my car outside Bonhams. Jim Davies and Andy Barnes were waiting for me. They handed back the painting to me complete with the power of attorney I had first given to them and which entitled me to sell the painting as my own property.

- I took the painting into Bonhams and asked for the gentleman that I was supposed to see. He came to reception. I handed him the painting and asked if I could leave it with him while I went and parked my car.
- I was not worried about the painting because I was told it had never actually belonged to the Nadir family. The gentleman at Bonhams was extremely interested because they already had some paintings by Lord Frederick Leighton to go into the forthcoming auction. This would be a coup for their collection because it would gain a lot of interest in the States and Japan. I left the painting with the gentleman. He gave me a receipt for £400,000 which was the valuation for insurance at that time. He told me there was a Director of Fine Arts who would like to meet me and she would telephone me at my home to arrange a meeting.
- 68. Two or three days later I received a phone call from Bonhams and I returned there and met a lady called Caroline. I cannot remember her surname. She explained that the letter of authority she had seen was perfectly valid and she was absolutely delighted to have the painting in the forthcoming auction. The only matter that needed to be discussed at a later stage was the commission.

- Adams who told me to go and collect the painting from Bonhams. I said that I thought this was very odd as I had just taken the painting in. He said that I was to meet him the next day in Paris at Charles de Gaule airport with the painting. I felt very suspicious about this conversation and I called Andy Barnes of the SFO. He confirmed that this was correct and that the painting had to be collected and taken to Paris to be given to Michael Adams. I was not told why.
- 70. I made the arrangements with Bonhams and at 8.30 am the following morning I collected the painting, put it into the boot of my car and I drove to France with my daughter Clare.
- 71. I took the painting to Charles de Gaule airport and gave it to Michael Adams. I was with Michael for about two hours after which he left. I stayed the night at Sofitel and drove back the next day. That was the last I saw of the painting. I was only later that I found out that it was put on the Stolen Arts Register at the end of July.
- 72. On my return Jim Davies called me and said that everything had gone well and that he had heard from Michael. I met Jim a week or so later, probably at the Watford Hilton. He asked me what my expenses were and paid me in cash.

July/August 1992

73. In late July 1992 Jim Davies called me and said that it was very important that we should get £11,000 as it was necessary to get Asil Nadir out of the country. I was to get the money and hand it over to the British authorities in Zurich.

to pay an architect.

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- I said I would speak to Bilge. I met her at her Noble Raredon office and told her that we needed £11,000 urgently. I explained to her that we needed some more money to pay an architect for another drawing that we needed done in Spain. She said that she would arrange for the money to come from her mother. I remember that she was about to go to Cyprus for a wedding.
- 75. On 2 August Michael O'Keefe brought me a ticket to go to Zurich.
- 76. On 3 August I met Bilge at the Mosaic office and she gave me £11,000 in an envelope. I did not count it.
- 77. I drove to the airport. I had been told by Andy
 Barnes that I was to be met on the flight. I thought
 when he told me this that I would be met by Jim Davies
 or Andy Barnes. When I arrived at Heathrow Airport to
 check in at the SwissAir Desk I was told I had been
 upgraded to Club Class. I was told to go to the Club
 Class lounge and, as I walked through the door, I knew
 I was to meet somebody.
- A gentleman came up to me and introduced himself as Lord Hailsham. I think my mouth dropped open at this point and I just said, "It is a pleasure sir". He thanked me for my hard work in assisting the British Authorities, the SFO, the Government and the Police in the case against Asil Nadir. He was with a lady.
- 79. Whilst we were in the lounge he thanked me for looking after and taking care of his painting so well. This was odd to me because the only painting I had been involved with was the one called "Sisters" which I had taken to Paris.

- When we boarded the plane there was no First Class.

 It was a very new plane with individual TV screens.

 Whilst we were on board Lord Hailsham came over to me and said, "My dear if there is anything I or Derek can do for you please do not hesitate to let us know". I said "Derek?" and he said "Derek Maynard of course".

 I had heard the name from either Jim Davies or Tom Glendenning and I knew that he worked for the Government in Special Services or Special Operations.
- 81. On leaving the plane Lord Hailsham thanked me again and said goodbye to me. When I went through Customs and Passport Control and out into the main area of Zurich Airport I was met by Andy Barnes of the SFO and Michael Adams. I handed over £11,000 pounds in cash to Andy Barnes of the SFO. I then immediately returned by plane to London because the outgoing flight had been delayed for about three hours.

September 1992

- 82. In September 1992 I spoke to Bilge Nevzat. I had thought that Asil Nadir had got bail to go to Bilge's son's wedding. However something had gone wrong with the police plans.
- In September 1992 I was informed by Mike Barley (who I had met in December 1991 and who was Tom Glendenning's assistant) that Michael Adams was in Lewes Prison in East Sussex. He was there because of a false passport and a driving licence. I was informed that they needed my help in get Asil Nadir to go down and visit Michael Adams. I said I would ask Asil Nadir what he thought. In fact I never mentioned this to Mr Nadir because he did not know Mr Adams. I told Mike Barley that Asil Nadir was not interested and he would not

go. I was told that I had to introduce Mike Barley to Mr Nadir.

84. By that time although I had met Mr Nadir all we had discussed were the feasibility studies and the things that were going on in Turkey and the project in Spain. He understood what I and his sister were achieving together on the timeshare projects. As such I was in a position to introduce Mike Barley to him (why?).

October 1992

- Street I introduced Mike Barley who was a serving Senior Police Office of New Scotland Yard Special Operations to Asil Nadir but in a totally fictitious name which we put together. I cannot remember what the name was. What they talked about I cannot say.
- In October I was also questioned at length by the Trustees in Bankruptcy for Polly Peck International. They questioned me about the painting "Sisters". I had already been warned by the SFO that this was going to happen and on behalf of the Police Authorities they was the made a fictitious story for my benefit. I relayed that fictitious information to the Trustees in Bankruptcy lawyers, who were from a firm called Diplock Lockton and Broomhead. I met with them on a couple of occasions and an affidavit was drawn up.

 That affidavit was never signed.
- 87. Again in October 1992 there was another plot to discredit Mr Nadir and this hatched by a couple of people called the Olivers. Michael Adams was at that time under special protection at South Woodford, a unit that I know little about. I had had a meeting with Dave Watson (who was Jim Davies' Second-in-

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Command at the SFO). He is a policeman. He came to see me at home. He said that if I wanted to help DM 750 m. Michael Adams out of his problems I should go along with what they wanted. He said that a story that had been concocted about Asil Nadir having 750 million 7. Deutschemark in a Liechtenstein bank account.

- I was given a special number to speak to Michael Adams at South Woodford. I telephoned Michael Adams on the special number provided by Dave Watson and on his instructions I made sure that Mr Justice Tucker's name was mentioned during this conversation. As this was a special unit all the telephone conversations were taped.
- Michael Adams' telephone number in South Woodford. I now understand that the Olivers worked for Special Branch. The object of this exercise was to ensure that staged conversations could be arranged between them from pre-arranged scripts which were to be taped with a view to implicate Asil Nadir and pin him down with the totally concocted story of DM 750,000 million in Liechtenstein. The object of this exercise was to discredit Mr Nadir and his family.
- 90. Meanwhile at this time I had got my own business going but I was busy going back and forth between the Nadirs and the SFO and the police. I was fed up and I believe the Authorities detected that and plotted to frighten me.
- 91. In late October I received a telephone call at my house. It was late one evening. I think it was on a Monday. It threatened the life of my daughter and myself unless I continued to go along with what I was doing. The person who related all the details of my

involvement could only have been a very senior serving Police officer, or somebody from the Security Services, either Special Operations, New Scotland Yard, or one of the Intelligence Units as only they would know about what he was talking about.

- 92. After that telephone call I felt that there was no-one in the United Kingdom that I could turn to because I thought it was far too dangerous. I packed a suitcase and headed for the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus to see Mrs Safiye Nadir. I went to see her was to explain everything that had been going on. Unfortunately she did not believe me and, quite understandably, did not want to have anything to do with me or my daughter and she shut me out. I had to come back to the United Kingdom.
- 93. When I was returned I was contacted and put under basic arrest by Detective Inspector Michael Barley and Tom Glendenning of the Special Operations Unit of New Scotland Yard. They told me that I was to go along with everything they wanted me to do in trying to discredit the name of Asil Nadir and his family and that if I did not co-operate with them then they would have put me in prison for conspiracy and trying to pervert the course of justice. They also threatened that my two year old daughter would be taken into care. I felt that there was nothing that I could do and I would have to go along with their plans to discredit the Nadir family name.
- 94. Initially I was moved out of my family home away from my friends and business contacts and I was made financially dependent on the Authorities. At first I went to live with my sister and then with my father. Every few days I had telephone calls, not just from Mike Barley and Tom Glendenning but also a lady police

oct 72. sergeant who was looking after me. They kept telling to me what I was supposed to have been doing and they said that eventually all this would end up in court and some very high ranking officials would be named in a bribery/conspiracy action. By now it was becoming clear who these people were: Wynn Jones who had been suspended, Mr Justice Tucker and Anthony Scrivener. These names were to be implicated in the conspiracy and I was to confirm this.

May 1993

- 95. By May 1993 I was living with my two year old daughter at my father's house and being pressured both mentally and financially. I asked the police how long this going on for and they said that I was to be introduced me to the Witness Protection Team. I was shown a letter from a man called Chris Newall of the Crown Prosecution Service which exempted me from being prosecuted. That was in April 1993.
- 96. In May 1993 I was introduced to the Witness Protection Team. They were to give me a new identity to assist in getting me a green card for the United States and being re-located. However between May and July nothing happened.
- 97. On the evening when Mr. Nadir flew to Northern Cyprus I was having dinner with two people from Special Operations, Michael Barley and Linda Evans at a little restaurant close to my sister's house.
- 98. In July Tom Glendenning told me that another plot had been hatched to discredit the Nadir family name and to discredit all of those around him. The plan was that I would be discovered by a investigative journalist of a daily newspaper and I would state that I was in fear

of my life from Asil Nadir and his family. I was then to call Scotland Yard to say that they had found me and as such the Witness Protection Team would be put into action to help me.

July/August 1993

- 99. This happened in late July/beginning of August. was a knock on my father's door and a reporter was standing there from the "Today" newspaper. His name was Bob Graham. I said everything that I had been scripted to say. I then immediately rang Mike Barley of New Scotland Yard who was awaiting my call. to him "They have found me". Bob Graham was there for approximately five minutes while all this was He then left. Unbeknown to me, and against my will, they took a photograph of me and my daughter who was two years old at the time. told that this would be in the next week's newspapers. There were telephone calls back and forth for two days to my father's house from the Witness Protection Team and also New Scotland Yard. One of the people I was dealing with, and who I have previously mentioned, was Linda Evans.
- 100. Although I had been mentioned in the newspapers since Mr Nadir left for the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in May I found this the most frightening tactic.
- 101. A meeting was then arranged between the journalist, his deputy editor, Tom Glendenning and Mike Barley. This took place on the following day after the reporter came to see me. The meeting was held at New Scotland Yard and they put the story together to implicate Asil Nadir.

- 102. The following Monday the front page of the "Today" newspaper carried the story and the photographs and I was also on the BBC news headlines that day. That morning at 7.0 a.m. I was rushed away from my father's house in dramatic style. I was taken to the Holiday Inn in Sutton. There I was briefed by the Witness Protection Team, Mike Barley and Linda Evans. I was taken there so that they wanted to keep an eye on me now that Asil Nadir had been discredited.
- The police officer who came to take me from my father's house was Linda Evans who I have mentioned before. She was the sergeant in charge of the eviction order of the Jamaican lady who died after being bound and gagged in North London. Although I did not know this at that time I believe that if I had not co-operated something similar would have happened to me. She was suspended the following day. I understand from Mike Barley that she is now going to be charged with the manslaughter of the Jamaican lady.

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- 104. Arrangements were then commenced for to relocate my daughter and myself. Initially I was sent me abroad to Majorca for two weeks so that the publicity could die down. On my return I was put into a "safe house" which was a small two bedroomed terraced house with no garden in Shropshire with my, by then, three-year-old daughter. Half of my furniture was left in London and the rest came with me.
- I have become financially dependent on the authorities. Before I can get a green card and relocate I am now required a confirmed job in the United States. Initially I was going to be given a green card.
- 106. The telephone numbers of those involved are:

Jim Davies

071-239-7272

(When I phoned him I went through the switchboard)

Andy Barnes

071-239-7288

Dave Watson

071-239-7429

Tom Glendenning 071-230-3467

Mike Barley

081-840-7000 pager number 0795197

071-230-3274

Linda Evans

071-230-4588

081-840-7000 pager number 0720090

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