

RCMP Public Complaint Commission
Executive Director
Bertrand Giroux's Hand written note

Transcript...

Notes of Bertrand Giroux – placed in the file at the request of the President.

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*Discussed on numerous occasion with the Chairman, and to lesser extend with the Vice-Chairman, told the Chairman that while substantiated effort had been devoted by Paul McEwen to prepare this report, **I felt that the approach was that of a defence counsel attempting to defend Olivier.***

I brought to his attention my concerns about numerous statements controversial in the report about the conduct of the operation and the behaviour of the members, particularly Bennett that were of my opinion totally wrong.

*Discussed the view, the facts at page 138 and the analysis and contradictions had failed to take into consideration all the material and **Paul seems to have omitted to examine who Olivier was and his willingness to be part of the deal.** While the material (3 files) were edited, they provide a comprehensive description of the plan. If one added the transcript of the tapes, we have a pretty good idea of what has happened.*

*The tape transcript for example, and I invited Dr. Gosse to... attention and also Olivier's statement and one can see that Olivier was not truthful in his statement. Also the statement of Col. A. of the Thai Police is very complete and **must be believed.***

*I mentioned to Dr. Gosse that **I felt that we should complete the investigation without the need to have a hearing.** I also talked to... that a hearing would create a number of problems. **Olivier would have to be a witness as the Thai Police - several of them. It could cause an important conflict with the Thai Authority – undermining but all cooperation – and it would be very costly.***

I thought a hearing should be a tool of last resort – only if it is absolutely necessary. I pointed out to Dr. Gosse on several occasions of my disagreement with statements in this report, such as Bennett not telling the truth. **Bennett could have used words in his testimony but he was not lying, nor attempting to mislead.** I also told him that Paul questioned seriously the veracity of the content of the file, thinking that the information was reported in a manner to justify the team of u/c to go abroad with their investigation. My view is that we have to take the information as authentic.

*I also pointed out to Dr. Gosse that there were statements in the report, such as (168)... the conduct of the u/c members is not only unacceptable, but is **“Shocking and Outrageous”** is not supported by the information we have and I told Dr. Gosse my total disagreement.*

There are other statements of this nature, such as (166), as the conduct of members demonstrated “a blatant disregard for the quality of humanness which all of us share...” At page (167) that the members created the crime...

*I am in accord with Paul, with scope to not informing the Minister of External Affairs. I also told Dr. Gosse that **Olivier was not improperly threatened.** – **The members followed the Law...***