

MEMO. ON NATIVE/DET/CONST. J. AIRIL.

Witness testifies to nine meetings - only his reports have been put in - he says he destroyed his notes after compiling his reports. His reports are word perfect, grammatical and intelligible. The non-production of the notes coupled with the polished reports is to me highly suspicious. If anything turns on this witness's evidence, which I doubt, then he should be examined for the purpose of establishing that his reports were not compiled by him unassisted. I am given to understand that it was not an uncommon practice for reports to be polished, and for reporters to receive assistance from more educated and literate police officers.

Meeting No. 5:

at p.1734
(V.9).

Date 11/4/54. Notes destroyed by witness after compiling report. The report put in is quite apparently not a true copy of the notes as the language used therein will indicate although witness will probably say it is. See p. 1735 & 6 (V.9). "He said," "He explained", "Speaker further stated", "Rakowcz" (who helped him with this word !!) "Speech became inaudible". There is little doubt but that witness was given assistance in preparing his report. Meeting lasted 2½ hrs, recorded on 2 pages typescript.

Meeting No. 13:

at p. 1859,
(V.10).

Date 16/5/54. The notes concerning this meeting were also destroyed by witness. The same criticisms as are made in regard to meeting No. 5 apply equally here. See. p. 1850.

N.B. The meeting lasted 2½ hrs and is recorded in the report on 1 page typescript.

Meeting No. 17:

at p. 1929
(V. 10).

Date 17/1/54. Notes also destroyed - only report available.

Meeting No.426:

at p. 4914.
(V. 25).

Notes destroyed - only report available. Same comments as above. Meeting lasted 3½ hrs. and recorded on 2 pages of typescript.

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