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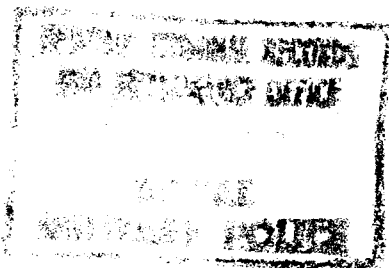
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SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

Person Deceased: Walter Richard Rudolf HESS
Born: 26 Apr 1894 at Alexandria, Egypt

Prisoner Number 7
Spandau Allied Prison BERLIN

1. Further to this office report of even reference dated 25 Aug 87, it will be recalled that during the late afternoon of Mon 17 Aug 87, Herr Rudolf Hess - Prisoner Number 7, the remaining prisoner at Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin, had been conveyed to the British Military Hospital, Berlin, where he was declared dead at 1610 hrs that day.

2. Enquiries have continued and additional facts of the case are summarized in this report.

3. It was learned from Lieutenant Colonel (Retd) AH Le Tissier MBE the British Governor of Spandau Allied Prison that a one page handwritten letter thought to be a 'suicide note' had been recovered from the clothing of Prisoner Number 7 following his admission to the British Military Hospital. That letter although retained by the Prison Governors was made available to SIB RMP and it was seen that a handwritten note had been recorded on the reverse of the first page of a two page type written letter received by the prisoner on 29 Jul 87, following censorship, and from his daughter-in-law, Frau A Hess the wife of Herr WR Hess - the prisoner's son.

4. On Tue 25 Aug 87, at Spandau Allied Prison, Mr [REDACTED], Questioned Documents Section, Laboratory of the Government Chemist, Cornwall House, Waterloo Road, London SE1 8XY, examined the 'suicide note' (questioned writings) together with known writings by the prisoner. He also examined six pens recovered from the prisoner's clothing at the time of his death. Mr [REDACTED] stated that although his examination was conducted in non-laboratory conditions, and whilst he is restricted by his very limited knowledge of the German language, and in particular, characteristics peculiar to the old German writing style; he was, nonetheless, of the opinion that there was a marked area of resemblance together with detailed features which were considered to be characteristic of the writer. This then gave him no reason to doubt that the author of the questioned writing was Prisoner Number 7. A photocopy of the handwritten note, a typewritten version of that note and an English translation, are attached to this report.

5. It is known that Spandau Allied Prison has operated in its present form since July 1947. Additionally, it was ascertained from M MH Planet the French Governor of the Prison that Prisoner Number 7 had attempted on at least two previous occasions to take his own life. M Planet went on to state that from perusal of minutes of the weekly Governors' meetings he was able to provide a record of the following incidents:

a. 26 November 1959. Prisoner Number 7 attempted to commit suicide about 1215 hrs by cutting his left wrist. When examined, the prisoner stated to the doctor that he intentionally refused to accept food with the purpose of committing suicide.

b. 22 February 1977. About 2015 hrs Prisoner Number 7 attempted suicide in his cell by slashing his left wrist, the inside of his left elbow and inside of his left ankle with a knife provided for his meal. After psychiatric assessment, it was recommended to exercise a closer supervision of the prisoner in his cell but to also relax the condition of his imprisonment.

6. It was ascertained that the Warders' duties at Spandau Allied Prison and in particular regard to their supervision of Prisoner number 7 were outlined in a Prison document titled DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF WARDER IN THE CELL SECTION - POST NUMBER 2. A copy of that document is shown at Annex D of this report. A number of warders namely:

<u>France</u>	20		49
	16		
<u>USSR</u>	50		51
	52		53
<u>USA</u>	54		55
	8		
<u>United Kingdom</u>			
	56		17
	26		57

were interviewed in regard to their duties. It was subsequently learned that during the prisoner's exercise periods, some of the warders were in the habit of allowing him to sit alone in the summer house whilst they remained outside the building. All however confirmed that they checked the prisoner at frequent intervals. The warders were given no specific briefings or instructions vis-a-vis the prisoner's previous suicide attempts. In essence it would appear that all the warders were quite conscientious in their duties and whilst some were more vigilant than others, the prisoner was never left alone for lengthy periods.

7. Enquiries to date indicate quite clearly that it was normal practice for the warders to use their initiative and discretion in regard to the interpretation of their duties and responsibilities towards Prisoner Number 7. It was not uncommon, therefore, taking account of the prisoner's age and health, to leave him alone for a few minutes either in the cell block or garden area.

8. Although not directly relevant to the matter under report, it may be considered noteworthy that Mr DW Keane the American Prison Governor plus all the Prison Warders named at paragraph 6 of this report have vouchsafed the correctness and fairness by Mr [REDACTED] in his dealings with Prisoner Number 7. Furthermore, and again although not directly related to the matter under report, it might be considered of note that Prisoner Number 7 had complained against Mr [REDACTED] on two separate occasions during May 1987. Both incidents had been recorded by the Prison Authorities and are outlined in a statement by Mr [REDACTED] at page 29 of this report. It would appear that both complaints were totally without substance and from interviews with some of the other Prison Warders, it would appear that they might have been motivated by a colour prejudice against Mr [REDACTED] who is a Negro.

9. Following the admission of Prisoner Number 7 to the British Military Hospital, on Monday 17 August 1987, members of the Special Investigation Branch Royal Military Police visited Spandau Allied Prison (which is located in the British Sector of Berlin). Admission to the prison was granted by the duty staff, and acting on behalf of all four Prison Governors, a Scenes of Crime Examination was commenced at the summer house about 1610 hrs, 17 August 1987. It will be recalled that fastened to the rear window handle, within the building, and positioned at a height of 1.4 m from the floor was a 2.75 m length of plastic coated electrical extension cable, which clearly had a loose knot in the lower region. No other marks or material of evidential value to suggest criminal involvement of any person was noted. A series of black and white photographs were recorded at that time and a photographic supplement depicting the exterior and interior of the summer house is attached to this report. Photographs depicting the electrical cable, still tied to the window handle are included in that photographic record.

10. On the morning of Wednesday 19 August 1987, a post-mortem examination was conducted on the body of Prisoner Number 7 by [REDACTED]²¹ Professor of Forensic Medicine, University of London and The London Hospital Medical College. External examination revealed marks on the front of the chest and also noted was a fracture of the breast bone (sternum) and multiple fractures of the ribs on the left side. The fractures and bruising were consistent with energetic cardiac resuscitation and had no bearing on the cause of death. A fine linear mark approximately 7.5 cm in length and 0.75 cm in width was noted running across the left side of the neck which was further visible when the body was viewed with ultraviolet light. Apart from a minor abrasion of the upper lip, 1 cm from the right nostril, there were no other marks of recent injuries or violence on the body. Further examination of the neck and face revealed deep bruising over the left side of the angle of the jaw and over the left side of the back of the throat. That in the throat was consistent with resuscitation. Internal examination of the

neck revealed further bruising. In summary, Professor [REDACTED] concluded that Prisoner Number 7 had died of asphyxia caused by compression of the neck and suspension. It was also noted that the linear mark on the left side of the neck was consistent with a ligature.

11. It has been established that during the afternoon of 17 August 1987, three warders were on duty. They were:

- 16
M [REDACTED] (France) - the Chief Warder - on duty within the prison.
Mr [REDACTED] (USA) - escort for Prisoner Number 7 during exercise period.
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Mr [REDACTED] (UK) - warder on duty at the prison gate.

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Also on duty throughout daylight working hours was Mr [REDACTED] (a Tunisian) who was employed as the prisoner's nurse. From interviews with Mr [REDACTED] and the various other witnesses it would appear that having observed Prisoner Number 7 lying on the floor, Mr [REDACTED] removed the electrical cord from the prisoner's neck and after making him comfortable, he telephoned Mr [REDACTED] from the rear of the prison building, adjacent to the spiral staircase, requesting medical assistance. Mr [REDACTED] recalls receiving that call about 1450 hrs following which he informed M [REDACTED]. Thereafter, Mr [REDACTED] telephoned the British Military Hospital and using the codeword 'Paradox', he requested medical assistance. It was subsequently learned from [REDACTED] that he was on duty at the hospital about 1450 hrs, when he received that telephone call. In response, an ambulance was dispatched to the prison. It is also known that immediately following the call from Mr [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] telephoned Mr [REDACTED] (who lives near the area of the prison, some 50 metres from the main prison gate), summoning him to the prison.

12. Although not all of the witnesses can be specifically accurate with timings, the general account given by Mr [REDACTED] concerning his escorting Prisoner Number 7 to the summer house and events thereafter have been substantially corroborated. It was also noted that after the prisoner had gone into the summer house, Mr [REDACTED] was also observed sitting on the bench by [REDACTED] who walked along the footpath at that particular time. After telephoning Mr [REDACTED] Mr [REDACTED] also sought assistance from [REDACTED] the American soldier who was on duty in the nearby tower number 3. In response, [REDACTED] informed Lieutenant [REDACTED] US Army, the OC of the guard by radio. and minutes later, after being instructed via a radio message, [REDACTED] the American soldier (a trained medical orderly) was the first qualified medical person to arrive at the summer house. He was followed moments later by Mr [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] commenced his resuscitation measures prior to the arrival about 1510 hrs of Lieutenant Colonel [REDACTED] RAMC, the first doctor at the scene.

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13. At this juncture it is pointed out that whilst Mr [REDACTED] has been questioned on three separate occasions he has declined to provide a written witness statement. Furthermore, the British Prison Governor has provided an additional statement outlining Mr [REDACTED]'s duties and confirming that it was quite acceptable for him to be at his nearby residence at the time in question. No evidence has been adduced to

suggest any criminality or negligence by him. Based upon the evidence to hand it would appear that his reluctance to comment further makes no significant difference to the outcome of this enquiry. Additionally there is no reason to suspect that he was particularly slow in attending the prisoner; he had to pass via a number of secure areas before reaching the prison garden area.

14. Investigations to date have revealed that on at least two previous occasions, whilst at Spandau Prison, in 1959 - at the age of 65 and in 1977 - at the age of 82, Prisoner Number 7 made an attempt to take his life. Whilst both incidents undoubtedly raised the vigilance of the prison staff in the immediate aftermath, the prisoner's conditions within Spandau Prison were nonetheless of a nature where he was on occasion left unguarded for brief periods. Taking account of his advanced age and general health it would be inconceivable in practice to keep him under total observation for 24 hours and nor was he.

15. Notwithstanding the prisoner's age, the evidence so far recorded indicates that Rudolf Hess - Prisoner Number 7, planned well in advance to take his own life. Whilst many of the warders recall seeing an electrical cable in the summer house, none suspected that such an apparatus would be used as the means to commit suicide. The actual cord had been in use for some time as an extension cable for two lamps within the summer house. Only Sergeant [REDACTED] US Army, on commencing duty at the prison on 1 August 1987 noted the cable tied to the handle of the interior window. It would appear therefore that the cable remained in situ, that Prisoner Number 7 wrote a suicide note in his own hand which was on his person on the afternoon of 17 August 1987, and that shortly after 1430 hrs on that day whilst alone in the summer house he took his own life by placing the electrical cable around his neck and hanging himself. No evidence has been obtained to indicate otherwise. Furthermore, it would appear that Mr [REDACTED]² conducted his duties on the afternoon of 17 August 1987 in a manner no different to many other of his fellow warders.

16. It will be recalled that various pathological samples were obtained during the post-mortem examination. The results of the associated toxicological and histological tests at the Royal Army Medical College, London, are still awaited. Upon receipt they shall be made known to the Prison Governors. Likewise the official Post-Mortem report by Professor [REDACTED]²¹ will be forwarded direct to the Prison Governors.

17. Copies of further statements recorded during this enquiry are attached herto. The original statements are retained at this office and can be produced. A number of exhibits i.e. the electrical cable is retained by SIB pending the conclusion of the investigation.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 47
Captain
Royal Military Police

STATEMENT

Surname: Le Tissier Forenames: Anthony Hedley
 Date & Place of Birth: over 21 Height:
 Occupation: British Governor of Spandau Allied Prison
 Address: Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin
 Identity Card No.: Status:
 Date arrived in Command: Date to leave Command:

This statement, (consisting of 4 pages each signed by me), is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 24th day of August, 19 87. Signed: AH Le Tissier

I am Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Anthony Hedley Le Tissier, MBE and I am employed by the British Military Government, Berlin, as the British Governor of Spandau Allied Prison.

On the afternoon of Mon 17 Aug 87, I was present at the British Military Hospital, Berlin, when Colonel Hamer-Philip, the Commanding Officer of the hospital, handed to Mr Darold Keane, the American Chairman Governor a sealed envelope containing the items other than clothing, removed from Allied Prisoner No 7 after his death.

I was present later that day when Mr Keane opened the sealed envelope at the meeting of the Board of Governors at the British Military Hospital and among the items contained in it was a note written by the prisoner on the back of a letter received by him previously. This note was addressed to his family via the Governors and announced his intention to commit suicide.

I have since examined the prison records and can state that the 'Suicide Note' was written on the back of the first page of a two-page typewritten letter from Andrea Hess, his daughter-in-law and wife of Wolf Rüdiger Hess, whose name and family address, [REDACTED], is printed at the head of the paper. The record sheet is signed 'Deiner Gräfelfinger', an expression used often in their mutual correspondence, but is in the handwriting of Andrea, not Wolf Rüdiger. This letter is dated 20.7.87.

The entry in the prisoner's mail book shows that this letter, described erroneously as coming from WR Hess, was presented to the censors on 29.07.87 and passed to the Chief Duty Warder the same day. The register shows this as one of two letters, the second one also recorded as coming from WR Hess and dated 30.07.87, have as yet not been returned to the secretariate. This is in accordance with the prison regulations that allow the prisoner to retain two letters in his possession at anyone time.

The Censor's Book, Folio 99, has the entry '22 Juli 1987 - 1 Brief W.R. Hess' indicating the date of receipt at the prison followed by an entry initialled by Snr Lt [REDACTED] showing that the letter was reviewed by the Board of Censors on 29.7.87.

The Chief Warder's Day book has an entry above Mr [REDACTED]'s signature for 1430 hrs, Wed 29 Jul 87 'Received from Secretariate letter from S... (indecipherable) 20.7.87.

For handwriting comparison purposes I can produce a ledger in which the prisoner kept personal notes and which was used by him until 29 Jul 87 when it was withdrawn.

(signed) AH Le Tissier

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at the SIB Offices, Berlin on Mon 24 Aug 87 about 1710 hrs.

(signed) [REDACTED] 14

SSgt
RMP SIB

STATEMENT

Surname: LE TISSIER Forenames: Anthony Hedley
Date & Place of Birth: over 21 Height:
Occupation: British Governor of Spandau Allied Prison
Address: Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin
Identity Card No.: Status:
Date arrived in Command: Date to leave Command:

This statement, (consisting of 3 pages each signed by me), is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 26th day of August , 1987. Signed: AH Le Tissier

I am Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Anthony Hedley Le Tissier, MBE and I am employed by the British Military Government Berlin as the British Governor of Spandau Allied Prison.

Further to my statement dated 24 Aug 87, on Mon 24 Aug 87 I handed to SSgt [REDACTED] ¹⁴RMP SIB the following certified true copies of documents relating to Prisoner No 7. SSgt [REDACTED] ¹⁴ attached to these exhibit labels as indicated below:

IJB/1 - Photostat copy of a two page typed letter dated 20.7.1987 addressed to Herrn Rudolf Hess.

IJB/2 - Photostat copy of the first page of typed letter dated 20.7.1987 addressed to Herrn Rudolf Hess with a photostat copy of the handwriting that was on the rear of it.

IJB/3 - Photostat copy of a three page typed medical report on Prisoner No 7 dated 9 Mar 77.

IJB/4 - Photostat copy of a one page medical report dated 15 Dec 59.

I have signed these labels.

On Tue 25 Aug 87 I handed the following certified true copies of documents to SSgt [REDACTED] ¹⁴ who labelled them as indicated:

IJB/5 - Photostat copy of the warders log for 17 Aug 87.

IJB/6 - Two photostat pages with type and handwriting in German on them.

IJB/7 - Photostat copies of sheets 201 and 202 of Prisoner No 7's writing book.

IJB/8 - Photostat copy of a complaint made in writing by Prisoner No 7 on 12.5.87.

(signed) AH Le Tissier

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at the Spandau Allied Prison on 26 Aug 87 about 1000 hrs.

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(signed)

SSgt
RMP SIB

STATEMENT

Surname: LE TISSIER Forenames: Anthony Hedley
Date & Place of Birth: over 21 Height:
Occupation: British Governor
Address: Allied Prison Spandau, BFPO 45
Identity Card No.: Status: BMG First Secretary
Date arrived in Command: Date to leave Command:

This statement, (consisting of 2 pages each signed by me), is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 26th day of August, 19 87 Signed: AH Le Tissier

I am Lt Col (Retd) AH Le Tissier, MBE, British Governor, Allied Prison Spandau, Berlin, an appointment I have held since 1 Oct 81.

I also hold the appointment of Chief of Allied Liaison and Protocol (British Sector) Berlin.

I was well acquainted with Rudolf Hess, known as Allied Prisoner No 7, who latterly was the sole Spandau Prison inmate.

I am aware of the demise on Mon 17 Aug 87 of Allied Prisoner No 7. I was present in the mortuary at BMH Berlin about 0820 hrs on Wed 19 Aug 87, when the body of Allied Prisoner No 7 was formally identified to Professor [REDACTED], Professor of Pathology, London Hospital, in the presence of the American, French and Soviet Governors. Later that same day, following post-mortem examination, I, together with the other Allied Prison governors, was present when the remains of Allied Prisoner No 7 was placed into a metal casket, which was sealed in our presence.

About 0800 hrs on Thu 20 Aug 87, I, together with the other nation governors, Allied Prison Spandau, accompanied the remains of Allied Prisoner No 7 contained in the aforementioned sealed coffin, from the BMH Berlin to RAF Gatow and onward by RAF airway to Grafenwöhr near Nürnberg. The decease was then formally handed over to the custody of his family.

(signed) AH Le Tissier

STATEMENT

Surname:	LE TISSIER	Forenames:	Anthony Hedley
Date & Place of Birth:	over 21	Height:	
Occupation:	British Governor of Spandau Allied Prison		
Address:	Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin		
Identity Card No.:		Status:	
Date arrived in Command:		Date to leave Command:	

I am Lieutenant Governor (Retired) Anthony Hedley Le Tissier MBE. I am employed by the British Military Government Berlin as the British Governor of Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin.

Further to my statements dated 24 Aug 87 and 26 Aug 87.

¹⁹
 [REDACTED] was employed by the Governors from 1 Aug 87 as the prison medical orderly, replacing a Mr [REDACTED] a Dutchman. As far as I am aware, no particular hours of work were laid down for him, nor was his role clearly defined on paper.

The original role of medical orderly had clearly developed over the years as the prisoner aged, into more of a personal body servant, to the extent that he would supervise the prisoner's bathing and dressing, looking after his clothes and linen, supervising his use of the cycling machine during exercise, checking his temperature and blood pressure daily, applying massage etc, as well as administering the medicines and other items prescribed by the Medical Advisers.

¹⁹
 Mr [REDACTED] was given accommodation for himself and his family in No 22 Wilhelmstrasse, a building on the prison premises about 50 metres outside the main gate and he was regarded as being virtually always on call. In consequence he was not expected to be constantly at his post within the cell block during the prisoner's waking hours but only when necessary to perform his various tasks. Although when not required within the cell block he could normally in an emergency be found at home. There was no specific requirement for him to remain at home, as emergency medical cover was always on call from the British Military Hospital by means of the Operation 'PARADOX' system that had been evolved and streamlined over recent years. When Mr [REDACTED] ¹⁹ was away on leave he would be replaced by a British Military male nurse, who would only appear at the prison at certain times of the day.

(signed) AH Le Tissier

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at Berlin on Mon 7 Sep 87 about 1600 hrs.

(signed) IJ Brewster
 SSgt
 RMP SIB

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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Statement of : [REDACTED]

Occupation : Document Examiner

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This statement, consisting of 3 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 26 day of August 1987 Signed: [REDACTED]

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1. I, [REDACTED], am the Principal Scientific Officer in charge of the Questioned Documents Sub-Division of the Laboratory of the Government Chemist at the address given above. The Laboratory is a station of the Department of Trade and Industry. This sub-division specialises in the examination of questioned documents and the comparison and identification of handwriting and of typewriting. I have been solely employed on these duties since 1974 and have given evidence in courts on numerous occasions. I hold the Forensic Science Society Diploma in Document Examination.

2. I have examined certain documents and writing implements submitted to me by the Prison Governors, Spandau Allied Prison. I examined these at Spandau Prison on 25.8.87.

3. I have taken as QUESTIONED writing the entry "Veantwortet 14. VIII" in blue ink on the front and all of the writing, again in blue ink, on the back of page 1 of a 2-page typewritten letter dated 20.7.1987 addressed to 'Herrn Rudolf Hess.'

4. I have taken as KNOWN writing of Rudolf Hess the handwritten entries in an A4-size Notebook.

5. I have also examined 6 writing implements, viz:

(a) Slim grey pen with blue cap - red porous-tip pen.

- (b) Slim grey pen with red cap - red porous-tip pen, almost dry.
- (c) Grey pen, no cap - blue porous-tip pen, almost dry.
- (d) Grey pen, cap with red end - blue porous-tip pen.
- (e) Grey pen, cap with green end - green porous-tip pen.
- (f) Schneider Express pen, - blue fountain pen.
steel case

6. For reasons of security my examinations were carried out in the offices at Spandau Prison which are non-ideal, non-laboratory conditions and I was using only the limited portable equipment which I was able to bring with me from the UK. Furthermore, in respect of the handwriting examination and comparison I have been restricted somewhat by my very limited knowledge of the German language and, in particular, of characteristics peculiar to the 'old' German writing style.

7. Within the limitations expressed in para 6 above I carried out the following examinations:

8. The questioned writing on both sides of page 1 of the typewritten letter is in blue liquid ink, though of two different shades. That on the front appears consistent, both in colour and characteristics, with specimens which I produced using the fountain pen itemised at para 5 (f) above. That on the back appears consistent, again both in colour and characteristics, with specimens which I produced using the porous-tip pen itemised at para 5 (d) above. (The pen itemised at 5 (c) is of similar manufacture to the latter and contains blue ink. Whilst ink from this pen may be consistent with the writing on the back of the questioned document, insufficient ink remained in the pen to obtain adequate comparison specimens). Thus, from the limited, non-destructive tests carried out, the questioned writing is consistent with having been produced using the pens/inks itemised at 5 (f) and (d) (and/or (c), when charged with ink). However, I can by no means exclude the use of other pens in a similar combination of types and of inks.

9. I have examined and compared the questioned and known writing.

10. The known writing of Rudolf Hess is mainly in German, with a limited amount of English. It ranges from a small, relatively neat form, as seen for example on page 1 of the Notebook, to a larger form, as seen for example on page 137. There are also some variations in fluency from a good-quality, flowing hand to a disjointed style having separate strokes within letters. I have not carried out a full, detailed examination of every entry in this Notebook, as this would take some considerable time. However, from such examinations as I have made, I find resemblances between the various writings in this Notebook such that I can accept it all as having been produced by one person, Rudolf Hess, and have taken it as such for purposes of further comparison.

11. The questioned writing consists of a similar mixture of small and large forms, front and back of page 1 of the questioned document, as seen in the known. It all appears to have been fluently written. I find a

marked area of resemblance between the questioned and known writings, and they are consistent one with the other. Certain of these resemblances, such as certain letter designs, may be considered to be characteristic German features and may be found, at least in their general design, in much 'old' German writing. However, in addition to these there are detailed features which I consider to be more personally characteristic of the writer. Accepting the limitations of my examination of these documents, as expressed in para 6 above, I can see no reason to doubt that the questioned writing is by the author of the known writing, Rudolf Hess.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Document Examiner

STATEMENT

Surname: PLANET Forenames: Michel Henri
Date & Place of Birth: [REDACTED], France Height:
Occupation: Prison Governor
Address: Spandau Allied Prison
Identity Card No.: N/A Status: French Foreign Office
Date arrived in Command: Date to leave Command:

I am Michel Planet, an official of the French Foreign Office. I am familiar with the English language and am prepared to provide a written statement in that language.

Since July 1973, I have been the French Governor of Spandau Allied Prison which is located in the British Sector of Berlin.

Once a week a meeting is held amongst the four governors of the prison. Their nationalities are: French, Russian, American and British. Following these meetings minutes are prepared and then they are approved and signed by each of the four prison governors on the following weekly meeting.

This system has operated since the prison started to operate in July 1947.

I am familiar with the minutes of a meeting of the Physicians of Spandau Allied Prison held on 27 November 1959. At that time it was recorded that Prisoner Number 7 tried to commit suicide on 26 November 1959 about 1215 hrs by cutting his left wrist. It was equally recorded that the prisoner had stated to the doctor that he intentionally refused to accept food with the purpose of committing suicide through inanition.

I am familiar with a second incident which is recorded in the minutes of the Governors' Meeting dated 23 February 1987 and also recorded in the minutes of a Medical Meeting held on 24 February 1977.

This refers to an attempt on 22 February 1977 in the evening around 2015 hrs when the Prisoner Number 7 attempted suicide in his cell by slashing his left wrist, the inside of his left elbow and inside of his left ankle with a knife provided for his meal. After psychiatric assessment of Prisoner Number 7 it was recommended to exercise a closer supervision of the Prisoner Number 7 in his cell and to relax the condition of his imprisonment i.e. more frequent visits by close members of his family, and an improvement in his living conditions.

Prisoner Number 7 has been the only prisoner at Spandau Allied Prison since 1 October 1966; this condition however does not mean that he was in solitary confinement. He came in direct contact with about 20 Warders of four nations, with the medical physician of the month and with the four governors...



This statement is true. I have made it of my own free will.

(signed) MH Planet

The statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at 1520 hrs, Wed 25 Aug 87 at Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin.

(signed)

Capt
RMP

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STATEMENT

Surname: KEANE Forenames: Darold William
Date & Place of Birth: over 21 Height:
Occupation: Prison Governor
Address: Spandau Allied Prison
Identity Card No.: Status:
Date arrived in Command: Date to leave Command:

I am Darold William Keane, the American Governor of Spandau Allied Prison. I have held that appointment since 12 July 1972.

During my period as American Governor, four Americans have been employed at any one time as warders. One such warder is 2 [REDACTED] who has been employed at the prison since [REDACTED]

Since commencing work at Spandau Allied Prison, 2 [REDACTED] has always performed his duties to my satisfaction. There has never been any question as to his loyalty, industry or vigilance in his duties.

I would be pleased to have 2 [REDACTED] serve again with me at any post.

This statement is true. I have made it of my own free will.

(signed) DW Keane

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at 1550 hrs Thu 3 Sep 87 at Spandau Allied Prison.

(signed) [REDACTED] 47
Captain
RMP

20 STATEMENT

Surname: [REDACTED]

Forenames: [REDACTED] 20

Date & Place of Birth: [REDACTED]

Height: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Prison Warder

Address: [REDACTED]

Identity Card No.:

Status:

Date arrived in Command:

Date to leave Command:

20
I am [REDACTED] 20, presently employed as a warder at the Inter-Allied Prison Spandau (Berlin). I have held this position since [REDACTED].

The only prisoner since my arrival has been Rudolf Hess whose name was Prisoner No 7.

The prisoner was in the habit of taking his exercise periods in the garden. He would then read his papers or sleep in the gardenhouse. When the prisoner was in the summer house he was always under my supervision. I cannot recall seeing or not seeing an electrical extension cable in the summer house.

I am aware that paragraph 6 contain instructions for watching the prisoner in case of suicide attempts but I cannot recall being given any verbal instruction regarding the prisoner committing suicide.

I understand paragraph 6 as follows: I am to supervise the prisoner in the cell block as well as outside in order to prevent any attempts of committing suicide or other incidents which might occur.

I am not aware of any problems between the prisoner and [REDACTED] 20's attitude towards the prisoner was always correct.

This statement is true.

(signed) [REDACTED] 20

The above statement was recorded by me in the presence of [REDACTED] 14, RMP SIB at the Inter-Allied Prison, Spandau on 1 Sep 87 about 1000 hrs.

(signed) [REDACTED] 49

STATEMENT

Surname: 49 [REDACTED]

Date & Place of Birth: [REDACTED]

Occupation:

Prison Warden

Address: [REDACTED]

Identity Card No.:

Date arrived in Command:

Forenames: 49 [REDACTED]

Height:

Status:

Date to leave Command:

49
I am [REDACTED], presently employed at Spandau Prison. Since taking up employment at the prison there has only been one prisoner, Rudolf Hess whose exact title is Prisoner No 7 and I shall refer to him as such throughout this statement.

Prisoner No 7 was in the habit of taking his exercise periods in the afternoon in the garden provided he was in good health. Prisoner No 7 sometimes slept a few minutes in the gardenhouse. Each time I accompanied the prisoner in the garden I never let him out of my sight. I cannot recall seeing or not seeing an electrical extension cable in the gardenhouse. My duty as a warden implied supervising No 7 who was old and sick.

On Mon 17 Aug 87 about 0400 hrs I commenced duty in the cell block. I noticed that the prisoner was sitting on his bed, awake. The cell light was switched on and on his bedside table there was a sheet of headed paper of Spandau Prison with a few lines written on it.

During the rest of my duty I checked on Prisoner No 7 at irregular intervals and when I left the prisoner was awake in his bed.

14 [REDACTED] asked me if I was aware of any incidents involving Prisoner No 7 and 2 [REDACTED], an American warden. I know that an incident took place between 2 [REDACTED] and Prisoner No 7 in the garden. 2 [REDACTED] had refused to carry the prisoner's bag and to help him sit down. I have the impression that the main reason for the prisoner's complaint was the colour of skin of 2 [REDACTED]. As far as I know Prisoner No 7 was always treated correctly by 2 [REDACTED].

This statement is true and I have made it of my own free will.

(signed) 49 [REDACTED]

The above statement was recorded by me in the presence of 14 [REDACTED], RMP SIB at the Spandau Allied Prison on 26 Aug 87 about 1500 hrs.

(signed) 62 [REDACTED]

16 STATEMENT 16

Surname: [REDACTED] Forenames: [REDACTED]
Date & Place of Birth: [REDACTED] Height: [REDACTED]
Occupation: Prison Warder
Address: [REDACTED]
Identity Card No.: [REDACTED] Status: [REDACTED]
Date arrived in Command: [REDACTED] Date to leave Command: [REDACTED]

16
I am [REDACTED] presently employed at Spandau Prison, a position I have held since [REDACTED] (with an interruption of [REDACTED] months).

Since I commenced employment at Spandau Prison there was only one prisoner, R. Hess, whose correct title is Prisoner No 7 and I shall refer to him as such throughout this statement.

Within approximately the last two years Prisoner No 7 was in the habit of going into the garden if his physical condition was good enough. Being an old person he often fell asleep. I usually sat down on a bench facing him and never let him out of my sight. Yes, I am aware of this regulation but sometimes I had to leave for a few minutes (toilet; informing the chief warder or passing on some information etc...).

I have never been given any formal verbal instructions regarding the prisoner committing suicide but at the beginning of my employment at the Spandau Prison the French Governor had asked me to stay near the prisoner when he went into the garden to prevent a possible fall or sickness of Prisoner No 7.

I was told by my colleagues that Prisoner No 7 had already tried twice to take his own life. I recall having seen an electrical extension cable connecting the reading lamp with the wall. I also recall having seen this electrical cable lying on the floor.

On 17 Aug 87, between 0800 hrs and 1600 hrs I was on duty as Chief Warder. At 1355 hrs I was informed that Prisoner No 7 intended to go into the garden. At 1410 hrs the prisoner was actually on his way into the garden. At 1430 hrs I was informed by telephone (Mr [REDACTED])¹⁷ that an incident had taken place in the garden. I immediately got into contact with Prisoner No 7's nurse and remembered that Mr [REDACTED]¹⁷ had told me that he had phoned the hospital. After that I phoned the hospital as well to officially inform them about the incident. I took the sealed envelopes containing the list of persons of the hospital authorized to enter the prison and the list of persons authorized to go back to the hospital to the gate.

I then ran back into the garden where the prisoner was lying on the ground surrounded by Mr [REDACTED], Mr [REDACTED] and the American nurse. I suppose they were trying to revive him. I saw that the electrical cable was still hanging at the window. I went back to the main gate and tried to contact Mr Keane and Mr Planet whom I spoke to about 1515 hrs.

I assisted in the departure of the ambulance in which the following persons were seated: My replacement 8 [REDACTED], 20 [REDACTED] and 2 [REDACTED]. I took 2 [REDACTED]'s car and followed the ambulance. Immediately after my arrival at the hospital I didn't take any further part in supervising and assisting Prisoner No 7.

2 [REDACTED]. I have never witnessed any arguments between Prisoner No 7 and [REDACTED]. However, I think that despite the prisoner's attitude towards his black nurse, you cannot say that he was racially prejudiced. I am quite certain that 2 [REDACTED] was always acting correctly towards the prisoner.

This statement is true. I have made it of my own free will.

(signed) [REDACTED] 16

The above statement was recorded by me in the presence of 14 [REDACTED], RMP SIB at the Spandau Allied Prison on 26 Aug 87 about 1600 hrs.

(signed) [REDACTED] 62

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STATEMENT

16

Surname: [REDACTED]

Forenames: [REDACTED]

Date & Place of Birth: [REDACTED]

Height: [REDACTED]

Occupation:

Prison Warder

Address: [REDACTED]

Identity Card No.:

Status:

Date arrived in Command:

Date to leave Command:

Further to my statement of 26 Aug 87 I would like to add that immediately after 17 [REDACTED] had informed me about the incident concerning the prisoner, I phoned 19 [REDACTED] at home and asked him to come straight away to the prison.

(signed) [REDACTED] 16

The above statement was recorded by me in the presence of [REDACTED] 14
[REDACTED], RMP SIB at Spandau Allied Prison on 8 Sep 87 about 1115 hrs.

(signed) [REDACTED] 63

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54 STATEMENT

Surname: [REDACTED] Forenames: 54 [REDACTED]
Date & Place of Birth: [REDACTED] Height: [REDACTED]
Occupation: Lead Correctional Officer
Address: [REDACTED]
Identity Card No.: [REDACTED] Status: [REDACTED]
Date arrived in Command: [REDACTED] Date to leave Command: [REDACTED]

54
I am [REDACTED], presently employed as a lead Correctional Officer at Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin.

I have been employed as such since [REDACTED].

Since taking up employment at the prison there has only been one prisoner confined there. He was Rudolf Hess, whose correct title was Allied Prisoner No 7 and I shall refer to him as such throughout the rest of this statement.

Prisoner No 7 was in the habit of going into the prison garden and sitting in a summer house. He would do this summer and winter morning and afternoon.

In the summer, if it was hot, Prisoner No 7 would sit just outside the summer house on a bench or would sit inside and fall asleep. I would always sit with him except when he fell asleep and then, on occasions, I would sit outside in such a position that I could at all time see Prisoner No 7 through the small window located on the side of the summer house nearest to the cell block. If the weather was not very good then I would remain in the summer house with the prisoner. The only time that he would ever be out of my sight in the garden is if he wanted to go to the toilet. As there were no toilet facilities in the garden the prisoner was in the habit of going behind a bush and to give him some privacy I would allow him to be out of my sight for a short while to do this.

I am aware that there was an electrical extension lead in the summer house which the prisoner used when he wanted to plug in one of the two standard lamps he had. Every time I have seen this cord it was lying on the floor. I have never seen it tied to the window latch.

I am aware of paragraph 6 of the instruction for the cell warden which require warders to be aware of any attempts the prisoner might make to commit suicide. The only other time I can recall being told to keep a close eye on Prisoner No 7 was in 1982 or 83, I cannot now be sure when it was but following a request which was refused for Prisoner No 7 to be released, Mr Keane, the American Governor briefed me on the need to be very observant for the next few days in case Prisoner No 7 became depressed.

Between 0100 hrs and 0400 hrs Mon 17 Aug 87 I was on duty as the cell warden at the prison. I recall that about 0210 hrs Prisoner No 7 requested to be allowed to write a letter. I knew that he had some official letter paper so I allowed this and the cell lights were turned on. I later saw Prisoner No 7 lying in bed writing, leaning against a board. I did not see what pen he was using nor did I see what paper he was writing on.

I changed duties to the gate warden about 0355 hrs that morning at which time the cell light was on and the prisoner appeared still to be writing.

I have been asked if I am aware of any incidents involving Prisoner No 7 and Correction Officer 2 [REDACTED], one of the American Warders.

Although I did not witness it, 2 [REDACTED] has told me that No 7 requested to have a doctor attend as he was not feeling well. 2 [REDACTED] spoke to 64 [REDACTED], RAMC, the medical assistant on duty who told him that there was nothing wrong with the prisoner. 2 [REDACTED] told this to Prisoner No 7 who got angry.

2 [REDACTED] has in my opinion always treated the prisoner fairly and correctly. He has always been helpful to the prisoner with the bounds of the prison rules.

There is something else I would like to add regarding Prisoner No 7's attitude to 2 [REDACTED].

In Apr 87 the prison Governors decided to employ a female coloured nurse. I should add that 2 [REDACTED] is also coloured. One night, again I cannot recall the date, Prisoner No 7 said to me, "Wie können die mir das antun? Erst 2 [REDACTED] und jetzt diese schwarze Krankenpflegerin."

Translated this means, "How can they do this to me? First 2 [REDACTED] and now this black female nurse."

In my opinion Prisoner No 7 was prejudiced against 2 [REDACTED] because of his colour.

This statement is true. I have made it of my own free will.

(signed) [REDACTED] 54

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at Spandau Allied Prison on 25 Aug 87 about 1310 hrs.

(signed)

14 [REDACTED]
RMP SIB

STATEMENT

Surname: 2 [REDACTED] Forenames: 2 [REDACTED]
Date & Place of Birth: [REDACTED] Height:
Occupation: Correctional Officer
Address: [REDACTED]
Identity Card No.: Status:
Date arrived in Command: Date to leave Command:

Further to my statement dated 17 Aug 87.

I have been asked to relate what sort of relationship I had with Allied Prisoner No 7. As far as I am concerned I have always acted correctly and fairly in my handling of Prisoner No 7.

The prisoner has made two complaints about me.

The first one was in May 87. I was on duty in the cell block, at this time there was a British male nurse on duty 24 hrs a day.

Most times that the prisoner called the nurse I used to accompany him to act as a translator.

One time the prisoner complained of chest pains. The male nurse connected him up to an ECG machine and carried out some tests after which he told me that the prisoner was not suffering from a heart attack and no doctor was needed. I told the prisoner this and he got very angry and demanded a doctor, which, on the instructions of the nurse, was refused.

Shortly after this the prisoner made a verbal complaint about this incident to the American General when he carried out an inspection.

The second time was also in May 87 and the prisoner made a written complaint regarding things I was alleged to have said to him in the garden. The substance of the complaint was that I supposedly said that if he fell I would not help him up but would call for a nurse to do it and also that I refused to carry his bag.

This was untrue, in fact several times previously I had helped the prisoner to his feet when he had fallen. With regards to carrying his bag it was not part of my duties to carry it and I told the prisoner this.

Both these complaints were investigated and found to be untrue.

(signed) 2 [REDACTED]

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at the SIB Offices, Berlin on Thu 3 Sep 87 about 0950 hrs.

(signed) 14 [REDACTED]

RMP SIB

56 STATEMENT 56

Surname: [REDACTED] Forenames: [REDACTED]
 Date & Place of Birth: over 21 Height:
 Occupation: British Chief Warder
 Address: Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin
 Identity Card No.: Status:
 Date arrived in Command: Date to leave Command:

56
 I am Mr [REDACTED]. I am presently employed as the British Chief Warder at the Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin.

I have held this appointment since Jun 86, however. Prior to this I was employed at the prison as a Deputy Chief Warder since Oct 78.

During my employment at the prison there had only ever been one prisoner who was Rudolf Hess, whose correct title is Allied Prisoner No 7 and I shall refer to him as such for the remainder of this statement.

Allied Prisoner No 7 is guarded by warders from all four nationalities, British, French, Russian and American. There are three warders on duty all the time and they are all of different nationalities.

The three posts are:

Post Number 1: Chief Warder

He is responsible for the overall enforcement of the rules and regulations that apply to the internal security of the prison.

He also relieves other warders at meal times.

The Chief Warders Office is within the confines of the prison building and he has a set of keys that open the cell block at both ends.

Post Number 2: Warder in the cell section.

He is responsible for the prisoner both in the cell block and the prison garden. He also has a set of keys to the cell block.

Post Number 3: Warder at the main gate.

He is responsible for ensuring that only authorized persons enter the main gate. He does not hold keys to the cell block.

47 The orders, which are signed by all four Governors, I have today handed, together with other orders relating to the prisoner, to SSgt [REDACTED], RMP SIB who attached an exhibit label to it marked LW/1. I have signed and dated that label.

Because only the cell warder and the Chief Warder have keys to the cell block it means that should they both be out of the building, i.e. in the garden with the prisoner, then no one could get access into the cell block or through the cell block into the garden.

There is a set of instructions which are signed by all four Governors, which lay out the daily routine of Allied Prisoner No 7, however, because of the prisoner's age (93 yrs) these instructions were not strictly complied with. They are contained within the document labelled LW/1.

The routine that is practiced by the warders in respect of Prisoner No 7 is:

19 When he wakes up, this is normally just before 0700 hrs, Mr [REDACTED], his male nurse, enters his sleeping cell and disconnects the medical equipment. Mr [REDACTED] would then escort the prisoner to the ablutions area and the prisoner would then shower, following this Mr [REDACTED] would assist the prisoner to get dressed. Mr [REDACTED] would then massage Prisoner No 7 and then supervise him doing exercises. At the end of this the prisoner would always feel tired and would return to his cell and sleep for about an hour.

Most mornings between 0900 hrs - 1000 hrs Prisoner No 7 would ask to go out into the garden and sit in the summer house.

Whilst he was getting ready for this the cell block warder would inform the Chief Warder of what was about to happen. The Chief Warder would log the call and notify the gate warder.

When the prisoner was ready to leave the cell block, the cell block warden would take him down to the garden in the lift.

Prisoner No 7 would then be left to walk to the summer house on his own whilst the warder went ahead to open the doors and windows to air it.

It would take Prisoner No 7 some twenty minutes to walk the short distance from the lift to the summer house and once there he would enter and normally sit inside and read or sleep.

It was normal practice for all the warders, myself included, to sit outside the summer house in good weather in order to give the prisoner some privacy in his advanced years. Although sometimes I would sit so that I would be out of sight of the prisoner, I was always near enough to hear every movement that he made.

About 1130 hrs, the prisoner would be returned to the cell block for lunch. He would normally take up to two hours to eat this following which he would sleep for a while.

About 1400 hrs the prisoner would again return to the summer house for the afternoon. The same procedure would be followed as for the morning.

About 1630 hrs he would be returned to his cell and given his evening meal. Again it would take him up to two hours to eat this. Following his evening meal the prisoner would sleep for a short while. When he awoke he would watch the weather on television following which he would read or go to bed.

Prisoner No 7's cell would never be locked at night, there was always a warder on duty at night and the prisoner would be checked at intervals.

I have been asked if I was aware that there was an electrical extension cable in the summer house. This cable was put into the summer house many years ago so that Prisoner No 7 could connect his reading light to it when the evenings got so dark he could not read. I have never seen it hanging over the window catch and I cannot be more specific when it was first put in.

I have also been asked what type of relationship Prisoner No 7 had with Correction Officer [REDACTED] an American warder.

I am aware that an incident took place earlier this year involving the prisoner and Mr [REDACTED] over medical treatment and as a result Prisoner No 7 complained about Mr [REDACTED]'s attitude. I have never seen Mr Jordan act in any way but correctly in his dealing with the prisoner.

I have also been asked if any instructions were issued regarding watching the prisoner for suicide attempts.

There is an instruction contained within the duties for the cell warder (post No 2) para 6 which states 'He will constantly be alert to prevent attempts at suicide and will keep on the move to observe the prisoner.'

This just could not be carried out. Prisoner No 7 was allowed to watch the television on his own, go to the toilet on his own and although he was checked at intervals at night most of the time he was on his own in the cell. All these areas contain cord and other items that the prisoner could have used if he wanted to commit suicide.

Although I briefed new UK warders when they started I only briefed them to keep a close watch on the prisoner when he appeared depressed.

I have not for about three years received any instructions from the Governors to be extra vigilant against suicide attempts. About three years ago, an instruction was issued to watch the prisoner closely for a while as one of his requests had been refused and it was believed that he might get depressed as a result of it.

(signed) [REDACTED]

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at the Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin, on 24 Aug 87 about 1430 hrs.

(signed) [REDACTED]

SSgt
RMP SIB

17 STATEMENT 17

Surname: [REDACTED] Forenames: [REDACTED]
Date & Place of Birth: over 21 Height:
Occupation: Prison Warder
Address: Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin
Identity Card No.: Status:
Date arrived in Command: Date to leave Command:

17
I am Mr [REDACTED]. I am employed as a Deputy Chief Warder at the Allied Prison Spandau. I have held this appointment since [REDACTED]

Since I started my employment at the prison there has only been one prisoner in the prison, this was Rudolf Hess, whose correct title was Allied Prisoner No 7 and I shall refer to him as such during the rest of the statement.

Prisoner No 7 was in the habit of taking his exercise periods in the prison garden. I have escorted him on these visits many times when I was on duty as the cell block warder. In good weather Prisoner No 7 was in the habit of sitting in a gardenhouse which was in the garden and would normally fall asleep. When he was asleep I would go and sit on a bench outside the gardenhouse or walk up and down the path. This meant that the prisoner would be out of my sight at times, although I would make frequent checks to ensure that he was still asleep.

I am aware that instruction No 6 of the cell warders orders relating to being constantly aware of any attempt by the prisoner to commit suicide. In practice, however, Prisoner No 7, because of his advanced years, is allowed some privacy and is not kept under constant surveillance 24 hours a day.

I have never had any verbal briefing re watching the prisoner in case he tries suicide.

I have been asked if I can recall seeing a white electrical extension cable in the gardenhouse. As far as I can recall I have never noticed such a cable.

On Mon 17 Aug 87 I commenced duty as the cell block warder at 0800 hrs.

The prisoner appeared his self and was quite active. I recall that Prisoner No 7 kept asking for writing paper which I could not give him because none of the four Governors were in the prison to give permission for the issue of writing paper.

I cannot recall seeing the prisoner writing on anything that morning.

About 1130 hrs I handed over the duties of the cell block warden to Warden [REDACTED] and commenced duty as the main gate warden.

About 1410 hrs I was informed either that the prisoner was in the garden or that he was getting ready for the garden. I cannot now be sure which.

2 About 1450 hrs the internal telephone rang. I answered it and Mr [REDACTED] said, "There's been an accident. Get medical help immediately."

I immediately telephoned the Chief Warden, Mr [REDACTED], and informed him of the message and suggested to go into the garden to access the situation.

I then telephoned BMH Berlin and gave the codeword 'Paradox.' This means 'send an ambulance to the prison immediately.'

I did not know where the prison nurse, Mr [REDACTED], was so I instructed the guard to get medical assistance.

A few minutes later I saw two American soldiers run towards the garden with medical equipment.

Sometime later Mr [REDACTED] arrived and ran into the main entrance to the prison.

I shouted after him that he would probably be unable to get through to the garden that way as the Chief Warden may still be in the garden.

I then informed the guard to let him in one of the side entrances.

I then tried to telephone and inform the four Governors of the incident.

About 1512 hrs Lt Col [REDACTED] RAMC arrived as did an ambulance and I let them into the prison.

The ambulance and Lt Col [REDACTED] left the prison about 1540 hrs.

I was then relieved and went off duty.

I have been asked if I am aware of the relationship between the prisoner and Mr [REDACTED]. I am aware that the prisoner did make a complaint about Mr [REDACTED] but as far as I can recall Mr [REDACTED] has always acted fairly and correctly in his handling of Allied Prisoner No 7.

(signed) [REDACTED] 17

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at Spandau Allied Prison on 26 Aug 87 about 1200 hrs.

(signed) [REDACTED] 34
SSgt
RMP SIB

26
STATEMENT
26

Surname: [REDACTED]
Date & Place of Birth: over 21
Occupation: Deputy Chief Prison Warder
Address: Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin
Identity Card No.:
Date arrived in Command:

Forenames: [REDACTED]
Height:
Status:
Date to leave Command:

26
I am Mr [REDACTED]. I am presently employed as a British Deputy Chief Prison Warder at the Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin.

I commenced this employment in Jan 79.

Since I started work at the prison there has only been one prisoner, Rudolf Hess, whose correct title is Allied Prisoner No 7, and I shall refer to him by this title for the rest of the statement.

I was on duty as the cell block warder during the afternoons of Thu 13 Aug 87, Fri 14 Aug 87 and Sat 15 Aug 87. During these afternoons Prisoner No 7 did not go into the garden at all. I recall that on one of the afternoons he did consider going but then changed his mind. Prisoner No 7 was cheerful and appeared to be in good health. There was only one thing that happened which I found strange. Prisoner No 7 has always followed the achievements of German sportsmen and women with great interest, however, when I told him that Steffi Graf had beaten Navratilova at tennis he said that he was not interested. Apart from that all appeared normal.

I have on many occasions escorted Prisoner No 7 into the garden. It was always his habit to sit in the summer house. On every occasion I always sat with him inside the summer house and never let him out of my sight.

I am aware that para 6 of the rules and regulations for the cell warder contain instruction with regard to closely watching Prisoner No 7 in case of suicide attempts. Apart from these I have never been given any formal verbal instruction regarding the prisoner committing suicide.

I have been asked if I am aware of any problems that existed between the prisoner and Correction Officer [REDACTED], one of the American Warders. I have never witnessed any incident between them, in fact, Mr [REDACTED] has always acted correctly and fairly towards the prisoner in my presence.

On Mon 17 Aug 87 I was due to commence duty at 1600 hrs. I arrived at the prison about 1530 hrs. I immediately knew that something was wrong. Mr [REDACTED], who was the gate warder, informed me that there was something wrong inside, but that he did not know any details.

A few minutes later someone shouted for the gates to be opened. I opened the gates and an ambulance went out.

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I was later told that Prisoner No 7 had died.

I have also been asked if I was aware that a piece of electrical extension cable was in the summer house. I cannot ever recall seeing such a cable.

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(signed) [REDACTED]

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me Spandau Military Prisoner on Tue 25 Aug 87 about 1040 hrs.

14
(signed) [REDACTED]

SSgt
RMP SIB

57 STATEMENT 57

Surname: [REDACTED] Forenames: [REDACTED]
 Date & Place of Birth: over 21 Height: [REDACTED]
 Occupation: Deputy Chief Prison Warder
 Address: Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin
 Identity Card No.: Status: [REDACTED]
 Date arrived in Command: 57 Date to leave Command: [REDACTED]

I am Mr. [REDACTED]. I am presently employed as a Deputy Chief Prison Warder (UK) at the Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin. I have been employed at the prison since [REDACTED].

The only prisoner in the prison was Rudolf Hess, whose correct title is Allied Prisoner No 7 and I shall refer to him as such throughout the rest of this statement.

Prisoner No 7 was in the habit of taking his exercise periods in the prison garden. The prisoner would walk into the garden and go and sit inside a greenhouse, he would then either read or sleep. If it was raining I would sit inside with him, however, if the weather was fine, I used to sit outside. I would position myself in such a way that I could always see the prisoner but he could not see me. At no time did I let him out of my sight.

I am aware that there was a white electrical extension cable in the summer house that was used to connect the reading light to the electrical power socket. Every time I saw the cable it was lying on the floor.

When I started work at the prison I was made aware of and read the rules relating to the duties of the warders at each of the three posts. I know that paragraph 6 of the instructions for the cell warder contains instructions for watching the prisoner in case of suicide attempts.

I have never been given any verbal briefings on suicide attempts however, I have been told during general conversation with other warders that the prisoner had made a previous attempt.

I have been asked if I am aware of any disagreements that occurred between the prisoner and Correction Officer [REDACTED]. I have been told, I do not recall who told me, that the prisoner had made a complaint about Mr [REDACTED], however, I did not witness the incident. As far as I know Mr [REDACTED] has always been polite and fair in his dealings with the prisoner.

I was on leave between 1 Aug 87 and 24 Aug 87, therefore I had nothing to do with the prisoner between those dates. 57

(signed) [REDACTED]

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at the Allied Prison Spandau on 28 Aug 87 about 1105 hrs. 14

(signed) [REDACTED]
 SSgt
 RMP SIB

Case No.: 53052/7

58 STATEMENT

Surname: [REDACTED]
Service No.: [REDACTED]
Type of Engagement: [REDACTED]
Date and Place of Birth: [REDACTED]
Full Unit Address: BMH Berlin, BFPO 45
Date due to leave Comd: [REDACTED]

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Forenames: [REDACTED]
Rank: Cpl
Height: [REDACTED]
Date due to leave Service: [REDACTED]

This statement (, consisting of 2 pages each signed by me,) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 1st day of September, 1987. Signed: [REDACTED]

I am [REDACTED] presently serving with BMH Berlin, BFPO 45.

I am employed within the hospital as a receptionist and have been since Dec 85.

I am responsible for taking emergency calls and the tasking of ambulances.

I am also responsible on receipt of the code word 'PARADOX' for sending an ambulance and doctor to the Allied Prison Spandau.

'PARADOX' means there is a medical emergency involving Rudolf Hess, Allied Prisoner No 7, and a Medical Officer and ambulance are required at the prison.

On Mon 17 Aug 87 I was on duty at the reception, BMH Berlin, when about 1450 hrs I received a telephone call during which I was given the code word 'PARADOX.'

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I immediately informed the doctor on call, Maj [REDACTED], that 'PARADOX' had been called.

I then ensured that an ambulance was on standby.

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Shortly after this I was instructed to allow the ambulance to go without Maj [REDACTED]. I subsequently informed the ambulance crew of this and the ambulance left.

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(signed) [REDACTED]

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at the BMH Berlin on Tue 1 Sep 87 about 1130 hrs.

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(signed) [REDACTED]
SSgt
RMP SIB

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14 STATEMENT 14

Surname: [REDACTED] Forenames: [REDACTED]
Service No.: [REDACTED] Rank: SSgt
Type of Engagement: [REDACTED] Height: [REDACTED]
Date and Place of Birth: [REDACTED]
Full Unit Address: 14 Det SIB RMP BAOR, BFPO 45
Date due to leave Comd: [REDACTED] Date due to leave Service: [REDACTED]

This statement (, consisting of 2. pages each signed by me,) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 4th day of September, 1987. Signed: [REDACTED] 14

I am SSgt [REDACTED] RMP SIB, presently serving with 14 Det SIB RMP BAOR, Berlin, BFPO 45.

About 1100 hrs Mon 24 Aug 87, at the Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin, I received from Lt Col (Retd) AH Le Tissier, British Governor of the Prison the following certified true copies of documents relating to Rudolf Hess, Allied Prisoner No 7. I subsequently attached exhibit labels to them which I marked as indicated:

- IJB/1 Photostat copy of a two page typed letter dated 20.7.1987 addressed to Herrn Rudolf Hess.
- IJB/2 Photostat copy of the first page of a typed letter dated 20.7.1987 addressed to Herrn Rudolf Hess with a photostat copy of the handwriting that was on the rear of it.
- IJB/3 Photostat copy of a three page typed medical report on Prisoner No 7 dated 9 Mar 77.
- IJB/4 Photostat copy of a one page medical report dated 15 Dec 59

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Later that day I received from Mr [REDACTED], British Chief Warder at the prison the rules and regulations for the prison warders. I attached an exhibit label to these marked LW/1.

On Tue 25 Aug 87, I received from Lt Col (Retd) AH Le Tissier the following documents which I labelled as indicated:

- IJB/5 Photostat copy of the warders log of 17 Aug 87.
- IJB/6 Two photostat pages with type and handwriting in German on them.
- IJB/7 Photostat copies of sheets 201 and 202 of Prisoner No 7's writing book.
- IJB/8 Photostat copy of a complaint made in writing by Prisoner No 7 on 12 May 87.

Continuation of statement of: SSgt ¹⁴ [REDACTED] 14 Det SIB RMP BAOR, BFPO 45

I have signed and dated those labels.

I have retained all these in my possession and can produce them if required.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
SSgt
RMP SIB

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14 STATEMENT

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Surname: [REDACTED] Forenames: [REDACTED]
 Service No.: [REDACTED] Rank: SSgt
 Type of Engagement: [REDACTED] Height: [REDACTED]
 Date and Place of Birth: [REDACTED]
 Full Unit Address: 14 Det SIB RMP BAOR, BFPO 45
 Date due to leave Comd: [REDACTED] Date due to leave Service: [REDACTED]

This statement (, consisting of [REDACTED] pages each signed by me,) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 7th day of September, 1987. Signed: [REDACTED]
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I am SSgt [REDACTED], RMP SIB presently serving with 14 Det SIB RMP BAOR, Berlin, BFPO 45.

On Wed 26 Aug 87 I interviewed [REDACTED], a male nurse employed at Spandau Allied Prison. Although [REDACTED] refused to make a written statement or answer all of my questions he did inform me that on the afternoon of Mon 17 Aug 87 he had been at his residence when he received a telephone call from [REDACTED] 16A French Warder, who informed him that there was an emergency at the prison. Mr [REDACTED] 16 stated that he immediately ran to the prison and rendered first aid to Prisoner No 7.

On Mon 7 Sep 87, I examined the civilian staff booking in/out book for Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin. As a result of this examination I can state that on Mon 17 Aug 87, [REDACTED] 16 the personal nurse of Allied Prisoner No 7 entered and left the prison at the following times:

0700 hrs	Enters prison
0815 hrs	Leaves prison
0907 hrs	Enters prison
1107 hrs	Leaves prison
1445 hrs	Enters prison
1540 hrs	Leaves prison (In ambulance with Allied Prisoner No 7)
1955 hrs	Enters prison
2020 hrs	Leaves prison.

[REDACTED] 14
 SSgt
 RMP SIB

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40 STATEMENT 40

Surname: [REDACTED] Forenames: [REDACTED]
Service No.: [REDACTED] Rank: WO1
Type of Engagement: [REDACTED] Height: [REDACTED]
Date and Place of Birth: [REDACTED]
Full Unit Address: HQ Eastern Region SIB RMP BAOR
Date due to leave Comd: [REDACTED] Date due to leave Service: [REDACTED]

This statement (consisting of XXXX pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 28th day of August 1987 Signed: [REDACTED] 40

I am a WO1 in the SIB at present holding the appointment of Forensic Warrant Officer, Eastern Region, SIB RMP BAOR in Bielefeld West Germany.

On Mon 17 Aug 87 I went to Spandau Allied Prison Berlin where I took a number of monochrome photographs in and around a small summerhouse located within the Prison complex.

I later developed the film and I labelled the resultant negatives as exhibit WLF/20 and signed the label.

From these negatives I produced four identical photographic supplements each of which I labelled as exhibit WLF/21. I signed the exhibit labels.

The photographs contained in the supplement depict:-

1. View showing summerhouse from front left.
2. View showing summerhouse from rear.
3. View showing summerhouse from front.
4. View showing electrical flex hanging at rear of summerhouse.
5. View showing knot in electrical flex.
6. View showing loop in electrical flex.

On Fri 28 Aug 87 I sent these supplements together with the original negatives by registered post to 14 Det SIB RMP BAOR BFPO 45.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
WO1
RMP SIB

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Surname: [REDACTED] Forenames: [REDACTED]
Service No.: [REDACTED] Rank: W02
Type of Engagement: [REDACTED] Height: [REDACTED]
Date and Place of Birth: [REDACTED]
Full Unit Address: HQ Western Region SIB RMP BAOR, BFPO 34
Date due to leave Comd: [REDACTED] Date due to leave Service: [REDACTED]

This statement (,consisting of pages 2 each signed by me,) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 21st day of August, 19 87. Signed: [REDACTED]

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I am W02 [REDACTED] of the Royal Military Police Special Investigation Branch at present serving with HQ Western Region SIB RMP BAOR located in Dusseldorf West Germany.

At the mortuary BMH Berlin on Wed 19 Aug 87 between 0820 hrs and 1145 hrs I was present at a post mortem examination conducted by Professor [REDACTED] 21 on the body of Rudolf Hess, also known as Allied Prisoner number 7. Formal identification of the deceased being made prior to commencement by Col JM Hamer-Philip late RAMC CO BMH Berlin.

21 During the course of the post mortem examination I received from Professor [REDACTED] the following items and body samples recovered from the deceased to which I attached the listed exhibit identification labels.

- a. Exhibit marked NL/1 - A light grey coloured check patterned jacket.
- b. Exhibit marked NL/2 - A pair of light grey coloured flannel trousers.
- c. Exhibit marked NL/3 - A white long sleeved shirt.
- d. Exhibit marked NL/4 - A pair of white 'long john' underpants.
- e. Exhibit marked NL/5 - A pair of white 'boxer' shorts.
- f. Exhibit marked NL/6 - Head hair sample.
- g. Exhibit marked NL/7 - Urine sample.
- h. Exhibit marked NL/8 - Right kidney.
- i. Exhibit marked NL/9 - Left kidney.
- j. Exhibit marked NL/10 - Stomach contents.
- k. Exhibit marked NL/11 - Blood sample from heart.
- l. Exhibit marked NL/12 - Blood sample from right leg.
- m. Exhibit marked NL/13 - Blood sample from left leg.

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- n. Exhibit marked NL/14 - Liver complete.
- o. Exhibit marked NL/15 - Two plastic containers containing histology samples.
- p. Exhibit marked NL/16 - Lung tissue.
- q. Exhibit marked NL/17 - Throat section.

I signed and dated all the attached exhibit labels.

On Thu 20 Aug 87 I conveyed exhibits marked NL/6 to NL/17 inclusive to the Department of Pathology Royal Army Medical College, Millbank, where on arrival about 1115 hrs that day I handed them to W01 [REDACTED] RAMC against receipt. This receipt I can produce if required. 66

On Fri 21 Aug 87 I handed exhibits marked NL/1 to NL/5 inclusive to W02 [REDACTED] RMP SIB for his retention. 67

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
RMP SIB

Bleiben die Druckkosten
dieser Zeitung geschickt.

TO CCRIQ 53052/7
DATED 11 SEP 87

Geschrieben ein paar
Minuten vor meinem Tode.

Ich danke Euch allen
meine Lieben für alles was
Ihr mir Liebes angetan.

Freikamp sagt, er hat mir
maßlos Leid getan, daß ich
so sehr mußte sich dem Nürn-
berger Prozeß als Kanne
ich sie nicht. Er hat mir
nichts anderes übrig, sonst wäre
alle Versuche unmöglich ge-
wesen in die Freiheit zu
kommen.

Ich hatte mich so darauf
gefreut sie wieder zu sehen
- ich bekam ja Bilder von ihr
von Euch allen.

Euer Großer.

GERMAN TEXT OF 'SUICIDE' NOTE WRITTEN BY ALLIED PRISONER NO 7

Bitte an die Direktoren
dies heimzuschicken.
Geschrieben ein paar Minuten
vor meinem Tode.
Ich danke Euch allen
meine Lieben für alles was
Ihr mir Lieben angetan.
Freiberg? Sagt, es hat mir
mahslos Leid getan, dass ich
so tun musste seit dem Nürn-
berger Prozeß als kenne
ich sie nicht. Es blieb mir
nichts anderes übrig, sonst wären
alle Versuche unmöglich ge-
wesen in die Freiheit zu
kommen.
Ich hatte mich so darauf
gefremt sie wiederzusehen,
ich bekam ja Bilder von ihr
wie von Euch allen.


Euer Grohser

TRANSLATION OF 'SUICIDE' NOTE WRITTEN BY ALLIED PRISONER NO 7

Written a few minutes prior to my death.
I thank you all my dear for everything you
loved ones have done for me.
Freiberg? Says I was extremely sorry
that I had to act like this since the
Nuremberg trial as if I didn't know her.
I couldn't do anything else, otherwise
all attempts would have been impossible
to become free.
I had looked forward to see her again
I had a photograph of her and from all
of you.

Your great one

Translated to the best of my knowledge and ability.


Official Interpreter
14 Det SIB RMP BAOR

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF WARDER IN THE CELL SECTION

POST NUMBER 2

ANNEX D
TO CCRIQ 53052/7
DATED 11 SEP 87

1. He will assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chief Warder in the absence of the latter.
2. He will assist in enforcing the security regulations as directed by the Chief Warder.
3. When on the day shift, he will be present whenever the prisoner is in the yard and supervise the bathing and issue of clothing to the prisoner on bath days, and be present at religious services.
4. He will search the prisoner when returning from the yard.
5. Any kind of unofficial communication between the Prison staff and the prisoner is prohibited. It is the responsibility of the warder to see that there is no such communication between United Nations personnel, e.g. the cook or dispenser and the prisoner.
6. He will constantly be alert to prevent attempts to suicide and will keep on the move to observe the prisoner. The cell blue lights or torches will be used to inspect the cell during the hours of darkness.
7. He will immediately report any unusual incident to the Chief Warder or, in his absence, to the Chairman Governor.
8. He will not leave his post until properly relieved.
9. He will have possession of the cell keys and will be responsible for turning the prisoner in and out of the cell when required.

10. He will see that the prisoner leaves the cell section only when authorised and that he does not leave the cell section unless escorted.

11. He will take the prisoner's spectacles away at lights out and will return them at 0630 hours.

12. He will be responsible for the enforcement of all regulations governing the conduct of the prisoner in the cell section.

13. He will escort the prisoner on the following occasions:

- (a) Exercise
- (b) Baths
- (c) Visits to the Dispensary
- (d) Other action detailed by the Chief Warder

14. All rules and regulations governing communications between Prison staff and the prisoner will be strictly observed by the Escort Warder.

15. When a shift change occurs he will report to the Chief Warder that he has assumed duty.

Certified true copy

 (Signature)

 (Name)

SSgt
RMP SIB

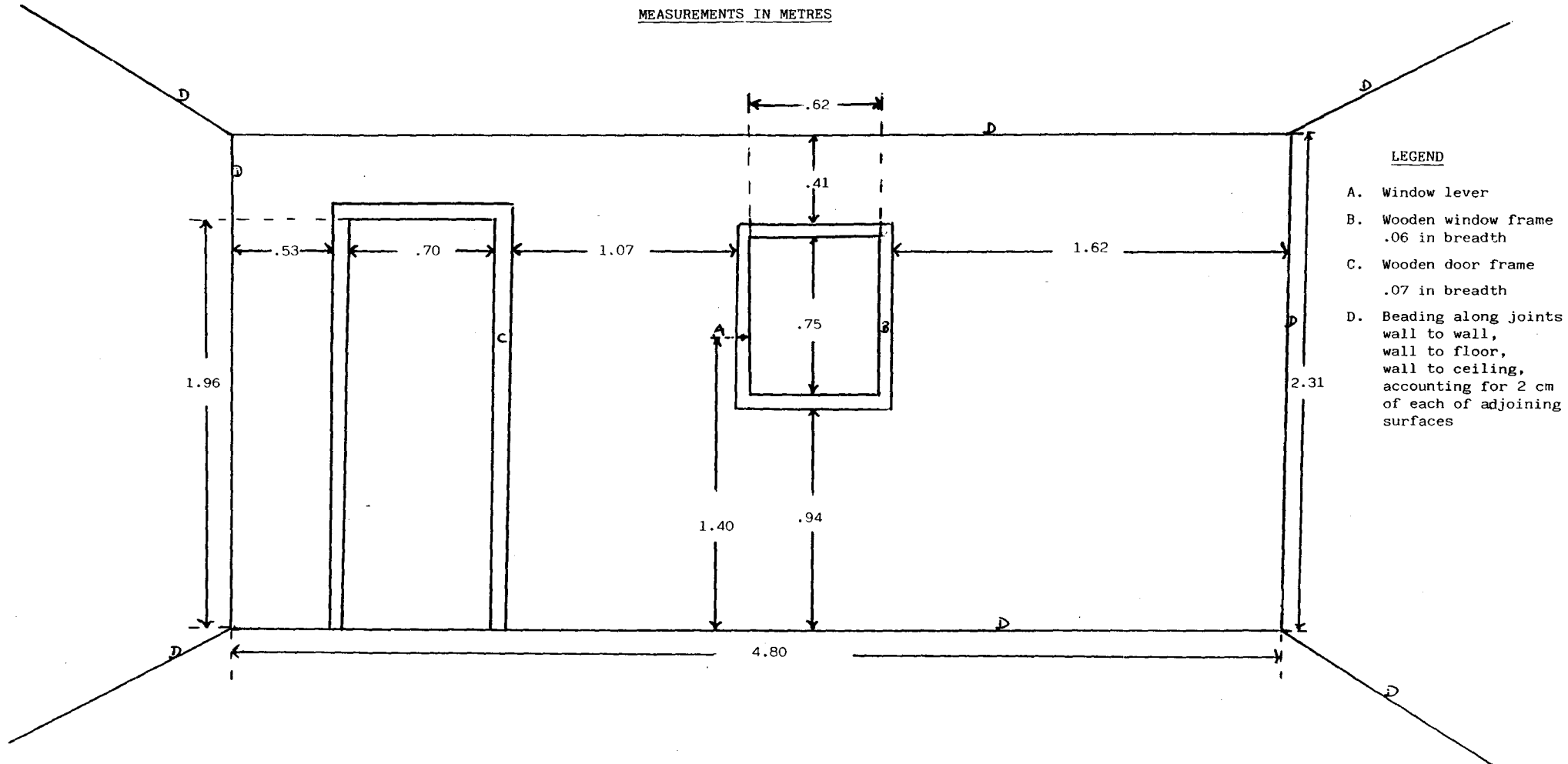
APPROXIMATE TIMINGS
PRISONER NUMBER 7
MONDAY 17 AUGUST 1987

- 1355 hrs - ¹⁶ [REDACTED] informed that Prisoner Number 7 is getting ready to go into the garden.
- 1410 hrs - ¹⁶ [REDACTED] informed that the prisoner is on his way to the garden with Correction Officer ² [REDACTED]
- 1430 hrs - Prisoner Number 7 enters summer house. Mr ² [REDACTED] leaves the prisoner alone and sits about 10 m away from the summer house.
- * Note: Around this time ¹³ [REDACTED] walked past the summer house and saw a coloured warder (Mr ² [REDACTED]) nearby on a bench.
- 1435 hrs - Mr ² [REDACTED] checks prisoner and sees him with cable tied around his neck - Mr ² [REDACTED] enters summer house and renders first aid.
- 1445 hrs - Mr ² [REDACTED] telephones main gate and requests medical assistance.
- 1448 hrs - Mr ² [REDACTED] speaks to ⁹ [REDACTED] at tower 3 asking for assistance.
- 1450 hrs - BMH Berlin receives 'OP PARADOX' following phone call from Mr ¹⁷ [REDACTED]
- 1512 hrs - Ambulance and doctor at prison (travelled separately, arrived simultaneously).
- 1530 hrs - Ambulance leaves prison with Prisoner Number 7.
- 1610 hrs - Prisoner Number 7 certified dead at BMH Berlin.

** Note: These timings are approximately only and do not always coincide with the recollection of every witness

ANNEX F
TO CCRI0 53052/7
DATED 11 SEP 87

MEASUREMENTS IN METRES



SKETCH PLAN COMPILED AND DRAWN BY

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