

JOSEPH ROBERT BURNS,
having been duly SWORN, states:

MR. SINCLAIR:

EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF:

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| Q. Mr. Burns, I understand that you are a resident of Saskatoon, | 5 |
| Saskatchewan? | 6 |
| A. Yes. | 7 |
| Q. And I understand as well that you were a longtime employee and that | 8 |
| you worked for the Saskatoon City Transit System? | 9 |
| A. Yes, that's correct. | 10 |
| Q. Did you work as an operator, that is a bus operator for the transit | 11 |
| system in Saskatoon? | 12 |
| A. My first 21 years of employment were as an operator, yes. Bus | 13 |
| driver. | 14 |
| Q. When did you start, sir? | 15 |
| A. October 1, 1959. | 16 |
| Q. And when did you retire from service with the City of Saskatoon? | 17 |
| A. October 31, 1994. | 18 |
| Q. Were you working as a transit operator in January of 1969? | 19 |
| A. Yes, I was. | 20 |
| Q. And I understand that in connection with this case you have been | 21 |
| asked to go back and look at various schedules, and assist us in terms | 22 |
| of bus scheduling in Saskatoon, is that correct? | 23 |
| A. Yes. | 24 |
| Q. All right. I understand that there was a Route 2 bus? | 25 |
| A. Yes. | 26 |
| Q. Are you familiar with that bus, or that route? | 27 |

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- A. Yes. 1
- Q. And can you briefly describe it for the Court, where its ends were? 2
- A. In 1969 it began from Ottawa Avenue and 20th Street, travelled 3
eastward on 20th to 1st Avenue, north on 1st Avenue to 23rd Street, 4
east on 23rd Street one block to 2nd Avenue, and terminated on 2nd 5
Avenue at 21st Street. 6
- Q. All right. And what landmark is at 23rd and 2nd? 7
- A. The King George Hotel, which is still there. 8
- Q. So, was the Route 2 bus operator then when he arrived at that 9
location, start the process and go back to Ottawa and 20th Street? 10
- A. Yes. The route back was 2nd Avenue to 20th Street, west on 20th 11
Street to Winnipeg Avenue, south on Winnipeg one block, turn around 12
the block to Ottawa. It terminated at Ottawa Avenue and 20th Street. 13
- Q. We have a map here, sir, that's identified as exhibit P-2. I wonder if 14
you could approach and assist the Jury and advise me whether or not 15
you can -- whether it shows one of the terminus points of the Route 2 16
bus. Do you see this here, it appears to be 20th Street here? 17
- A. Yes. 18
- THE COURT: Excuse me, Mr. Sinclair, if you could do this 19
for me in terms of recording it. 20
- MR. SINCLAIR: Sure. 21
- THE COURT: When he is there in front of the exhibit could 22
you have him go over the two ends of the route in general terms 23
again, I think it would help us all. 24
- MR. SINCLAIR: Thank you, My Lord. Actually, maybe what 25
I'll do then, My Lord, in that regard, maybe I'll refer to the city map at 26

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- this time. 1
- THE COURT: All right. Thank you. 2
- EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF OF JOSEPH BURNS (CONTINUES): 3
- Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked as exhibit P-4 in these 4
proceedings. 5
- A. Where do you want me to stand? 6
- Q. Right there. 7
- A. So I'm not in the road. 8
- Q. I think that's fine. Do you recognize this to be a -- I'm showing the 9
witness P-4 now, do you recognize that to be a city map of the City of 10
Saskatoon? 11
- A. Yes, I do. 12
- Q. All right. And, if I'm correct, this dark line going east and west here, 13
do you recognize that to be 22nd Street? 14
- A. That is 22nd Street, yes. 15
- Q. And this dark line going north and south is Idylwyld? 16
- A. That is right. 17
- Q. Okay. Just for my benefit, addresses north of 22nd Street in 18
Saskatoon as they proceed north are, for example, let's say 813 19
Avenue G North, would be eight blocks north of 22nd Street, is that 20
correct? 21
- A. That is right, yes. 22
- Q. When you go south from 22nd Street, the residences start in the 100 23
block south, we'll say, of Avenue G, or whatever avenue it is? 24
- A. Yes. 25
- Q. And go south? 26

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- A. Yes. 1
- Q. Okay. And in this connection you indicated that the terminus point of the Route 2 bus was at 20th and Ottawa Street. Do you -- can you see that on the map, please. 2
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4
- A. Right at this corner here which is Ottawa Avenue and 20th Street. 5
The bus came out at 20th Street to Winnipeg Avenue, went south on 6
Winnipeg, and then onto Ottawa which is kind of a crescent in that 7
particular situation. 8
- Q. All right. 9
- A. And then it terminated at Ottawa just before 20th Street. 10
- Q. All right. So then as the bus went, as the Route 2 bus then went back downtown, it would travel east along 20th Street -- 11
12
- A. That is right. 13
- Q. ... is that correct? 14
- A. That is right. 15
- Q. And it would end up at 2nd Avenue and 23rd, did you say? Would that be right about there? 16
17
- A. Yes. That is right. On the south side of 23rd and the west side of 2nd Avenue. 18
19
- Q. Okay. And then the bus would turn around and go back out -- whatever, detailing the route that you took, or that you described? 20
21
- A. Yes. 22
- Q. Now, exhibit P-2 in these proceedings I understand that Ottawa Avenue is indicated here? 23
24
- A. That's right, yes. 25
- Q. And 20th Street is indicated here? 26

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- A. That's right. 1
- Q. Do you recognize that to be accurate? 2
- A. Yes. 3
- Q. So that would be the terminus point right there? 4
- A. That's correct. 5
- Q. Okay. And do you recognize 20th Street and Avenue O, I believe it's 6
said to be this street right here, with St. Mary's School down here 7
south of 20th Street, and St. Mary's Church on the corner of 20th and 8
O? 9
- A. Yes, that is right. Yes. 10
- Q. Okay. All right. While I've got you here, Mr. Burns, could you 11
indicate, with your initials, the approximate location on exhibit P-4 or 12
the exact location if you know it, of City Hospital, please. 13
- THE COURT: I wonder if he could step back from that, 14
and just if you could -- if he could show where his initials are on there 15
so that the Jury and Mr. Beresh and everyone can see. Can you all 16
see that? It's quite a ways away. 17
- NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE 18
- A. It's indicated by a number 18 on the south end of -- the south end of 19
7th Avenue. 20
- Q. There is actually a mark on there with the number 18? 21
- A. Yes. 22
- Q. And that's where City Hospital is? 23
- A. That's right. 24
- Q. Okay. If you just want to return to your seat, Mr. Burns. You are 25
familiar with the schedules of the buses, of the Route 2 bus in January 26

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- of 1969? 1
- A. Yes. 2
- THE COURT: You may be seated. 3
- Q. And could you indicate when the buses started to run from the 4
intersection of Ottawa Avenue and 20th Street, in January of '69. 5
When was the first bus? When did it leave that -- 6
- A. At 6:15 a.m. 7
- Q. At 6:15 a.m. And from that time on, how often were -- did buses 8
leave that intersection of Ottawa Avenue and 20th Street? 9
- A. At 15 minutes frequency until seven o'clock. 10
- Q. And then what happened? 11
- A. Then it became every 10 minutes frequency. 12
- Q. So, a bus would leave Ottawa and 20th at 6:15, 6:30, 6:45, and 13
7:00? 14
- A. That is right. 15
- Q. And then 7:10, 7:20, 7:30? 16
- A. Yes. 17
- Q. All right. And why was there a greater frequency? That is, why were 18
there more buses between 7:00, or after 7:00? 19
- A. The number of people riding increases. 20
- Q. More people going to work at that time? 21
- A. That is correct. 22
- Q. All right. Now, how long did it take the bus -- and by the way, in 23
January of 1969 could you indicate whether the Route 2 bus was 24
actually a bus with a diesel motor or a gasoline motor, or was it a 25
trolley? 26

- A. That was an electric bus, what we called a trolley bus. 1
- Q. A trolley. Can you explain that for the Jury, what a trolley bus is? 2
- A. It was a bus with an electric motor and then there was overhead lines 3
that arms reached from the bus to produce the power to the unit. 4
- Q. And these overhead lines went all the way down 20th Street. 5
Wherever the bus went, these overhead lines went? 6
- A. That's right. 7
- Q. Okay. So this was a trolley service. Were the other bus routes also 8
trolleys in Saskatoon at that time? 9
- A. Only three of them. 10
- Q. Which ones? 11
- A. Number 1 Mayfair. 12
- Q. Yes. 13
- A. Number 2 Pleasant Hill, and Number 3 Riversdale/7th Avenue North. 14
- Q. Okay. 15
- A. Number 1 also went to exhibition. 16
- Q. Now, how long did it take the trolley bus to go from Ottawa Avenue 17
to the intersection of Avenue O and 20th? 18
- A. Prior to 7:00, it would take about 4 minutes. 19
- Q. Okay. Was there a bus stop at O and 20th? 20
- A. There was a bus stop at O and 20th, yes. 21
- Q. And how many bus stops were there, and how often were the bus 22
stops along 20th Street? 23
- A. Bus -- at every corner except Avenue R. 24
- Q. Okay. 25
- A. And at Avenue K, at the railway tracks. 26

- Q. And do you know which side of Avenue O the bus would stop on. 1
That is, which side of any of the avenues did it stop on? 2
- A. The bus stop was before the intersection. 3
- Q. Before the intersection. Okay. So if that's correct, then the bus stop 4
would be at the southwest -- if I wanted to go downtown for example, 5
it would be on the southwest corner of Avenue O and 20th? 6
- A. Yes. 7
- Q. Okay. The bus took four minutes to get from Ottawa to Avenue O 8
and 20th Street, and you said the first bus left at 6:15? 9
- A. That is right. 10
- Q. It would arrive then at 6:19? 11
- A. Approximately 6:19, yes. 12
- Q. The second bus left at 6:30, it would arrive at that location at 6:34? 13
- A. Yes. 14
- Q. The third bus left at 6:45? 15
- A. At 6:49 it would arrive. 16
- Q. It would arrive at Avenue O and 20th Street at 6:49 a.m.? 17
- A. Yes. 18
- Q. The 7:00 bus? 19
- A. At 7:04 approximately. Well, things would be a little bit busier after 20
7:00, and there was more running time. Could be five or six minutes 21
once you get to seven o'clock. 22
- Q. Okay. From that spot how long would it take the trolley, and we're 23
talking about buses between 6:15 and 7:00, how long would it take 24
the trolley bus to get from Avenue O to its terminus point downtown 25
at 23rd and 2nd? 26

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- A. From Avenue O, approximately nine minutes. 1
- Q. So the total length of the trip then was about 13 minutes from Ottawa 2
Avenue to downtown, where it ends at the King George Hotel? 3
- A. Yes. 4
- Q. Thirteen minutes. So, if I took the 6:34 bus from Avenue O and 20th 5
Street, I would be at the King George Hotel about nine minutes later, 6
is that correct? 7
- A. From Avenue O it would be, downtown? 8
- Q. Yes. 9
- A. Yes. Approximately nine minutes later, nine to ten. 10
- Q. About 6:43, is that correct? 11
- A. Yes. 12
- Q. If I took the 6:49 bus from Avenue O and 20th Street, I would be 13
down there at about what time? 14
- A. At about 6:57, 6:58. 15
- Q. If I wanted -- if I lived in this area, do you know what area of 16
Saskatoon this is, what it's called? 17
- A. That's designated as Pleasant Hill. 18
- Q. Pleasant Hill. If I lived in that area of Saskatoon and I worked at City 19
Hospital, where you've indicated here, would I be able to stay on the 20
Route 2 bus and get all the way to City Hospital? 21
- A. No. You would be required to transfer at 23rd Street and 2nd 22
Avenue. 23
- Q. Now, what do you mean by transfer? 24
- A. When you board the Route 2 bus you would ask the operator for a 25
transfer that entitles you to get off of that bus, go across the street 26

- and board the Route 3 bus, and continue the journey to City Hospital. 1
- Q. The Route 3 bus left what location downtown then? If I was on the 2
Route 2 bus and I wanted to go to City Hospital, where would I board 3
the Route 3 bus? 4
- A. Kitty-corner from the King George Hotel at 2nd Avenue and 23rd 5
Street. 6
- Q. So, I'd just have to cross the street? 7
- A. Yes. 8
- Q. Did the City of Saskatoon attempt to arrange a busing schedule so the 9
transfers were conveniently accomplished for passengers? 10
- A. Yes. 11
- Q. And how could you do that, sir? Or, how did the scheduling work in 12
that regard? Were some buses not instructed to leave before a 13
particular time, or -- 14
- A. There were inspectors downtown, they were monitoring the situation 15
all the time. There were certain rules laid out, bus drivers were 16
expected to wait for another bus if it was late. But usually the timing 17
was so that the transferring bus arrived -- I mean, the bus from Route 18
2 would arrive before the Route 3 arrived going north. Usually the 19
Route 2 arrived early enough so there was time for people to cross the 20
street before the Route 3 arrived. 21
- Q. And that was set up for the convenience of the passengers, I take it? 22
- A. That is right. 23
- Q. How long would it take a person if they were downtown about 6:57 24
catching the Route 3 bus across the street from the King George 25
Hotel, how long would it take that bus to go from that location to City 26

- Hospital? 1
- A. I would estimate approximately another five minutes. 2
- Q. So if I boarded the Avenue O bus at 20th, and -- and Avenue O, I 3
boarded that bus at O and 20th and I got my transfer downtown, I 4
could expect to be at City Hospital -- 5
- A. Approximately 7:05,7:03. 6
- Q. All right. By five or six minutes after 7:00? 7
- A. Yes. 8
- Q. And if, on the other hand, I wanted to go to the University, what 9
would be the most convenient transfer I would make to go to the 10
University? 11
- A. On the regular service? 12
- Q. Yes. 13
- A. It would be Route 2 to the same intersection, 23rd Street -- pardon 14
me, 23rd Street and 2nd Avenue, that would require walking one 15
block from the Route 2 to the Route 7, which had a waiting point on 16
23rd Street, east of 3rd Avenue near the Memorial Union Library 17
downtown. 18
- Q. What's the address? Was that 3rd Avenue and -- 19
- A. At 3rd Avenue and 23rd Street. 20
- Q. So I would get off the bus, the most convenient way would be to get 21
off the bus at the King George? 22
- A. That is correct. 23
- Q. Walk a block? 24
- A. Yes. 25
- Q. And get on the Route 7 bus? 26

- A. Yes. That is the fastest means to get from point A to point B. 1
- Q. What time did the Route 7 bus leave from that location, let's say from
six o'clock to maybe about quarter after 7:00 or 7:30? 2
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- A. The regular Route 7 left that terminus every thirty minutes beginning 4
at 6:00 a.m., 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00. There was some additional 5
service from that bus stop to the University at 7:45 -- 6
- Q. Starting at 7:45? 7
- A. ... and 8:15, just those two trips were the two that I can recall. 8
- Q. Okay. So the Route 7 left from Avenue -- 3rd Avenue and 23rd at 9
7:00? 10
- A. It was scheduled -- the running time is indicated as 7:00. The bus 11
was required to wait for two buses from south on 3rd Avenue, so 12
usually one, one and a half minutes after, two minutes after 7:00 13
before it got away. 14
- Q. How long would it take for the Route 7 bus to get to the University? 15
And I think we heard from a previous witness this, and it's marked on 16
the map, University of Saskatchewan, do you see where I'm pointing? 17
- A. Yes. 18
- Q. Does that correspond with your understanding of where the University 19
of Saskatchewan is? 20
- A. Yes. 21
- Q. How long would the Route 7 bus take to get from that location 22
downtown, to the University? 23
- A. Six or seven minutes. 24
- Q. Now, did the Route 7 bus actually enter the University grounds at that 25
time? 26

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- A. No. 1
- Q. All right. You said something about there being a different bus, a
different bus service. What were you referring to, sir? 2
3
- A. It was classified as, we called them extras. They were -- they were 4
sent in because of ridership and demand, just a trip to take people to 5
the University because of university classes, and more people were 6
going to that particular location prior to 8:30 in the morning. 7
- Q. Is that a different route than the Route 7? 8
- A. Yes. They were not marked as a Route 7 bus, they just had an X on 9
the back of the bus to indicate they were an extra, you know. 10
- Q. But they had the same route as the Route 7? 11
- A. From downtown to University it had the same route, yes. 12
- Q. Yes. Okay. And that service started at what time? 13
- A. There was one trip at 7:45, and one more trip at 8:15, if I recall right. 14
- Q. I guess what I was referring to, sir, was that I understood that to be a 15
student bus service in the City of Saskatoon, that is, bore university 16
students themselves? 17
- A. Yes, there was. 18
- Q. And who was that operated by? 19
- A. The City of Saskatoon provided the buses and the operators. The 20
Student Union paid the City of Saskatoon for the -- so much per bus 21
per hour for the service provided, and the Student Union sold the bus 22
passes to the students. It was also, from what I understand, available 23
to certain faculty and staff if there was room on the bus for them to 24
ride. 25
- Q. Okay. Primarily for students at the University but also available for 26

- faculty or staff at the University, is that correct? 1
- A. That's correct. 2
- Q. It didn't have the same routes as the city buses? 3
- A. No, they had their own route. 4
- Q. Okay. And it was run by the Student Union, or at least contracted by
the Student Union? 5
6
- A. The financial side was the Student Union's responsibility. Selling the
passes. 7
8
- Q. If I understand your testimony, if I left Avenue O and 20th Street, if I
caught the bus at 6:49 to go downtown, my destination was the 9
University, I would be at the University six or seven minutes after it 10
left from downtown? 11
12
- A. Yes. 13
- Q. So, if it left from downtown at 7:00, about 7:06, 7:07? 14
- A. Yes. 15
- Q. (Inaudible - coughing in background) 7:02 I would be there at 7:08 or
7:09? 16
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- A. Yes. 18
- MR. SINCLAIR: Thank you. I have nothing further. 19
- THE COURT: Yes. Mr. Beresh. 20
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- MR. BERESH:** **CROSS-EXAMINATION OF JOSEPH BURNS:** 22
- Q. Thank you for attending, Mr. Burns. I have just a few questions, but I 23
want to clarify this at the outset. As I see it, no police officer ever 24
interviewed you in 1969 about the death of Gail Miller, is that correct? 25
- A. That is correct. 26

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- Q. In fact, no one asked you to prepare a statement about your
recollection at that time at all? 1
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- A. Not at that time. 3
- Q. Right. The first you became involved in this case is 1991, is that
correct? 4
5
- A. Yes. 6
- Q. Yes. Now, what you haven't been asked is after that occurred you
went back to some archives, I understand, bus archives? 7
8
- A. Yes. 9
- Q. So, when you're giving us the times that the bus generally ran, that
was from schedule, I take it? 10
11
- A. That is right. 12
- Q. All right. It's not your personal knowledge, just so it's clear. I don't
want anyone to think it's your personal knowledge. It's what you
found on a schedule? 13
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- A. That's -- the written part is on a schedule, yes. 16
- Q. Okay. I take it, Mr. Burns, that bus driving is somewhat like farming,
there are better seasons than others to be in the occupation, is that
fair to say? 17
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19
- A. There are ups and downs, yes. 20
- Q. Yes. I would suspect summer is a better time generally to be a bus
driver, there are fewer hassles than wintertime, is that fair to say, and
I'm just talking about the weather, that's all I'm talking about. 21
22
23
- A. In that respect, yes. 24
- Q. Absolutely. What you got in wintertime is -- would be -- with the
trolley cars you've got these arms up on the wires? 25
26

- A. Yes. 1
- Q. Heavy frosted day, lots of frost on the wires? 2
- A. Only first in the morning. Once the first few buses passed it was -- 3
there was enough friction on the wires to keep it from forming. 4
- Q. Well, Mr. Burns, I've seen buses stopped about noon where driver is 5
out there getting that arm up again. It does happen? 6
- A. Well, they were required to inspect the shoes every once in a while 7
because they would wear crooked -- 8
- Q. Right. 9
- A. ... and it would wear the holder instead of the shoe, so they had to 10
turn them around and do different things with them. 11
- Q. I guess what I'm getting is wintertime causes more hazard, or provides 12
more hazards for a bus which might cause it to be late, than 13
summertime? Is that fair to say, generally speaking? 14
- A. Weatherwise maybe, yes. 15
- Q. Yeah. So just so we're clear, you're not telling us the bus ran at this 16
hour, you're telling us the bus was supposed to be there, correct? 17
- A. That's right. 18
- Q. Now, do I understand that there are no records, certainly you didn't 19
find any records, for the running of the buses on January 31, 1969, 20
that is a record that said bus number X on Route 2 arrived at this spot 21
at this time? 22
- A. No, there is no record. 23
- Q. So if the bus arrived there at 6:30, 6:34, 6:35, 6:40, you wouldn't 24
know that obviously? 25
- A. No. 26

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- Q. Okay. Are you able to tell us though, you were a driver in 1969 -- 1
- A. Yes. 2
- Q. ... my information from having spoken to you, sir, is that you drove on 3
January 31, 1969? 4
- A. From what I understand, yes. 5
- Q. But you didn't drive until about 11:15 was it, 11:30? 6
- A. Eleven fifty-seven was my -- when I boarded the bus to start my shift. 7
- Q. So, three minutes before 11:00? 8
- A. That's correct. 9
- Q. Okay. Can you tell us, do you know who drove the bus on the 10
morning of January 31, 1969, Route 2? 11
- A. Not -- not really. Like, I have a copy of the operator assigned to work 12
Route 2. 13
- Q. Okay. 14
- A. Now, an operator could be off sick, a spare board could be working it. 15
I don't have any record of who signed -- the actual sign on sheet of 16
who signed what on that morning. 17
- Q. Fair enough. Was John Halushak (ph), do you know him? 18
- A. I know John. 19
- Q. Am I pronouncing it -- 20
- A. Huschulak (ph). 21
- Q. Huschulak. I'm sorry. Was Mr. Huschulak a driver in January of 22
1969? 23
- A. He was, yes. 24
- Q. Do you know if he regularly drove Route 2? 25
- A. Quite often, yes. I believe he usually drove Route 2, yes. 26

- Q. Okay. And when a driver was assigned to a route, would the driver generally stay on the route for a month, or for a long time? 1
2
- A. There were between four and five, what we called sign ups, per year. 3
The management would post all the runs and then the shifts, and the 4
operators had to sign for their shifts from seniority. 5
- Q. Okay. Do you mind coming off the witness stand for one question, 6
please. This might work, I want you to use this red pen if you can and 7
just tell me, sir, you indicated that there was a bus stop -- if I can just 8
ask you to stand maybe on my side. 9
- A. On this side. Okay. 10
- Q. Are you able with that red pen to mark the approximate area where 11
you believe the bus stop was at O and 20th first of all, please. Just 12
with an X, I think. Then were would the bus stop be on N and 20th 13
Street? And are you able to guess M? 14
- A. Yes. 15
- Q. Yes. And L? Right by the corner. So now -- 16
- A. (Inaudible - not near microphone) no, wait, it was -- I don't know if 17
Avenue L went through that intersection. I think that was a T 18
intersection, if I remember right. 19
- Q. So, the map may not be totally accurate? 20
- A. At that intersection it might -- 21
- Q. Fair enough. Thank you very much. If you don't mind retaking the 22
witness stand for a few moments. So, then somewhere in the 23
Pleasant Hill area, and I think we can go back in these -- back in these 24
P, Q, R, et cetera, basically about the same location? 25
- A. Yes. 26

- Q. In that corner? 1
- A. Yes. 2
- Q. Okay. Which is the northeast corner of that quadrant? Let's -- 3
- A. Could you reword that? 4
- Q. Where you put the Xs, where the bus stops were pertaining toward
downtown? 5
6
- A. They are on the southwest corner of the intersection. 7
- Q. Exactly. And if you go back further west, they would be in the same
general location for each block? 8
9
- A. Yes. 10
- Q. So if I live in this area, Pleasant Hill, I can catch the bus to downtown
at a number of stops, not just one? 11
12
- A. Yes. 13
- Q. Sir, when you drove on January 31, 1969, did you see the police out
and about in the Pleasant Hill area? 14
15
- A. No, I didn't. 16
- Q. Or, the day after? 17
- A. No. 18
- Q. Okay. I take it that having driven there, and you did drive mornings
there at one point in your career I understand, correct? 19
20
- A. Yes. At one point in my career. 21
- Q. Okay. And was it 1969 or 1968, or around there? 22
- A. No, a later time. More towards the mornings, in the '70s. 23
- Q. I take it when you drove in that general area you saw school children
walking about? Going to school, coming from school? 24
25
- A. Yes. School time. 26

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- Q. Sure. That wasn't uncommon to see? 1
- A. No. 2
- Q. Likewise, it was -- what some might refer to, I think you -- it was
called what is sort of a blue collar area, working class people? 3
4
- A. Mostly, yes. 5
- Q. People working in construction, that wouldn't be unusual to see? 6
- A. Not unusual. 7
- Q. Wouldn't be unusual for you to see someone in construction clothes
coming or going to work? 8
9
- A. Very common clothes, yes. 10
- Q. Very common to see somebody with a hard hat coming and going to
work? 11
12
- A. Hard hats were not something that was commonly worn. 13
- Q. But you did see them around? 14
- A. Yes. 15
- Q. Sure. People -- I understand you would see people in uniforms getting
on the bus, variety of uniforms? 16
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- A. Yes. In the wintertime uniforms doesn't show up so much 'cause
people would have a coat on usually. 18
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- Q. Fair enough. 20
- A. Not very many classes wear a special coat for -- with a uniform. 21
- Q. Okay. Thanks for drawing that to my attention. But, summertime
you'd see people getting on? 22
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- A. Yes. 24
- Q. It wouldn't be unusual to see people in uniforms getting on, white
uniforms, different colour uniforms? 25
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- A. Not uncommon. 1
- Q. And I take it that in the wintertime a bus route would generally be 2
busier than in the summertime because people wouldn't want to start 3
their cars and that sort of thing? 4
- A. That is right. 5
- Q. So, when you made stops at these locations, how many people would 6
generally get on? Are we talking five, ten, are you able to give us an 7
estimate? 8
- A. It would vary some, but it was not unusual to have more than ten 9
people standing at the stop. 10
- Q. Chattering, waiting for the bus? 11
- A. Well -- 12
- Q. Hoping it will arrive? 13
- A. (No audible response). 14
- Q. Okay. And I take it by the time the bus made its route -- and I should 15
clarify this, when the bus came from downtown would you pick 16
people up and although you were going west they would get on 17
because they want to get downtown? 18
- A. There were restrictions (inaudible - not clear) management were not -- 19
I don't remember which corner where the restriction was, I think it 20
was one-quarter mile from the end of the line was the restriction. If 21
they were within one-quarter of a mile from the end of the line they 22
could board and go around. 23
- Q. Okay. But what I'm getting at, by the time you got downtown on 24
Route 2, the bus would pretty much be full. Is that your general 25
observation? 26

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- A. Usually. 1
- Q. Okay. I take it, sir, you can't tell us today the clothes description of 2
anyone who rode the bus January 31, 1969, after you came to work? 3
- A. Could you repeat that for me? 4
- Q. Sure. You came to work on January 31, 1969, at 11:57. 5
- A. Yes. 6
- Q. You worked for eight hours? 7
- A. Yes. 8
- Q. I take it you couldn't tell us how any one person on the bus was 9
dressed -- 10
- A. No. 11
- Q. ... in your recollection? 12
- A. No. 13
- Q. I didn't think so. Finally, sir, if someone got on the bus to go to the 14
University, or to go anywhere where there was a transfer, the transfer 15
didn't have any sort of time limit on it? 16
- A. It did have a time limit. 17
- Q. It did. What was it? 18
- A. The transfers on each bus were held in a -- what we call a transfer 19
cutter. And the button -- it was -- the hour and the minute -- there 20
was an hour column and a minute column, and the minute column was 21
separated into every ten minute segments, if I believe right. And the 22
bus driver would set the cutter for the time at -- that he would arrive 23
at the next outlying terminus, which would be, for Route 2, the next 24
time he got back out to 20th Street, which would allow a half an hour. 25
- Q. Okay. So you'd have half hour? 26

- A. Approximately. 1
- Q. So someone could leave Avenue O, come down to the King George -- 2
- A. Yes. 3
- Q. ... have a coffee down there, proceed onward to where they were 4
going? 5
- A. Not usually. Usually the only -- by the time they arrived at the transfer 6
point they only had 10 to 15 minutes to catch the next bus. 7
- Q. Sorry, I -- maybe I'm confusing you. I'm saying if someone chose to 8
stop downtown, have a coffee, within a half hour they could get on 9
the next bus and use the transfer, sir? 10
- A. Not without an argument. 11
- Q. Okay. A little arm wrestling? 12
- A. (Inaudible - not clear). 13
- Q. One final question. From what you've told us so far, if you got on the 14
bus at Avenue N or O at about 6:30, or whenever it came, 6:45, 15
travelled to the University, that would take you, I take it, at least until 16
sometime after 7:00? 17
- A. Yes, 6:45. 18
- MR. BERESH: Thank you very much. 19
- THE COURT: Is there any re-examination? 20
- MR. SINCLAIR: No. Thank you very much. 21
- THE COURT: Mr. Burns, thank you for coming this 22
morning. You are excused, sir. 23
- JOSEPH BURNS: Thank you very much, Your Honour. 24
- MR. SINCLAIR: Maria Trupej, My Lord. 25
- THE COURT: I think we'll rise for the noon break now, 26