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(u/i) unintelligible
(ph) phonetic spelling

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5 D/Sgt. MASON: okay just to let you know that that is

O'BRIEN: it's on

10 D/Sgt. MASON: digital recorder and our two (2) cameras are up here and I
guess by way of introduction my name is Brian MASON a
Detective Sergeant with the Ontario Provincial Police and with
me is Paul LEGAULT a Detective Sergeant as well we're both
with the Anti-Rackets Section uh Economic Crime Unit here in
15 Ottawa and with me today is Larry O'BRIEN Mayor of Ottawa
and Paul LABARGE

LABARGE: uh-hum

20 D/Sgt. MASON: counsel for civil counsel for Mr. O'BRIEN just to start out with
like to read you a caution you may be charged with influencing
or negotiating appointments or dealings in offices contrary to
Section one twenty-five (125) of the Criminal Code as well as
Section ninety (90) of the Ontario Municipal Elections Act
25 corrupt practices specifically bribery okay those are the those
are the two (2) offences that are being looked at right now

O'BRIEN: what is the what is ninety (90) no ninety (90) is

LABARGE: is ninety (90) sub three (3)

30 D/Sgt. MASON: ninety (90) sub three (3)

LABARGE: sub E

35 D/Sgt. MASON: subsection E

LABARGE: (u/i) can I see the other section very quickly thanks officer
where is that I just

40 D/Sgt. MASON: right here it's the section is here corrupt practices

LABARGE: yah

D/Sgt. MASON: bribery down here



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O'BRIEN: perfect

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D/Sgt. MASON: it's called give procure or promise or agree to procure an office or employment to induce a person to become a candidate refrain from becoming a candidate a candidate or withdraw his or her candidacy

O'BRIEN: okay

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LABARGE: and in here it would A and B right

D/Sgt. MASON: yes I (u/i)

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LABARGE: so I'll just read them out for you Larry

O'BRIEN: uh-hum

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LABARGE: anyone who receives agrees to receive gives or procures to be given directly or indirectly a reward advantage or benefit of any kind as consideration for cooperation assistance or exercise of influence to secure the appointment of any person to an office

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O'BRIEN: that's what does that mean that means me giving something

LABARGE: well actually this one seems to be focused more on Mr. KILREA uh you know how we talked about that being a one-way issue

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O'BRIEN: yah that was a one-way issue

LABARGE: this is the other side is this

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D/Sgt. MASON: this is both sides

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LABARGE: yah this is somebody who receives or agrees to receive gives or procures so somebody who solicits and somebody who actually procures all right um solicits recommends or negotiates in any manner with respect to an appointment to or resignation from an office in expectation of a direct or indirect reward advantage



or benefit okay so

90 D/Sgt. MASON: quite a quite a mouthful

O'BRIEN: what is it okay

LABARGE: you want to read this subs A and B

95 O'BRIEN: (u/i)

LABARGE: (u/i) A and B

O'BRIEN: perfect

100 D/Sgt. MASON: you okay with that

O'BRIEN: I am fine

105 D/Sgt. MASON: do you wish to say anything in answer to the charge you are not obliged to say anything unless

LABARGE: you

110 D/Sgt. LEGAULT: you you're not being charged

O'BRIEN: I'm not being charged

D/Sgt. MASON: no

115 O'BRIEN: answer to the charge

D/Sgt. MASON: yes

O'BRIEN: yah okay

120 D/Sgt. MASON: okay I'll I can just read this one little portion then we can go over it piece by piece uh I'll start again do you wish to say anything in answer to the charge you are not obliged to say anything unless you wish to do so but whatever you say may be

125 given in evidence that goes back to the beginning where I said you may be charged



O'BRIEN: thank you

130 D/Sgt. MASON: depending on what what or what you say if you say I did absolutely everything that he says then that could be problematic

O'BRIEN: (laughs)

135 LABARGE: we have an issue

D/Sgt. MASON: yah we have an an issue or two (2) if you have spoken to any police officer or to anyone with authority or if any such person has spoken to you in connection with this case I want it clearly understood that I don't want it to influence you in making any statement do you understand that portion

140 O'BRIEN: sure

145 LABARGE: what's that mean

O'BRIEN: what does that mean

150 D/Sgt. MASON: if you have spoken to let's say Pat FINNEGAN

LABARGE: right

O'BRIEN: uh-hum

155 D/Sgt. MASON: and he said you know what I think it's in your best interest to to give a complete and full statement to the police and I think you should do that because of these reasons I don't want what he said to influence you

160 O'BRIEN: no

D/Sgt. MASON: giving me any statement here today

165 D/Sgt. LEGAULT: same thing as if you spoke to let's say your chief let's say (u/i)

O'BRIEN: yah (u/i)



170 D/Sgt. LEGAULT: and your chief you know let's say the chief of police and you said (u/i) you know

O'BRIEN: yah yes

175 D/Sgt. LEGAULT: we don't want anything to anybody to influence this is your decision that you're talking to us today

O'BRIEN: yah

180 D/Sgt. LEGAULT: you know there's allegations made so we just we're just asking you for if you want to speak to us and that's basically

O'BRIEN: yah

185 D/Sgt. LEGAULT: this is a warning about that

190 D/Sgt. MASON: it is also my duty to inform you that you have the right to retain and instruct counsel without delay you have the right to telephone any lawyer you wish you also have the right of the right to free advice from a Legal Aid lawyer if you are charged with an offence you may apply to the Ontario Legal Aid Plan one (1) eight hundred (800) two (2) six (6) five (5) zero (0) four (4) five (5) one (1) is the toll free number that will put you in contact with Legal Aid duty counsel lawyer for legal advice right now do you understand

195 O'BRIEN: yah

D/Sgt. MASON: do you wish to call a lawyer now

200 O'BRIEN: no I have one maybe not

LABARGE: maybe not the right one but you got one (laughs)

205 D/Sgt. MASON: fair enough

O'BRIEN: that's serious stuff that you you say but

D/Sgt. MASON: it is



210 O'BRIEN: you have to

D/Sgt. LEGAULT: well it's yah it is kind of scary when you say it that way right

O'BRIEN: well it's (u/i)

215 D/Sgt. MASON: so what I would like to do is give you the opportunity to take us right from the beginning right on through

O'BRIEN: okay in terms of going through the

220 D/Sgt. MASON: the beginning of this entire incident um that we're that we're dealing with here today

O'BRIEN: okay um how far back from the time

225 D/Sgt. MASON: wherever you're comfortable it's this this portion here is up to your creativity if you wish

O'BRIEN: (u/i)

230 D/Sgt. MASON: wherever you believe that it began

O'BRIEN: I don't have much creativity that's for sure

235 D/Sgt. MASON: (laughs)

O'BRIEN: um well I was considering the possibility of of running for Mayor and that would have been June and um giving some thought to it cause I'd been on the outside of the political process looking in now for for many years I've been you know sort of several times thought about running and the timing was never right so I thought I'd you know I've always sort of thought to myself that at some point in my life I'd want to go into politics uh I have a pretty reasonable history in business and a reasonable history in the community and I thought there might be an opportunity for me to (clears throat) to run um I was a you know the next thing I know I was Mayor it's about it's about that simple and if I can say a few things about the uh the uh discussions with KILREA um when I was over viewing

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the entire KILREA you know the entire Mayoralty race it was four (4) candidates there were three (3) candidates out there that that seemed to be uh in the front running a chap called Alex MUNTER another one the incumbent a chap called Bob CHIARELLI and a candidate that was sort of on the right-wing by the name of Brian KILREA um didn't you know again looking at the situation I thought that uh um our positions in in many areas were were similar and I thought as a a a business person and as someone who had been around for awhile that I could probably do better in the election um than than he could um and um actually phoned him up and said let's have a meeting with the express purpose of trying to talk him out of running and helping me period non stop um we went through a couple if not three (3) meetings and I can't remember much be you know all the details of that um a little a little disconcerting to get a an affidavit and read it a few times and get very aggravated about it and having a hard time initially had a hard time trying to to um identify where some of his sentences came from and in what context some of his sentences came from in that uh affidavit um but I would go on you know record very clearly I never offered him a job period I never promised him a job period and any inferences that he makes in this regard are inferences that are made out of um what I consider what he heard or what he believed he heard or things that that that were hard for me to fathom how he came up to the the conclusions that that he did um and um you know that's that's about it in terms of uh the process we uh uh and I'll give for example the first conversation that we had which was about an hour and I think he's identified some time and some dates and whatever else assume that that's right cause we did meet and for about fifty-five (55) minutes if he if it was an hour it was fifty-five (55) minutes it was a big swinging dick contest with me telling him I could likely beat him and him telling me that he could likely beat me and uh him telling me all the good things that he had going for him in terms of of um lists of of supporters lists of people who might want to vote for him um websites um full complete support from the entire establishment that he that he thought was rural Conservative and and myself I was sort of swinging the dick back saying um that I thought I was you know gonna be a better candidate for him because I was a successful businessman who had who was um well respected in



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the community and that I didn't believe he could win I really didn't believe he could win I didn't believe Bob CHIARELLI could win and I thought the only true candidate that would be against me in this campaign at the end of it was the sort of the other guy a chap called Alex MUNTER um he didn't agree with that and um that was it he he didn't agree with that and well I'm sure we'll get into the details as we go through it but I can I'll just make sure it's very very clear that one (1) I I didn't offer him a job two (2) I didn't promise him and three (3) I did nothing to um orchestrate a job for that man and so that's openings now statement I'm sure you'll you know I've read the thing so I know where

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D/Sgt. MASON: yah

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O'BRIEN: what the details you're going to ask me about and I don't know if I can explain everything but I'll certainly show you give you in a very honest and open manner what the what I see or what I recollect as the reality of those meetings and conversations

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D/Sgt. MASON: okay great um so I guess a bit of history for yourself um in business is it was with Calian

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O'BRIEN: yes I was I started Calian in nineteen eighty-two (1982)

D/Sgt. MASON: okay

O'BRIEN: as a one-person consulting company and was pretty lucky to you know be able to move that forward

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D/Sgt. MASON: and around what time did you start considering the the whole political forum do you remember

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O'BRIEN: oh in terms of this particular race or

D/Sgt. MASON: well yah

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O'BRIEN: I've been always on a on the periphery I was a Liberal for for years with with Mr. CHRETIEN matter of fact I was chairman of a maple leaf dinner with Mr. CHRETIEN back in nineteen ninety-six (1996) and then I ran into a chap called Preston



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MANNING and Preston MANNING wooed me into his his circle and then I ended up in no-man's land uh when there was the whole thing about the what did they call it the um bunch of people left one par (ph) anyways just a big debacle so I ended up kind of being uh out there on the in in the uh in no-man's land as it relates to to politics with friends on both the Liberal side and the Conservative side but I've always had an interest in public service and quite frankly after twenty-five (25) years of running Calian I thought it was time to to move on and do something and I might have done it about three (3) years ago but I got sick and uh got something called Septicemia which is a blood poisoning and it affected my spine and little bit of my heart and and so I had to take a couple of years and sort of relax and as I was I kind of made up my mind that I was going to retire as CEO of Calian Technology but everyone needs a mission everyone needs something that they they can do and I wanted to do it

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D/Sgt. MASON: okay

O'BRIEN: so

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D/Sgt. MASON: do you recall when when Mr. KILREA first went into the the Mayoral race

O'BRIEN: no I don't

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D/Sgt. MASON: okay

O'BRIEN: I I know he had run once before he had run against Bob CHIARELLI in the previous election I knew that

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D/Sgt. MASON: okay and your your views would you be considered right or left of centre um

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O'BRIEN: I'd be considered by the people on the right as right of centre I'd be considered by the the Art EGGLETON's and the people on the left as a as a good person gone bad

D/Sgt. MASON: okay fair enough



UNKNOWN: it's a political answer

375 D/Sgt. MASON: (laughs)

D/Sgt. LEGAULT: (laughs)

LABARGE: (u/i)

380 D/Sgt. MASON: yah all right uh so then a few people have declared their that they are running for the Mayor's the Mayor's job

O'BRIEN: yah

385 D/Sgt. MASON: how many were declared in June when you first started actually considering do you recall

O'BRIEN: I wish I could tell you I was that up on it I certainly know that there was at at the end there were seven (7) candidates so I suspect uh but had no no knowledge that CHIARELLI had gone in MUNTER had gone in and I believe that but I don't now I didn't check or anything that Mr. KILREA had been telling people he was going in and you know the there's some funny issue about when you can go in and when you can start spending money or something like that and uh I wasn't altogether sure what what the real status is of any of the politicians because I hadn't checked but I assumed they were all you know in good faith going to be going to be running

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400 D/Sgt. MASON: so by June you knew that KILREA was in right

O'BRIEN: I I'm not well certainly he said he was

405 D/Sgt. MASON: okay

O'BRIEN: certainly he said he was and that doesn't but in in yah certainly he said he was so I'm assuming that he was in what I but I wasn't quite you know I wasn't convinced yet because a lot of things can happen really these races really don't start until September

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D/Sgt. MASON: right



415 LABARGE: well there was the issue too of his employment whether he was prohibited I don't know when that came up (u/i)

O'BRIEN: yah he said some yah but he was he there was an issue for him as to whether he can actually run because of something going on with the province and I I don't I can't remember exactly what that was but I I do remember some con you know a conversation and I tried to figure out exactly when that conversation occurred but there was an issue as to whether he was going to be legally allowed to run because he was working for the province or working for I he was a bailiff or something like that anyways he was he was a little bit concerned about that

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D/Sgt. MASON: okay

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O'BRIEN: so

D/Sgt. MASON: uh do you recall when you placed your fir your first phone call

435 O'BRIEN: um

D/Sgt. MASON: to to Terry KILREA

O'BRIEN: I called him in early July I can't recall a specific date

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D/Sgt. MASON: did you know him before

O'BRIEN: no I

445 D/Sgt. MASON: before that telephone call

O'BRIEN: never never met him but I knew his his campaign manager Heather TESSIER was my niece

450 D/Sgt. MASON: okay

O'BRIEN: so I had phoned Heather TESSIER and said I wanted to uh meet with her cause I was considering going into the race and I wanted to feel out uh you know whether you know how serious



455 uh KILREA was because it looked to me like he was he was
going to drown out there because he you know of all the
candidates that were were out there he looked to be the weakest
in terms of well his intellectual capability and uh you know the
the groundswell word was when I talked around that he was a
460 bit of a buffoon but I I didn't know the guy and it that in this
particular race there might be some requirement for some
serious money and didn't there was questions whether he was
going to be able to raise the money and

465 D/Sgt. MASON: uh-hum

O'BRIEN: a whole bunch of questions out there that that I thought he you
know uh you know might you know might not be able to
answer so

470 D/Sgt. MASON: so his his campaign manager is or was Heather TESSIER

O'BRIEN: yah yah

475 D/Sgt. MASON: is that um you said you reached out through her

O'BRIEN: yah I phoned her because she's my niece and asked her to say
you know could you uh organize a meeting for for me and and
Terry 'cause she asked me why and I said well I'm thinking
480 about running for mayor and I just want to see what his real
you know goals are here because it wasn't completely clear to
me that he you know was gonna run

D/Sgt. MASON: and she did that she organized that was that

485 O'BRIEN: she gave me his number and I phoned him and uh set up a
meeting

D/Sgt. MASON: okay so that would be uh referring to page one (1) of his
490 affidavit

O'BRIEN: can I

D/Sgt. MASON: absolutely

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O'BRIEN: well I got

D/Sgt. MASON: oh you have a copy

500 O'BRIEN: I've got a copy of it

D/Sgt. MASON: okay

O'BRIEN: it was it's been one of my favourite readings

505 D/Sgt. LEGAULT: I want to ask you where you read it

O'BRIEN: on the toilet

510 D/Sgt. MASON: the bottom of the page number five (5)

O'BRIEN: number five (5) yah

D/Sgt. MASON: Monday July third (3rd) o-six ('06) he said that he received a

515 call from you

O'BRIEN: I'll I'll assume that's right I

D/Sgt. MASON: okay

520 O'BRIEN: if it's

D/Sgt. MASON: and that on the fifth (5th) of July

525 O'BRIEN: uh-hum

D/Sgt. MASON: Wednesday that you met at ten (10) a.m. at seven hundred

(700) Sussex

530 O'BRIEN: yah there's a there was a little coffee shop at the bottom of

Sussex it was pretty convenient for me to go down there and

meet him for coffee on the outdoor

D/Sgt. MASON: it's not there any longer

535 O'BRIEN: no unfortunately they they closed it

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LABARGE: they fold already

540 O'BRIEN: they folded yah

D/Sgt. MASON: was quick

LABARGE: yah it's like eight (8) months

545 D/Sgt. MASON: um in that meeting you indicate to him that you were you were thinking about entering the Mayoral Mayoral Mayoral race

O'BRIEN: yah and and and I was yah here's the first place where I I thought would be to enter the you know he said we both agreed that if he entered neither of us would win well I don't think that was quite my position I told him he couldn't win

550 D/Sgt. MASON: right

555 O'BRIEN: and that I could win

D/Sgt. MASON: fair enough

560 O'BRIEN: and uh that yes it would be a little bit harder for me to to to win but I made it very clear to him like that um garner um I believed I could garner the support that he was that he was searching for and that I had a tremendous amount more credibility than him and I of that conversation if it lasted ten (10) minutes nine (9) minutes forty-five (45) seconds was spent us talking about that and and and he actually um it was sort of sit back and say no I'm in I'm in and then he'd it was it was kind of bizarre because he'd say I'm in I'm in I'm in and then he said but and I don't have this money and so he was going up and down and he was sort of uh um I couldn't quite get a clear indication as to whether he was being genuous with me or not so on one hand he was saying he was in on the other hand he was saying you know that that I couldn't there's no chance that I could I could win if if I got in the race because he's gonna keep his rural community on his side and it was it was like I said a big swinging dick thing you know and but but that's what made it so so interesting when when I read this because

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um he says it lasted for an hour so I'll say I'll agree my recollection it could have lasted an hour it could have lasted an hour-and-a-half the meeting was over um and you know before we (u/i) to the um you know and he talked during that meeting he talked if I go onto item seven (7)

D/Sgt. MASON:

uh-hum

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O'BRIEN:

he talked about all the things that he had invested he talked about he gave me an explicit he had a website called runaway train which was actually a pretty catchy website it was cause the one of the focal points of the campaign in fact was the something called the light rail which is a transit system in Ottawa and uh um and and his website was kind of catchy a matter of fact it it captured the idea that um politics in Ottawa had gotten out of control and the train was just an example of how politics had gotten out of control in Ottawa um and he went into tremendous detail on on how that was working or what happened there and how good it was for him and how attractive it and then just interesting enough and how attractive it might be for another candidate

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D/Sgt. MASON:

how attractive what might be

O'BRIEN:

well his his assets like he sort of you know this you know if I wasn't going to run this is gonna be really attractive so I mean it was it was uh uh you know I might have been looking at it I was looking at it in terms of what it could do for me uh but it was definitely he two-sided conversation that he was he was building it up and in retrospect I found I found out with a little bit of research it wasn't all that he was selling it as

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D/Sgt. MASON:

okay what do you mean by that

O'BRIEN:

well it was you know he might have had lists of volunteers he might have had um um people who could potentially support him and all that sort of stuff but he would make numbers that he had three (3) or four thousand (4000) volunteers on the ground that followed him and it was you know would follow his every command and it was I don't think it proved to be like that it's (u/i) campaign

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620 D/Sgt. MASON: in the in this conversation was it discussed that he was between
twenty-five (25) and thirty thousand (30000) dollars out of
pocket

O'BRIEN: yah

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D/Sgt. MASON: those were his numbers or is that something that

O'BRIEN: those were his numbers

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D/Sgt. MASON: his numbers do you remember if that was just for the o-three
('03) campaign

O'BRIEN: I have no idea I have no idea

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D/Sgt. MASON: those were just the two (2) numbers that he

O'BRIEN: I

D/Sgt. MASON: did refer to

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O'BRIEN: um I asked his his um my niece later much later i.e. after this
thing came in how much he actually had spent and she didn't
think it was anymore than ten thousand (10000) but so but that
was you know middle of December you know that that I asked
645 or sorry the middle of January when I asked that question so I I
was taking him at face value because I'm still trying to figure
out if if if there's any way that he would step down from his
run and support me so I'm not going to argue with him on on
no but as a businessman you you're pretty careful not to tell
650 someone he's full of shit you know right off the bat in a
conversation

D/Sgt. MASON: all right um did you say that your team would be prepared to
reimburse his expenses if he left threw his support behind you

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O'BRIEN: I don't I don't recall saying that I think it was a discussion
where he uh was saying that it might be worth buying this stuff
um my my recollection is that we were talking about buying
his assets or getting his assets in some way um and I didn't



660 quite know what to think of that but I was open to that I was
open to looking at that you know one of things (u/i) uh again I
looked at it as a a transaction that was way too early to say no
to you know just hey let's find out more my first meeting with
this guy

665 D/Sgt. MASON: okay did you say that uh there'd be a position for him if he was
on your team

O'BRIEN: I'd say I'd support him as a volunteer if he came onto my (u/i)
670 that I wouldn't mind having him or into his or if if he
decided to step down that I would be looking forward to him
supporting me as a as a volunteer definitely

D/Sgt. MASON: okay and

675 LABARGE: but no paid position

D/Sgt. MASON: okay

680 LABARGE: absolutely not

D/Sgt. MASON: we'll get to that (u/i)

LABARGE: our budget was way too tight (laughs)

685 O'BRIEN: you know you now know what I spent (laughs)

D/Sgt. MASON: yah I read about that this morning yah and he mentions that
you say you had the Conservative backing

690 O'BRIEN: that should be a small C Conservative

D/Sgt. MASON: (laughs)

695 O'BRIEN: not a big C Conservative I and I don't I don't okay quite
frankly I don't recall saying that I certainly recall uh talking to
him about the fact that we were going after the same
marketplace and that I I thought as a businessman I would be
attracted to Conservative thinkers in the city um I I don't um

700 well one (1) I didn't have you know I've been quite frankly I



705 didn't have the support the Conservative Conservative Party I
mean they they don't get into municipal elections it sort of
small small stuff for them and two (2) the Conservative Party is
a pretty broad you know I've got friends Liberals and
Conservatives if I have a Conservative uh friend who might
want me to go maybe I maybe I'll (u/i) maybe that's part of the
big swinging dick thing but uh I don't recall saying that I had
the full support of the federal Conservative Party I think that
would have been a leap even for me trying to

710 D/Sgt. MASON: hum

O'BRIEN: sell him on it

715 D/Sgt. MASON: okay

O'BRIEN: and I think just to put it in context if I did say something like
that it would have been in in in response to him saying that he
had the Conservative you know that he was a Conservative
720 candidate in this election because that's how the the election
was starting to come out as a it's a Liberal with Mayor
CHIARELLI um an NDPer in the name of a guy called Alex
MUNTER and then a Conservative candidate and although
that's not how municipal elections were supposed to run this
725 one started to shape up like that

D/Sgt. MASON: uh-hum

O'BRIEN: because he was pretty sure that he was going to be the
730 representative of uh should he run he'd be pretty sure that he
was the representative of the Conservative organization

D/Sgt. MASON: number nine (9) uh O'BRIEN then asked what would happen if
I got an appointment

735 O'BRIEN: this is the one that pisses me off the most

D/Sgt. MASON: I thought it would

740 O'BRIEN: context the meeting's over coffee is done sitting back and I
look up and say so what's going to happen you run this race



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and uh and you you um you lose what are you going like what's going to happen because he had been talking about that that other stuff and he said well you know (u/i) doing a few things and he brought up the Parole Board and a few other things that now this was after this and I just sort of I was sort of taken by by shock uh by this because it it I think I thought here's a guy who's telling me every three (3) minutes in the in the uh in the conversation it's going back and forth between being the candidate is going you know lead the right in the fight to being to selling me his website stuff and uh then he sort of brings this up this idea about uh um appointments whether it be what was the other one that he mentioned uh Justice of the Peace or um there's a few things that he had in mind and he he brought those those up to me.

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D/Sgt. MASON: okay um

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D/Sgt. LEGAULT: well he brought them up how like what was he just saying about how did he

O'BRIEN: well I said that's what that's what his his goals would be in life

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D/Sgt. LEGAULT: his aspirations

O'BRIEN: his aspirations his aspirations in life would be to move on to the to the Parole Board or the you know something like that

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D/Sgt. LEGAULT: or an appointment as a Justice of the Peace or

O'BRIEN: appointment as a Justice of the Peace that if he looked where he wanted to be in in politics or in in life uh he if he didn't win as Mayor he was prepared to you know he'd be looking at something like that

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D/Sgt. MASON: did you ask him that question

O'BRIEN: what's that

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D/Sgt. MASON: what would happen if he got an appointment

O'BRIEN: I don't recall asking that question I really don't



785 D/Sgt. MASON: but you say he did bring up the National Parole Board as well
as the Justice of the Peace

O'BRIEN: (u/i)

790 D/Sgt. MASON: was there anything else that you recall

O'BRIEN: I'm trying to remember if there's anything else no I I you got
to remember this is this is a coup (ph) I was went through just
so you I'm not trying to um make up uh reasons for not having
a memory but this is literally a couple of minutes before I went
795 into a firestorm storm of a campaign and I had long since put
this stuff all behind me as a you know I got into the point
during the campaign when I was working eighteen (18) hours a
day seven (7) days a week

800 D/Sgt. MASON: uh-hum

O'BRIEN: from when I finally went into the race in sort of August eighth
(8th) August ninth (9th) somewhere around there um it was like
being shot out of a cannon over and over again every single
805 day and one of the first things I did when uh I was being shot
out of the cannon is I just fuck them buckle down and focus on
the job at hand haven't had a drink since the camp (ph) not that
that's a big thing but I just I had one mission and that mission
really didn't start till about the middle of August for me

810 D/Sgt. MASON: okay

O'BRIEN: so and I tried to think about you know could I really remember
saying that and I just can't I can't imagine

815 LABARGE: well I think you guys know that the reason you take notes when
you're doing interviews is because you may have to testify
later on he was taking notes at the

820 D/Sgt. MASON: no

O'BRIEN: no I was I I'm having a discussion as far as I'm concerned the
meeting was over I was getting ready to to go on when we got



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into this thing I it was one of these situations that could be considered interesting but I really hadn't like probably the last thing that would have ever entered my mind is the conversation would have gone that way um I uh yah so

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D/Sgt. MASON: at two (2) p.m. later that day did you call him back

O'BRIEN: well I was just gonna end uh

D/Sgt. MASON: okay sorry

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O'BRIEN: end on this if I if I could

D/Sgt. MASON: yah absolutely

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O'BRIEN: um (pause) I might have said to him that I would I didn't know what this means and I might yah cause I never you know I'm virtually new in in politics and I would just say I don't know what this you know I don't what this means but um let me get back to you

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D/Sgt. MASON: uh-hum

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O'BRIEN: you know I'm I'm just I'm making up words I don't know if that's how I said it or not but that's it could have been some indication of that in that nature I did call him back at two (2) o'clock after having made one (1) telephone call to find out if there was anything that you know what a person does in a political situation in that environment and was given very clear advice don't touch it period full stop this is not something one (1) you have the power to do and two (2) that um it's probably going to be illegal it will be illegal don't do it don't touch it and uh the advice that was given to me at the time was to be very very cautious but I still wanted him to consider um getting out of the race so uh I suggested to him in the second call that he should put an application in that he should go forth there was nothing I could do truly was nothing I could do nor did I indicate him indicate to him that there was anything I could do but I still wanted him to you know carry on with his dream just in case he was able to get one and (w/i) you know I'm a salesman you know so go for it but I'm not going to help you

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D/Sgt. MASON: did you tell him that you put his name forward

O'BRIEN: no absolutely not

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D/Sgt. MASON: did you make a call to John BAIRD

O'BRIEN: uh no I never made a call to John BAIRD

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D/Sgt. MASON: did you send an email to John BAIRD a Blackberry message

O'BRIEN: I well if I did I I can't remember I don't think I did I'm pretty convinced that I wouldn't I do remember making a call to John REYNOLDS

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D/Sgt. MASON: okay

O'BRIEN: and

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D/Sgt. MASON: what was that about

O'BRIEN: John REYNOLDS was a um John REYNOLDS was a was a chap that I I had phoned because he's sort of a bit he's a friend of mine personal friend of mine and he stays at my place the odd time when he comes to Ottawa and he's the one who gave me the advice stay away from it um I do not recall do not believe do not think that I made any contact any call to John BAIRD period

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D/Sgt. MASON: okay does John

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O'BRIEN: I don't know John very well I think one of the one of the things that came up and it's good thing you brought that up one of the things that came up in the in the early discussion was that he believed that he had the support of John BAIRD the support of that organization and he used as evidence the fact that John BAIRD was running a fundraiser for him and using as evidence that he had worked for John BAIRD in the campaign he was using you know he was essentially telling me that he was uh very well connected inside the Conservative Party um I guess maybe I was saying if you want something you've got better

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contacts than I do

D/Sgt. MASON: okay John REYNOLDS know John BAIRD

910 O'BRIEN: um oh yah I'm sure

D/Sgt. MASON: yah

915 O'BRIEN: I'm sure they'll know each other but I would be in the dis in the dismissive manner that John REYNOLDS just said phhh don't even go there I you know I can't talk for John but you know for him it was don't don't do it don't don't even think about it just stay away from that and I went off to a different topic

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D/Sgt. MASON: in the last statement in number eleven (11) that he then instructed me to call John BAIRD President of the Treasury Board and tell him that my name was quote unquote was in the queue for the appointment to the Board

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O'BRIEN: I

D/Sgt. MASON: did you use those vernacular

930 O'BRIEN: I can't I don't think I would have said that I might have said um no I can't remember saying that I can remember talking to him about uh putting an application in um if the word queue came up in the in the phrase of getting in the applic putting an application and getting in the queue I maybe maybe I wish I could remember wish I had a fricken tape recorder of it but my message was real clear you've got to do this on your own you know John BAIRD if that's what you want you gotta do it I you sound like you know John BAIRD better than I do and I'm and I knew at this point it was offside um I didn't know how far offside it was but I knew I couldn't have much to do with it and then later when I got a chance to to talk to someone who uh knew more about it I found out that even you know with all this stuff that you make a living at that even suggesting that he call someone could be bad and fuck here I have one (1) one (1) sort of minute of just done nothing will do nothing and making an an error in comment like that could be construed as

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950 something that might be um might be offside and there was no intent for it to be offside there was no action it was offside uh I I just and if you look at the way the thing is worded it's so careful carefully worded that uh it doesn't talk about the stuff that happens before or after it just grabs that reel highlights it to paint a story that is uh um you know makes me a little uncomfortable but I've gotta do it want to get through this

955 D/Sgt. MASON: uh what does the phrase was in the queue mean to you if I was to say your name is in the queue what does that what does that how do you interpret that

960 LABARGE: can I just ask you a clarifying question

O'BRIEN: yah sure

LABARGE: did you ever say that

965 O'BRIEN: I don't know I don't think so

LABARGE: okay

970 D/Sgt. MASON: yah but if I was to say that to you your name is in the queue what how would you interpret that

O'BRIEN: you're in a line

975 D/Sgt. MASON: okay being considered

O'BRIEN: uh being in a line I've often thought people are in in queues when they're looking you know when they put job applications in uh I often think that people are uh in a queue when they're standing for unemployment insurance you're queuing up for your that's how I use it

980 D/Sgt. MASON: okay I was just curious what everyone has their own interpretation of how that

985 LABARGE: queuing what the British

O'BRIEN: queuing (u/i)



990 LABARGE: (u/i) be in the bus waiting for the bus queuing

O'BRIEN: the queuing theory

LABARGE: yah

995 O'BRIEN: that's what we use when we how do you know you're in a line

D/Sgt. MASON: okay

D/Sgt. LEGAULT: you're waiting your turn

1000 D/Sgt. MASON: and then it says the following day July sixth (6th) you called him back said I've screwed up

O'BRIEN: (u/i) yah I screwed up and I was feeling you have to get into

1005 my heart and head to know that I spend my life being straight like an arrow and uh even by that time I'd realized that even uh you know even talking to him about this was wrong

D/Sgt. MASON: had you talked to counsel about that by that time

1010 O'BRIEN: I

D/Sgt. MASON: I don't need to know what was said I just

1015 O'BRIEN: uh no

D/Sgt. MASON: okay um I guess to to finish

O'BRIEN: but my gut was telling me and and my you know my political

1020 advisors were were saying this isn't even something you can even even joke about

D/Sgt. MASON: this that you had quote screwed up and that quote shh I shouldn't have contacted John BAIRD

1025 O'BRIEN: because I had told him that he should phone you know in the context of you know him better than I do if you want this I can't do anything for you you can call John BAIRD



1030 LABARGE: sorry is that a quote that I should not have or that he should not have is that I him or Larry

D/Sgt. MASON: open open to interpretation as well

1035 LABARGE: okay

D/Sgt. MASON: because the complete quote is the following day July sixth (6th) two thousand and six (2006) O'BRIEN called me to say that he had quote screwed up comma that I quote shouldn't have contacted John BAIRD

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O'BRIEN: oh no it wasn't me definitely wasn't me

D/Sgt. MASON: okay

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O'BRIEN: definitely wasn't me

D/Sgt. MASON: okay

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LABARGE: okay

O'BRIEN: period (laughs)

D/Sgt. MASON: all right

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O'BRIEN: absolutely

D/Sgt. MASON: just wanted to make sure

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O'BRIEN: absolutely and that's

LABARGE: so that's where I think we get back to that discussion in terms of saying look you're connected with John you talk to him

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D/Sgt. MASON: uh-hum

LABARGE: okay

O'BRIEN: well and



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LABARGE: and basically what Larry is at least what he's told me and I think what he's been saying here is that

O'BRIEN: (u/i)

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LABARGE: he called him and said you shouldn't even talk to John you should not so the I I think is you if you see what I mean

D/Sgt. MASON: uh-hum yah I do

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LABARGE: okay

D/Sgt. MASON: and that you said it was all your fault

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O'BRIEN: well for not I mean I'm a novice in the in the politics game and you know I think one of my competitions that I make rookie mistakes and well interestingly enough around this time there was one of the other candidates sent two (2) people to me to talk me out of the race if I was even considering it and but they you know what they did is they sent other people

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D/Sgt. MASON: right

O'BRIEN: to talk talk to me about you shouldn't get in here you shouldn't be there so it's a um the real rookie mistake was me even talking to this guy because I had the feeling at some point that there was a bit of baiting going on and uh I was pissed off that I didn't really you know didn't have a fundamental understanding of all of the rules on this stuff and I I just you know sometimes uhhh God damn it

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D/Sgt. MASON: uh did you tell him that there were different ways of doing this and to to leave

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O'BRIEN: I can't remember I

D/Sgt. MASON: leave it up to you

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O'BRIEN: I don't remember saying that at all



D/Sgt. MASON: okay then we get to Mr. PANTAZOPOULOS he says he received a call from Dimitri can you tell me your relationship with Dimitri

1115 O'BRIEN: Dimitri was my pollster who did my preliminary polling to uh figure out whether there was any any opportunity for me to run as as Mayor

D/Sgt. MASON: okay

1120 O'BRIEN: and he's the one who did the preliminary polling that gave me some some background information

(coughing in background)

1125 O'BRIEN: that said that that I had I could win this wasn't that I was gonna win it is there's a chance to win this it was an undercurrent of a need for change and that I could if properly positioned uh be that change in municipal politics that Ottawa was looking for

1130 D/Sgt. MASON: okay

O'BRIEN: I hum go ahead

1135 D/Sgt. MASON: no go ahead I'll

O'BRIEN: no

D/Sgt. MASON: did you send Dimitri to speak to uh Mr. KILREA

1140 O'BRIEN: I didn't send him I think he said he wanted to talk to him and show him what the polling results were

D/Sgt. MASON: so you did not instruct him to

1145 O'BRIEN: no

D/Sgt. MASON: to go to a meeting

1150 O'BRIEN: no



1155 D/Sgt. MASON: and at that time we're around July eleventh (11th)

O'BRIEN: yah okay

D/Sgt. MASON: are you or close to that do you recall who where the the polling results were

1160 O'BRIEN: hum

D/Sgt. MASON: who was who was in the lead where these polling results were

1165 O'BRIEN: oh I I don't but I was nowhere I think I was down at about I know my first indications were that my name recognition was at maybe four (4) percent

D/Sgt. MASON: had you even declared at that time

1170 O'BRIEN: oh I had not declared

D/Sgt. MASON: okay

1175 O'BRIEN: not declared at all in fact I had I was still thinking about whether I was going to run run or not I hadn't really made up my mind but what was interesting in the polling results and and and why you know Dimitri wanted me to run was what I represented appeared to be what the people in the in the City of Ottawa wanted and he was pretty convinced that if I got my message out in an effective way that I stood a very good chance and he proved to be you know proved to be right that I could get my message out and and and have a good chance in this race and he was equally convinced that Bob CHIARELLI couldn't win nor could Terry KILREA and uh he uh wanted to uh you know get that message across to

1185 D/Sgt. MASON: what about MUNTER was that even an issue

O'BRIEN: no MUNTER probably was ahead in the in the race

1190 D/Sgt. MASON: uh-hum

O'BRIEN: at that point I can only imagine



1195 LABARGE: I I think

O'BRIEN: think so eh again it was uh once I got in the race it was uh not really much that I

1200 LABARGE: and I think the early stats we had showed that something in excess of seventy (70) percent of the people wanted change

D/Sgt. MASON: okay

1205 LABARGE: which disqualified CHIARELLI

D/Sgt. MASON: right

1210 LABARGE: and then the discussion we'd have in turn playing was that um this was with Dimitri and the rest of the guys was that KILREA wasn't seen as a realistic opportunity or alternative uh so you had MUNTER and the question was whether MUNTER was in change or same old same old in terms of he's been running for this position for thirteen (13) years

1215 O'BRIEN: and and if I can go back cause you just you just struck something that in the first meeting

D/Sgt. MASON: uh-hum

1220 O'BRIEN: one of the other topics we brought up and it wasn't I tried to you know I suggested to him that he had a very good chance to win as a Councillor and I identified a couple of ridings that he could run in as a Councillor um where you know council the riding the ward that he lived in he had a very good chance

1225 cause the competition was someone called Rick CHIARELLI I guess it's a cousin of Bob CHIARELLI I don't know why it feels important but it was a just to show you the balance of that first meeting we were talking about a lot of different issues

1230 D/Sgt. MASON: okay uh nineteenth (19th) of July this is number point number twenty (20) he says he spoke to you by telephone and it was I guess following a meeting that he had with John BAIRD did do you remember this this telephone call



1235 O'BRIEN: I don't remember the telephone call but let's see

D/Sgt. MASON: uh the appointment was (u/i)

1240 O'BRIEN: oh I made some notes here okay there was a this is sort of something that kind of a of a um an interesting twist because by this time my only interest was in his website

D/Sgt. MASON: uh-hum

1245 O'BRIEN: and his his lists and his volunteers and his support period and uh he he was still living under the dream that it was a is a Parole Board I had already told him there's nothing I could do on that and um getting him into onto my team being able to get into a commercial transaction with him relating to any of his assets as they were that's what was a diminishing value as I was starting to build up my my organization and my team

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D/Sgt. MASON: uh-hum

1255 O'BRIEN: and uh and I explained that to him I there's you know and whether it was in that telephone call or previous I can't remember the details but it was very clear to me that at some point we had I had moved on to discuss you know what parts of this current campaign as a Mayoralty candidate which is quite distinctly different than a campaign as a person running for a for a a Councillor could be of value to my campaign team in the early days in my campaign organization

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D/Sgt. MASON: uh-hum

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O'BRIEN: and I kept telling him as time goes on what he's got is less and less um important to me in terms of my strategic and in terms of going forward and uh he sort of indicates uh uh that we're talking about the Parole Board and and you know I was moved I had moved on I was talking I had moved on very quickly in any of my conversations um from my perspective was talking about the talking about the websites and lists and other things

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D/Sgt. MASON: okay so the um just want to go over the point number twenty



1275 (20) his conversation or the appointment to the National Parole Board it didn't come up with John BAIRD and what you're saying is that it was actually

O'BRIEN: it wasn't even up in my mind

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D/Sgt. MASON: it wasn't even it wasn't in that context at all

O'BRIEN: it wasn't it wasn't in that context at all period

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D/Sgt. MASON: okay so it wouldn't be on the offer wouldn't be on the table forever was your stating regarding the website and the other assets as opposed to the Parole Board

O'BRIEN: absolutely yes

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D/Sgt. MASON: okay that's that was my interpretation of it I don't want to put words in your mouth but

LABARGE: have have you ever worked on a campaign

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D/Sgt. MASON: no

LABARGE: okay just I know this because I've lived through it having done this (u/i)

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D/Sgt. MASON: uh-hum

LABARGE: and the first thing that you start to do is to build a list of volunteers the people who will do canvassing who's going to knock on doors for fundraising etcetera all you start building lists and people reach out and they build lists and they build lists and as you as you build those lists then the utility of somebody else's compiled list drops cause you you're just it's it's the buy or build thing uh it's that same discussion that you would have

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D/Sgt. LEGAULT: okay

LABARGE: so that's Larry's point of view on it in terms of

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D/Sgt. LEGAULT: (u/i)

LABARGE: that's where (u/i)

1320 D/Sgt. MASON: okay uh number twenty-one (21) now we're getting into the somewhat the final discussions I guess Sunday July thirtieth (30th) two thousand and six (2006) ten (10) a.m. you wanted to meet you wanted to meet with him in person

1325 O'BRIEN: no I didn't I said well what I I by this time I just figured that he was no I said look well what what is it he's the one who asked to meet in person full and uh I said okay

1330 D/Sgt. MASON: sorry you asked what is it can you explain that what do you mean by that

O'BRIEN: well on July thirtieth (30th) uh advise a (u/i) that wanted to communicate to him and and he was um

1335 D/Sgt. MASON: a decision pertaining to to what

O'BRIEN: whether he was going to stay in the race or not

1340 D/Sgt. MASON: okay so you were still interested in having him remove himself from the race

1345 O'BRIEN: I was hoping that he would make some common sense decisions here cause I was starting to get I'm assuming by by July thirtieth (30th) I was starting to build up a little support and a little few people were going and and to me it was a non-issue just okay carry on uh uh and then I in that conversation I said okay I'll I'll drop by your house and he didn't want to do that he said no no I'll meet you at at back of Tim Horton's and I thought that was bizarre but I went

1350 D/Sgt. MASON: he he said that he claims you said to you your offer was very generous do you recall that

O'BRIEN: uh

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D/Sgt. MASON: point number twenty-three (23)



O'BRIEN: yah he he might have said that yah I

1360 D/Sgt. MASON: what offer would that be

O'BRIEN: I uh at that point I don't think either he or I were talking about the same offer and he had already said no so I'm assuming the offer that he was talking about and the offer I was intending uh was to bring him into you know our team and but it was a bit of a at that point it was uh uh uh it was a waste of time to to be out there I mean was he in the race or out of the race and I got the feeling actually after that meeting that he was uh like it was like two (2) people talking and having different conversations

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D/Sgt. MASON: uh-hum

O'BRIEN: and I just didn't um I mean he was he was pretty emotional well not emotional but he was pretty clear that he uh believed that his support was rock solid um one thing he missed there is that I had my dog with me too (laughs)

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D/Sgt. MASON: all right

1380 O'BRIEN: not that that's

LABARGE: who won't testify

D/Sgt. MASON: okay

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O'BRIEN: he won't testify I wish he could

D/Sgt. MASON: yah

1390 O'BRIEN: um

D/Sgt. MASON: did he say to you that that he was going to remain in the race

O'BRIEN: I think he did yah I think that was the first thing he said I've decided to stay in the race

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D/Sgt. MASON: uh to kind of pull to use your term from before was there any



big dicking going on here or wagging or

1400 O'BRIEN: the big swinging dick thing

D/Sgt. MASON: that's it

1405 O'BRIEN: well yah there there had to be I thought it was kind of dramatic for him to call me out uh to behind a a restaurant and uh uh it was a Saturday or Sunday morning and I just thought it was kind of unnecessary and uh so it could have been some uh could have been a little bit of that big swinging stuff

1410 D/Sgt. MASON: okay fair enough

O'BRIEN: cause remember you're now going enter into a contest

D/Sgt. MASON: uh-hum

1415 O'BRIEN: where where it's a psychological contest against the the other candidates as well and uh uh and I'm a pretty competitive individual I go into a race I go into a race to win and he would have been my first uh target

1420 D/Sgt. MASON: uh-hum

O'BRIEN: would be to try and get him out of the race uh the next target would have been CHIARELLI and the third (3rd) target would have been would have been MUNTER and uh

1425 D/Sgt. MASON: and

O'BRIEN: and so he just you know if he had backed out if he had walked away if he had gone for a Council seat if he had done anything like that it would have been to my obvious to my best interests because it would have just taken one (1) taken a fast step in the right direction and he wasn't making that easy for me

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1435 LABARGE: still we had to beat him up well in terms of the market yah I mean that's what happens in the polls

D/Sgt. MASON: yah



1440 O'BRIEN: I mean he he was losing ground I would imagine by that time I can't remember the details now but it it was clear that some of his support would have been (u/i) by that time

1445 D/Sgt. MASON: do you remember him saying to you that you were entering the race enter the race with your eyes wide open remember that phrase

O'BRIEN: (sighs) I I don't

1450 D/Sgt. MASON: okay

O'BRIEN: quite frankly I

1455 D/Sgt. MASON: says that you consulted number twenty-five (25) you consulted a lawyer about his offer to reimburse expenses was there any further discussion about purchasing assets reimbursing expenses the twenty-five (25) thirty thousand (30000) dollars

1460 O'BRIEN: um well yah there there there there it it that's maybe what he was talking to about his gen his generous offer um for me the whole point now was that he was in the race and any any of the small talk would have been just that small talk so um I don't recall I don't recall saying that any transfer funds would have to be made as contributions to the campaign um in retrospect we couldn't have you know looking at it now from you know just having filed my papers it would have if I had talked to a lawyer someone would have said you can't do that either you need seven hundred and fifty (750) dollars is max so I suspect it would have been a little bullshit going for me on that but I that's the only thing I can make up and I'm not assuming this is this uh true but when you have the big swinging thing as a what when you have the bravado going on um you know it's just that but by that time in that discussion he had clearly indicated he was going in and I think he could have told me that over the telephone so I don't know what he was trying to do whether he was trying to get me to try and convince him to change his mind I uh

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D/Sgt. MASON: were you upset that he wasn't going to pull out



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O'BRIEN: I didn't think I was he seemed to indicate I was

D/Sgt. MASON: okay

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O'BRIEN: maybe I'm I'm a well when I'm not sitting on a chair that's bolted to the floor perhaps I can be an intimidating individual by force of personality so it's often told that I in my force of personality is pretty strong so if he assumed that that was upset it just could be me being me so

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D/Sgt. MASON: sure final I think number twenty-seven (27) he claims that you got agitated that's neither here nor there that did you happen to motion people that are with me are up here and those that aren't are down here

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O'BRIEN: yah I I did people people who uh are get on side with me win people that don't get on side with me lose

D/Sgt. MASON: that's a fair statement (u/i)

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O'BRIEN: that's a I I use that all the time in business too that's uh

D/Sgt. MASON: okay

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O'BRIEN: you know the team wins or the

D/Sgt. MASON: all right are there any other points that I haven't covered that you you would like to go over or repeat

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O'BRIEN: no I

D/Sgt. MASON: or clarify

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O'BRIEN: I mean I've I do my best to to be creative uh uh you know at best is an hour of uh

D/Sgt. MASON: yah

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O'BRIEN: of life as



D/Sgt. MASON: it's difficult uh a year later

O'BRIEN: I mean the campaign and it's difficult and well it's not even a year what is it eight (8) seven (7) months six (6) months

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LABARGE: yah it's difficult a week later (laughs)

O'BRIEN: uhh and and it's even more complicated by the fact that you you know since I got this on January twelfth (12th) I've been reading that and there's you know how do you how do you differentiate between the memories that are imposed by a document of this of this type that looks so official it's just like you know so I've I've done my best to be completely genuine and tell you everything to the best of my recollections and we'll just go from there

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D/Sgt. LEGAULT: is there anything you can think of (clears throat) uh that you'd like to tell us that could that you think would help us to clear this up

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D/Sgt. MASON: people people to interview uh that would corroborate what what you're saying anyone you spoke to following these meetings

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O'BRIEN: I would think that the most corrob (ph) uh you know the best information cause the rest of it is would be John REYNOLDS himself

D/Sgt. MASON: okay

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O'BRIEN: you know I think John would be a good a good chap cause I I I do know he he just sluffed it off and and

D/Sgt. MASON: do you have a contact number for him by chance

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O'BRIEN: I'll have to try and see if I got it in my black my crackberry

D/Sgt. LEGAULT: but you did contact him at that time and talked to him right and he he's the one that gave you the advice said (u/i) stay clear

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(individuals talking simultaneously)



LABARGE: I don't know if you know John but John was

1565 D/Sgt. LEGAULT: don't

LABARGE: John was house leader

1570 D/Sgt. LEGAULT: uh-hum

LABARGE: um and he's he's I don't know if you've met him but he's a pretty straightforward guy and I suspect there might have even been some colourful language in terms of

1575 D/Sgt. LEGAULT: he's from the west eh

LABARGE: yah yah he's from Vancouver yah um but he he's a very straightforward guy and you know his advice would have been clear absolutely dead clear you know I guess the only other

1580 comments that you may want to take into account and obviously what you read in the press is what you read in the press but the reality is this whole issue came up in November and when he was interviewed by the press he specifically said no there was nothing offered etcetera right now suddenly

1585 there's a different story in January so I mean there's I have I have an issue there in terms of the credibility issue

O'BRIEN: here's couple of numbers for him that you might you might want to pick up and I think I think they're still good

1590 LABARGE: I guess the only other thing is I don't know if you looked at his background before

O'BRIEN: well that's that's not (u/i)

1595 LABARGE: well well no I'm just talking about the issue with Hamilton

O'BRIEN: oh

1600 LABARGE: because well

O'BRIEN: that's (u/i)



LABARGE: it's a real (u/i) matter it it was odd (u/i)

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(individuals talking simultaneously)

O'BRIEN: (u/i) I'm I'm I'd be more I'd be more interested in in in asking you to follow the motive only because I'm looking for the motive too you know where who I mean to find three (3) law firms in Toronto that have already done their homework on on this I could understand one (1) law firm but three (3) I mean who whose where what are the motives here who's doing this and I I haven't got an answer on that I've got some uh you know but but to me this seems like there's more to it than than meets the eye

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D/Sgt. MASON: thank you (whisper)

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O'BRIEN: and

LABARGE: I guess I guess the only other comment I'd make to you is that if I take what he said in November and what I'm seeing now um and also um even in that affidavit I mean I read that affidavit like a lawyer does and I was saying it is selective okay um and the other thing I've discovered and I'm sure you guys have as well that when people tell themselves a story they're going to remember what they want to remember that's one issue the second (2nd) part of it is when somebody is listening to a conversation and I mean I see this all the time they're gonna hear what they want to hear as opposed to necessarily what the other person is actually saying and you know I think that's that's a part of what what I call the he said she said in this particular issue and I guess all I can do against that background is to say that the movement between November and January in terms of the he said she said is kind of interesting

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D/Sgt. MASON: uh-hum

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D/Sgt. LEGAULT: the dangers of communication between two (2) people

UNKNOWN: (u/i)



1645 (individuals talking simultaneously)

D/Sgt. LEGAULT: (u/i) receiver you have to be able to understand it

LABARGE: that's right

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O'BRIEN: the the other the other thing is you know I'd be interested in in finding out in the course of your investigation if there was any other dots to be drawn there um in terms of uh this whole thing with uh Siemen's this whole thing with uh you know I I guess the the

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D/Sgt. MASON: thing with Siemen's

O'BRIEN: they were the they were

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LABARGE: Siemen's was the

O'BRIEN: contractor for the light rail that during the first

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D/Sgt. MASON: oh (u/i)

LABARGE: were threatening to sue the City for (u/i) million plus

O'BRIEN: and and and

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LABARGE: as a result of the cancellation

O'BRIEN: and and you know you know I've taken some very unpopular positions including deciding that that we're gonna take the unions on and I found it I found it peculiar (u/i)

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LABARGE: now got a complaint (u/i) (laughs)

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O'BRIEN: that all these you know and I I'm not I'm doing my job and um you know I find this kind of distasteful to go through this process um I am convinced I have not done anything wrong and I would be very interested in seeing if there is something else going on and so I hope that in the event of your uh investigation and you stumble across something that is maybe



1685 more uh more worthy of interest you know that that you follow
it up

D/Sgt. MASON: and if you have any any other information if you happen to
stumble across something

1690 O'BRIEN: it's just suspicions

D/Sgt. MASON: or someone

1695 O'BRIEN: yah it's just suspicions on my part

LABARGE: have you guys talked to Dimitri

D/Sgt. MASON: no not yet

1700 LABARGE: they should probably talk to Dimitri

O'BRIEN: well I'm sure you will

1705 D/Sgt. LEGAULT: we will

LABARGE: yah yah and (u/i)

D/Sgt. LEGAULT: we're at the infancy here

1710 LABARGE: you were you were asking about who you should talk to well

D/Sgt. LEGAULT: yah

1715 LABARGE: clearly Dimitri is one

O'BRIEN: well yah Dimitri I mean yah

D/Sgt. MASON: okay there's one (1) one (1) thing you mentioned uh I don't
1720 want to get into a whole mudslinging por portion of it but you
mentioned something you said don't go there um

O'BRIEN: oh that was about uh uh

1725 LABARGE: he made allegations against the previous sheriff



O'BRIEN: his brother-in-law

1730 LABARGE: uh which were then went to trial that were disproved

O'BRIEN: he

LABARGE: um and it was about like (u/i) position

1735 O'BRIEN: they call him they call him the the sheriff they call this guy
KILREA as I find out later from my driver the co (ph) the

LABARGE: sheriff killer

1740 O'BRIEN: sheriff killer

LABARGE: he shot the sheriff

O'BRIEN: he shot because he he actually made some un allegations
1745 against his brother-in-law that cost his brother-in-law his job
and ultimately he died six (6) months later from a heart attack

LABARGE: and none of the (u/i)

1750 O'BRIEN: and just I mean he's this is

LABARGE: so

O'BRIEN: and I just I didn't want to go there (u/i) I didn't think that that's
1755 I mean you're going to do your own work on this (u/i)

D/Sgt. MASON: okay

LABARGE: but I you know I the issue comes around to that that the the
1760 mentality and the types of al I mean it's I think it's worth
looking at at the it's obviously not determitive but in a he said
she said you guys are gonna have to make assessments of
credibility

1765 D/Sgt. MASON: certainly lots of background



LABARGE: you know (u/i) so I think that's one

O'BRIEN: so are we done

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D/Sgt. MASON: five (5) forty-five (45) on my watch we're we're done

LABARGE: okay

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