

## **Extract Inquiry Evidence: Hugh Macpherson (1)**

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### **Extract of Testimony**

14 Q. I suppose what I am asking is that is choosing, in  
15 relation to Q12 on the left, it's choosing to attach  
16 weight to the fact that there is a space evident between  
17 the black almost circle that's point 13 and the black  
18 shape above? **(See orange arrows)**

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. While not attaching weight to the fact that there is  
21 similarly a space between the bottom end of the black  
22 shape that's point number 13 and any other corresponding  
23 piece of black marking.

24 Do you follow me?

25 A. You mean below point 13?

1 Q. What I am suggesting to you is immediately above -- if I  
2 take the mouse -- immediately above point number 13,  
3 there is a change in colour from black, to grey, to  
4 black and you attach significance to that as a ridge  
5 ending, a defining characteristic?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Whereas beneath the shape, because point number 13 is  
8 really against a black, almost a circle, beneath the

9 black circle there is similarly a gap between it and the  
10 next black shape which I am roughly pointing to just  
11 now --

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. -- and I can mark with an arrow.

14 What I am asking you to explain, in effect, is why  
15 recognise and, indeed, attach matching significance to  
16 one gap, a small gap, in ridge detail while in fact  
17 being prepared to literally overwrite and see a  
18 continuing ridge in another gap?

19 A. If I could -- I mean, what you could argue is that where  
20 I'm indicating at the moment ... (indicated) there's, if  
21 you like, a small dot and it could be argued that just  
22 below point 13 there's a small dot and you could argue  
23 that there's a gap between the small dot and the ridge  
24 coming up. You can argue that the ridge coming up stops  
25 there (indicated) and there's a small dot.

1 Also to the right of point 13, if you come down that  
2 ridge, now back in '97 we wouldn't be able to use,  
3 basically, this but what there appears to be is a pore  
4 shape like so (indicated) and, similarly, that appears  
5 on Q12 and below that there is a ridge like so  
6 (indicated) and again below that there is a ridge like  
7 so (indicated).

8 So, yes, I've given weight to what I see as a small  
9 island above point 13 but I've also have these  
10 supportive features to the right of 13 and below 13.

11 MR MOYNIHAN: If we save those ...

12 MISS BAHRAMI: That's saved as F12910.28. [/quote]

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