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- 1 (Witness sworn.)
- MR. BOYLE: Mara, can you and Terry
- 3 identify yourselves for the record, please.
- 4 MS. GEORGES: My name is Mara Georges.
- 5 I'm the Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago.
- 6 MR. BURNS: Terrence M. Burns, special
- 7 assistant corporation counsel.
- 8 MR. BOYLE: Mr. Mayor, as you know,
- 9 I'm Bob Boyle. Edward Egan and I were appointed by
- 10 Judge Biebel as special state's attorneys concerning
- 11 a relatively limited set of facts involving basically
- 12 a man whom we've come to know as Jon Burge, who in
- 13 the '70s and into the mid '80s was basically assigned --
- to and then later in command personnel at Area 2,
- 15 homicide/sex, which later became to be known as
- 16 violent crimes for a brief period, I think a year and
- 17 a half. He was assigned then to bomb and arson, and
- 18 then he was assigned to, in the mid '80s, assigned to
- 19 Area 3 violent crimes, actually, as the commander of
- 20 the whole detective division but also worked in
- 21 violent crimes.
- 22 And then was suspended on November
- 23 the 12th of 1991 from the department, and through
- 24 an administrative process, his tour as a sworn

- 1 officer of the City of Chicago was terminated.
- 2 The reason I go into that is because
- 3 that's what Judge Biebel appointed us as special
- 4 state's attorneys on, and he directed that we fully
- 5 and completely and thoroughly investigate allegations
- 6 involving alleged police misconduct, that is,
- 7 physical abuse of parties in custody. And the
- 8 investigation is limited to parties in custody as a
- 9 result of police conduct by Jon Burge or those
- 10 understand his command while he was at Area 2 and
- 11 while he was at Area 3.
- 12 And incidentally, the the order of
- 13 Judge Biebel, the second part of it was after that to-
- 14 determine whether or not, in his language, criminal
- 15 prosecutions are warranted.
- In conducting our investigation, there
- is a pivotal case involving Andrew and Jackie Wilson,
- 18 who were arrested on February 12th of 1982. Some
- 19 of the questions that I'm going to ask you today I
- 20 asked you when I visited with you earlier.
- You will recall, the Wilsons were
- 22 arrested for the homicides of two Chicago police
- officers, officers Fahey and O'Brien, who on
- 24 February 9th were coming from the funeral of an

- 1 Officer Doyle.
- 2 And Fahey and O'Brien, in coming from
- 3 Officer Doyle's funeral, came upon a vehicle in which
- 4 were the two Wilson brothers, Andrew and Jackie
- 5 Wilson, who, it turns out, were on their way to the
- 6 Cook County Hospital to attempt to extricate, to get
- 7 a fellow named Edgar Hope, who was in custody for the
- 8 Doyle killing, to, by force of arms, get him out of
- 9 the hospital. He was in police custody at the Cook
- 10 County Hospital.
- 11 During the course of the chase of this
- 12 vehicle, they stopped the vehicle, and they were
- 13 both -- that is, Fahey and O'Brien -- were both --
- 14 killed.
- 15 Andrew and Jackie Wilson were
- 16 eventually arrested for those two homicides, were
- 17 tried in the criminal court. Andrew Wilson was given
- 18 the electric chair, and Jackie Wilson was given less.
- The cases were reversed and tried
- 20 separately. They were tried twice, that is. The
- 21 Supreme Court reversed the conviction in 1987.
- 22 And in addition to that, for purposes
- 23 of setting the posture of our questions, civil rights
- 24 cases were filed in the United States District Court

- 1 by the Wilsons, and there were two trials and
- 2 eventually a resolution of the civil rights cases.
- 3 They were tried before Judge Duff -- and I'm not
- 4 really good on dates -- but in any event, they were
- 5 tried in 1989.
- 6 There was a hung jury in the first
- 7 case, which commenced trial on February 13th of
- 8 '89. The second trial was commenced on June 5th of
- 9 '89 and then settled.
- 10 In addition to that, there was an
- 11 administrative hearing involving Burge. Jon Burge
- 12 was suspended, and the lynchpin, or the basis, was
- 13 the conduct involving the detention of Andrew Wilson.
- He was suspended on November 12th of
- 15 1991, and there was a series of proceedings that took
- 16 place after that. And we are going to have a couple
- of technical questions that we're going to ask you
- 18 concerning those. Anyway, that's the frame of
- 19 reference, it's the Wilson case.
- It appears that the police, after the
- 21 shooting of officers Fahey and O'Brien, were working
- 22 quite diligently, and there were some, apparently,
- 23 citizen complaints about some of their conduct, but
- 24 they were attempting determine, find out who it was

- 1 who had done these terrible things.
- 2 And it also appears that officers at
- 3 the command of Burge had arrested a group of, I
- 4 believe, it's five individuals: Three bothers, a
- 5 brother-in-law, and somebody who rented a basement
- 6 apartment in the brother's mother's house, the
- 7 Whites, and Dwight Anthony.
- 8 And the only significance -- and I'm
- 9 going to ask you a question about that -- the only
- 10 significance as it related to the office of the
- 11 state's attorney is that these fellows were in
- 12 custody for a day and a half or so at 11th and
- 13 State, on the fifth and the sixth floors at 11th
- 14 and State. My understanding is that the
- 15 Superintendent of Police's office was on the fifth
- 16 floor.
- In any event, it is these fellows who
- gave the police the name of the two Wilsons, and
- 19 there is a reason for that. The Wilsons were
- 20 apparently going to commit a burglary of a house
- 21 located on the block where these fellows named White
- lived and were going to try to get some weapons to
- use to get this guy Edgar Hope out of the County
- 24 Hospital.

- In any event, Michael Angarola was at
- 2 11th Street from time to time while these fellows
- 3 were being questioned and may or may not have been
- 4 there when they gave them the names of the Wilsons.
- 5 But the State's Attorney's Office was involved, at
- 6 least tangentially, in the interrogation of these
- 7 fellows in an attempt to get the names of the
- 8 Wilsons.
- 9 I realize it's a long time ago, but do
- 10 you have any recollection of any knowledge of Mike
- 11 Angarola being at 11th Street and the case kind of
- being broken and the police getting the names of
- 13 people who apparently were the perpetrators? Can you
- 14 recall that?
- 15 A No, I don't recall that. I don't have any
- 16 knowledge that he was there personally.
- 17 Q Do you remember at any point that the case
- was broken but they had not arrested the guys yet?
- 19 There apparently was a couple or three
- 20 days of a manhunt for these guys after they got their
- 21 names.
- 22 A Well, felony review would have primary
- 23 responsibility to take any statements by any
- 24 defendants and basically work with the Chicago Police

- 1 Department, that was the main investigation, with any
- 2 suspects they have.
- 3 Q And what would be the line of, say, first
- 4 of all, communication within the state's attorney's
- 5 office at that time?
- 6 You obviously had a chain of command
- 7 at the office.
- 8 A I think felony review maybe fell under the
- 9 general criminal division. You had special
- 10 prosecution, you had criminal division, you had civil
- 11 division, and you had public interest, and you had
- 12 support staff.
- I think they would fall under, I —
- 14 think, general criminal division.
- 15 Q And in '82, who was in charge of that? Who
- 16 was the -- I don't know what the title might have
- 17 been, head of the criminal division or whatever it
- 18 might have been.
- 19 Maybe you can tell me, as you recall
- in '82, what was the chain of command?
- 21 A Myself as state's attorney. The first
- 22 deputy was Bill Kunkle. The chief deputy -- we made
- a chief deputy for a reason, to keep the
- 24 professionalism within the office, the strong trial

- 1 lawyer advocacy program in the office. Bill Kunkle
- 2 was the chief deputy.
- Who was head of the criminal division?
- 4 I don't know if it was -- I can't recall the name.
- 5 MR. EGAN: Ginex?
- THE WITNESS: Right, Ginex. It would
- 7 have been him.
- 8 MR. BOYLE: I think that is accurate.
- 9 BY MR. BOYLE:
- 10 Q And Michael Angarola had an important
- 11 position in the office; is that not correct? We're
- 12 talking about '82, and I'm not sure when he had his
- 13 accident, but he obviously did have an important
- 14 position.
- 15 A I forgot what role, but he was one of the
- 16 top trial lawyers. Yes, he was. And I don't know
- 17 what area he was in. I can give you the name of the
- 18 department he was in.
- 19 Q And this may be an unfair question. But in
- the normal course of events, I assume that the Fahey
- 21 and O'Brien killing was a somewhat heightened case.
- 22 And it's difficult, we've all been in law
- 23 enforcement, and it's difficult to characterize a
- terrible event like that, so I don't know how to

- 1 characterize it.
- 2 But the sensitivity of the state's
- 3 attorney and his office would have been heightened as
- 4 a result of this killing, two officers coming from
- 5 the funeral of the killing of another officer.
- 6 A Yes. It was known as a heater case.
- 7 Q I think if I remember right, if I can
- 8 remember that time frame, just based on my own
- 9 experience, there was an awful lot of pressure on
- 10 that case. I don't mean during the trial. I'm
- 11 talking about, get these fellows. Make the arrest.
- 12 A There was quite a bit of publicity on it in
- 13 regards to the media, in regards to the police
- 14 department.
- 15 Q Based upon your rules as state's attorney,
- 16 what type of communication would you have expected
- 17 within the office of the progression of the events
- 18 that may have led up to the arrest, and certainly the
- 19 events after you as the prosecutor would have taken
- 20 over the case as to perhaps the questioning of anyone
- 21 in the case and the trial? What kind of
- 22 communication would there have been so that -- I
- 23 mean, you can't be in every courtroom or present
- 24 during every statement. What type of communication

- was there in the office?
- 2 A Well, my philosophy is when a trial lawyer
- 3 is assigned to a case, he or she will try that case
- 4 without any interference whatsoever in regards to
- 5 their strategies. As state's attorney, I would never
- 6 interfere with a trial lawyer who had the primary
- 7 responsibility in representing the People of Illinois
- 8 in regards to any case.
- 9 Q Andrew Wilson was arrested at 4:30 in an
- 10 apartment on West Washington Boulevard in Chicago on
- 11 February 12th and taken to the Detective
- 12 Division 2. And except for --
- 13 MR. EGAN: Did you say Andrew Wilson?
- MR. BOYLE: Yes.
- MR. EGAN: The 14th.
- 16 BY MR. BOYLE:
- 17 Q February 14th at 4:30 in the morning and
- 18 taken to Area 2. And except for a period of about an
- 19 hour and a half, when he was taken over to Area 1 for
- 20 a lineup, he remained at Area 2 for a prolonged
- 21 period of time.
- The information that we have been
- 23 given, and it is information which is consistent,
- 24 everybody says the same thing, basically, is that

- 1 sometime in the morning, he may have given an oral
- 2 statement to the police; that he did not give a
- 3 written statement to the Office of the State's
- 4 Attorney for approximately ten hours after he may
- 5 have given an oral statement.
- At least one assistant state's
- 7 attorney was at Area 2 for that entire period of
- 8 time, and that is the fellow who was then head of
- 9 felony review, named Larry Hyman, and the state's
- 10 attorney's court reporter was there.
- 11 I'm going to ask you several questions
- 12 about that time period.
- Do you have a recollection of whether
- 14 you were informed that the shooter had been picked
- 15 up?
- 16 A No, I don't recall.
- 17 Q Do you have a recollection of being
- informed as to what was going on at Area 2 while your
- office was there when this shooter was in custody?
- 20 A No, I don't recall anything.
- 21 Q What would be the normal procedure that
- 22 would have been followed insofar as keeping you or
- 23 your subordinates informed relative to what was going
- 24 on over there?

- 1 A Well, first of all, the primary
- 2 responsibility falls within the felony review
- 3 officer. Whether it's a chief or those who are
- 4 taking statements, would take that responsibility
- 5 very seriously. That's who would have the primary
- 6 responsibility.
- 7 Q So far as the office was concerned, the
- 8 fact that it was the head of felony review who was
- 9 over there, as I put it, the fact that he was there,
- 10 that would have fulfilled some of the reporting
- 11 requirements, and that he was doing it. He wasn't
- just being reported to, he was actually in charge?
- 13 A\_ He was making\_decisions, right.
- 14 Q Now, there are two or three conditions of
- 15 Andrew Wilson's interrogation which have raised an
- 16 issue through the years, and that issue has perhaps
- 17 been heightened by our investigation.
- 18 And the first is the very fact that
- 19 he's supposed to have given an oral statement, and
- 20 it's approximately eight hours later that the state's
- 21 attorney decides to take a written statement from
- 22 him.
- Were you advised of that at any time?
- 24 A I don't recall.

- 1 Q The second is the state's attorney's manual
- 2 did and does contain a provision that before
- 3 assistants are to interrogate people in police
- 4 custody, they are to ask the party to be questioned
- 5 whether they had been well treated by the police.
- In this particular written statement
- 7 taken by Larry Hyman, he does not ask that question,
- 8 were you well treated by the police. And his earlier
- 9 testimony, that is, in other proceedings, not in our
- 10 investigation, his earlier testimony is that that is
- 11 the only time that he failed to ask that question.
- Was that ever brought to your
- 13 attention, either at that time or perhaps later in
- 14 the case?
- 15 A No, I don't recall.
- 16 O The third is that sometime after Mr. Wilson
- is supposed to have given an oral statement to the
- 18 police, he was taken into a room in which Mr. Hyman
- 19 was, and Mr. Hyman informed him that he was going to
- take a written statement from him. And I'm going to
- 21 use the terms that have been used several times in
- litigation and were used by Mr. Wilson when I
- 23 questioned him.
- 24 Mr. Hyman told him that he was there

- 1 to take a written statement from him, that he had
- 2 already taken written statements from some witnesses
- 3 and from Jackie Wilson. And Andrew Wilson states,
- 4 and has stated consistently for years, that he said
- 5 to Mr. Hyman: "You mean to tell me that you're going
- 6 to take a statement from me after I'd been beaten?"
- 7 And Mr. Hyman is supposed to have said to the
- 8 officers, "Take that jagoff out of here."
- 9 Were you ever advised of that at that
- 10 time or during the period of litigation?
- 11 A None whatsoever.
- 12 Q In any event, there was a written statement
- 13 taken by Mr. Wilson, and after that written statement
- 14 was taken, signed, and court reported by the state's
- 15 attorney's court reporter, he was transferred to the
- 16 custody of some wagon men, two wagon men, who took
- 17 him into custody at Area 2. And it apparently is
- 18 beyond any dispute that they had him in a room at
- 19 Area 2, and they did a pretty good job of pummelling
- 20 him, hitting him.
- One of the wagon men had some
- 22 relationship, friendship, went to school with either
- 23 Fahey or O'Brien. And Mr. Kunkle, in his cases,
- 24 brought out the fact that the wagon men did this, and

- 1 Mr. Kunkle has said on the record and said to us, he
- 2 believed that those wagon men had committed a crime.
- 3 Did anybody ever bring that to your
- 4 attention for any action at the time?
- 5 A No, I hadn't heard anything. I don't
- 6 recall.
- 7 Q After the statement was taken from Andrew
- 8 Wilson and the wagon men transported him, they took
- 9 him to the lockup at 11th Street, and the lockup
- 10 people wouldn't let him in because they wouldn't
- 11 accept him in the condition that he was in, and he
- was thereafter taken to Mercy Hospital.
- I assume that nobody ever brought that
- 14 to your attention?
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q I'd like to kind of slip into a -- kind of
- 17 a little out of context -- but we have twice talked
- 18 to Judge Bill Kunkle, once at the start of the
- 19 investigation, and once much more recently.
- 20 And Mr. Kunkle's recollection is that
- 21 there was a great deal of competition among various
- 22 assistant state's attorneys to try the Andrew Wilson
- 23 case and that he decided that he would try the case.
- He is not clear as to whether or not

- 1 he made that decision after conferring with you. He
- 2 said he did inform you of his decision, but he's not
- 3 clear as to whether he made the decision or you made
- 4 the decision. Frankly, he says he made the decision.
- Is that your recollection, or do you
- 6 even have a recollection of how that happened?
- 7 A I don't have a recollection, but I would
- 8 say that Bill Kunkle was a top trial lawyer. He did
- 9 the Gacy case, well respected as a trial lawyer. So
- 10 I could see why he would want the case.
- 11 Q And he says that from time to time, they've
- 12 talked about first and second chairs out there at
- 13 26th Street. He said he was the first chair and
- 14 Mike Angarola was the second chair.
- Is that your recollection?
- 16 A I believe so.
- 17 Q As you'll recall, there is a letter that
- 18 was sent by the then superintendent of police,
- 19 Richard Brzeczek, to you as state's attorney back in
- 20 February of 1982. It is the same letter, Mr. Mayor,
- 21 that I showed you earlier.
- One is a letter dated February 25 of
- 23 1982, directed to you as State's Attorney at 500
- 24 Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, signed by Richard

- 1 J. Brzeczek, Superintendent of Police, and it refers
- 2 to an enclosure which is a letter dated February 17th
- of 1982, and that is a letter from a Dr. Raba, John
- 4 M. Raba, MD, Medical Director, Cermak Prison Health
- 5 Services. And that letter dated February 17th of
- 6 1982 was directed to Mr. Brzeczek at 1121 South
- 7 State.
- 8 (Marked Exhibit 1 for ID.)
- 9 BY MR. BOYLE:
- 10 Q Mr. Mayor, I've asked to you examine what
- 11 we've marked and identified as Deposition Exhibit
- No. 1, which is the two letters that I just
- 13 identified.
- 14 Have you read those two letters?
- 15 A Yes, I have.
- 16 Q Do you recall at any time either receiving,
- 17 reviewing, or being told of these letters at or about
- 18 the time that they bear, which is February of 1982?
- 19 A If the letter came to me, it would
- 20 automatically go to the first deputy and others, and
- 21 I would look at it and then appropriately send it to
- the appropriate parties in the State's Attorney's
- Office; as well as each police department has an OPS
- 24 dealing with any conduct of police officers, and it

- 1 would fall to the responsibility within each police
- 2 department to look at misconduct of any police
- 3 officer, first and foremost.
- 4 Q It is our understanding that this letter
- 5 was received by your office. And I want to be
- 6 perfectly clear here.
- 7 You have just said your recollection
- 8 is it was either received by you or your office, but
- 9 you became aware of?
- 10 A Yes, I did.
- 11 Q The possibility, I guess, is, that it may
- 12 not have actually been directly received by you at
- 13 the time it was sent but may have been received by
- 14 someone on your administrative staff.
- And then I'm going to ask you some
- 16 questions about that.
- Do you actually remember receiving
- 18 this in the mail? That's really my question.
- 19 A I would have to receive it, so I would have
- 20 to say --
- MS. GEORGES: Just if you remember.
- THE WITNESS: I don't remember today.
- 23 BY MR. BOYLE:
- 24 Q How was your mail received at that time?

- 1 A All depends. It went down to the State's
- 2 Attorney's Office, the Richard J. Daley Center, to be
- 3 sent out from there to the appropriate parties, first
- 4 deputy and others involved.
- 5 Q Do you have a recollection today, either as
- 6 you recall it today or your recollection of February
- 7 of 1982, as to -- and I don't know another term to
- 8 use, other than the processing of this letter in the
- 9 state's attorney's office?
- 10 A The process would go through.
- 11 Q Do you remember what that was, who got it?
- 12 A It would be myself, it would be the first
- 13 deputy, maybe chief, maybe criminal---
- 14 MR. EGAN: May I interrupt you just a
- 15 moment? You say first deputy. Is that Devine?
- 16 THE WITNESS: At that time it was.
- MR. EGAN: First assistant.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, first assistant,
- 19 right.
- 20 And then, in turn, they would go to
- 21 special pros, because they dealt -- special pros
- 22 dealt with any misconduct of police officers.
- 23 BY MR. BOYLE:
- 24 Q It is our understanding that the letter

- 1 was, indeed, received by your office, may have been
- 2 first -- so far as chain of command, may have first
- 3 been received by Mr. Devine, and that Mr. Devine
- 4 directed, through Mr. Kunkle -- no, I'm sorry.
- 5 Mr. Devine then gave it to Mr. Kunkle.
- 6 Do you recall that that was the
- 7 process that was followed? Devine received it,
- 8 reviewed it, gave it to Kunkle?
- 9 A That would be the process.
- MS. GEORGES: If you know.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't recall. I
- 12 don't know if he did or not.
- 13 BY MR. BOYLE:
- 14 Q And it's our understanding that Mr. Kunkle
- 15 had not yet made the decision at the time this
- 16 letter -- I may be wrong about that. He may have
- 17 made the decision, whether he did or didn't. That
- 18 Mr. Kunkle referred it to Mr. DiBoni in special
- 19 prosecutions for handling.
- 20 Do you recall that?
- 21 A That I don't recall specifically, but that
- 22 would be the process where special pros dealt with
- 23 any misconduct of police officers dealing with any
- 24 police department in Cook County.

- 1 Q I don't know how many days all of that may
- 2 have taken, or it may have been done in one day, but
- 3 do you have a recollection of whether or not you were
- 4 advised, either as a result of you asking questions
- 5 about this letter or one of your subordinates
- 6 advising you of the progress on the letter in the
- 7 office at or about that time, which would be
- 8 February, March of 1982?
- 9 A No, I don't recall.
- 10 Q Mr. Kunkle has told us, and Mr. DiBoni,
- 11 that they contacted the then lawyer for Andrew
- 12 Wilson, who was an assistant public defender, to see
- 13 whether he and/or his client, that is, the lawyer,
- 14 Mr. Coventry, to see whether or not Coventry or his
- 15 client, Andrew Wilson, would talk to the Office of
- 16 the State's Attorney about these allegations that
- 17 Dr. Raba makes in his letter to Brzeczek, and that
- 18 Mr. Coventry informed Mr. DiBoni that he was not
- 19 going to allow his client to talk to him while the
- 20 case was pending.
- 21 Can you recall anybody informing you
- 22 of that?
- 23 A I don't recall.
- Q We had thought that Frank DiBoni at that

- 1 time was head of special prosecutions, and we have
- 2 come now to learn that Jeff Kent was head of special
- 3 prosecutions.
- I had occasion to very recently get a
- 5 call from Jeff Kent, and he wanted to ask me a
- 6 question, and he had a complaint about something he
- 7 saw in the press that was reportedly said by
- 8 Mr. Brzeczek.
- But I asked Jeff Kent if he knew
- 10 anything about Andrew Wilson and this letter from
- 11 Raba, and he said he didn't recall anything about it.
- Before I talked to you today, I
- 13 \_ attempted to reach him again, and I was unsuccessful
- this morning, to make sure I was accurate.
- But in any event, you brought Jeff
- 16 Kent over from the United States Attorney's Office,
- 17 didn't you?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And he, indeed, was -- he said he left the
- state's attorney's office in 1985, and he said for
- 21 his entire tenure there, he was head of special
- 22 prosecutions.
- Is that your recollection?
- 24 A Yes, he was.

- 1 Q Would there be anything unusual in
- 2 Mr. Kunkle giving it to DiBoni and not processing it
- 3 through Kent?
- 4 And I just ask that because it kind of
- 5 -- one would say administratively, it should have
- 6 gone to Kent and not DiBoni and let Kent assign it to
- 7 whomever we want. But we all know there are times
- 8 that, for reasons that exist, that what might seem to
- 9 be the normal procedure is not followed.
- 10 And that's what I'm really asking is,
- 11 basically, as we know how we talk to one another, why
- 12 wouldn't this have gone to Kent? Why did it go to
- 13 DiBoni?
- MS. GEORGES: If you know.
- 15 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 16 BY MR. BOYLE:
- 17 Q You had no part of that decision?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q That's really what I was getting to.
- 20 Can you recall, did Mr. Kunkle ever
- 21 confer with you as to whether any charges should be
- 22 placed against the wagon men, whom he now tells us he
- 23 believed committed crimes against Andrew Wilson?
- 24 A I don't recall any --

- 1 Q You don't recall any conversation like
- 2 that?
- 3 A (Nodding.)
- 4 Q Andrew Wilson was convicted, was sentenced
- 5 to the electric chair. It was tried before a jury
- 6 after a fairly long motion to suppress. And in 1987,
- 7 the Supreme Court reversed Wilson. The date that is
- 8 on the opinion is April 2nd of 1987.
- And the opinion says that, I guess in
- 10 both lawyer's and layman's terms, that Andrew Wilson
- 11 was beaten before he confessed. And the case was
- 12 retried -- Mr. Kunkle had left the office, and I
- 13 think the litany of it is Mr. Angarola, until his
- 14 accident, was first assistant, and then Mr. Shabat
- 15 was first assistant.
- In any event, Kunkle was brought back
- 17 for the retrial of the Wilson case.
- Can you remember how that happened to
- 19 take place? That is, that Kunkle was brought back to
- 20 try the case rather than somebody else, some other
- 21 assistant?
- 22 A No, I don't recall specifically. But
- 23 generally, a person who tries a case like that would,
- 24 many times, a case of that importance, would

- 1 basically have the experience of trial, and in turn
- 2 many times retry the case.
- 3 Q Do you recall any questions you may have
- 4 had for anyone as a result of the Supreme Court
- 5 opinion where they pretty much in black and white say
- 6 that the evidence is that he was beaten before he
- 7 gave the confession?
- 8 Do you recall anybody talking to you
- 9 about the opinion, you having any questions about --
- 10 A No, I don't recall a conversation like
- 11 that.
- 12 Q The fact is, when the second case was
- 13 tried, they didn't use the confession.
- In any event, he was tried again and
- 15 convicted, and then that case was affirmed.
- 16 However, at or about or pretty close
- 17 to the same period of time, when the second trial is
- 18 up on appeal, the civil case is started in the
- 19 district court where actions were brought by him
- 20 against the City of Chicago.
- 21 And the first case was -- both cases,
- 22 as a matter of fact -- the first case, the civil
- 23 case, the civil rights case, was tried to a hung jury
- 24 and then retried, almost immediately, both before

- 1 Judge Brian Duff of the district court.
- In any event, it is our information
- 3 that the method by which lawyers are assigned the
- 4 defense of civil rights cases where the City is named
- 5 as the defendant or a city official or someone that
- 6 the City could have fiscal responsibility for is that
- 7 the Office of the Corporation Counsel decides, if the
- 8 corporation counsel is not going to handle the case,
- 9 that the Office of the corporation counsel decides
- 10 who the lawyer would be.
- Is that a fair statement?
- 12 A Yes, that is.
- 13 Q I think that has historically always been
- 14 the situation.
- 15 A Yes, it is.
- 16 Q And it is our information, and it is so for
- 17 the record here, that Mr. Kunkle was asked by the
- 18 Office of the Corporation Counsel to and did defend
- 19 not only Jon Burge, but one or two of the other
- officers who were in the civil rights case before
- 21 Judge Duff.
- You had nothing to do with that
- 23 appointment, did you?
- 24 A No. The Corporation Counsel makes those

- 1 decisions.
- 2 Q The appointment of Mr. Kunkle to -- I'm
- 3 just trying to get the dates straight. The
- 4 appointment of Mr. Kunkle to represent Jon Burge and
- 5 perhaps some other officers, I believe -- the other
- 6 officers don't matter -- would have been made prior
- 7 to the commencement of trial on February 13th of
- 8 '89 and would have been made by the prior
- 9 administration; is that a fair statement?
- 10 A That's correct.
- 11 Q And who was that, again? Who was the
- 12 corporation counsel?
- MR. BURNS: I believe it was Judson
- 14 Miner, but we can confirm. But I believe he remained
- until Mr. Daley was elected to office.
- 16 BY MR. BOYLE:
- 17 Q Now, in addition to that, on November 12th
- 18 of 1991, after you had been mayor for about a year
- 19 and a half, Jon Burge was suspended by administrative
- 20 action, superintendent suspension, and thereafter,
- 21 the City proceeded through the process to terminate
- 22 his employment, basically based upon the Andrew
- 23 Wilson situation.
- Mr. Kunkle was retained to represent

- 1 Jon Burge in those administrative proceedings, and it
- 2 is our understanding that the method always has been,
- 3 continues to be, and it pointedly, in this case, that
- 4 is involving Jon Burge, is that the decision as to
- 5 who would represent Jon Burge in those suspension and
- 6 termination proceedings is made by the Fraternal
- 7 Order of Police and not by the City, that the
- 8 decision in the Jon Burge case was made by the
- 9 Fraternal Order of Police and was subject to the veto
- 10 of the general attorney, who was and is Mr. Roddy,
- 11 Joseph V. Roddy. And he did not veto it because he
- 12 had a conflict. But in any event, that was a
- decision made by FOP and not by the City of Chicago.
- 14 That is accurate; is that correct?
- 15 A That is correct, yes.
- 16 EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MR. EGAN:
- 18 Q Mr. Mayor, I have just a few questions I
- 19 wanted to ask.
- 20 As I told Perry earlier, the thing
- 21 that kind of confused us was, after talking to Bill
- 22 Kunkle, the already confused state of mind I have
- 23 about the chain of command in the State's Attorney's
- 24 Office at the time and the amount of authority that,

- 1 I guess -- I emphasize "guess" -- had been given to
- 2 Larry Hyman, after I talked to him about Kunkle, I'm
- 3 more confused. So I want to ask some questions about
- 4 that.
- I know from reading various
- 6 transcripts that Angarola was there at Area 2 and
- 7 that he did talk to Hyman.
- Now, in all of the conversations I've
- 9 read, nobody has ever gone into the substance of the
- 10 conversation between Angarola and Hyman. And another
- 11 assistant state's attorney was there named Paul
- 12 Nealis, and we didn't discover that until we read the
- 13 transcript of the police board proceedings against
- 14 Burge when Nealis showed up as a character witness
- 15 for one the policemen. And Joe Roddy, who called
- them, realized that he was an occurrence witness.
- And Nealis, he testified that he
- 18 talked to Angarola. And then Ginex was another name
- 19 that we never ever saw before in any of the police
- 20 reports. And Ginex now is called as a witness at the
- 21 police board hearing to buttress the opinion or the
- 22 testimony of Larry Hyman. Ficaro was also called,
- 23 but he's not involved in this. And Ginex says he
- 24 talked to Angarola on the phone.

- 1 Kunkle has said Hyman would have been
- 2 telling a lot of people about what was going on. He
- 3 would have been telling Ginex. He would have been
- 4 telling chief of municipal. He would have been
- 5 telling Angarola. He might have been telling Kunkle.
- 6 He might have been talking to Devine, but he didn't
- 7 do that every ten minutes.
- 8 In none of those instances of who
- 9 Hyman was talking to is there anything that
- indicates, to me, that Hyman, who in our opinion was
- 11 faced with a very momentous tactical decision, and
- that is, should I take a statement from this shooter
- 13 who was willing to make a statement, or shall I wait
- 14 and talk to his brother and spend a couple of hours
- with him, and then wait another couple of hours and
- 16 talk to a witness, and then let them take Andrew
- 17 Wilson, the shooter, out of the station to the
- 18 Detective Area 1 and have him go through a show up?
- And I, frankly, wondered, am I correct
- that as he said, well, that was his decision? That
- 21 was his tactical decision? And what I'm trying to
- find out is, did he ever get some type of clearance
- 23 from any supervisor, be it Devine, or you, or Kunkle,
- or Angarola, or Ginex and say, here's the decision I

- 1 have to make, and do I have your approval to make it?
- 2 Do you know whether anybody ever
- discussed it with Larry Hyman, or was it simply left
- 4 to his decision?
- Now, you said before something about
- 6 generally it would be left to the man from felony
- 7 review.
- 8 A Felony review.
- 9 Q Okay. Generally, I can understand. But in
- 10 a case like this of great moment, I wonder if there
- 11 was anybody in the state's attorney's command
- 12 situation or echelon that had any input with Larry
- 13 Hyman. Were they apprised of the fact that Larry
- 14 Hyman was waiting ten hours to take a statement from
- 15 this individual?
- 16 A Yeah, I wouldn't recall any conversation I
- 17 had with any of them with regards to any statement
- 18 being made. But trial lawyers have to make -- the
- 19 division has to take statements, and they have to
- 20 decide their procedures.
- Q Well, okay. When the Supreme Court opinion
- came down, everybody in the state's attorney's
- office -- well, I won't say "everybody," but
- 24 everybody in a command situation, I assume, was aware

- of the fact that the Supreme Court had said the
- 2 evidence here establishes that this individual has
- 3 been beaten while he was in police custody, and the
- 4 State failed to establish any reasonable explanation
- 5 how he got it.
- Now, were you aware, were you made
- 7 aware of that finding of the Supreme Court?
- 8 A Once the Supreme Court decision came out, I
- 9 believe appropriately they decided to retry the case.
- 10 Q Yeah, but I mean, were you informed of the
- 11 finding of the Supreme Court that they had found,
- they made a determination that he had been beaten?
- 13 A I think so, yes. ....
- 14 Q Did you make inquiry of anybody in the
- office at any command situation?
- 16 A In turn, we're trying the case first and
- 17 foremost. And then in turn, I believe that was --
- 18 OPS was investigating it, Office of Professional
- 19 Standards from Chicago Police Department.
- 20 Q Well, they said that -- let me back up.
- In his letter to you, he said he was
- 22 going to forbear doing any investigating until he got
- 23 some word from you.
- 24 Am I correct?

- 1 A They have ultimate responsibility, OPS
- 2 does, to investigate any allegation of misconduct of
- 3 any person with the Chicago Police -- That's their
- 4 primary responsibility. Not ours.
- 5 Q It is my understanding that it's their
- 6 obligation to investigate for two reasons: To
- 7 determine whether a crime has been committed, or to
- 8 determine whether some disciplinary rule has been
- 9 violated.
- But isn't it true that it's also the
- 11 obligation, or a concomitant obligation on the part
- of the state's attorney to investigate what may
- 13 appear to-him to have been a crime committed?
- 14 A The procedure that we took in place was
- 15 first and foremost to take this letter, then in turn
- 16 talk to OPS. That's the procedure that we've always
- done in the state's attorney's office.
- 18 Q Well, that leads me to another question,
- 19 and I think that you may have gotten the same mixed
- 20 signals that we did.
- I have a note here of Bob's questions
- when he talked to you on February 2nd, and it says:
- 23 Mr. Daley stated that he probably was advised as time
- 24 passed that the special prosecution's unit had

- 1 contacted Andrew Wilson's attorney and had been
- 2 thwarted in efforts to determine the actual basis for
- 3 the observations of Dr. Raba.
- Now, I think there may be a little
- 5 confusion about that. There was in our minds, based
- 6 on what Mr. Kunkle had said and what Mr. DiBoni had
- 7 said.
- 8 Mr. DiBoni's deposition was taken long
- 9 a time ago, and he said that Kunkle gave him the name
- of the lawyer who represented Andrew Wilson, Dale
- 11 Coventry, and that he waited to hear from Dale
- 12 Coventry, and he never heard from him. That's the
- 13 deposition that I've read.
- Now we have Mr. -- frankly, that's one
- of the reasons we're here. Mr. Kunkle, Judge Kunkle,
- 16 was asked what he did with the letter, and he said,
- well, he didn't want to have anything to do with it
- 18 because he was going to try the case, and so he said
- 19 that's the beauty of it. If this were Keokuk, you'd
- 20 have to wear both hats -- and I'm paraphrasing -- but
- 21 he said because this is Chicago, you've got an
- organization that's big enough that you can split it.
- So Bob asked him something about
- 24 being -- he took himself out of the loop. In other

- 1 words, he wasn't going to have anything to do with
- 2 special pros. And I asked him, well, why would you
- 3 do that? And he said, well, he decided, and he
- 4 repeated this business about Keokuk and Chicago.
- I said, well, suppose that special
- 6 pros had some information in their investigation that
- 7 would be useful to you in a trial? And he said,
- 8 well, he would presume that that would be passed on
- 9 to him.
- 10 Then the following day, as Bob said,
- 11 we got a phone call from him, Bob did, in which he
- 12 said, no. He importuned Dale Coventry to call Frank
- 13 DiBoni up. And then he said told Frank DiBoni of
- 14 that conversation and -- anyway, he called to tell us
- that, which was contrary to what he had said.
- I called Dale Coventry up, and Dale
- 17 Coventry emphatically said that conversation never
- 18 took place. And when I called DiBoni up and referred
- 19 him to his own deposition and what Kunkle was saying
- 20 now, he said he had no recollection of it, but he
- 21 couldn't say it didn't happen.
- So all I can say is I am as confused
- 23 as I ever was about exactly what went on with this
- letter insofar as special pros is concerned.

- 1 Anyway, now, to get back to Jeff Kent.
- 2 Kunkle mentioned Jeff Kent to us, but we had been
- 3 operating always on the supposition that DiBoni was
- 4 the person. And I share in Bob's concern, or
- 5 puzzlement, about why Kent wasn't given this letter
- 6 instead of DiBoni. So the only conclusion I could --
- 7 one of the conclusions we drew, that somebody just
- 8 decided to go around Jeff Kent.
- 9 Could that be?
- 10 MS. GEORGES: There could have been so
- 11 many reasons.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't know.
- 13 BY MR. EGAN:
- 14 Q Pardon me?
- 15 A I wouldn't know if that's the reason. I
- 16 don't recall --
- MR. BOYLE: You don't know anything
- 18 about that?
- 19 THE WITNESS: No.
- 20 BY MR. EGAN:
- 21 Q And he didn't know anything -- never saw
- 22 the letter?
- MR. BURNS: Was he the deputy.
- MR. BOYLE: There were two deputies,

- 1 and DiBoni was one of them.
- 2 BY MR. EGAN:
- 3 Q So that we're clear on this now, it's fair
- 4 to say you yourself never spoke to Larry Hyman?
- 5 A No, I haven't.
- MS. GEORGES: On this matter.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Yeah, on this matter.
- 8 BY MR. EGAN:
- 9 On this matter.
- But you've talked to him before, I
- 11 assume, as part of his duties as head of felony
- 12 review?
- 13 A Dealing with felony review, definitely.
- 14 Q He left the office about two or three
- months after this, didn't he?
- 16 A I don't know when he left.
- 17 Q By the way, you were the mayor at the time
- 18 Superintendent Martin filed the charges against Jon
- 19 Burge, right?
- 20 A Yes, I was.
- 21 O That would have been in November of 1991?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 O Bob mentioned to you what Mr. Brzeczek is
- 24 saying now, and specifically -- let me back up a

- 1 minute.
- When he testified in the federal
- 3 district court, he was asked a number of times about
- 4 his opinion as to what happened to Andrew Wilson, and
- 5 on at least two occasions, he said he was of the
- 6 opinion that Andrew Wilson was brutalized after he
- 7 left Detective Area 2.
- 8 And then he was asked specifically,
- 9 was your opinion changed when you got the letter from
- 10 Dr. Raba? And on two occasions, he said, no, my
- 11 opinion was not changed. He still felt that he was
- injured after he left Detective Area 2.
- Now he is saying that he came to the
- opinion that Andrew Wilson was brutalized by the
- 15 officers in Detective Area 2.
- Were you aware of that?
- 17 A No, I wasn't.
- 18 Q Did LeRoy Martin ever discuss the charges
- 19 that were going to be lodged against Jon Burge
- 20 before he -- discuss it with you?
- 21 A I don't recall.
- 22 Q Just one last thing, another thing that
- 23 confused us.
- When we read the Supreme Court opinion

- and all the facts of Andrew Wilson, the thing that
- 2 stood out was the burn marks that appeared on Andrew
- 3 Wilson.
- 4 That appeared, to us, to be the thing
- 5 that needed explaining. That's one of the things we
- 6 wanted to talk to Judge Kunkle about.
- 7 Because in the trial, that is, the
- 8 criminal trial, he made no attempt to explain how
- 9 these burn marks showed up on Andrew Wilson.
- In fact, the lawyer, Dale Coventry,
- 11 specifically put it on him and said the State has not
- 12 proved that. And Kunkle said, I don't know how it
- 13 happened. Okay?
- Now at the civil trial, first civil
- 15 trial, and he was retained by the City, Kunkle said
- 16 he brought in an expert who said these were not
- 17 radiator burns, they were some type of friction
- 18 burns.
- And then at the second civil trial, he
- 20 didn't bring in an expert. He brought in a
- 21 jailhouse -- what we call a jailhouse snitch -- who
- 22 testified that Andrew Wilson told him that he did it
- 23 himself.
- 24 And then at the civil hearing, he

- 1 didn't call in any expert. At the civil hearing,
- 2 they stipulated to the testimony of the jailhouse
- 3 snitch, and they, again, used another separate expert
- 4 who said that the one thing, one was, in fact, a
- 5 burn.
- So my question is, were you kept
- 7 apprised of the fact that the lawyer representing the
- 8 City had changed the theories of the defense in those
- 9 three cases?
- 10 A No, I don't recall.
- 11 Q And, of course, now he tells us that he
- 12 really wasn't crazy about the theory about the
- 13 self-inflicted burns, and he wasn't crazy about the
- 14 theory of the doctor who said it wasn't burns.
- So I gather you were never told of the
- 16 fact that Judge Kunkle was, in effect, advancing
- 17 theories that he really -- and representing the
- 18 City -- that he was advancing these theories, and you
- 19 knew nothing about it?
- 20 A No.
- MR. EGAN: That's all I have,
- 22 Mr. Mayor.
- 23 EXAMINATION
- 24 BY MR. BOYLE:

- 1 Q I have one brief thing. Not the only one,
- 2 but one of the reasons we're here is we have been
- 3 unable to talk to Larry Hyman, either about what went
- 4 on -- what, if anything -- went on in those ten hours
- 5 at Area 2 or anything else about this case, so I feel
- 6 compelled to ask you: At that time, that is, in
- 7 1982, did anybody relate to you any conversations
- 8 they had about Larry Hyman about what was going on in
- 9 the ten hours that he was assigned out there that
- 10 day?
- 11 A No.
- 12 Q And today no one has talked to you about
- 13 .. that?....
- 14 A No one has talked to me about that.
- 15 EXAMINATION
- 16 BY MR. BURNS:
- 17 Q Mr. Mayor, just to clarify. At the time of
- 18 the event that we have been discussing here relative
- 19 to the investigation, the deaths of officers Fahey
- 20 and O'Brien, your first assistant state's attorney
- 21 was Richard Devine; is that correct?
- 22 A Yes, he was first assistant.
- 23 Q Now, there were also a number of questions
- 24 that were put to you in regard to Mr. Hyman and the

- 1 role that he played, as well as the role of other
- 2 assistant state's attorneys who were in various
- 3 positions within the administration at the time you
- 4 were state's attorney in 1982.
- 5 Do you recall those, generally
- 6 speaking?
- 7 A Yes, I do.
- 8 Q Am I accurate in saying that Assistant
- 9 State's Attorney Larry Hyman, who was in charge of
- 10 felony review, would have had the ultimate
- 11 responsibility to make decisions relative to the
- 12 prosecution of that case and how statements were to
- 13 be taken?
- 14 A Yes, he does.
- O Whether or not he would talk with other
- 16 people, he didn't need your permission to discharge
- 17 his obligations and responsibilities that you had
- 18 entrusted to him?
- 19 A That's right.
- 20 O Is that also true of Mr. Kunkle and
- 21 Mr. Devine that you gave them responsibility to
- 22 effectuate criminal prosecutions in general and that
- 23 you relied upon them to carry out those
- 24 responsibilities in the manner they saw fit?

- 1 A Yes.
- MR. BURNS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I
- 3 wanted to clarify.
- 4 MR. EGAN: I do want to follow up on
- 5 that.
- 6 FURTHER EXAMINATION
- 7 BY MR. EGAN:
- 8 Q You said, Mr. Mayor, that Larry Hyman had
- 9 the ultimate responsibility. Am I quoting you
- 10 correctly when you said, yes, Larry Hyman had the
- 11 ultimate responsibility?
- 12 Are you aware of the civil service
- 13 proceedings against Burge where there were people who
- 14 disagreed with the decision that Larry Hyman had
- 15 made? Are you aware of that?
- 16 A No, I'm not.
- 17 Q Are you aware of the fact that there are
- 18 some people who have had experience in the State's
- 19 Attorney's Office that feel that Larry Hyman made a
- 20 very, very, poor decision?
- 21 A I've never heard of that.
- 22 Q Never heard of that?
- 23 A No.
- Q Did you know that Larry Hyman was named as

- 1 an unsued coconspirator in the federal district
- 2 court?
- 3 A No, I don't. No
- 4 Q Do you have an opinion as to whether or not
- 5 Larry Hyman's decision was a sound one from a
- 6 prosecutor's point of view?
- 7 A No, I wouldn't.
- 8 Q Do you know that the handbook that's used
- 9 by prosecutors, it's an IICLE handbook on
- 10 prosecutions, that they specifically provide that the
- 11 questioner, that is, the assistant state's attorney,
- 12 shall make sure that in the statement is the question
- 13 asking the prisoner if he's been treated okay by the
- 14 police?
- 15 Are you familiar with that?
- 16 A If it's in the booklet, it's in the
- 17 booklet.
- 18 Q Would you feel that when you were state's
- 19 attorney, if an assistant state's attorney didn't
- 20 follow that direction, that certainly it should be
- 21 called to his attention that he had violated the
- 22 policy of the office?
- 23 A No one ever mentioned he violated any
- 24 policy.

- 1 Q I mean, as the state's attorney, if an
- 2 assistant --
- 3 MS. GEORGES: You just mean
- 4 hypothetically speaking, if someone were to --
- 5 MR. EGAN: Yeah --
- 6 THE WITNESS: It would go to the
- 7 appropriate parties in regards to his supervisor and
- 8 move right up the ranks.
- 9 BY MR. EGAN:
- 10 Q So we're clear on this, are you saying or
- 11 are you not saying that you do not agree that the
- 12 procedure that was followed by Larry Hyman was good
- 13 prosecutorial -procedure?
- 14 A I can't comment on that.
- MS. GEORGES: I think he already
- 16 answered that. He said --
- 17 BY MR. EGAN:
- 18 O I want to make sure about it.
- 19 A I can't comment on that in regards to that
- 20 case. I mean, that was up to the lawyer, the felony
- 21 review lawyer, to make the decisions, and that's who
- 22 makes the decisions.
- 23 Q I know. You brought up ultimate
- 24 responsibility.

- 1 Do you agree that a first assistant or
- 2 chief deputy, that they might look at what Larry
- 3 Hyman did and say to him: You made a mistake. You
- 4 made too much of a gamble, that this man could have
- 5 refused to make a statement, or a lawyer might have
- 6 shown up.
- 7 A I couldn't speculate on that.
- 8 Q Do you agree --
- 9 A I couldn't speculate on that.
- MR. BOYLE: But you don't disagree
- 11 that if they saw that they thought that he had made a
- 12 mistake, that they should have brought it to his
- 13 attention and done whatever was proper as a result of
- 14 it?
- I think that's what he's asking.
- THE WITNESS: In any case, yes.
- 17 BY MR. EGAN:
- 18 Q Are you aware that there are some first
- 19 assistant state's attorneys and state's attorneys in
- 20 the past that would have wanted to know every single
- 21 thing that was going on at Detective Area 2 on the
- 22 14th?
- 23 A I wouldn't know that at all.
- MR. EGAN: I have nothing further.

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