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NOTEPAD TEMPLATE

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INJX	" " & NON-MATERIAL
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POLYOT	POLICE, OTHER FORCE & MATERIAL
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CATEGORY TEMPLATE. (Version IV) (170589)

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STANDS

Spion Kop
North Stand
South Stand - Seated
 Standing

WEST STAND

Pen 1&2
Pen 5-7
PEN 3
PEN 4

POLICE OFFICER ON DUTY.

South Yorkshire
Merseyside
Nottinghamshire

POLICE OFFICER OFF DUTY

Merseyside
Nottinghamshire
South Yorkshire
Others

MEDIA

Press
TV
Radio

GROUND STAFF.

Steward
Turnstile Operator
Catering
Other

LOCAL RESIDENTS

House to House
Shopping
Other

PUBLIC

Letter
Telephone
Visit to Police Station

ANY CATEGORY NOT SPECIFIED

WITNESS CALLED TO INQUIRY

COACHES - Alcohol
 - Disorder
 - Police
 - Check
 - Traffic
 Delay

LETTER REQUIRED Y/N

MEDICAL

Doctor
Police Surgeon
Surgeon
Pathologist
Nurse
St Johns Amb

SUPPORTERS

Liverpool
Notts Forest
Other

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire Brigade
Ambulance

RECOGNITION

Bravery Acts
Awards
Appreciation
Adverse Comments
Complaint

PUBLIC BODIES

Local Authority
Health & Safety
FA
Football Trust

CONSULTANTS & FIRMS

Safety
Construction
Other

SURGES IN GROUND

Team on Pitch
Hanson's Name
Kick Off
Ball hits X-Bar
Barrier breaks

CROWD SURGES O/S GROUND

Metal Gate forced
Gate 'C' to eject
Gate 'C' crowd in

PREVIOUS MATCHES

Semi Final 1981
Semi Final 1956
Semi Final 1988
Other State: _____

INVESTIGATION

Forged Tickets
Forcing Gates
Unauthorised access
Alcohol
Disorder

Liverpool supporter who went through ~~the~~ Leppings Lane and into Pen 3 via tunnel. Was caught in crush but escaped into Pen 2 and on to pitch where he arrested with injured. -

STATEMENT NUMBER 8329

Station

Surname GREAVES

N998

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Forenames RICHARD JOHN

Age 24

Date of birth

Address

WIRRAL, MERSEYSIDE,

Occupation TRAVEL AGENT

Telephone

IC Height Build

Hair colour

Hair type

Complexion

Facial hair

Glasses Use Accent

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Dated 010589 Signed

I am a single man living with my parents at the above address.

I have been a Liverpool Football Club supporter all my life and I watch their matches when I can. I am not a member of a supporters club.

I did not have a ticket for the semi final match but all my friends knew I was looking for one.

A friend of mine N10897NH of Wirk Wirral got me a ticket, he came and saw me on Friday 14th April 1989 and gave me a six pound Leppings Lane Terrace, standing ticket. I can produce the stub of this ticket if required (ID MK R/G/1) (EX NO). I paid him six pounds for the ticket.

At half ten in the morning I was picked up with my friend N8621

of NH Wirk Liverpool at the Woodside Hotel,

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~~Address Cal Car~~

Birkenhead by the Sunspan Football Special Coach. Fans are only allowed on this coach if they have been booked on.

We had a reasonable journey to Sheffield. We had set off at half ten and were a bit early so we stopped for about half an hour at a Service Station.

We were also stopped by the Police on the approach to Sheffield just about 8 miles from the football ground.

They checked our tickets and examined the coach for any alcohol.

Coach searches

There was no alcohol on our coach.

The coach was parked in the designated Liverpool Coach parking area at about 13.15 to 13.30 hours.

I walked to the ground there was a steady stream of supporters. I stopped off at a Bookies on a roundabout by a garage to place a bet on the 2.15 pm race at Thirsk. I stopped in the Bookies until after the race and left and walked to the ground.

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I saw Policemen about but they were not directing fans. It was comfortable walking to the ground, it was just like any other match.

As I saw the entrance to the Leppings Lane Gates of the ground I could see a large group of people. There was no organisation they were just all trying to get in to the grounds.

Address

I did not see or hear any stewards or Police at this point. There were Police mixed in with the crowd but they were not telling the fans to form queues.

I knew which gate to go through as I have been to Hillsborough three times before. I entered the gates and joined the crowd trying to get through the turnstiles. It took me about 20 minutes in total to get from the gates of the ground to my viewing point inside the ground. It took about 15 minutes for me to get through the crowd and through the turnstile. There was a Policeman on the entrance to each turnstile but I would describe them as ornaments they did not appear

to be doing anything. There were two Police on horses in the area from the gates to the terraces.

One of the Policemen on the horses was just saying stand still. They were also trying to turn their horses around but this was just causing confusion and it appeared dangerous. People were shouting at the Police telling them to get a grip and try and get some queues sorted out.

I think I would recognise the one Police horseman he had a grey moustache and I think he was from Liverpool Police because when he was being shouted at he replied "because it had taken him so long to get from Liverpool on the horse".

I did not see any stewards in this area. Once through the turnstile I could see Police searching some of the fans. I was not searched.

The area between the turnstiles and the tunnel appeared to be no more crowded with people than for any match of this importance.

I went to the toilet on the left of the tunnel entrance and then walked through the tunnel in a steady stream. At the end of the tunnel getting on to the terraces it was packed. I had had no steward or Police direction in the tunnel.

I was not forced into pen 3 I could have moved across in tunnel and gone in pen 4, but once I was in pen 3 I would not have been able to retrace my steps and get out of the pen.

I stood in line with the right hand goal post as we looked at the pitch about 2/3 yds of the way up the terrace from the fence. I was there only a few minutes, the crowd was swaying but the swaying stopped and it gradually got more solid and the pressure increased.

I worked my way across to my right with my friend

I had been prepared to put up with the crush to start with because I thought it was normal for a semi final and it usually settles down, but it just got worse.

Pen 3

I worked my way to my right to about 8-10 feet from the dividing fence with Pen 2. I could tell something was wrong then, it was just too packed.

I could see some people trying to get out of the pen by climbing the front perimeter fence. The Police at first weren't having any of that, they were telling people to get back in. There were other fans on the other side of the rails facing back into the crowd shouting for the crowd to move back as people were dying. I could also see people at the back of the pen being pulled up into the west stand.

It was then that I realised the match was being played it was about five past three. There were fans on the pitch trying to get the players to stop and then a Police Officer went on and he called a halt to the game.

Before I had started to move across to my right I could see that there appeared to be plenty of space in pen 2.

At this time the game was stopped. I could see people climbing out of pen three and into pen 2 this gradually gave me enough room to get to the dividing wall. I did not have any choice in this as the people got over the fence. I was forced sideways. There was no way I could have got there without the people climbing out.

I climbed out into pen 2 from pen 3. I would put money on it that the gate at the rear of the terrace/pen dividing fence was closed or access had been stopped by the Police or Stewards but I do not know. I did not know one was there but there usually is on these types of fences, but I would have been unable to get to it even if I wanted to. I was relieved to get into pen 2 I was able to breathe again and move around. The last couple of minutes in pen 3 I was frightened and it was hard to breathe as I felt my chest very tight.

At the time I had moved across to the right and then got stuck I

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Pen 2

Pen 2

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found myself up against a barrier about 10 feet from the dividing fence. My friend [redacted] managed to duck under it.

I couldn't duck under it so I turned on an angle and [redacted] pulled me over but the calf of my right leg was trapped against the barrier and the body of another fan. I was shouting 'My leg,' 'My leg'. This fan must have done something because I was able to drag my leg free. This happened in pen three.

In pen two it was different again the front fence door was open and people were filing out in an orderly manner, I must say that when ever anyone injured was passed by hand or a child was passed over fans heads everyone made sure they got out safely.

I got onto the pitch safely, I walked over to about level with the 18 yard line box of the South Stand and waited with [redacted]

I saw people using hoardings to carry injured people away. I helped rip a hoarding from the south stand and took it into the penalty area. We placed a white lad about 17-18 years old on it. I cannot remember any more of him. An ambulance man helped put him on the stretcher and told the lad behind me to hold the injured lads mouth open.

We carried him down to the area between the Spion Kop and the North Stand.

I cannot recall any proper stretchers about. I ran back to the penalty area with the other lads and the stretcher (advertising hoarding). I left the stretcher there and with [redacted] we left the ground at about quarter to four by climbing into the front part of the South Stand and out of the ground via the Penistone Road and because I wanted to phone my family. I got through to my family at about quarter past four. I made my way back to the bus and went home. I did not hear any public announcement on the loudspeakers when I was

in the pens out I heard one when people were on the pitch taking the injured to the other end, telling us all to clear the pitch. At this stage I could see at the bottom end a lot of people giving first aid by mouth to mouth and pushing the chest.

I think the bad selection of the ground by the F.A or at least not giving us the bigger end and the lack of control by the Police was a shambles, there should have been more communication between the Police looking after the pens and the Police at the turnstiles to stop fans going into pens which were full.

As far as I can remember the Police did very little to help the injured fans, and did not appear to do any organising of aid to assist the injured.

I want it to be known that the Liverpool fans were brilliant on that day.

last year
I attended last years semi final at the same ground against the same team. It was much better Policed, we still had the small end last year but it was really packed in the ground but outside you had to show your ticket before you entered the ground and there was proper queues into the turnstiles.

Every time I've been to Hillsborough it has always been very crowded in that Leppings Lane end.

I am 6'2 inches thin build with short dark hair. I was wearing black tracksuit bottoms, white with red stripped trainers and a light purple shirt with buttons.

R GREAVES SIGNED

STATEMENT TAKEN
PLACE:

TIME:

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WITNESS TO SIGNATURE:

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END OF REPORT