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Mr White—Yes.

Senator O'CHEE—And what were you told in that induction briefing about the group's role?

Mr White—In the first induction—and I was one of the early ones, and probably the earliest in the [REDACTED] area—there were five complainants. They were Garms, Gill and Smith, and Dawson and Schorer. My induction briefing was that we—we being [REDACTED]—had to stop these people to stop the floodgates being opened.

Senator O'CHEE—What, stop them reasonably or stop them at all costs—or what?

Mr White—The words used to me in the early days were that we had to stop these people at all costs.

Senator SCHACHT—'Stopped at all costs'—that was the phrase. Can you tell me who, at that induction briefing, said 'stopped at all costs'?

Mr White—Mr Peter [REDACTED], Peter [REDACTED]

Senator SCHACHT—Who?

Mr White—Mr Peter [REDACTED] and a subordinate of his, Peter [REDACTED]. That was the induction process—

Senator SCHACHT—Do you know whether they are still in those positions in the—

Mr White—I have no idea. I have been out of [REDACTED] for two years.

Senator SCHACHT—Mr Ward, are those two gentlemen that Mr White has named still in those positions?