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Dear Detective Inspector,

I have found a statement that was collected as part of the reinvestigation into the disappearance of Marjorie in 1960. This combined with the delivery documents from the 23rd August 1924 provides Ralph Fairbourne with an alibi and eliminates him from the investigation.

Sincerely,

C Hopkins

Detective Sergeant Hopkins."

GARENTON POLICE WITNESS STATEMENT Case No: GPMP045 Surname: First Name(s): Address: Date of Birth: Fairbourne Ralph William Edgewater Manor Wotton under Hill. 10.03.1903 STATEMENT SUMMARY Statement Date: 13.09.1960 Statement Time: Statement Place: 13:40 Garenton Police Station Officer Name: PC George Philpot I, Ralph Fairbourne, am providing this statement regarding the events of the 23rd of August 1924. On that day, I met Marjorie at Millington and Son Department store. I was making deliveries that day as our usual driver had called in sick. I met Marjorie at 1845 am. She was guite emotional and explained to me her plan to run away with her boyfriend. She wouldn't tell me his name, but she assured me that she was happy and that they would be leaving that weekend. She also returned my grandmother's ring to me and wished me and Evelyn a happy life together. Based on this information, I assumed that when Marjorie was reported missing, she had simply eloped with her boyfriend. She swore me to secrecy, so I have not mentioned this to anyone other than my late wife, Evelyn. I am devastated to learn of Marjorie's tragic fate and I apologise that I cannot provide more information. I want to be clear that I had no knowledge of any wrongdoing and I had no involvement in Marjorie's disappearance or death. I only want to assist in any way possible in order to bring closure to this tragic situation. Fairbourne Fine Textile Company Limited Mill Yard Bristol DELIVERY DRIVER NOTES RECEIVED by ORDER No. CUSTOMER DATE 10.30 19 840 Patches Silver Street Alveston 11.30 25 Aug 844 Hales & Son Oldbury 11.45 25 Aug RHayward 899 Millington & Son Garenton 12.15 25 Aug 871 Market Place Frampton 25 Aug 1.30 Mykorn 864 Jeffery's Shop Quedgley 25 Aug 2.00 A Fleeson 857 Langtree's Store Gloucester 25 Aug 2.50 865 Smiths Store Brockworth 25 Aug 3.30 y.Marshall 860 Lady Diana's Shurdington 25 Aug 4.15

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