

21.34 There is no evidence that the terms of Nelson's resettlement package were altered once the Stevens II Investigation was established in April 1993. It is clear to me that by the time it was established, the Stevens II Investigation had little prospect of getting any further reliable information from Nelson about the murder of Patrick Finucane. The Army had consciously and comprehensively bought his silence by linking it to their continuing care and support of his family. Nelson's predicament would have been reinforced by A/05's clear suggestion to him that it was his failure to heed the Army's advice that he should not co-operate with the Stevens I Investigation that led directly to his prosecution. It is difficult to imagine a more compelling inducement for Nelson to back-track from what he had told the Stevens team in 1990.