

Message

From: ron.warmington@ [GRO]
Sent: 11/02/2013 22:22:26
To: Susan Crichton [GRO]
Subject: Fwd: Bracknell site address

Susan: FYI. Ron.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: irh [GRO]
Date: 11 February 2013 22:16:07 GMT
To: Ron Warmington [GRO]
Subject: Re: Bracknell site address

Thanks Ron

Reads well

Ian

Sent from my iPad

On 11 Feb 2013, at 21:53, "Ron Warmington" [GRO] wrote:

I spoke at length with Mr Rudkin this morning. First of all, he has confirmed that the building he visited is, he's pretty sure, the Fujitsu one (RG12 8SN). He also emailed Shoosmiths asking whether they have any objection to him sending us a copy of his sworn affidavit. He/we are awaiting their response.

In the meantime, I have probed Mr Rudkin's memory further about his 19th August 2012 visit to what he is now pretty sure was the Fujitsu building in Bracknell. I typed the following from the notes that I took during my conversation with him this morning and subsequently he has approved my write-up. Note that I have not as yet seen his sworn affidavit so, if it turns out that there are any conflicts between that and the following write-up we will need to sort that out with him.

Here's what he said to me about his 19th August 2012 visit to the Fujitsu Building:

"I parked my car and went into the building's Ground Floor Security/Reception area. There was a small lounge-type area to the right of the Reception Desk.

The person who I had arranged to meet came down to reception to collect me and took me up two flights of stairs into a room that looked a bit like an old-fashioned science laboratory.

The person that I was meeting, whose name I do not at the moment recall (but he was about 5'11" tall, of slim build and in his thirties), then took me on a circuitous route through several keypad-access doors and across, as I recall, the front of the building (I recall being able to see the car park where my car was parked). We emerged, after a long walk, into another stairwell (fire exit type) and descended three flights (passing through ground level and down to the basement). That area was not anything like an office at all, being full of heating and air-conditioning pipes and ducting.

In that basement area, we came upon three people with two Horizon terminals. On entering the area, two of those individuals gave me the impression that they were unhappy about me being there and they muttered what seemed to me to be their objections to the manager/supervisor who had brought me down there. Two of these men then left so there were now just three of us in the area (myself, the manager/supervisor and the chap who had not left). That chap seemed aware on my interest in the 'Bureau de Change Automation Project' that had been discussed in meetings at 148 Old Street on Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th August 2012 (see Note 1 below). The manager/supervisor then sat down at one of the Horizon terminals and showed me how he could, *in real time*, alter any branch's Foreign Currency Cash holdings. Indeed he altered one while I was standing next to him. I was shocked, and told both of these people that the Federation had always been assured (by POL) that this sort of thing was impossible. At this point, the manager/supervisor, making (to my mind offensively) light of the matter, said: "I'd better alter that back or he'll have a shortage tonight" At this point, both Fujitsu employees (as I now believe them to be) seemed to be even more uncomfortable with my presence in the area so I was taken back upstairs by the manager/supervisor.

On the following morning (on Wednesday 20th August 2012 at 08:30hrs) I was shocked to be suspended by POL.

Note 1: Those meetings had been held in Rooms 302 and 401 at Old Street. Unfortunately, I have no copies of the Agenda or Minutes from those meetings but of course both the NFSP and POL should have those. They ought to give an indication of who was there, from

POL, NFSP and perhaps Fujitsu; what was agreed; who I was to meet in Bracknell; and why."

Hope that helps. I think we should wait until Susan has had a chance to digest this before anyone approaches Fujitsu.

Best regards, Ron

From: Simon Baker [GRO]
Sent: 10 February 2013 22:18
To: Rod Ismay; 'ron.warmington@' [GRO]
'irh@' [GRO]
Subject: Re: Fwd: Bracknell site address

All

Just heard back from head of property on the other address, this is his response:

"This is the Royal Mail Delivery Office for Bracknell. There is a separate Post Office in Bracknell (High St) and therefore there should not have been any Post Office activity at the delivery Office."

I don't know where that leaves us, the fujitsu address might make more sense as there could be access to horizon there - at least a test environment.

Ron any chance you can call this person and find out more details to help us pin down the location?

Regards, simon

From: Rod Ismay
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2013 09:40 PM
To: 'ron.warmington@' [GRO]
[GRO] Simon Baker;
'irh@' [GRO] [GRO]
Subject: Re: Fwd: Bracknell site address

Hi. Simply because your enquiry was of an unspecified address in Bracknell and the only time Bracknell town crosses my radar is in respect of Fujitsu having an office there

I don't recall this other address being mentioned on any call with me

I was just offering an address and you were going to check it against what the expected affidavit says

Happy to discuss

Thanks Rod

From: ron.warmington@ [GRO]
[GRO]
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2013 08:47 PM
To: Simon Baker; Ian Henderson [GRO]; Rod Ismay
Subject: Fwd: Bracknell site address

Chaps: FYI. Ron

Rod: could you please share with us all why you are focussing now on a Fujitsu, rather than a Royal Mail/ POL facility?

Best regards. Ron

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rod Ismay [GRO]
Date: 8 February 2013 16:30:39 GMT
To: Ron Warmington [GRO]
Cc: Simon Baker [GRO], 'Ian Henderson'
[GRO] Dave Posnett
[GRO]
Subject: RE: Bracknell site address

Thanks for your quick reply Ron.

I was planning to speak with Simon early next week regarding contacts into Fujitsu. Can I, therefore, suggest that we do that in first instance. As you suggest a senior referral may be appropriate here.

I have now copied Dave on this email myself. My error maybe in trying to minimise inbox overload. It may, however, be worth a little chat on one of the next calls about comms protocols just to be clear on whether the whole audience should get all emails or whether we can streamline to actionees only where appropriate just to make inboxes manageable. We can obviously brief each other at checkpoints on all activity.

As for the building, I've not googled it myself yet but we do (he said diplomatically) embrace a range of architectures for all seasons! You could do a history of 17th-21st century architecture across our whole network and supplier base.

Thanks again for our discussion this morning and look forward to catching up next week and beginning to get into some spot reviews soon.

Many thanks and hope you have a good weekend

Rod

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From: Ron Warmington
[mailto:] GRO
Sent: 08 February 2013 16:18
To: Rod Ismay
Cc: Simon Baker; 'Ian Henderson'
Subject: RE: Bracknell site address

Thanks Rod. That's the one I found on Google Maps. Bloody ugly building isn't it?

Do you think you or I should seek info directly from Fujitsu as to the who what when where why and how of that basement office? I laid out the questions in my earlier emails. Something tells me that a request like that ought to come from POL's CEO.

Thanks, Ron.

p.s. are you going to and do you want me to routinely copy Dave Posnett on these sort of emails?

From: Rod Ismay [mailto:] GRO
Sent: 08 February 2013 16:03
To: ron.warmington@] GRO
Cc: Simon Baker
Subject: Bracknell site address

Hello Ron,

Thank you for our call this morning.

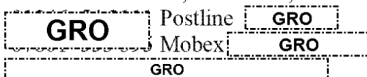
Here is the address that I promised to send on:

Fujitsu Services Ltd, Lovelace Road, BRACKNELL, RG12 8SN

As discussed, if this is indeed the location that is presented in the expected affidavit then we are happy to clarify the scope of operations provided to Post Office there.

Thanks, Rod

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