BOX 01
FILE 03

27-Jan-1964 - Rivonia Trial Evidence: Eva Hlongwane:
- Cross Examination by Mr. Krogh-Stute
- Mr. Fusher-s the others
- Domestic Worker for Mr. e Mrs Kriel

E. Hlongwane

EVA HLONGWANE, declares under oath

EXAMINATION BY MR. KROGH:

Eva do you know a certain couple Mr. and Mrs. Kriel? ---I know them.

Did you ever work for them?---Yes.

When did you start working for them?---In April.

Which year?---Last year.

You say in April - what time in April?---The beginning of April.

And when you started working for them, where were they living?---No. 10 Terrace Road, Mountain View.

And did the Kriel's have any children?---Yes, two.

And at this particular address were the Kriels were living, how many houses were on that koppie?---It's the big house in which they lived and the cottage.

And when you started working there, was there anybody living in the cottage?---No, there were none in the cottage then.

And did people eventually come and live in the cottage?---Yes, a man arrived, who stayed in the cottage.

And will you have a look round this courtroom and see..will you have a look and see if you can identify this person?---It's the third man from this side.

And what did you say his name was?---Don Williams.

Now how long after you started working there, did he come there?---He came there in May.

And have you any idea how long he stayed there?--- I saw him for the last time in the beginning of July.

Now Eva did you ever go into that cottage?---Yes, I worked in it.

What did you do in the cottage?---I cleaned inside that cottage.

How often?---Once a week on a Thursday.

And was that during the day or the evening that you went to the cottage to clean?---Half-pas eight, nine o'clock approximately in the morning.

And when you went over to the cottage was it open?---Only when the owner living in it was there, then it was open. Otherwise I would have to unlock it myself.

Where would you get the key?---I took it in the kitchen, it was left on a shelf in the kitchen.

What sort of a key was it?---It's elongish one.

Now Eva do you know Accused No. 3, did he have any means of transport, or don't you know?---No, I haven't seen him use any transport, I saw him walk.

Now do you know whether Accused No. 3 was home at night?---He was there some nights, not all.

Did you see him there?---In the evenings, before we stopped work.

Eva do you know whether the accused ever had any visitors at this cottage?---I have not seen him being visited by people.

Now apart from the Accused No. 3, did you ever see anybody else at the cottage?---Yes, sometimes when he went away he left, when he left altogether, he left two men and a woman.

And how long did they come there, before he left?---I cannot remember very well, but I don't think it was a full week.

Perhaps my learned friend and I are not agreeing here, did she say that when he left, he left them there, or they came there with him?---She said when he left, he left two men and a woman there,

And you say/think they were there a week before?---Less than a week.

Do you know whether they slept in the cottage?---

Yes, they slept in the cottage.

The two men and the woman?---Yes.

Now will you have a look oncemore and see if you see any of those people here in the Court please?---No, I don't see any of them.

Do you know....did you ever hear what their names were or not?---No, I didn't hear their names.

Now Eva, you have already identified Accused No. 3 as the person who lived there?---Yes.

Will you look along the line and see if there is any of the other accused that you know?---No, I did not know any of them. He is the only one that I know.

And these people that you have mentioned that you also saw there, do you know what nationality they were?---One I would say would probably be a Portuguese.

Do you know what his name was?---I do not know their names.

Or what he was called?---I did not hear him being called. They did not remain there long.

Now was he one of the three of the batch of two men and a woman?---Yes.

I'm going to show you a book, and will you start from the beginning and see if you caan see this person, that you refer to as a Portuguese? (Book handed to witness).---This one is the one who lived in the cottage.

Accused No. 3. Yes?---This is the one I said I thought was a Portuguese.

She's referring to No. 5 My Lord. Did he wear dark glasses like that, as he is on the photo?---Yes, like on the photo.

And did he have a similar moustache like on the photo?---And a moustache.

Can you remember what the colour of his hair was?---

Reddish hair My Lord.

I want to show you this bunch of keys. (Keys handed to witness). Do you know any of those keys?---It's similar to these keys. They keys that opened on that cottage.

BY MR. KROGH TO COURT: My Lord, this bunch of keys was found at Rivonia and will, therefore, be numbered R.26 . I will prove it later on.

EXAMINATION BY MR. KROGH (CONTINUED):

Now Eva are you aware of the fact that the Police came to that address?---Yes, the Police arrived there.

And as far as you are concerned, and you know, on how many occasions did the Police come there?---On two days.

Were these two consecutive days, or was there a period inbetween?---They came there on the Thursday, and they came there again on the Friday.

And did you ever take the Police to a certain spot on the premises?---Yes, I took them to a place where papers were burnt.

Now on which occasion was that? Was it one of the two occasions that you mentioned?---No, this was a later incident, when we were in Marshall Square, we were arrested.

I see. Now what do you know about the burning of the papers? When did that take place?---...

Allright, Eva to help you - you've got three visits by the Police. You've got the Thursday, you've got the Friday and you've got the day when you went there. Now can you tell us in relation to any of those days, when it happened?---It was burnt in July.

Was it burnt before the Police came to Mountain View for the first time?---Before.

Now will you tell us what happened on that occasion when the papers were burnt? What time of the day was it first

of all?---It was in the late afternoon when it was time to stop work.

And by that time, had Accused No. 3 left the property already?---Yes, he had already left in July.

And the other two men and the woman who were there, had they already gone?---Of the three, one man and a woman had left, but the other man was still there.

Yes, so tell us what happened?

BY THE COURT TO WITNESS: Let's get this clear before you go further. Was it the man that you pointed out that still remained, or had he gone?---No, it's not the one that I thought to be a Portuguese. It's a smaller person, but I cannot recognise him.

EXAMINATION BY MR. KROGH (CONTINUED):

Tell us how it started, what happened, the burning? All that happened towards the evening?---Nothing actually happened. After the Kriels arrived there from work, I saw them go to the cottage.

BY THE COURT TO WITNESS: Is that Mr. and Mrs. Kriel?---Yes.

EXAMINATION BY MR. KROGH (CONTINUED):

Did they go to the cottage?---Yes.

How did they appear to you that evening when they arrived? Were they normal?---They seemed to me to be people that were frightened, because they were crying.

And you say they went to the cottage, and then what happened?---They had coardboard boxes, and they went and burnt them outside.

Now, did you see them carrying the cardboard boxes?---Yes.

Did they carry the cardboard boxes, individually, or more than one person carrying the same cardboard box?---They were smaller cardboard boxes, they were helping each other. Then the one went and fetched some and then the other

one went and fetched some.

And where did they burn them?---On the spot where the boss used to burn the weeds of the garden.

And have you any idea, how many carton boxes they carried out of the cottage?---No, I cannot say. We were in the kitchen working.

Yes, and then you say, did they burn the cartons there?---Yes.

Now had you seen those cardboard boxes before?---Yes, they were there, they were standing there in the cottage.

And this person who helped them carry the boxes, do you know what his name is?

BY THE COURT TO MR: KROGH: She said they helped each other carrying the boxes?---Oh, I see, I'm sorry, yes.

EXAMINATION BY MR. KROGH (CONTINUED):

You mentioned the two Kriels. Did anybody else help them?---The person that I said that remained behind of the three, he also helped carrying these boxes.

And do you know his name?---No, I do not know what his name is.

Now apart from burning these things, do you know whether they did anything else that night?---Yes, they dug in some papers.

BY THE COURT TO WITNESS: After or before the burning?---Before.

EXAMINATION BY MR. KROGH (CONTINUED):

Now Eva do you know whether Mrs. Kriel had any relatives here in Johannesburg at that time?---Yes, she had brothers and sisters here. I know of one sister of hers.... I know of one brother and three sisters.

Do you know what the brother's name is?---No, I do not know his name.

Did this brother often visit there?---Not very often. He would just come there occasionally.

And do you know whether he was on the property there that day that the burning took place?---He was not there.

Now is that this spot where the burning took place, that you eventually pointed out to the police?---Yes.

MR. KROGH: No further questions.

(WITNESS STANDS DOWN TILL 28/1/63.)

28/1/64:

EVA MLONGWANE, still under oath

(Recalled).

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. FISHER:

Eva, there are just a few questions that I want to ask you. You were arrested some time in September weren't you? ---Yes.

Do you know why you were arrested? Had you done anything wrong?---No, I hand't done anything wrong.

And when were you released?---On the 23rd of December.

Now was...do you know whether, was her name Emily, who worked with you?---Emmy.

Was she arrested too?---I do not know. I didn't see her.

Now Sergeant Swanepoel...Lieutenant Swanepoel has told the Court that you told him what you know, soon after you were arrested.---Yes.

And did you tell him all that you knew?---I told him everything.

Then you were still kept on after that?---Yes.

For more than three months?---Yes.

And Lieutenant Swanepoel and other men kept on asking you questions?---Yes.

They went on and on and on?---Yes.

Were you kept all by yourself?---For a month.

For a month you were quite alone, were you?---Yes.

Now tell me. Eva, I want to know, what did Lieutenant want you to say?---He came to me with photos and asked me whether I knew those people.

Yes, what else did he want you to say?---They asked me about people, whether those people hadn't been there at the cottage, and whether I had seen them.

Did he say, did he show you a photograph, did you see this man?---Yes.

And then another photograph?---Yes.

Did you...he ever say to you, well you must have seen this man, this man was there?---They didn't say I must.

What did they say - didn't they say this man was there?---Yes, they said so, but they didn't say I must.

No, no, didn't they say that if this man was there... when they showed you a photograph, didn't they say that this person had been to the cottage?---They said the man was there, and then asked me whether I had seen him.

And then you had to say, you hadn't seen that man?---Yes, I said I hadn't seen him.

Did that happen often?---Not every day, but a week would pass without them coming to me.

Yes, did they come about once a week?---Once up to twice a week.

Eva, you needn't be afraid, I just what...want to know what happened?---Yes, I hear, I understand.

How did they sometimes, say to you some other person has said this or has said that?---No.

Did they never tell you that they had found out information and what did you know about it?---No, they didn't say that to me.

Well now! when you said to them on all these occasions, I don't know this man, I don't know that man, did they then believe you?---They believed me, because they didn't say

anything when I said so.

Did they show you the same photographs over and over again?---No, they came with different ones.

Every time a different lot?---Yes.

Sometimes twice a week?---Sometimes once.

And how many photos did they bring when they came, each time?---One by one, sometimes they brought three.

And then they would ask you if you knew this man, and then you...?---Yes.

Now I want to ask you one thing - you remember when you gave evidence, you told us that when the man you know as Mr. Don Williams was there, you went to clean his room in the morning?---Yes.

And if he was sleeping there that night, the door would be open, and you would go and clean?---In the morning.

No, I say if he was there, then that room would be open, and you would just go in and clean...

BY THE COURT TO MR. FISHER: That is not what she said, she said she got the key in the kitchen and then unlock the door.---My note is that "I cleaned inside once a week on Thursdays, and when I went over the cottage was open, but only when the owner was there, otherwise...".

EXAMINATION BY MR. FISHER (CONTINUED):

---Yes, I would knock at the door and then he would say come in.

Yes, now when he was not there, then he would leave the key in the kitchen?---Yes, or he....

Or he would give it to you or to Sammy?----He put it on the shelf where it was kept.

Now one other thing, when this man Don Williams was there, he stayed there for some time didn't he?---Not so many months, he came there in May and he left in July.

Now when he was about to leave, he then brought the man whom you know as Pedro?---I do not not know their names

Well the man you thought was a Portuguese?---Yes, but I do not know his name.

Well, I'm not so interested in the name at the moment. Then Mr. Don Williams asked you if you would look after the place for the Portuguese man?---He told me that he was going away, and asked me to keep on cleaning the place until he returned.

That's right, and the plan was then that you would go on cleaning for the Portuguese man, wasn't it?---Yes.

And he would then pay you after that?---Yes.

Eva, I just want to ask you about something else. I want to ask you what your normal procedure was in your working day, you see. You see you would be working around the house during the day?---Yes.

And then in the evening what did you do - did you make the supper or did you work in the kitchen?---Emmie used to do the cooking. When she left, I did the cooking.

And before she left, what did you do in the evening? ---We would help each other to do all the work, and then one day the one would do that stay-in and the other day the other one would do that stay-in to look after the children.

You mean if the parents were going out?---Yes.

But if the parents were not going out, then you would finish up after supper and you and Emmy would go to your rooms?---Yes, to go and sleep.

And then after that you wouldn't know who came to visit, who went away, who stayed there?---No, we would not know

Then Eva, I want to ask you if you can remember this - that after the Portuguese man came there, a table and four chairs and a fridge were put into the cottage?---Yes, I know.

And a new dustbin, you may remember that too?---Yes;

Incidentally, do you remember that Mr. Williams used to go shopping and food would be delivered at his room in car-

tons?---Yes, I know.

I think that you may remember that just before he left, a great deal of timmed wood was put into the cottage? ---No, I didn't see those.

You didn't see those?---No.

BY THE COURT: I'm not quite clear on this - when was the table and the four chairs and the fridge put into the cottage? ---This was during a day in July.

Was that after Don Williams, Accused No. 3 left?--- He was still present.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. FISHER (CONTINUED):

But Eva, he had already left, had he not? He may have come back or something?---He may have gone away and come back again, but I've got an idea that he was present, but I'm not very certain.

We'll leave it at that. Eva, you know Lieutenant Swanepoel told us that you had told him that Mrs. Kriel's mother was very ill?---Yes, she was in hospital.

Did you know that they were very worried about her?--- Yes.

And you told this to Lieutenant Swanepoel?---Yes.

Is that perhaps why they were crying when you say you saw them crying?---We thought that that is why they were crying.

And that's what you told Lieutenant Swanepoel?---Yes.

One last thing Eva, each time when the Lieutenant Swanepoel, and the other policemen brought you one or two or three photographs, you told them you didn't know these photographs?---Yes.

Because you had told them about No. 3 and No. 5, right at the beginning hadn't you?---Who is No. 5.

I'm sorry, the Portuguese man?---Yes.

Would you see any reason why the Police couldn't

bring you all the photographs after that, and let you look at all of them and say whether you knew them or not?

BY THE COURT TO MR. FISHER: The opinion of the witness is of no value to me at all.---I'll abandon the question.

MR. FISHER: No further questions.

RE-EXAMINATION BY MR. KOCH:

Eva you say that you knew Mrs. Kriel's mother was ill?---Yes.

Now when you saw them crying, did you ask them why they were crying?---Yes, I asked the missis what the reason was.

Did you get any reply?---She did not reply.
