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The discrepancies between Mr Ewer's statement and those of the four journalists were by no means the only points on which our further inquiries have revealed conflicts. Mr Ewer said in his statement that his only contacts with the police had been his telephone report of seeing a man whom he thought answered the description of the murderer and later asking for permission to attend the trial.

But in a further interview last Thursday Mr Ewer admitted that he had had much more frequent contacts with the police. It was for example, a policeman who had told him that Hanratty had also been in the cleaners shop. Also he had spoken to police officers a number of times before the trial.

Another point in Mr Ewer's statement was that he did not know Mrs Louise Anderson [a fellow antique dealer who had befriended Hanratty some time before the murder and was a prosecution witness at the trial] though he conceded she might have known him. Mrs Anderson told us last week that she did indeed know Mr Ewer before the murder and furthermore that Mr Ewer told *her* of the intuitive sighting when they met during the trial. She has a clear recollection of this.

The last point in Mr Ewer's fifteen point statement was that it comprised 'a full and accurate record' of his involvement in the A6 murder case.

It may be that the stories about Mrs Gregsten's intuition were 'inventive nonsense'. But if they were, our inquiries have satisfied us that the nonsense was invented by Mr Ewer and not by reporters.

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post script: Janet Gregsten, the widow of Michael the murdered man, did in fact become Mr Ewer's lover after the trial when he left his wife, Janet's half sister to set up home with her. They eventually parted some years later..