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MINISTRY OF THE
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DEVELOPMENT

STATEMENT

HEADQUARTERS
OF THE JUDICIAL
POLICE

At five past nine on 31 August 1997,

BRIGADE
CRIMINELLE

I, **Marc GUILLEMOIS**,
POLICE LIEUTENANT
attached to the Brigade Criminelle,

an officer of the Judicial Police based in Paris,

CASE OF :
PERSONS
UNKNOWN

in pursuance of the investigation immediately following an offence,

re-interviewed Monsieur Olivier PARTOUCHE, born 04 April 1972 in Paris
12, who stated :

RE : STATEMENT
OF M. Olivier
PARTOUCHE

You have shown me a group comprising seven persons, all of them male,
wearing for possible identification purposes the numbers ONE to SEVEN.

I should point out that when I went down into the tunnel following the
accident, I kept away from the scene itself at a distance of roughly thirty
metres or so. I would also add that when I got there the emergency
services were already in attendance, in the form of a police car and a fire
brigade vehicle. There were people around the crashed car.

I was not present at any brawl and did not at that particular moment
notice any flashes.

I can tell you that I did not see any of the men you have shown me at the
accident scene, this is due to the fact that I was keeping my distance. I
would inform you however that I do recognise numbers TWO, SEVEN
and SIX as being well known paparazzi.

[Seal of the
Prefecture of Police]

I should remind you that just before the accident, I was with a colleague in
the Place de la Reine Astrid, a few metres from the Georges Pompidou
embankment expressway. I could quite clearly see a dark coloured car
travelling in front of a Mercedes limousine brake in order to enable a
motorbike to draw level with the VIP vehicle. I could not tell you whether
or not the brake lights on the dark vehicle were on. The Mercedes was
being seriously over-revved. Once it got to the slope leading to the tunnel
the Mercedes changed down, but I do not know if it did an overtaking
manoeuvre of any kind. I am a professional driver, and I believe that the
driver changed down in order to gain power. I would put his vehicle's
speed at at least 150 kilometres per hour.

I had the impression that there were several people in the dark vehicle
travelling in front of the Mercedes. I cannot say whether there was a
pillion passenger on the following motorcycle or not.

[Signatures]

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