

which I was not at all.

Paul joined Trevor and Kes Wingfield. Trevor recalls: 'There was absolutely nothing untoward about his behaviour.

'If there had been, Kes or I would have picked up on it straightaway. That's what we are trained to do.

'From what he seemed perfectly normal to both of us. He sat at the bar drinking some yellow liquid that I assumed was non-alcoholic.'

In fact it was pastis, an aniseed-based aperitif popular in France.

Trevor went on: 'He spent most of the time talking to Kes about work matters, while I kept a lookout for Dodi and Diana on the staircase. They had gone up to the Imperial Suite for a bit of privacy.

'As far as I was concerned Paul was on duty, and that was that.

'I had no reason to suspect he was drunk. He did not look or sound like he had been drinking. He just seemed his usual self.

'He was working, he was competent. End of story.

'People can come up with all sorts of theories and opinions after the event. But I know exactly what happened because I was there. I can state quite categorically that he was not a hopeless drunk as some have tried to suggest.

'I remember that part of the evening clearly and he was fine.

'I like to think I have enough nous and intelligence to see if the guy was plastered or not - and he wasn't.

'I was quite happy with the situation.'

The now infamous video of Diana and Dodi leaving the Ritz for that last journey shows Trevor and Paul also departing through the hotel's revolving doors.

Trevor says: 'I can recall that we were being followed as we headed for the apartment.

'There were two cars and a motorbike - one seemed to be a white car with a boot which opened at the back and had two doors.

'The police have shown me pictures of Fiat Unos but I can't help much with that kind of detail.

'Perhaps more will come back to me, but at the moment that is all I know.'

Trevor was the only person wearing a seatbelt when the Mercedes crashed - yet witnesses say he was NOT wearing one when the car left the Ritz.

He does not know why he switched or when. Again, his memory of this detail could be vitally important.

Trevor says: 'In general, in town, I don't wear a seatbelt unless the speed warrants it. When I used to drive with Dodi in London, for instance, we'd drive at a slow speed and put on the belts only if we got to a piece of road where the speed warranted it.

'This idea that Dodi was some sort of speed freak is ridiculous. I can't explain why I was the only one wearing a belt or why I put it on, because I can't remember.

'But the final say on whether Dodi and Diana wore belts would have been down to them. I can only recommend it.

'You can't make someone wear a belt if they don't want to.'

Trevor appears worn out by what he has just discussed. He has never spoken publicly about any of this, least of all to a journalist. He is uncomfortable doing it. But I suspect it is a cathartic experience for him, even if at the end of this part of the interview he feels emotionally drained.

Mr Al Fayed arranged for the meeting to take place in one of his offices at Harrods.

He is Trevor's boss but he has also been a constant support to him and his family since the crash. He is fiercely protective of the bodyguard.

After introducing us, Mr Al Fayed left the room returning nearly 40 minutes later to draw the conversation to a close. He was anxious that Trevor should not be too exhausted by the interview, and at having to relive those terrible events of August 30-31.

He did not, as some have tried to claim, try to coerce Trevor into saying anything. I don't believe Trevor would have allowed him to anyway. He is too proud of his personal reputation.

In fact Mr Al Fayed was more concerned that Trevor did not say too much - aware that there were some new details which the bodyguard had remembered only that day after a visit to a psychiatrist, and which might be of vital significance.

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