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De Wet	<p>I am sitting here with director Henk Heslinga, former head of the Pretoria murder and robbery squad. It is Monday 5 October 2009 in Centurion.</p> <p>Henk, in those days you were involved in the Goldstone commission's investigations. Could you explain to us. Actually, just tell us from when to when were you there and what role did you play.</p>
Henk	<p>Yes, I was part of the Goldstone Commission for two and a half years. If I remember correctly it was in 1992 when I was promoted at the Soweto murder and robbery squad to lieutenant-colonel and transferred to head office to be part of the riot- and violent crimes desk.</p> <p>I was there for about a month when general Van der Westhuizen called me in and said there is a judge Goldstone who had to start a commission. He wanted to know if I was interested to be part of it because they were looking for a policeman who knew the black townships and that would only be for three months. Would I be interested, he asked me.</p> <p>I had no problems with it and I was introduced to judge Goldstone. But our investigations escalated to such an extent that I later had to issue summonses, took statements and executed orders and summonses in the name of the Goldstone</p>

	<p>Commission and in terms of the law only officials from the prosecuting authority were allowed to do this.</p> <p>I was then officially seconded to the department of justice and in terms of the law I was appointed as a committee member of the Goldstone commission which gave me the authorisation for search and seizure and the issuing of summonses.</p>
De Wet	<p>In my book, Total Onslaught, you admitted for the first time being, while you were attached to the Goldstone commission, that you were indeed a double agent. Would you explain how it came about and what your role was.</p>
Henk	<p>Yes, I was at the time called in by the head of detectives, general Le Roux and he told me who Goldstone really was. He was in fact the guy who always visited the security prisoners in their cells and in the jails and if I was prepared to pass on information to them so that they were knew what Goldstone was up to.</p> <p>I saw myself as a loyal police officer and immediately agreed and made if my focus because I sensed animosity amongst my colleagues working for the Goldstone Commission, but I had a conscience and was prepared to report back as a double agent to general Le Roux and commissioner Johan van der Merwe.</p> <p>I copied a lot of documents in the evenings and over weekends and made sure that general Le Roux and general Van der Merwe received the information. I am today very proud that I acted as a double agent.</p> <p>It was for a good cause and I provided all the information to the police.</p>
Interviewer	<p>You were never caught out being a double agent. The first time it became known was when you revealed it.</p>
Henk	<p>At the time when Eugene de Kock was arrested there was a director Du Plessis of colonel Du Plessis from head office who made a statement about Eugene de Kock. Gene de Kock was arrested and as a result of the Night of the Generals a lot of generals were suspended.</p> <p>He tipped off judge Goldstone that I was passing on information to the police headquarters.</p> <p>The next day a Danish police officer with whom I had an excellent working relationship, told me that he had attended a meeting the previous evening where these allegations were mentioned and judge Goldstone said: "It's time to go for him", and he only wanted to warn me that they suspect that I passed on information to the police.</p> <p>I decided then and when I arrived at the offices of the Goldstone Commission the next morning my keys didn't fit the locks and I had to wait for other people to arrive for work to get access to the building. The locks on my office were also changed and I couldn't get in there.</p> <p>I was forced that stand and wait outside my office and if I may</p>

	<p>use could Afrikaans, my reaction was: Fuck them. I made an appointment with the judge and told him: "I think it is time to go" and I requested him to go back to the police.</p>
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