

2, The Glade

Newbury

Berks,

Newbury 3518

Dear Peter,

Here is the pathetic interview that goes with the correspondance I left with you on Sunday. Unfortunately, from our point of view I called on her by mistake. On the original sample there is the note: Leaving house - going to move into 91 Edward St. - squatting - this house full of beetles and bugs! I included it in my sub-sample in error (thank goodness), since she was'nt interviewed in 1968.

If you wish to pursue any L.W.E. in the main sample I would be very happy to do any that were in reasonable distance from here. That unfortunately is not very helpful since Guildford, Aylesbury New forest any Bournemouth are unlikely areas. But how about the West Country? I could drive to Gloucester, Yeovil Bristol! *London.*

In case you are uneasy about us retaining the addresses, there was no choice because of the mess up with the records. If you remember we had to check each address against the computer print out and reconstruct the sample from the interviewers returns, and, because there was a discrepancy between our figures and those that Sheila had produced, I thought it wisew to guard all the records in case of dispute. In any case it is quite usual, in fact the Market Research Society insist on their members retaining for a laid down period - I've forgotten just how long, but it is certainly a few years. They do however, insist that the addresses are not made available to anyone who is'nt a member of the society - not even the client!.

If you are going to Manchester by car, I would love to come, and I don't need to return on Saturday if you wish to stay on - Trevor say's I was confused and was thinking of another week-end. BUT, if this would be inconvenient to you DON'T give it another thought.

Leslie Jackson's address: 52 Regent House, Regent Road Flats.

Love

*Mark*

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I have been thinking about you a lot lately. I hope you are well. I have been thinking about you a lot lately. I hope you are well. I have been thinking about you a lot lately. I hope you are well.

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1968

1. Check: Ages  
household composition  
marital status  
housing status - Council 1 Private rented Unfurnished 2  
Owner occupied 3 " " Furnished 4

2. Structural defects

Any repairs carried out since 1968.....

Any new problems. *Came here as squatter from Tayside St.*Which problem is the worst. *Whole house falling down - Bugs**worst - especially in hot weather and down wall - from back door! Has painted walls with fly killer.*

## 3. Who in the household was at work last week? If not working go to Q4

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Starting time	8.0			
Finishing time	5.0.			
Total hours last week	40.			
Is this usual	Yes (sometimes will get OT but not often) "they share O.T"			

*Just started. previous Thursday.*

Would you like to work more/less hours if available?

What do you do at work (details of job and industry)

*Process Water*

Is it a good job? - OK.

In what way?

## 4. Have you been off work in past 4 years because of :

	Unemployment Number of weeks	Sickness
1972	6 months.	
1971	-	
1970	10 months.	
1969		
1968		

If sickness: Would you say that the work you were doing was in any way responsible for your being off work?

Did you work for less than 30 hours in any of those weeks when you were working?

Ask Women who have been separated, widowed or divorced since 1968

Husbands last occupation

Are you better off/ worse off since?





Moved in to present house from Joyous St.  
- woman told her she was moving out  
so put 2 chairs in the hall. (apparently  
this has become customary, + denotes  
you have claimed it.).

She owned the previous house - had  
paid \$150 for it. - it was infested  
with black jacks so she left.

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22  
25

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2.

MR

MRS

5. Ask all who have worked in past 4 years (including those working now)

What jobs have you had in the past 4 years?

Repeat for each job:

a. How long were you there?

14 months.

b. What happened/how did you come to leave? - ~~was~~ boss gave him 10 p.w. one week he only gave him £9 so he left. Thought he was stamping his ends but he wasn't - had to go straight onto SR.

c. Was it a good job?

No

d. How much were you paid?

(take home pay + deductions)

£10 nett didn't have pay slip - so presume no deductions were being made

e. Were you financially worse off when you changed your job?

No.

f. Did you have any re-training when you changed your job.

No

6. Have you been to an Industrial Rehabilitation centre or Government Training Centre in the past four years?

No

If. No: Has it ever been suggested that you could?

7. IF NOT WORKING.

Are you: Looking for work?

Registered at the Employment Exchange? ✓

Where do you look? ✓

Newspapers / Anything else ✓ walk around.

8. What sort of jobs have been offered to you?

None. Has worked here before, a friend came round + told him he was leaving so he went straight down and got job.

What did you think of that?

Button-maker  
Button Factory  
from 8.30 - 5.30

Pay about 6 months.

£10 gross  
1.30 Tax  
9p. Insu.

£8.60 nett about.

gave up ∴  
she couldn't  
get children  
properly looked  
after.



9. For those who have changed job/started work since last interview  
(including those not working now)

10. How much notice are you entitled to?..... *DK - weeks (think)*

" " sick pay from EMPLOYER?..... *DK*.....YES 1

NO 2

11. Occupational pension?

YES 1

NO *(2)*

If yes: How much do you pay?.....

How many years served towards pension?.....

What do you expect to receive?.....

.....

Is there a lump sum in addition... YES 1

NO 2

DK. 3

12. Does your employer provide you with meal vouchers? YES 1

NO *(2)*

How much are they worth?

Is there a canteen at work?

YES *(1)*

NO 2

13 Do you have use of your employers car for your  
 personal use? MAKE

YES 1

YEAR

NO *(2)*

IF YES Does your employer pay: Road Tax

1

Insurance

2

Petrol

3

normal repairs

4

none of these

5

If yes approx. how much mileage per year?.....

14. Does your employer provide anything else for example: (estimated  
 any free goods or goods at discount rate? annual value)

Coal

Travel

hospital or medical expenses

shares or options to purchase shares?

loans for purchase of car?

Anything else?

*None*

15. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with :

Your pay

Facilities at work - heating canteen etc.

security of job

job itself (details - probe)



16. Are you a member of a Trade Union

Yes 1

No 2If no Why is that? (Probe for comments)

17. What was your take home pay the last time you were paid?

*will be £20 less deductions he hopes*  
*£. Not yet been paid.*

What period was this for:

Week ~~Month~~

Deductions:

Income Tax.....

N. I. &amp; G.P....

Sports Club etc.....

Anything else.....

Is this your usual pay?

Yes 1

No 2

If pay varies:

Highest.....

Lowest.....

in past year. (or last year at work)

18. Have you had a tax refund in past year? £.....

No 1

19. Do you have any of the following expenses

Travel to work..... per week

Tools .....

Overalls .....

Laundry .....

20. Have you had any sick pay from EMPLOYER in past 4 years

Amount .....per week

Number of weeks.....

21. If. 2nd job Earnings.....

22. Do you receive any of the following: No. of weeks Amount

Family Income Supplement

Family allowance

O.A.P

Widows pension

Sick benefit

Supp. benefit.

Unemployment benefit

Ind. disablement pension

War " " "

Maternity allowance

" Grant

Death Grant

Redundancy payment

Single Grant from SBC. for special needs

If latter: How did you come to get it, -what was it for  
How many have you had (write overleaf)

Applied for grant for shoes for husband  
to start work wouldn't give it to him.  
-she sold hers + bought him a pair of  
2nd hand.

Husband I stick to his name.

~~Shes~~ - only the clothes she stands up in.

Have applied for grant for electricity -  
ent' H for 3 months. Bill £20.60

S.B. say they will "pay as a last resort".  
has asked for visit - showed me notification  
that they would visit 13/4/72 - but no one has  
been. Rang S.B. - they said they had been but  
she was out. (No shoes so couldn't have gone far).

Went to Social Services W/E 25/3/72 - they said  
if you don't hear anything from SB by Tuesday  
week, I'll come + see you - no one been.



23. (If receiving F.I.S.) : How did you hear about it?

How do you feel about it?

OR (if not receiving F.I.S.) Have you heard of F.I.S. Yes 1

No 2

If yes: Do you know what it is?

*A neighbour told me about it - Its for those with low wages + kids.*

What do you think of it?

*Its a good idea - I shall apply for it now he's waiting.*

24. If receiving S.B.

Did anyone advise you to apply?

Do you pay the rent yourself or is it paid by S.B.?

Was it explained to you how your S.B. was assessed?

How many visits have you had from S.B. officers?

Were you advised about other benefits you may be entitled to?

Have you ever appealed against your assessment?

If yes Who told you how to do it?

If No Did you know you could appeal?

How do you feel about getting S.B.?

*(This question seemed meaningless - she was so desperate). "I don't like asking for anything I feel v. embarrassed - Its impossible to even think of paying my electric - They said they would take 3/4 of Bill - but I can't find it"*

25. What is your rent 14/3 week/month

Do you pay rates in addition

Do you receive a rate rebate

2 " rent "

If yes, Who told you, How did you hear about it?

Do you ever get behind with rent?

" at present no. of weeks

" in past

Mortgage repayments Years paid.....original mortgage....

purchase price.....

Are you on the council housing list?

No. of years

26. Do you receive any payments from lodgers or boarders?

27. Do you own?

T.V.

Radio

fridge

washing machine

1

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vacuum cleaner

telephone

central heating

armchairs & easy chairs

for family + 1 visitor

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carpet

covering

nearly all

room

*Plastic sofa - bought for £3. from a neighbour.*

*4. House due for demolition.*



"I must get my rent book clean in case they  
rehouse us - they won't look at you if you haven't  
a clean rent book."



ASSETS

## 28. Total Savings

Stocks &amp; Shares

Own house (other than this)

Car or motorcycle - Year.....Make.....

H.P. still to pay.....

Life Insurance Policy No. of years paid..... amount  
per week.....

Endowment " " "

Death Benefit " " "

## 29. Could you raise money in a hurry?

Have you anything worth more than £25 you could sell?  
(not household goods)

Have you ever had to do this?

## 30. Have you received a windfall of £25 or more?

" " sold or borrowed something just to live?

## 31. Hire Purchase

Original Price.....

Deposit.....

Weekly repayments.....

No of payments made.....

Ever get behind?.....

Clothing Clubs

amount per week.....

Item

No. of weeks paid.....

Amount to pay.....

Ever get behind.....

What do you buy

from Clubs.....

\* Had written to them & they agreed to let her pay 50p a week for a few weeks. "Still no good - it's a ridiculous way of buying things. The shoes are rubbish. - I paid £1.50 for 3 pairs of shoes for little girl? - can't get them in shops."

32. Any other debts? £14 - grocer shop.

£20.60 - Electricity (see over.)

33. Ask for those aged 15 - 20 How old was... when he left school  
finished full time education

34. School meals Free ①

Paid 2

No 3 - What does... do?

Had a letter from Educ. Dept for eldest child clothes for school.

How much does it cost to send ....to school?

Fares.....

Meals.....

Materials (cooking/handicrafts).....

School holidays.....

School outings.....

Anything else.....

Shirt  
Pants  
Shoes.



"All I want is to get out of debt and get coal delivered instead of these 6/- bags. I pay 2½p for candles & use @ least 8 every night."

I never started hide in the 1st place -  
When I was in hospital the man from the corner shop came over & said to my husband  
"don't go short whilst the missus is away I can always let you have something..." It started with bits & bobs, then it got to £3 now it's £4... if only I could get rid of that bill I would be happy."



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35. Has....ever missed school, apart from sickness, because  
No water proof shoes  
no suitable clothes  
any other reason?  
about how often?

36 Does the school have a uniform? Yes 1 No (2)  
Have you heard of Uniform Grant? Yes (1) No 2 Receiving 3  
If 3: How much .....

How did you hear about it?

If 1 or 2: Where would you go of you wanted to apply for one?

Have you heard of Educational Maintenance Grant? Yes 1 No (2)  
(Repeat question as above) *Edun I suppose.*

37. Does anyone help you regularly, I mean relatives or friends  
with shopping or minding the children or things like that?  
approx. hours per week  
Shopping..... Who helps.....

Minding children.....  
Anything else.....

*A neighbor has been letting her have hot water +  
(Repeat Do you.....) go in for a warm during the day - but  
Shopping..... Who helped..... hot when her  
Minding children..... husband is  
Anything else..... home.*

38. If you were ill could you count on any help with things like  
mending fuses, burst pipes?  
Have you had any such help from anyone outside the household?

*NO*

39. Do you regularly make gifts to anyone outside the household?

Approx value.....

Does anyone " " to you? .....

Have you stayed with relatives or friends on holiday without  
paying full costs? details.....

Has anyone stayed with you etc.....1.....

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Style of living

This part of the interview will be informal. The answers will be recorded separately when asked on demand. The questions are intended as a check list.

40. Have you had a holiday in the past 4 years? When was that
- 41 Have you had any evenings out in the past 2 weeks?  
How many.....(If not) Why was that?
42. Does everyone in the household usually have a cooked breakfast?
- 43 In the past two weeks have you ever gone a whole day without a cooked meal - I mean from getting up in the morning to going to bed,
- 44 Does everyone have fresh meat most days?
- 45 Do you ever buy 2nd hand clothes  
Do you ever buy clothes from jumble sales?
- 46 How many pints of milk do you buy a week
- 47 (Housewife)- Have you had a new winter coat in the past 4 years
- 48 Has everyone in the household got adequate footwear for when it rains.
- 49 How much did you spend on Xmas last year
- 50 Have you ever gone to bed early because you were short of fuel
- 51 Do the children have pocket money - How much
- 52 Do you manage to save(not just for holidays and Xmas) but for rainy days
- 53 Do you find it difficult to manage on your income
- 54 How well off do you feel compared with:  
The rest of your family who don't live here  
With average <sup>level of people around you here</sup> in the country  
(If worse off to latter) Who are the people who are doing better
- 55 On the whole is your situation getting better or worse
- 56 Do you think you could genuinely say you are poor now
- 57 Are there times when you feel more poor than at other times?
- 58 There has been a lot of talk about poverty - do you think there is such a thing as real poverty these days?
- 59 What would you describe as poverty?
- 60 If people are in poverty what can be done about it? - Whose fault is it?
- 61 You hear people talking about social class - What social class would you say you belonged to?
62. What decides what social class you are in. Is it mainly: your job, education, the family you are born into, your way of life, money or something else?
63. Would you mind looking at this card, these are some of the classes that people talk about, which of these do you think you belong to?
- 64 Some people say there is one law for the rich and one for the poor - What do you think? - Why do you say that?
65. Did you vote at the last election? Do you always / Have you ever voted?
66. Some people say there's not much difference between the political parties. What do you think?
67. Have you heard about the 'work-in' at U.C.S.? - What did you think about it?



68. What about the miners strike? What did you think about that?
- 69 It has been said that those people with dirty or dangerous jobs should be paid more than they are for doing them. What do you think?
70. You often hear people saying things like 'the workers are holding the country to ransom' What do you think?
71. How do you see the future, from the point of view of your childrens prospects - I mean as regards to work, security, finance?

(40) Never had a holiday - planned + planned, but always something turns up.

(41) Husband not been out for months - can't afford a drink. I don't know what it's like to have an evening out - no clothes anyway.

(42) { "Very often go without; Have had nothing since day before yesterday, don't care if I go hungry as long as kids O.K. - no one can say I starve 'em."  
(43) Kids have only had bread and jam for last 2 days.

(44) ↗ Hardly ever. - local shop doesn't sell fresh meat; have to buy (or get) everything there - if outstanding bill. "But never have fresh meat at weekends - never anything left".

(45) Yes, - did do.  
Not jumble sales.

(46) Not regular delivery now. Buys a bit of 'steak' as I when she can afford.

(47) No. Only have what I stand up in.  
(Duffel coat, trousers, jumper + old slippers).

(48) No. Housewife + 2 youngest children (husband first had 2nd hand pair).

(49) Didn't ask.



(50) - Didn't ask - as no fuel now.

(51) " "

(52) " "

(53) " "

(54) ① No family.

② Worse off

③ " " by far.

(55) "Never known worse times - always had something I could turn into money - never had electric cut off before.

(56) "Yes, I had a rotten life - I wasn't brought up I was dragged up - I was determined the same thing was not going to happen to my kids. I never knew what it was to sit down for a meal, my mother used to send me off for pies or chips (if she had any money) more often than not I had to rely on anything the neighbours gave me. - She was no good at all. I swore it would never happen to them - but it is - it is."

(57) - Didn't ask



(58) Didn't ask

(59) "It's a trap, once you get in you can't get out. If I could just get rid of my shop bill I would be happy. - last week I pawned my wedding ring, I've pawned all the ornaments. He went berserk - but it was either that or starve."

(60) Obviously if we are in the state - and we don't drink - ~~the~~ Social Security can't be enough - prices are going up all the time, and another thing they don't give anything extra for when you're in hospital and that's when all our troubles started.

(61) Pauper.

(62) Money, it must be 'cos I feel lower & lower

(63) Poor

(64) D.K

(65) No - neither voted - nor interested

(66) Not interested, then never do anything for us whoever they are.



Mr	Mrs	law	and	Boy
37	38	5	4	3

(67) Didnt ask

(68) Didnt ask

(69) " "

(70) " "

(71) Expect pres king will get better for them.

## HOUSEHOLD CODE

ITEM

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CLOTHING