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Assoc: Flynn Wells

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**From:** Atkinson, Leonie  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 April 2018 1:33 PM  
**To:** [ben@rs&roupaustralia.com](mailto:ben@rs&roupaustralia.com)  
**Subject:** Record of conversation Friday 20th April

Hi Ben

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April I received a phone call from Maroochydore reception at 12:49pm asking me to call a [REDACTED] as she called and needed to urgently speak to me. I called her straight away but got her voice mail, she then called me back and got my voice mail. I actually spoke to her at 12:57pm.

This is how the conversation went:

[REDACTED]: I am sorry for calling you but I have no other choice as Ben appears to have changed his mobile number and I can't get hold of him and I need to urgently get a message to him.

Leonie: Ok what is the message?

[REDACTED]: Can you please call him with this message as I cannot have a paper trail.

Leonie: Ben is busy at an event at the moment.

[REDACTED]: Yes I know he is speaking in Brisbane, I wanted to fly down there today but I couldn't get a flight. I need to get this message to him.

Leonie: What is the message?

[REDACTED]: You need to tell him "Switzerland 2018" he will know what that means. You need to tell him that "someone has the story and I am getting threatened and I am frightened and I need Ben's help".

Leonie: This all sounds a bit confusing to me.

[REDACTED]: silence... I know but you need to tell him "Switzerland 2018".

Leonie: How urgently do I need tell Ben?

[REDACTED] Today, before everyone gets back to work on Monday. She apologised again for contacting me and said goodbye.

Ben, I have spoken to reception and as per her recollection she asked for me by name.

Leonie

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