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NEAL GIBSON: Neal speaking.

TOM BARNETT: Hi Neal, it's Tom. How are you doing?

NEAL GIBSON: Running around like a headless chicken. But apart from that, okay.

TOM BARNETT: Okay, I'm just trying to work out a plan for this evening.

NEAL GIBSON: Assemble all your staff, express freight to Dover ready for 1.00.

TOM BARNETT: All right.

NEAL GIBSON: Get them all in the staff car, give them a break now, should take about 2 hours, so they can take their break in the car. Get them here, we'll all be sorted, happy days.

TOM BARNETT: Are we expecting lots this evening?

NEAL GIBSON: It's amber, and who knows? Border Force have stood up all their assets to call us if you need us, rather than we'll go out and have a look.

TOM BARNETT: Okay.

NEAL GIBSON: But it's amber and red tomorrow. The forecast for tomorrow's day time is three knots.

TOM BARNETT: Okay, joy.

NEAL GIBSON: It's probably five knots right now, so I'm expecting potentially 9.00 onwards. Maybe earlier.

TOM BARNETT: Okay mate.

NEAL GIBSON: I'll be keeping a large ear on channel 16 in the French channels, just to get heads up early, because they've not been playing ball.

TOM BARNETT: Are they not letting us know again?

NEAL GIBSON: Sometimes they just seem to keep it quiet. Like we'll not get anything, and then we'll get a tracker at 3.00 in the morning with 15 incidents, and they go --

TOM BARNETT: Yeah.

NEAL GIBSON: -- "Yeah, mostly these are in your search and rescue reach".
Wonderful.

TOM BARNETT: Yeah. It's a grenade bomb.

NEAL GIBSON: Yeah, pretty much.

TOM BARNETT: And you've got to do VTS as well?

NEAL GIBSON: And I've got to do VTS as well. I've fully prepared that. I'm probably not going to get any breaks at night. I've lost

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TOM BARNETT: Yeah.

NEAL GIBSON: -- so I'm down to two and two.

TOM BARNETT: Yeah.

NEAL GIBSON: Our commander decrees that we should have three on radar at all times, if that's what it says on the watch bill. But I'm a realist and there aren't enough SMCs to go round.

TOM BARNETT: Yeah.

NEAL GIBSON: So he can swivel on that one. So whatever support I can have, basically even if --

TOM BARNETT: Okay

NEAL GIBSON: -- it means taking us in a oner. Well, I might just have to miss my break.

TOM BARNETT: What I've put in, I've put in midnight to 4.30 for 16, zone 14.

NEAL GIBSON: Yeah.

TOM BARNETT: And then I've put in -- I'm just looking which one it is, 3.00 to 4.30 for the rest of it, so in a oner for that bit later.

NEAL GIBSON: Yeah.

TOM BARNETT: But obviously, if you're expecting lots of chaos we can play it dynamically. But obviously --

NEAL GIBSON: Okay, if I can get one of my guys away for a break or --

TOM BARNETT: Yeah.

NEAL GIBSON: -- if you know what I mean. I'm sending them back, Tom. I don't want to give my toys away because --

TOM BARNETT: Yeah.

NEAL GIBSON: -- because it's harder when I've got to pull it back in, if you get what I mean.

TOM BARNETT: I know mate, I know.

NEAL GIBSON: Sometimes it's just easier to take it on the chin and go, "Yeah, not tonight".

TOM BARNETT: Why don't I then -- why don't we pick up 14, 16, so that frees someone up?

NEAL GIBSON: Yeah.

TOM BARNETT: Essentially.

NEAL GIBSON: Yeah.

TOM BARNETT: So why don't we do that?

NEAL GIBSON: I'll tell you what, if we run how things are now --

TOM BARNETT: Yeah.

NEAL GIBSON: -- then I'll have a chat with my guy at the start maybe.

TOM BARNETT: Just shout and I'll do what I can, do whatever you need.

NEAL GIBSON: I might ask you to take a sort of offline sort of -- we'll see how it looks at 9.00, 9.30 --

TOM BARNETT: Yeah, all right.

NEAL GIBSON: -- I might get you to take us in our entirety sort of 10.30 and then --

TOM BARNETT: Okay, whatever works for your guys.

NEAL GIBSON: Yeah, I'll see what I can work out, to be honest.

TOM BARNETT: You go away and think about it --

NEAL GIBSON: Yeah.

TOM BARNETT: -- and come back to me later, all right.

NEAL GIBSON: Yeah, I haven't got much to play with but I could really do with a third VTSO and that would solve the problem.

TOM BARNETT: Yeah.

NEAL GIBSON: Which isn't me. But I haven't got that. So I'll have a think, I'll start to make a plan --

TOM BARNETT: Go away and think about it, mate, and come back to me, all right?

NEAL GIBSON: -- and I'll get back to you, okay?

TOM BARNETT: Whatever you need.

NEAL GIBSON: All right

TOM BARNETT: Cheers buddy.

NEAL GIBSON: All right, Tom, cheers, thanks. Bye.

TOM BARNETT: Bye.