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Recording Log Sheet

Interview No: (to be assigned by Archive secretary).....700

Date(s):.....21-6-2017

Name of Interviewee: BRIAN TESLER

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DOB 19.2.1929 Nationality BRITISH Gender: M F

Sector(s): Film TV Radio Theatre Other TV

Work area(s) eg. Production, publicity, music, animation, documentary, drama:

PRODUCTION, MANAGEMENT

Craft(s); eg. Producer, director, editor, writer, animator, sound, design, props:

PRODUCER / DIRECTOR, HEAD OF LIGHT ENT & FEATURES, PROGRAMME CONTROLLER,
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMES, MANAGING DIRECTOR, CHAIRMAN & CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

Key points of interest (awards, honours, etc.) NATIONAL TV AWARD (1954), BAFTA (1957),
PYE TV AWARD (1986), TRIC (1991), FELLOW OF R.T.S., C.B.E. (1986)

Name of Interviewer (include contact telephone/email):

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Other Crew: NICK GILBEY..... Equipment Used CAMERA: SONY XDCAM EX,
2X CLIP MICROPHONES

Number of items Used Duration:

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NONE

Please provide a brief synopsis of the interview here or on a separate sheet.

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An overview of Brian's life and career from National Service (working at British Forces Broadcasting at Trieste), through joining the BBC in 1952 as a trainee producer in TV, at the BBC until 1956, then joining ATV as a producer and working there until 1960, moving to ABC TV as a programme controller - then moving through various programme executive roles (continuing through the ABC/Rediffusion merger into Thames TV), joining LWT in 1974 as deputy Managing Director then staying at LWT until 1994 when he retired as M.D & Chief Executive.