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SO15 COUNTER TERRORISM COMMAND Command Circulation

Please note that all of today's command circulations and archive news items can be found on the SO15 Operational Zone.

Officers and Staff will have seen recent reporting about Operation Herne and the Ellison report to the Home Secretary about the Lawrence Enquiry and the unrelated allegations of Police Corruption. The Home Secretary has announced that a Public Inquiry is to be held to investigate undercover policing and the operation of the SDS. She also announced a review of successful prosecutions where investigations involved undercover officers. A criticism aimed at the MPS by Ellison was that files had been destroyed or deleted and that this had obstructed the inquiry by Mr Ellison QC.

We are now aware of a public enquiry and review being on the horizon. In order to ensure that this Command can be shown to be supporting these enquiries and to ensure complete transparency, this Command will adopt a positive information retention strategy concerning these issues.

We need to ensure that we do not delete any files or records which could be relevant to these matters. Until we have any guidance to the contrary, the following directions are given as a holding policy:

- No member of this Command or Digital Policing, should delete from any SO15 information system any registered files, records or electronic information of possible relevance to these matters (paper, electronic or other) without the authority of Commander SO15.
- No member of this Command or Digital Policing, should delete from any corporate system any SO15/ SO13/ SO12 related material of possible relevance to these matters from any other information system, any registered files, records or information (paper, electronic or other) without the authority of Commander SO15.

This direction will be reviewed in three months time.

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