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Statement made on behalf of: The Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis  
Witness: N329  
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IN THE MATTER OF: PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING

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Witness: N329  
Occupation: **Details**  
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I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed .....

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**1** I have been asked to provide an impact statement about the effect of disclosure of my real name and cover name by the Inquiry. I have not been shown any documents to refresh my memory in making this impact statement.

**MPS Career**

**2 Details of MPS career**

**Undercover Deployment**

**3** I can't remember exactly but I believe I was deployed into the Special Operations Squad between 1968 and 1969. I don't know exactly though as it was just life. If you're posted somewhere you just went. It wasn't something I had always wanted to do.

**4** I reported on the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign, and I think it was the Camden branch. The reason for being in the group was for me to find out what the strategy was for a big VSC march. I attended meetings and took part in demonstrations. I wasn't involved in any confrontations. The only two things I can remember are a big VSC march which we all went on and protesting at the Australian High Commission but I don't remember what it was for.

**5** I regarded the people I was with as intellectuals, they were well-educated people one of whom was a doctor or something similar. They were just people that believed the Americans shouldn't have been in Vietnam but had no idea how to get them out. I would include myself in that.

**6** For my cover name, **details of cover name**. I can't remember on how many occasions I gave out my full name but I don't think it was many. Maybe at the

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beginning when I was introducing myself. The VSC didn't keep any written records of members or anything like that. It was a very loose-knit organisation. It's been so long that if you spoke to anybody, I believe they wouldn't even remember my cover name. I doubt if anybody would even remember me.

**7** *Details of deployment*

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**9** On the day of the big VSC march, I was undercover handing out leaflets. I was seen by *someone I knew*. He didn't make any sign of recognition to me. Only subsequently did it come out that he recognised me. I could probably pass him in the street and wouldn't remember what his name was. It's a matter of congratulations to him that he was astute enough to recognise me.

### Personal Circumstances

**10** I am *age* years old. I have no health issues although my wife thinks I'm mad as a hatter.

**11** *Discussion*

**12** I retired from the MPS nearly 30 years ago. *Details of current activities.*

**13** I would imagine that *people in my current activities* know I'm a former police officer because. I doubt that disclosure of my real name or status as a former undercover officer would matter to them. They think the world of me and, at my stage in life, if they got really upset, I'd just resign. It's no skin off my nose.

**14** I have not avoided my real name or image being published: on a few occasions I've appeared on television. *Details of TV appearances.*

**15** My real name and current contact details are available *publicly*. I don't think there is any public information out there identifying me as a former police officer.

### Family Circumstances

**16** I am married and I have *children and grandchildren.*

**17** At the time of my deployment, I was recently married and *details of family.*

My undercover role wasn't something that I discussed with my wife. I think she probably knew the object of the exercise but not anything more. She wasn't that interested. *My children* didn't really ask questions. They were too young and I wouldn't have explained it to them then anyway.

**18** Once I finished my deployment, shaved off my beard, had gone back to wearing a suit and travelling regular hours and all the rest of it, things just went back to normal.

**19** I can't say that my kids have ever been nosy about my history. I think it's mostly inconsequential to them. They are far more interested in *other things* than in my former career as a police officer.

**20** *My children do not live at home.* I don't think if my real name or cover name was published they'd be that worried but I can't answer for them. If the interest became really intrusive and offensive they would be upset if they couldn't come to the house.

### Security Measures

**21** *Details*, because in the present day and age, these precautions are handy.

### Conclusion

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**22** I would prefer that my real name and status as a former undercover officer didn't come out. I don't want to be associated with the idiot that caused all this because it's a question of being tarred with the same brush. And of course, there is also the issue of people subsequently coming forward and claiming things because they have just picked on a name or something. I'm not worried about that because I never did anything except not tell the people in the organisation I was a police officer.

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