

## Core Participants Ruling 15

### Richard Chessum

1. Richard Chessum has provided a detailed account of his dealings in the 1970s with HN 297, whose cover name was Rick Gibson, while a leading member of the Troops Out Movement. He describes the interaction of Troops Out Movement and the Marxist group Big Flame and the part played in both by HN 297: he ended up being joint national secretary of Troops Out Movement. He also describes the discovery by members of Big Flame of the birth and death certificate of Rick Gibson and his subsequent disappearance. He can provide second-hand evidence about intimate relationships between HN 297 and female activists. He is a person who played or may have played a direct and significant role in relation to matters to which the Inquiry relates under rule 5 (2) of the Inquiry rules 2006.
2. Although he does not say so in his application, I infer that he was prompted to make it by the publication of the cover name of HN 297. This is precisely what I hoped publication of the cover names of deployed undercover officers would achieve. His evidence is potentially significant. Even though his application is late I am satisfied that I should accede to it.

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