

For: Undercover Police Inquiry
By: MPS Designated Lawyer
First Statement of witness
Exhibits:
Dated: 8th January 2018

RE: PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING
IMPACT STATEMENT OF N302

1. I wish to apply for my real and cover name to be protected.
2. A risk assessment has been conducted by the MPS in relation to the risks to me and others in respect of the Inquiry's decision about whether a restriction order should be made. I agree with the contents of that assessment and support it.
3. I joined Special Branch in *late 1960s* and was recruited to SDS by *HN294* in the *date* . I was deployed *in the 1970s* I was primarily involved in *one group* but also attended meetings and protests with other groups with similar ideologies. ***Sets out details of group and role.***

4. ***Sets out details of individuals within the group and / or their associates who give rise to a serious risk of serious violence and / or physical harm***

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6. My cover name was As was the practice at that time and as I was instructed to do, I adopted the identity of a deceased child. I did not make use of or develop other aspects of the child's background for my covert identity.

7. My cover employment was ***sets out details of undercover employment and consequential risk to third party***

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8. ***Sets out risk of harm and / or impact on private life of third party***

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9. ***Sets out route by which real name could be identified***

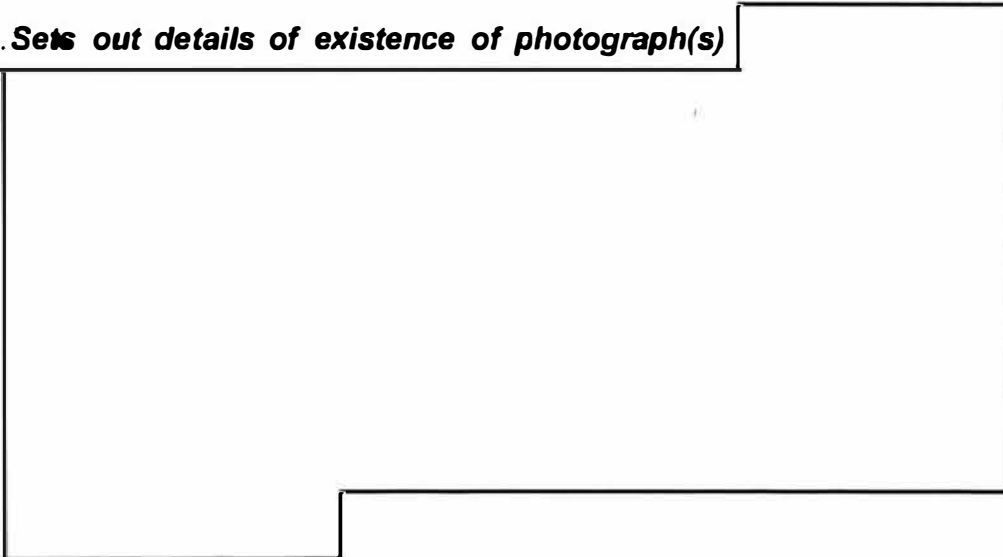
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10. My spouse has said that if our home address becomes known that we would have to move house. We have lived here ***for a long time***
 and have no plans to move. This would obviously be a huge upheaval for us. As the Inquiry develops, my spouse is becoming more agitated and upset by the whole process.

11. I do not pretend that I am any more or less at risk than officers in a similar position but I do strongly believe that those on the extreme, violent left, and violent anti-capitalist direct action hooligans would like nothing more than to make the lives of former UCOs and their families a complete and utter misery and to do damage to them and their property.

12. ***Sets out details of existence of photograph(s)***



13. I left SDS [redacted] early due to ill-health. I believe that this was linked to stress. I was subsequently diagnosed with a **physical medical condition** [redacted] and have taken medication for this ever since. I am concerned that this condition could worsen if I become stressed due to the possible revelation of my identity. I am apprehensive about the inquiry in general.

14. Only a close circle of trusted family members and friends knew that I was an undercover police officer. My family and I made considerable sacrifices during my deployment with SDS, including **sets out a number of impacts on private and family life** [redacted]

15. I am extremely proud of the record of SDS during my deployment. I believe the SDS played a major part in enabling the Commissioner to develop and implement a strategy to effectively and successfully police threatened disorder in London. I also believe this operation to have been one of the most successful long term undercover police operation in the United Kingdom and the Inquiry will find the vast majority of SDS officers and staff operated with thorough professionalism.

16. It was implicit that the real or cover identities of undercover officers would never be revealed and I feel that it would be a betrayal of trust for either identity to be revealed now. I feel as though my past of **the 1970s** [redacted] has come back to haunt me as a constant reminder of a life long since forgotten. I find that I am distracted by thoughts of the inquiry at present, which is a pity as I believe I have nothing to hide and much to be proud of.

17. At the request of senior officers within the MPS I took part in the documentary True Spies. My face was not shown and my identity was not revealed during this programme.

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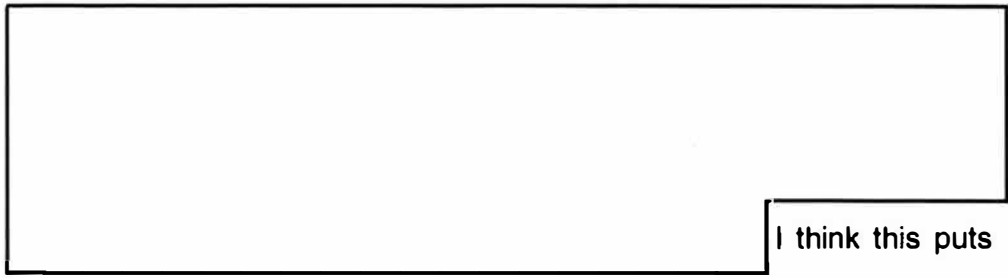
18. The matters disclosed in true spies have caused much acrimony from former colleagues, to the extent that "friends" of longstanding have broken off all contact. [redacted]

[redacted]

19. I had one sexual encounter at the very beginning of my deployment with a woman who was on the periphery of **another** group. This was not a group that I was deployed in and I did not see her again. I do not recall her name and would be surprised if she remembers my cover name. I was a single man at that time, both in my real life and as part of my covert identity.

20. After I left the SDS I was involved in **details of N302's post-SDS career including giving evidence in court proceedings in their real name and risks arising from that**

21. I fully agree with the risk assessor's conclusion that **there is a lack of sterile corridor and sets out officer's concerns about risk of harm**



I think this puts

me at increased risk of harm.

Orally approved by N302 on 8th January 2018.