

RE: PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING  
IMPACT STATEMENT OF HN355

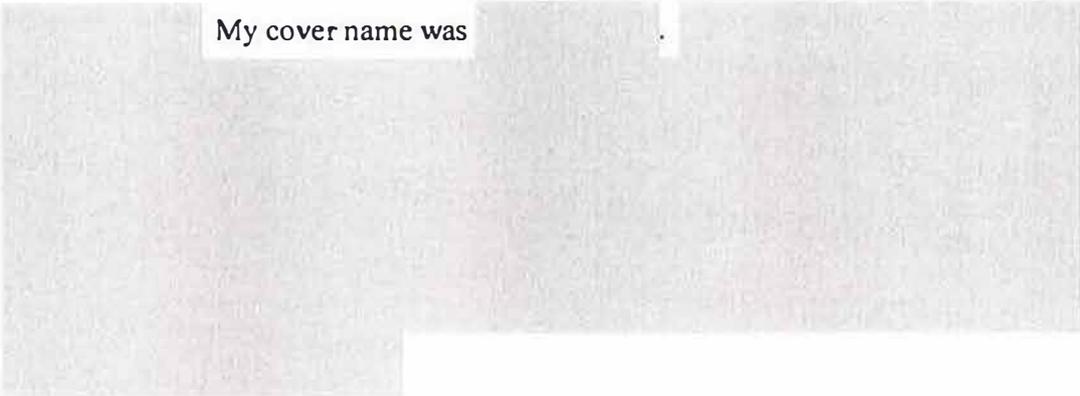
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1. I have been asked to provide an impact statement about the effect of disclosure of my real and/or cover name by the Inquiry.
2. I seek anonymity over my real name and my cover name.

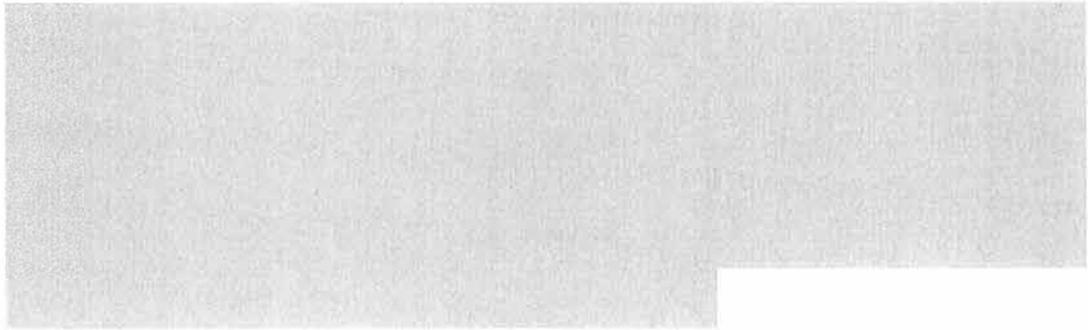
Deployment

3. I was deployed into *the Maoists for 4 years in the late 1970s/early 1980s* 

My cover name was 



4. Day to day I would attend meetings, help at jumble sales and demonstrations. *Sets out concerns about the existence of photographs* 
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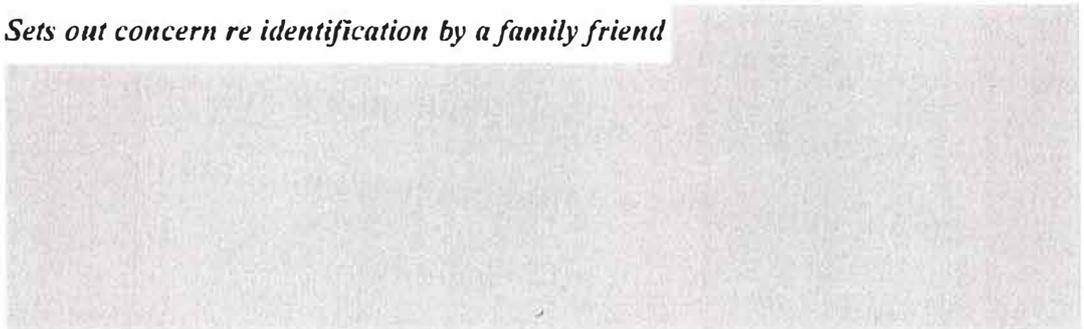


5. I did not have any sexual relationships during my deployment. I was never arrested, charged, prosecuted or appeared in Court either as a Defendant or as a witness. I only ever committed fly-posting.

Cover Name

6. I believe therefore that disclosure of my undercover name will eventually lead to full disclosure with its accompanying problems for my family and myself. I have always held the belief that my family and I would be protected by the State from malicious and unfounded attempts to cause harm or embarrassment provided I acted lawfully and did nothing to deliberately compromise this undercover operation. I have held this expectation for the past forty years and I continue to expect the Metropolitan Police to honour its obligations, as I continue to do. I have never sought publicity nor have I ever drawn attention to these activities. I am now retired. Most of my relatives, friends and acquaintances are unaware of sensitive details of my career.

7. *Sets out concern re identification by a family friend*



- [REDACTED]
8. It was drilled into me at the outset, that many Special Branch activities were of necessity secret, but particularly operations such as the SDS, initiated, funded and approved by the Home Office and conducted with the assistance and co-operation of the Security Service. The measures taken to preserve my anonymity before, during and after my deployment, reinforced my belief that this was so. Throughout my career I have endeavoured to deflect attention away from my role and avoided any publicity. I believe that the majority of my former colleagues have done the same.
9. The impact on my young family was minimal at the time and my *partner* became adept at deflecting unwelcome but understandable inquiries from curious neighbours, friends and acquaintances. *His/her* support was essential. Until the launch of this Inquiry I would describe the impact of my deployment as Low. Recent developments are regrettable; my *partner* and I wish to enjoy our retirement and have no plans or desire to move from the home we have occupied for many years. Unfortunately, I have some experience of government ministers who have had their private homes 'invaded' by political activists [REDACTED] and I am acutely aware of just how intimidating the experience can be, as it is fully intended to be.
10. The subject of my deployment has rarely cropped up prior to this Inquiry. All family members have been supportive but I do fear that the aftermath of this Inquiry might have a negative impact on their professional careers [REDACTED] or perhaps, their burgeoning businesses – 'guilt by association'. Of course, it largely depends on the conclusions and recommendations contained in the

final Inquiry report and more importantly, how selectively the Press and the media eventually report them.

Effect on *family member (X)*

11. I am concerned about the catastrophic effect that publication of my real or cover name would have on my family but specifically on my *adult child who is very fragile*

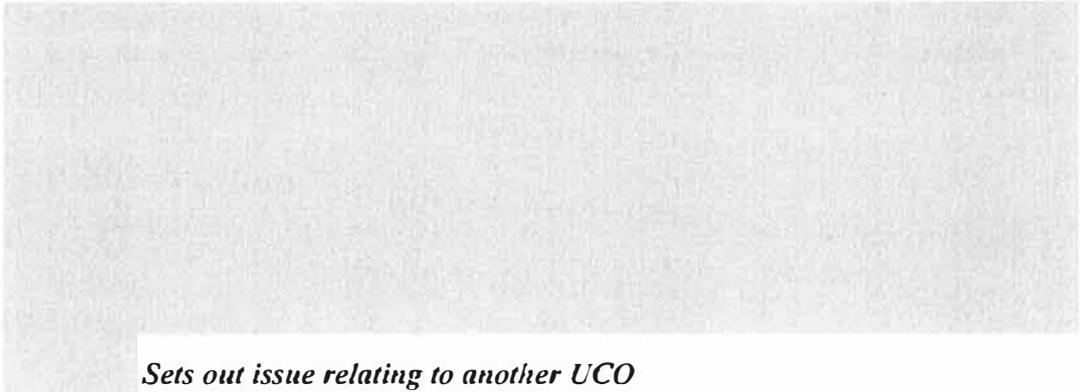
I am the main stabilising influence in *X's life*.

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If my deployment became public, it would destabilise the dynamics of our relationship and threaten *X's* already poor mental health. I am unsure as to whether *X* would want me to continue to support *X*. This is causing me much anxiety.

13. I have already outlined my concerns regarding my family members. ●n a personal note, I am quite content to discuss and explain what persuaded me to accept the personal invitation to participate in this operation. I had no misgivings at the time and I am still quite content to defend my decision now.

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#### Effect on undercover policing

15. In addition to my own fears and anxieties, I also seek anonymity because I hold the belief that the tactics currently employed by a small group of activists: to demand the full identity of all undercover officers past and present; is not motivated by the legitimate desire to expose illegality or wrongdoing by the police, but the desire to enfeeble the State's lawful efforts, now and in the future. Complete disclosure will hinder current and future efforts by the police service to counter politically inspired violence or damage, frustrate efforts to preserve the peace and assist that small minority who wish to replace our parliamentary system of government by undemocratic means.

16. As previously stated, I fear that extensive publicity now will frustrate the State's efforts to mount similar operations in the future and discourage officers and their families

participating in undercover deployments. Although the Inquiry is currently investigating what might be described as 'analogue methods in a digital age' I believe, in the right circumstances, there will always be a limited role for similar operations.

17. I therefore urge the Inquiry to restrict my real and cover name.