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IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING

[2] I, [REDACTED] HN322, c/o Directorate of Legal Services, 10 Lamb's Conduit Street, London, WC1N 3NR, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. This witness statement is made in response to a Rule 9 request dated 7 August 2018. It provides my full recollection of the period that I spent in the Special Demonstration Squad (SDS) of the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS).
2. I am known in this Public Inquiry by the nominal HN 322. There is a Restriction Order in force in respect of my Real Name dated 20 February 2018. I was not deployed undercover and therefore did not have a cover name.
3. It has now been nearly 50 years since I was in the SDS, and my time in the unit formed a very small part of a very long career in the MPS, from which I retired over 20 years ago. At the time I was in the SDS, my rank was Detective Constable.
4. I was a member of the SDS for about 2 months, and for 5 weeks of that I attended full time driving course at [REDACTED]. Accordingly, I am only able to provide evidence about a very short period in the history of the unit.

- [REDACTED]
5. When I was in Special Branch (but not in the SDS), myself and my colleagues would frequently attend public meetings in plain clothes to gather intelligence. As I did exactly the same thing whilst in the SDS, there is nothing about that period that makes it stand out in my memory. I have however endeavoured to answer all of the questions asked of me by the Inquiry in the Rule 9 request to the best of my ability.
 6. The only documents that I have seen to refresh my memory prior to preparing this statement are those attached to the Rule 9 request, and my own impact statement in support of a Restriction Order in respect of my real name. I have expressly referenced in this statement those documents which I have been asked about in the Rule 9 request.
 7. I subsequently had a long and successful career in the MPS, both in Special Branch and other departments. By the time I retired I had attained the rank of

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Personal details

- [5] 8. My name is [REDACTED] HN322 [REDACTED] and my date of birth is [REDACTED] I have a [REDACTED]
[7] wife and [REDACTED] adult child/children. [REDACTED] [6]

Police career before and after serving with the Special Demonstration Squad

9. Although I cannot remember the exact dates of where I was at various points in my police career, I have been shown a document entitled 'Personal Record

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Summary', Relativity Reference MPS-0722384 (my PRS). Pages 15 and 16 of that document records my postings and transfers within the MPS and I have no reason to doubt its accuracy. As I have no reason to doubt that my PRS is correct, save as otherwise stated, I have taken all of the below dates from that document.

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10. [REDACTED] In the early 1960s I joined [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] with the rank of Police Constable. This was a uniformed police role and mostly consisted of patrolling.

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11. [REDACTED] In the late 1960s I joined Special Branch for the first time. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Details various postings in Special Branch [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] During this time, I was also in the Special Demonstration Squad ("the SDS") for a short period.

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12. I cannot remember the exact dates that I joined and left in the SDS, however I have been shown a document entitled 'Penetration of Extremist Groups', Relativity reference MPS-0724119. Page 9 of that document records that I joined the SDS [REDACTED] in 1968 [REDACTED] and was transferred back onto ordinary

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Special Branch duties [REDACTED] approximately 2 months later in 1968. [REDACTED]

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13. I have also been shown a document entitled 'Particulars of a Candidate for a Special Course', Relativity reference MPS-0722384. Page 129 of that document states that I was on a [REDACTED] course in 1968. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I remember attending that course, which was full time for 5 weeks.

14. I assume that the dates given in those two documents are correct. I was therefore only engaged on SDS duties between [REDACTED] for 2 months in 1968.

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[REDACTED] That accords with my recollection that I was only a part of the SDS for a very short period, and that after the driving course I returned to ordinary Special Branch duties.

15. As I have said above, during that time I did not go through the process of creating a cover name or other identity, nor was I deployed undercover. I had not done any undercover work before joining the SDS.

16. As I have also said above, I did attend a few meetings in plain clothes whilst I was in the SDS. However, that was something that Special Branch officers did frequently anyway. I recall that [REDACTED] when I was [REDACTED] in Special Branch (when I was not in the SDS) a rota would often be put up at New Scotland Yard with lists of public meetings and the officers who were expected to attend them. These could be meetings about groups you knew about from your work in Special Branch, or groups you knew nothing about at all. You just went along in plain clothes and then reported back about what was said at the meetings.

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17. After I left the SDS I returned to my previous Special Branch duties. I was promoted to the rank of Detective Sergeant on [REDACTED] in the mid 1970s. [REDACTED] I remained in Special Branch until [REDACTED] in the mid 1970s. [REDACTED] when I was further promoted to the rank of Inspector [REDACTED]

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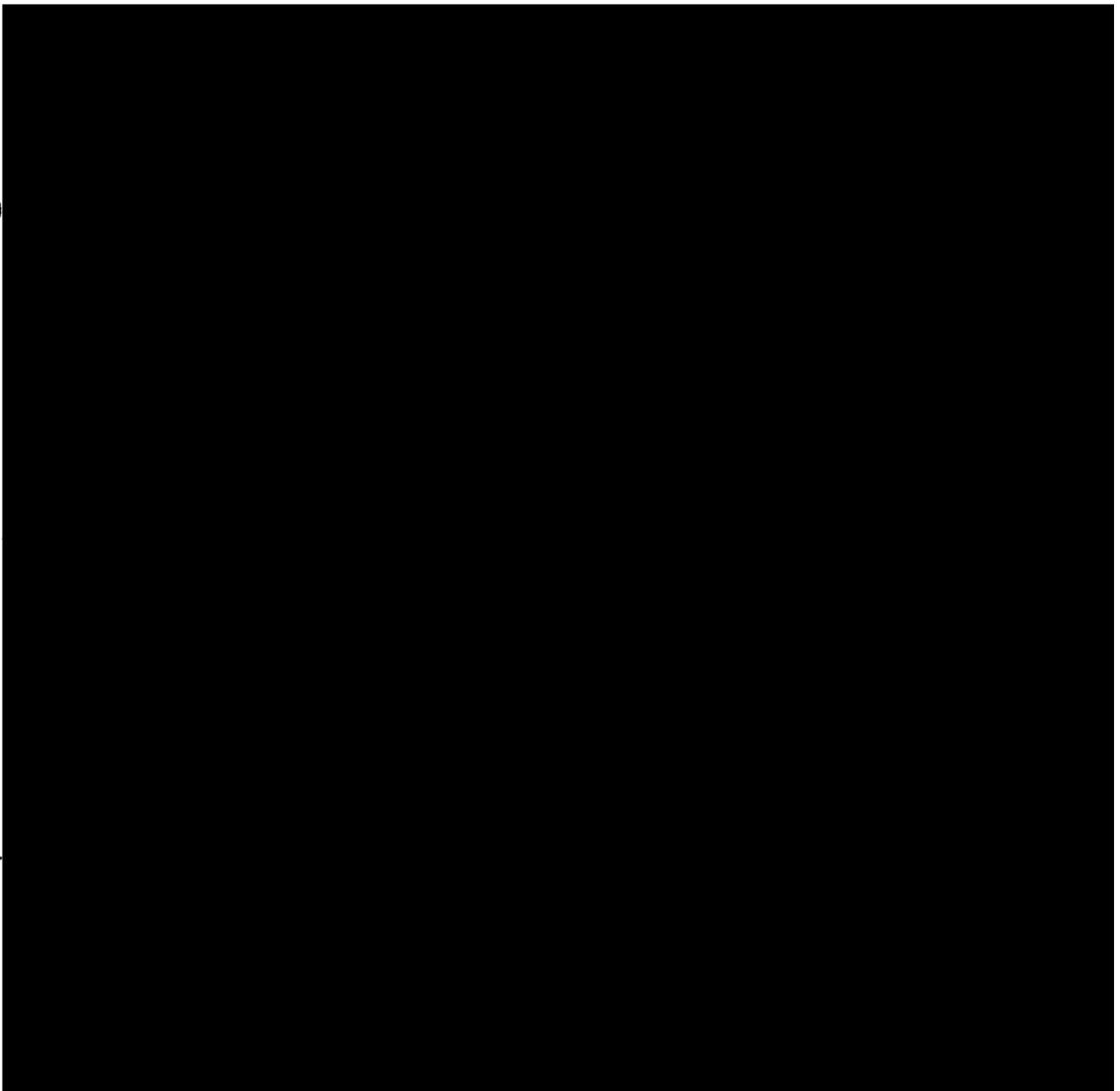
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18. [REDACTED]
Sets out subsequent roles and postings including promotion(s) in MPS career

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22. I did not have any management responsibilities for the SDS in any of my later roles.

Special Demonstration Squad – Formation

23. My understanding is that the SDS was set up in response to an urgent need for better intelligence about upcoming public disorder.

24. In the late 1960s there were a number of large violent demonstrations against the Vietnam war which caught the MPS completely unprepared. Both the scale

[REDACTED]

of the demonstrations and the level of violence used by certain protestors was unprecedented.

25. Up to that point, intelligence about public disorder was gathered from a number of sources: liaising with other police forces, getting information by attending public meetings, scouring left wing newspapers and leaflets, and other things of that sort. Although that information was a good starting point, it was only helpful to an extent in allowing the MPS to estimate how large a demonstration might be or whether there might be trouble.

26. I believe the SDS was set up to assist in the gathering of more detailed and accurate information about forthcoming public disorder by more closely monitoring the activities of the groups who were intending to protest. The hope was that it would be possible to gather accurate information from private meetings of those groups about how many people would actually attend demonstrations, what the mood at those demonstrations was likely to be, and if there were any individuals attending who were intent on causing trouble. This would then enable the uniform branch of the MPS to appropriately deploy resources when and where they were needed.

27. I do not know who made the decision to set up the SDS, that is not information that I was privy to as a junior officer in Special Branch.

Selection for the Special Demonstration Squad

28. The first time I became aware of the existence of the SDS was in 1968 when I was approached by Conrad Dixon and asked if I wished to join. I had not applied

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to join, and I do not know if I was referred by someone else. I do not remember there being a selection process of any kind.

29. I remember being flattered that he knew who I was. I was an ambitious young man and being selected for the SDS seemed like an exciting opportunity. I cannot remember now what I was told about the work that the unit did, though I do not think I was told about what being undercover would involve before I joined. I only remember thinking that it would be a new challenge, and so I agreed to join.

30. When I joined the SDS I was married [REDACTED] and had a young child/children. [REDACTED]. My family is the most important thing to me. It was not explained to either myself or my family what impact being in the SDS would, or might have, on me or my family. No one spoke to my wife either before or after I joined about that, or anything else.

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31. Once I had joined and learned more about what being in the SDS would entail I rapidly lost interest in having anything further to do with it. I came to learn that being deployed undercover would involve long periods away from my family, which I did not want. I also had concerns as to whether I was brave enough to do the work of long term infiltration. I therefore asked to come off it.

Training and guidance in the Special Demonstration Squad

32. I did not receive any training in undercover policing, either formal or informal, before or during my time in the SDS. As I have stated above, I did not have a cover identity and was not deployed undercover whilst I was in the SDS.

33. I was not given any advice, guidance, or instructions on any of the following:

- a. How far it was acceptable for undercover officers to become involved in the private lives of those they met whilst undercover, or how close those relationships could be;
- b. How far it was acceptable for undercover officers to enter into sexual relationships whilst deployed on an undercover operation;
- c. Participation in criminal activity whilst undercover;
- d. Provoking or encouraging another to participate in criminal activity whilst undercover;
- e. What to do whilst arrested undercover;
- f. What to do if brought before a Court, whether as a Defendant or witness;
- g. What to do as an undercover officer if you obtained as a result of your deployment information subject to legal privilege;
- h. Any other ethical or legal limitations on the way in which undercover officers could behave.

34. Given I was not deployed in a cover identity, it is perhaps not surprising that I was not given any information about the above. However, at the time that I joined the SDS it was a brand new unit. I do not think any those things had even been thought about. Officers were just expected to exercise their common sense and judgment.

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35. I did not receive any training on race equality from the MPS either prior to or during my time with the SDS in 1968.

Undercover Identity & Legend Building

36. I did not have a cover name or cover identity. As a result, I did not undertake any legend building.

37. I did not have a cover employer.

38. I did not have cover accommodation. The only place I ever lived whilst I was in the SDS was at home with my family.

39. I did not use a cover vehicle.

40. In 1968 my ordinary appearance was that of a clean cut young man. I did not alter my appearance whilst I was in the SDS.

Deployment

Infiltration of groups

41. I do not remember having any 'target groups'. Page 9 of the document entitled 'Penetration of Extremist Groups', Relativity reference MPS-0724119, states 'S.E. London VSC' next to my name, however I do not recall being targeted towards that group. I can only assume that it may have been intended that I would be deployed into that group in future, but that I left before that happened.

42. My recollection is that I was told to attend, observe, and report back on a few different meetings. That would seem to correspond with the copies of the intelligence reports I have been provided with, which have the Relativity reference [REDACTED] **MPS-0746477, MPS-0731925 and MPS-0746476.** Those are reports on Earls Court VSC and South East London Ad Hoc Committee. If those are the only reports that the MPS have on file, those are probably the only meetings I attended. Special Branch had strict reporting procedures, so there would be a record of any other meetings I attended.

43. I do not think any group would have regarded me as a member.

Tasking

44. I do not remember who tasked me, or how that tasking was communicated to me (i.e. if I was given it orally or in writing), though it probably would have happened at New Scotland Yard. I do not remember having any say in which meetings I went to, I just went where I was told to go.

45. I do not remember being told anything about the length of time one was expected to be on the unit.

46. It was normal practice in Special Branch to do your own research on groups you were investigating, and I believe I did that whilst in the SDS too. You would look at what was reported in left wing newspapers and newsletters to learn what you could.

47. My understanding was that we were attending meetings of groups which might cause public disorder at demonstrations. I am not sure why Earls Court VSC and the South East London Ad Hoc Committee were chosen in particular,

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however given it may have been the intention for me to be deployed into 'S.E. London VSC' perhaps it was felt that attending meetings of those groups would be good preparation.

48. I do not remember being given instructions on what to do at the meetings, other than to attend and report back. It was very normal Special Branch work to attend meetings in that fashion, so I am not sure what instructions it would have been useful to give.

49. Other than attending those few meetings, I remember not having much to do. The unit as a whole seemed to lack direction and I had a lot of free time.

50. I do not remember who the management staff were beyond Conrad Dixon, though having seen page 9 of the document entitled 'Penetration of Extremist Groups', Relativity reference MPS-0724119, I can see that the Detective Inspectors in the SDS at the time I was there were DI Saunders, DI Wilson and [REDACTED] 24 DI [REDACTED] HN332 I do not remember which, if any, of them I reported to directly. I was not supervised when I went to meetings, though I would submit reports of what I had seen at those meetings.

51. I do not remember there being administrative staff, though again having seen page 9 of the document entitled 'Penetration of Extremist Groups', Relativity reference MPS-0724119, I can see that DS Creamer and DS Furner were on clerical duties at the time I was in the SDS.

52. My memory of Conrad Dixon is that he was charismatic and well-liked by the men who served under him. Aside from the short time that I was in the SDS I

did not work for him directly. In that time, I got the impression that he cared about the wellbeing of the men he was in charge of.

53. I believe that Conrad Dixon's aim was to gather the kind of public order intelligence that I have discussed at paragraph 26 above.

Management and supervision: general arrangements

54. As I have said, I cannot remember who I most immediately reported to. It could have been one of the DI's, or one of the DS's.

55. Normal Special Branch practice if you attended a meeting was to type up your notes the following day at New Scotland Yard and then submit it to your manager. I do not remember having any follow up meetings about any reports I submitted, or having any discussion or contact with my managers generally. I do not think I saw any of my reports again after submitting them.

56. I cannot remember there being any welfare arrangements during my time with the SDS. I have always thought that Special Branch was an extremely supportive employer, so if any issues had arisen I am sure that support would have been there for me.

Premises

57. The only premises that I ever went to was the office at New Scotland Yard. I do not recall there being a safe house or anything else of that sort.

58. I would have gone into the Yard after I had attended meetings in order to type up and submit my reports. As I have said above, I do not remember how I

[REDACTED]

received instructions on which meeting to go to next, however I assume that I would have been given them there.

Pattern of life whilst undercover

59. I was not deployed undercover, however I can speak as to my routine whilst in the SDS, such as there is to tell.

60. I remember that I went to a few meetings, however I did not have a cover identity prepared. I just attended in the usual way that a Special Branch officer would attend such a meeting. If I had been challenged at those meetings, I would have declared that I was a police officer, and I imagine that I would have then been asked to leave.

61. As I have said above, I would have gone to the Yard the following day, typed up my notes from the meeting, and submitted them. Other than that, I did not have a lot to do, and found myself with a lot of free time on my hands.

62. It was very different to the normal pattern of life in Special Branch, which was very formal. In normal Special Branch work you would always be expected to be at your desk at 10am in a suit and tie, then you would work until 6pm or later when required. As I have said, you would also frequently go to public meetings, [REDACTED] or speakers corner, and report back on what was said. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

63. The SDS lacked that level of formality and supervision. My recollection is that other than being told to go to meetings, there was no real direction given about what you should do.

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Pay and overtime

64. I do not remember being in the SDS having any effect on my take home pay. I also do not remember what the arrangements were for overtime. All Special Branch detectives kept weekly diaries in which we recorded overtime done and the justification for that. Unless it was waived, that also would have applied to members of the SDS.

65. I do not remember there being any change in my basic pay, or there being any reduction in my cost of living as a result of being in the SDS.

Reporting on the Earl's Court Vietnam Solidarity Campaign

66. I have been shown a Routine Meeting Report dated 10 October 1968, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] with Relativity reference [REDACTED] MPS-0746477 I
did not prepare this report.

[26] 67. I can see that the report is signed by WDC [REDACTED] so she would have written it. I can also see that it was submitted to DI Saunders.

68. I can see that it states that I was present at a meeting of the Earl's Court Vietnam Solidarity Campaign on that date. I do not have any recollection of that meeting, however I assume that is correct as I have no reason to doubt the accuracy of the report.

69. I would have attended this meeting because I was told to do so. I cannot comment on the underlying rationale for that decision other than for the reasons stated at paragraph 47 above.

[27] 70.I can also see that the report also states that WDC [HN334] was at the meeting.

Again, I have no reason to doubt the accuracy of the report. I do not remember the meeting so I am unable to say if WDC [HN334] attended the meeting in a cover identity.

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71.I cannot say why more than one officer attended this particular meeting, however it was Special Branch practice at the time that if there was potential for an officer to find themselves in a dangerous or difficult position, it was better if there was more than one officer present.

72.The report refers to 'Police Arrangements' as being 'Adequate'. This refers to arrangements for uniform police at the meeting. In this case the fact that the meeting passed off peacefully meant that the arrangements were 'Adequate'.

73.I have also been shown a Routine Meeting Report dated 18 October 1968, [redacted] with Relativity reference MPS-[redacted]
[redacted] 0746476.

74.I do not remember the meeting or writing this report. The report bears my name and signature, so I must have written it.

75.I can see that it states that I was present at a meeting of the Earl's Court Vietnam Solidarity Campaign on that date. I do not have any recollection of that meeting, however I assume that is correct as I have no reason to doubt the accuracy of the report.

76.Again, I would have attended this meeting because I was told to do so. I cannot comment on the underlying rationale for that decision other than for the reasons stated at paragraph 47 above.

77. Again, the reason that I would have attended with DC Tyrell is probably the same reason as I have set out at paragraph 71 above.

78. I do not know what 'Place copy on "dummy"' means. That is a note made by Conrad Dixon.

Reporting on South East London Ad Hoc Committee

79. I have been shown a Routine Meeting Report dated 12 October 1968, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] with Relativity reference [REDACTED] **MPS-0731925.**

80. I do not remember the meeting or writing this report. The report bears my name and signature, so I must have written it.

81. I can see that it has been signed by Conrad Dixon, so it would have been submitted to him. He has then also signed it on behalf of the Chief Superintendent. I do not know why that is.

82. I can see that at the top of the document it is marked as a 'circulating copy'. You can see that it has not been marked as to be circulated to anyone under Conrad Dixon's name. That would have been marked on the original. That means that this copy is not the original, but rather a copy that has been circulated to another squad in Special Branch.

Reporting on the Revolutionary Socialist Students Federation

83. I have been shown the Special Report dated 10 December 1968, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

84. I do not remember writing this report, however it bears my name and signature, so I must have written it.

85. The report refers to a meeting which took place after I left the SDS, so I would not have attended that meeting. I can see that I have completed that report 'For D.C. Tyrell'. It was common practice in Special Branch to complete reports for colleagues when it was difficult, for practical or logistical reasons, for them to attend New Scotland Yard to write up the report themselves. He probably would have given me the information to prepare the report over the telephone, though it is so long ago that I cannot now remember how he gave me the information to prepare this report. I assume he asked me to do this because I had attended meetings with him previously.

86. I did not make the decision for the SDS to report on this meeting. I assume that the reason that it was felt that there was the potential for public disorder at the demonstration it references, so intelligence was needed about that demonstration.

Public Order

87. I saw a lot of public disorder during my career in Special Branch and the MPS more generally. However, I do not remember seeing or participating in any public disorder during the time I was in the SDS.

Violence

88. I do not remember witnessing any violence to people or property whilst in the SDS. I was not involved in any violence to people or property whilst in the SDS.

[REDACTED]

Subversion

89. One of the key roles of Special Branch was to monitor and gather intelligence on subversive activity. That information would then be disseminated to the Security Service to take whatever action they thought appropriate.
90. I do not believe that I witnessed any subversive behaviour whilst I was in the SDS. I cannot really recall the meetings I attended, and was in the SDS such a short amount of time that I did not have the opportunity to form that judgment about the groups whose meetings I went to.
91. Special Branch always worked closely with Mi5. It was not unusual for Special Branch reports to be copied to Mi5, that was not something unique to SDS reporting.
92. I did not have any personal contact with the Security Services during my time in the SDS.

Sexual relationships

93. I did not engage in sexual activity with anyone other than my wife whilst I was in the SDS.

Other relationships

94. I did not form any personal relationships during my time with the SDS. I would just turn up to meetings, listen, then leave and report what I had heard.
95. I did not assume any position of trust within any group I reported on.

[REDACTED]

Criminal justice

96. I did not participate in any criminal activity whilst I was in the SDS.

97. I was never arrested, charged, tried or convicted of a criminal offence whilst in the SDS. My role in the SDS has never been disclosed in connection with any legal proceedings.

98. I did not provoke, encourage or cause any other person to participate in any criminal activity whilst I was in the SDS.

Other legal or disciplinary proceedings

99. I was not otherwise involved in any legal proceedings during my time in the SDS.

100. I was never involved in any way in any complaint against a police officer or any disciplinary proceedings involving a police officer during my time in the SDS.

Legal professional privilege

101. I did not receive any legally privileged information whilst I was in the SDS.

Elected politicians

102. I do not believe that any of the people upon whom I reported were elected politicians.

[REDACTED]

The use to which my reporting was put

103. Based on my experience of how reporting worked in Special Branch, I believe my reports would have been circulated to the relevant squads in the Branch and the Mi5, and fed into public order policing decisions as appropriate.
104. Given the limited amount of reporting that I did, my contribution to policing during the time in the SDS was very small. I did however go on to have a long and successful career in the MPS during which I believe I made a significant contribution to policing.

Departure from the SDS

105. As I have said above, I have also been shown a document entitled 'Particulars of a Candidate for a Special Course', with the Relativity Reference MPS-0722384. Page 129 of that document states that I was on a driving course [29] in 1968. [REDACTED] I assume those dates are correct. I remember attending that course, which was full time for 5 weeks. It was held [30] at [REDACTED] I remember being really eager to do it as I was not able to drive.

106. As I have also said above, I do not remember the exact date that I left the SDS, however having seen the document entitled 'Penetration of Extremist Groups', Relativity reference MPS-0724119, and in particular page 9 of that document, which shows that I was transferred back to the Commissioner's Office [REDACTED] Sets out details of return to Special Branch [REDACTED] [32] That corresponds with my recollection of leaving the unit. I just went back to normal Special Branch work of the kind I was doing previously.

107. As a result, the actual time I spent in the SDS was very short. I remember informing one of the managers that I wished to leave before I went on the driving course. For the reasons set out at paragraph 31 above, I quickly realised that I did not want to be part of the SDS.

108. I note that at page 4 of the 'Penetration of Extremist Groups' document, Relativity reference MPS-0724119, it is stated that it should be a rule that an officer serves no longer than 12 months. I do not remember that being mentioned to me during my time in the SDS.

109. Since I was not deployed, it was easy for me to leave the SDS. There was no requirement for an exit plan of any kind. I just went on the driving course and went back into usual Special Branch duties after it finished.

110. I did not contact anyone who I saw at any meetings after I left the SDS.

Senior management and oversight bodies

111. I do not recall any senior managers visiting the SDS office at New Scotland Yard whilst I was in it.

112. I do not recall anyone from any outside body with any form of regulatory oversight responsibility for policing visiting the SDS office at New Scotland Yard whilst I was in it.

113. I did not receive any form of commendation for my work as an SDS officer.

Deployments of contemporaries

114. I have been asked if I remember the following people:

a. Joan Hillier;

[35] b. [HN331];

[35A] c. [REDACTED]

[36] d. [HN68]

e. Anyone with the surname 'Wilson';

f. David Fisher;

[37] g. [HN332]

h. Helen Crampton;

[38] i. [HN294]

j. Conrad Dixon.

115. Assuming the person with the surname 'Wilson' is Ray Wilson, I remember all of the above people since I worked with all of them at various points during my Special Branch career.

116. I have been asked a number of questions about the above individuals. It is difficult for me to answer those questions. It has been almost 50 years since I was in the SDS. In addition, my recollection is that you did not know what other people were doing, everything was done on a 'need to know' basis. As I said in

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my impact statement, that was intrinsic in the training you received when you joined Special Branch.

117. However, as best as I am able, my answers to those questions are as follows:

- a. I do not know what role Joan Hillier played in the SDS whilst I was serving in the unit.

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- b. I do not know if [REDACTED] HN331 [REDACTED] used a cover name whilst serving in the SDS.

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- c. I do not remember if [REDACTED] was a member of the SDS.

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- d. I do not remember if [REDACTED] HN68 [REDACTED] was a member of the SDS throughout the time that I served in the unit, however page 9 of the 'Penetration of Extremist Groups' document, Relativity reference MPS-0724119, seems to suggest that he was.

- e. Page 9 of the 'Penetration of Extremist Groups' document, Relativity reference MPS-0724119 states that there was a DI Wilson in the SDS at the same time as me. The only 'Wilson' I recall from Special Branch is Ray Wilson, though I do not remember if he was in the SDS at the same time as me.

- f. I do not know if David Fisher used a cover name whilst serving in the SDS.

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- g. I do not know if [REDACTED] HN332 [REDACTED] used a cover name whilst serving in the SDS.

[REDACTED]

h. I do not know if Helen Crampton used a cover name whilst serving in the SDS.

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- i. I do not know if [REDACTED] HN294 [REDACTED] used a cover name whilst serving in the SDS.
- j. I do not know if Conrad Dixon used a cover name whilst serving in the SDS.

118. I do not know if any of my contemporaries in the SDS:

- a. Committed a criminal offence whilst undercover;
- b. Provoked, encouraged or caused a third party to commit a criminal offence whilst deployed;
- c. Engaged in sexual activities whilst in a cover identity;
- d. Were arrested, charged, tried or convicted in their undercover identities;
- e. Were involved in any incidents of public disorder, violence or any other criminal activity whilst they were deployed;
- f. Reported any legally privileged information whilst deployed; or
- g. Reported on the activities of any elected politicians whilst deployed.

119. From what I remember of them as people and police officers I would be surprised if they did any of the above, apart from the obvious risk of being caught up in public disorder if they attended demonstrations.

Post deployment

Period immediately after leaving the SDS

120. I did not have a holiday or period of rest after leaving the SDS. As I have said above, after finishing the driving course at [REDACTED] I went back to normal Special Branch duties.

43 121. I was not debriefed by anyone.

Post Special Demonstration Squad police career

122. I have set out my post SDS police career above. As I have also set out above, after my deployment I just returned to usual Special Branch duties. My career moved on and I did not look back.

123. I do not think my very brief service with the SDS had any effect on the rest of my career in the MPS.

44 124. [REDACTED]

Sets out details of a particular role
subsequent to the SDS

125. I do not think that being in the SDS had any long-term effect on my welfare.

[REDACTED]

126. I am not aware of any welfare services that were available to undercover officers. I cannot say if this is because I was not deployed undercover, or because there were none. As I have said above, I consider that Special Branch was a very supportive employer.

127. I have been asked for my ranks on leaving Special Branch. I can see from page 15 of my PSR, Relativity reference MPS-0722384, that [REDACTED] when I left [REDACTED] 45

[REDACTED] Special Branch in the mid 1970s [REDACTED] I was promoted out from Detective Sergeant to the rank of Inspector. I can also see from that document that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I was further promoted in the mid 1980s. [REDACTED]

128. I have also been asked my rank upon leaving the MPS. [REDACTED] 47

129. I retired from the MPS on positive terms after 30 years' service.

Undercover work in the private sector

130. I was not given any instructions or guidance about working undercover in the private sector, nor the use of any cover identity (though I did not have one) before leaving the MPS.

131. I did not undertake any undercover work after leaving the MPS for any organisation in the private sector, either as an undercover operative, or as an organiser, or as a manager, or as a supervisor of such work.

Any other matters

132. I do not believe there are any other matters about which I am able to give evidence which are of relevance to the work of the Undercover Policing Inquiry.

Request for documents

133. I do not possess any documents or other information which are potentially relevant to the Inquiry's terms of reference.

134. The only documents I have seen prior to preparing this statement are those attached to the Rule 9 request, and my own impact statement in relation to my application for a Restriction Order in respect of my real name.

135. My memory has not been refreshed by any other documents prior to the preparation of this statement.

Diversity

136. I am a white British male.

I believe the content of this statement to be true.

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Signed:

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14th September 2018

Dated: