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First Witness Statement of HN339 1

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1. This witness statement is prepared in response to a Rule 9 request dated 4th January 2019 and concerns my deployment as an undercover officer (“UCO”) within the Special Demonstration Squad (“SDS”) from 1970-1971.
2. I have been shown the documents attached to the Rule 9 request but I have not otherwise refreshed my memory by looking at any other documents. Given the time that has passed, my recollection of certain matters is limited.
3. I am known in this Public Inquiry by my cover name of Stewart Goodman. There is a restriction order in respect of my real name. My nominal number is N339.

Personal details

4 4 DOB and family circumstances, including marriage

Police career before serving with the Special Demonstration Squad

5 5. I joined the Metropolitan Police Cadets in In the early 1960's and then I joined the force proper. I was initially posted to South London but found this role quite 6 boring so requested and was granted a transfer to another location in South London. I spent 7 8 some years in uniform at this posting and realised that the beat was not for me so I decided to apply for Special Branch.

9 6. I joined Special Branch in the late 1960's. I was a Police Constable before joining Special Branch but upon joining I became known as a Detective Constable. I

10 was placed on [REDACTED] Special Branch inquiries [REDACTED] before being tasked to investigate the Campaign Against Racial Discrimination (CARD). Officers gathered information about protest groups across Special Branch at this time. My recollection is that you were instructed to discretely obtain as much information as you could by attending places that you knew members of the group frequented but there was no question of going "undercover". It was just the normal way of conducting police inquiries without being too obvious about it.

7. CARD was a fringe protest group. I think they may have later become the Anti-Apartheid Movement (AAM) or amalgamated with it. I cannot remember exactly how I gathered information about CARD; I did attend their meetings but I would not interact with CARD members. I would have picked up any printed material that would give information on them as a group, I would have listened to whatever was being discussed and I would have tried to identify the main protagonists. My recollection is that CARD was not a particularly secretive group so it was not difficult to gather information. I would not describe this as undercover work as I did not adopt an undercover identity during this time.

14 8. I undertook a further Special Branch role which I believe was in the late 1960s and, I subsequently carried out further roles 15

15 [REDACTED] before joining the SDS in 1970. I was promoted to the rank of Detective Sergeant in summer 1970. 16



Formation of the Special Demonstration Squad

9. I do not recall discussing why the SDS had been formed when I was in Special Branch and I did not give much thought to it. Looking back on it now, violent disorder was commonplace and I suspect that this was the catalyst for the SDS's formation. The groups that posed a risk of disorder were often secretive and were on the look-out for police spies. Long-term infiltration was the only way to gain the trust of individuals and gather reliable intelligence.

Selection for the Special Demonstration Squad

10. Everyone in Special Branch knew of the existence of the SDS but they did not know the ins and outs of the work undertaken. I expect that I must have known about the Squad prior to joining but I cannot recall how I first heard about it.

11. I have no memory at all of how I was asked to join or whether I was interviewed for the role. It is possible that Michael Ferguson and [HN336] who were [17] in the SDS and were acquaintances of mine, suggested that I join. I expect that I was approached by either Phil Saunders or [HN294] but, as I say, I cannot [17a] remember this. My risk assessment gives the impression that I can actually recall being recruited by Michael and [HN336] but I think was a [17] misunderstanding on the part of the assessor.

12. I don't remember what I was told about the SDS before agreeing to join it but I am sure that the work must have been explained to me. I was married at the time of my recruitment. No SDS managers discussed my selection with my spouse.

13. I don't think I had any burning desire to work on the SDS but I suspect I decided to join because it was an exciting opportunity and it was one of those offers you didn't turn down. That said, it was definitely a voluntary decision.

Training and guidance in the Special Demonstration Squad

14. I do not recall there being any training before I was deployed but HN294 17a

and Phil Saunders would have counselled me and they were the kind of guys who would have ensured that I was properly prepared. They were shrewd, experienced men who we respected. I don't think I was unprepared for the role;

18 I had been in the job for several years at that time and was used to not being spoon-fed.

15. I have been asked whether I recognise a Home Office Circular document dated 12th May 1969 (Doc 3: MPS-0727104). I do not recall whether I was made aware of this document but I definitely recall being told of the dangers of being an agent provocateur. This was a subject that was regularly discussed and we were all aware of the need to avoid acting as an agent provocateur but I cannot say who this discussion was with. I think we were told that we were not to encourage or arrange any particular activities in our target groups and were just to go along with things. We had to tread a fine line between appearing enthusiastic and actually initiating the group's activities. Other than this, I don't remember any specific guidance about participation in criminality. I think it was just common sense that you would not become involved in this.

16. I was not given any guidance about the formation of relationships, whether sexual or otherwise, while undercover. The issue of sexual encounters was simply not spoken about between me and my seniors, which is perhaps not

surprising given the era. To my knowledge, sexual relationships were not an issue during my time in the SDS and I would never have dreamed of entering a sexual relationship with an activist.

17. There was no formal repetition of training or instruction during my deployment but I am sure that instructions and guidance would have been given during our SDS meetings if required.

18. I do not recall any training about what I should do if I was arrested, brought before a court or received legally privileged information. I did not receive any race equality training before or during my time on the SDS.

Undercover identity

19. My cover name while deployed was Stewart Goodman. This was based upon

19 [redacted] details given and was not the identity of a deceased child. It was not the practice at the time to use a deceased child's identity; we were just told to pick our names. [redacted] sets out the method of creation 20

20 [redacted]

20. My cover backstory was that I had been bumming around Europe playing guitar and singing and I had just returned to the country. I do not recall spending any time developing this backstory and I don't believe I visited any places or people in preparation for deployment. I think I came up with this story myself but I cannot be sure of this. I never really needed to discuss my backstory with activists as they were not the sort of people who would sit you down and discuss your past.

21. I did not have any documents in my cover name. The only time I used this name in a more formal capacity was when I rented my cover accommodation.

Cover employment

22. I did not have cover employment as my back story was that I was an unemployed musician. I don't remember what my fellow activists thought I was doing during the day time and I have no recollection of ever being quizzed about this.

Cover accommodation

23. I had a cover flat in Streatham that I lived in alone. It was a ground floor bedsit. My post would go there but I think I only stayed the night there occasionally. I don't believe that anyone visited me at the property but I vaguely recall being dropped off at it by activists. I did not live anywhere else in my undercover identity. I do not remember how this accommodation was arranged.

Legend Building

24. I changed my appearance before being deployed. Before going undercover I looked like a typical, respectable policeman with short back and sides. I grew bum fluff on my face and let my hair grow to shoulder-length. I looked scruffy and wore t-shirts and tatty jeans. This obviously presented difficulties for my personal life as I would get very strange looks while I was out with my wife.

25. I do not remember how long it was after joining the SDS before I was deployed and I cannot really recall what I got up to during my first few months in the SDS. It is clear from the documents that I have been shown that I was renting an undercover flat from at least April 1970 and the first recovered intelligence report authored by me is dated 7th October 1970. This suggests that I may have

had a period of living in my undercover identity before meeting targets. Common sense dictates that there must have been an acclimatisation period for my appearance to change sufficiently and for me to be aware of what I was doing but I really do not remember this.

26. We had an unmarked police car to get to and from the SDS office, which would have been shared between a number of officers. I don't recall whether I ever used this car when with activists; it is highly unlikely that I did because it would have been difficult to explain how I was able to own a decent car if I was meant to be unemployed.

Deployment

Infiltration of groups

27. I was initially directed towards the Anti-Apartheid Movement ("AAM") and later the International Socialists ("IS"). No other groups would have regarded me as one of their members. My risk assessment also refers to CARD. I think this is an error as I was involved with CARD before my time on the SDS.

28. I remember very little about my involvement with AAM. I do not recall if AAM membership was formal or informal. I am sure that I must have attended their meetings but I have no memory of this. I had thought that I was only involved with AAM for a couple of months but the documents I have been shown suggest that I interacted with AAM from at least October 1970 until February 1971. I think my involvement with AAM was preparation for later becoming part of a more militant group; effectively it was my training ground and allowed me to gain legitimacy and an activism background to then move on to another group.

29. I have been asked about my reporting on the Dambusters Mobilising Committee ("DMC"). I cannot recall anything about DMC. I can see from reports I produced that this Committee met at the offices of AAM and it seems to me that it was a sub-committee of AAM and I presume I became involved with it due to my infiltration of AAM. I can see from DOC 7 that the DMC's activities related to the Cahora Bassa dam and I assume the group's aim was to prevent the construction of this dam.
30. I have been asked whether I produced more than one report on AAM. I cannot answer this due to my limited recollection but, as I have said, I think DMC was effectively part of AAM.
31. In relation to my reporting on AAM's conference on 19th January 1971, I am unable to recall this event or the reason why I reported certain information. In my report I have stated that MP Michael Barnes would be present. The fact that an MP was going to attend would have been notable. MPs giving their support to protest movements was potentially of interest to Special Branch.
32. It appears from the documents provided to me that I started reporting on IS from February 1971. I do not recall the exact timing of my shift from AAM to IS but have no reason to doubt the impression given from the documents. I would have been directed to join IS as this was a group that Special Branch was particularly interested in. I can only surmise that my path was being mapped [17a] out by Phil and [HN294] and they wanted me to wind up infiltrating IS. I think it was probably decided that I would ultimately report on IS even before I joined AAM.
33. I recall that there was an advert in the IS newspaper stating that volunteers were wanted. I phoned the general secretary of the Lambeth Branch, [Privacy] [Privacy] and told him that I was interested in joining. I met [Privacy] in a pub

one evening. I expect we had a few pints together. I cannot remember the conversation we had but he accepted me as a member and I started to attend meetings of the Lambeth branch of IS. I focused on the Lambeth branch of IS because my cover accommodation was in Lambeth.

34. I have been asked whether I recall producing more than one report in November 1970 but I cannot remember this. I have also been asked whether I remained deployed from May to September 1971 as there are no reports available from this period. I did not have any breaks in my deployment, so I must have remained deployed. I don't specifically recall submitting reports during this time but I don't know why it would have been any different to the rest of my deployment. I cannot remember how often I submitted reports, but a lot of the time there was no need to produce a report because there was nothing of interest happening.

35. I recall that a lot of our intelligence was passed on verbally at the SDS office 17a meetings and Phil and HN294 would take notes of this. I do not think that I typed up the reports that have been provided to me; I believe they would have been produced within the office from the information that I passed on so I would not know how many reports were eventually produced or whether any reports are missing.

Tasking

17a 36. I was tasked by HN294 and Phil Saunders throughout my deployment. I do not remember the conversations that I had before commencing my deployment but I must have been told which groups I was to target. I knew that I was meant to obtain intelligence on the membership of my target groups, the

sort of people they were, the risks they posed and who the trouble-makers and instigators were. I understood that the overall objective was to provide useful information about demonstrations and intelligence about people who were seen as subversive. I was not given specific instructions about how to carry out my role; it was fairly obvious how it should be done. I think my expected length of deployment was open-ended; it had to be like that because of the nature of the work.

37. I have been asked whether I was given information about my target groups from other sources. I have no memory of this but I am sure I would have been given access to it if it was necessary.

38. I do not recall the level of tasking during my deployment or how exactly it was communicated, but I imagine tasking occurred during meetings at the SDS flat.

I think I went to the SDS flat at least a couple of times per week. Phil and HN294 17a ran a pretty tight ship but UCOs had to have a fair bit of free rein. If you could not be trusted to make decisions yourself, you could not do the job of a UCO as you would necessarily be fending for yourself a lot of the time. I am sure that I would have been able to suggest avenues of investigation and we were encouraged to use initiative. If something arose that seemed to be of interest I would report on it, even if I had not been specifically tasked to report on it. That said, there was obviously a limit to the discretion we were afforded and, for example, I would not have decided to attend a meeting of a different IS branch; a decision like that would only be made by HN294 and Phil. 17a

17a 39. HN294 and Phil would have been very aware of who I was meeting with and would have known where we were going. I think we would have been told to attend particular demonstrations if they were expected to be problematic HN294 and Phil 17a

also kept a close eye on compromise risks and would intervene, for example, if it was likely that two UCOs would be attending the same meeting.

Premises

40. There were two SDS flats, one in the [redacted West London] and one [redacted 21a] [redacted 21b] in [redacted Central London] later on. These were SDS safe houses that we used as offices.

41. I would attend one of the flats at least two or three times per week for "office [redacted 17a] meetings". Either [redacted HN294] or Phil, or sometimes both of them, would almost always attend and other UCOs who were available would be there. I think we would have lunch there and the meeting would then take place in the afternoon. Sometimes we went to the flat just to complete our own paperwork without necessarily having to have Phil or [redacted HN294] there. [redacted 17a]

Pattern of life whilst undercover

42. I cannot recall how much of my time was spent on and off duty but I would say that I attended at least 3-4 meetings and demonstrations of my target group per week. It felt full on. I had very little time with my family and although I usually slept at my family home, I would be working most evenings. It was a very difficult time for my family [redacted sets out impact caused by SDS role] [redacted 22]

[redacted 22] [redacted]

43. When I was on duty I would either be with my target group at meetings and demonstrations or I would be at the SDS office. I don't recall doing anything else while on duty.

44. As I have said, I remember very little detail about my time with AAM/DMC. While on duty in my undercover identity with IS I attended meetings of my target

group, went on demonstrations and helped to recruit new members. I would put leaflets through people's doors and then go with [Privacy] to meet possible new recruits. The meetings that I attended tended to take place above pubs and I remember that a lot of Guinness would be drunk. I think the meetings were fairly ad hoc and it was a pretty loose knit group. We socialised in pubs as part of the activism but I would never meet up with targets for purely social purposes. I do not remember attending any parties and definitely would not have gone for dinner with any of the activists.

45. I do not recall many of the marches and protests that I went on; they have all blurred into one. It was an era of marches and demonstrations and as such, they were a weekly occurrence. I remember carrying banners and flags and selling the IS newspaper at protests.

46. I had to tread a fine line between appearing to be involved and committed to the group while also not actually instigating any of the group's protests. I tried to be an enthusiastic follower but certainly not the ring leader. I became the treasurer of the Lambeth branch of IS. I don't remember how this happened. I think it probably happened naturally as I was always good with arithmetic but it may be that it was encouraged by Phil or [HN294]. I suspect at the least that I would [17a] have checked with Phil or [HN294] whether I could take the position. I was careful [17a] not to use this position to influence the group's activities.

47. I have been asked how my time on the SDS compared to my working life in Special Branch. You were much more of a free agent on the SDS but we were still expected to attend SDS office meetings unless we had a good reason not to. The hours I worked while on the SDS were not much longer but they were more anti-social.

Pay and over-time

48. I think I would have earned a bit more while working on the SDS compared with Special Branch. I must have been paid for overtime while I was undercover but I cannot recall this. I do not think my take home pay was affected in any other way although, possibly I incurred more expenses.

Reporting on the Dambusters Mobilising Committee

49. As I have said above, I don't remember what DMC was or what their objective was and I have not been able to recall anything from reading the documents presented to me. I have been asked about a DMC meeting on 1st October 1970. I have no recollection of this meeting or how I came to attend it. Similarly, the name Privacy means nothing to me.

50. I have been asked about the activities of members of DMC. I cannot provide any information about this but I can comment on members of AAM more broadly. Members of AAM were not involved in violence, criminality or subversion, to my recollection. Although the group was non-violent, they would be involved in the organisation of protest marches with huge numbers of protesters. At the time, anti-apartheid groups were very bound up with the political issues of the moment, including the Vietnam War, and it was a pretty forceful movement. Other protest groups, such as the International Socialists and the Communist Party, tended to latch on to protests arranged by the anti-apartheid groups and these protests had the potential to become violent.

Although I did not think about it at the time, I imagine AAM was a target because of the large scale protests it arranged and the concern that if the movement continued to gather momentum, it could pose a serious risk to public order.

51. Upon learning that a protest was planned, it was likely that I would have tried to find out how many members of the group were going to attend and report this information back to either Phil or [HN294] It was important to try and determine [17a] how big the protest was likely to become and therefore, the risk to public order. The size of the protest also dictated the number of officers that were required to police the protest.

Reporting on the International Socialists

52. The modus operandi of IS was subversion; they wanted to overthrow the political system. They believed that the only way to do this was through violent struggle rather than politics and although members did not set out to be violent at protests, if it came to an altercation with the police, they certainly would not shy away. The police were very much seen as the enemy. Public disorder at IS protests was fairly commonplace.

53. I have been asked about a report I submitted on 9th February 1971 relating to IS. I do not know whether this was the first report I submitted in relation to IS. I suspect that the Perspectives Document appended to my report would have been given out at the meeting, it must have been available to members who attended. This document was fundamentally of interest to Special Branch as it set out the aims of IS.

54. I have been asked how I obtained a photograph of Duncan Hallas, which was submitted to Special Branch. Special Branch photographers attended

significant protests and took photographs of those present. These photographs were sometimes shown to officers in the SDS to identify the individuals because we were most likely to know who they were. I do not recall this photograph but I am fairly certain that this is how it has originated. The covering note would then have been typed up on my behalf and submitted to Special Branch. I cannot recall anything about Duncan Hallas' activities but I can see from DOC 19 that he became National Secretary of IS in March 1971, shortly after this photograph was taken, and so presumably was someone of interest to Special Branch.

55. In relation to the document appended to my report dated 15th March 1971 (Doc 18: UCPI0000007923) I must have been provided with a copy of this but I do not remember how. I can see from my reporting that I attended the conference to which it relates so I may have been given a copy in advance of this. I presume that I appended it as it provides information about IS's priorities and development as a group.

56. I have been asked about a report I submitted on IS's Annual Conference (Doc 20: UCPI0000007924) and in particular how I was able to produce such a detailed report. I think it very unlikely that I would have remembered this level of detail even immediately after the conference. I suspect that an account of the conference was circulated to IS members shortly after the conference and I have used this to prepare my report. This would account for the length of time between the conference and my report being submitted. Any documents appended would have been given to me at the conference and I presumably thought they were of interest.

57. In a report dated 30th September 1971 (Doc 23: MPS-0731832) I have recorded that nothing discussed “was of interest to Special Branch”. Sometimes activists would just talk about socialist theory and then we would all go to the pub. Plainly this would not be of interest to Special Branch and I would just use common sense and my experience to decide whether it would be of interest; I did not apply any criteria to this assessment. Despite the meeting not being of interest I have included the names of the attendees. We always gave names of the people who attended meetings; this was just what you did regardless of the content of the meetings as it indicated who was still actively involved with the group.

58. I have been asked various questions about the frequency and timing of my reporting in October and November 1971. I am afraid I cannot assist the Inquiry in relation to this as I do not remember.

Public order and violence

59. I was present when there was public disorder at protests. I am sure I got swept along with the crowd on some of these occasions but I did not actively contribute to the public disorder. Similarly, there were occasions when I was present at demonstrations that turned violent and I recall having to run out of the way with police horses charging at us. I am afraid I do not recall the specifics of these protests. I was never violent while deployed and did not experience violence myself.

Subversion

60. The whole raison d'être of Special Branch was counter-subversion. Special Branch dealt with those members of the public who wanted to overthrow our system by violent means, whatever their political leaning. It just so happened that when I was in Special Branch, most of these groups were on the left of the political spectrum.

61. I am not convinced that I witnessed effective subversion while I was undercover but, as I have said above, IS certainly had subversive intentions.

62. I have been asked why my reporting was copied to the Security Service. Special Branch and the Security Service worked hand in glove with each other. Special Branch was the pro-active, visible arm of the Security Service and the Security Service would obviously have an interest in anything that might pose a risk of large scale unrest. To my knowledge, I did not have any personal contact with anyone from the Security Service while deployed.

Sexual relationships

63. I did not engage in any sexual activity in my undercover identity.

Other relationships

64. I was closest with [Privacy] the head of the Lambeth IS branch. When I became the Treasurer of the Lambeth branch I was effectively his right-hand man. I had more interaction with [Privacy] than with anyone else. I also frequently associated with someone by the name of Paul (I believe his surname was Holborow CHECK SPELLING). He was part of [Privacy]'s inner circle. My association with Paul was not particularly close but because we were both

closely connected with [Privacy] we overlapped fairly regularly. Other than becoming Treasurer of the Lambeth IS branch (the circumstances of which are set out above), I did not assume any other positions of trust.

Criminal Justice and other legal or disciplinary proceedings

65. The only criminal activity that I engaged in while in my undercover identity was fly-posting at the Oval cricket ground. All I remember is that we went out fly posting and I helped daub posters on the walls and all of a sudden we heard police sirens and we scarpered. The police did not catch me. I don't recall how I became involved in this; it could well be something that happened without me having prior knowledge of it and if I hadn't gone along with it, it would have seemed suspicious. Had I known about it in advance, I think I would have briefed Phil about it as any possible police involvement could risk compromise.

[17a] I don't know whether [HN294] or Phil knew that I had been involved in fly-posting.

66. The only other incident of criminality during my deployment was when I crashed my unmarked police car. I had been at a pub with activists and I would have parked the car away from the pub so as not to arouse suspicion. I drove home while under the influence of alcohol and crashed the car into a tree. Uniformed officers attended and I gave my real name to the officers and told them that I was an undercover officer. It is very unlikely that I had my warrant card with me but I was probably able to provide enough information for them to believe who I was.

67. Even though I was definitely intoxicated, I was not taken to the station and I was not arrested. I was driven home by uniformed officers from the scene of the crash. I believe that the uniformed officers would have called Phil Saunders

either that night or first thing the next morning. I assume that I must have met with Phil the next day to discuss the incident but I cannot recall this. Since the car was written off, I am sure that the incident must have been escalated above Phil's level but there was no formal disciplinary action taken against me. Had anybody been injured during this incident then I am sure it would have been approached differently.

68. I was charged with driving without due care and attention and I attended court with Phil Saunders and pleaded guilty. I think I was either charged in my cover name or I was charged in my real name and it was not revealed that I was a police officer. I am sure that I would not have attended in my real name as a police officer since this would have risked compromising me. I do not remember my real driving licence being endorsed, which leads me to think it is more likely that I appeared in my cover name. I also have a vague recollection of Phil Saunders telling me that he had briefed the Magistrates in private that I was an undercover officer. I believe that I was given a fine.

69. I do not remember exactly when this incident happened but it was definitely towards the end of my deployment. I think it may have been the catalyst for me being withdrawn but I cannot be sure about this.

70. I never appeared as a witness in criminal proceedings in my undercover identity and I do not believe that the product of my reporting was ever used in support of, or disclosed in connection with, a criminal investigation or prosecution.

71. I did not provoke, encourage or cause any other person to participate in criminal activity while I was deployed as a UCO.

72. I was not otherwise involved in any legal proceedings, complaint against an officer or disciplinary proceedings in my undercover identity.

73. I never became aware of any legally privileged information while I was deployed as a UCO.

Elected politicians

74. I do not recall reporting upon any elected politicians but I note that I have made reference to MP Michael Barnes attending a meeting (DOC MPS-0732551)

The use to which my reporting was put

75. The whole purpose of the SDS was to collect intelligence for policing demonstrations effectively and to gather information about people who were considered a possible risk to the status quo. I assume the information I provided was used in this way.

76. I think my deployment was moderately successful. I do not remember a sense of enormous accomplishment but I did what was asked of me and I felt happy about how it went. Looking back on it now, I regard it as one of the highlights of my police career even if it was pretty scary a lot of the time.

Exfiltration

77. The documents I have been shown indicate that my deployment ended in November 1971. Regrettably I do not remember anything about my withdrawal or the reasons why I left at this time. As I have said above, I can only speculate that it may have been to do with the car accident I was involved in. I did not maintain contact with anyone I had reported on after my deployment ended.

78. I do not specifically recall any guidance about the appropriate length of SDS deployments but I think the general consensus was that the normal length was two or three years.

Managers and Administrative Staff

79. Phil Saunders was the Detective Chief Inspector in charge of the SDS at the 17a time and HN294 was beneath him. They were the only two managers in the SDS at the time. They largely ran the unit jointly but Phil Saunders would have the final say. Phil would have reported to a Chief Superintendent but I do not remember who this was. It seems from the documents (DOC 21) that

23a HN332 had taken over from Phil Saunders as the DCI in charge by September 1971. My memory has been jogged by these documents and I have a very vague recollection of Phil being promoted and HN332 taking over but 23a I cannot say much more than this.

80. There were no administrative staff in either of the SDS flats but there must have been back office staff at Scotland Yard to deal with the paperwork. I may have spoken to them on the telephone but I cannot recall any of their names now.

Management and supervision: general arrangements

17a 81. I had routine contact with Phil and HN294 and presumably HN332 23a towards the end of my deployment. I would see them at the SDS office meetings at the flat at least two or three times per week. If I needed to speak to them outside of these meetings, I could phone them at any time. Phil and HN294 were 17a very open and approachable and we would discuss everything and anything during our meetings.

82. I would verbally report information to Phil and [HN294] at the SDS office meetings [17a] and may also have reported matters over the phone but I don't recall doing this.

[17a] Phil and [HN294] would take notes at our meetings. I must also have submitted some written information but I do not believe I produced the typed reports that I have been provided with. I think these have been typed up by administrative staff on the basis of the information I fed back.

83. I remember that there was a very encouraging environment within the SDS, [17a] fostered by Phil and [HN294] but other than that I cannot say what their reaction was to my reporting.

84. There were no formal arrangements for monitoring my welfare. We did not live in a cotton wool society and you were expected to look after yourself but Phil [17a] and [HN294] were certainly concerned for our wellbeing. I am sure that if I had said to Phil that I was experiencing difficulties and needed to take a day or two off he would have said absolutely. Phil was very supportive after the car accident. Even though I was drinking quite heavily at this time, there was no suggestion that I had any more of a drink problem than anyone else in Special Branch and my drinking certainly was not addressed by management following this incident. There was a lot of drinking within IS but I also drank before my deployment. Drinking was very widespread and was not seen as a welfare issue within the Police at that time.

Senior management and oversight bodies

85. I do not recall any individuals with the rank of Superintendent or above visiting the SDS during my time on the squad. I do not think that any outside bodies visited the SDS; I think I would remember this.

Deployment of contemporaries

86. To the best of my recollection, the following people were members of the SDS:

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HN68, HN326, Dave Fisher, Michael Ferguson, HN336, HN340, HN45, Jill Mosdell, HN338, HN342, HN343, HN347, HN348, HN332, Phil Saunders, HN294 and others.

87. I think my deployment overlapped with:

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HN68, HN326, Michael Ferguson, HN336, HN45, Jill Mosdell, HN338, HN332, Phil Saunders, HN294 and others.

88. I do not think anyone I remember from the SDS was deployed into the same group as me at the same time. I don't think I was the only person deployed in IS but I would not have known who else was part of IS as they would have been in another branch. The SDS was careful not to overlap officers, for obvious reasons.

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89. HN68 was a member of the SDS when I joined but I do not remember if he was there when I left. He was deployed into Irish groups; I do not know which groups.

90. I do not know whether David Fisher used a cover name.

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91. HN338 and Jill Mosdell did use cover names but I do not remember what they were.

92. I do not remember anyone by the real surname of Wilson in the SDS.

23a 93. I have been asked what role HN332 performed within the SDS. I think that he took over from Phil Saunders as the DCI in charge of the unit but it is also possible that he was temporarily standing in for Phil. I do not remember 23a HN332 using a cover name; he was not deployed to my knowledge.

17a 94. I have set out HN294 role above. He was Phil's deputy. He was not deployed and did not have a cover name.

95. To my knowledge, none of my contemporary UCOs committed a criminal offence or encouraged or caused a third party to do so. I do not know of any UCOs who were arrested, charged or tried in their undercover identities. I am not aware of any UCOs being involved in criminality, public disorder or violence while deployed.

96. I do not think any of my fellow UCOs engaged in sexual relationships while in their undercover identities.

97. I do not know of any of my contemporary UCOs reporting legally privileged information and I am not aware of them reporting on elected politicians.

Post-deployment

Period immediately post-deployment

98. I don't recall being debriefed after my deployment with the SDS or being offered any support; this wasn't really necessary.

26 99. After leaving, I went straight back to work in ██████████ Scotland Yard. This role was chosen specifically to keep me out of the public eye; I don't think I had any say in this posting.

27 100. I later moved to ██████████ a further role ██████████ in the mid-1970s. I decided to leave Special Branch to broaden my experience; it was

quite an insular culture at the time. I was still a Detective Sergeant when I left Special Branch.

Post Special Demonstration Squad police career

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I found it a difficult transition from Special Branch as I had no experience of conducting detective work but my time in the SDS did not otherwise affect my subsequent police career.

102. I have been asked whether my time on the SDS had a long-term impact on my welfare. My deployment contributed towards 29 a negative event in personal life which obviously affected my wellbeing. I also experienced a sense of anti-climax in the roles I undertook immediately after leaving the SDS but this was probably inevitable. I was never aware of any welfare support offered by the MPS.

Leaving the police

30 103. I retired from the Police in the 90s after many years of service at the rank of 31 a high rank I re-trained as a non-police qualification and remained in 32 this role until 2001. I have since lived in foreign location returning 33

34 to the UK in 2010's and now work in a non-police related role. [REDACTED]

Undercover work in the private sector

104. I was never spoken to about using my undercover identity while still in the MPS or thereafter. This never arose and I did not carry out any further undercover work after leaving the SDS.

Any other matters

105. There is no further relevant evidence that I am able to give.

Request for documents

106. I do not have any documents that are potentially of relevance to the Inquiry's terms of reference and I have not referred to any document other than those included with the Rule 9 request.

Diversity information

107. I am a white British male.

I believe the content of this statement to be true.

Signed:

HN339

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Dated

13.02.2019