

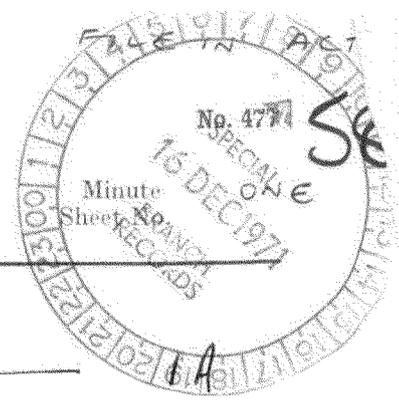
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13 day of DECEMBER 1971

SUBJECT Terence  
McSWINEY Cumann  
of Sinn Fein

Reference to Papers  
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1. The following information has been received from a reliable source:-
2. "The weekly meeting of the 'Terence McSWINEY' Cumann of Sinn Fein (Provisionals) took place at the 'Westcott Lodge' Lower Mall, W6, between 8.30 pm and 10 pm on Thursday, 9 December 1971. The meeting was chaired by Sean LYNCH. [redacted] Privacy was the minute secretary. Five other persons were present:
3. [redacted] Privacy announced that [redacted] Privacy had given him a list of nine persons living in the West London area who had applied to join Sinn Fein. He had interviewed the three he felt would be acceptable to Sinn Fein and had sent them notification of the meeting. He hoped to interview the other six in the near future.
4. Sean LYNCH and [redacted] Privacy next gave a report on the two recent Comhairle Ceantair meetings. [redacted] Privacy then complained that he had received reports that the South London Cumann had again been collecting money in the West London area and that [redacted] Privacy had accepted sums of over £1 for which he had not issued receipts. [redacted] Privacy had also received 'money for papers' which he had been asked to pass to [redacted] Privacy. To date this money had not been received. As a result [redacted] Privacy requested that at the next Comhairle Ceantair meeting it should be emphasised that members of Cumainn should collect monies only in their own areas. If this was not agreed then members of the 'Terence McSWINEY' Cumann would refuse to make collections.
5. [redacted] Privacy read a circular letter from Sinn Fein Headquarters Dublin. The letter suggested that on a date (not specified) over the Xmas period, Cumainn and the Comhairle Ceantair should hold a 'hunger strike' from 9 am to 9 pm at some central place in their districts. Those taking part should carry suitable placards drawing attention to the plight of the internees in Northern Ireland. It was generally agreed to raise the matter at the next Comhairle Ceantair meeting, so that all London Cumainn could hold a token 'hunger strike' on the same day.
6. The next meeting of the Cumann was arranged for the same venue at 8.30 pm on Wednesday, 15 December 1971. [redacted] Privacy and [redacted] Privacy were appointed delegates to the Comhairle Ceantair meeting to be held on Friday, 10 December 1971.



7. The following persons are known to have attended:-

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Sean LYNCH ✓

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8. Special Branch references are given in the attached appendix.

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APPENDIX

Special Branch report on a Terence McSWINEY  
Cumann of Sinn Fein meeting held on 9.12.71

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Privacy

Sean LYNCH ✓

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