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3 day of November 1971

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SUBJECT Croydon

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1. The following information has been received from a reliable source:-

2. "Croydon International Socialists held a public meeting on Thursday, 28 October 1971, at Ruskin House, Coombe Road, Croydon, on "Women's Liberation". It was attended by 25 persons.

3. The meeting which began at 8 pm and ended at 10 pm, was addressed by a member of International Socialists introduced only as 'Margaret'. She gave a short account of the growth of the WLM since the Ford machinists strike of 1968. She explained how women had accepted a generally passive role in society due to the present education and family unit system.

4. A general discussion followed and it was generally agreed that women had little hope of achieving liberation in a capitalist society and that as society was the fault women should join with the revolutionary left and together strive to change society.

5. The speaker pointed out that many women were interested only in improving middle-class conditions and she thought that this would shortly lead to a split in the WLM much as it had done in the USA.

6. The chairman, Peter MARTIN, stated that members of Croydon International Socialists were now attending meetings of the Croydon Women's Equal Rights Group and hoped in this way to influence their thinking and make them more politically aware.

7. The following persons were known to have been present:-

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8. The description of the speaker introduced as Margaret is:-

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Aged about 24 years, 5'5", long fair hair, wears spectacles - large circular lenses, fresh complexion, small features, slim build, smart, well spoken, wears ring with large dark stone on 2nd finger right hand - watch on left wrist".

9. Special Branch references are given in the attached Appendix.

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Detective Constable

Submitted

*J. Hyde*  
Chief Inspector

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APPENDIX

to Special Branch report on a Croydon IS meeting  
held on 28.10.71

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