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SUBJECT Central
London I.S.C.

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

2. "On Friday 13 August 1971 a meeting of the Central London Branch of the Irish Solidarity Campaign was held at the 'General Picton' P H. Killick Street, N1, from 8.30 to 10 pm. The Chairman was Privacy and there were about 35 persons present.

Reference to Papers
400/70/204

3. The only speaker was Privacy of the International Socialists. The meeting had originally been arranged as one in the current series of 'ISC. Forums', but in view of the situation in Ireland it was felt that Privacy should speak on 'Internment'. He summarised the events leading up to the Government decision to intern leading IRA and political activists. Of the 230 men still being detained only about 30 at the most had direct IRA connections and none of these were high ranking officers. The remaining 200 were left wing political workers whom the Government considered potentially dangerous. The most significant point was that none of these arrested were Protestants.

4. Privacy then dealt with rumours regarding the treatment given to most of the internees, including beatings and even threats of death. There was little concrete evidence, but he hoped to receive positive proof of the ill-treatment shortly.

5. Following Privacy's talk there was a general discussion. It emerged that some of those present were under the impression that the meeting had been called to co-ordinate action for the demonstration on 15.8.71. They were informed that this was not so, but nevertheless some of the time was spent discussing the demonstration. The majority of the contributions were no more than general attacks on the Government, the Army and the police.

6. The following were among those present:

Privacy

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

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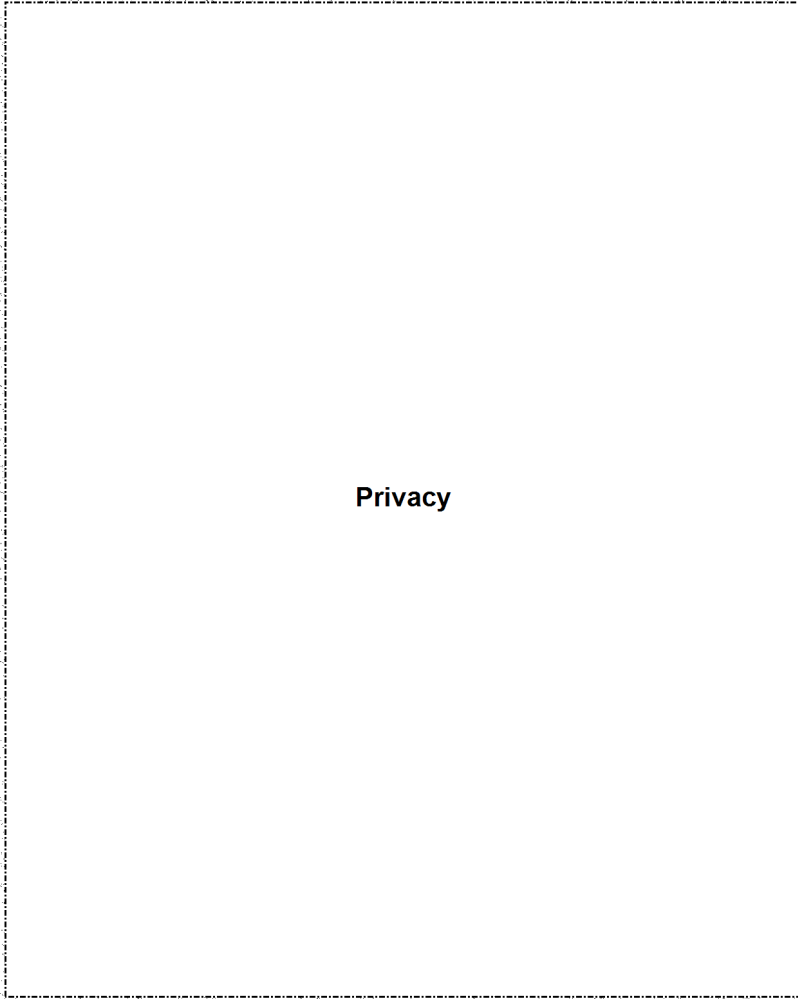
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APPENDIX to Special Branch report re a Central London ISC meeting on 13 August 1971:



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