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Witness: Second Witness Statement of  
[1] [REDACTED] / HN334

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**UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY**

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**Witness:** [2] [REDACTED] / HN334

**Occupation:** Retired

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1. I have been asked to provide a witness statement for the purpose of assisting the Undercover Policing Inquiry. In preparing this statement I have sought to answer all the questions asked of me in the Rule 9 request dated 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and provided to me on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.
  
2. I have referred throughout this statement to a number of documents provided to me by the Undercover Policing Inquiry.
  
3. A significant amount of time has elapsed since my deployment with the Special Demonstration Squad ("SDS") and my career in the Metropolitan Police Service ("MPS") came to an end. This has meant that I am not able to recall in any great detail, if at all, many of the answers to the questions asked of me. Where I have been able to provide an answer, I have done so to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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### Personal details

4. My full name is [REDACTED] <sup>4</sup> HN334 [REDACTED]. My maiden name is [REDACTED] <sup>5</sup>. My date of birth is [REDACTED] <sup>6</sup>.

### Police career before and after serving with the SDS

5. I joined the MPS on [REDACTED] <sup>7</sup> 1965. I know this because one had to be at least 19 years old in order to join the MPS and I joined about a week after my 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. I have been shown my Central Record of Service (Doc 1: MPS-0722805 pp.2-3) which records my date of joining. However, the quality of the document is such that the exact date of joining is not visible and so it does not assist.
6. My Central Record of Service (Doc 1: MPS-0722805 pp.2-3) shows that I joined Special Branch on [REDACTED] <sup>8</sup> early [REDACTED] 1968. This accords with my recollection. My rank on joining Special Branch was Detective Constable.
7. On joining Special Branch, I was attached to B Squad, which dealt with Irish matters. My role was to research and carry out enquiries into people known to be involved in Irish political activity. It was a desk job, but also involved going out and discreetly making enquiries with individuals or places, such as councils and libraries, that held paper records containing personal information. I returned to B Squad after my attachment to the SDS.
8. I did serve on other squads in Special Branch after I left the SDS, but I cannot be sure of which squads, or when, due to the passage of time. I may have been attached to D Squad at some stage, carrying out naturalisation enquiries.

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9. After my time on the SDS, I undertook subsequent police postings

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10. I did not undertake any undercover policing or work using a cover identity prior to joining the SDS or afterwards. I do not consider my work in Special Branch to have involved the use of a cover identity. When carrying out enquiries, I did not say that I was a police officer but nor did I rely on a cover identity or legend in order to obtain the information I was seeking; I simply did not tell anyone who I was. *Special Branch was very different from the SDS: you could be more discreet with your identity, and most of the time you could obtain the information you were seeking without people knowing that you were a police officer or that the police were interested in the individual about whom you were making enquiries.*

11. When I was posted to Special Branch, both before and after my time on the SDS, I would often attend political meetings. These meetings were the same sorts of meetings I attended when on the SDS. As a Special Branch officer, I attended these meetings in the same clothes I had worn at work that day. I did not say I was a police officer but I also did not attend in an undercover identity. If I were asked who I was, I would give my name; it was not like on the SDS where my identity needed to be completely secret. Tasking by Special Branch to attend a particular meeting took place daily by 6.30pm: even though we tended to work from 10am to 6pm, we had to wait at the office until senior officers had completed these taskings for that day. Senior officers decided which meetings would be

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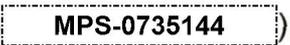
covered by Special Branch and who would be tasked to attend. Taskings were not related to the Squad to which you were attached: we were covering general Special Branch work. After I attended a meeting, I would come back to the office and write my report.

### **SDS formation**

12. I do not have any knowledge about the formation of the SDS. I think it had been formally formed by the time that I joined.
  
13. I recall that Conrad Dixon and <sup>10</sup>[REDACTED] HN332 [REDACTED] were principally responsible for setting up the SDS. They were also responsible for inviting people to join the Squad.
  
14. Due to the passage of time, I cannot now recall whether I was told the reason(s) why the SDS was set up. My understanding was that the SDS was set up to obtain information about the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign ("VSC") demonstration in October 1968 in order to prevent a repeat of the violence that was witnessed at the March 1968 demonstration. I understood my role on the SDS to be different from Special Branch insofar as I would be undercover and required to gather general information about the activities of a specific group to which I would be tasked, using a different identity. By comparison, my work in Special Branch was gathering information in response to a specific enquiry.

### **Selection for the SDS**



15. As far as I recall, the first I knew about the SDS was when I was asked to join the Squad. I cannot now remember how or when I was asked to join the Squad or who asked me to join.
  
16. I do not know if anyone was responsible for selecting me for the SDS. I did not apply for the role. I knew both Conrad Dixon and <sup>11</sup>  HN332  prior to joining the SDS because they were also in Special Branch. I think one of them was my boss in Special Branch, but I cannot remember whom.
  
17. I cannot recall precisely when I joined the SDS, save that I know it was in 1968 prior to the VSC October demonstration. I have been shown a Special Report dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1968 (Doc 3: ) , which is signed by me and which contains information about a person named  . I think I joined the SDS after the date of this report because the information contained in the report is more like the information I would have obtained as a result of a Special Branch enquiry.
  
18. I cannot recall precisely when I left the SDS, save that I know I it was no later than the end of 1968. I recall returning to Special Branch soon after the October demonstration. I believe I was only deployed for around three months.
  
19. I joined the SDS because I was asked to do so: I did as I was told, which was part of the police culture. I think I was given a choice about joining, but if I had said 'no' then Special Branch would have looked askance.



20. I cannot remember if, before I agreed to join the SDS, a manager spoke to me specifically about what the work would entail and any impact it might have on my family. I was not married when I was recruited to the SDS and so no manager would have spoken to my spouse before I agreed to join the Squad.

**Training and guidance in the SDS**

21. I do not recall receiving any training, formal or informal, for the role of an undercover police officer before I was deployed. However, I assume I received guidance from supervising officers in some form before my deployment because I was deployed to my target group with a partner, <sup>12</sup> [redacted] HN330 [redacted] and we were instructed to act as girlfriend and boyfriend as part of our cover.

22. I do not remember if I was given any explicit advice, guidance or instructions on how far it was acceptable to become involved in the private lives of those I met whilst undercover, how close our relationships with them could be, or how far it was acceptable to enter sexual relationships whilst deployed undercover. However, I understood at the time that the latter was taken to be a definite 'no no'.

23. I do not remember if I was given any advice, guidance or instructions on participating in criminal activity whilst undercover, on provoking or encouraging another to participate in criminal activity whilst undercover, on what to do if arrested or on what to do if brought before a court as a defendant or a witness. However, I knew that I should not participate in criminal activity or provoke or encourage another to do so.



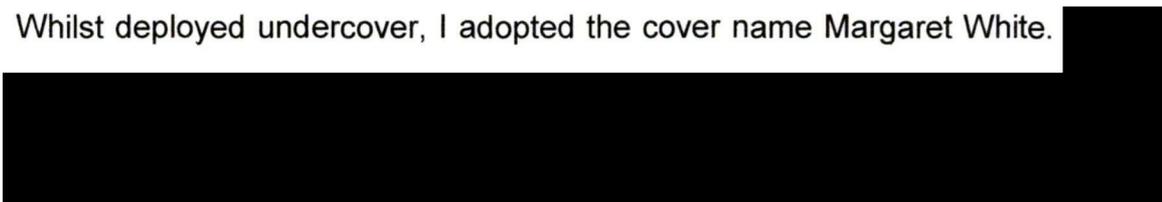
- 24. I do not remember if I received any advice, guidance or instructions on what to do if I obtained as a result of my deployment information subject to legal professional privilege or on any other ethical or legal limitations on the way in which I could behave whilst undercover.
- 25. I cannot remember what was explained to me before I was deployed or whether refresher guidance was given to me.
- 26. I definitely did not receive any training on race equality from the MPS at any stage: this did not exist in the 1960s.

**Undercover identity**

*Cover name*

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- 27. Whilst deployed undercover, I adopted the cover name Margaret White.



- 28. I do not recall being given any guidance or instruction about the creation of a name or a cover identity.

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- 29. I did not have a nickname and I was not known by any other names whilst deployed undercover.

30. I did not use a deceased child's identity or any aspect of the same when constructing my legend.

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*Assumed background*

31. Due to the passage of time, I remember very little about the cover background that I used. All I remember is that Margaret White was from Basildon and had an address in Basildon. The group into which I was deployed was based in East London, so it was better for me to live in or near that area of London.

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[REDACTED] It was really just a post box, but I did stay there every once in a while.

[REDACTED]

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32. My assumed background was something that I created alone over a period of a few days when I joined the SDS. I cannot remember if my assumed background was discussed with managers. I recall that I had to inform my managers of my cover name.

33. I have been asked whether the method of creating my identity accorded with that set out at Doc 16: MPS-0724119 under the heading 'Identity and Background Material'. I did not provide anything in writing about my cover identity, such as an autobiography.

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[REDACTED]

*Cover employment*

34. I did have cover employment but due to the passage of time I cannot remember what or where it was. I cannot remember how my cover employment was arranged, [REDACTED] 18

I did not have access to anything that would have been suitable for a cover job. I cannot remember why the cover employment that was arranged was chosen [REDACTED] 18

[REDACTED] I remember I discussed with my supervisors that the activists in my target group might want to verify my employment so there would need to be a telephone number that I could provide to them if asked.

35. I never did any work in my cover employment. [REDACTED] 19

*Cover accommodation*

36. As detailed above, I did have cover accommodation. [REDACTED] in 20  
Basildon. I arranged this directly [REDACTED] 21 without involvement from my  
supervisors. [REDACTED] 22

37. I did not share this address with any other undercover officer inasmuch as no other undercover officer lived there or claimed to live there with me. [REDACTED] HN330 23  
[REDACTED] knew that this was my cover accommodation because we were partners  
deployed into the same target group. [REDACTED] 24 HN330 had separate cover  
accommodation; I did not know, and still do not know, where this was.

38. During my deployment, I rented a room in Kensington. This was for use as a  
private address [REDACTED] 25 [REDACTED] I cannot remember

[REDACTED]

when I began renting this room. At no stage did I use this address as a cover address.

39. Apart from the above, I did not live anywhere else during my deployment: for example, at no stage did I move in with members of my target group.

*Legend building*

40. My ordinary appearance was short brown hair. I altered my appearance whilst deployed by wearing a long-haired wig in the same colour brown as my natural hair. I wore a wig because I felt short hair was a give-away for being a police officer. I remember that at one meeting, which I attended in my cover identity, an activist accused me of being a police officer. I said that I did not think I would be allowed to join the MPS with long hair like this and the activist suggested that I was wearing a wig. I tended not to wear the same clothes in my cover identity as I did in my real identity.
41. I did not receive any guidance on strategies or good things to do to change my appearance. I did not visit any places or people in order to prepare myself for being 'Margaret White'. I spent no time living as 'Margaret White' before I was deployed to my target group.
42. I did not use or have a vehicle in my cover identity.



## Deployment

### *Infiltration of groups*

43. My target group was the Havering branch of the VSC. I have been shown various intelligence reports which refer to this group as 'International Socialism (Havering Branch) (incorporating newly-formed Havering V.S.C.)'. I confirm this is the group into which I was deployed.
44. I have seen intelligence reports that state I attended meetings of the Earl's Court branch of the VSC and the Camden Branch of International Socialism. My recollection is that I was not deployed into these groups as an undercover officer, but that I attended these meetings as a result of specific taskings on particular dates and that I attended in plain clothes.
45. Only Havering VSC would have regarded me as a member or part of their group during my deployment. I use the term member loosely here; Havering VSC was very informal and there was no formal membership structure or procedure. As far as I remember, I did not have to pay a membership fee. I do not remember ever having to carry a card to show any membership. As far as I am aware, there was no membership list. I simply started attending meetings with <sup>26</sup> [redacted] HN330 and when asked why we were attending we said that we wanted to be involved in the October demonstration.
46. I have considered the reporting provided to me in connection with my deployment, and to the best of my recollection, it accurately reflects the reporting I provided. I note, however, that all of the reports that I have seen in relation to

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the Havering VSC were written by [REDACTED] HN330 : I was a new officer and since he was a Detective Sergeant, and so more senior than I was, he wrote the reports.

47. I wish to stress that all of these events took place some 50 years ago and my memory of that time is poor. I cannot recall any groups, individuals or periods in respect of which there is a significant quantity of missing intelligence reports.

### *Tasking*

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48. I was tasked to attend Havering VSC meetings, with [REDACTED] HN330 from the outset of my deployment. I do not recall who tasked me to attend these meetings. To my knowledge, there was no change in tasking during my deployment nor was my tasking refined in any way.
49. As far as I knew, I was only being deployed short-term and until the October demonstration. I do not recall being given specific instructions about being deployed into Havering VSC or about how to carry out my tasking.
50. I understood that I was tasked to attend Havering VSC meetings and to report exactly what I saw and heard at the meetings. There was no question of influencing my own tasking: I knew that I had to go to all of the Havering VSC meetings and there were not that many to attend.
51. I understood I was being tasked in order for senior officers to obtain as much information as possible about the upcoming October demonstration. Insofar as my target group is concerned, I think I was tasked to the Havering branch of the VSC because senior officers thought that it would be a troublemaking group. I

[REDACTED]

have no idea what that belief was based on because, from what I saw and heard, that was not the case at all.

52. I was not provided with access to information from any other source about my target group or individuals within my target group. My reporting never covered matters, including groups or individuals, on which I had not specifically been tasked to obtain intelligence.

*Premises*

53. Whilst I was a member of the SDS, the Squad operated from an office in Scotland Yard. I cannot remember if there were any safe houses or other premises from which the SDS operated. I do not remember how frequently I attended the office; I do not think it was as often as daily. My recollection is that I attended the office for meetings and to write up my reports.

54. I am sure that we did meet up at locations outside Scotland Yard, but I do not recall where these were.

55. The SDS had regular meetings but I cannot recall how frequently the meetings took place or whether these meetings were at fixed times, for example daily or weekly.

*Pattern of life whilst undercover*

56. I do not remember what my pattern of life was like whilst I was undercover: I do not remember how much of my time was spent on duty in my assumed identity, on duty in my real identity or off duty. All I remember is living and sleeping in my



empty room in Kensington and attending the Havering VSC meetings. I do not remember what I did with the rest of my time. I assume that when I was not attending meetings I had other SDS work to do and that I attended the office in order to do it.

57. I did not work fixed shifts on the SDS: my hours varied according to the meetings I was attending. This was different from Special Branch, where I worked the same hours each day and was expected to sign in and out.

58. Being on the SDS did not affect my pay in any way. We did not do overtime as such. I do not recall being out of pocket as a result of my time in the Squad but equally I do not recall having extra money. I assume that the rent for my room in Kensington was covered as there was no way I could have paid for that kind of place on the salary that I received. I also assume that I received expenses for matters relating to my deployment, for example my wig. Again, I cannot see how I would have paid for that out of my own pocket because it was an expensive item in those days.

*'Uncommitted' officers*

59. I have been asked whether I ever acted as an 'uncommitted' officer, as described in Doc 16: MPS-0724119 pp.3-9 under the heading 'Period of Service'. I never acted as an 'uncommitted officer'. I do not know if any of my female colleagues ever did. I have never heard of this expression in relation to the SDS.

[REDACTED]

60. I have been shown Doc 3: [MPS-0735144] which is a Special Report dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1968 regarding information about a person named [Privacy] [Privacy].

61. This report is signed by me and bears my name. Accordingly, I would have written this report. Due to the passage of time, I do not have any independent recollection of this report.

62. As stated above, I do not think I was a member of the SDS at the time of writing this report. The information contained in this report is more like the information I would have obtained as a result of a Special Branch enquiry. In particular, the report concerns only one person rather than a group. It is typical of the sort of work I did in Special Branch: we would often be tasked with updating the information held on particular activists. I assume that the report was found in 'Special Branch file 346/68/15 Part 1 VSC Autumn Offensive 1968' because the subject's name was mentioned in relation to the Autumn Offensive.

#### *Reporting on International Socialism*

63. I have been shown Doc 4: [MPS-0733716] which is a Routine Meeting Report dated 6<sup>th</sup> August 1968, Doc 5: [MPS-0733720] which is a MPS Telegram dated 7<sup>th</sup> August 1968, and Doc 6: [MPS-0733721] which is a Special Report dated 8<sup>th</sup> August 1968. All three documents concern a meeting of the Camden Branch of International Socialism on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1968.

64. Due to the passage of time, I do not have any independent recollection of this meeting. I note that in Doc 4: [MPS-0733716] under 'officers present', I am

[REDACTED]

listed as being present at this meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1968 along with [REDACTED] <sup>29</sup>

<sup>29</sup> [REDACTED] HN68. I also note that in Doc 5: [REDACTED] MPS-0733720 [REDACTED] HN68 <sup>30</sup> who authored this telegram, states that he was present at this meeting with me. I assume, therefore, that I was present.

65. I do not think my attendance at this meeting was anything to do with the SDS.

Firstly, I do not recognise the signature of the Chief Inspector in Doc 4: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MPS-0733716 as someone that was on the SDS. If the meeting report related to a SDS tasking then I would expect the report to be signed by someone from the SDS. Secondly, the handwritten comment on the report suggests it is going to A Squad. If it related to a SDS tasking then I would not expect this comment to be present in the report or the report to be circulated in this way. Accordingly, I assume I was tasked to attend this meeting as part of my Special Branch duties.

66. I think that <sup>31</sup> [REDACTED] HN68 and I would have attended the meeting together. I was only undercover when I attended Havering VSC meetings. Accordingly, I would have attended this meeting in plain clothes and not undercover. <sup>32</sup> [REDACTED] HN68 and I were not pretending to be in a relationship.

67. I do not know why both <sup>33</sup> [REDACTED] HN68 and I attended this particular meeting. I think those higher up generally wanted people to attend meetings in pairs.

*Reporting on the Earl's Court branch of the VSC*



68. I have been shown Doc 2: MPS-0722100 p.41, which is the second and only surviving page of an undated Routine Meeting Report. The content of the report suggests it relates to a meeting of the Earl's Court VSC.
69. The signature on this report is not mine. Roy Creamer's name appears below the signature so I can only assume that it is his signature.
70. Due to the passage of time, I do not have any independent recollection of this meeting. I note that under 'officers present' I am listed as being present at this meeting. Accordingly, I assume that I was present.
71. Given the report is undated, I am unable to say whether or not I attended the meeting when I was attached to the SDS. If I attended as a Special Branch officer, I would have attended this meeting in my real identity and in plain clothes but I would not have let it be known that I was a police officer. If I attended when I was attached to the SDS, I would not have attended the meeting in my cover identity because it was not a Havering VSC meeting; I would not have been known by members Earl's Court VSC so there would not have been any need for me to attend in a cover identity.
72. I do not recall how Earl's Court VSC compared to Havering VSC.
73. I am unable to comment on why the report states it was 'worth noting' that of those who attended the full length of the meeting 'about half were persons of colour' because I did not write the report. Roy Creamer was a very good officer and he knew far more than me about what to include in reports.



74. I have been shown Doc 8: MPS-0722104 p.2, pp.29-30 which is a Routine Meeting Report dated 26<sup>th</sup> September 1968 regarding a meeting of the Earl's Court branch of the VSC on the same date.
75. Due to the passage of time, I do not have any independent recollection of this meeting. I note that under 'officers present' I am listed as being present at this meeting with Detective Sergeant Fisher. Accordingly, I assume that we were both present.
76. I think that Dave Fisher and I would have attended the meeting together. As I have stated above, I was only undercover when I attended Havering VSC meetings. Accordingly, I would have attended this meeting in plain clothes and not undercover. Dave Fisher and I were not pretending to be in a relationship.
77. I do not know why both Dave Fisher and I attended this particular meeting. As I have stated above, I think those higher up generally wanted people to attend meetings in pairs.
78. I have been shown Doc 12: MPS-0722104 pp.213-214, which is a Routine Meeting Report dated 10<sup>th</sup> October 1968 regarding a meeting of the Earl's Court branch of the VSC on the same date.
79. This report is signed by me and bears my name. Accordingly, I would have written this report.



80. Due to the passage of time, I do not have any independent recollection of this meeting or this report. I note that under 'officers present' I am listed as being present at this meeting with Detective Constable <sup>34</sup> **HN322**. Accordingly, I assume that we were both present.

81. I think that <sup>35</sup> **HN322** and I would have attended the meeting together. As I have stated above, I was only undercover when I attended Havering VSC meetings. Accordingly, I would have attended this meeting in plain clothes and not undercover. <sup>36</sup> **HN322** and I were not pretending to be in a relationship.

82. I do not know why both <sup>37</sup> **HN322** and I attended this particular meeting. As I have stated above, I think those higher up generally wanted people to attend meetings in pairs.

*Reporting on the Havering branch of the VSC*

83. I have been shown Doc 9: **MPS-0731906** which is a Routine Meeting Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 1968, Doc 10: **MPS-0731911** which is a Routine Meeting Report dated 5<sup>th</sup> October 1968, Doc 13: **MPS-0731910** **[REDACTED]** which is a Routine Meeting Report dated 15<sup>th</sup> October 1968 and Doc 15: **MPS-0735146 & MPS-0735148** which is a Routine Meeting Report dated 29<sup>th</sup> October 1968. Each of these reports relates to a meeting of the Havering branch of the VSC on the same date as the date of the report.

84. Due to the passage of time, I do not have any independent recollection of each of these meetings. I only have a general recollection of attending Havering VSC meetings.



85. I note that each of these reports is signed by <sup>38</sup>  and that under 'officers present' we are both listed as present. Accordingly, I assume that we were both present at each of these meetings.
86. <sup>39</sup>  and I attended all of the Havering VSC meetings together. We were both present because we were deployed together into Havering VSC. We were both under instruction to attend all of the meetings. We always attended the meetings as a couple and we made it known that we were a couple. As I have explained above, this was part of our cover identities and legends; it is what we were instructed to do by our managers.
87. I cannot recall exactly why those present at the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October 1968 considered that the 27<sup>th</sup> October 1968 demonstration had been a 'complete and utter disaster'. I think they had wanted a repeat of the March 1968 demonstration with the same level of unlawful violence; this did not happen in October.
88. I have been shown Doc 17: MPS-0733355, which is a Special Report dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 1969 regarding photographs taken at the demonstration on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1968.
89. This report is signed by me and bears my name. Accordingly, I would have written this report. However, due to the passage of time, I do not have any independent recollection of this report.



90. I did attend the demonstration on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1968. I attended with Havering VSC in my cover identity. I assisted with making a Havering branch banner and then marched with the group under the banner. I have no recollection of the demonstration, other than marching under the banner.
91. Given the date of Doc 17: MPS-0733355 and the content of the report, I believe it emanated from my work in Special Branch rather than from my deployment in Havering VSC. Looking at the content of the report, I assume I was tasked with making enquiries into what Frederick Hallas looked like. It would have been entirely separate from my attendance at the October demonstration.

*Other reporting*

92. I have been shown Doc 19: MPS-0735145 which is a Routine Meeting Report dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1970 regarding a Stop The Seventy Tour Committee North West London meeting on the same date.
93. Due to the passage of time, I do not have any independent recollection of this report.
94. I note that under 'officers present', I am listed as present along with Woman Detective Sergeant Crampton. Accordingly, I assume that I was present at this meeting. Based on the date of the report, I am sure that I would have been in Special Branch, rather than attached to the SDS, when I attended this meeting. This would have been an ad hoc tasking outside of our day-to-day Special Branch duties and this meeting would not necessarily have related to the Squad to which we were attached in Special Branch. It is likely that Helen Crampton and I were



tasked with attending this meeting the previous day, in the manner I have described above.

95. I have been shown Doc 20: MPS-0728484 pp.2-4, which is a Routine Meeting Report and a MPS Telegram both dated 9<sup>th</sup> June 1970 and regarding an Anti-Apartheid Movement meeting on the same date. Given the date of the Telegram, I believe I was in Special Branch rather than the SDS at the time.
96. Due to the passage of time, I do not have any independent recollection of this Telegram. I note that it states it is 'From DC [REDACTED]<sup>40</sup>', which means that DC [REDACTED]<sup>41</sup> was present at the meeting and called the message in. I further note that my name and signature appear beneath the message. This means that I was the officer on telephone duty and I would have received the call from DC [REDACTED]<sup>42</sup>, taken his message and made this written record of it.
97. I note that my name is not listed under 'officers present' in the Routine Meeting Report relating to the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1970. Given this, and my comments regarding the telegram, I assume I did not attend this meeting.
98. I have been shown Doc 21: UCPI000008219, which is a Routine Meeting Report dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 1971 regarding the demonstration on the same date by the Ad Hoc Committee for the March 6<sup>th</sup> Demonstration (Women's Liberation Workshop). Given the date of the report, I believe I was in Special Branch rather than the SDS at the time and therefore that I was tasked to attend this demonstration as a Special Branch officer. I think the signature of the Acting Chief



Inspector is that of Inspector <sup>43</sup> **TN0039** whom I knew as a Chief Inspector in Special Branch.

99. I have been shown Doc 22: **UCPI000008220** which is a Routine Meeting Report dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 1971 regarding a meeting of the Women's Liberation Workshop on the same date. Given the date of the report, I believe I was in Special Branch rather than the SDS at the time and therefore that I was tasked to attend this demonstration as a Special Branch officer. I do not recognise the signature of the Acting Chief Inspector in this report.

100. I have been shown Doc 23: **MPS-0735147** which is a Special Branch Telephone Message dated 9<sup>th</sup> June 1971 and timed 21:45 hours. Given the date of the message, I believe I was in Special Branch rather than the SDS at the time. I do not recall DI <sup>44</sup> **HN294** so I am unable to say what role he held at this point in time.

#### *Trade Unions*

101. I did not join any trade union or become involved in trade union affairs in any way whilst an undercover police officer serving with the SDS.

#### *Public order*

102. I did not witness any public disorder nor did I participate in any public disorder whilst serving undercover with the SDS.

#### *Violence*

103. I did not witness any violence to people or property nor was I involved in either violence to the person or to property whilst deployed undercover with the SDS.



*Subversion*

104. I understood the MPS Special Branch to have a role in countering subversive activities. I understood the scope of this role to mean gathering as much information about certain people as possible so that Special Branch knew what they stood for, what they were doing and where the subversive activity took place. I gleaned this understanding over time and with experience of working in Special Branch.

105. I would not describe any of the activity that I witnessed whilst undercover as 'subversive', principally because I have no independent recollection of it.

106. I think I knew at the time that my reporting was being copied to the Security Service. I certainly knew that Special Branch was involved with MI5 and other forces <sup>45</sup> 

. I understood that my reporting was shared with the Security Service for reasons of national security, which also concerned them. I personally did not have any direct contact with the Security Service.

*Sexual relationships*

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

*Other relationships*

108. I did not form any close personal relationships with any individuals during my undercover deployment.



109. I did not assume any positions of trust or responsibility of any kind whilst deployed undercover. Other than attending meetings, my only involvement with the Havering VSC was helping to make their banner for the October demonstration.

*Criminal justice*

110. I did not participate in any criminal activity whilst I was deployed undercover. I was never arrested, charged, tried or convicted of a criminal offence whilst serving as an undercover police officer.

111. I never appeared in criminal proceedings as a witness in my undercover identity, nor did I provide evidence for use in any prosecution arising from my undercover deployment.

112. As far as I am aware, the fact of me being an undercover officer was never disclosed in relation to someone else's arrest, charge, trial or conviction of a criminal offence.

113. I never provoked, encouraged or caused any other person to participate in any criminal activity whilst I was deployed undercover with the SDS.

114. To my knowledge, the product of my reporting was never used in support of, or otherwise disclosed in connection with, a criminal investigation or prosecution.

*Other legal or disciplinary proceedings*

[REDACTED]

115. I was not involved in any way in my undercover identity in any other legal proceedings, in any complaint against a police officer or in any disciplinary proceedings involving a police officer.

*Legal professional privilege*

116. I have no recollection of ever receiving or becoming aware of any legally privileged information whilst I was deployed undercover.

*Elected politicians*

117. I do not recall any of the people upon whom I reported being elected politicians.

*The use to which my reporting was put*

118. To my knowledge, and to the best of my recollection, my reports were submitted to Phil Saunders and Conrad Dixon in the SDS office. I do not know what happened to the reports after that, but I assume that Phil Saunders and/or Conrad Dixon would action anything in the reports that required actioning.

119. I think my reporting made very little contribution to policing at the time. I was so naïve and I was not very political. I merely reported what I saw and heard. I did not read into anything.

*Exfiltration*

120. My deployment ended after the October demonstration; I believe I left the SDS at the end of 1968, possibly as soon as November, but I cannot remember precisely when. As far as I am aware, it was only intended that I be attached to



the SDS for a short period in order to cover meetings up to the October demonstration and then I was to return to Squad duty within Special Branch.

121. I have been asked whether I recall that it was a rule that an officer serve on the SDS for no longer than twelve months, as suggested in Doc 16: MPS-0724119 under the heading 'Period of Service'. I did not know about this rule.

122. I do not recall how I withdrew from my deployment, nor can I remember if my withdrawal was planned. I remember using the observation of the October demonstration being 'a complete and utter disaster' as an excuse to leave my target group, but I do not remember what I told people or how I went about informing them that I would not be returning. I know that I would have said something because I needed to finalise things so that those within Havering VSC knew that I would not be returning.

123. I do not recall any supervision or managerial oversight of my withdrawal; I doubt there was much, if any. My supervising officers would simply have said 'you are finished here and you are back on Squad'.

124. Once my deployment ended, I did not maintain contact with anyone from my target group and I did not make any further use of my cover name. As far as I was concerned, I knew we had to draw a line under the deployment and cease contact with individuals from our target group so that they would not start wondering where we were and try and contact us.

*Managers and administrative staff*



125. Conrad Dixon's management of the SDS was not something I would question. He was very friendly and approachable. He told you what to do and you did it. I did not have much to do with him day-to-day, but he was the sort of person that I would have gone to if I had a problem.

126. I understood that Conrad Dixon was seeking to be more knowledgeable about the plans and preparations being made for the October demonstration so that uniformed police would be able to respond more effectively than they had done at the March demonstration.

127. Conrad Dixon and Phil Saunders were the principal individuals in my chain of command. Although <sup>46</sup>  occupied a managerial role, I recall that he was deployed in the field like I was.

128. I have been asked whether my chain of command accorded with that set out in Appendix A of Doc 16: MPS-0724119. I think that this structure existed after my deployment. I would put Chief Inspector at the top, then Detective Inspector and then everyone else underneath. I do not recall Detective Inspectors having delineated roles such as Operations, Administration and Press and Liaison. I do not recall there being as extensive a hierarchy as this document suggests. The chain of command stayed the same whilst I was attached to the SDS.

129. I cannot recall any other managers who were serving in the SDS but who were not in my chain of command during my time in the Squad.



130. There were administrative staff, other than the managers, serving in the SDS during my time in the Squad. I remember Joan Hillier held a clerical role. I have been shown the list of officers and duties set out in Appendix B of Doc 16: MPS-0724119. I do not recall Roy Creamer holding a clerical role; I thought he was deployed in the field. I do not remember Bill Furner's role.

131. I do not remember the extent to which my role in the SDS brought me into contact with the administrative staff, nor do I remember in what circumstances I had contact with the administrative staff.

*Management and supervision: general arrangements*

132. I do not remember which managers I had routine contact with. As far as I remember, I had contact with whoever was in the office, either by telephone or when I came into Scotland Yard. I cannot recall how frequent this contact was or how often we had face-to-face meetings. I cannot remember what subjects were discussed when we had face-to-face meetings.

133. Given the documents that I have been shown, I clearly reported back by way of written reports. I may also have reported back in face-to-face meetings and conversations but I have no recollection of this. I cannot remember what the managerial response to my reports was. Havering VSC was a non-starter so I cannot imagine there was much to warrant a response.

134. I do not know that there were any means of monitoring my welfare whilst I was deployed.



**Senior management and oversight bodies**

135. I do not know of any senior managers or individuals from an outside body with a regulatory or oversight responsibility for policing visiting the SDS during my deployment.

136. I did not receive any form of commendation for my work on the SDS.

**Deployments of contemporaries**

137. I have been asked whether a number of people were in the SDS and, if so, whether their service overlapped with mine.

138. I confirm the following people were in the SDS and their deployments overlapped with mine: Conrad Dixon; Phil Saunders; Ray Wilson; <sup>47</sup> [redacted]; Helen Crampton; <sup>48</sup> [redacted]; Dave Fisher; Joan Hillier; <sup>49</sup> [redacted]; Barry Moss; <sup>50</sup> [redacted]; <sup>51</sup> [redacted]; <sup>52</sup> [redacted].

139. Bill Furner was definitely in the SDS but I am not sure whether he overlapped with me; I think he did and that he was in the office.

140. To my knowledge, Roy Creamer was on B Squad and not on the SDS. I do not remember if <sup>53</sup> [redacted] or Mike Tyrell were on the SDS at the same time as me, or at all.

141. I do not remember the names <sup>54</sup> [redacted] or <sup>55</sup> [redacted].

[REDACTED]

142. I knew Joan Hillier to be in the SDS office; other than general administration, I do not know what she did in this role.

143. I do not remember what [REDACTED] <sup>56</sup> [HN322's] role was on the SDS whilst I was on the unit; as I have said above, I am not sure whether he was on the SDS with me.

144. I did not know, and do not know, whether other officers used cover names and/or what those cover names were. Accordingly, I cannot say what cover name was used by [REDACTED] <sup>57</sup> [HN331], Dave Fisher, [REDACTED] <sup>58</sup> [HN332], Helen Crampton, [REDACTED] <sup>59</sup> [HN294] or Conrad Dixon.

145. I do not recall [REDACTED] <sup>59A</sup> being a member of the SDS. I do know him. He may have been on the Squad after me.

146. [REDACTED] <sup>60</sup> [HN68] was a member of the SDS throughout my time on the Squad.

147. I knew two people with the surname Wilson: Ray Wilson and Riby Wilson. However, I only recall Ray Wilson being on the SDS whilst I was on the Squad.

148. To my knowledge, none of my contemporaries committed a criminal offence or provoked, encouraged or caused a third party to commit a criminal offence whilst undercover.

149. To my knowledge, none of my contemporaries engaged in sexual activity whilst in their cover identities.



150. To my knowledge, none of my contemporaries were arrested, charged, tried or convicted in their cover identities or were involved in incidents of public disorder, violence or other criminal activity whilst deployed.

151. To my knowledge, none of my contemporaries reported any legally privileged information whilst deployed.

152. To my knowledge, none of my contemporaries reported on the activities of any elected politicians whilst deployed.

153. My contemporaries, through their deployments, gained the necessary information to know what was going to happen in the October demonstration. This benefitted policing because we were better prepared for the October demonstration than the March demonstration, and this was what we aimed for.

154. I do not know what my contemporaries achieved to assist the Security Service in its work.

## **Post deployment**

### *Period immediately post deployment*

155. I do not recall any period of rest between the end of my time in the field and my resumption of normal duties in Special Branch.

156. I do not recall being debriefed by anyone about my time in the field.

[REDACTED]

157. I do not recall being offered any advice or ongoing support by the SDS or the MPS following my deployment.

*Post SDS police career*

158. After I left the SDS, I returned to Special Branch. I returned to B Squad, undertaking Irish enquiries, and may have gone to D Squad as well. I also undertook [REDACTED] some subsequent police postings [REDACTED] 63

[REDACTED] I cannot remember any other notable jobs: it was pretty mundane, [REDACTED] 64  
[REDACTED]

159. I remained in the MPS for four years after leaving the SDS. The above Special Branch postings took me to 1972 when I left the MPS [REDACTED] 65

160. There was no particular reason why I held the above roles in Special Branch; my service with the SDS, as an undercover police officer, did not have any influence on these postings. The fact that I was a woman was probably the most influential factor: there were very few women in Special Branch [REDACTED] 66

161. Working as an undercover officer in the SDS did not have any long-term effect on my welfare. I do not recall there being any welfare services and support available to me within the MPS as a former undercover officer.

*Leaving the police*

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162. My rank on leaving Special Branch and the MPS was that of Detective Sergeant.

I had passed the Inspector's exam prior to leaving the MPS but there was no position in that rank available to me; at the time, there was only one position available for a female Inspector and it was occupied. Accordingly, I was never formally promoted to the rank of Detective Inspector. Shortly after I left the MPS, the system changed such that there was no longer a distinction between male and female officers and their respective roles, and the ranks of WPC and WDC were no longer used.

163. As I have explained above, I left the MPS in 1972 ██████████ 67

67 ████████. I resigned from the MPS on good terms; indeed, I was told to come straight back if my marriage did not work out. I never returned to the MPS.

164. I am now retired. I retired in ████████, when I was aged ██████ 69

### **Undercover work in the private sector**

165. I was never given any instructions or guidance of any kind about working undercover in the private sector or using any aspect of my assumed identity in the private sector before I left the MPS. I was only asked to sign a confidentiality agreement about the work I had undertaken, and I did so.

166. After leaving the MPS, I did not do any undercover work for any organisation in the private sector.

### **Any other matters**

[REDACTED]

167. There is no other evidence which I am able to give which is of relevance to the work of the Undercover Policing Inquiry. Where I have been able to provide any contextual or relevant information in addition to that asked of me in the Rule 9 request, I have done so at appropriate stages throughout this witness statement.

### **Request for documents**

168. I have in my possession 10 photographs which show me and those who were on the SDS at the same time as me. I have sought below to identify the individuals in these photographs, but there are a few individuals about whose identification I am unsure or whom I am now unable to identify. I exhibit copies of these photographs as follows:

- (i) Doc 25: MPS-0735443 – a photograph of one person, Conrad Dixon.
- (ii) Doc 26: MPS-0735442 – a photograph of three people, Helen Crampton, Joan Hillier and me (from left to right).
- (iii) Doc 27: MPS-0735444 – a photograph of one person, [REDACTED] HN329 [REDACTED] 70
- (iv) Doc 28: MPS-0735445 – a photograph of three people, [REDACTED] HN332 [REDACTED] 71  
Conrad Dixon and [REDACTED] HN329 [REDACTED] 72 (from left to right).
- (v) Doc 29: MPS-0735446 – a photograph of four people, Helen Crampton, possibly [REDACTED] HN331 [REDACTED] 73, Joan Hillier and [REDACTED] HN68 [REDACTED] 74 (from left to right).
- (vi) Doc 30: MPS-0735447 – a photograph of two people, Phil Saunders and possibly Bill Furner (from left to right).
- (vii) Doc 31: MPS-0735438 – a photograph of two people, Dave Fisher and Ray Wilson (from left to right).
- (viii) Doc 32: MPS-0735439 – a photograph of 17 people. In the bottom row, from left to right, are [REDACTED] HN332 [REDACTED] 75, Helen Crampton, Conrad Dixon,

[REDACTED]

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Joan Hillier, Phil Saunders and possibly [HN331]. In the middle row, from left to right, are [77] [HN330], person unknown, person unknown, Ray Wilson, me, possibly Riby Wilson and Roy Creamer. In the top row, from left to right, are possibly Bill Furner, [79] [HN68], [80] [HN329] and Dave Fisher.

- (ix) Doc 33: MPS-0735440 – a photograph of one person, me.
- (x) Doc 34: MPS-0735441 – a photograph of 11 people. In the bottom row, from left to right, are [81] [HN332] Phil Saunders, Helen Crampton, Conrad Dixon, me and [82] [HN68]. In the top row, from left to right, are Roy Creamer, person unknown, Ray Wilson, DAC Ferguson and [83] [HN326].

169. My recollection is that the photographs of the Squad (Docs 25-32) were taken at a gathering in the SDS office just before the original group of officers was disbanded following the October demonstration. It looks like the photographs were taken inside a room at Scotland Yard, which would accord with my recollection of the event and the location of the SDS office. On the rear of each of the original photographs is a Kodak stamp and a date stamp, in the form month and year. The date stamps are very faint; on a couple of the photographs I can just about make out that the stamp says 'Nov 1968'. I assume this date is the date the photographs were printed. I cannot provide the exact date on which the photographs were taken, but we would have got the photographs processed and printed very quickly after they were taken because they were of the group that was about to disband. I do not know if the photographs were taken on my camera.



170. The photograph of me (Doc 33) was taken in my parents' garden. My appearance is how I looked in my cover identity: I am wearing the brown-haired wig, which I describe above; the clothes I am wearing were typical of what I wore in my cover identity. The photograph was likely taken near the beginning of my deployment <sup>84</sup> . I cannot provide the exact date on which the photograph was taken. On the rear of the original photograph is a Kodak stamp, a Tudor stamp and a date stamp, in the form month and year, which clearly says 'Nov 1968'. I assume this is the date the photograph was printed. This photograph definitely would have been taken on my camera.

171. The photograph of 11 people (Doc 34) is taken much more recently. I believe it was taken at a Special Branch reunion at Scotland Yard in around 2000, but it could have been as early as 1998 and as late as 2002. I attended because members of the SDS were specifically asked to attend. Special Branch reunions took place annually but this was the only reunion that I ever attended. It would make sense if the photograph was taken in 1998: this was the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the SDS, so it would make sense why we were asked to attend this particular reunion. This photograph was taken by a photographer and then sent to me by Ray Wilson after the reunion. There are no markings nor is there a date stamp on the back of the original photograph.

172. In providing this witness statement, I have not refreshed my memory from any document other than those contained in my witness pack.

**Diversity information**

173. I am female and white British.



### Supplementary matters

174. I have been asked to provide a supplementary witness statement for the purpose of assisting the Undercover Policing Inquiry. In dealing with these supplementary matters I have sought to answer all the questions asked of me in the second Rule 9 request dated 20 January 2020 and received by me on 5 February 2020.

175. I have been shown a copy of MPS-0741658 and MPS-0741673 and have been asked to indicate whether (a) I can identify myself in the pictures; (b) whether I can identify anyone else in the pictures; (c) I can recall the circumstances in which the pictures were taken; and (d) if I am able to recall who took the pictures.

176. I refer to para 169 of this statement where I set out the circumstances of photographs being taken that were previously provided by me. The two photographs MPS-0741658 and MPS-0741673 were taken at the same time and location. I am unsure who took the photographs but I believe it likely that one of the group took them and it is possible that the camera was passed around.

177. MPS-0741658 is a photograph of one person, me.

178. MPS-0741673 is a photograph of four people. The man on the left is HN330 85 he is standing next to me. There are two people in the background to the right of the image. On the left is Helen Crampton and next to her on the right of the photograph I believe is Phil Saunders. Unfortunately, only half of his face is seen so I am not certain that it is Phil, it could be HN332 86

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I believe the content of this statement to be true.

Signed.. [Redacted] HN334 [87] .....

Dated ..... [Redacted] 5th February 2020 [88] .....