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METROPOLITAN POLICE

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

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19 day of December 19 70

SUBJECT

Dambusters
Mobilising
Committee

Reference to Papers
400/70/10

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

2. "On Thursday 17 December 1970, at Finch's public house, Gedge Street, W1, a meeting was held under the auspices of the Dambusters Mobilising Committee. The meeting, which began at 6.15 pm and ended at 8 pm, was attended by 9 persons.

3. "The main item for discussion was the article that had appeared in the 'Daily Telegraph' of 17.12.70 concerning the group. The article seemed to have frightened a few members of the Committee, and they decided that in the future they should check the wording of their mailing more thoroughly. Privacy said she had helped to draft the leaflet in question with several other members of the Committee. It had apparently found its way into the hands of the York Police, 'presumably through an MP having been given a copy'.

4. "It was decided to issue a press statement to the 'Morning Star' in the following terms:-

'The Dambusters Mobilising Committee states that it knows nothing of Mr Ian Colvin's article in the Daily Telegraph of 17.12.70, and that none of what was said in that article has ever been approved by the Committee for circulation in their official mailing list.'

5. Privacy said that whilst they didn't wish to denounce the ideas put forward in the leaflet, they obviously couldn't endorse them because of the legal dangers.

6. "It was decided that no member of the Committee should make any further comment to the Press.

7. "Amongst those present at the meeting were:-

Privacy

8. Special Branch references to the persons and organisations mentioned above appear in the attached Appendix.

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Detective Sergeant

Submitted

Chief Inspector

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT



Appendix to Special Branch report dated 19 December 1970
concerning a meeting of the Dambusters Mobilising
Committee on 17 December 1970

