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S.B. No. 1 (Flimsy)

Special Report }

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SPECIAL BRANCH

TO [redacted]

REF. .... 16 day of November 19 71.

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SUBJECT

N.I.C.R.A.

Reference to Papers

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

"The weekly meeting of the Hammersmith Branch of the Northern Irish Civil Rights Association was held at the 'Westcott Lodge', Lower Hall, W6, between 8.30 pm and 10.0 pm on Friday 12 November 1971. The meeting was chaired by Privacy Privacy was the minute secretary. Eight other persons were present.

Privacy told the meeting, that the branch had a credit balance of £9. Other routine branch business was discussed.

Privacy stated that he wished to send a letter to N.I.C.R.A. Northern Ireland asking them to publish a letter in the Ulster papers denouncing 'violence by legal and illegal organisations His proposal was not seconded, and caused much controversy amongst members.

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Privacy of the 'Anti-Internment League' arrived uninvited at the meeting at 9.0 pm. He was given permission to address the meeting by the Chairman. He thanked N.I.C.R.A. for their support at the rally on the 31 October and told the meeting that there would be a public meeting of the 'A.I.L.' in one of the committee rooms at the Hammersmith Town Hall at 8.0 pm on Wednesday the 17 November. The object of the meeting would be to set up a West London Branch of the 'A.I.L.' and either he or Privacy would chair the meeting. He said that it was hoped to set up branches of the 'A.I.L.' in various centres in London in the next few weeks.

The main objective of the 'A.I.L.' at present, was to organise a torchlight demonstration on the 19 December 1971. Various banners would be carried on this march "thanking the Tories for their Xmas present to Northern Ireland - Internment". If numbers on the march were sufficient, a group of marchers would be bound, probably with rope, representing each of the detainees held in Ulster. He mentioned that at the previous 'Steering Committee' meeting of the 'A.I.L.' held at the 'Irish Centre' on Tuesday 9 November 1971, "there was serious discord which was regrettable".

The following persons are known to have attended the meeting:-

Privacy

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2. Special Branch references to persons and organisations mentioned in the report are given in the attached Appendix.

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Chief Inspector

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

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APPENDIX

Appendix to Special Branch report of the N.I.C.R.A. meeting held on 12 November 1971.

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