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**METROPOLITAN POLICE**

S.B. No. 1 (Flimsy)

Special Report }

**SPECIAL BRANCH**

SUBJECT

6 day of May 19 70

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Reference to Papers

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

2. "A meeting of the National Stop the Seventy Four Committee was held at 21a Gwendolen Avenue, SW15, on Sunday 3 May 1970 from 7 pm until 11 pm. The Chairman was Peter HAIN and there were some 20 other members present. The Agenda was:-

- (i) Commonwealth Games
- (ii) Finance
- (iii) General strategy
- (iv) London region
- (v) Tickets
- (vi) Heathrow demonstration
- (vii) Other business

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3. Re (i): There was a lengthy discussion on the merits and demerits of making a press release to the effect that STST would disrupt the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh if they went on without African countries participating. In the end it was decided that the principle, "Commonwealth Games or White South African cricket" was a good one, but that nothing precipitate should be done about a press statement until the attitude of India, Pakistan, and the West Indies had been established. There could be no doubt that the next two weeks would be crucial as far as getting the tour cancelled was concerned and the trump cards which STST had to play in this connection were the Commonwealth Games and the racial disorder which would occur in the event of the tour taking place; therefore the situation needed careful handling. It was anticipated that a statement would be made towards the end of the week.

4. Re (ii): There was a credit balance of £245 against which must be offset an anticipated printers bill of approximately £110. Reading held a credit of £100 so the overall picture was a favourable balance in the region of £240.

5. Re (iii): As the Springbok Rugby Tour had shown, the greatest impact on the South Africans had been felt not on the field of play,

but in their free periods. (It was known that the team had voted to return to South Africa before Christmas because of the interference with their social life). It must follow that the same tactics would have an equally demoralising effect on the cricketers, and this must be borne in mind when the planning for the tour as a whole was made.

5. Re (iv): The London region now had 14 separate STST groups, including the various colleges which had pledged their support to STST, and they were more or less self-supporting. A meeting of the planning committee would be held this week to commence the work of co-ordinating activities within the London area.

6. Re (v): A general exhortation to obtain tickets for the first four matches of the Tour was made because, unless these were obtained then the campaign would fail.

7. Re (vi): So far little headway had been made by [redacted] in his approaches to the Joint Shop Stewards Committee at Heathrow towards an attempt being made to prevent the South Africans leaving the Airport, but [redacted] indicated that he might be in a position to influence them. He also felt that it would be possible to have control of the Tannoy system at the time of their anticipated arrival (this information is extremely delicate at this stage). It is generally believed that the Team will arrive on the 8 am BOAC flight on the 1 June.

8. Re (vii): Following the Sutton demonstration Police are alleged to have approached the employers of a South African who was taking part in the picket - having traced him through his vehicle; a letter has been written to the "Guardian" to protest at this action.

9. The following persons are known to have attended this meeting:-

Peter HAIN

[redacted]  
Privacy

[redacted]  
Privacy

10. Special Branch references to the persons mentioned are contained in an appendix to this report.

M Ferguson  
Detective Sergeant

Submitted:

*Jamieson*  
Chief Inspector

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

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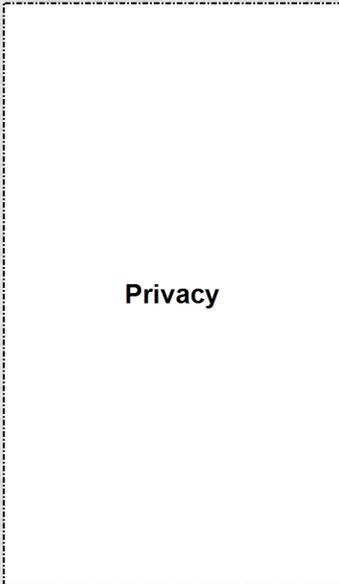


APPENDIX

To Special Branch report dated 6 May 1970 regarding  
a meeting of the National Stop the Seventy Four Committee  
held on 3 May 1970

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Peter HAIN



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