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Special Report

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12 day of May 19 70

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

2. "A meeting of the Special Planning Group of STST was held in Room S108, London School of Economics on Thursday, 7 May 1970, from 8 pm until 10.30 pm. It was attended by 9 persons.

3. The Special Planning Group's function is to suggest, co-ordinate and implement activities within the London Area from the time of the arrival of South African Cricket team until their departure. The group, therefore, had at this stage broad discussions on the following points:-

(i) Heathrow demonstration

(ii) Tickets

(iii) Demonstrations inside Lords June 6th

(iv) Hotel demonstrations.

3. (i) At this stage no definite plans have been made for a demonstration at Heathrow, mainly because of the lack of information about the time and place of arrival of the team. However, the general assumption was that they would arrive at 8 am on June 1st by a scheduled BOAC flight at Heathrow. To this end members of the planning group agreed that a 'recco' should be made of the Airport, with particular reference to the exits therefrom. It was generally felt that it would be impossible to prevent the team from leaving the Airport, but that incidents could well be staged on the route from the Airport to their hotel. It was thought that for this to be successful an efficient communications system would have to be devised, but no concrete proposals were made. West London College Students Union have offered the use of their Union premises on the night of 31 May, so that an all night party could be staged there and the participants could then be ready to move at 'a moments notice to Heathrow'. The main responsibility for the demonstration at Heathrow lies with [redacted] and as he was not present the whole subject was left somewhat in the air.

Privacy

4. (ii) The purchase and location of tickets was of vital importance to the success of any operation which would be conducted on and around the field of play, but there was an immediate difficulty, apart from the financial one, in that the tickets were not being issued until 23 May, and therefore no accurate

assessment of what sort of demonstration could be staged was possible until after that date.

5. (iii) [redacted] presented plans and aerial photographs of Lords, and described the 'venues' as they existed at present. He said that there would probably be two points of attack open to demonstrators:-

- a. From the raised stand (believed 'G' and 'H' stands) there was a drop of approximately 5 feet (sic) to the ground, and as there was no barbed wire or other obstruction at this stage it seemed the most likely place from which to launch an attack.
- b. From the gates opposite the pavilion, from where rollers etc were brought on the ground.

Therefore, bearing these two places in mind, demonstrators should be advised to purchase tickets for these areas.

There was also the fact that a number of tickets had been obtained for the 'members enclosure' (the pavilion), through various contacts, but the number of these was small, and would be used by members with specific tasks to perform.

It was agreed that as demonstrators would undoubtedly be ejected from the ground, it was essential that an 'operations room' should be set up in the vicinity of Lords in order that tickets and plans could be distributed, and at the moment two addresses were being assessed for this purpose.

In view of the different groups and organisations which would be present on June 6th it was difficult to make specific plans for any one type of action on the ground, but the following points were felt to be relevant:-

- a. A mass attack on the ground was desirable, but this should be delayed until near the lunch interval. Before and after this, demonstrators should endeavour to get onto the pitch in twos and threes, and once having reached the playing area, the best advice was that each should 'do their own thing'.
- b. General distractions should be mounted throughout the period of play in the form of shouting and moving about so as to distract the players attention as far as possible.
- c. Newspapers should be brought in and allowed to blow over the pitch whenever possible. The possibility of using balloons was discussed, but it was felt they were not very effective.
- d. The use of fireworks, flares and other materials of a similar nature was advocated. It was said that 'Blacks' (believed Black & Edgington Ltd) 22 Gray's Inn Road, WC1, apparently stock a 'mini-flare' used by climbers and others as a form of distress signal, which has a small launcher attachment little bigger than a fountain pen, and could therefore be easily smuggled into the ground.



Privacy said that he was endeavouring to obtain the key to a school Army Training Unit in order that he could 'make use' of its stock of thunder-flashes.

The Special Branch report dated 20 May 1974 concerning a meeting of the Agents:

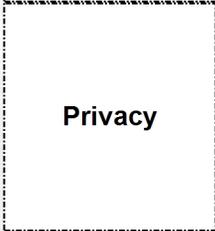
6. (iv) The question of the hotel demonstrations was to be left until the next meeting, because it was still not known at which hotel the team would be staying, and it was considered impossible to make any plans for this until the details were known.

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

Jonathan ROSENHEAD



8. Special Branch references to persons mentioned are contained in the attached appendix.



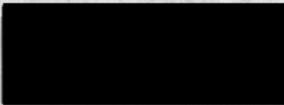
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APPENDIX

To Special Branch report dated 12 May 1970 concerning a meeting
of the Special Planning Group of STOT held on 7 May 1970

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