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Special Report

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I.C.R.S.C.

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SPECIAL BRANCH

19th January 70

TO [redacted] day of [redacted] 19

REF OF 0134

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

2. "A meeting of the Steering Committee of the Irish Civil Rights Solidarity Campaign was held on Tuesday 13 January 1970 between 8 pm and 10 pm at the Dolphin Public House, Bidborough Street, WC1. The main item for discussion was 'Whither I.C.R.S.C.?' *of 0134*

3. "Gery LAWLESS proposed that in view of the falling off of members and the lack of activity in Northern Ireland a programme of rationalisation should be carried out within the Campaign. To effect this he suggested that the various branches in London should amalgamate to form one or, at most, two branches. He added, however, that he felt that the various branch committees should remain in existence, so that in the event of a resurgence of activity (which was anticipated within the next two months) then the hard core of the organisation would be there to resume its work. Although the other members present agreed with LAWLESS in principle, none of the various branches would accept the proposal, but they did agree to refer it to branch members.

4. "LAWLESS then proposed that a demonstration should be held on Sunday 22 March 1970, as being the most politically advantageous date on which to do so. This was accepted and [redacted] Privacy was given the task of organising the demonstration. (A march from Speakers' Corner, Downing Street seemed to be the most favoured form for this to take.)

5. "Nothing else of particular interest was discussed.

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

[redacted] Privacy

Gery LAWLESS
[redacted] Privacy

Bob PURDIE
[redacted] Privacy

7. References to persons mentioned in this report

contained in the attached appendix.

M Ferguson
Sergeant

Submitted: *Samuelo*
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Appendix to Special Branch report dated 19 January 1970
concerning I.O.R.S.O. Steering Committee meeting held
on 13.1.70.

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Bob PURDIE

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