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SPECIAL BRANCH

26 day of September 1971

Special Report

SUBJECT: South West London ACAR

References to Papers 400/70/49

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

2. "On Thursday, 23 September 1971, a meeting of the South West London branch of the Action Committee Against Racism was held at the Christian Service Centre, 15 Alma Road, Wandsworth, SW18. It commenced at 9 pm and terminated at 10 pm; there were 5 persons present. The Chairman was Privacy

3. The Chairman announced he was unable to continue with ACAR work on a full-time basis as he was shortly to enrol at college and was contemplating part-time employment. Continuing he said the purpose of the meeting was to decide whether to form an anti-apartheid committee or to apply to the Anti-Apartheid Movement for a position within AA as a ready-formed South London group. It was hoped to gauge the interest of South West London ACAR members and other interested factions of ACAR.

4. Privacy raised the question of finance and the lack of interest shown by Peter HAIN. He said that to his knowledge Privacy had been promised £250 from the funds to enable him to run and finance the committee and, since this task was full-time that Privacy should receive a wage of £5 to £10 per week. To date Privacy had received £50, was in debt himself and the organisation had debts to the value of £10 with assets of only £2. Privacy felt that HAIN, ostensibly the figure-head of ACAR, would not be disappointed at the collapse of the organisation and indeed would be relieved.

5. In consequence it was unanimously agreed to dissolve S-W London ACAR and that an approach be made to AAM for recognition as a ready formed South London AA group. In addition Peter HAIN should be seen regarding finances and expression made of the committee's disappointment at his apparent lack of interest.

6. Among the persons present the following were identified:

Privacy

7. Special Branch references are shown in the attached appendix.

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APPENDIX

to Special Branch report re a S-W London ACAR meeting
held on 25.9.71

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