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Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

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SUBJECT

North

London Red Circle

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

Reference to Papers

2. "A meeting of the North London Red Circle took place on 3.8.71 from 8.30 to 10 pm at the 'Queen's Arms' P.H, Penton Street, W1. The whole of the meeting was taken up with a talk by Privacy, assisted by Privacy. The chairman was Privacy and there were about 24 persons present.

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3. Privacy talk was on Hong Kong. He gave a brief account of how Hong Kong became a British possession adding that the administrative set up there was, in his opinion, very biased in favour of the British. He concentrated on the position regarding the housing situation and said that the authorities blatantly disregarded their own legislation against overcrowding in order to try to show they were making efforts to re-house the squatters; in fact, the main reason they moved the squatters was that the valuable space taken up by them could be used by the Government since all space there was extremely valuable.

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4. He was also extremely critical of the police, accusing them of being completely corrupt with the exception of the Commissioner who, although he had tried very hard to stamp out the corruption, had not succeeded and, since it was so deep rooted, was not likely to. He accused them of being brutal, especially in their suppression of demonstrations and, because of this, there was very little political activity as the students were careful not to jeopardise their future by taking part either in politics or demonstrations. The exception had been the 1966/67 riots when the situation had become serious.

5. The following were among those present:-

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6. Special Branch references are contained in the attached appendix.

Submitted

Chief Inspector

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Sergeant

APPENDIX

to Special Branch report re a meeting of the North
London Red Circle held on 3.8.71.

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