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members of this group were charged with conspiracy to rob; of these, four were acquitted, one pleaded guilty and was sentenced to nine years' imprisonment while one failed to answer his bail. Four other members are still at large. There is no evidence of any operational collaboration between this group and any terrorist group active outside the United Kingdom.

8. There is a possibility that members of Anarchists Armed will engage in violence and that other groups with similar objectives will emerge, but there is no evidence of a violent anarchist group (such as the former Angry Brigade or those now existing in Germany or Italy) in the United Kingdom with the capability, resources, and support facilities to engage in a sustained series of major acts of terrorism. If an anarchist campaign of violence were launched, its likely targets would include prominent figures and government installations, including those in the defence field.

#### Anti-Nuclear Groups

9. Anti-Nuclear Power groups have been active since 1977 in arranging demonstrations in various parts of the country. In the past two years there has been a marked increase in the number of small anarchist dominated or influenced groups in the United Kingdom, the most prominent being London Greenpeace; the latter plays a major co-ordinating role in anti-nuclear affairs and is responsible for many of the international links. During the same period there has also been a considerable increase in contact between British anti-nuclear power groups and their Western European counterparts.

10. The bulk of the anti-nuclear power lobby (including most of the anarchist groups) in the United Kingdom is opposed to the use of violence and there is no evidence of any current terrorist threat from that quarter. Pressure for more militant forms of action could build up among anarchists and other subversives as a result of foreign influences, especially if present methods fail to achieve the movements' objectives and if the more militant and often violent methods employed on the continent are seen to be more effective. If the movement in the United Kingdom were to adopt violent tactics its targets could include defence establishments with a nuclear connection.

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