

METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

Date : 4th October 1995

Subject :

The following information has been received from a secret and reliable source:

The Colin
Roach
Centre

1. "In preparation of the transition of the Colin Roach Centre (CRC) which will soon become known as 'Resistance', there have been divisions between leading activists as to the intended role of the newly-named group.

Reference:

SDS Ref:
S. 0738

2. Mark METCALF presented a draft constitution to a recent meeting. METCALF was proposing that Resistance should be organised along the lines of the 'Marxist democratic centralist model', and he assumed that this would be politically acceptable to the majority of activists (as indeed it was). He was surprised, therefore, to be presented with an alternative draft constitution prepared by [Privacy] the CRC treasurer, which would effectively maintain Resistance in the same community-based anarchist federation as the CRC is now. [Privacy] is supported by influential members of the CRC, including the Solidarity Federation contingent. His supporters include: [Privacy] Celia STUBBS [Privacy] and [Privacy]

3. [Privacy] and Celia STUBBS followed up the presentation of the alternative constitution with an attack on METCALF, accusing him of trying to turn the CRC into a political party, thereby losing touch with the community it draws its support from. [Privacy] threatened that if METCALF prevailed then he and the Solidarity Federation group would leave.

4. Such a development would cause serious problems for Resistance as a group, and for individuals within it. Graham SMITH, in particular, would be torn between his respect for METCALF and his regard for STUBBS and [Privacy]. STUBBS and [Privacy] are responsible for free legal advice sessions run at the CRC in conjunction with Birnberg & Co, and for the Defence Information Service (DIS). The DIS is a database available, for a fee, to lawyers. It lists the details of police officers who have been reported or convicted of criminal or disciplinary offences, or who have been the subject of complaints. The DIS is an important source of income for the CRC.

5. By way of response to [Privacy]'s threat, METCALF in turn has threatened to resign if the membership refuses to advance politically. Battle lines have been drawn, and the forthcoming conference will be interesting."

6. Special Branch references:





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Mark	METCALF	RF405/87/132
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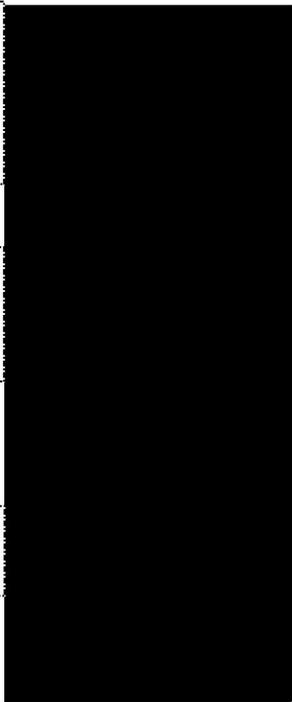
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