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Special Report

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SUBJECT

TOM

Reference to Papers

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

2. "The London Co-ordinating Committee of the Troops Out Movement met at Friends International Centre, Torrington Place, WC2 on Friday 6 February 1976 from 7.30pm until 10pm. The Chairman was Privacy and 20 persons were present.

3. Gery LAWLESS, reporting on the Bloody Sunday rally and demonstration, made particular reference to the National Party's attack on the march. He said that, although publicity had been gained because of it, he considered it might have damaged the image of the Troops Out Movement. The discussion which followed led to the main item on the agenda, internal security.

4. Those present agreed that it was a disturbing thought that members of the National Party had assembled in the public house that was to have been the meeting place of the TOM rally committee and the advertised speakers, Bernadette McALISKEY and Eamonn McCANN. Privacy was elected to head an investigation into the affair and was instructed to include in his report recommendations for security at future demonstrations and meetings.

5. The question of electing a TOM Press Officer was again raised and it was agreed, in principle, that a press committee should be elected rather than an individual officer. The first function of such a committee would be to prepare a comprehensive statement about the general harassment of TOM by the state, especially the denial of indoor public halls such as the Hammersmith Palais. Privacy, Rick GIBSON, Privacy and Privacy were then chosen to be members of the committee. Having motivated this strategy, Gery LAWLESS refused to serve on the committee.

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6. The remainder of the business was of a general routine nature, although Privacy reported that sponsorship for the trade union delegation to Ireland had increased."



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7. References of persons known to have been present:-

Privacy	[Redacted]
Gery LAWLESS	RF 335/57/L
Rick GIBSON	RF 405/75/2
Privacy	[Redacted]

8. References of other persons mentioned in this report:-

Bernadette McALISKEY	[Redacted]
Eamonn McCANN	Privacy

[Redacted] G.T.M. Craft
 [Redacted] Chief Inspector

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

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