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[redacted] Special Branch report and attachments — 1A

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[redacted] 1. Ch. Supt 'A' Squad to see please re para 9

[redacted] (Dc [redacted] to note) - info. re the Cmmo. on 29/4 is being drawn with on 346/72/11

2. CC Bristol is aware that 3 coaches will be travelling from London on 15.4.72 (para 5)

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TN0036 [redacted] 4. Dr [redacted] TN0036 to see

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14.4.72

Commander
for Chief Supt

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Special Report

**METROPOLITAN POLICE**

**SPECIAL BRANCH**

13 day of April 19 72

SUBJECT

Anti-Internment League

Reference to Papers

400/72/42

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

2. "On Tuesday 11 April 1972 between 9 pm and 10.30 pm a delegate meeting of the Anti-Internment League took place at the Irish Centre, Camden Town, NW1. The meeting was jointly chaired by Privacy and Privacy. Fifty-five persons were present of whom 27 were voting delegates.

3. Privacy opened by repeating the resolution presented at the last meeting on Tuesday 28 March 1972. The resolution was:- "The Anti-Internment League calls for the immediate release of all persons imprisoned, whether in Ireland or in England, Scotland or Wales, because of their active support for the beleaguered population in Northern Ireland, and will campaign for this demand, and instructs the Committee to inform itself of the situation of persons imprisoned and awaiting trial and to advise on the direction of the campaign". It was unanimously adopted.

4. The next item was the election of five delegates to the Committee of the Anti-Internment League. Five vacancies had occurred as the result of poor attendance of members who had in consequence lost their seats. At the end of the voting, which was restricted to delegates only, the five successful delegates were:-

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| Privacy | 13 votes |
| | 10 votes |
| | 9 votes |
| | 8 votes |
| | 8 votes |

Gery LAWLESS, one of the 15 candidates, received only 7 votes and therefore failed to be elected.

5. Following the voting the delegate from Bristol explained, at great length, the current position on the demonstration in Bristol on Saturday 15 April. He said all political organisations within reasonable travelling distance of Bristol had been circulated for their support. After the march it was intended to hold a public meeting, but so far they had had no success in booking a hall so the meeting would probably be in the open. In the evening a

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social would be held in Bristol, the profits of which would go to local Anti-Internment League funds. Privacy said three coaches would be travelling from London. The pick-up points would be as follows:

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| Quex Road, Kilburn NW6 | - | 10 am |
| Hole-in-Wall, Rochester Road, NW5 | - | 10 am |
| Hammersmith Broadway, W6 | - | 11 am |

The return to London would be staggered with at least one of the coaches waiting until the end of the social. (A copy of a leaflet to be distributed on the march is attached).

6. Privacy then presented a discussion paper on 'Direct Rule and its implications'. It was asked that delegates should take this paper back to their own meetings to obtain the views of their own members. The whole subject would be debated at some later meeting. Several members suggested that because of direct rule and the possibility of the abolition of internment that the Anti-Internment League should organise itself on a broader base so that it could continue to present a united front on the problems in Northern Ireland. As a result it was arranged that an extraordinary delegate meeting would be held on Tuesday 2 May at which time the whole future of the League would be discussed. (A copy of this paper is attached).

7. Privacy called upon the treasurer, Privacy, to give the present financial situation. Much to Privacy's consternation Privacy did not appear to be in attendance, which prompted mutterings as Privacy had been asked specifically to attend at the meeting.

Privacy

8. Privacy then brought the meeting to a close stating that the next delegate meeting would be on Tuesday 25 April 1972.

Privacy

9. Following the meeting there was much discussion in the bar on the proposed rally by Privacy and his Vanguard followers at Hyde Park on Saturday 29 April. No conclusions were reached save that it was agreed that a united front must be presented and as large a counter-demonstration as possible should take place.

10. A list of those persons identified as having been present at the meeting and of those persons mentioned in this report together with their Special Branch references is given on the attached appendix.

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Inspector

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APPENDIX to Special Branch report dated 13 April 1972 concerning a delegate meeting of the Anti-Internment League.

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Gery LAWLESS

Privacy

Bob PURDIE

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The Anti Internment League

# MARCH AND RALLY (in Bristol)

SATURDAY
April 15th

PROTEST AGAINST THE
GLOSTERS MARCH
WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM IRELAND
RELEASE ALL INTERNEES

Assemble:- The Downs top of
Blackboy Hill at 1-00 pm
March through Bristol

Details from AIL 80 Kingsdown Pde
Bristol 6