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METROPOLITAN POLICE

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Special Report

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3 day of July 1978

SUBJECT

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

2. Following arrests made at an Irish Support demonstration at Sparkhill, Birmingham on 20 May, 1978, [redacted] and [redacted] have each been sentenced to 3 months imprisonment for offences arising on that day. In addition, [redacted] was sentenced to 30 days imprisonment in lieu of a £100 fine.

Reference to Papers

3. [redacted] is now on bail, pending appeal (the grounds of her appeal are not yet known). Her action appears to be in line with current CP(M-L) policy whereby, although imprisonment is to be seen as a means of taking the political line into prisons, leading members should remain free to carry on their function within the Party. It is also likely that the costs of her appeal will be met from central Party funds. At a lower level, supporters are told that whilst the decision is a personal one, the paying of fines is generally discouraged. For the reasons already stated, however, leading members usually pay."

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4. References:-

[redacted] Privacy

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TO [redacted] 6 JUL 1978 P.A. IN

Chief Inspector

[Signature] CHIEF SUPERVISOR