

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

21 day of December

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SUBJECT

1. The following information has been received from a reliable source, which needs to be protected:-

Reference to Papers:

2. On Thursday, 12 December 1970, between 7.30 pm and about 9.30 pm, a public meeting organized by Frank Wharves took place at the Drill Hall, 74 Chancery Street, W.C.1. Some thirty persons were present. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss prison conditions, the law relating to conspiracy and terrorism, police technology and the current situation with regard to the conspiracy charges against James BOLTON, Iris GILL, Robert LIND and company.

Persons Involved

3. Proceedings were generally orderly and most of what was said appeared to have been prepared beforehand. In the event, little of importance was disclosed.

4. The main speaker was a young Irishman (first name [redacted] and about 28 years, clean shaven, freck complexion, short brown hair, slightly upturned nose, tidy appearance. He gave a long talk on prison conditions in long Irish and was at pains to draw attention to "the crisis of British imperialism".

5. One speaker maintained that social workers were being used by the authorities to gather political information on the other hand, another believed that the Police (and hence the Special Branch) were being infiltrated by well educated criminals.

6. The question of members was briefly raised and it was generally agreed that it was pointless in attempting to identify any of them since they were always duplicated.

Persons identified as being present:-

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