

S.B. No. 1 (Plain)

Special Report

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SPECIAL BRANCH

20th day of February 1991

SUBJECT.....

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Anti Gulf War
Demonstration
Parliament Sq.
15.2.91

Reference to Papers
Dealt with on
400/91/19

BOX 500

1. The following information has been received from a secret and reliable source:-
2. "On Friday 15th February 1991, between 7.30pm - 9.30pm, in the vicinity of Parliament Square SW.1 some 250 persons gathered, under the auspices of the Gulf War Resisters (GWR) and Action for Peace (AFP), to protest against the war in the Arabian Gulf.
3. On arrival some 25 protestors attempted to 'sit-down' outside Carriage Gates, the main vehicle entrance to Parliament, and were arrested for Highway Obstruction. Thereafter the remainder of the demonstrators staged a 'sit-down' protest on the pavement at the south east corner of the Square where they were surrounded by a police cordon and left to debate the war.
4. The debate in the Square was dominated by a member/supporter of the Revolutionary Communist Group (RCG) who had brought along his own loud hailer and the event concluded, after a 'two minute silence', at 9.30pm.
5. The only other incident that evening was the arrest of the Reverend [REDACTED] Privacy a member of Pax Christi, for Criminal Damage when he daubed the perimeter wall of the Palace of Westminster.
6. Despite the turnout and commitment of the demonstrators the organisers were disappointed that larger numbers had not attended. However, the AFP still intend to hold a similar event on Friday 15th March 1991 at the same time time and venue.
7. It was also announced that on Sunday 17th March 1991 GWR intend to organise a 'mass walk on' at RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire."

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8. Special Branch references:

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| Rev. | Privacy | unable to identify |
| Action for Peace | | mentions |
| Gulf War Resistors | | mentions |
| Pax Christi | | 400/67/181 |
| RAF Fairford | | mentions |
| Revolutionary Communist Group | | 400/90/71 |

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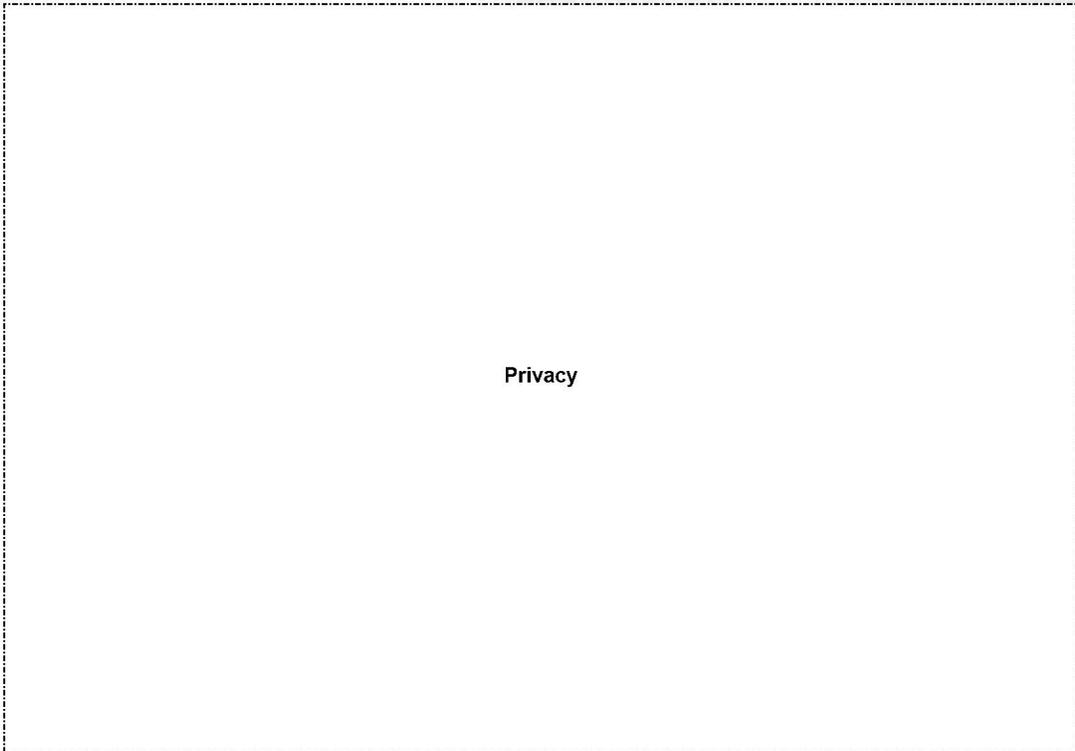
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Appendix to Special Branch report dated 20.2.91
concerning demonstration in Parliament Square by
GWR and AFP on 15.2.91.

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mentions re anarchist matters.

mentions re GWR

