

LOOSE MINUTE

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Contacts Between HN106 (an SIS Source) and Military Attache at the Russian Embassy

1. On 24 May 1982, DCI David Short, who runs the MPSE/SDS group and with whom I liaise closely, rang to say that somebody from the USSR Embassy had attended on the evening of 17 May a Revolutionary Communist Party meeting on Ireland, and on the evening of 21 May, an RCP meeting on the Falkland Islands. He had shown an interest in the RCP and it was thought possible that Soviet money could be forthcoming. Short provided a description of the man who was thought to be called [REDACTED].
2. [REDACTED] was unable to identify [REDACTED] on the above information. SDS subsequently provided the attached report (No 400/82/18 of 8 June 1982).
3. [REDACTED] call between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] discussing the lively meeting earlier that evening - "a guy from the Russian Embassy was there and [REDACTED] was talking to him in Russian. Apparently he saw the meeting in 'Time Out'". [REDACTED] did not talk to the Russian man. ([REDACTED])
4. On 9 June, [REDACTED] a meeting took place [REDACTED] with HN106 and a Russian from the Soviet Embassy. There seemed to be a possibility of Soviet money and equipment being made available to the RCP. [REDACTED]
5. Before my meeting with [REDACTED] on the evening of 11 June, I visited David Short, who by then had had a chance to discuss the situation with HN106. David Short said that HN106 had met [REDACTED] the Military Attache

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at the RCP meetings and had been introduced to him by [redacted]. HN106 was insistent that the Military Attache had made no specific proposal to him regarding Soviet money, but that the idea had been put forward as a possibility early on by [redacted]. HN106 is uncertain about the intentions of the Military Attache and has discussed it with [redacted], who also expressed himself mystified, and suggested that the Military Attache might be a queer. Nevertheless, HN106 had agreed to a returner meeting with the Military Attache at 1300 hours at the Britannia Public House, Mare Street, London E8 on Sunday 13 June. I stressed to David Short the keen K Branch and F Branch interest in this case. Short stressed the sensitivity of the SDS operation and his need to protect his source. We agreed that HN106 should meet the Soviet alone on the Sunday, [redacted].

6. [redacted]

7. SDS have prepared a brief report of the meeting on 8 June which is on its way to us [redacted].

8. This morning, 14 June, I had a brief telephone report from David Short on the outcome of the meeting on Sunday 13 June between the Military Attache and HN106. After a general discussion on politics, the Military Attache started asking HN106 for details of his relatives, home and job etc. HN106 was very evasive and refused to supply his surname, address or car registration number. Nevertheless, the Military Attache proceeded to tell HN106 that he was an officer in the Army of the Soviet Union working at the Soviet Embassy and charged with the difficult job of acquiring information about the British Army and British political organisations. Initially, he wanted to know whether the RCP made any attempts to recruit servicemen. HN106 said that no effort had been made. the Military Attache then said that he was looking for friends and would like HN106 to help him find his way around London and "collect letters". HN106 asked the Military Attache what this had to do with the RCP. the Military Attache said that they could talk about that later, but at the moment he did not want HN106 to tell the RCP what had been proposed. HN106 expressed surprise to the Military Attache and said that he needed time to think about the suggestion. A provisional agreement was made to meet again on Wednesday 16 June.

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9. David Short is debriefing HN106 later today and will be reporting in writing to Derek Kneale tomorrow. He has already discussed the case with Derek Kneale and told me that his 'governors' would make any decision as to whether HN106 should be allowed to continue the relationship with the Military Attache [REDACTED]

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Special Report

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METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH S. D. S.

8th day of June 1982

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

2. "At two recent meetings of the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) in East London, the undermentioned individual attended and privately stated that he was from the Russian Embassy. Indications are that the R.C.P. consider him a potential source of funds:-

First Name:  
Description:

3. [REDACTED] cannot be identified in Special Branch records.

Nigel Short

CHIEF OF POLICE