

NOTE FOR FILE

1. A meeting was held in F6 [redacted]'s office on the morning of Tuesday 3rd February 1981 with the SDS. Present were F6 [redacted], F7 [redacted], F7 [redacted], F7 [redacted], F6 [redacted], F7 [redacted], DI Trevor Butler SDS, and DI [redacted] HN68 SDS.
2. The purpose of this meeting was to give the SDS and the F7 Desk Officers an opportunity to discuss problems of mutual interest.
3. Prior to the meeting, F6 [redacted] laid down some guidelines as to the areas on which the SDS did not wish to be questioned too closely. On their arrival F6 [redacted] welcomed them and said that this was the first occasion that the SDS Controlling Officers and the F7 Desk Officers had had a chance to discuss their problems, and that it was hoped that similar occasions might be repeated, perhaps every six months or so.
4. Some points raised were:
  - (a) The SDS were asked if it might be possible to give advance notice of the ending of agent coverage in some of the organisations covered by the SDS in order that the F7 Desk Officer could try and make alternative arrangements.
  - (b) F7 [redacted] mentioned that one area of the extreme Left which had [redacted] was the WRP, and that this organisation might be of increasing interest to the SDS in view of the WRP's recently publicised campaign for 1981. The SDS agreed to look into this.
  - (c) F7 [redacted] thanked the SDS for their excellent report on the SWP National Conference. She went on to mention that generally speaking the SWP coverage was very good, but that improvement might be sought in Central London. The SDS agreed to look into this.
  - (d) F7 [redacted] said that she was most impressed by the SDS coverage on a lot of the Ultra Left organisations her desk dealt with, but asked that the SDS might asterisk names sent in concerning the [redacted] where the source felt that aliases were being used.
  - (e) F7 [redacted] explained that her section dealt with the Anarchist groups and that inevitably there were gaps on some of the smaller groups. The SDS agreed that their coverage of [redacted], which used to be good, had been run down and that they would try and improve this field.

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5. On the whole the meeting appears to have been well worthwhile and at the bar later both members of the SDS expressed pleasure at having been invited to take part.

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3 February 1981

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