

NOTE FOR

Liaison file

Meeting with SDS on 24 February 1983

1. The meeting referred to at serial [REDACTED] took place as arranged with [REDACTED] HN45 taking the place of [REDACTED] HN68 and with F7 [REDACTED], F7 [REDACTED], F6 [REDACTED] and F6 [REDACTED] additionally attending.
2. F7 [REDACTED] commended the work of [REDACTED] HN85 and was assured that he would continue until mid 1984. SDS are already looking for a replacement. Our consideration was given to the 121 Bookshop being a separate target, but this was ruled out as it would require an [REDACTED] UCO to live in the Collective. F7 raised the possibility of a floater in the more Anarchic end of the peace movement.
3. SDS confirmed that [REDACTED] HN65 was being withdrawn from RCPB(M/L) more quickly than originally anticipated and has already begun work against the RCP in Brixton.
4. There was some discussion of the future of the RCP in the light of F7 [REDACTED] contribution summarised in paragraphs 2 and 3 of serial [REDACTED] HN106 is due to be withdrawn by the middle of 1983 and SDS are deciding whether to replace him in the RCP or possibly consider a more general floating agent in East London.
5. SDS referred on a number of occasions to their primary brief to provide advance intelligence on issues affecting public order. Within that framework they were pleased to help us as much as possible. Dave Short was keen to find a way of replacing [REDACTED] HN155 if he could find a way of placing someone in SWP HQ. He said that he could not repeat the personal recommendation from his predecessor which had secured [REDACTED] HN155 the job, but was hoping that [REDACTED] HN67 might make a name for himself in time as he had recently become a committee member of Brixton SWP. In general, SDS consider that their coverage of SWP is too extensive to justify and they anticipated future moves to diversify.
6. Dave Short said that he was under pressure to do something about the Greenham Common Women. It later emerged

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that Thames Valley police had expressed concern at the cost of policing the site and MPSB had taken on the commitment to do something. A woman had been recruited from SB and would be joining the SDS office on 7 March. On 1 March 1983, [REDACTED]

HN68 asked me to look up [REDACTED] some information in relation to her vetting.

7. Everybody around the table had made clear the extent to which SDS information was appreciated but Dave Short made the point at the end that from time to time a piece of paper would be something more tangible which he could show to his officers.

8. After the main meeting, F7 [REDACTED] and F7 [REDACTED] discussed with SDS [REDACTED]

9. After the meeting, Dave Short expressed concern about the information on HN12 in F7 [REDACTED] letter of 19 January 1983 at serial [REDACTED]. He said that Derek Kneale had taken exception to this as he remembered personally setting up a system for avoiding enquiries from our Service about SDS people. I told Dave Short that the system set up should prevent basic identifying enquiries being made but that unless the desk knew the cover details of SDS sources, we could not rule out letters enquiring as to their progress and current level of activity. I did, however, point out that the desk was probably at fault in not having tried to obtain the file before writing a letter referring to its holder. Dave Short concurred with letting the matter rest as he preferred that our desk officers should not know the cover identities of SDS sources. He said that he had decided upon an anodyne reply to F7 [REDACTED] enquiry.

10. On 1 March I visited SDS to pass on the briefs at serials [REDACTED] and also to supply the PF numbers of HN67 and HN82 [REDACTED]

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