

NOTE FOR Policy File

1. I visited Scotland Yard on 9 December to see Commander Rollo Watts to discuss the way forward in joint operations. He opened by saying he ought to be frank and tell me that in his view it seemed that too much pressure for joint agent running operations had been generated recently and that he should state his position. He said that his DAC, Bob Bryan, is widely thought of in the Met as having been converted too far over to our viewpoint as a result of his attachment to us, and that he, Watts, was self appointed 'guardian' of Bryan to prevent him "giving away so much that he might incur the Commissioner's displeasure". He went on to say a propos agents, that the Commissioner had made it quite clear that they were to be run solely in the context of law and order. If an organisation posed no law and order problem - no agents.

Discussion of MPSB agent

Discussion of further MPSB agent

He felt this should be a test case to see how joint operating would work and that from this might grow closer co-operation in other cases. He agreed to write to me setting out his ideas for this particular operation.

4. The next offer Watts made was to prepare a list of targets covered both by agents and informants, and by officers of the Hairy Squad. This would enable us to check on wanted coverage as well as on targets we were both aiming at.

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5. Watts next made an offer to accept additional briefs which could be put to their agent in the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This is a target being studied by F6 [REDACTED]

6. Watts' final offer was of talent spotting for us in areas of mutual interest, suggesting names of individuals who may be useful to us, whom they had either no intention of taking up, or had no funds for.

7. I thanked Watts for being so frank with me, for the various offers he had made, and said I would await his "letter of intent", and then make arrangements for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to visit the Yard to discuss the cases we had talked about.

8. In reply to a delicately phrased question about [REDACTED], Watts said he expected [REDACTED] to be posted away from E Squad very shortly!

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F6 [REDACTED]
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