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1. F6 and I met Chief Superintendent Dickinson and Superintendent Wilson of 'C' Squad on 4 November 1977. The 'E' Squad representatives, although invited, did not appear (I understand that 'E' Squad is particularly short-staffed at present). We discussed Trotskyists, Maoists and (to a limited extent) Anarchists.

2. In each area we described our targets, assessed their relative priorities, indicated in general terms the extent of our coverage and suggested where MPSB could help further, eg., by talent spotting. explained how we might be able to assist them.

We asked if there were any areas in which MPSB thought we could give them more help. We agreed that, to avoid duplication, we would continue to clear surveillance operations with each other in advance.

3. The following specific points arose:-

a. Dickinson asked if we could help them to cover short term targets of public order interest

I said that I thought we could.

b. Wilson asked if we could give special protection to MPSB reports containing information produced by their (relatively few) informants. undertook to apply standing F6 procedures if the reports were sent direct to F6

c. Dickinson said that MPSB used only in an Irish context. He instanced a recent armed robbery, those responsible for which had anarchist associations, and asked whether, in similar cases, we would consider I said that provided there was a genuine subversive interest we were always willing to consider requests for assistance in this field.

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d. Dickinson asked about [REDACTED] a case and I explained what we had done up to date. He said that he was anxious to ensure that MPSB was in a position to respond rapidly if asked to take part in the investigation. I assured him that we would welcome police involvement if we suspected that [REDACTED] a person was involved in, or likely to be engaged in criminal activities.

e. I explained why we had not yet responded to Dickinson's request for a list of violence-prone anarchist and revolutionary groups and individuals; I asked why they had asked for a list covering the whole of the country. Dickinson said the idea had come from Mr Bryan and Commander Watts; he implied that it was a window-dressing exercise to enable MPSB to give a lead to provincial forces. I said that my Director intended to discuss the F3, F7, 'C' Squad and ELS inter-relation with Mr Bryan in the near future.

4. We agreed that future discussions would need to follow in due course with other squads and other parts of F Branch.

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