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First Witness Statement of [REDACTED] **HN80** [REDACTED]

Date signed: **1 April 2021**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING

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I, [REDACTED] **HN80** [REDACTED] WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. This witness statement is made in response to a Rule 9 request dated 16 October 2019. It provides my full recollection of my deployment as an undercover police officer (UCO) within the Special Demonstration Squad (SDS), part of Special Branch, Central Office (SO12) of the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS).
2. I am known in this Public Inquiry by the nominal HN80. There is a Restriction Order in force in respect of my real name dated 9 October 2018. When I became an undercover police officer, my rank was Detective Constable.

Personal details

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3. My full name is [REDACTED] **HN80** [REDACTED], and I was born [REDACTED] **in late 1940s** [REDACTED]

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I was married whilst in the SDS.

Police career before and after serving with the Special Demonstration Squad

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4. I attested as a constable in the MPS [REDACTED] **in mid 1960s** [REDACTED], having previously been a police cadet. After about five years in uniform, I successfully applied to join Special Branch (SB). I worked on 'C' and 'B' Squads, as well as carrying

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out [REDACTED] **other roles in Special Branch** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was at [REDACTED] [8]

where I first met Angus McIntosh.

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5. While normal SB work involved occasionally attending meetings in plain clothes, I did very little of this with 'C' Squad. I had not done any undercover policing or used a cover identity prior to joining the SDS.
6. During my previous SB roles, I was never provided with intelligence that was identified as coming from the SDS because of that unit's top secret nature.

Selection for the Special Demonstration Squad

7. I first heard about the SDS from Rick Clark in about 1976. I knew him [REDACTED]
9 socially [REDACTED] He persuaded me to allow myself to be put forward. The memorandum dated 14 September 1976 (MPS-0732921) records that I "volunteered for duty" and as far as I recall that accurately records the position. I joined SDS to protect the public, prevent public disorder and assist in meeting the requirements of SB, the MPS and the Security Service.
8. I was aware from speaking to Rick Clark that undercover work was demanding and required high standards of intelligence and initiative. I did not know how much time would be required away from my wife and young child, and as things turned out, this varied considerably over time.
9. Nobody from SDS management spoke with my wife before I joined the SDS or afterwards.
10. I have a distinct recollection of Geoff Craft telling me before I deployed into the field that for security reasons my cover name would be classified as secret and never released into the public domain. [REDACTED]

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Training and guidance in the Special Demonstration Squad

11. I joined the SDS and went into the back office in around December 1976 and was there for approximately three months. The two annual appraisals by Angus McIntosh (MPS-0726723-83 and MPS-0726723-85) state that I deployed into the field on 15 March 1977 and I have no reason to doubt the accuracy of these.



12. Although the office was in New Scotland Yard, the unit's existence was top secret. While I learnt a lot from looking at documents as they came in to the office, it would be difficult to describe this as training. It was much more a process of familiarisation, both as to the types of information that were useful and how this might be obtained, as well as to general issues concerning the left-wing and their contacts more broadly.
13. I have seen the Home Office Circular number 97/1969 (MPS-0727104) now but I was not shown this document previously and was not made aware of its contents at any time. As I had no intention of becoming involved in criminal activity, and did not do so, I would not have regarded it as relevant in any event.
14. I was not made aware of any collections of notes, whether bound or loose-leaf that might have been the "Tradecraft Manual". My training was a series of discussions with SDS managers. I do not recall attending the other SDS premises other than perhaps once prior to deployment, and I did not discuss methods with current UCOs before I deployed.
15. I was not given formal training or guidance on how much I should get involved with the private lives of individuals while I was deployed, although I accepted that at least some limited social interaction was inevitable. There was no need for advice on intimate relations because I had and have strong family values and was adamant that I would not engage in any such relationships. I prepared my back story to forestall any advances.
16. I was not given training or guidance on getting involved in criminality because I never intended to do so. The same is true of encouraging others to participate in criminal activity, hence my refusal to join the Central Committee of the SWP later.
17. I never expected to be arrested and so do not recall any advice being given. I don't believe there was any guidance or advice given about what to do if brought before a court as a defendant. The nature of the unit was such that we were not expected to go to court as police witnesses, and as far as I can recall, no advice was given about attending as a witness in any other respect. The

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general impression I had at the time was that the management trusted us to get on with our tasks sensibly and if guidance was required they would provide it.

18. I was not given any advice on what to do about becoming privy to privileged legal information. I was not aware of any additional legal or ethical limitations on how I could behave, beyond those which applied to me as a police officer.
19. I do not believe that the advice or guidance was refreshed at any stage during my time with the SDS. I also do not recall receiving any training on race or gender equality prior to or during my time on the SDS. I do not believe any such training existed at the time.

Undercover identity

20. There has been a great deal of inaccuracy within the Risk Assessment and Impact Statement up to this point over my cover identity. My cover name was 'Colin Clark'. Prior to creating my cover name, I had a long discussion with Mike Ferguson and we agreed that actually a working nickname was a useful additional step before giving away my cover name. I chose 'CC' and Colin Clark to fit in with that.
21. While some UCOs used the identity of a deceased child, I refused to do so. It distressed me to consider using the details from a dead child's birth certificate and I knew that it would necessarily cause distress to that child's family if it was discovered. In order to show willing, I went out and found a death certificate for Paul Clark, which I brought back to the office, but I then made it clear to my managers that I wanted to use the cover name Colin Clark and a different date of birth from that shown on the certificate, and they conceded the point in my case. The date of birth I wanted to use and proposed was my own.
22. When other documents such as my cover driving licence and passport were issued, I think it became apparent that another date of birth had been used instead of my chosen date of birth, possibly including some detail from Paul Clark's death certificate, although I cannot now be certain. This was a problem with the system then that appears to have caused further difficulties now.



23. As part of my back story, I invented a long-term, long-distance relationship with an airline stewardess who lived out in New Zealand. There was no real basis for this disinformation. It gave me a good reason to reject any advances towards me by female activists. It had the additional benefit of providing a strong motivation to leave the country when my deployment ended, and protecting my cover identity and security following my deployment because people would be more willing to believe I was someone else if the Colin Clark they knew had emigrated.

Cover employment

24. Initially, my cover employment was as a mechanic working in a garage somewhere out in Woodford Green. ¹⁰  it did not really fit well with the location of my cover accommodation, or give me enough time to build my back story in that area and engage with groups on the extreme left-wing. The owner was also quite a curious individual. I left my cover employer after a couple of months and went freelance doing vehicle repairs. Any work I did in this capacity was done at cost, i.e. just the actual cost of the parts needed, and I did not receive any payment for it.

Cover accommodation

25. My cover accommodation was a bedsit in Muswell Hill. It was chosen because the managers suggested that North London was a good place to be based in order to make contact with the more important individuals on the extreme left-wing. This information would probably have been available from the files. The details given in the report dated 14 December 1979 (UCPI0000013670) accord with my recollection, and so it is likely that these are my cover details.
26. Whenever I had to go away on events, I arranged my accommodation so that it was consistent with my cover identity but separate from the other members of the group I was with at the time. When I was providing support to the Cardiff-Brighton Right-to-Work March in 1980 I slept in the cab of the support truck I was driving, for example. As far as I can recall, I never shared overnight accommodation with anyone else, and I never had anyone stay the night at my cover accommodation.



Legend building

27. For normal SB work, I was clean shaven and smartly dressed in a suit and tie. Between joining the SDS and deploying into the field, I grew my hair and a beard and dressed down. I did not visit any places or people to prepare myself and only started spending time in my cover identity once I deployed. I did not make any serious approaches to the left-wing until some time had passed.
28. When I deployed, I was provided with a Morris 1100. At some point this was replaced with a Ford Cortina. Both vehicles were provided from official resources as far as I was aware.

Deployment

Infiltration of groups

29. As I recall, I was directed to obtain information in the extreme left-wing arena generally in the Haringey area, rather than focusing on any one specific group. After I deployed, I spent as much time as I could in that area. It soon became clear that the SWP paper sellers were only out on Saturdays. I was approached by one of them as they were keen to recruit, and I very gently got into conversation with him. Eventually, I was invited to attend a meeting in around May 1977, probably in the Wood Green or Haringey area. These meetings were very small gatherings: there were probably no more than 20 members in most active branches.
30. I believe that the SWP would have regarded me as a member. As far as I recall, I probably joined my local branch in around summer 1977 and from that time until the end of my deployment, I paid my subscriptions fairly regularly, attended meetings and made myself generally useful. I discuss details of specific roles later in this statement, but to begin with I believe I helped out with selling the SWP newspaper.
31. It was very common for left-wing organisations to lend each other supporters, so I would also have attended events organised by the Anti-Nazi League, which was firmly under the control of the SWP in any event. Over the course of my

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deployment, I also had contact with individuals from the Troops Out Movement, trade union and Labour party members, others on the left-wing and PIRA terrorist supporters in North London and the Kilburn area. . All the groups on that side of the political spectrum were continually cooperating to organise demonstrations and events against the government. This contact was largely only peripheral. I do not believe I was ever a member of any other group, whether formally or otherwise.

32. It is difficult to be certain after approximately forty years, but the reports provided do not reflect the reports that I recall making, a lot of which were telephoned in and were necessarily brief indications of likely demonstrations and other matters of relevance to public order policing. I have considered the reports provided, and I have the following comments:
- a. As stated at paragraph 11 above, I deployed into the field in March 1977 having spent around three months in the back office. It would have taken me a little while to establish myself around the Haringey area before I could be invited to a meeting, and even more time to understand the issues and get to know individuals. It is also very unlikely that I would have attended meetings of more than one branch of the SWP concurrently when I was in the early stages of my deployment: the SWP required its members to attend their local branch. It appears that the first mention of me in my cover identity is not until the report dated 24 October 1977 (UCPI0000016307) and I was unlikely to be well-established much before that date.
 - b. It is possible that I attended a meeting of the Lewisham 24 Campaign but this seems very unlikely because it is some distance from Haringey and it was too early in my deployment. I therefore do not believe that I submitted the report dated 1 August 1977 (UCPI0000011111).
 - c. The report dated 28 October 1977 (UCPI0000011173) covers a copy of the SWP Bulletin for that month and could have been submitted by any one of a number of officers, including me.



d. I do not believe I attended the SWP National Conference in 1977 and therefore do not believe I could have submitted the report dated 4 November 1977 (UCPI0000011509).

e. I do not recall attending the London District SWP Regional Delegates Conference that features in the report dated 21 November 1977 (UCPI0000011563) as I was unlikely to have established myself sufficiently by this date.

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g. It is possible that I attended the SWP Irish event which is the subject of the report dated 9 February 1978 (UCPI0000011803) and therefore I may have contributed to or submitted this report. I do not specifically recall doing so, however.

h. The report dated 18 September 1978 (UCPI0000011485) is very unlikely to be based on information I might have obtained. I do not recall ever attending meetings of the Wembley SWP branch. For this reason, I do not believe that the report dated 30 August 1979 (UCPI0000013311) is attributable to me. Similarly, I do not recall attending any meetings of the West Hampstead Branch of the Anti-Fascist League, and so the report dated 22 September 1978 (UCPI0000011493) is also not mine.

i. I do not recall having the ability to take photographs while I was deployed, or ever submitting photographs with my reports and therefore I do not believe that the report dated 23 November 1978 (UCPI0000012998) is attributable to me. I have some recollection of being shown photographs in order to make identifications but cannot recall whether they were of this type. For that reason, I do not believe any of the reports in this witness pack to which photographs are or were attached can necessarily be attributed to me because there were a number of officers who were undercover with extreme left-wing groups.



- j. My interaction with the Women's Voice organisation was very limited because of their radical feminism: I lectured to one of their groups on one occasion that I recall, but I was not invited to attend their meetings. For that reason, I do not believe that I would have been able to submit the information detailed in the report dated 17 July 1979 (UCPI0000021056).
- k. I cannot specifically recall whether I was aware of Sheffield steelworkers staying in London to raise funds for their strike, and therefore do not know whether I submitted the report dated 11 February 1980 (UCPI0000013764). Similarly, I cannot be sure that I submitted the reports dated 24 March, 6 and 12 May 1980 (UCPI0000013859, UCPI0000013945 and UCPI0000013955). In each case, however, it is possible that I would have had access to the information contained within them. As regards the last, any officer could have picked up the leaflet that is appended to the report.
- l. I do not recall submitting the report dated 18 June 1980 (UCPI0000014044) regarding the party council meeting, but I may have contributed at least some of its content. As previously mentioned, there may have been other UCOs among the delegates.
- m. The report dated 20 August 1980 (UCPI0000014192) giving address details for an individual is so brief that I cannot be certain whether I submitted it. It is certainly the right area.
- n. After a time, I lectured as Colin Clark or CC for the SWP on political standards and recruitment on an *ad hoc* basis in various areas in London and on a couple of occasions in Birmingham and Liverpool. It is possible that I would have had access to the details of other speakers contained in the report dated 21 August 1980 (UCPI0000014226) and on that basis, it may have been created from information that I submitted.
- o. I do not recall submitting the report dated 29 October 1980 (UCPI0000014631) about the postponement of the national delegate conference in favour of organised protests, nor the documents which are provided along with it.



- p. It is possible, given my contact with John Deason and the time I spent at SWP headquarters, that I would have been aware of his 'dismissal' from paid employment with the party that is the subject of the report dated 5 February 1981 (UCPI0000016369). For similar reasons, the report regarding the SWP's premises dated 6 February 1981 (UCPI0000016378) is possibly based on information that I submitted. My link with Deason also leads me to believe that I may have submitted the report dated 24 February 1981 (UCPI0000016457) regarding succession to an administrative role in the SWP, as well as the report dated 5 August 1981 (UCPI0000015516) detailing his change of address.
- q. As regards the information on two individuals based in Glasgow in the report dated 6 February 1981 (UCPI0000016363), the only way in which I would have been likely to come across this information is if they had come down to London. I do not recall having any contact with 'comrades' from Glasgow, and therefore do not believe I submitted this report.
- r. Given that I do not recall submitting either the report about the National Committee meeting or that covering the weekly information sheet, both dated 6 February 1981 (UCPI0000016367 and UCPI0000016373), I am not able to say conclusively that I am responsible for either. This is notwithstanding that the time I spent at SWP headquarters and my role in the SWP district hierarchy. As far as I recall, there were a number of individuals who might have had access to this information, particularly the weekly information sheet. For this reason, I cannot be sure that the reports dated 26 February, 25 March, 2 April and 3 April 1981 (UCPI0000016482, UCPI0000016532, UCPI0000016570 and UCPI0000016573) are attributable to me.
- s. The report dated 25 March 1981 (UCPI0000016531) about a proposed public meeting organised by Black People Against State Harassment may be one that I submitted. Given its brevity and the fact that the event was the following day, this would appear to me to be an example of a report which was telephoned in to the office.



- t. As I recall, I was providing information on links between the left-wing and Irish groups in the latter half of my deployment, and so the report about an individual travelling to assist the Irish Republican Socialist Party dated 13 February 1981 (UCPI0000016425) was possibly submitted by me.
- u. The documents relating to the 'People's March' provided under cover of the report dated 3 April 1981 (UCPI0000016573) originated with the North West Branch of the TUC. While there is a small chance that I may have obtained these given my past role with the Right to Work march between Cardiff and Brighton, I do not recall submitting this report and believe that it is unlikely to be my work. The report dated 13 May 1981 (UCPI0000015315) appears to relate to the march while it was underway. I note that John Deason's role is quite prominent and, while I did not participate in the march, it may be that I received this information because of my connection with him. For the same reason, it is possible that I may have contributed in some way to the report dated 28 May 1981 (UCPI0000015356).
- v. As mentioned elsewhere, I had numerous opportunities to attend the SWP headquarters, and therefore believe it is possible that I submitted the report detailing members of the secretariat and their work telephone numbers dated 3 April 1981 (UCPI0000016582).
- w. I do not specifically recall the letter to SWP organisers which is provided under cover of the report dated 8 April 1981 (UCPI0000016594) and I believe that there were other individuals who may have had the opportunity to submit this detail. I cannot state whether this is my report or otherwise. Similarly, while I might have been aware of the plans by the SWP to demonstrate at Henley Royal Regatta as reported on 16 June 1981 (UCPI0000015394) and of the leaflets relating to SWP activism in CND appended to the report dated 14 August 1981 (UCPI0000015524), I cannot be certain that I submitted these reports. I did not attend Henley at any time when I was a UCO.



- x. As far as I recall, I would have been aware of the individual described in the report dated 25 August 1981 (UCPI0000015552) and have been able to confirm her appearance and role, and describe her ideological standpoint. I do not believe I was ever aware of her domestic and romantic arrangements in the level of detail provided. At most, I may have contributed to aspects of this report.
 - y. As far as I can recall, I had no connection with the ambulance workers by which I might have obtained the document appended to the report dated 14 May 1981 (UCPI0000015318) and therefore I do not believe that this is my reporting.
 - z. I am confident that I did not attend the Right to Work March in Blackpool referred to in the report dated 5 October 1981 (UCPI0000015649) but I may have seen a document which provided details of the individuals mentioned given my involvement in a previous Right to Work march. It is possible that I contributed to this report.
33. As I was focused on the extreme left-wing in the Haringey area, at least at the outset, I believe there may be reports missing which deal with the loose groupings other than the SWP mentioned at paragraph 31 above. Similarly, there is almost nothing from the latter half when I know I was gathering information about links between the extreme left-wing in Britain and Irish terrorist organisations, linked groups and their supporters. There is a paucity of reports relating to proposed demonstrations, the likely number and mood of attendees, and the proposed locations or routes.
34. As mentioned at paragraph 11 above, I did not deploy into the field until March 1977 and it took me some time to establish suitable credentials in my local area. For that reason, I believe the report regarding the Islington 18 Defence Committee dated 22 April 1977 (UCPI0000017328) is far too early to be mine.
35. My deployment came to an end in around March 1982 and so the last reports attributable to me would be prior to this date. I was not replaced directly by another UCO. However, I believe I was extended in place to allow ¹³  to establish himself in sufficient depth elsewhere in the extreme left-wing arena.

Tasking

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36. Prior to deployment, I had discussions with Geoff Craft, Mike Ferguson, and HN68 [redacted] [ammended by HN80]. These management and staff of SDS between 1977 and 1982 were excellent. As I recall it, my discussion with Geoff Craft was particularly lengthy. The upshot of that was that my tasking was to gather the best information on extreme left-wing activists and groups that I could be involved with to protect the public in London, assist the MPS to deal with demonstrations and the Security Service in its counter-subversion role. Those three objectives did not change during my deployment, although dealing with terrorism and terrorist supporters came into clearer focus as part of protecting the public.
37. I was not told to join the SWP but I was aware that there were groups out there. I used my initiative to find an effective way to get information on extreme left-wing and revolutionary activity. I expected to spend four years with the SDS, and this made sense because of the preparation time required, the need to develop a credible legend, and then get a suitable return on this investment of time.
38. Beyond being given an area of interest, I was not specifically tasked to do anything or provide particular information, which was unlike more routine SB work where specific enquiries and research were directed. It was left to my analysis and initiative to determine which potential lines of information to follow. I could also seek guidance from the management. I recall that the managers were a little surprised on occasions by the activists that I was able to have contact with and gain information on, even if only fleetingly. Once I deployed, my access to other files and records was limited, so a great deal depended on my initial preparation. I do not recall being asked specifically to fill in any gaps in the available information.
39. I had significant discretion in how I operated throughout my deployment: the key aspect of this was that I had to act consistently with my cover identity and legend and not compromise my real role as a UCO. My understanding was that I was tasked to provide good quality, reliable information on the intentions of my

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target groups so that the Commissioner could plan appropriately for public safety and potential disorder, thereby ensuring that police officers were deployed sensibly depending on the level of threat.

Premises and meetings with other Special Demonstration Squad undercover officers

40. As far as I am aware, the SDS had an office in New Scotland Yard and two flats: ¹⁵one somewhere in West London [REDACTED] and another somewhere in South London, the location of which I cannot now recall. It is worth bearing in mind that my managers did not have access to computers, and nor did I. Also there were no mobile telephones or even pagers, so communication was more difficult than it is now.
41. At the beginning of my deployment, I attended one or other of the flats twice each week. These bi-weekly meetings were an opportunity to deal with our diaries and expenses, and put in written reports and documents. There was also an opportunity to speak with a manager about individual issues. Occasionally, ^[amended by HN80] there was an opportunity to put together a consolidated report from a number of officers, make identifications from photographs or de-conflict which officers would attend the bigger events.
42. Over time, the frequency of my attendance reduced until I was going to the bi-weekly meetings at most once each week because my deployment was particularly busy and I could rarely spare the time. This was cleared with my managers. I disliked the bi-weekly meetings because I felt that they would attract unwanted attention: how ever it was arranged, a dozen or so individuals converging on a flat on a regular basis could easily – and justifiably – have raised suspicions. I viewed this as a potential threat to my cover identity.
43. I did not meet other UCOs apart from at the bi-weekly meetings or very occasionally socially. I recall that we went for a meal once at a restaurant somewhere around Southall and far from where we thought any activists would be. There was also a pub near the West London flat but some UCOs refused to go there at all. I believe the managers could and would also attend these, although I do not believe that the discussions would relate to deployments at all, however indirectly. I don't believe our deployments were ever a topic of

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conversation. As far as I recall, most of the discussions were small talk about sport or our personal lives, as well as events in London or nationally.

44. I would call in to the office by telephone on a daily basis, apart from at weekends. If something arose that was particularly urgent, then it was possible to reach one of the managers at home. In the event they were uncontactable, then it was also possible to call the SB Reserve, but that would probably have caused more difficulties than it solved because they would not have been aware of the unit's existence.

Pattern of life whilst undercover

45. I considered myself off-duty when I was at home with my family or on holiday, and the remainder of time I was on duty in my UCO role, including when I was working at home – for example typing up reports. My time on duty was spent with the SWP and other groups, as well as spending an appropriate amount of time in my cover employment and giving the impression to the world that I lived at my cover accommodation. The balance between the amount of time spent on-duty and off-duty changed considerably from normal SB work: it is difficult to say how often I spent evenings at my cover accommodation because it was variable. There was definitely more time on duty at weekends.
46. On one occasion on 7 June 1980, I was off-duty and shopping with my wife and young child in ¹⁶ [REDACTED] town centre when we were approached by three individuals who were selling the SWP newspaper. One of the group clearly knew me because he addressed me as 'CC' and 'Colin Clark' and took me off to one side to speak to me while the other two, a male and a female, spoke with my wife. It was clear to me that these activists knew me, having been to an event and heard me lecture. The female who spoke with my wife found out my real surname and our home address. It was she who noticed my wife's engagement and wedding rings on her left hand and told her "you must be married". My wife confirmed this at the time. The female activist then said that they would come round and visit us at home. After this, I spent approximately three months living at my cover accommodation until we could move house. My managers raised this compromise and the risk it posed to the SDS overall

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through the MPS hierarchy, and supported me in seeking permission to live outside the usual 20-mile limit that was imposed on MPS officers. My application was unsuccessful. I have refreshed my memory of this incident by reference to correspondence from the time.

47. The SWP was highly organised and bureaucratic with frequent meetings, and a great deal of cross-over and support to other groups. As my deployment continued, I became involved in lecturing at their request as described at paragraph 32(n) above, and also assisted other SWP groups within the region with running their affairs but only ever on a practical level. I never sought to direct their policy or activities. Beyond showing myself to be a committed 'comrade', and then only to the minimum extent necessary, I did not take an active political role. I was also involved in SWP sporting activities.

Pay and overtime

48. My take home pay increased considerably while I was deployed as a UCO. Overtime was claimed routinely on the basis of our self-reporting: this was based on the time we spent maintaining our cover, as well as time with our various target groups. Over nearly five years, I believe I did thousands of hours' overtime. I do not believe I was paid all the overtime that I could have claimed: there was an upper ceiling on the number of hours that the management would sign off, regardless of how many hours I had actually worked. For example, on the Right to Work march, I was on-duty for 17 hours a day for nearly three weeks without a break. There were no other changes to my basic pay or living costs that were covered by the SDS.

Reporting on the Socialist Workers Party

49. As noted above in relation to the identification of reports, I believe that I would only have been a member of one branch of the SWP, once I committed to that step. I believe that after I had formed enough of a relationship with the SWP paper sellers, I attended the meetings of and joined the Seven Sisters / Haringey branch at some point in the summer of 1977 (UCPI0000028713 refers). While I have no specific recollection, I believe that there was a re-

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organisation at some point, as part of which the Seven Sisters branch became the Haringey branch.

50. I did not push myself forward but I allowed other members to suggest that I take up the branch treasurer role. From there, I went on to be the treasurer for the Lea Valley district organisation as an additional responsibility, again having been asked to do so by other 'comrades', and this meant that I was then required to attend meetings of other branches within the district.
51. I was also encouraged to join in with SWP sporting activity and through this my friendship with John Deason developed. I maintained a friendly distance as much as possible from all of the individuals with whom I had contact during my deployment. While it was not always an easy or comfortable balance to strike, I believe I would have been considered as an 'able comrade' or as a friend. I was never anything more than this.
52. As a vehicle mechanic, I helped colleagues out if they had problems with their cars. Motor vehicles were a lot simpler to maintain and I would do what I could at the roadside, including for SWP activists who worked at the headquarters. This 'can do' attitude also led to them asking if I could spare the odd few hours to help out with administrative work at the headquarters and, because I was self-employed, I agreed. This was not something that I sought out actively but it very conveniently granted me access to the kinds of information that even a district treasurer would struggle to obtain. It was also a good opportunity to understand the dynamics of the organisation.
53. I have reviewed the reports dated 5 and 22 September 1977 (UCPI0000010941 and UCPI0000010984) about the Hornsey branch of the SWP. I do not recall that I was involved in setting up this branch and certainly do not believe I was a member of the Finsbury Park or the Hornsey branches. I am not sure that the report is mine but if it is, I can only infer that it was discussed at a Haringey meeting, possibly with a view to transferring other members across. Similarly, I do not believe I was ever a member of the Enfield branch and, if I did obtain the information in the report dated 14 December 1979 (UCPI0000013667) it was probably as a result of my role in the district

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organisation. If so, I would have reported the information therein because of the significance of this branch within the district.

54. To the best of my knowledge, I was not a member of the Angel Road Industrial Cell of the SWP. I do not believe the reports of 20 February, 6 March and 18 April 1978 are mine for that reason (UCPI0000011810, UCPI0000011858 and UCPI0000011943).
55. As described at paragraph 49 above, Seven Sisters and Haringey probably refer to the same branch at different times, particularly given their close proximity within London. As I mention at paragraph 50 above, I did not push myself forward for the role as treasurer but was probably urged to do more by my comrades at a meeting on a show of hands: every regular member was expected to take on some responsibility for helping to run the branch. The same would have been true for my appointment as district treasurer, and this would also have made me a member of the district committee. As treasurer, I looked after the branch – and then district – finances but it was a volunteer position. As far as I am aware, only some members of the Central Committee and its staff were paid for their work. As district treasurer, I believe membership of the district committee was automatic. All this would have entailed was having a vote at district meetings, and I tried to ensure that my vote always followed the majority, and that I never advocated anything which was contrary to good order. As I have described above, my managers trusted me to act appropriately so I do not believe I was even required to inform them of these developments, although they may have been discussed at some point. I have no doubt that my managers would have called me in if there was a concern that these roles could conflict with my obligations as a deployed UCO.
56. I have considered the registration form dated April 1980 (UCPI0000028713) and I recognise a distinct feature of the handwriting which makes it very likely that I completed this form. As far as I am aware, I was only ever a member of the Haringey branch, although at an earlier time it may have been known as the Seven Sisters branch. As the form states, I had been a member for three years at the date it was completed. I believe it was completed in around March 1980, and I would have joined in the second half of 1977, as far as I can recall. I



believe I joined this branch because it made sense based on the location of my cover accommodation and the affiliation of the SWP members with whom I had developed a rapport. As stated at paragraph 29 above, my managers did not direct me to a particular group, let alone a specific branch. I had no links to the AUEW or any other union either when I filled in this form or at any point in my deployment. I believe I added this to bolster my credentials.

57. Having considered the reports dated 25 May 1977, 1 April and 9 May 1980 relating to the Tottenham branch, I am confident that I was not a member of this branch and I doubt I attended the meeting on the first date above (UCPI0000017409, UCPI0000013874, UCPI0000013876, UCPI0000013877, UCPI0000013878 and UCPI0000013958). In 1980, I believe there were some problems with the Tottenham branch and it was re-formed. It is likely that I was asked to lend my expertise as a treasurer while this happened, and that is also how I may have come to chair the branch's business meeting. This would have been additional to my other roles but would not have been permanent, and therefore was not inconsistent with my other duties. I would have reported all the information that I obtained on each of these occasions for others to convert into intelligence as appropriate.
58. It is possible that I wrote the reports dated 7 June 1978 and 14 December 1979 (UCPI0000021735 and UCPI0000013669) but I do not recall doing so. I did not infiltrate the Central Committee but, as I have described at paragraph 52 above, I began to spend more and more time at SWP headquarters by an evolutionary process. I was then invited to help out around the office more generally. For that reason, the later report is more likely to be mine than the earlier one.
59. The offers to join the Central Committee probably came about because of the extent to which I was assisting at headquarters. I saw membership of the Central Committee, and the role this would necessarily have given me in directing national policy, as wholly inconsistent with my responsibilities as a deployed UCO: I did not want to run the risk of being party to any illegality. I believe I told the SWP activists that I was too busy to give up any more time. I was not tasked to seek out this role by my managers and I did let them know



not just that I had been invited to join the Central Committee but that I had declined. They supported my decision.

60. As mentioned above, my access to the SWP headquarters was *ad hoc* when I was asked to help out. I did not have a totally free run of the building but I was there with varying frequency from 1978 onwards, probably starting with the preparation for the national delegate conference that year. Having read the reports dated 25 June, 30 September and 4 November 1981 (UCPI0000015430, UCPI0000016619, UCPI0000016692) I do not believe that I knew enough at the time to comment in detail on the computing aspects in the first report. It seems more likely, however, that I did obtain the lists of names attached to the other two reports. The provision of this information allowed SB to update its records in respect of the individuals mentioned and provided start points for enquiries, and was simply an extension of more normal SB work. My managers would have been aware of my involvement at the headquarters from my reports. I was not specifically tasked to report on the activities of the SWP National Office.
61. As branch and district treasurer, I probably would have been told of the SWP's financial problems overall so that I could take appropriate action at the local level, and the information in the report dated 24 September 1981 (UCPI0000015617) may have reached me in that capacity. Alternatively, I might have overheard the detail at SWP headquarters.
62. Having considered the reports dated 25 October 1977, 28 November 1978 and 8 October 1981 (UCPI0000011161, UCPI0000013018 and UCPI0000015664), I note that I am listed in my cover name as attending the conference in Birmingham. Furthermore, that report appears to be mine from its tone and contents. As far as I can recall, I only ever went to Liverpool to lecture, and did not go elsewhere in the North West, so I do not believe that I submitted the other two reports because I do not see how I could have obtained this information otherwise. I believe I would have discussed attending the Birmingham conference with my managers in advance.



63. If my deployment took me out of London, my understanding was that I should use my initiative, following appropriate analysis, and if it was not possible to tell my managers in advance, I should find a pay phone at the earliest opportunity and provide a quick update.
64. I was able to attend the 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981 National Delegate Conferences of the SWP as a steward or administrator because of the *ad hoc* work I was doing around headquarters and because they already relied on me as a helpful and organised 'comrade'. I received a DAC commendation for my attendance and full report about the 1979 national delegate conference. As described elsewhere, I would not have pushed myself forward for these roles but it is very likely that I would have been one of the first people the organisers would have turned to for extra manpower. Given the volume of documentation provided, my stewarding roles probably also involved an element of administration. I cannot recall what the nominations were for and I certainly did not seek election to any post. Given the link to the T&GWU, it may well be an unfortunate coincidence of names with a *bona fide* delegate: I do not understand why I would have been listed as a T&GWU member otherwise. As stated at paragraph 56 above, I was not a member of any union while I was deployed. I am fairly confident that I was not elected to any position at the 1980 conference. In each case, I was not specifically tasked to attend but it was consistent with my cover identity and with gathering appropriate, relevant information, which is why it was reported.
65. I do not recall being aware prior to the 1981 conference that another SDS officer was attending. I do not recall ever seeing another UCO at these SWP conferences. In any event, it may not have been an unnecessary duplication, particularly if the other officer needed to build his credibility within the organisation.
66. The 'weekly information sheets' appended to the reports dated 30 August 1979 and 16 September 1981 (UCPI0000013321, UCPI0000013322 and UCPI0000015593) were of a restricted circulation only in that they would be handed out to members at meetings, rather than sold publicly like the SWP newspaper. My managers would not specifically have requested these

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documents but they provided useful information about future events, in particular the Right to Work marches (see UCPI0000015593 and UCPI0000015643).

67. At this time, I cannot recall any reason why there is an apparent gap in my reporting between late November 1978 and July 1979. As far as I remember, I was deployed and submitting reports in the normal way. I have considered the reports identified by the Inquiry, and have the following comments:
- a. The reports dated 20 September, 19 and 31 October 1978 (UCPI0000012846, UCPI0000012892 and UCPI0000012932) are prior to the relevant period and, while I may have become aware of the detail of the individuals mentioned therein informally, I have no recollection now of submitting them.
 - b. The reports dated 5 October and 1 November 1978 (UCPI0000012871 and UCPI0000012928) fall outside the period identified by the Inquiry and appear to be a post-demonstration reports. These are likely to be composite reports from a number of officers, potentially involving identifications from photographs, to which I may have contributed.
 - c. I do not recognise any of the documents appended to the report about 'joint work' dated 24 October 1978 (UCPI0000012904) and do not believe that I submitted this report or contributed to it in any way.
 - d. As described at paragraph 32(i) above, I do not recall ever having the ability to take photographs such as those attached to the reports dated 2 November 1978, 4 January and 30 March 1979 (UCPI0000012923, UCPI0000013065 and UCPI0000013280), and apparently now missing from those dated 29 March and 3 April 1979 (UCPI0000013273, UCPI0000013265 and UCPI0000021161). I may have been asked to identify the individuals from these photographs and provide supplemental detail, but I cannot now recall whether I did so.
 - e. The individual mentioned in the report dated 8 November 1978 (UCPI0000012950) is not familiar to me and I did not have much insight



into the workings of the SWP newspaper, so it is unlikely that I submitted this report. Similarly, I do not believe I would have reported on the SWP's salary bill, and so do not believe that the report dated 8 November 1978 (UCPI0000012945) is attributable to me.

- f. It is possible that I contributed to the reports dated 15 December 1978, 4 January, 1, 19, 20, 21 and 26 February 1979 but I have no specific recollection of any of the individuals or other matters dealt with in these documents (UCPI0000013031, UCPI0000013065, UCPI0000013103, UCPI0000013143, UCPI0000013159, UCPI0000013169 and UCPI0000013180).
- g. The information contained in the reports dated 6, 28 March and 13 June 1979 (UCPI0000013194, UCPI0000013255 and UCPI0000021325) is the sort of detail that I would have had access to during my *ad hoc* assistance at SWP headquarters, and for that reason I believe these are possibly attributable to me.
- h. I do not believe that the report dated 14 March 1979 (UCPI0000013231) is attributable to me because it has banking details centred on East London. This is not information to which I would have had access outside my role as treasurer and these do not appear to be local to my branch or district.
- i. The reports dated 30 March, 18 and 23 May 1979 (UCPI0000013278, UCPI0000021259 and UCPI0000021270) appear to be a post-demonstration reports. These are likely to be composite reports from a number of officers, potentially involving identifications from photographs, to which I may have contributed.
- j. I have no specific recollection of any of the detail in the reports dated 4 April and 14 May 1979 (UCPI0000021191 and UCPI0000021229) and do not believe these are attributable to me.
- k. The reports dated 4, 5 April, 2 and 10 May 1979 are typical of the information that I could pick up during my *ad hoc* assistance at the SWP



headquarters and so it is possible that I submitted these reports, although I have no recollection of doing so (UCPI0000021187, UCPI0000021164, UCPI0000021159, UCPI0000021225 and UCPI0000021235).

- l. The reports dated 22 and 31 May 1979 (UCPI0000021265, UCPI0000021300 and UCPI0000021286) refer to a couple resident in north west London and individuals who worked in Piccadilly and Leyton. These are all outside my 'home' SWP district and I do not recall the individuals mentioned, so these do not appear to be my reports.
 - m. I do not recognise any of the names in the post-event reports dated 22 and 23 May 1979 (UCPI0000021272 and UCPI0000021269) which deal with a demonstration and a picket. It may be that I contributed to their compilation but I do not recall doing so.
 - n. I do not recall ever being aware of the individual mentioned in the report dated 14 June 1979 (UCPI0000021326), let alone that he was extending his stay in Sweden. I may have overheard something in this regard and reported it but I do not believe this is attributable to me.
 - o. While the report dated 2 November 1979 (UCPI0000012920) falls outside the period identified by the Inquiry, I do not recognise the specific detail and it probably was not submitted by me.
68. As stated above, while I deployed into the field in March 1977, I do not ever recall attending any events relating to health services and therefore do not believe I was present at the public meeting that is the subject of the report dated 2 May 1977 (UCPI0000017334).
69. I do not recall submitting the report dated 13 June 1977 (UCPI0000017453) although it would appear noteworthy at least in part because of the subject's conviction that she was under surveillance.
70. I believe that it was still too early for me to be reporting in detail on the activities of the Lea Valley District SWP in summer 1977 and so the report dated 15 June 1977 (UCPI0000017447) is most likely not attributable to me. While the protest



may have been outside a church, it is critical to note that Archbishop Makarios was linked to the EOKA insurgency and had been president of Cyprus, and was a controversial political figure.

71. As I have already stated, I was not a member of the Enfield branch and summer 1977 is very early in my deployment for me to know the intricacies of others' relationships, so I do not believe that the report dated 29 June 1977 (UCPI0000017523) is attributable to me. This information would not have been specifically requested but it would have been used as general background.
72. I was not a member of the Tottenham branch and so was unlikely to know of the individual mentioned in the report dated 1 September 1977 (UCPI0000011245) at the date the report was submitted and so I do not believe that it is attributable to me. I cannot speak for the author's reasons or how the additional information was provided.
73. I do not believe that I submitted the report dated 5 September 1977 (UCPI0000010951) because I was not a member of the Enfield branch of the SWP. Even though I cannot speak for the author's considerations on relevance, it is worth noting that the schoolboy in this report is described as a "fanatical supporter" of the SWP. I believe I was a member of the Seven Sisters branch before it became the Haringey branch and, while I cannot recall the individual mentioned in the report dated 19 September 1977 (UCPI0000010970), the "girl" is approximately 19 based on her assumed date of birth, and therefore not strictly a child. In both cases, youth was not determinative of innocence of any potential public disorder.
74. The talks reported at UCPI0000011116 and UCPI0000011849 may not have been worth reporting of themselves, and in this respect it is notable that the content of the latter is much briefer than the former. The attendance lists were of greater relevance to SB.
75. Having considered the reports dated 21 July, 23 and 24 August 1977, and 23 March 1978 I believe I may only have contributed part of the report dated 24 August 1977 (UCPI0000011039, UCPI0000011239, UCPI0000011222 and UCPI0000011898). I may have attended the first meeting but doubt that I could



have identified those in attendance. The Grunwick dispute had significant public order implications and so it and the groups involved were a focus for reporting. It was of interest to SB and would not have required a formal tasking.

76. I have also considered the reports dated 5 October 1977 and 17 November 1981 (UCPI0000011018 and UCPI0000016733) and I do not recall submitting either of these. Industrial disputes have an intrinsic risk of public disorder, and so early reporting of these could be of assistance. As far as I was aware, there was no standing instruction to report industrial disputes unless there was potential for violence or disorder. There was no difference drawn between these and other areas as regards the reporting of sensitive or private information.
77. Having considered the report dated 14 July 1977 (UCPI0000017564) I do not believe I infiltrated the Lewisham 21 Defence Campaign because this was too far south. I note that there is a threat of violence which implicit in the phrase “deal physically with the National Front” at paragraph 5 of the document.
78. Having considered the report dated 30 November 1977 (UCPI0000011588) it seems more likely than not that I did not attend, otherwise my participation in the delegate conference would have been recorded, including my cover name. Insofar as it is attributable to me, it is worth noting that while it was organised and attended by Labour Party members, other left-wing organisations such as IMG were also included. On this occasion at least, it appears to have been justifiable and proportionate to report on non-party political activities: the focus was on the risk rather than who was doing it.
79. The report dated 4 September 1979 (UCPI0000013324) concerns a demonstration by the National League of Young Liberals. It was common for left-wing activists to support pro-Republican and anti-imperialist causes, including organising their members to provide additional numbers.
80. Having considered the report dated 23 March 1978 (UCPI0000011895), it seems to me that the focus was more on Irish matters than reporting on elected representatives or candidates, and so the justifiability and proportionality of reporting Ken Livingstone’s attendance may not have been considered.



81. As with the talks dealt with at paragraph 74 above, the focus of the report dated 28 July 1980 would have been the attendance list which accompanied it, rather than the subject matter of the talk. I am not aware whether any use was made of the summary of the talk's contents.
82. I did not infiltrate the Haringey Campaign against the Cuts but as the report dated 21 November 1979 (UCPI0000013618) makes clear, the Lea Valley District SWP had intentions of hijacking this broad movement and controlling the planning of its activities. My cover name is not listed among those delegated to carry this task out.
83. It is possible that I attended the picket protesting against police involvement in the death of Blair Peach that is the subject of the report dated 12 December 1979 (UCPI0000013653) but I would not have been tasked to do so. As should be clear, it was standard SB procedure to report the names of those who attended an event: UCOs simply had access to private events as well as public meetings. The information I reported would be considered by a senior officer and disseminated to the regular SB desks as appropriate for their action. For the same reason the report dated 2 July 1980 (UCPI0000014084) provides a list of attendees.
84. Having considered the report dated 2 July 1980 (UCPI0000014084) regarding the Women's Voice event, it was standard practice within SB at the time to report the names of attendees.
85. Although nothing of interest emerged from the meeting, I submitted the report dated 2 September 1980 (UCPI0000014233) in the normal manner because there were documents to submit alongside the list of attendees.
86. Having considered the reports dated 16 and 18 September 1980 (UCPI0000014292 and UCPI0000014287) I was not present or involved in the arrests described. My role was not to arrest individuals but to provide information. Direct involvement in an arrest would have been the end of my usefulness as a UCO. I have no doubt that people were arrested at demonstrations where I was present but I always tried put myself as far away from the action as possible and was never a direct witness.



87. Having read the report dated 4 March 1982 (UCPI0000017230), I recall Privacy Privacy and probably would have spoken with him on occasions, albeit he does not strike me as significant at this time. I never obtained or sought to use anybody's personal documents for information purposes, such as the address book here. I was more than content, however, to report details contained within any organisational documents that I was given. While it may appear a fine distinction to some, it was very clear to me that I should not get involved with people's personal property.

Reporting on the Right to Work March / Campaign

88. Consistent with the manner in which I took on other roles, I allowed myself to be put forward to assist with the Cardiff to Brighton Right-to-Work (RTW) march, but only on the administrative side. My analysis was that I could just as easily provide relevant information if I was helping with the catering, driving and dealing with donations received en route.
89. The RTW marches took in a number of intermediate stops en route, and there was the potential for trouble at any one of these. While initially directed to my managers in London, my information would have been disseminated to relevant local constabularies for them to action based on the perceived risk. I was not tasked to get involved in RTW by my managers. They would only have known about RTW once I became involved. I would have kept them updated once I was invited to assist.
90. Having read the report dated 15 June 1977 (UCPI0000017442), this seems to be too early in my deployment. I was not involved in RTW until after I became established in the SWP. Also, the event referred to is a march from Liverpool to Blackpool, and I only went to Liverpool to lecture at a meeting. It seems more likely that someone else had access to this information and submitted it. For the same reason, I do not believe I submitted the report dated 31 August 1979 (UCPI0000013314) as it is clear that the event was TUC-organised and I never attended a TUC conference.
91. I note that I am listed in my cover name as an attendee of a conference in a report dated 12 August 1980 (MPS-0729029) and, while I do not recall much of



the specifics, I have no reason to doubt that I was there, probably qualifying as a “leading cadre” by virtue of my role as treasurer for the Haringey branch and Lea Valley district (MPS-0729027 also refers).

92. The reports dated 15 and 16 September 1980 (UCPI0000014264 and UCPI0000014253) appear to be supplemental and based on other enquiries given that they include details of reservations which pre-date my involvement with RTW and were outside my role, which was limited to administrative support on the road, making payments as required and looking after donations received along the march. I may have provided the schedule and list of stops but Privacy appears to have been responsible for all the other arrangements.
93. My position as National Treasurer enabled me to have access to good quality information without getting involved in policy or organising events, which I felt was consistent with my role as a deployed UCO. As I have described elsewhere, I avoided any position of responsibility which would require me to take an active role in organising events, even where there was no risk of them becoming violent.
94. As National Treasurer, I just wanted the funds for the RTW march to be kept separately: it was the logical thing to do and consistent with acting as treasurer. I did not know how much money might be donated en route. My ability to deal with RTW funds lawfully was complicated by the status of the organisation, as the record at UCPI0000028714 shows. I was not required to set up any other accounts, although as branch and district treasurer there may have been other accounts for which I would have been responsible during my tenure.
95. I attended the entirety of the 1980 RTW march and drove one of the support vehicles as well as cooking on the evenings that no other arrangements were possible. When necessary, I would have called in to my managers.
96. The commendation at MPS-726730 was awarded following the 1980 RTW march. I was successful at providing information to my managers before the event and along the route of the march, including detail that large numbers were planning to attend the final picket of the Conservative Party conference in



Brighton at the conclusion of the RTW march. This picket turned violent and it was the one occasion that I was not able to stay on the sidelines. As I recall it, the disorder started around me, during the course of which I was badly assaulted around the head and shoulders, receiving severe bruising. It was also the only occasion when I struck out, although only in self-defence.

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97. [redacted] HN155 also attended the 1980 RTW march, driving one of the other support vehicles. We did not interact to any great extent, although there may have been a couple of occasions on which we had a quick conversation out of earshot of other individuals.

98. As I have stated elsewhere, I believe I only went to Liverpool as a speaker, and do not recall being involved in any way in the RTW march from Manchester to Liverpool. It's possible that I was still recovering from the injuries I received in Brighton. I might have been given information about the Manchester march, possibly through national headquarters, but I was not handling its finances. I handed all that over after Brighton, although I do not recall how I managed this.

99. Having read the report dated 26 February 1981 (UCPI0000016485), I do not recall attending a social function in Pontypridd. The only occasion I ever went to Wales was for the start of the 1980 Cardiff to Brighton RTW march, which marshalled in Port Talbot before setting off. From the report's tone, it appears that the author was present at the event but I do not know who it was, nor can I comment about the considerations or motivation underlying the detail that was reported.

100. I did not take part in the 1981 RTW march. It appears from the reports dated 4 August and 23 September 1981 (UCPI0000015519 and UCPI0000015624) that at least some of the organising meetings took place at SWP headquarters, and on that basis it is possible that I supplied some information to my managers, including a basic analysis of what might happen.

Reporting on the Anti-Nazi League

101. As with other aspects of my deployment, my involvement with the Anti-Nazi League ('ANL') was a result of my own analysis and initiative. It helped that the



ANL had strong links with extreme left-wing groups. There had been a number of violent confrontations in East London between the ANL and extreme right-wing organisations such as the National Front. There was some similarity with Grunwick and the violence that occurred there: the key thing was to get information to the local police in a very timely fashion given the relatively poor communications compared with today's.

102. Just because an individual was involved with ANL, it did not necessarily mean that they were members. Given the significant overlap with the extreme left-wing, I did not need to expand my contacts any further when attending ANL events. In particular, Paul Holborrow was a significant individual in both organisations.
103. Having read the report dated 25 January 1978 (UCPI0000011673) I am not sure it is mine. It is possible that I could have reported this information if I had spoken to someone but it is unlikely I would have had much detail. I would not have involved myself in planning disruption or the disruption itself because that was wholly inconsistent with my role as a deployed UCO.
104. The Haringey and Enfield ANL covered my 'home' area but beyond attending events, I was not involved to any great extent with the organisation, and certainly not as an organiser. The information in the report dated 19 April 1978 (UCPI0000016252) probably reached me at a meeting.
105. The report dated 17 May 1978 (UCPI0000021653) describes the ANL carnival, which I understand as different from a demonstration. My cover name is included in the list of attendees but, on considering the list closely, it appears to a composite report made up of a number of lists of people submitted separately. In my view, it was justifiable and proportionate to report on this organisation on the basis that the ANL was known to use violence and seek out confrontation. It was important to know where its support came from and was likely to come from in future.



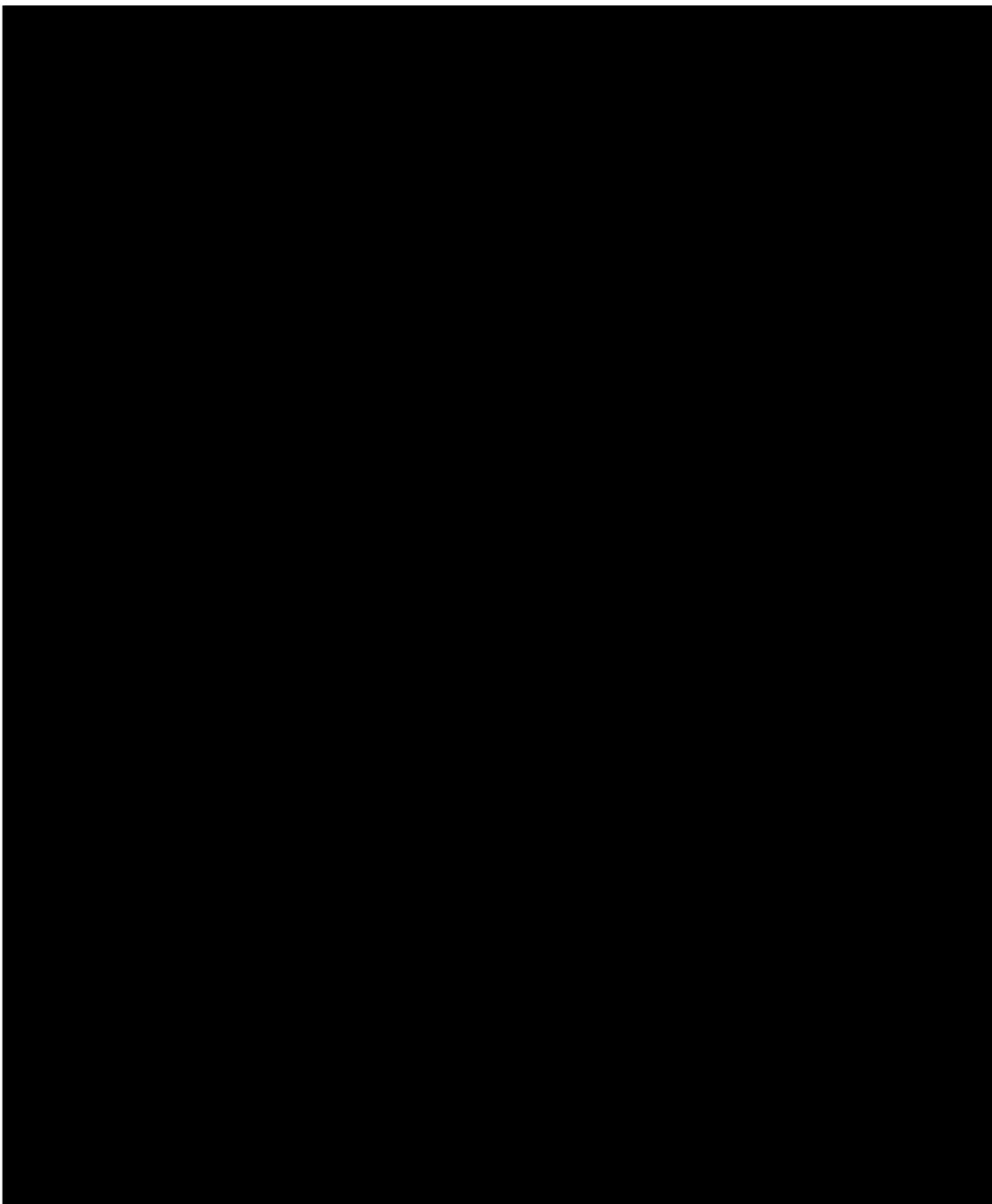
Reporting on another group

106. In the second half of my deployment, I started to have more contact with activists representing a variety of other left-wing interests, including politicians and trade unionists, as well as PIRA supporters and terrorists. At the time, I remember I had at least one conversation with ¹⁸ [redacted] **HN68** [redacted], who explained to me the difficulty of dealing with the PIRA supporters and terrorists and the intelligence potential about contacts that required to be submitted.

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Reporting on individuals

110. Information about individuals was reported because of their connections to groups which posed a threat to the public or of potential disorder, as well as a potential interest to the Security Service from a counter-subversion perspective. Considering the specific reports identified:

- a. I do not believe that I submitted the report dated 25 May 1977 (UCPI0000017432) as it seems to be too early in my deployment. I cannot comment why the application for a mortgage was worth reporting.
- b. The report dated 28 June 1978 (UCPI0000021804) is possibly attributable to me and, while a person's unemployment was less useful than knowing their place of work, it would still be reported.
- c. Having considered the reports dated 23 August 1977 and 30 January 1978 (UCPI0000011178, UCPI0000011681 and UCPI0000011683), the first feels too early. [REDACTED]

- d. I do not recall submitting the report dated 5 December 1977 (UCPI0000011602) but I note that the young girl is mentioned because she attends meetings with her mother. The other detail that is reported would have been for identification purposes only. No adverse judgement or other significance should be implied.
- e. I have considered the reports dated 7 April 1978, 1 April and 8 August 1980 (UCPI0000011924, UCPI0000013873 and UCPI0000014174), I do not believe any of them are attributable to me. I would not have regarded the health of individuals as significant for reporting, and I only ever met

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the individual mentioned in the last report on one occasion, and so would not have been in a position to obtain the information mentioned.

111. I have no specific recollection of submitting any of the reports which have been provided as part of my witness pack, apart from the reports detailing the national delegate conferences in 1978 and 1980, the latter dated 13 January 1981 (UCPI0000013228 and UCPI0000016148). It took me almost a month to write up each annual conference on my typewriter at home. The first of these reports led to one of my two DAC Commendations. It is interesting to note that my report of the 1979 national delegate conference, which I think was at St Ermin's Hotel just by New Scotland Yard, has not survived. I have considered each and provided an assessment of whether or not I believe them to be attributable to me against the majority of them. I believe that the fact that the majority of these documents came from the Security Service may have skewed the nature of the reports considerably.

Trade Unions

112. I did not join any trade unions while I was a UCO serving with the SDS. As mentioned at paragraphs 56 and 64 above, I believe the references to AUEW and T&GWU are erroneous, insofar as they relate to me.

113. Haringey was a focal point for the extreme left-wing and there were a multitude of trade unions protesting at the Conservative policies of the time. It was inevitable that I would have contact with trades union members through my involvement with the extreme left-wing but I did not infiltrate trade unions or involve myself with their activities in any material way. Industrial disputes then involved much more violence than they do now.

114. I have considered the reports dated 3 June, 5 July and 2 December 1977 (UCPI0000011725, UCPI0000017541 and UCPI0000011594) and I believe that they are a little early in my deployment. It would have been relevant to understand the extent to which the SWP had members within or were associated with the various trade unions, and it would also provide at least a start point for understanding whether union events might have brought in additional, potentially troublesome, individuals.



115. I do not believe that the report dated 29 January 1982 (UCPI0000017141) is attributable to me and cannot comment on the relevance of the reporting.
116. Having read the report dated 19 February 1981 (UCPI0000016446) it is possible that this information reached me through SWP national headquarters. It is clear from the context that the report deals more with the implications for the SWP of NUM actions. I do not recall interacting with or reporting on NUM members otherwise.

Public Order

117. On numerous occasions, I became aware of the potential for violence at demonstrations, whether organised by the extreme left-wing or peripheral to trade union disputes. The only reason why I accepted ^[21] contact with PIRA supporters and terrorists was a possibility that events planned in London might become available to deal with – not specific but additionally. Notwithstanding the pre-emptive actions taken on the basis of my information, I did witness public disorder on numerous occasions, most notably at Brighton following the RTW march.
118. While I attended a number of demonstrations organised by a variety of groups, I did not participate in public disorder, apart from the one occasion described at paragraph 96 above. I emphasise that I did not set out to become involved in public disorder on that occasion but it erupted around me and I was unable to extricate myself.

Violence

119. I witnessed violence on several occasions from minor assaults through to severe beatings but only in the context of public disorder. Wherever possible, I notified the risk to my managers in advance.
120. Having read the report dated 14 July 1977 (UCPI0000017554), I did not witness the violence between SWP and National Front paper sellers to which it refers.



121. I did not participate in any violent incident save as previously mentioned at paragraph 96 above, and all I tried to do was defend myself. I was not the instigator on that occasion or any other.

Subversion

122. While I understood that SB had a role in countering subversion, I do not believe I was operating among subversives. In my view, I was reporting on those who posed a risk to public order, and that is borne out by what I recall seeing. They were strongly opposed to government policy but were not seeking to subvert the institutions of the state.

123. I understood from my managers that relevant reporting would be passed on to the Security Service. As I have stated above, I believe that the absence of a complete SB archive and the retrieval of reports from the Security Service to compensate for this has skewed the tone of the reporting in my witness pack significantly. This is particularly true because of the absence of a number of reports dealing with numbers and intentions prior to demonstrations and other events.

124. I did not have any personal contact with the Security Service during my deployment. It is clear that my report from the 1978 national delegate conference was passed to them and copied to the Deputy Director General (see letter dated 20 February 1979) I was however debriefed by them and this took place almost immediately after my exfiltration, as far as I recall. It was organised through my managers and the content of the letter dated 8 March 1982 (UCPI0000027518) makes it clear that their focus was on filling gaps in their knowledge of the SWP and key extreme left-wing individuals. In this respect, I think they referred heavily to my report of the 1979 national delegate conference. I do not believe that it was common practice for the Security Service to debrief SDS officers.



Sexual relationships

125. I did not engage in any sexual activity whilst in my undercover identity. My invented relationship with the airline stewardess in New Zealand meant that I had no relationships of any sort with women.

Other relationships

126. I would have described my friendship with most people I encountered through the SWP as friendly, but it was probably John Deason with whom I formed the closest friendship, through sport and my *ad hoc* assistance at SWP headquarters.

127. I have described elsewhere in this statement that I was treasurer of the Haringey branch and Lea Valley district, as well as for the RTW march, but I did not take on any other position of trust.

Criminal justice

128. I did not participate in any criminal activity whilst I was deployed as a UCO, nor was I arrested, charged, tried or convicted of a criminal offence during that time.

129. I did not appear as a witness in any criminal proceedings in my undercover identity, and as far as I am aware there was no disclosure of my UCO identity in connection with any proceedings as this would have gone against the assurances given to me by Geoff Craft (see paragraph 10 above).

130. I did not provoke, encourage or cause any other person to participate in criminal activity while I was deployed as a UCO with the SDS.

131. As far as I am aware, my reports were purely intelligence and never intended for use as evidence or disclosure in connection with a criminal investigation or prosecution. I did not provide evidence for use in any prosecution arising from my undercover deployment.



Other legal or disciplinary proceedings

132. I was not involved in any way in my undercover identity in any other legal proceedings, any complaint or any disciplinary proceedings involving a police officer.

Legal professional privilege

133. I did not receive or become aware of any legally privileged information while I was deployed as an undercover police officer.

Elected politicians

134. I did not report on elected politicians while I was deployed as a UCO. The names of a number of councillors and MPs feature in some of the reports in my witness pack but I do not recall ever reporting on them.

135. Having considered the letter appended to the report dated 1 October 1980, it is clear that this was forwarded to me in my role as treasurer for the RTW march. I have stated elsewhere that I felt it was inconsistent with my real role as a deployed UCO for me to interfere with personal property including correspondence.

The use to which your reporting was put

136. As far as I know, my reports were provided to my managers in the SDS and they would decide on their further distribution or the dissemination of the information they contained. They may also have been passed to the Security Services where necessary.

137. I was able to provide timely intelligence about proposed demonstrations, particularly those where violence was threatened or likely. The MPS public order section was able to prevent this from taking place, or certainly mitigate its effect significantly.

Exfiltration

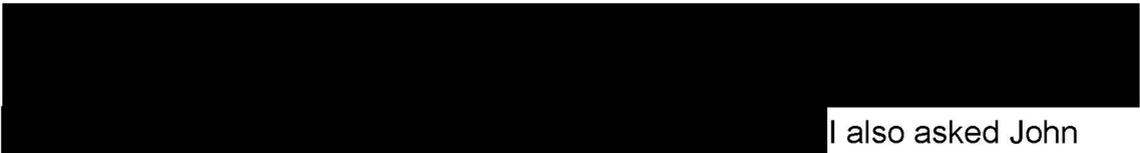
138. My deployment ended in March 1982. By that point I had spent just over five years with the SDS, and had been deployed undercover for all but the first



three months or so of that period. I understood at the time that I had been extended by a year while another officer worked his way into the SWP, such that the quality of information available was not significantly diminished.

139. My exfiltration was planned with my managers but I was responsible for its execution. As mentioned in paragraph 23 above, my back story included a long-term, long-distance relationship and I just let it be known that I was going out to New Zealand to spend more time with my partner and start a new life. As my cover employment was as a self-employed mechanic, I appeared to have very few ties to the UK in any event. In an early conversation with Mike Ferguson, he advised me to create an exit plan which allowed me plausibly to deny that I was Colin Clark in case I should ever bump into any of the activists I had known following my deployment.

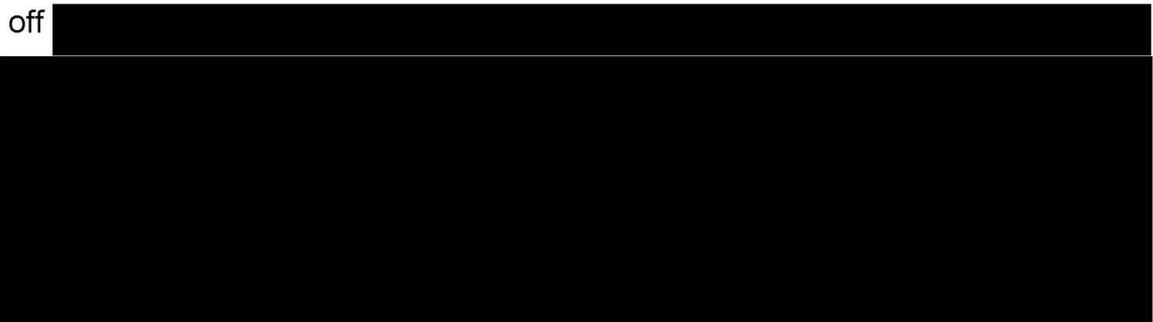
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I also asked John Deason to help me dispose of the few possessions I was not taking with me, and ensured that he saw my passport and ticket at the same time.

141. I recall that there was a large leaving party for me about a week or so before
23 I left. This was attended by the left-wing activists, including from the SWP, with whom I had worked, as well as a number of others with whom I had only had a passing interaction and hangers-on who were just there because they had heard there was a party. John Deason drove me to the airport to see me off

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142. Following my withdrawal, I did not seek to make contact with any of the individuals on whom I had been reporting and I did not make any further use of



my cover name. I do not know if there was any process for authorising continued use of a cover identity.

143. There were, however, three or four occasions after my deployment when individuals who had known me in my cover identity approached me and addressed me in my cover name. These are:

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An occasion when HN80 was approached in his cover name following his deployment

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b.

Another occasion when HN80 was approached in his cover name following his deployment.

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[REDACTED]

Managers and administrative staff

145. When I joined the SDS, the DCI in charge was Geoff Craft. He was assisted by DI Mike Ferguson and DS ²⁸ [REDACTED] HN68 [REDACTED]. Above them would have been the 'S' Squad hierarchy. There were no managers in the SDS who were not in my chain of command. I do not recall there being any administrative staff.

146. The following were in the SDS or 'S' Squad as a manager while I was a UCO:

- a. Mike Ferguson was DI and then DCI.
- b. Nigel Short was a Supt at some point.
- c. Barry Moss was a Supt at some point.
- d. Trevor Butler was the DI and then the DCI.
- e. Ken Pryde was a Supt at some point.
- f. ²⁸ [REDACTED] HN68 [REDACTED] was DS when I joined.
- g. Angus McIntosh was a DI.
- h. Chris Skey was a DS at some point.
- i. ²⁹ [REDACTED] HN45 [REDACTED] was a DS at some point.
- j. Paul Croydon was DI at some point.
- k. Martin Gray was DI at some point.
- l. Mike Couch was a DS at some point.

[REDACTED]

m. I do not recall Les Willingale or Mike Barber being managers with the SDS or in 'S' Squad.

n. Ray Wilson is not mentioned but he was a Supt in 'S' Squad in 1980.

147. I found my managers to be very effective. They provided practical, relevant assistance and were on hand to provide guidance when necessary.

Management and supervision: general arrangements

148. During my deployment, I had routine contact with my managers when I attended the safe house and when I called in to the office. Whether it was face-to-face or by telephone, the focus of every contact was the passage of information – usually from me to them. As it was generally urgent, most information relating to public protection were telephoned in. I had a typewriter at home on which I produced typed reports, albeit these still required relevant file references adding. I recall that one of these reports, dated 13 January 1981 (UCPI0000016148) ran to 140-odd pages and took a month to complete.

149. I am not aware of any deliberate process for monitoring my welfare during the course of my deployment. As mentioned at paragraph 46 above, my managers tried to look after me and escalated the concerns that I raised regarding my compromise in ³⁰ [REDACTED] town centre up the chain of command, and were supportive of me. Unfortunately, the administrative hierarchy was unwilling to waive the 20-mile residence rule then in place for MPS officers.

Senior management and oversight bodies

150. Occasionally, a senior manager from 'S' Squad would come out to one of the SDS flats but that only happened on a couple of occasions as far as I can recall. As far as I am aware there were no visits by other senior officers or oversight from the likes of HMIC during my time. Given that the existence of the unit was classified, I would be surprised if there had been.

151. I was commended for my work in the SDS on three occasions. I received a DAC commendation for my report on the 1978 national delegate conference (UCPI0000013228) mentioned at paragraph 111 above. This was also the



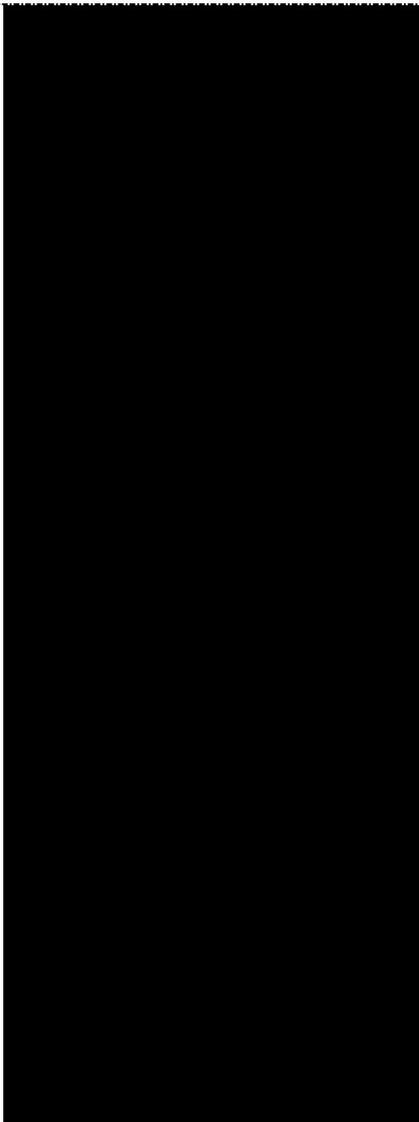
subject of a letter to the Security Service. I received a further DAC commendation for my work on the 1979 national delegate conference, the report on which is not included in my witness pack but which I believe ran to over 360 pages. The Commissioner's commendation for my work on the 1980 RTW march is dealt with at paragraph 96 above.

Deployment of contemporaries

152. I am confident that the following were members of the SDS:

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**HN13, HN19, HN20, HN353, HN304, HN303, HN67,
HN65, HN82, HN96, Roger Pearce, HN106, HN155,
HN300, HN296, HN354 and HN356**



[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

I do not recall ³² [REDACTED] ³³ HN12 ³⁴ HN356 (under a different first name) ³⁴ [REDACTED] HN200 ever being on SDS, although I do know ³² [REDACTED] HN12 from other SB work.

153. I only became aware of the allegations concerning ³⁵ [REDACTED] HN67 when they were raised with me during the making of this statement. As far as I am aware, this was never spoken of at the time, nor do I recall any of my contemporaries discussing relationships while they were deployed or since.
154. If my contemporaries had committed criminal offences, these were not openly discussed among SDS members on the rare occasions I was present, neither was there any discussion about provoking others to commit criminal offences. I am not aware that any others were arrested, charged, tried or convicted in their undercover identities.
155. I am not aware that any of my contemporaries were involved in public disorder, violence or other criminal activity, although it is possible that if they had been, that information might only have been shared with managers.
156. As far as I can recall, none of my contemporaries reported legally privileged information whilst deployed, or provided information on elected politicians.



157. As far as I understand, my contemporaries' achievements for the benefit of policing were similar to mine: the protection of the public and the prevention or mitigation of public disorder.

158. I am not aware what my contemporaries might have achieved to assist the Security Service in its work. This was never shared.

Post deployment

159. After my deployment, I had a couple of weeks' leave and then moved on to my next posting. There was no advice or ongoing support from the MPS following my withdrawal. At some point, I remember telling my managers that I was surprised that there were no physical or psychological checks on UCOs, because I understood that the work affected some of my colleagues quite badly. In particular, I was very disappointed by the decision to move me to

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a subsequent police posting that put me at risk of harm.

In part, that was because an SDS deployment could not be recorded on our personnel files. Les Willingale, who was my Supt³⁷ in a previous role, advised me that I was forced to go to³⁸ a particular role by the relevant Commander and CSupt

. Far from being offered support, I feel that the MPS as an organisation ignored sensible representations about the risks – as the encounters described at paragraph 143(b) above show.

Post-Special Demonstration Squad police career

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My SDS posting gave me no influence over roles, and was wholly disregarded when it came to my

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subsequent police posting that put me at risk of harm.



Leaving the police

161. I retired voluntarily from the MPS in ⁴¹1990s I then enjoyed a successful second career in a commercial, non-policing role. I am now retired.

Undercover work in the private sector

162. I do not believe I was given any guidance about working undercover in the private sector, or using any aspect of my assumed identity in the private sector, before I left the MPS. I have not worked undercover in the private sector, whether personally or as an organiser, manager or supervisor.

Any other matters

163. The Inquiry is aware that there will be a formal complaint over my Risk Assessment and the Impact Statement but, save where specifically asked, I make no further comment in this statement on those issues. This statement represents the true position.

Request for documents

164. I retained correspondence relating to my wish to move home following the encounter in ⁴² detailed at paragraph 46 above, and the MPS's strict attitude to the residence rules. I also retained a photocopy of the passport in my cover name. I provide copies of the originals, as well as a typed copy that I made given how badly the originals had deteriorated. In the intervening period, the first page has fallen apart completely and so only the typed copy exists.

165. I also retained all of my appraisals, including for the period in question, and so have been able to refresh my memory by reference to these. I have supplied copies of the appraisals covering my career from the SDS until retirement.

166. I have also provided copies of my DAC's commendations, one of which refers to a report that is not in my witness pack, and a letter to the Security Service relating to the 1978 national delegate conference.



Diversity

167. I am a white British male.

I believe the content of this statement to be true.

Signed:
Dated:

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Signed by HN80
1 April 2021

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