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R. Watts Cmb.

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DAC**3**

It is unfortunate that DC **HN13** having the outstanding charge against him at Barking Magistrates Court dismissed on 12 April, was again arrested on 15 April during the right wing/left wing clash at Brixton.

As you are aware, this officer, through excellent work and no little courage, has securely penetrated the CPE(M-L) - the most violent organisation of the ultra-left whose basic policies include direct confrontation with police. The information he has supplied, and continues to supply, is of great value to Uniform Branch in the public order field.

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I shall be seeing DC **HN13** personally on Thursday 20 April, and will discuss the arrest as well as his continuing role in this field. Clearly his security and well-being must take priority but I would be very reticent to recommend his withdrawal from the field at this time, in view of the considerable potential for violence in the right wing/left wing confrontations now taking place.

SB  
19.4.78

R. Watts  
Commander

M.P.

[P.T.O.]

ACC

You will wish to know of the arrest, for the second time, of DS [HN13] 5 in political public disorder circumstances. Subject to any observations you may have, I intend to ride this particular case, leave him in the field at this extremely sensitive time of possible political/racial confrontation, and consider the question of his withdrawal later in the year.

Given that he and his colleagues, if they are doing their jobs properly, are inevitably going to be part of the general crowd confronting police, it is almost equally inevitable that there will be the occasional arrest - it is indeed fortunate that such occasions are very rare. I nevertheless think that the risk - provided it is controlled, supervised and measured in the way we do it - is commensurate with the importance of the intelligence we derive.

I have directed Cdr Ops (SB) to liaise with Cdr 'M' Division and will keep you informed of developments.

SB  
20.4.78

Robert P Bryan

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DAC

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DAC (SB)

I agree with the  
action you proposed and  
have updated the Commission  
7/11 in due course.

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Rear Ops (SB)

Referred to for immediate report after  
court hearing - or sooner if there are any significant  
developments.

SB  
25/4/78.

Robert P Bryan

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DAC

Superintendent Pryde seems to have  
established a beneficial liaison here.  
We must now await the hearing.

SB 2/5/78

John Wilson

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A/Comm. Sec.

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A/Comm. Sec.

Sec. Thank you. Y/K in due course.

SB  
2/5/78

Robert P. Bryan

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DAC

The liaison work undertaken by Supt Pryde had the desired effect,  
which was reflected in the sentence. The £100 bind-over was very  
useful insofar as DS HN13 may be able to preserve a somewhat lower  
profile for a while. The officer only has five more months to  
serve in this field, and under the circumstances there would appear  
to be no need to withdraw him at the moment.

He is still producing first-rate information in the Public Order  
field and his morale remains high.

SB  
3.7.78

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A/Commander

[P.T.O.]

M.P.

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ACC

You may wish to apprise the Commissioner of what, in all the circumstances, may be regarded as a satisfactory conclusion to this rather sensitive case. We took much care to supervise the proceedings at all stages and the overall risk, in my view, was commensurate with the high grade intelligence being produced.

I will keep the papers in my personal safe.

SB  
5.7.78

Robert P. Bryan

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Seen and noted that  
you - would like me  
of.  
at the Commission ACC

MEMORANDUM

Special Branch  
3rd July 1978

Commander 'Operations'

- 14 A.
- 13 1. D/S [HN13] charged (as a member of the Communist Party of England - Marxist Leninist) with threatening behaviour contrary to Sec. 5 Public Order Act 1936, following the clash between the ultra-left and the extreme right wing during the Brixton bye-election in April 1978, appeared at Lambeth Magistrates Court on Thursday 29th June 1978.
2. He was found guilty and fined £40 with £20 costs and bound over in the sum of £100 to be of good behaviour for 12 months.
- 14 3. Throughout the remand and before the trial contact was maintained with [redacted] a court official [redacted] and our appreciation for his assistance and co-operation was expressed at the end of these proceedings.

  
A/ Ch. Supt.

MEMORANDUM

Special Branch  
28th April 1978

Commander 'Operations'

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1. ■■■HN13■ appeared at Camberwell Green Magistrates Court on 26/4/78 and was remanded on bail to 29th June 1978.

2. Contact has been established with ■■■ a court official ■■■ who was told that our interest in this case consisted of the fact that the defendant (cover name given) was a valuable informant in the public order field whom we would wish to safeguard from a prison sentence should the occasion arise.

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3. The court official accepted this situation with understanding and was completely co-operative and I shall continue to maintain liaison with him during the remand and when this case appears at Court.

  
Superintendent.

MEMORANDUM

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Special Branch  
18th April 1978

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Commander 'Operations'

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1. D/S **HN13** (as a member of the Communist Party of England - Marxist Leninist) was arrested at 5.50 p.m. on 15th April 1978 in Brixton High Road following the clash between the ultra-left and the extreme right wing at the National Front meeting held at Loughborough School, Minet Road, Brixton.

2. He was charged at Paddington Police Station with using threatening behaviour with intent to provoke a breach of the peace contrary to Sec. 5 Public Order Act 1936 and bailed in his own recognizance to appear at Camberwell Green Magistrates Court on Wednesday 26th April 1978.

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3. The arresting officers were PC **HN13** and PC **21** neither of whom are known to **HN13**

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*[Signature]*  
Superintendent.



Special Branch

17th April 1978

Commander 'Operations'*Good news*

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1. D/S **HN13** (charged as a member of the C.P.E.-M.L.) together with seven of his 'comrades' appeared at Barking Magistrates Court on 10th, 11th and 12th April 1978.

2. One member of the group failed to appear on 10th April and is believed to be in Canada (a warrant has been issued); two others were found 'not guilty' on 11th April - case dismissed and the case against **HN13** was dismissed on 12th April at the same time as the remaining 'four' were found guilty and fined.

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3. Throughout this trial contact was maintained with **a court official** whose invaluable assistance and co-operation was given without question and our appreciation for this was expressed at the end of the proceedings.

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*[Signature]*  
Superintendent.

MEMORANDUM

Special Branch

6th January 1978

Commander 'Operations'

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27 1. D/S [redacted] HN13 (charged as a member of the C.P.E.-ML with Insulting Behaviour under the Public Order Act) together with seven others, on varying charges connected with public disorder at a demonstration in Barking on 17/9/77, appeared at Barking Magistrates Court on 3rd and 5th January 1978.

2. The prosecution asked for all to be tried together to which the defendants readily agreed and following their non-recognition of the Court a plea of 'not guilty' was entered against each one.

3. The two days' proceedings, before a Bench of three J.P.s, consisted of continual hectoring and 'political' questioning of arresting officers and 'political' statements made by the defendants from the dock. As a result the Court had to be adjourned on numerous occasions and only four Police Officers' evidence has been heard, amongst which are the two P.C.s involved in the case of [redacted] HN13

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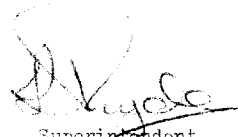
4. All defendants have now been remanded to 10th April 1978 when a Court will be set aside for four days for completion of these cases.

5. Contact has been established with [redacted] a court official [redacted] who is aware that one of the defendants (name not given) is an informant whom we would be anxious to safeguard from any prison sentence should this situation arise.

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6 The court official accepted this situation without demur and with understanding and has been completely co-operative throughout; I shall continue to maintain liaison with him during the remand and when the defendants re-appear at Court.

  
Superintendent.

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MORANDUM

Special Branch

21st September, 1977.

Commander 'Operations'

[31] 1. D.C. [REDACTED] HN13 [REDACTED] together with his CPE (M-L) 'comrades', appeared at Barking Magistrates' Court this morning and was remanded on bail to appear at the same court on 3rd January, 1978, when the cases will be heard.

[32] 2. I had a long conversation at the court with the arresting officer, PC [REDACTED], and it is clear that his colleague, PC [REDACTED] has said nothing to suggest that he might have recognised [REDACTED] HN13 [REDACTED]

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G.T.M. Craft

G.T.M. Craft  
Chief Inspector.

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MEMORANDUM

Special Branch  
19th September, 1977.

Commander 'Ops'

1. As you are aware, the Communist Party of England (M-L), under the guise of the East London Peoples' Front, held an anti-fascist march on Saturday morning (17th September) from Ilford to Barking. Outside Barking Police Station a confrontation between one of the marchers and a suspected National Front photographer precipitated a general melee resulting in a number of arrests.

36 2. D.C. **HN13**, S.D.S., who had been marching with his 'comrades', was knocked to the ground, whilst trying to shield two young children, and was somewhat battered by police prior to his arrest for Insulting Behaviour under the Public Order Act. He was released on bail later in the day and is due to appear at Barking Magistrates' Court at 10am on Wednesday, 21st September.

37 3. The case is slightly complicated by the fact that D.C. **HN13** believes the constable who arrested him served with him **HN13** some years ago and, although the latter did not recognise him at the time, there is a possibility that he might do so just before or in the course of the Court hearing. I think it would be wise, subject to your agreement, if I were to see the arresting officer in the presence of his Chief Superintendent with a view to putting him partially in the picture. I would propose doing this along the lines that D.C. **HN13** operation was a 'one off' job.

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40 4. D.C. **HN13's** injuries were sufficient to require examination by the Divisional Surgeon at Barking Police Station and he has been advised to seek an X-ray examination of his nose. This will be done today.

**G.T.M. Craft**

G.T.M. Craft  
Chief Inspector.

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