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Special Branch Memorandum

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Commander 'Ops'

This arrest of an SDS field officer will have done no harm to his standing amongst his 'comrades'.

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Special Branch

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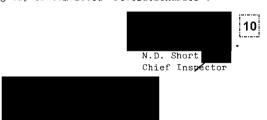
Chief Superintendent 'S' Squad

1. On Friday 13th January, 1984, Detective Constable [HN12] a Special Demonstration Squad Officer working under the assumed name of Michael HARTLEY within the Revolutionary Communist Group (RCG), was arrested by police from Highbury Vale Police Station for illegal bill posting.

2. The circumstances were that DC HN12 and Privacy unemployed of Privacy an RCG 'comrade', had been directed by committee members of the RCG 'front' organisation Irish Solidarity Movement, to afix posters on appropriate premises in Holloway Road N19 (a normal activity for a group of this nature) advertising a forthcoming "Week of Action" concerning informers in Ireland. At 8.30 pm that evening PC 55 and PC 55 on patrol in a marked police vehicle, apprehended both individuals in the act of pasting posters to a hoarding in Holloway Road, N19. DC HN12 and Privacy rere 6 arrested, taken to Highbury Vale Police Station and charged with "that you did on Friday 13th January, 1984, afix a posting bill at Holloway Road N19, without the consent of the owner - contrary to Section 54(10) Metropolitan Police Act, 1839."

- 3. Both were detained in individual cells until bailed at 11.05 pm to appear the following morning at Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court.
- 4. I was in telephone contact with DC | HN12 | subsequent to his release and gave him advice on how to handle the situation. As no police officer involved knew or was known to DC | HN12 | nor had enquiry of Special Branch Reserve been made by the arresting officer, I decided to let matters take their normal course and personally monitor the proceedings. Accordingly I was present when DC | HN12 | and | 9 |

 Privacy | appeared at Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court at 10 am on Saturday 14th January, 1984. Both pleaded 'guilty' and were fined £5 each.
 - 5. In my opinion, it can be concluded that this matter has been resolved satisfactorily without prejudice to Special Demonstration Squad operations in this particular field, which reflects credit upon the officer concerned. Although an unwelcome experience, the episode has done much to reinforce his position within this particular group of committed 'revolutionaries'.



18; to attend Court when 7. I shall therefore instruct DCI Craft, to attend Court when

[19] DC [HN13] appears and make known to the arresting officers his interest in all the defendants as it were a routine case of interest to SB.

Thus it will be more likely that if any of the officers have suspicions

[20] about DC [HN13] they will express those feelings to DCI Craft and not talk about them openly.

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8. This is the second occasion that DC [HN13] has been injured [21] on a demonstration, having received a blow on the head during the recent "Lewisham Confrontation". His morale remains high and he is happy to continue his undercover activities within the CPE(M-L) for the time being and his recent arrest and injuries will have added to his credence with that organisation. He will attempt to maintain a leven profile on deventations but there remains the possibility. a lower profile on demonstrations but there remains the possibility of further arrest. This is a risk which must be weighed against the need for information about this violent group. S.B. 21.9.77. 2 A DAC tree with 14, please 3 Sur Theme you. You are aware of my personal interest on This Case. ACC is in the picture as is the Commosing Keep me informed of developments pie Robert P Bryan 22

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