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'cover' addresses, and for the receipt of mail. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] at public meetings and private gatherings of extremists, and if we were to continue on this basis a certain amount of suspicion would be bound to arise. Separate addresses would seem to be the answer, and at the present time there are eight officers requiring 'cover' of this type. In one case two officers can share an address, but the others will each require separate accommodation so that their stories can be substantiated. This means obtaining seven suitable smaller flats for the use of these officers. It is estimated this would cost about £2,100 a year.

The head-quarter flat will need to be furnished with a cabinet or safe to hold documents, and a typewriter; I suggest that these items be non-Police type equipment purchased on the open market. The last requirement relates to transport; the arrangement whereby we have the use of two contract-hire motor vehicles, changeable weekly, is an ideal one and could well be continued.

We have found that the anonymity of the officers involved in operations is best preserved by paying for accommodation in cash. This cuts out any over-elaborate deception needed in using cheques, references, etc. Immediate cash payment in this way also enables the officer to change his address at a moments' notice if extremists become in any way suspicious of his activities.

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