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Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

Date 31.11.72 Initials [redacted]

22 day of November 1971

SUBJECT Terence McSWINEY Cumann of

Sinn Fein

1. The following information has been received from a reliable source:-

2. "The Annual General Meeting of the 'Terence McSWINEY' cumann of Sinn Fein was held at the 'Westcott Lodge' Lower Mall Hammersmith W6 between 8.30 pm and 9.30 pm on Wednesday 17 November 1971. The meeting was chaired by [redacted] Privacy ✓ Seven other persons were present.

Reference to Papers 335/71/84

3. [redacted] Privacy ✓ reported that during the year the cumann had collected £352, which had been sent to Dublin. The present membership of the cumann was 12 members and he had received a list of nine persons living in the West London area, who had applied to join Sinn Fein. He hoped to interview these applicants during the next week with a view to their joining the Terence McSWINEY cumann.

4. The following were then elected as Branch Officers for the coming year:-

Chairman: Sean LYNCH ✓

Vice Chairman: [redacted] Privacy ✓

Secretary: [redacted] Privacy ✓

Joint Treasurers: [redacted] Privacy ✓

Delegates to Comhairle Ceantair: Sean LYNCH; [redacted] Privacy ✓

5. According to the Constitution of Sinn Fein-three delegates could be sent from each cumann to the A.G.M. of the Comhairle Ceantair; this was usually reduced to two in the case of ordinary meetings of the Comhairle Ceantair. However, the meeting decided that the three named delegates would attend each Comhairle Ceantair meeting, and it would be left to those three delegates to decide on each occasion which two would have 'voting rights' and which one would be an observer. This move was in response to the fact that other cumainn in London had in the past been sending more than two delegates to the Comhairle Ceantair.

6. The Annual General Meeting of the Comhairle Ceantair was due to take place at [redacted] Privacy at 8.30 pm on Thursday 25 November 1971, in which case there would be no weekly meeting of the 'Terence McSWINEY' cumann of Sinn Fein next week, as the two clashed. However, as the room at 'Westcott Lodge' had been paid for, it was decided that the West London Branch of the Anti-Internment League who were holding a meeting on that evening could have use of the room, as they were having difficulty in finding a suitable venue.

7. The next meeting of the cumann was arranged for Thursday 9 December 1971. On the evening of Saturday 20 November 1971 all cumann members will meet at [Privacy] ([Privacy]) and from where they would leave to make collections in public houses in the Hammersmith, Shepherds Bush, and Acton areas.

8. The following are known to have attended the meeting:

[Privacy]
Sean LYNCH [Privacy]

9. Special Branch references are given in the attached appendix.

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Chief Inspector

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for CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

APPENDIX to Special Branch report on a
Terence McSWINEY cumann A.G.M.
held on 17.11.71.

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Sean LYNCH ✓

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