

MEMORANDUM

Commander Ops.

Banner Books & Crafts Ltd., 90 Camden High Street, NW1 (400/68/100)

1. "Banner Books" the well known left wing bookshop has, since it was opened in 1968, become one of the principal outlets for the dissemination of official Peking-line literature in London and a main centre of 'Maoist' activity. It is run by Gajawan V. BIJUR (402/67/715) a leading Maoist in his own right with contacts in most pro-Chinese organisations, including the 'Internationalists', in this country.

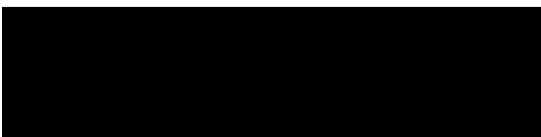
2. BIJUR is persona grata at and a frequent visitor to the Chinese Peoples Republic legation and his and Banner Books activities are of permanent interest to the Special Operations Squad [REDACTED]

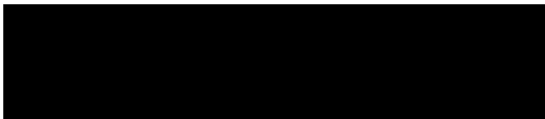
3. BIJUR has recently opened a second bookshop in Brixton to which he wishes to devote more of his time and is currently looking for a suitable 'comrade' to run the one at 90 Camden High Street.

4. By coincidence, he has asked D.C. [HN45] of the Special Operations Squad to take it on, or to recommend a reliable substitute. (In the course of his penetration of Maoist groups, D.C. [HN45] is becoming a confidante of BIJUR). BIJUR would like the position filled by [REDACTED] 14th February, 1972. [1] [2]

5. Clearly it would be neither practical nor prudent for our officer to run the bookshop on a permanent basis but there are certain advantages in his offering to run it temporarily, say for about a fortnight [REDACTED]

- (i) It would entrench our officer in BIJUR's esteem and probably make him acceptable in most Maoist circles.
- (ii) He would become privy to the inner workings and policy of "Banner Books".
- (iii) He would probably have access to records and mailing lists of persons of interest to Special Branch.
- (iv) He would be able to provide a plan of the bookshop and would have access to the keys of the premises.





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7. Needless to say the security of our officer and the Special Operations Squad will be paramount in the operation.

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