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METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

Special Report

29/6/71 [Redacted]

22 day of June 1971

SUBJECT

Central London

I.S.C.

Reference to Papers

400/70/204

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

"On Thursday 17.6.71 at the 'Earl Russell' P.H., Pancras Road, N1, from 8.30 to 10 pm, a meeting was held by the Central London Branch of the Irish Solidarity Campaign. There were about 45 persons present. The chairman was Gery LAWLESS and the only speaker was [Redacted] Privacy whose subject was 'Why The Provisionals?'".

[Redacted] Privacy explained that the split which had occurred within the Republican Movement about 12 months ago had been the result of the communist domination of the Movement. It was due to that influence that when the need had arisen to use arms there had been none available since communist policy was that it was better to use peaceful and parliamentary means to achieve Sinn Fein's objects. [Redacted] Privacy was bitterly opposed to such a policy as the experience of the previous 50 years was that nothing had been achieved by such methods. Force was the only answer. Although he was very scathing in his attack on the 'Communists' he made it clear that he was referring only to the "Moscow dominated Communists" and suggested that "a good place for a bomb would be King Street".

The Provisionals were still seeking a united socialist Ireland. Although he agreed they were further to the right than most of those remaining in the 'Official' Republican Movement the Provisionals were not fascists. Once the aims have been achieved certain persons within the movement would need to be removed because of their extreme right wing views but for the present they would be used.

Despite their brief existence the Provisionals had achieved much and had shown that they were capable of achieving the removal of the Capitalists and Imperialists from Ireland thereby securing Ireland for the Irish. The ousting of all British Troops would be a start and within the next few months there would be further "significant moves made by the Provisionals against the Imperialists in Ireland".

Afterwards there were several questions but nothing of interest emerged.

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At the end Gery LAWLESS announced that the trial of Frank KEANE had started in Ireland and he urged everyone to watch for the result and if it was announced before Thursday 24.6.71 they should go to the 'Earl Russell' the same evening where a meeting would be held to discuss "some form of action to be taken".

The following were among those present:-

Gery LAWLESS

Privacy

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Bob/PURDIE

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

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Appendix to Special Branch report of 22.6.71 re Central London I.S.C.

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Gery LAWLESS

RF.335/57/430

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Bob PURDIE

RF.405/67/82

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