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METROPOLITAN POLICE

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6th day of September, 1968.

SUBJECT V.S.C.
Autumn Offensive

Reference to Papers

346/68/15

Part II

As directed by Chief Superintendent, Special Branch at minute 1 on the attached papers Detective Inspector Riby Wilson and I saw Dowager Lady Jane BIRDWOOD at her address at 4 p.m. on Thursday, 5th September 1968.

Copy on AF Lady BIRDWOOD, widow of the late Lord Christopher BIRDWOOD, M.V.O., is well known to Special Branch for her anti-communist views and activities.

At the interview, which she chose to hold in the middle of her lawn, it became apparent that Lady BIRDWOOD was really seeking some assurance that Police were alert to suggestions of violence which she had heard and read about in the forthcoming V.S.C. demonstration of 27th October 1968.

Lady BIRDWOOD, a woman of mature years and politically well informed, was assured that Police were aware of this demonstration and that according to recent newspaper reports militancy could not be ruled out.

She was asked that if she, or her friends with similar interests to hers, had any specific information to offer concerning this demonstration she should contact Inspector Wilson or myself. Lady BIRDWOOD was thanked for her interest in this matter and appeared visibly relieved to know that Police were not treating the demonstration too lightly.

Lady BIRDWOOD is the subject of Special Branch papers 405/56/415 and the V.S.C. Autumn Offensive 345/68/15.

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