

S.S. No. 1 (Plain)

METROPOLITAN POLICE

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Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

18th day of September 1981

SUBJECT

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

Reference to Papers

2. "Between 3pm and 8pm on Sunday 13th September 1981 a meeting of Freedom editorial collective took place at 20 Albert Street, NW1, the home of Philip SANSOM. About ten persons attended.

Freedom Collective

3. Steve SORBA reported on the progress of Aldgate Press, concluding that, to maintain the press as a going concern, it was essential to attract orders from outside. To offset in part the present inevitable financial difficulties, £350 had been lent by Privacy

400/80/119

4. Privacy (Privacy), the former printer of Freedom who had located the press and other machinery for SORBA, had requested a 10% 'finder's fee' (about £200) normally payable under such conditions; although he had orders to the value of £600 awaiting completion, his own parlous financial situation made it impossible to purchase the paper and other materials needed to begin work.

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5. However, Privacy had vetoed the request on the ground that comrades assisted each other out of solidarity, not for commercial gain. To help him out of his financial difficulties it was agreed that Privacy would lend him £100 and that £50 would be paid from the Freedom account.

6. Privacy stated that a member of Solidarity in the United States had telephoned Freedom to report that Carl HARP, a member of Black Dragon in San Quentin Prison and regular contributor to the journal, had been murdered by, or at the instigation of, the prison officers. A full report would be despatched for publication in due course.

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7. Privacy had received a letter from Privacy in which she wrote that she would return to London on Wednesday 16th September 1981 with four or five comrades from Belfast. Her main reason for making the journey was to visit the Autonomy Centre and the group would only remain for a few days, probably at the 121 Anarchist Bookshop in Railton Road, SE24. She wrote that she had visited Privacy in Long Kesh Prison. She seemed content with life in Belfast, for the time being at least. The news was met with silence by the Freedom comrades who, with the exception of Privacy would be happier if she stayed in Belfast.



8. [Privacy] announced his departure for the United States on Saturday 3rd October 1981, where he would take up the post of assistant professor at the Rockefeller Institute, New York. For the immediate future, he had a science exchange visa for one year; this could be extended for three years, when he would review the situation.

9. He hoped to spend his savings of £2,500 in opening an anarchist bookshop in New York. However, on Monday 14th September he was accepted as a surety to secure the release of [Privacy] on bail and deposited £2,000 with the court. There would be a farewell party at 8pm on Saturday 26th September at [Privacy] NW1.

10. [Privacy] states that she would visit Italy on Thursday 17th September for three or four weeks on behalf of Amnesty International. Her brief was "to discover more of the situation there" and it seems certain that she will seek out revolutionary contacts."

11. The following persons attended:-

[Privacy]

Philip SANSOM

RF 402/45/69

Steve SORBA

[Privacy]

12. Special Branch references to other persons and organisations mentioned in this report are as follows:-

[Privacy]

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Carl HARP

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Aldgate Press	mentions
121 Anarchist Bookshop	mentions
Amnesty International	400/80/56
Autonomy Centre	400/78/176
Black Dragon	mention
Solidarity	400/18/51

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