

NOTE FOR FILE

H/SDS paid a routine visit to CSH on 2 October 1979. This was an opportunity to say farewell to DI Angus MacIntosh and to meet his successor Trevor Butler. After lunch at the Waterloo Despatch in Adams Row we returned to CSH for discussions.

2. The following points were raised:-

(a) SDS Assistance in Training

I told H/SDS that Training Section were enthusiastic about the idea of a rehabilitated SDS source talking to suitable courses about his experiences. I outlined the types of course run by Training Section and we agreed that the [redacted] a particular course was probably the most suitable for such a discussion. H/SDS said that he had obtained the agreement in principle of his superior and felt that he himself would be best able to take on this commitment. All he requires is a formal letter of invitation from Training Section, and I said I would take this up with them. Ferguson would also be prepared to talk to F6 on a similar theme.

(b)

Following a specific SDS request, SyS agree to assist with an officer's cover identity.

(c) The Leveller

H/SDS regards the Leveller as a useful contact point for many members of the ultra-left and is looking to re-deploy an existing source in the journalistic net of the Collective using already developed left-wing credentials. He is prepared for this to be a long term investment and would consider sending his source on a journalist training course if necessary. I introduced F6, [redacted] and we had a general discussion about our experience of the Collective. I agreed to provide SDS with some background information on the personalities involved.

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(d) Photographs

I provided copies of photographs of a recent Maoist gathering and of demonstrations outside the Old Bailey at the start of the Anarchist Arms trial and asked if he could establish any identities.

(e) Future Coverage

H/SDS confirmed that he hoped to have sources attending [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the SWP National Conference 14-16 November. Referring to the last named Ferguson said that the report he would provide would be in a different form from that of last year and would be confined to copies of the Conference documents and a list of those attending. I said that if possible we would be interested in reports on one or two specific resolutions such as those dealing with Flame, Womens Voice and the organisation of the Party. I asked if reports provided on the New Communist Party and the Workers Party indicated that the Squad had sources close to the group. Ferguson confirmed that these reports were unlikely to continue.

(f) [REDACTED]

(g) HN354

It was confirmed that HN354 is being withdrawn. A replacement will eventually be provided albeit in a different geographical area.

(h) [REDACTED]

3. In general conversation we touched on the problems of agents being involved in actions of varying degrees of illegality. Ferguson remarked that certainly for the more trivial offences this was no real hinderance to their operation since they were often able to insulate their sources even though this sometimes meant not prosecuting other offenders.

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4. H/SDS reemphasised the value of these regular meetings and we agreed to get together again in the second week of November.

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F6  
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4 October 1979