

NOTE FOR FILE

Detective Chief Superintendent Watts and Detective Chief Inspector [HN294] of MPSB visited 13 Great Marlborough Street at 11.00 on 12 November, 1973. They were met by [Sys], [sys] and [Sys].

2. [Sys] defined their primary targets for agent operations as the SLL, IS and IMG. The ideal would be a permanent well-placed employee in each headquarters, not necessarily too high up in the organisation. Secondary targets were [redacted] and [redacted], but the [Sys] requirement in these two cases was virtually only for membership details.

3. Both [Sys] and MPSB were of the opinion that the Alternative Society was so large and amorphous and to a large extent not subversive, that the only way to tackle it was by sampling different parts in an effort to locate and pinpoint the subversive individuals and groups. Particular groups mentioned in this context were loosely described as [redacted] and [redacted] and particular attention would be paid to [redacted] two groups.

5. MPSB are currently using the Special Demonstration Squad to cover the Ultra Left and parts of the Alternative Society. They are active in IS (West London and Wandsworth/Croydon Branches) IMG (West London cell), SLL (Clapham Branch), [redacted] and Claimants Union (Hornsey). They have connections with a variety of organisations (list attached).

6. It was agreed that when [Sys] had a query of general nature, they would pass it to [Sys] who could retail it, if necessary, to MPSB.

7. After [Sys] and [Sys] had left, [sys] described the F4 system, adopted by provincial police forces, of using provenance slips to protect sources. Ch Sup Watts asked [Sys] to send him a letter describing the provenance slip and would later consider practical instruction from F4 prior to implementation.

8. Subsequent discussion of the possibilities of using MPSB officers as talent spotters for F4 agents in London, emphasised that MPSB officers would not be suitable. The excuses offered were that:-

no Harry Lynch
(a) It was unlikely that ~~they~~ would be able to find someone in an organisation sufficiently disaffected to recruit as a long term agent.

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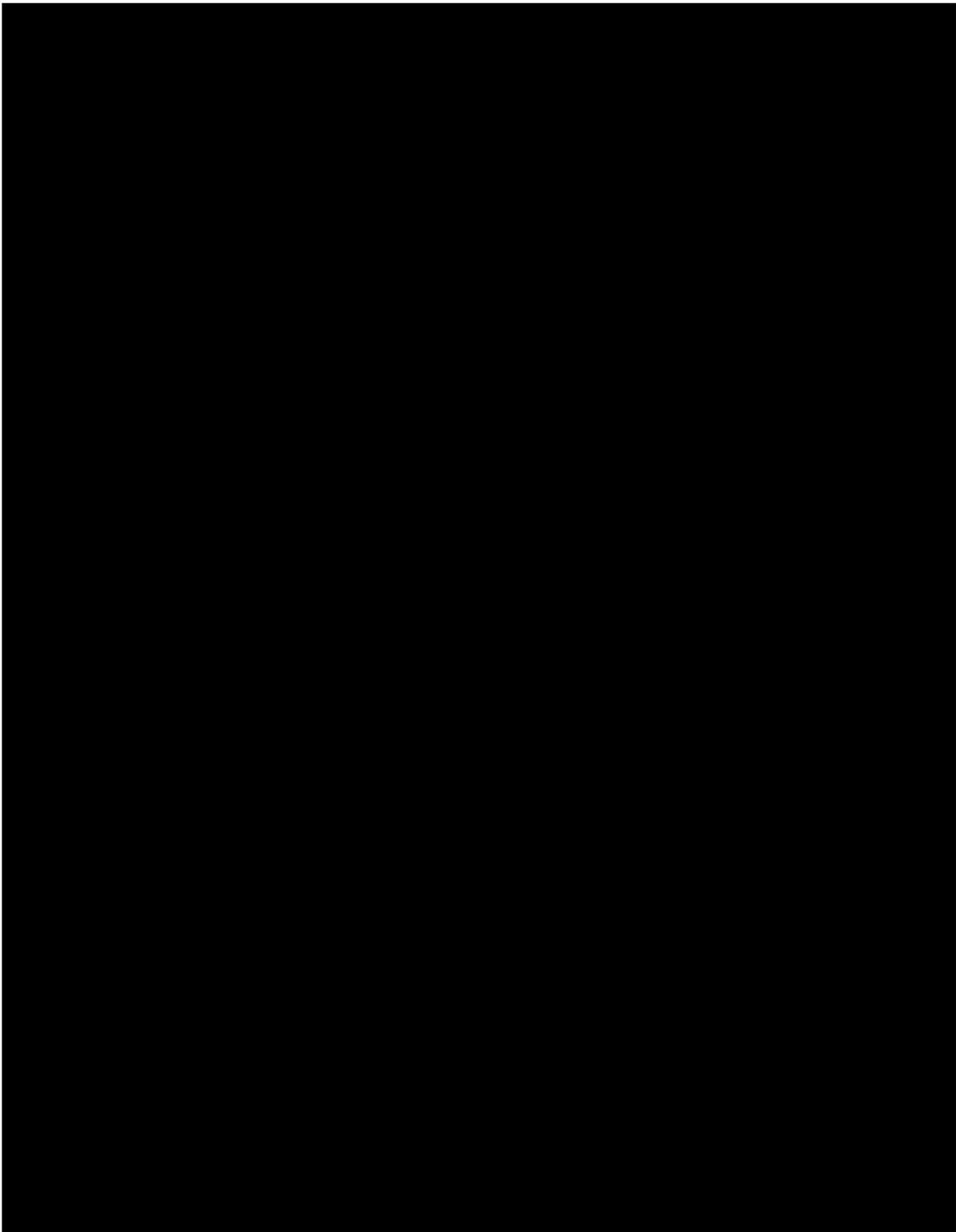
(b) Their organisation and the shortage of manpower prevented MPSB from performing more than their immediate tasks of ensuring law and order.

(c) Previous attempts to talent spot on F4's behalf had failed.

Although not stated explicitly the root cause appeared to be that MPSB [REDACTED] and rely almost exclusively on contacts and informants who are rarely paid.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
F4 [REDACTED]

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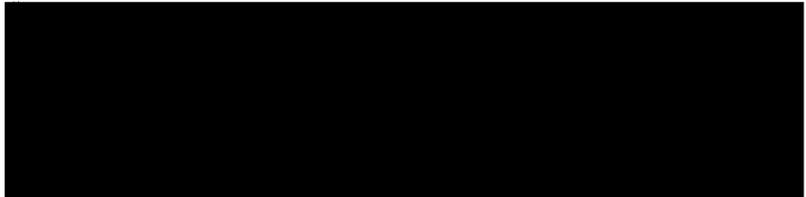


ORGANISATIONS CURRENTLY COVERED BY THE SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION SQUAD

International Socialists, *W London (Fulham Chelsea)*
6, Cottons Gardens, E.2. *W. London (Claydon)*
'Socialist Worker'

International Marxist Group, *W London*
182, Pentonville Rd., N.1.
'Red Weekly'

Socialist Labour League, *Clapham*
186a, Clapham High Street, S.W.4.
'Workers Press'



Claimants' Union *Hornsey*



Anti-Internment League - *IMS*



Troops Out Movement - *IMS*



CONNECTIONS WITH:



Workers Fight,
98, Gifford St. N.1.

'Commitment' Group of Young Liberals.

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