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1. This note summarises developments in the liaison of F6 and SDS since the beginning of 1979. F6 [redacted] and F6 [redacted] had an introductory meeting with H/SDS (DCI Mike Ferguson) and his deputy DI Angus McIntosh in Curzon Street House on the 22nd February 1979. F6 [redacted] outlined the system we used to safeguard the identity of agents and explained that this would apply to SDS sources. In order to inhibit potentially embarrassing enquiries for identification made by desks by letter direct to C Squad, H/SDS agreed to provide sufficient details of his sources to allow PFs to be opened. It was suggested that in some cases, particularly with the Anarchist groups, it might prove necessary to indoctrinate the desks. This SDS are reluctant to do in principle, but will look at each case on its merits. We agreed to hold regular meetings at approximately monthly intervals, and since this first meeting we have visited the Yard and been well received by DCS Kneale and D Supt Ken Pryde, both of whom have worked with SDS. The following topics have been discussed.

2. Assistance to F6 by SDS

a) SDS are very ready to accept general briefs from F7, both on organisations and individuals, to attend specific meetings where F6 [redacted] and to respond to specific feedback from reports. We agreed that briefings would be passed on unheaded, unattributable paper direct to H/SDS, or by word of mouth. Feedback from desks can be accepted in / standard form of a minute to the head of C Squad. These channels have already provided useful information, with very good reports on SWP and [redacted] matters. In addition SDS has accepted F6 requests for such information as [redacted] in order to satisfy an F7 requirement.

b) We congratulated SDS on the detail of some of their reports in particular the enormous work on the 1978 SWP National Conference, which arrived six months after the event. We said that we understood why it took so long for such enterprises to materialise but said that it would be helpful to know in the future that the report was being prepared so that we could obtain an early, albeit truncated, debrief on the most significant items of intelligence.

c) F6 [redacted] at our meeting with the head of S Squad, gave a list of F6 requirements at present unfulfilled. We discussed in particular the WRP which although not considered as an SDS target, since it does not represent a threat to law and order in its present form, is nevertheless seen by SDS as one avenue for a new source to develop his political credentials for say six months before moving on to one of their genuine targets. SDS are looking at coverage of [redacted]

d) We also discussed the requirements for high grade political intelligence particularly on the SWP and [redacted]. We acknowledged that we were

unlikely to obtain this by traditional methods but that we were always [REDACTED] and asked whether SDS would bear these requirements in mind.

3. Assistance to SDS

a) H/SDS asked if our resources section could provide occasional help in the provision of cover for their sources, in particular the need for background information on education and early career. To this end a meeting was held with [REDACTED] and it was agreed that we would respond to requests as they arose. This was not likely to occur more than two or three times a year.

b) H/SDS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] made a further request which MI5 suggested they may be able to assist with.

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c) H/SDS has seen the file for their anarchist agent, [REDACTED] (a genuine agent case) in view of [REDACTED] on the file on the way [REDACTED] has drawn adverse attention in both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] anarchist circles. H/SDS has conceded the case is not proceeding completely smoothly and we have undertaken to keep him informed [REDACTED]

4. Further Coverage

5. Our next meeting is scheduled for the 13th September.

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17 August 1979