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

2. "The Founding Meeting of the West London Branch of the PALESTINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN took place on Tuesday, 21st October, 1969 between 7.30 p.m. and 9.40 p.m. at the Troubadour Coffee Bar, 265 Old Brompton Road, S.W.5. The Chairman was [redacted] and some 30 persons were present.

3. The brief agenda consisted of the election of a Provisional Committee; a speech by a National Executive Committee member; a short film on Al Fatah and a general discussion.

4. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming persons present and outlining the aims of the P.S.C. The manifesto (a copy of which is attached) was read and persons who agreed fundamentally with it were invited to join the organisation. Twenty-four persons present joined or were already members.

5. Prior to the election of a Provisional Committee, the National Secretary, [redacted] Privacy, informed the meeting of a possible set-back. She said it had not as yet been decided by the National Committee, whether branches of P.S.C. would be allowed to be set up. However, most members welcomed a strengthening of the movement and at the Conference on November 1st. this question could be discussed and voted upon. Therefore, it was pointed out, the election should be for a Provisional Committee of the Provisional West London Branch of the P.S.C. This was agreed to by the meeting.

6. She further remarked that the West London Branch should be for people living in the West London area and that members of P.S.C. outside this area would be put in touch with a local branch, if there were one, or, if sufficient people lived in a particular area, they would be asked to form their own branch. (MANCHANDA mentioned that he might possibly form a branch in North-West London).

7. The election for the Provisional Committee then took place and the following persons were successful:-

[redacted] Privacy

Diana LANGFORD
[redacted] Privacy

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8. Privacy made a speech on behalf of the National Executive Committee. He spoke for five minutes on the movement and the current situation in the Middle East.
9. The film shown was the Pathe News brief documentary on the Al Fatah camps, which lasted for only three minutes.
10. A discussion then took place during which members of the audience gave their views on Zionism, imperialism and capitalism.
11. It was announced that before the conference on November 1st there would be another public meeting the details of which members would be notified in due course.
12. Among persons present were the following:-

Abhimanyu MANCHANDA

Privacy

Norman TEMPLE

Privacy

Diana LANGFORD

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M. Tyrrell
Detective Constable

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Appendix to Special Branch report dated 29th October, 1969,
concerning a meeting of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign
on Tuesday, 21st October, 1969.

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