

Note for file

The Second Informal Conference between representatives of Metropolitan Police Special Branch and the Security Service took place in the 4th Floor Conference Room at Curzon Street House on Tuesday 8 February 1977 between 15.00 and 16.45 hrs.

2. The following were present under the chairmanship of [redacted] Sys 1 [redacted]:

MPSB

- Commander Rollo Watts
- Chief Supt David Bicknell - Ports
- Chief Supt Harry Nicolls - S Squad
- Chief Supt Michael Davies - D Squad
- Chief Supt George Lambert - E Squad
- Chief Supt Cameron Sinclair - C Squad
- Chief Supt John Wilson - B Squad

Security Service

- [redacted] - A1
- [redacted] - C3
- [redacted] - F1
- [redacted] - F2
- [redacted] - F7
- [redacted] - K1
- [redacted] - K6

3. [redacted] Sys 1 [redacted], on behalf of his colleagues, welcomed the visitors from the Metropolitan Police Special Branch and congratulated George Lambert on his recent promotion. He referred to those who attended the first Informal Conference and suggested that as a good number of the visitors were now not in the same squads as before and that as some of the Security Service personnel were attending for the first time to would no doubt be helpful to go around the table and let each person give a 3 or 4 minute thumbnail sketch of his squad/section's responsibilities. This was done and after each officer had spoken there was an opportunity for questions to be put and discussions followed.

4. [redacted] Sys F1 [redacted] reported that since the last meeting it had been agreed that he would be the person to contact in F Branch in connection with subversion in the immigrant

[REDACTED]

community and that a meeting has been arranged between himself, George Lambert and a representative from the special squad which the MPSB have recently created for this purpose.

5. Michael Davies updated the meeting on the protection commitments of 1977 in connection with the Queen's Jubilee and the various conferences being held in London.

6. [REDACTED] Sys C3 [REDACTED] spoke about vetting. Out of something in the order of $\frac{1}{4}$ million vetting searches done per year, a fraction necessitated further enquiries by Police clarify and update the record, in order that appropriate advice could be given to the originator.

7. John Wilson gave the meeting a short review of the up-to-date picture concerning the activities of the IRA and the recent bombing in London.

8. Having exhausted the discussions arising from individual job descriptions and there being no other matters for discussion, [REDACTED] Sys 1 [REDACTED] would up the conference by thanking all for attending and suggesting that we should need to consider the format and content for the next meeting which could not usefully follow the same pattern as the first two. It was agreed this was so and Rollo Watts and [REDACTED] Sys 1 [REDACTED] would meet to consider the shape of the next meeting to be held on 27 September 1977.

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1 March 1977

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