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Minute Sheet No.

One

1.

Letter from Home Office 1A

2.

Letter to Home Office 2A

3.

Chief Superintendent Cunningham

We discussed this matter. Please prepare a memorandum showing which spheres of interest in the extremist field are essentially ours.

S.B.
9.3.67.

J. Smil
Deputy Commander

4.

Deputy Commander,

Memorandum attached as directed

4A

S.B.
21.3.67

A. Cunningham
Chief Superintendent.

5.

A.C.'C'

As background to the proposed meeting with Home Office and the Security Service, you may wish to see the memorandum at 4A.

As we see it, very little in the way of duplication of work takes place. Such as exists appears to be mainly in the left-wing extremist field ('C' Squad), but even here it is quite small.

It occurs in the sphere of our system of periodical reports. These are reports on activities undertaken which are reviewed periodically (every one year or two years), and a report prepared on their current address, occupation and activities. These reports are done by junior officers and the necessary enquiries form part of their initial training

in basic Special Branch work. Part of the exercise is that each officer is required to get to know the man on whom he is reporting, and the knowledge thus gained is of considerable value for identification purposes when our officers cover demonstrations and meetings, as well as when they are called upon to perform special observations.

M.I.5. are interested in extremists mainly from the point of view of securing evidence of and recording their membership of a particular organisation and noting their address and occupation; we, as police officers, have a need to come into as close contact as possible with the environment and associates of extremists. We thereby get to know more about a person's mode of life and personality, e.g. whether he is an active agitator or a violent man likely to cause trouble, points which are of interest to us from the public order angle; M.I.5., working from an office, are not so concerned about this type of information. Inevitably when these periodical reports are passed to M.I.5. they contain material which may already be on record with the Security Service, although the latter continue to advise us of the latest information on extremists in the London area. To abandon this type of enquiry would mean that our officers would be in less intimate touch with active extremists and know less about them than if we merely stood back and acted as M.I.5. do as recorders of information only.

S.B.
23.3.67.


Deputy Commander

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Dep. Cdr. S.B.

Seen thank you. We must now wait until Waddell arranges the meeting referred to in Sir Philip Allen's letter at 1A.

3.4.67.


A.C.C.

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Memorandum & attachments concerning liaison between SB & Box 90030A

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Minute sheet (action thereon) and attachments [redacted] relating to F Branch [redacted] 31A

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File seen and contents noted [redacted] 1

28.8.74. Set kept.

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S.B. Memorandum [redacted] 2 Sys 33A

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This meeting was the first to be held since [redacted] came

to see you recently. It proved useful but did not reveal any areas that were still being duplicated or neglected, and the primary target of the S.P.S. is that of the [redacted] group/groups mentioned in the 1974 Annual Report. 3

The point raised at para 4 is a very worthy one in that [redacted] F Branch can maintain a caveat of distribution a S.P.S. material that we let M.I.S. have

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