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Dear *Sge.* *for [redacted]* *see [redacted]* *del 25.5*

I enclose a copy of the SB Terms of Reference which have been used for ten years or so now as a guideline but more commonly as a note for lectures on the Special Branch.

The old terms are outdated mainly because of the emergence of international terrorism and the increasing need for better intelligence on public order (or rather potential public disorder). I recently put together the attached notes as an updated draft for my own use; they are fairly lengthy and in some respects defensively negative, but some of the content might provide a basis for your discussion paper.

At some time a decision will have to be made on whether any new Terms of Reference for Special Branches should be kept 'Confidential' or considered to be fit for public consumption via Hansard, Police Committee reports etc.

Yours

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