

NOTE FOR [redacted] Liaison file

1. On 29 June I visited SDS for discussions with David Short and [redacted] HN68 and afterwards had a drink at the Barley Mow. We were joined by Geoff Craft who had been visiting SDS for an annual report interview.

2. While over in CSH on 15 June, [redacted] HN68 had asked me for precise information on the date of the change of SWP policy relative to the Reagan Reception Committee demonstration on 7 June. What lay behind this were serious doubts about the performance of [redacted] HN155. I was unable to provide conclusive information but by this time other misdemeanours meant that [redacted] HN155 days were numbered. Apparently, he has been divorced, has paid no maintenance and is wanted for investigation by DHSS. He left his van in his alias outside his home address and has committed the cardinal SDS sin of placing the security of the whole operation in jeopardy. It is almost certain that he will be withdrawn as soon as this can be done without blowing him to the SWP.

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4. In answer to David Short's expressed concern about the increased militancy of the Spartacists League on the streets, I passed the F7 assessment from the stock taking review, having got a preliminary view from F7 that the situation had not changed materially since that document was produced. David Short welcomed this and admitted that at present he had no resources to deploy against the Spartacist League. We agreed that we would both continue to assess the organisation and review the possibility of SDS penetration, if in the future a case for it could be justified.

5. I stressed to David Short our continued interest in [redacted] and asked that [redacted] HN106 should pass on anything that suggested a continuing contact between [redacted]. Information on this subject may be bedevilled by the fact that [redacted] HN106 has probably bedded [redacted] and been warned off by his bosses.

6. I passed SDS the SWP brief as at serial [redacted]

7. In view of [redacted] information that [redacted] was showing an interest in RCP, I drew this to SDS's attention in case wires become crossed between SDS and whoever was responsible for running [redacted]. [redacted] HN68 quickly recalled the case and both seemed to think that it was a touchy one. David Short thanked me for the information and said that he would try and warn off [redacted] handler from allowing him to get too involved in the RCP.

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8. In the light of F7 [REDACTED] loose minute at serial [REDACTED] I discussed our interest in "Peace News" and the relationship between it and "London Peace Action" and "Greenpeace" and the part played in the link by [REDACTED]. We agreed that although [REDACTED] access was not direct it was a subject that he might well already know about and could find out about. SDS promised to report in due course.

9. I raised with David Short the principle of our regularly debriefing ex-SDS operatives as suggested in the meeting at Curzon Street House on 15 June. David Short himself saw no objections but it was a matter of policy that Geoff Craft would need to decide. We felt it best to leave the matter open until the promised lunch involving F6 and Geoff Craft.

10. The drink over lunch involving Geoff Craft was very friendly and relaxed and was clearly helped by the fact that Geoff Craft himself has in the past been in SDS and worked closely with us.

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