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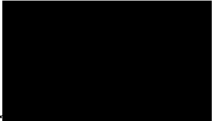
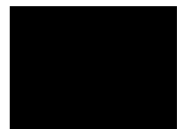
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Mr Baker
Mr Andrew

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weekend box
2 November 1977



Dear

Enclosed is a copy assessment report of the likely turnout at Grunwicks Processing Laboratories on Monday 7.11.77. With winter approaching this may well be the final "mass picket" of the year and accordingly there could be a determined effort by the demonstrators to achieve their cherished goal of stopping the Grunwick workers' bus.

Yours sincerely,
Rollo



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Special Report

1st day of November, 1977

SUBJECT GRUNWICK
PROCESSING
LABORATORIES LTD.

Reference to Papers

46/77/27

1. This is an interim report dealing with the demonstration called by the Grunwick Strike Committee for 7 November, 1977, which they have entitled the 'Day of Reckoning'. It is due to commence at 6.30 a.m. and will be a concerted attempt, as in the past, to prevent the coach carrying the Grunwick workers from entering the factory.

2. On the same day, the House of Lords will be hearing the appeal by the Government arbitration body A.C.A.S. that its ballot held at the firm earlier in the year was valid. A.C.A.S. are appealing to the House of Lords after an appeal court overruled an earlier high court judgement and ruled in favour of George WARD and the National Association for Freedom.

3. According to information received, the date of this demonstration has been decided after consultation with various unions, including the National Union of Mineworkers, who have in the past sent large delegations to the picket line.

4. The Grunwick Strike Committee are making a determined effort on this occasion to ensure that the 'mass picket' is some 10,000 strong, and all the indications are that although this figure is somewhat optimistic the numbers likely to attend will be higher than on the last 'mass picket' on 17 October when 6,000 people demonstrated. The strike committee have had 110,000 leaflets and, for the first time during this dispute, 5,000 posters printed. Leading members of the committee have been touring the country to enlist support and have been as far as Gwent, where an attempt has been made to involve the steelworkers in this dispute.

5. Meetings held in London in connection with this demonstration have been remarkably well attended by young, unemployed student types who have been most forcible in their declaration of support for the strikers. It would seem from these indicators, therefore, that the 'mass picket' will consist of a cross-section of left-wing elements, ranging from the 'party of the streets' known as the Socialist Workers Party, to the disciplined types of the Communist Party, who will no doubt manipulate the younger element to their own advantage.



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6. Various disruptive actions are being considered by the ultra left-wing, including organising short marches from several directions at the same time, which they hope will cause sufficient traffic congestion in the area to prevent the coach from moving; waiting until the lines of police have formed up in the approach roads, and then sitting in the roadway at the extremity of the line in sufficient numbers that police strength will be demanded and the cordons of police will be reduced, so allowing the pickets to break through should the coach get that far. Another suggestion has been the use of school children under the auspices of the National Union of School Students to sit in front of the police lines until shortly before the coach arrives and then go and sit in the road. Whatever action the strike committee take on this occasion, it is my opinion that it will be the most disruptive yet encountered, for with the winter months coming on the support for the strike is waning. If they are unable to attain their objective on this occasion, the demonstrators will consider that they have been defeated and the trade union movement has suffered a severe blow.

7. It should not be forgotten that this show of solidarity will fall shortly after Guy Fawkes night and it may well be that the childish element which such a demonstration attracts will retain some of their fireworks to throw at either the coach or at the police, whichever takes their fancy first.

8. Liaison is being maintained with various informed sources regarding this demonstration and a further report will be submitted in due course.

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Detective Inspector.

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