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Trafalgar Square Defendants Campaign

1. By an application dated 15 August 2023 Mike Schwarz applies for the Trafalgar Square Defendants Campaign (TSDC) to be designated as a core participant. He acknowledges that he does not have instructions from any former member of TSDC other than Dave Morris, who is already a core participant in Category [L].
2. TSDC was a group formed soon after the “poll tax riots” on 31 March 1990 for the purpose of supporting those arrested at the event. HN5 reported on its activities in 1990 and 1991. He reported that Dave Morris was a leading member of the group. The Inquiry has disclosed documents to Dave Morris about the group and his participation in it and wishes to ask him a number of questions relating to it. On 15 August 2023, in accordance with its published practice, the Inquiry notified Mike Schwarz that it would meet the reasonable cost of enabling him to assist Dave Morris to consider the documents and respond to the request for evidence about them.
3. In those circumstances, the designation of TSDC as a core participant is unnecessary. It would also be contrary to the Inquiry’s long standing practice of requiring late applications to be justified. For those reasons I will not make the ruling requested.

Matthew Collins

4. By letter dated 12 October 2023 supplemented by a further letter dated 24 October 2023 from his solicitor Paul Heron, Matthew Collins applies to be designated a core participant in the Inquiry. The basis of his application is that in the late 1980s and early 1990s he played a significant part in extreme right wing groups and can give first-hand evidence about their activities and leading personnel. It is stated, correctly, that no other non state core participant or witness so far identified can provide evidence from within such a group in the periods covered by Tranches Two and Three. The application is unusual in that it is not made by someone who might seek to explain or justify the conduct of the groups at the time, but by someone who, towards the end of his membership, provided regular intelligence about their activities to a magazine

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of opposite persuasion, “Searchlight”; and has more recently performed a valuable public service in bringing members of successor groups to justice.

5. Now that the reason for the delay in making the application has been explained, I do not refuse to designate Mr Collins as a core participant because his application was not made sooner.
6. I am constrained in what I can say about the substantive grounds of his application by the need to uphold restriction orders made in respect of the real and cover names of undercover officers deployed into right wing groups. Mr Collins’s application is to a significant extent based upon the belief that his participation in the Inquiry can assist it to determine a significant issue about the timing and duration of the infiltration of extreme right wing groups by the Special Demonstration Squad: why did it occur when it did? It is unfortunate that the letter of 24 October 2023 in which this point is made cites only one of the two reasons given in the last sentence of paragraph 29 of chapter 6 of the [interim report](#) for the non infiltration of extreme right wing groups in the period covered by Tranche One. I have read what appears to be a substantially comprehensive record of reporting by undercover officers on extreme right wing groups in the periods covered by Tranches Two and Three and the written evidence of all such living officers. The Inquiry has obtained or is in the process of obtaining contemporaneous documents and the written evidence of living senior officers about the reasons for decisions about deployments. It should suffice to deal with the issue about the timing and duration of such deployments. This material, and any oral evidence about it which may be needed to supplement it, will be dealt with in closed.
7. Deployments into the extreme right wing will be dealt with substantially in a closed report. The Inquiry intends to publish before open hearings are held in Tranches Two and Three a general statement about such deployments which may go a small way to informing submissions by non state core participants about the issues referred to above.
8. It is possible, but unlikely, that the Inquiry will ask Mr Collins to provide a witness statement about his experiences; but for the reasons explained, I decline to designate him a core participant.

Kaden Blake

9. By her solicitor’s letter dated 27 October 2023 Kaden Blake applies to be designated as a core participant in Category [F]. She is the surviving relative of her younger brother who died of cancer in 1972 aged four. His name was used

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by HN1, whose deployment will be considered in Tranche Two. She unquestionably has an interest in the matters which the Inquiry is investigating.

10. The only obstacle to her designation is the fact that it has been made late. She was approached by the Inquiry six years ago but, because she did not wish to revisit events which gave rise to uncomfortable memories, did not then apply to be so designated. She was approached again by the Inquiry earlier this year and has changed her mind. The human impact of the disclosure on her explains her late application. Because the use of her brother's name has been investigated and will be the subject of evidence in Tranche Two, her late designation as a core participant will not have a material impact on the cost or length of the Inquiry. For those reasons, I will designate her as a core participant in Category [F].
11. I have been provided with evidence of her means, which are not adequate to permit her to pay for the cost of legal representation. I will designate Jules Carey as her recognised legal representative and make an award of costs in her favour on the terms on which he is already acting for core participants in Category [F].

1 November 2023

Sir John Mitting
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry