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INVESTIGATIONS AT 10 UDR - BELFAST

1. Attached for your information are the minutes of the meeting held on 6 Mar 78 to review progress on the criminal and security investigations being carried out at 10 UDR Belfast. It is hoped that they will assist you to keep up to date with developements.

A C MASSEY
Major
for General Officer Commanding

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Exclusive for:

GSO1 Int & Sy
HQ N Ireland

CRIME/SECURITY - 10 UDR

1. A meeting was held on 6 Mar 78 at HQ NI to review progress on the criminal and security investigations being carried out at 10 UDR. The meeting was attended by:

GSO1 Int & Sy, HQ NI
Asst Sec Political, HQ NI
GSO2 HQ UDR
GSO3 Sy, HQ NI
CO and TISO 10 UDR
2IC 178 Pro Coy (and investigating NCOs)
OC 120 Sy Sect (and investigating NCO)

2. The meeting was opened by GSO1 Int & Sy who explained the following points:

a. There was as yet no indication that the delegation of MPs to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for N Ireland (on Friday 3 Mar 78) had raised the question of the 10 UDR investigation.

b. There had been no indication of Press interest in the investigations.

c. There had been a temporary halt in 120 Sy Section's interviews, and this was likely to last until 13 Mar 78.

3. SIB Progress in Fraud Investigations. This was not progressing satisfactorily, since none of the individuals required for interview over the previous three days had made himself available to investigators. CO 10 UDR undertook to improve this situation. It would be at least three weeks before all interviews of the 13 outstanding witnesses could be completed and the reports written.

4. 120 Sy Section Progress in Security Investigation. Because of indications of resentment within the Battalion caused by the high rate of interviewing in both investigations, Col GS Int & Sy had directed on 24 Feb 78 that security interviews should be temporarily stopped until the situation had stabilised. This temporary halt would probably continue until 13 Mar 78 but the interviewing period would be well spent in staff consideration of the reports produced up to this point. A certain amount of background research would also be done by 120 Sy Section.

5. Routine Security Investigations at 10 UDR. OC 120 Sy Section stated that there were two outstanding routine security investigations at 10 UDR. One concerned the loss of a breech block and the other was a reported intimidation. He requested guidance on whether such routine work was to be postponed. GSO1 Int & Sy, with the agreement of CO 10

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directed that such routine investigations, unconnected with the main investigation into paramilitary involvement, could proceed.

6. PR Defensive Brief. It was agreed that no change was necessary in the prepared brief.

7. Test Firing of LV Service Weapons in 10 UDR. This had been requested by ROC and 178 Pro Coy agreed with CO 10 UDR that the test firing could go ahead and would affect the 9mm Pistols of all 10 UDR companies. A suitable reason, ie the selection of weapons for the Bisley Shoot, was available to explain the test firing.

8. It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on Thursday 6 Apr 78 at 1415 hrs.

7 Mar 78

W GUTHRIE
Captain
GSO3 Sy

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