

NAME: [GEORGE CLARKE]

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THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

Witness Statement of GEORGE CLARKE, D/CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

I, George Clarke, will say as follows: -

1. I am a Detective Chief Superintendent in the Police Service of Northern Ireland. I joined the RUC in December 1994. I am the Head of Public Protection within the PSNI. This Branch is also known as "C7" Branch and is part of Crime Operations Department.
2. This statement is supplementary to my previous statements dated the 20th May, 17th June, 18th August and 13th October 2016. Attention is particularly drawn to my statement of 20th May paragraphs 113-123, statement of 17th June paragraphs 73-106 and Exhibits GC10 (a Personal Profile on John Colin WALLACE) and GC11 (a review of the document known as GC80).

3. I refer to papers which were submitted to the HIAI from Mr GARLAND and Mr WALLACE dated 14th and 17th October 2016 (KIN130050-130052 and KIN 124810 – 124831).

Roy GARLAND

4. In this submission to the HIAI, Roy GARLAND criticises how MCGRATH was referred to as a homosexual as opposed to a child abuser and states that not all homosexuals are paedophiles. I would comment that the PSNI have never stated that “all homosexuals are paedophiles or child abusers”. Indeed at paragraph 150 of my statement of 20/05/2016 I state *“that it must be clearly and abundantly understood that there is no rationale whatsoever to conclude that a homosexual man is, on the grounds of his sexual orientation, unsuitable to work with boys or predisposed to paedophilia.”*
5. Mr GARLAND challenges the suggestion that Valerie SHAW used the word ‘affair’ to describe his relationship with McGRATH. Information that PSNI provided to the Inquiry in relation to Valerie SHAW was based on contemporaneous material that she had provided to the RUC and Terry Review Team in the 1980s.
6. Mr GARLAND suggests that as a result of his actions as a ‘whistle-blower’, he has previously ‘faced a serious risk of violence’. The PSNI have no record that GARLAND has been a victim of serious violence.

7. Roy GARLAND has himself previously placed information in the public domain on the subject of Kincora and William McGRATH, including participating in the 2014 Spotlight programme 'Kincora', which aired on 07/10/14.
8. It is not for PSNI to comment on GARLAND's accusations over the role of MI5 and MI6 in relation to Kincora and Faith House.
9. In my previous witness statements and exhibits, the PSNI have outlined in detail GARLAND's interaction with the RUC, including the anonymous telephone call he made in May 1973. (See statement dated 20/05/16 paragraphs 35-52, statement dated 13/10/16 paragraphs 27-37 and Exhibit GC5). My assessment was based on contemporaneous documentation. GARLAND admits in this most recent submission to that Inquiry that he provided a "*first hand witness account*" to D/Con CULLEN in 1973 and 1974. GARLAND criticises "*the tardiness of the police*" in addressing his concerns. What happened with the information given to CULLEN by GARLAND has been the subject of much commentary in previous witness statements to the Inquiry and my assessment of same still stands.
10. In this submission GARLAND suggests that James McCORMICK told him in the "mid 1970s" of the "three abusers" [MAINS, SEMPLE and McGRATH]. The PSNI do not hold any information to confirm GARLAND's supposition that James McCORMICK knew of the abuse being committed by McGRATH's co-accused in Kincora, prior to 1980.

11. It is of note that Mr GARLAND now offers himself for interview by the HIA Inquiry having had the opportunity to consider the evidence of all witnesses to the Inquiry.

COLIN WALLACE

12. WALLACE's opening paragraphs of this October 2016 submission focuses on a News of the World article (in which WALLACE is referred) dated 21/02/82 (KIN124820). WALLACE claims this article and his reference therein corroborates his assertion that he *"highlighted, at the time of [his] disciplinary hearing in September 1975, the existence of what we believed to be 'a male prostitution ring"*. I would comment that this article makes no reference to WALLACE's knowledge of child abuse in Kincora but refers to his knowledge of a *"male prostitution ring – and the British Intelligence knowledge of it – in 1975"*.

13. In this submission WALLACE confirms that he shared his allegations about *"homosexual prostitution at a children's home in Belfast"* with the Army, IPCS and MoD **not the RUC**.

14. In the paragraphs entitled *"Information Policy Documents"* (KIN124811) WALLACE claims that he tried to get the press and not the RUC to investigate McGRATH and his activities, on the instructions of General LENG. Information Policy were *"not to be seen by the RUC to be disseminating allegations of child sexual activities ... [which] was a very sensitive issue in terms of Army/ RUC relationships"*. This approach as described by WALLACE appears to be at

variance with his conclusion in the document known as GC80 where he states that the purpose of GC80 was to *“make one final attempt to get the RUC to investigate the matter or at least discuss the matter with RUCLO”*. This would suggest that the Military had previously attempted to raise the allegations with the RUC which goes against WALLACE’s most recent submission to the HIAI.

15. As was discussed in my previous statement and attached exhibits, despite his alleged concerns about Kincora and wider concerns about child abuse, WALLACE never mentioned Kincora to any of those journalists to whom he was providing briefings and documents in the mid -1970s. This is also at variance with what WALLACE says in this submission in relation to the *“TARA Press Briefing Document”* where he says that *“it is also abundantly clear from the above that I gave the press more information about MCGRATH and Tara than the Intelligence Services are now prepared to admit to your Inquiry”* (KIN124813).

16. WALLACE states no official including those named in the HIAI’s transcripts *“ever made contact with me to ask me any questions about my allegations”*. It is not clear if WALLACE is including RUC officers as these officials; if he is including the RUC in his observations I would highlight Exhibit GC10 – Personal Profile on John Colin WALLACE which includes a detailed chronology of the RUC’s attempts to speak with Mr WALLACE.

17. At KIN124814 WALLACE in reference to an article published in the Phoenix magazine in 1983 highlights the allegations that the RUC leaked selected parts of the Terry Report. The PSNI have no information to substantiate this claim.

There is no evidence to suggest that the RUC, during enquiries into drugs activities in Kincora became aware of allegations of homosexuality at the home or that this or any investigation relating to Kincora was carried out by George CASKEY in 1973.

18. In his October 2016 submission at KIN124814-124816 WALLACE makes reference to a number of individuals, including NIO officials who feature in the Phoenix article as well as Chris MOORE's book about Kincora. The PSNI hold no information to connect any of these people to abuse at Kincora and no allegation has been made to police by any Kincora resident against any of those named.

19. WALLACE makes further reference to the Phoenix article concerning allegations made by Brian GEMMELL. Brian GEMMELL refused to cooperate with the HIA Inquiry and the PSNI have no evidence to substantiate GEMMELL's allegations. It is of note that in GEMMELL's previous statement to the RUC which he provided in 1982, he did not inform police of these allegations as per the Phoenix article.


20. At KIN124816 under the heading "*Report by Ian CAMERON (MI5)*" WALLACE claims that he gave the journalist Robert FISK a number of documents including material on Tara and McGRATH. In the material held by the PSNI relating to the 1975 investigation, conducted by the RUC, into the passing of classified information by WALLACE, no material relating to either Tara or McGRATH were found in the search of FISK's home in Hillsborough. Furthermore during interview, and in his subsequent statements to the RUC in 1975, when

describing his role in black propaganda, WALLACE did not mention Tara or MCGRATH.

21. WALLACE, at KIN124818, refers to the extent of Intelligence Services knowledge about William MCGRATH and Tara before 1980. I will comment that the PSNI have provided the HIA Inquiry with all intelligence relating to Tara and MCGRATH which are held by police.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed 

Dated 28th October 2016.