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## INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

### WITNESS STATEMENT – SUPPLEMENTARY #5

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I, SIS Officer A, will say as follows:

1. I have been employed by the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) since August 1989 in a range of roles in the UK and overseas. I became a Deputy Director in 2012 and, since October 2015, have been Deputy Director responsible for compliance and disclosure matters. It is the longstanding policy of SIS that the identities of its officers, other than the Chief of the Service, are not publicly disclosed, for operational reasons and in order to ensure the safety of them and their families.
2. In my current role, I oversee the compliance of SIS operations with the law and other relevant guidance and directives. This role includes overseeing the Service's response to legal cases and disclosure requests related to a range of issues, including legacy matters in Northern Ireland. In this capacity, I provide assurance to C, the Service's Accounting Officer, that we are effectively meeting our legal obligations.
3. This is SIS's sixth Witness Statement and supplemental to the statement handed to the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse 1922 to 1995 (the HIA Inquiry) on 27 May 2016. The statement is to provide information to the HIA Inquiry in relation to Daily Intelligence Summary (DIS) reports issued by Intelligence staff in Northern Ireland from 1972 onwards.
4. During a relevance review of SIS records the HIA Inquiry identified a handwritten annotation against the name *McGrath*, in a document originated by IJS HQNI on 16 January 1976 (Document 1). The annotation stated that further details on McGrath (first name unknown) could be found on DIS 725A. No information was provided to indicate what the letters DIS stood for or where the additional details on McGrath could be found. It should be noted that the relevant intelligence information in the document has already been seen in other files reviewed by the HIA Inquiry.
5. At the request of the HIA Inquiry SIS was asked to conduct research to establish the meaning of the letters DIS and to conduct additional searches to identify whether SIS held a copy of the DIS 725A report. This piece of work resulted in SIS ascertaining the meaning of the letters DIS to be Daily Intelligence Summary and that a copy of the DIS 725A report was retrievable from SIS records.

6. A review of DIS 725A indicates that it was originated by intelligence staff based at the Director and Co-Ordinator of Intelligence (DCI) offices in Northern Ireland on 17 January 1976. The report includes a section entitled "*UVF/TARA cooperation in arms buying*" in which a reference is made to a *William McGrath (reported to be head of TARA)*. The material content of this section has already been seen by the HIA Inquiry on other files.
7. A field comment added by intelligence staff in Northern Ireland indicated that in March 1975 McGrath was reported to be homosexual and employed as a House Master at the Kincora Boys Home. The report was circulated to addresses that included the FCO, SIS, MIS, GCHQ, MoD, Cabinet Office, Home Office, NIO and Metropolitan Police Special Branch.
8. DIS725A was identified on a set of records held by SIS, under the title "*Report File*" and as a consequence, no Inquiry search terms would have led to them being identified. A review conducted by SIS indicates that DIS reports were first issued on 29 November 1972 and disseminated by telex for information to the Intelligence Agencies, MoD and Whitehall Departments. The SIS record also indicates that, where appropriate, a copy of the report was also made available to the Head of the Royal Ulster Constabulary's Special Branch.
9. An assessment of DIS reports held on the "*Report file*" indicates that they comprise a summary of information obtained through intelligence sources, on subjects such as the activities of Loyalist and Republican terrorist and paramilitary organisations and the security and political situation in Northern Ireland. As a general principle DIS reports would summarise the intelligence recorded elsewhere on other records held by SIS and/or MIS or other intelligence sources. In most cases, we would expect the intelligence to have been recorded on records associated with the original source of the reporting.
10. To assist the HIA Inquiry and at its request, SIS has conducted a full review of the set of records in which the DIS725A report was retrieved and made available to the Inquiry team all reports where a reference has occurred to either KINCORA, TARA or William McGRATH. No references to child sexual abuse were identified in any of the DIS reports reviewed by SIS. At the request of the HIA Inquiry, I have exhibited the relevant extracts from DIS reports containing relevant information in the attached Annex.
11. The extracts are provided to avoid the production of intelligence information in each report which the Inquiry has seen and considers irrelevant. Where not otherwise marked, the redactions made to the annexed documents are for the protection of identities or on which the HIA Inquiry has judged to be irrelevant information. A summary of the annexed documents is as follows:

Reference	Date	Report No.
Document 1	16/01/1976	Telegram from IJS HQNI - UVF/TARA co-operation
Document 2	08/02/1973	DIS 45A
Document 3	18/04/1973	DIS 89
Document 4	13/06/1973	DIS 122A
Document 5	11/07/1973	DIS 140
Document 6	13/12/1975	DIS 707
Document 7	17/01/1976	DIS 725A
Document 8	13/03/1976	DIS 761A
Document 9	07/12/1976	DIS 933A
Document 10	25/01/1977	DIS 961A
Document 11	14/02/1977	DIS 974A
Document 12	18/02/1982	NIIR 180282

SIS Officer A

Signed

SIS Officer A

Date

21 NOVEMBER 2016

# ANNEXED DOCUMENT

Document 1 (Page 1) - 16 January 1976

US HQNI	FROM [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	DATE AND TIME 16 Jan 75 1435Z
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DOCUMENT ADMIN

UVF/TARA CO-OPERATION

1. ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO THE ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE (UVF) HANDED [REDACTED] TO TARA FOR A CONSIGNMENT OF SMALL ARMS. THIS WAS TO BE PART OF A LARGE PURCHASE OF ARMS BY TARA [REDACTED]. WHEN THE NEW UVF BRIGADE STAFF TOOK OVER THEY COULD FIND NO TRACE OF THE ARMS AND DECIDED TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER. AS A RESULT THE PRESENT COMMANDER OF THE UVF, [REDACTED], AND [REDACTED] RECENTLY WENT TO THE HOUSE OF THE HEAD OF TARA, (FNU) MCGRATH, WHO LIVES AT 188 UPPER NEWTONWARDS ROAD. *See 215 7254 for further details.*

HANDWRITTEN ANNOTATIONS

2. PRESENT AT THIS MEETING WAS [REDACTED] DEPUTY HEAD OF TARA, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] CONFIRMED THAT TARA HAD RECEIVED THE MONEY FROM [REDACTED] OF THE UVF. [REDACTED] HAD GIVEN IT TO [REDACTED] HEAD OF THE TARA GROUP IN [REDACTED], WHO HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISING THE ARMS PURCHASE. [REDACTED]

SOURCE COMMENT

1. PARA 1. (FNU) MCGRATH IS SAID TO BE A SENIOR NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL SERVANT.

2. PARA 2. [REDACTED]

3. ....

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DOCUMENT ADMIN

## FIELD COMMENT

1. PARA 1. THE NORTHERN IRELAND TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS A WILLIAM MCGRATH AT 188 UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD.
2. HQNI HAVE A CARD ON WILLIAM MCGRATH CONFIRMING HIS CONNECTION WITH TARA AND RECORDING THAT HE IS A HOMOSEXUAL.

## Document 2 - DIS 45A - 08 February 1973

TO: FCO for PUSD [REDACTED]  
IRD [REDACTED]  
Republic of Ireland Dept [REDACTED]  
GCHQ [REDACTED]  
MOD [REDACTED]  
Cabinet Office [REDACTED]  
Northern Ireland Office [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Security Service [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED] Northern Ireland Office in Belfast.

Daily Intelligence Summary No. 45A (8 February 1975)

2. Security

A. Extremist Protestant arms holding.

According to a delicate and reliable source, [REDACTED], Leader

of an extreme militant organisation in the Finaghy area of S.W. Belfast which [REDACTED] describes as the 'Tara Group of the U.V.F.', stated that the following weapons had recently been acquired by the group:

[REDACTED]

Comment: In spite of paragraph 2 above, we are inclined to regard this report with some caution. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Document 3 (Page 1) - DIS 89 - 18 April 1973

TO: PRO for PUSD [REDACTED]  
IRD [REDACTED]  
Republic of Ireland Dept [REDACTED]  
GCHQ [REDACTED]  
MOD [REDACTED]  
Cabinet Office [REDACTED]  
Northern Ireland Office [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Security Service [REDACTED]  
FROM: [REDACTED] Northern Ireland Office in Belfast.  
Daily Intelligence Summary No 89 (18 April 1973)  
1. Security



Document 3 (Page 2) - DIS 89 - 18 April 1973

## 11. Political

B. New Protestant Organisation: TARA  
 (CF Daily Intelligence Summary No 83  
 (10 April), para 11A.)

A delicate and reliable source has provided further information on TARA, the new Protestant Organisation about which there have been recent press reports. According to source, quoting [REDACTED] of the UDA, TARA originated in 1968 from within the Orange Debating Society. In its refurbished form, the leader is WILLIAM MCGRATH, a Paisleyite, and his son WORTHINGTON is secretary. Another prominent member is CLIFFORD SMYTH (a leading member of PAISLEY's Democratic Unionist Party).

Comment: It seems likely from this later information that our guess about [REDACTED]'s involvement was probably wrong. Although we think it unlikely that TARA has, or will develop, much influence, it seems clear from indications we have had of fears in UDA circles about its posing a possible threat to UDA

that its existence will add further to the divisions and tensions among extremist Protestants.

## Document 4 - DIS 122A - 11 July 1973

TO: FCO for PUSD [REDACTED]  
IRD [REDACTED]  
Republic of Ireland Dept [REDACTED]

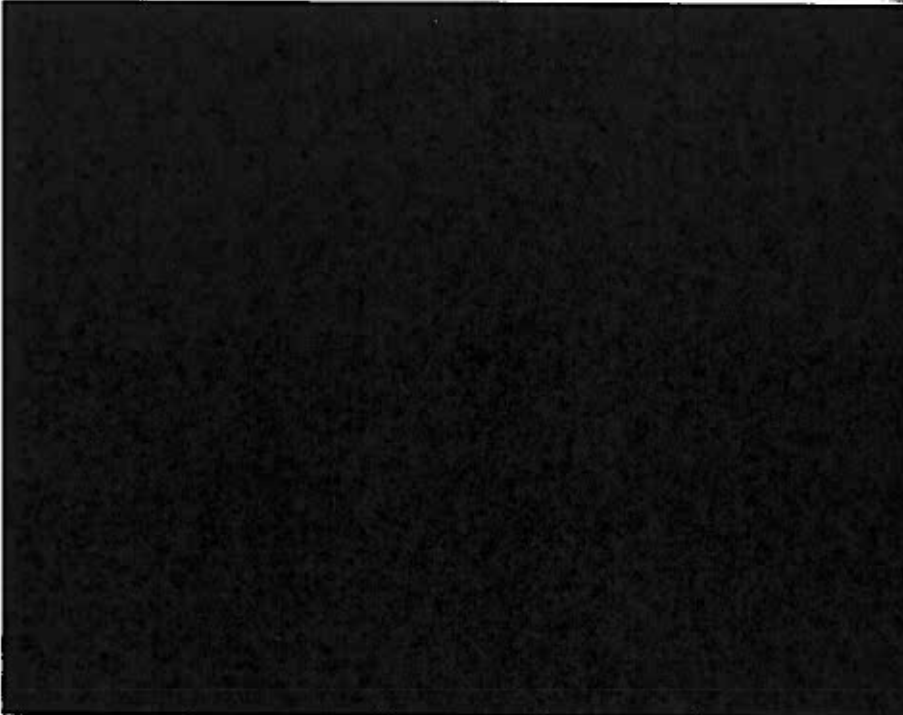
GCHQ [REDACTED]  
MOD [REDACTED]  
Cabinet Office [REDACTED]  
Northern Ireland Office [REDACTED]  
Security Service [REDACTED]  
Metropolitan Special Branch [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Northern Ireland Office in Belfast.  
Daily Intelligence Summary No 122A (13 June 1973)

## 1. Security

a. Militant Protestant Activities (UVF and UDA)  
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According to a report (11 June) from a secret and reliable source with good access at local level, [REDACTED], the leader of a group of militant Protestants in the Finaghy area of Belfast known as the Tara group of the UVF, has stated that a number of young members of the group have been trained in the use of arms and explosives at their Headquarters in Wilton Street in the Shankill district. [REDACTED]



## Document 5 - DIS 140 - 11 July 1973

TO: FCO for PUSD [REDACTED]  
 IRD [REDACTED]  
 Republic of Ireland Dept [REDACTED]

GCHQ [REDACTED]

MOD [REDACTED]

Cabinet Office [REDACTED]

Northern Ireland Office [REDACTED]

Security Service [REDACTED]

Metropolitan Special Branch [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED], Northern Ireland Office in Belfast.  
 Daily Intelligence summary No 140(11 July 1973).

1. Security.

a. Tara Activity (cf item 2B of Daily Intelligence Summary No 89 of 18 April 1973).

A regular and reliable source reports that WILLIAM MCCRATH, leader of Tara, has approached MARTIN SMYTH, Grand Master of the Orange Order, with a request for a meeting to consider Tara's position and discuss "the whole defence". He is understood to have reminded SMYTH that the organisation was set up in 1969 with support from the County Grand Lodge of Belfast and the Grand Orange Loyal Institution and subsequently seconded a number of its members to the Orange Volunteers(OV). According to source, SMYTH's reaction to the request was non-committal, and he took the view that "MCCRATH's crowd are away on a cloud of their own".  
 Comment: Although there has been one report, in May 1973, of the Tara Brigade being resuscitated in the [REDACTED], we see the present report as confirmation of our earlier view that it is unlikely to develop into an influential body.

## Document 6 - DIS 707 - 13 December 1975

TO: FCO FOR PUSD [REDACTED]  
 IRD [REDACTED]  
 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND DEPT [REDACTED]

GCHQ [REDACTED]  
 MOD [REDACTED]  
 CABINET OFFICE [REDACTED]  
 NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE [REDACTED]  
 SECURITY SERVICE [REDACTED]  
 METROPOLITAN SPECIAL BRANCH [REDACTED]  
 HOME OFFICE [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED] NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE, 11, BELFAST.

DIS 707 [REDACTED]

## F. UDA ACTIVITIES IN BELFAST

ACCORDING TO A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE MOST OF THE MEMBERS WHO JOINED THE UDA AT ITS INCEPTION HAVE BECOME DISILLUSIONED WITH THE ORGANISATION AND ARE TAKING NO ACTIVE PART IN IT OTHER THAN PAYING THEIR WEEKLY DUES.

[REDACTED]

2. MANY OF THE OLDER MEMBERS ARE CONSIDERING JOINING THE TARA ORGANISATION AS THEY CONSIDER IT TO BE MORE RESPECTABLE. IT HAS A STRICTER VETTING PROCEDURE AND THE MOST IMPORTANT QUALIFICATION FOR JOINING IS THAT A MEMBER MUST BELONG TO THE ORANGE ORDER. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE TARA IS A WELL-ARMED, CLOSE-KNIT ORGANISATION.

[REDACTED]

COMMENT: TARA IS A SECRETIVE "DOOMSDAY" ORGANISATION. WE DO NOT KNOW ITS EXACT STRENGTH BUT WHEN IT WAS FORMED IT CONSISTED OF ABOUT 100/150 MEMBERS.

## Document 7 - DIS 725A - 17 January 1976

TO: FOD FOR PUSD [REDACTED]  
 ICD [REDACTED]  
 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND DEPT [REDACTED]  
 OCHO [REDACTED]  
 MOD [REDACTED]  
 CABINET OFFICE [REDACTED]  
 NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE [REDACTED]  
 SECURITY SERVICE [REDACTED]  
 METROPOLITAN SPECIAL BRANCH [REDACTED]  
 HOME OFFICE [REDACTED]  
 FROM: [REDACTED] NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE IN RECEIPT.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 725A (17 JANUARY 1976)

SECURITY

3. UVF/TARA COOPERATION IN ARMS-BUYING

ACCORDING TO A REGULAR AND RELIABLE SOURCE THE ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE (UVF), ABOUT 2 YEARS AGO, HANDED [REDACTED] TO TARA FOR A CONSIGNMENT OF SMALL ARMS [REDACTED]. WHEN THE NEW UVF BRIGADE STAFF TOOK OVER THEY COULD FIND NO TRACE OF THE ARMS AND DECIDED TO INVESTIGATE. RECENTLY [REDACTED] (THE PRESENT UVF COMMANDER) AND [REDACTED] VISITED 186 UPPER NEWTONARDS ROAD, THE HOUSE OF WILLIAM MCCRATH (REPORTED TO BE HEAD OF TARA).

THE SOURCE COMMENTS: [REDACTED]

/ COMMENT

COMMENT: WILLIAM MCCRATH WAS REPORTED IN MARCH 1975 TO BE WARDEN OF THE KINCORA BOYS HOSTEL. HE HAS PREVIOUS TARA TRACES AND IS SAID, LIKE CLIFFORD SMYTH, TO BE A HOMOSEXUAL. ANOTHER REGULAR AND RELIABLE SOURCE HAS RECENTLY INDICATED THAT THE UDA, AND ALSO [REDACTED], MAY BE AWARE OF THIS TARA/UVF ACTIVITY IN THE ARMS FIELD. SEE ALSO ITEM 1(C) OF DIS NO 636 OF 26 AUGUST 1975 WHICH MAY BE RELEVANT.

REPORT REVIEWED BY HIA  
 INQUIRY AND CONSIDERED  
 IRRELEVANT.

## Document 8 - DIS 761A - 13 March 1976

TO: FCO FOR PUSD [REDACTED]  
 IRD [REDACTED]  
 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND DEPT [REDACTED]  
 GCHQ (Z88)  
 MOD [REDACTED]  
 CABINET OFFICE [REDACTED]  
 NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE [REDACTED]  
 SECURITY SERVICE [REDACTED]  
 METROPOLITAN SPECIAL BRANCH [REDACTED]  
 HOME OFFICE [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED] NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE, IN BELFAST.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 761A (13 MARCH 1976)

I SECURITY

C. UVF/TARA/UDA ARMS DEALINGS

A REGULAR AND RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] (UVF) ARRANGED TO VISIT TARA REPRESENTATIVES IN THE BALLYMENA AREA ON 11 MARCH 1976. THE VISIT WAS IN CONNECTION WITH THE [REDACTED] OF ARMS WHICH TARA CLAIMED TO HAVE BOUGHT FOR THE UVF [REDACTED] SOME 2 YEARS AGO.

2. [REDACTED] ARRANGED THE VISIT AFTER LEARNING FROM THE FORMER UVF BRIGADIER, [REDACTED], THAT TARA HAD BEEN OFFERING FOR SALE SOME ARMS FROM A CONSIGNMENT [REDACTED]

THE UVF BELIEVE THAT THE ARMS COULD IN FACT BE THEIR OWN CONSIGNMENT NOW AT LAST ARRIVING [REDACTED] THIS WAS WHY THEY DECIDED TO VISIT THE TARA REPRESENTATIVES.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

COMMENT: THE UVF/TARA ARMS DEAL WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN ITEM 1B OF DIS NO 752A OF 17 JANUARY 1976.

DIS REPORT No.  
 SHOULD READ  
 725A)

## Document 9 - DIS 933A - 07 December 1976

TO: FCO FOR PUSD [REDACTED]  
 IRD [REDACTED]  
 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND DEPT [REDACTED]  
 GCHQ [REDACTED]  
 MOD [REDACTED]  
 CABINET OFFICE [REDACTED]  
 NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE [REDACTED]  
 SECURITY SERVICE [REDACTED]  
 METROPOLITAN SPECIAL BRANCH [REDACTED]  
 HOME OFFICE [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED], NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE, IN BELFAST.  
 [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]

DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 933A (7 DECEMBER 1976)

1 SECURITY

A. DUP AND TARA

[REDACTED] SOURCE REPORTS THAT AT A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY (DUP) HELD AT BALLYHENNA ON 3 DECEMBER, IT WAS DECIDED THAT MEMBERS OF THE PARAMILITARY ORGANISATION, TARA, WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE DUP SHOULD BE FORCED TO RESIGN FROM THE PARTY. THE EXECUTIVE AGREED THAT CLIFFORD SMYTH (EX ASSEMBLY AND CONVENTION MEMBER FOR NORTH / ANTRIM

ANTRIM) SHOULD BE DISMISSED FORTHWITH FROM THE DUP BECAUSE OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH TARA, AND THAT PETER ROBINSON (SECRETARY OF THE DUP) WOULD PRODUCE A LIST OF OTHER MEMBERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF TARA. THESE PERSONS WILL BE DISMISSED IN DUE COURSE.

2. DR IAN PAISLEY, THE LEADER OF THE DUP, BELIEVES THAT TARA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF AN ANONYMOUS LETTER WHICH ALLEGED THAT THE DUP WAS PLANNING TO FORM A NEW PARAMILITARY PARTY AND STAGE A COUP D'ETAT IN NORTHERN IRELAND. PAISLEY CLAIMS TO KNOW THAT COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT ARE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE RUC SPECIAL BRANCH AND BELIEVES THAT TARA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING COPIES TO THEM.

COMMENT: TARA IS A SMALL PARAMILITARY GROUP OF WHICH VERY LITTLE IS KNOWN, OTHER THAN IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE HAD LONG-STANDING CONNECTIONS WITH PAISLEY AND OTHER DUP MEMBERS. IT IS TRUE THAT AN ANONYMOUS LETTER MAKING THE ALLEGATIONS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE HAS COME TO NOTICE. THE ALLEGATIONS WERE VERY SIMILAR TO DETAILS GIVEN IN A REPORT WHICH WAS CONTAINED IN ITEM 1-H OF DIS NO 838A OF 23 SEPTEMBER 1976. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PAISLEY IS CORRECT IN BELIEVING THAT TARA, OR INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED WITH IT, WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THE ALLEGATIONS. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF VERY SIMILAR REPORTS FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES: THEIR SIMILARITY IS SO VERY MARKED THAT WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT THEY ALL EMANATE FROM THE SAME ORIGIN, AND ARE THUS NOT TO BE REGARDED AS COLLATERAL FOR EACH OTHER.

## Document 10 - DIS 961A - 25 January 1977

TO: FCO FOR PUSD [REDACTED]  
 IRD [REDACTED]  
 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND DEPT [REDACTED]

GCHQ [REDACTED]  
 MOD [REDACTED]  
 CABINET OFFICE [REDACTED]  
 NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE [REDACTED]  
 SECURIT. SERVICE [REDACTED]  
 METROPOLITAN SPECIAL BRANCH [REDACTED]  
 HOME OFFICE [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED] NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE, IN BELFAST.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 961A (25 JANUARY 1977)

I SECURITY

A. TARA RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

1. A REGULAR AND RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT THE LOYALIST PARAMILITARY GROUP, TARA, HAS RECENTLY LAUNCHED A 'HEAVY RECRUITING CAMPAIGN'. CLIFFORD SMYTH IS THE MAIN INSTIGATOR OF THIS DRIVE.

THE SOURCE COMMENTS: THE REASONS FOR TARA'S SEARCH FOR THE NEW MEMBERS ARE PROBABLY TWO-FOLD. FIRST, THE GROUP HAS NOW

AMASSED SUFFICIENT MONEY AND ARMS TO WARRANT AN INCREASED MEMBERSHIP: AND SECOND, TARA LEADERS NOW FEAR A RETURN TO VIOLENCE ON THE 1969 PATTERN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THEY BELIEVE THAT HMG IS EITHER UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO MAKE SERIOUS ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THE CRISIS IN NORTHERN IRELAND, AND THE DEEP SENSE OF FRUSTRATION WHICH EXISTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SECTARIAN DIVIDE WILL ONLY BE ALLEVIATED BY VIOLENCE - FOR WHICH TARA INTENDS TO BE READY. 327

COMMENT: TARA IS A SHADOWY ORGANISATION ABOUT WHICH VERY LITTLE IS KNOWN. THERE HAVE HOWEVER, BEEN PREVIOUS REPORTS THAT IT WAS ATTEMPTING TO PROCURE ARMS. CLIFFORD SMYTH IS A FORMER HENCHMAN OF IAN PAISLEY: HE HAS RECENTLY BEEN DISMISSED FROM THE LATTER'S DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY (DUP). TARA'S RECRUITING CAMPAIGN WAS MENTIONED IN AN 'IRISH TIMES' ARTICLE ON 13 JANUARY 1977, BUT WAS DESCRIBED AS 'SELECTIVE' RATHER THAN 'HEAVY'. WE HAVE NO COLLATERAL FOR THIS REPORT AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IT MAY REFLECT TALK IN LOYALIST PARAMILITARY CIRCLES SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH MAY HAVE INSPIRED THE 'IRISH TIMES' ARTICLE.



## Document 11 (Page 1) - DIS 974A - 14 February 1977

TO: FCO FOR PUSD [REDACTED]

IRD [REDACTED]

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND DEPT [REDACTED]

GCHQ (289)

MOD [REDACTED]

CABINET OFFICE [REDACTED]

NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE [REDACTED]

SECURITY SERVICE [REDACTED]

METROPOLITAN SPECIAL BRANCH [REDACTED]

HOME OFFICE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE, IN BELFAST.  
[REDACTED]

## DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 974/A (14 FEBRUARY 1977)

## 1. SECURITY.

## A. TARA ACTIVITIES.

A R [REDACTED] SOURCE REPORTS THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THE TARA COMMANDER FOR EAST BELFAST SAID THAT  
TARA WAS NOW PERFECTLY HAPPY TO HAVE [REDACTED] AS A  
PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE ORGANISATION. [REDACTED]

2. THE COMMANDER SAID THAT THERE WAS A CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY TO RECRUIT  
NEW MEMBERS .....

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NEW MEMBERS TO TARA, AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME SUCCESS IN ATTRACTING PEOPLE "FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS", HE SAID THAT THE AMOUNT OF RECRUITING IN BELFAST WAS NOT SIGNIFICANT. [REDACTED] 446

3. THE COMMANDER ALSO MENTIONED THAT WILLIAM MCGRATH, ANOTHER PROMINENT MEMBER IN TARA, HAD PROMISED THE EAST BELFAST GROUP A CONSIGNMENT OF THOMSON MACHINE GUNS AS LONG AGO AS 1969, WHICH HAD NEVER MATERIALISED. HE ADDED THAT HE KNEW THAT MCGRATH STILL OWED [REDACTED] FOR THE PURCHASE OF WEAPONS NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE COMMANDER.

## COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FROM THE DUP. IN ITEM 1A OF DIS NO. 961/A OF 25 JANUARY 1977, WE REPORTED THAT TARA HAD EMBARKED ON A RECRUITING CAMPAIGN: THIS APPEARS TO BE MEETING WITH LIMITED SUCCESS.

THERE HAVE BEEN PREVIOUS REPORTS ABOUT TARA ARMS DEALS. IN ITEM 1B OF DIS NO. 725/A OF 17 JANUARY 1976, WE REPORTED THAT TARA WAS ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE A CONSIGNMENT OF SMALL ARMS [REDACTED]

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IMMEDIATE FBI-

SECURITY SERVICE

MOB

CABINET OFFICE

NIO(L)

FUSD

GCHQ

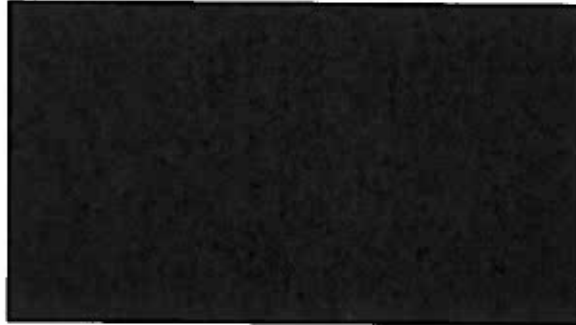
HQMI

HOME OFFICE

MPSB

CHANCERY DUBLIN

[REDACTED]



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MUC, HQMI, AND NIO(B).

## POLITICAL

10. PAISLEY'S THIRD FORCE, WITH NOTHING TO DO AND NO DIRECTION, HAS SUBSIDED WHENCE IT CAME. PAISLEY HIMSELF HAS BEEN TRYING TO COPE WITH ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HIMSELF IN CONNEXION WITH THE KINCORA STORY BUT OTHERWISE (PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THIS) HAS KEPT A LOW PROFILE.

11. JOHN MCMICHAEL (UDA AND ULDP) HAS ANNOUNCED HIS CANDIDATURE IN THE SOUTH BELFAST ELECTION. HE MAY DECIDE TO MAKE "KINCORA" A FEATURE OF HIS CAMPAIGN PARTICULARLY SINCE THE UDA ASSERT THAT TWO OTHER CANDIDATES (MARTIN SMYTH (OUP) AND WILLIAM MCCREA (DUP)) ARE IMPLICATED.