



INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT – SUPPLEMENTARY #4

I, SIS Officer F, will say as follows:

1. For the purpose of this witness statement I am known as Officer F. My true identity is known to officials from the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry. I am a former member of the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) and served as a member of the Irish Joint Section, based at Headquarters Northern Ireland (HQNI) in Lisburn from 1973-75. I retired from SIS in April 2001.
2. I provide this statement voluntarily to assist the HIA Inquiry to respond to questions in relation to what contact there may have been (if any) between IJS staff in Northern Ireland and Colin Wallace, and other matters relevant to the work of the Inquiry.
3. I arrived in Northern Ireland in November 1973 to support the gathering of intelligence on Loyalist and Republican Terrorist/Paramilitary groups through the use of agents. I was based at HQNI, in Lisburn, in offices located separate to but in the same building as military personnel and other civilian staff.
4. In general terms, HQNI offered a safe and secure environment for intelligence staff working in Northern Ireland at that time. In contrast, the working environment for intelligence officers operating outside of the military bases was considered to be extremely hostile. As such, I and colleagues routinely applied measures to lessen any risk to officer safety when working in and around the city and to protect the identities of the people we met.
5. I have been asked about my recollection of Colin Wallace. I have a vague recollection of his name but I did not have any contact with him on any operational matter. My offices were situated in a secure part of the HQNI building to which Military personnel and civilian staff (such as Wallace) did not have access. In a social environment, I and close colleagues tended not to socialize with anyone outside of our own small group. I recall

that at some point during my tour of duty I may have been warned off from having any contact with Wallace, however I cannot remember why, when or by whom.

6. I was shown 3 documents from SIS records dating from October 1974 - January 1975. Two of the documents relate to information passed by IJS HQNI to military staff in G INT on a person named Bill Fuller and the third document is an Extract Sheet dated 6 May 1975. The last sentence of the Extract Sheet states that I (Officer F) never spoke to Wallace about Fuller or any other intelligence matters.
7. I can confirm that I have no memory of Bill Fuller or any recollection of information being passed to the military on this individual. It is over 40 years since I was in Northern Ireland and therefore my memory of being there is quite vague. After reading the documents I would like to reaffirm that I had no contact with Colin Wallace on any operational matter.
8. I have also been asked if I remember the name Ian Cameron, the term "Clockwork Orange" or whether I can recollect any occasion when the names William McGrath, TARA or Kincora Boys Home were mentioned at IJS meetings or discussions.
9. I have no recollection of the names William McGrath or Kincora but during my time in Northern Ireland I was aware of a group called TARA. However, apart from knowing that the group existed, TARA was of no interest in any of the work in which I and my colleagues at IJS HQNI were involved in at that time.
10. On Ian Cameron, I was aware that he worked with Military Intelligence Staff in an advisory role and that his office was located somewhere in the HQNI building. I recall having occasional contact with Cameron in the workplace but not in relation to any operational work involving IJS HQNI. With regard to "Clockwork Orange", the term is only familiar to me because it is the title of a movie.
11. Finally, I have been asked if I knew of any occasion when Sir Maurice Oldfield may have visited Northern Ireland. I am not aware of any visits made by Oldfield during my time at IJS HQNI. Furthermore, as a senior SIS officer at IJS HQNI, I would have expected to have been briefed by SIS in London on any proposed visit by the Chief of Secret Intelligence service to Northern Ireland.

Signed

"Officer F."

SIS Officer F

Date

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