

I, [REDACTED] R say the following to the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse 1922 to 1995 (the HIA Inquiry).

1. I have been asked to assist the HIA Inquiry and have endeavoured to do so to the best of my ability. I have been asked to look back at events from just over 40 years ago and I have limited recall of those events at this remove.
2. Between August 1974 and October 1975 I worked as a Liaison Intelligence Non-Commissioned Officer (LINCO) in East Belfast. I was stationed at Castlereagh RUC station during this time. My role was to act as a liaison between G2 at 39 Brigade, RMP intelligence section, and the RUC.
3. I have been asked by the Inquiry to answer questions relating to a document that I believe was produced by me and Cpl [REDACTED] D – the CONCO, dated 22 March 1975 (Exhibit 1 KIN-105011).
4. As far as I can recall, Tara came to our attention in the context of a general study of Orange Lodges in East Belfast. (As I recall it had a particularly striking name that merited attention). We were looking for basic information about the organisation. I believe this project was initially the initiative of CONCO/LINCO and that we were not specifically tasked to carry it out. We were primarily interested in paramilitary organisations such as the UDA and UVF. Tara was not of primary concern.
5. Apart from the information which supplied by our RUC/SPG contact (as set out in Exhibit 1) I recall meeting a middle-aged individual at his residence in East Belfast who added to the information we held on Tara. (This meeting may have taken place prior to Exhibit 1 being produced). I would have been accompanied to this meeting by our RUC/SPG contact and the CONCO.
6. I cannot recall the name of the person we met, the address of the residence, or the details of the conversation. I recall that William McGrath was mentioned and that he appeared to be an unpleasant person. I was also made aware that Mr McGrath was a

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homosexual. I do not recall any mention being made of his abusing boys. I was not aware of any Army/MI5 individuals being taken to Kincora Boys Home.

7. I am not aware that William McGrath was under surveillance by any agency during my period in post, or before then. Indeed, considering the ongoing PIRA campaign in 1974 and 1975, I very much doubt that the RUC or British Military would have had the surveillance resources to carry out such a task at that time.
8. The information we gained on Tara came from the meeting as described above, and also by research of open source material. I never met William McGrath, and have no knowledge of others having met with him.
9. Notes would have been made of my meeting in East Belfast and I expect that they would have been filed (along with any other relevant documents) in a hard copy file in the 2 RMP Int Section office in RUC Castlereagh and at G2 HQ 39 Infantry Brigade in Lisburn. It is possible that there was a specific Tara file although this information may have been stored on a more general Orange Order file.
10. I believe that my LINCO post was filled by Sergeant [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] after I left in or about October 1975.
11. I confirm that I did not speak to Chris Moore (author of *The Kincora Scandal: Political Cover-up and Intrigue in Northern Ireland*). And I do not have any knowledge of anyone else who spoke to Mr Moore. I do not know who "Dennis" is and I cannot speculate who would have been in a position to have provided Mr Moore with this information.
12. I have read the pages 144-145 of Mr Moore's book and confirm that although I did have a briefing handover with my successor, Sergeant [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] in or about October/November 1975, I did not have a conversation with Sergeant [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] in the terms described in Mr Moore's book. As set out above, at that time I had no reason to have particular concerns about or interest in the Tara organisation and there were other organisations of significantly greater concern to me.

I confirm that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name R

Date 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016

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HQ 39 Inf Bde

INT SPOTTING - Democratic Unionist Party (DUP)

1. Over the past six months Sgt MOD OFFICER R (LINCO) and Cpl MOD OFFICER D (CONCO) have developed a good personal relationship with Cons B - PROTECTION OF  
IDENTITY (RUC SPG Int). As a result of this relationship B - PROTECTION OF  
IDENTITY has passed over useful information.

2. Since November 1974 Cpl MOD OFFICER D has been working on a project concerning the organisation known as TARA B - PROTECTION OF  
IDENTITY has given MOD OFFICER D background information on TARA. B - PROTECTION OF  
IDENTITY source for this information is one Miss V SHAW, who is employed as P.A. to the Rev Ian PAISLEY.

3. The following is a summary of information passed to B - PROTECTION OF  
IDENTITY by Miss SHAW on Tara and personalities so far :

William McGrath : 188 Upper Newtonards Road - Warden of Kincora Boys Hostel EX 1070  
He used to live in 'Faith House', 25, Orpen Park, Finaghy. This was the house he lived in before the "scandal broke". He then moved to 5, Greenwood Park, where Clifford SMYTH stayed with him until SMYTH got married.

There was a Scottish matron type that worked in Faith House, who became disenchanted with McGrath's habits and packed up and went home. Source said she would know a lot about his early activities.

He is the Master of the Ireland Heritage Lodge, which meets in the John Knox Memorial Hall, 150, Cliftonpark Avenue, of which there is a suggestion that PAISLEY has some sort of control of.

It was over the use of this hall that McGrath and PAISLEY had a disagreement. McGrath wanted to use the hall for a meeting, to which PAISLEY agreed. Source, on hearing this, went to PAISLEY with a set of letters and papers, written to one Roy GARLAND

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by McGRATH when they were having an affair, to show PAISLEY what sort of man he was dealing with. PAISLEY then tried to prevent McGRATH using the hall, to which McGRATH replied by threatening to publicise PAISLEY's 'unnemocratic usage of Orange Halls', and to organise a protest march, using the members of his Lodge, outside PAISLEY's church. Extra TO

In the late '60's early '70's, McGRATH was collecting funds, reason not known. GARLAND had donated £4000 in good heart. Somewhere along the line McGRATH went crooked, used the money for his own ends, and GARLAND found out and demanded his money back. When McGRATH refused GARLAND sued him, the outcome of which McGRATH had to sell Faith House to pay off the debt. E-FILE REFERENCE

Roy GARLAND : E - PERSONAL CONFIDENTIAL INFO He owns his own business, something to do with chemicals. He is the man who was, in source's words, influenced by McGRATH, and who kept the letters and papers exchanged between themselves whilst the affair lasted.

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Clifford Smyth

For the last Convention the DUP party machinery was geared to support SMYTH as one of its candidates. when PAISLEY read the letters and saw that SMYTH was involved it was too late to prevent SMYTH standing without drawing publicity that would have destroyed the DUP. So he was allowed to stand. Sometime after SMYTH was elected he was confronted by a DUP party committee and asked if he was a homosexual and in any way connected with McGRATH. he denied this, and as nobody gave evidence against him, he was given the benefit of the doubt. B - SOURCE PROTECTION

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Rev Martin SMITH : Head of the Orange Order

He was trying to do 'something about SMYTH'. He was involved in some action in Scotland to discredit SMYTH politically. He also knows about McGRATH.

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Miss SHAW has a grievance to settle with McGRATH, whom she dislikes intently for moral reasons. To this end she is prepared to pass information [B - SOURCE PROTECTION] and hopefully TARA, to Cons [B - PROTECTION OF IDENTITY]

Cons [B - PROTECTION OF IDENTITY] for his part is prepared to pass on this information to the military through Sgt [MOD OFFICER R] and Cpl [MOD OFFICER D]. It is doubtful if [B - PROTECTION OF IDENTITY] will object to passing information direct to HQNI providing a suitable handler is found. [B - PROTECTION OF IDENTITY] is adamant however, that he does not want the RUC or SB involved.

At present the following background is known on Miss SHAW :

She is a deeply religious person, a member of the Barbican Mission for the Jews, and generally involved with missionary work. She is a spinster and employed as PA to the Rev Ian PAISLEY.