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DECISION/DIRECTION

OMAGH REVIEW

	DATE	DETAILS OF DECISION	BY WHOM
1.	4 4 00	Responding to an earlier invitation officers from the Central Area Review Team, London Metropolitan Police attended with the review team for three days 3 4 00 – 4 5 00 – during their time here the officers, Det Ch Supt Webb, D Supt Lowton, D Insp Smyth and D Sgt Lock offered advice to the review team on methodology of reviews – separate notes recorded. They also gave a presentation to the members of 'C' Dept within the Force. This was held at Newforge on Monday 3 4 00.	Det Ch Supt McVicker
2.	4 4 00	Meeting with personnel from Analysis Centre RUCHQ (report from M Evans pertaining to same – filed with other reports) Request for prep of map showing following detail: 1. Location of all bomb car sightings in Omagh town centre i.e. maroon Cavalier cars. 2. All other reports of suspicious vehicles. (desc veh/time and nominal which refers to info) 3. All-suspicious persons sighted in Omagh throughout 15 8 98 up to time of explosion (Desc person(s)/time and nominal which refers to info) 4. *Location of all public telephones boxes in e.g. Market St, Bridge St, High St, Dublin Rd/Drumreagh Av/John St and all other town centre locations convenient to Court House and bombsite. 5. *Location of all CCTV videos seized by Police to include <u>area of view/direction</u> on map. Key at side	Det Ch Supt McVicker

		alone system with 'back up' in document books with forms designed for purpose. System to be managed by D Con Nicholl	
7.	7 4 00	SIO (DCS Houston) informed that 600 Receivers documents were missing/un-accounted for along with 'marked up' documents from the original investigation	Det Ch Supt McVicker
8.	10 4 00	Decision to inform Assistance Chief Constable Crime that 'marked up' documents in the Omagh investigation had been destroyed – seeking Force instruction was given directing that these documents should not be destroyed without prior direction. This report also highlighted that 600 Receivers documents were also missing/un-accounted for from the original investigation. This was forwarded in a report dated 10 4 00	Informed by Det Ch Supt McVicker
9.	14 4 00	Earlier practice of checking every action from timing of actions ref. Issue, completion, filing – now for random checking – not every document. Will suffice for general comment.	Det Ch Supt McVicker
10.	14 4 00	Det Insp O'Sullivan and D Const Pillar to prep overall report on HOLMES problem issues	Det Ch Supt McVicker
11.	14 4 00	At this stage not to go to SIO/Deputy SIO with any matters found because of problems interrogating the HOLMES account as answers may be found within system at a later stage as the review progresses	Det Ch Supt McVicker
12.	18 4 00	Formal request to Deputy ACC 'C' for the appointment of an Independent Forensic Scientist to assess work originally assigned to the Omagh investigation. Report requested Mr David Locksley, Birmingham Laboratory. 3 5 00 From Det Ch Supt Christie – request approved by ACC Crime.	Det Ch Supt McVicker
13.	18 4 00	In response to an earlier invitation – D Supt Gee HMIC attended with the review team. He offered advice on review procedure and identified areas for examination.	Det Ch Supt McVicker

14.	20 4 00	Chief Constable contacted regarding an earlier enquiry from the Antrim Guardian about the review of the Omagh bomb (19 4 00) – The Chief Constable was requested not to have the press release any information pertaining to the review until the relatives of the deceased persons were informed by letter of the review taking place. These letters were forwarded on 21 4 00 – signed by ACC White. Direction had previously been sought regarding these letters on 17 4 00. 21 4 00 Derek Henderson Press Association News as given the following information – number of persons arrested and number of persons interviewed. It was also stressed that the review team were not to re-investigate this bombing incident but were to support the Task Force Commander in bringing offenders to justice.	Det Ch Supt McVicker
15.	21 4 00	Informed by D Insp Officer 15, Omagh that all faxed copies of correspondence to An Garda Siochana during the enquiry had been misplaced or destroyed. Because of this it is impossible to pursue traffic between the two Forces on this issue.	Det Ch Supt McVicker
16.	25 4 00	All press cuttings Sunday papers to be requested from 'F' Dept – several papers carried articles on review. DC Nicholl spoke to Supt Sheehy 12MD this date – made above request – to be posted to Review Team @ Antrim.	Det Ch Supt McVicker
17.	27 4 00	Regarding the telephone used to make the bomb claim – the action would indicate that it had not been used. In the course of the review it seems that in fact the phone has been used since the date of the explosion.	Det Ch Supt McVicker Passed to DSIO

		EMPLOYEE OTHER CRITERIA TURNBULL MET/NOT MET	
27.	4 5 00	DCS McVicker discussed Wm Jordans statement with the Task Force Commander. The TFC stated this was the first time he had ever seen the statement.	Det Ch Supt McVicker
28.	5 5 00	Copy of s'ment made by Wm Jordan to D Supt McArthur for comments regarding content of s'ment (in report file)	Det Ch Supt McVicker
29.	10 5 00	Verbal query to D Supt McArthur ref. Confusion over the numbering of bodies at the scene of the explo. In particular the s'ment of R Con Elliott. Report received from D Supt McArthur confirming this s'ment was vague – copy of this officers' Dep. forwarded with confirmation that a further s'ment will be submitted to clear up any ambiguity. (In report file)	Det Ch Supt McVicker
30.	10 5 00	Report to D Supt McArthur requesting minutes relating to all meetings with An Garda Siochana in connection with the Omagh bomb. (In report file)	Det Ch Supt McVicker
31.	15 5 00	In the course of a meeting with ACC Crime - DCS McVicker & D Supt Russell briefed the ACC on certain weaknesses found in the investigation and HOLMES account. ACC Crime directed nothing to go to the investigation team for action until the end of the review other than matters relating to police, army and/or forensic personnel. To agree a structured approach to reinvigoration of the investigation. Detective Insp O'Sullivan to appoint four trained HOLMES officer (research location to work from) – their objective is to deal with the findings of the Review Team to date reference HOLMES issues. Det Sgt Grant to submit findings to D I O'Sullivan. Chief Constable updated on weaknesses found within the investigation – agreed	Assistant Chief Constable Crime Chief Constable

		Turnbull), TIE's not done, BRIT, photograph of bomb car and role of the TFC (Management Structure).	
34	24 5 00	Review Team brought to attention of DCS McVicker that an internal review by D Insp Green (11 November 1999) reported to the SIO that 1250 documents in the HOLMES database had no accompanying Receivers Documents. DCS McVicker to speak to DS King and DC 09 regarding this matter.	Det Ch Supt McVicker
35.	25 5 00	In the course of reviewing Intelligence – ten arrested persons are to be thoroughly researched within the arrest procedure viz: RUC Francis Mackey, Terence Morgan, Shane Broderick, Patrick O'Hagan & Joseph Fee. An Garda Siochana Derek 'Shanty' Brady, Noel 'Onions' McMahon, Anthony Donegan, Seamus Daly, Seamus McKenna & Colm Murphy	Det Ch Supt McVicker
36.	31 5 00	Verbal report (telephone) to Det Sup McArthur advising immediate submission to FSANI of exhibit items IM1 – driving licence P Ward, SMcF7 – gloves in plastic bag & AmcC2 – plastic gloves.	Det Ch Supt McVicker
37.	31 5 00	Questionnaires within HOLMES pertaining to the reconstruction located on this date. Review team not aware of information contained within them from certain witnesses – information may impact on certain data previously recorded from s'ments. Every Questionnaire (approx 150) to be examined and these issues highlighted – also from the Questionnaires outstanding actions etc must be addressed.	Det Ch Supt McVicker
38	1 6 00	DCS McVicker and Det Supt Russell in Omagh reviewing original documents, discovered that the new SIO (Det Supt	Det Ch Supt McVicker

		McArthur) was setting up a new team to carry out enquiries in relation to the findings of the review. This is contrary to the direction of the Chief Constable and ACC Crime (dated 15 5 00). Det Supt McArthur informed of this.	
39	2 6 00	Informed Chief Constable of SIO's intention to commence general enquiries in Omagh. He (Chief Constable) stated that his original direction would be obeyed. The Chief Constable further stated that no member of the review team would be leaving until the review was completed. Det Supt McArthur informed.	Chief Constable
40.	2 6 00	Decision to have a number of video tapes copied for viewing by review team to establish if they contain anything on an evidential nature. The decision to have the tapes copied is so as not to interfere any further with the quality of the originals and to capture the quality now. Viewing will enable a check to be carried out to complete the pro-forma (identified as video exhibits). Videos selected for copying are: EB3-4, TS1, CBC1, AS10, AS13, NPB1, TRA1A-1B, TS2, SAD1, AS15, AS11, AS14, BS1, SAAS1-5, DS3, DS1, DS2, ?WWJ1? & TKS5.	Det Ch Supt McVicker
41	6 6 00	Review Team brought to the attention of DCS McVicker that a considerable number of conference notes seemed to be missing.	Det Ch Supt McVicker
		Enquiries with D Sgt King and D Insp Officer 15 revealed that no notes were taken/no conferences were held during October/November 1998. Review Team to pursue	
42.	9 6 00	Regarding the assessment of outstanding videos (total 1470) to identify those, which refer to the review categories. Those areas e.g. BRIT, H2H, Exhibits (not relating to scene or arrest/search ops) & Video – which are not subject to 'dip' sample – indicate in the management of Statements Book in	Det Ch Supt McVicker

48.	20 6 00	Copy of Conference notes and Policy Books to be given to Det Ch Supt Anderson. Report ref. Accommodation to ACC Crime.	Det Ch Supt McVicker
49.	11 7 00	Reviewing Officer to ACC'C' – update on progress of review. Brief ref meeting with Deputy SIO. Discussed composition of final report and D,SIO's concerns. — The Reviewing Officer informed the ACC that the report would be based on the facts found during the review – nothing more and nothing less.	Det Ch Supt McVicker <i>Notes.</i>
50	14 7 00	Review Team brought to the attention of DCS McVicker anonymous information received at Omagh CID Office on the 4 8 98 to the effect that a possible terrorist attack will take place in Omagh on the 15 8 98. Review Team to fully research before senior officers are informed.	Det Ch Supt McVicker
51.	14 7 00	Within the category Linked Incidents – comparisons are to be examined from other incidents ref fibres, telephones etc. *Four incidents from the documents identified by D Supt McArthur as linked and four incidents drawn from outside this document are to be examined – all incidents are to have occurred in 1998. Access to the other accounts via D Insp O'Sullivan. Incidents identified for examination are:	Det Ch Supt McVicker
		*30 4 98 Lisburn 13 7 98 Newry Courthouse 21 7 98 Newry Monaghan Street 01 9 98 Banbridge 09 5 98 Belleek 10 7 98 Armagh 24 1 98 Enniskillen 20 2 98 Moira	
52.	19 7 98	Copies of all pro forma designed for use within this review to be given to D Supt Gee HMIC. All proforma created for purposes of review to be formally titled and number	Det Ch Supt McVicker