SECTION 2

Covering paragraphs 6 - 15 of the Ombudsman's report

PARA REF	POLICE OMBUDSMAN TEXT	COMMENT
15.7	It is quite inexplicable that the information produced by DC 'Z' of the meetings with Fulton on 23 July 1998 and 12 August 1998 could not be found in Special Branch records. The information had been passed by the FIB, to Special Branch through the Special Branch Liaison Officer who was attached to FIB. The responsibility for the management of subversive intelligence firmly resides with Special Branch. Whenever and wherever information on subversive issues is received in the RUC it must be passed to Special Branch.	For commentary see Section 2, Paragraphs 13.2 and 13.3
15.9	If the " Fulton intelligence " had been considered in the context of all intelligence available at the time relating to 'A' and had been properly assessed and documented, before deciding on no action, then the action of Special Branch might have been defensible. Regrettably the intelligence was not assessed or considered.	It cannot be stated with any certainty that the material arrived with Special Branch *(see detailed review at paragraph 13.2).* PSNI consider that it is likely that the material did not arrive with Special Branch who should thus not be blamed for the fact that it was not assessed or considered. *See paragraphs 13.2 and 13.3*
15.10	All of the intelligence available at the time relating to 'A' was not passed to the Omagh Bomb Investigation Team. As a result 'A' has not been investigated as a "firm" suspect in that enquiry.	There was no reason to pass intelligence about Man 'A' to the Omagh Bomb Investigation Team.
15.13	The murders of the twenty-nine victims and the two unborn children remain unsolved, with the perpetrators still at large. The Omagh Bomb Investigation Team was deprived of significant lines of enquiry, which could have emerged from a consideration of the intelligence provided by Fulton, and other intelligence held by Special Branch.	The PSNI absolutely rejects the charge that the Omagh Bomb investigation has been deprived of significant lines of enquiry.

where does fault lie for info not passing to Special Branch?

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