NOTE OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION 02.08.01

1. I telephoned Duncan McCausland to speak to the CC, but he was in a meeting. I explained that I wished to speak to the CC about the Devenney case as I now had the Drury Report and am planning to meet the Devenney family in the coming week
2. I also told Mr McCausland that there was another unassociated matter which I wished to discuss with the Chief Constable.
3. The CC subsequently phoned me back and I said that I wanted to advise him that we are making some tentative enquiries into the reports in the Sunday people in relation to the Omagh bombing.

   The CC explained that Kevin Fulton gave the RUC one good case, but that he was subsequently written off as an intelligence source because he was "dangerous" but he did continue to supply the RUC with information in relation to crime and customs and excise matters.

   The CC said that the Mail on Sunday had Mr Fulton in a hotel for three weeks at a cost of £30K, but that Nr Fulton had said none of the things which he is reported to have said to the Mail on Sunday.

   The CC said that Mr Fulton had offered himself to the Stevens team, but had said nothing about the Omagh bombing to them. He said that the Mail on Sunday did not touch him after this. He told me that Constable Paul Slane, who had lost his legs in the Newry bomb and the husband of Constable Colleen McMurray who died in the Newry bomb, are very concerned about reports that the RUC manufactured the trigger device for that bomb.

   The CC said that he had written to the Editor of the Sunday people and and that Greg Harkin is the Northern Editor and had now offered him a right of reply. He had declined because he does not want to cause the families any more suffering. Mr Barker, father of James Barker, aged 12, who died in Omagh had asked to see him.

   I explained that David Wood had spoken to Mr Harkin and the CC said that David could talk to him or to Hugh Orde. He also said that "Hugh can give David access to anything he wants" The CC said that he was concerned – if this had happened the RUC should be disbanded.

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