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Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary. One recommendation, namely No. 7, refers to training. It states; 'All training should be co-ordinated by the training branch within a comprehensive corporate training strategy, identifying the strategic objectives for all training services.' A copy of the resultant training strategy has not been requested.

1.7.27 The 1995 Chief Constable's Report makes reference to the RUC Inspectorate Branch, whose purpose was '*to assist the Force in achieving its aims, by providing a high quality independent inspection, analysis and appraisal of performance*'. This report and that for 1996 refer to a total of eight thematic inspections having been carried out within the Service. The areas covered were :-

1995 - Drug misuse, Child Abuse and Domestic Violence, Mobile Support Units, Criminal Intelligence Officers and Motor Transport Depots.

1996 - Court attendance; Accounting of public money and Traffic

1.7.28 The outcome of enquiries as regards when the RUC Inspectorate Branch was set up and all of the areas a thematic inspection, review or monitoring performance was conducted on, up until 31/12/1999, are still awaited. The purpose of this action is to establish what areas, if any, relating to CID and serious investigation work may have been the subject of attention.

Conclusions - Contention (i)

1.8.1 It may be correct to say that Mr Murray has little or no experience of policing in a terrorist environment. However, in the context of the Robert Hamill investigation and Mr Murray's terms of reference to the adequacy of RUC resources and to comment upon the various police investigations connected with the death of Robert Hamill, it is difficult to understand of what value being experienced on terrorism could have added to Mr Murray's report or how it would have influenced his conclusions on the facts. This view can be further supported by the fact that the Robert Hamill investigation team considered that terrorist legislation was inappropriate to use for arrests, house searches or main lines of enquiry. Mr Murray, as an experienced and retired senior officer, in my opinion has conducted his examination of the facts within the remit of the core investigative principals taught to all officers joining the police Service, whether in Northern Ireland or elsewhere in the United Kingdom which enables the transfer from one Police Service to another a relatively common phenomenon.

1.8.2 In the context of the Robert Hamill murder investigation it is clear that the very reason police were deployed on duty that evening in Portadown town centre was as a result of historic violence. Young people from divided sections of the community converged at weekends in the town centre returning from a night out with more often than not having consumed alcohol, resulting in public disorder. Mr Murray in his report is correct in saying than most towns and cities would make a contingency for a police presence in this instance. In Portadown this consisted of a police presence at