

On the evidence provided by Colin Prunty, Tracey Clarke and Timothy Jameson, and as directed by Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney, I prepared and organised the arrest and search operation for 10th May 1997. The only additional points I make regarding this operation are that:

- (a) Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney directed that the arrest and search operation would not include the individual Reserve Constable Robert Atkinson.
- (b) Detective Constable McAteer was detailed as the Criminal Investigation Department Officer to accompany the uniform search team into the home of Allister Hanvey. This officer had the full information concerning the intelligence and evidence regarding Allister Hanvey and this individuals association with Reserve Constable Atkinson. The fact that Reserve Constable Atkinson was not being arrested, limited the terminology that was used on Allister Hanvey's Article 10 Search Warrant but this would not in any way have prevented Detective Constable McAteer from seizing evidence if discovered or seizing any material he felt was relevant to the Atkinson/Hanvey issue.
- (c) The Hanvey search team would not have been briefed on the Atkinson/Hanvey issue, although Detective Constable McAteer was obviously aware of the full circumstances. Nor was the search team briefed about a potential 'burn site' as the investigation team was not aware of any allegation that clothes were burnt.
- (d) Each search team would have been provided with the details of relevant footwear and clothing of each of the individuals concerned and the grounds for their arrests.

I was assisted in my preparation for this operation by Detective Sergeant Bradley. This was a very busy period in which warrants had to be prepared and signed by a Justice of the Peace, research had to be conducted to establish accurate and full details regarding the individuals to be arrested and their addresses had to be established, details of all potential clothing regarding the suspects had to be researched and, if possible, established. MSU manpower resources had to be obtained and briefing packs had to be prepared for each arrest and search team.