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Subject: Directional Meeting with the Police Ambudsman

Date/Time: Thursday 23/11/00 @ 12 o'clock Midday

Location: Offices of the Police Ombudsman, New Cathedral Buildings, Belfast

Present: Representing the Police Ombudsman

Mr Chris Mehaffey (Senior Investigator)

Mr [Redacted] (Investigator)

Miss [Redacted] (Investigator)

Representing the Police Investigation Team

D/Chief Superintendent McBurney

D/Chief Inspector K [Redacted]

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D/Sergeant H [REDACTED]

D/Constable [REDACTED]

NOTES:

- * The meeting opened with a brief introduction by Mr Wood, Director of Investigations for the Police Ombudsman. Mr Wood indicated that, following a recent meeting between the Hamill family and their legal representative, Mr [REDACTED], and the Police Ombudsman, it was agreed that the Police Ombudsman would not take over the police investigation of the circumstances surrounding the murder of Mr Hamill. Mr Wood indicated that from this point, the Police Ombudsmans role would involve taking an active and direct supervision role in the current investigation which would continue to be undertaken by the Police. Mr Wood then left the meeting.
- * DCS McBurney then briefed the Police Ombudsman's Investigation Team on the investigation which was conducted into the allegation concerning R/Constable Robert Atkinson in 1997 and leading up to the interview with Andrea McKee on 20/06/00. DCS McBurney discussed the reasoning behind the re-interview of Andrea McKee at that time, his decision to record a witness statement from her, and his subsequent discussion with the DPP about this course of action.
- * A lengthy and detailed discussion then took place concerning the re-investigation which was initiated following Andrea McKee's statement to Police on 20/06/00. DCI K [REDACTED] briefed the Ombudsman's team on the investigative strategies being pursued, the progress of

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investigative actions to date, and the evidence currently gathered to this point which will be evidentially supportive to any subsequent criminal proceedings against the Atkinson's, Hanvey's and Michael McKee.

* The issue of telephone analysis as an investigative strategy was discussed. DCI ^K [REDACTED] explained the investigative objectives with regard to this line of enquiry and the IT methodology applied in analysing and interpreting the large amount of telephone billing information collected during the current investigation. In acknowledging the effort which had been put into this line of enquiry to date, it was agreed that DCI ^K [REDACTED] would discuss this line of enquiry with the Force Crime Analysis Centre (recently introduced) to establish whether the services of a crime analyst would be of benefit to the investigation at this stage.

* A discussion took place in which:

(a) an overall assessment was made of the evidence currently gathered against the suspects Robert Atkinson, Eleanor Atkinson, Kenneth Hanvey, Alistair Hanvey and Michael McKee.

(b) an overall assessment was made of further enquiries which were being made and the potential of these lines of enquiry to produce further evidence, which will add further weight to the evidence currently gathered.

* DCI ^K [REDACTED] outlined a number of issues focusing on Alistair Hanvey's movements on the night of the murder and a jacket which he

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may have been wearing at the time and which may have disappeared after the incident. In acknowledging that the remit of the current investigation was to investigate the criminal conspiracy involving Reserve Constable Atkinson, DCI K [REDACTED] informed the meeting that the investigation of these matters, while relevant to the facts in issue concerning the conspiracy, may potentially present new evidence in relation to the murder. DCI K [REDACTED] pointed to the fact that if the allegation is proved, the allegation itself raises questions about what Atkinson himself actually witnessed that night which led him to advise Hanvey to burn his clothes and, by inference, destroy any potential forensic evidence. It was agreed that an early meeting should be arranged with the original DPP Directing Officer in this investigation next week to apprise him of developments in this investigation and to seek legal opinion on our assessment of the evidence gathered to date.

- * A further discussion took place on the police intention to arrest and interview Michael McKee at the earliest opportunity and at the same time to carry out searches at the addresses of all suspects for the purpose of seizing (1) Photographic/Video evidence which will show Alistair Hanvey wearing the jacket purchased by Tracy Clarke, (2) other documentation which will provide evidence of association (including Financial) among and between these suspects, (3) in noting that the searches and interviews with Alistair Hanvey had not revealed the existence of the jacket purchased by Tracy Clarke, to seize any similar jackets now owned by Hanvey for further investigation as to when he acquired these. The reasons for arresting McKee first were discussed:

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- (1) the nature and circumstances of the conspiracies between (a) Atkinson's and Hanvey's, and (b) Atkinson's and McKee's.
- (2) In acknowledging that the Atkinson's are most likely aware of the current investigation due to the investigations which have recently been carried out, the evidence of the conspiracy between the Atkinson's and McKee's is already documented in (a) the interviews of Robert Atkinson in 1997, and (b) written statements made to the Police by Eleanor Atkinson and Michael McKee in 1997.
- (3) Further lines of enquiry which are currently being investigated which may produce further Evidence which will add further evidential weight to the case against the Atkinson's and Hanvey's. It is the police view that it is preferable to gather this evidence which can then be put to these suspects at the one time following their arrests.

It was agreed that we proceed as proposed and that Mr Mehaffey and his team would be involved at each stage of the proposed actions.

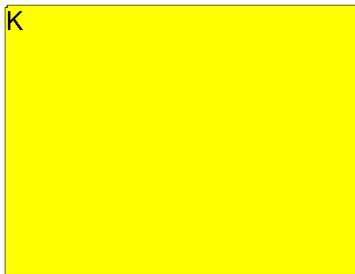
* The current investigation is being managed on HOLMES and is contained within the same account as the Hamill murder investigation. It was agreed that Mr Mehaffey should have full and unrestricted access to the HOLMES Account and all relevant material contained within the account. A meeting between Mr Mehaffey and D/Sergeant McDowell, who is currently acting as HOLMES Manager and Receiver for this specific investigation, is to be arranged for next week when Mr Mehaffey will visit the Incident Room at Gough Barracks, Armagh from where this investigation is being conducted.

3 pm - Meeting terminated.

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