

**222 FILENOTE**

On 31 July 2000 Mr [redacted] telephoned me at the Commission's offices explaining that he had been tasked by Mr [redacted] (Permanent Secretary) to review the papers in the Hamill case and report accordingly. Mr [redacted] stated that Mr [redacted] had agreed he was to have unrestricted access to the file.

Mr [redacted] who clearly had an in-depth knowledge of the case, raised a number of issues including:-

- the time delay in interviewing R/Const Atkinson.
- the remit/role of the Commission in supervising the aspect relating to the alleged improper telephone calls made by R/Const Atkinson.
- the role of police at the scene of the attack on Mr Hamill.

I discussed all the above matters with Mr [redacted] expressing my view on the topics raised and, in addition, gave Mr [redacted] an insight in current procedures.

Mr [redacted] advised me that he intended to meet D/C/Supt McBurney on 4 August 2000. Following further discussion I agreed to furnish Mr [redacted] with:-

- (a) an update in the ongoing re-investigation into the conduct of R/Con Atkinson.
- (b) details pertaining to the failure to date by Complaints and Discipline Department to respond to the Commission's letter of 5 May 2000 recommending a disciplinary charge against Const Neill.

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Contacted C/Supt [redacted] for update. The C/Supt informed me that the Commission's letter of 5 May 2000 had been forwarded to the RUC's legal adviser who was seeking counsel's advice. C/Supt [redacted] added that, in light of my telephone call, he would contact D/C/Supt McBurney forthwith for the purpose of:

- (a) ascertaining the current status of the re-investigation aspect.
- (b) Securing the D/C/Supt's view as to whether or not the re-investigation into the conduct of R/Con Atkinson could in any way impact on the proposed disciplinary charge recommended against Constable Neill.

C/Supt [redacted] undertook to contact me on the morning of 1 August 2000.

  
**GREG MULLAN**  
31 JULY 2000

224. Miss [redacted] + return file to me -  
I will write letter to [redacted] 31/7/00

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