

OFFICER'S REPORT – D/CHIEF INSPECTOR

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Subject: Directional Meeting with the Police Ombudsman
Date/Time: Tuesday 5.12.00 @ 10 am
Location: Gough Barracks, Armagh
Present: Representing the Police Ombudsman
Mr Chris Mehaffey (Senior Investigator)
[redacted] (Investigator)
[redacted] (Investigator)

Representing the Police Investigation Team
D/Chief Superintendent McBurney
D/Chief Inspector K [redacted]
D/Sergeant H [redacted]
D/Sergeant McDowell

NOTES:

10 am, meeting commenced with members from the Police Ombudsman's Office, introductions made. At this point, D/Sergeant McDowell then went with [redacted] and [redacted] to HOLMES Room to access and view material on the Hamill Account in relation to the current investigation.

The meeting continued in my office – persons present, Mr Chris Mehaffey, D/Chief Superintendent McBurney, D/Sergeant H [redacted] and myself. Mr Mehaffey opened the meeting by restating the position of the Police Ombudsman in this case which was to take direct and active supervision of the current investigation by the RUC which was focusing on the allegations concerning R/Constable Robert Atkinson conspiring with a number of other named suspects to pervert the course of justice. Mr Mehaffey stated that the Ombudsman's position was that if the current investigation revealed new evidence concerning the murder of Mr Hamill or of the police response to the incident, then this may result in further investigations into those matters.

Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney briefed Mr Mehaffey that a file dealing with the investigation into alleged neglect of duty in respect of the four officers in the landrover, which included R/Constable Atkinson, had been forwarded to the DPP/ICPC and that it was his understanding that this file was currently with a Criminal Barrister to direct on the issue of criminal/discipline proceedings. D/Chief Superintendent McBurney said that a decision on this file will pend the outcome of the current investigation and said that the senior Police Officer dealing with the discipline aspects of the allegations concerning the four officers in the landrover was C/Superintendent [redacted] of 'G' Dept.

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Mr Mehaffey then asked D/Chief Superintendent McBurney a number of questions about the investigation into allegations of misconduct by the officers in the landrover for the purpose of familiarising himself on the wider contextual issues of this case and the circumstances of the incident which led to the murder of Mr Hamill. Mr Mehaffey indicated that he had been to the scene of the incident to familiarise himself with the topography of the