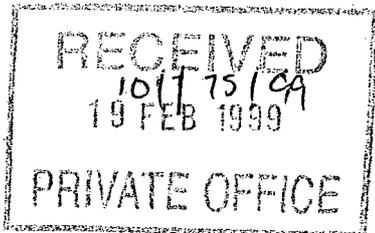


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Police Division
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① me to talk to AG & name privately
② P-10. we pass to ask about
other investigations

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- 1. Mr [redacted] - I agree with what is proposed, KL 19/2
- 2. PS/Secretary of State (B&L)

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ROBERT HAMILL CASE

Content to agree the recommendation and speak privately to Chief Constable and Attorney General.

Summary If Lawrence/Hamill - accomplices come into play next week - words off TK

Issue: As requested by the Secretary of State, to provide background papers on the Robert Hamill case and advice on the steps the Secretary of State might take to encourage those dealing with it to do so expeditiously.

J 19/2

Timescale: The information was requested urgently.

to say mandatory programs not forgotten

Recommendation: That the Secretary of State should note the current position on the case against Paul Hobson, who has been charged with Robert Hamill's murder, and on the file reporting on the alleged inaction of the police officers. That she should take an opportunity to speak privately to the Chief Constable and Attorney General about her concerns over the timescale for the case and to encourage them to devote all possible resources to it. To note the statutory powers at her disposal, and to agree that these should not be employed at present.

Background papers

2. A bundle of miscellaneous papers on the Hamill case is attached as requested. They are in chronological order. They include the Secretary of State's correspondence with the Hamill family (including with [redacted] of the Committee on the Administration of Justice on their behalf), these are flagged at Annexes A, B and C. The bundle also includes correspondence between the

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