

MIS: A senior lawyer, Robert Ward, DPA, has confirmed that the Security Service does hold some material on microfiche in London, although it is not thought to be extensive. It is believed that what is held is related to the 1969 file. This has not been viewed although I will be allowed access should it be required.

GMP: It is believed that GMP conducted an enquiry into Smith in the 80's and 90's, codenamed Operation Veronica. I have had it confirmed today that they possess as computer disc, a Canon Diskfile titled: side A - Reg Files Natz and side B Closed Reg Files. It contains a file relating to Cyril SMITH, number 6668-86 containing 172 pages on the B side of the disc, entered on 15th February 1995. There are 16 other files on side B.

This disc is currently password protected and inaccessible but I have tasked GMP HTRU with attempting to crack the code on our behalf, with the authority of D/Supt Phil Owen. My contact in Manchester is Martin Bottomley, DPA.

In addition, a retired DCI from GMP has today contacted the Force to state that a significant enquiry was carried out into Smith in the 80's. The documents were originally stored at Rochdale until they were sent to deep storage in the late 1990's. I therefore believe we will be able to access this file.

I forward this for the attention of the Lancashire Gold Group meeting on 16/11/12

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