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SIR.

AT 1.30pm on We

OCTOBER 1998 TOGETH

1 INTERVIEWED RO-A1

DPA AT HIS Ho

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I WAS IN POSSESSION OF A
MEMORANDUM DATED 20.3.98 FROM
D.CH. Supt. KEEFAN AND A LETTER
FROM SOUTH WALES POLICE RE

CONTACT MADE TO THEM BY RO-A1

I WAS ALSO IN POSSESSION OF A
STATEMENT DATED 19.1.1970 MADE

BY RO-A1 REGARDING AN
ALLEGATION AGAINST MR. CYRIL
SMITH.

I HAD EARLIER CONTACTED MR.

RO-A1 AND HE WAS AWARE

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VH1 - dated
02.12.98

THAT I WAS MAKING ENQUIRIES
REGARDING THAT ALLEGATION.

FROM THE OUTSET RO-A1
WAS EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE. HE IS
NOW Irrelevant

Irrelevant

HE WAS ASKED ABOUT THE
ALLEGATION AND REPEATED IT IN
TOTAL, ACCURACY AND WITHOUT
ADDITION. HE MADE NO OTHER
ALLEGATIONS AND DID NOT EXPAND ON
THE INFORMATION FURTHER.

OF THE OTHER PERSONS NAMED
IN HIS STATEMENT HE SAYS HE
HAS NOT SEEN RO-A48 FOR 20 YRS
HE THINKS RO-A65 LIVES IN THE
DPA AREA, AND RO-A78 LIVES IN

DPA

HE SAYS THAT, OVER THE YEARS,
HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY SEVERAL
NEWSPAPERS FOR HIS STORY, BUT HAS
DECLINED ALL OFFERS OF MONEY.

HE FEELS THAT THERE HAS BEEN
SOME SORT OF COVER UP, AND THAT
A PROSECUTION SHOULD HAVE FOLLOWED,
BUT DOES NOT WANT TO PURSUE
A CAMPAIGN TO INITIATE SUCH ACTION.
HE WOULD, HOWEVER, BE PREPARED TO
GIVE EVIDENCE IF REQUIRED.

HE WENT ON TO MENTION A
MAN BY THE NAME OF DAVID
BARLETT WHO, HE SAYS, HAS A
GOOD DEAL OF INFORMATION REGARDING
THE ACTIONS OF CYRIL SMITH
AROUND THE TIME HE (**RO-A1**)
MADE HIS ALLEGATION.

BARLETT WAS AT THAT TIME THE
EDITOR OF A LOCAL ROCKDALE

NEWSPAPER ENTITLED "ROCHDALE
ALTERNATIVE PAPER". (RAP)

AT 10.0 AM ON THURSDAY 12TH
NOVEMBER 1998 TOGETHER WITH D/C
HOUGH I INTERVIEWED DAVID GERARD
BARLETT D/B DPA. HIS HOME

ADDRESS IS DPA

DPA

BUT HE IS CURRENTLY
WORKING AND RESIDENT AT
WOODBROOK QUAKER STUDY CENTRE,
1046 BRINTON ROAD, PELLY OAK,
BIRMINGHAM. TEL DPA

HE FIRST MOVED TO ROCHDALE
AS A BAPTIST MINISTER IN 1962
AND AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS
POSITION BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH
MR EYRIK SMITH.

AT THAT TIME SMITH WAS A
MEMBER OF THE LABOUR PARTY
AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE

OPENING OF A WORKING BOYS' HOSTEL,
CAMBRIDGE HOUSE, CASTLEMERE STREET
ROCHDALE, IN 1962. THIS HOSTEL
ON AVERAGE, ABOUT 12 YOUNG MEN
OF WORKING AGE AT ANY ONE TIME.

MR. BARLETT SAYS HE HAD A
GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH
SMITH WHO WAS A BUSINESSMAN
AS WELL AS A PROMINENT POLITICAL
FIGURE IN ROCHDALE.

BARLETT SAYS SMITH LEFT THE
LABOUR PARTY IN 1966 LATER
BECOMING A LIBERAL PARTY M.P.
FOR THE TOWN, AND WAS AN
EXTREMELY POWERFUL FIGURE WITHIN
THE COMMUNITY.

REGARDING THE ALLEGATIONS MADE
BY RO-A1 AND OTHERS
IN 1969/70 HE SAYS THAT RUMOURS
WERE RIFE ABOUT SMITH'S PREDILECTION

FOR YOUNG MEN, BUT AT THAT
TIME HE DID NOT INVOLVE HIMSELF
IN THE MATTER.

AT VARIOUS TIMES BETWEEN 1962
AND 1969 MR BARLETT AND HIS
WIFE ACTED AS FOSTER CAREGIVER FOR
TWO BOYS, RO-A4 AND

RO-A68 THEY WERE
IN HIS CARE AT DIFFERENT TIMES.

AND BOTH TOLD HIM THAT THEY
HAD BEEN SUBJECT OF TREATMENTS
SIMILAR TO RO-A1 AT THE
HANDS OF SMITH.

LADLY MR. BARLETT DID NOT
ACT UPON THIS INFORMATION AND
SUBSEQUENTLY THESE TWO PEOPLE
WERE NEVER INTERVIEWED DURING
THE COURSE OF THE POLICE
INVESTIGATION OF SMITH. IN 1969/70
IN 1971 MR BARLETT STARTED

UP THE AFOREMENTIONED NEWSPAPER
KNOWN AS RFP.

IN 1979 SMITH STOOD FOR
RE-ELECTION AS MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR ROCHESTER IN THE GENERAL
ELECTION THAT YEAR. THE MAIN
THRUST OF HIS CAMPAIGN, WAS
VOTE FOR "SMITH THE MAN".

ACCORDING TO BARLETT HE PORTRAYED
HIMSELF AS AN UPRIGHT CITIZEN
WORTHY OF THE PEOPLE'S VOTE.

IN VIEW OF THE KNOWLEDGE HE HAD
~~PART~~ OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SMITH
FROM 1969/70 MR. BARLETT TOOK
EXCEPTION TO THIS AND UNDERTOOK
TO MAKE THE ROCHESTER PUBLIC AWARE
OF THIS INFORMATION VIA THE
NEWSPAPER.

HE CARRIED OUT HIS OWN
INVESTIGATION IN WHICH HE INTERVIEWED

RO-A50, **RO-A48**

RO-A49 *AND* **RO-A1**

ALL OF WHOM WERE INTERVIEWED BY THE

POLICE, *AND* **RO-A68**

AND **RO-A4**

HE OBTAINED AFFIDAVITS FROM

RO-A50, **RO-A48** *AND*, **RO-A4** *AND*

RO-A1 (COPIES ATTACHED).

HE WAS ABLE THEN TO PUBLISH

AN ARTICLE IN RAP, DESCRIBING

SMITH'S ALLEGED ACTIVITIES, IN THE

MAY 1979 ISSUE. (COPY ATTACHED)

HAVING, IN HIS EYES, GIVEN

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN PUBLIC INFORMATION

ABOUT SMITH HE DECIDED HE HAD

NO FURTHER ROLE IN THE MATTER.

I SHOULD ADD THAT DURING

HIS INVESTIGATION FOR THE NEWSPAPER

BARLETT INTERVIEWED THREE POLICE

OFFICERS APPARENTLY INTERNAL INVOLVED

IN THE POLICE INVESTIGATION.

THERE WERE TOM RANKIN (ACTING
CHIEF CONSTABLE FEB 1968) DEREK
WHEATER, D.C.I. ROCKFALL, INVESTIGATIVE
OFFICER, AND ALEX ANDERSON RETIRED
SUPERINTENDENT, ALL INTERVIEWED 1979.

BARLETT gave me typed copies
OF THE NOTES HE MADE OF THOSE
INTERVIEWS, THEY ARE ATTACHED
AND GIVE DETAILS OF INFORMATION
PROVIDED TO BARLETT.

HE HAS ALSO HANDED ME COPIES
OF HIS NOTES OF INTERVIEW WITH

THE (TOWN) BOYS RO-A50, RO-A49,

RO-A1, RO-A48, RO-A4 AND

RO-A68

HE ALSO HANDED ME A LIST
OF IMAGES OF CAMBRIDGE HOUSES
WHICH INCLUDED THE NAMES OF
THREE BOYS WHO APPEAR NEVER TO HAVE

BEEN INTERVIEWED.

THE DOCUMENTS ARE SELF-EXPLANATORY AND THEREFORE ARE NOT REPEATED IN THIS REPORT.

ATTACHED ARE COPIES OF THE AFFIDAVIT, MADE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IN 1979.

MUCH OF THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY BARLETT IS FROM FURTHER INTERVIEWS WITH INDIVIDUALS, AND AS SUCH IS HEARSAY. AGAIN BARLETT HAS PROVIDED COPIES OF HIS NOTES REGARDING TO THESE PEOPLE BUT CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS: -

BILL QUINN - FORMER ALDERMAN AT ROCKDALE, NOW DECEASED, SPOKE OF PMIA APPROACHING THE THEN MP JACK MCCANN WHO ENLINED THE HELP OF THE THEN HOME SECRETARY

ROY JENKINS IN AN EFFORT TO
PREVENT THE PROSECUTION OF SMITH
BUNNY BAKER - FORMER WARDEN
AT CAMBRIDGE HOUSE, FORMER
CAREER FOR THE WITNES RO-A1
RO-A1 WAS APPROACHED BY
SMITH TO ASK HIM TO CAST DOUBT
ON THE CREDIBILITY OF RO-A1
STATEMENT. RECEIVED PHONE
CALL FROM JACK M'CAVANA ASKING
ABOUT THE RELIABILITY OF RO-A1
AND SAYING SMITH WAS IN NEED OF
SOME HELP.
LYNDON PRICE, SOCIAL SERVICES
MANAGER, TO WHOM RO-A49
MADE COMPLAINT RE SMITH. MADE
STATEMENTS TO POLICE. DISLIKES
SMITH. WANTS TO PAY RE ALLEGATIONS
I FEEL THAT THERE ARE
SEVERAL POINTS WORTHY OF NOTE REGARDING

THIS MATTER, NOT LEADS THE FACT THAT EYRE SMITH HAS BEEN KNIGHTED AND REMAINS A VERY PROMINENT AND POWERFUL FIGURE IN ROCHDALE IN PARTICULAR AND THE NORTH WEST OF ENGLAND IN GENERAL

① THERE IS A GENUINE BELIEF HELD BY **RO-A1** AND MR. BARLETT THAT A PROSECUTION PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN 1969. **RO-A1** IS STILL PREPARED TO ATTEND COURT. HE IS DISILLUSIONED.

② EVIDENCE WHICH DID NOT COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE POLICE IS AVAILABLE FROM **RO-A68** **RO-A68** AND **RO-A4**

ADDITIONALLY THERE ARE THREE FURTHER POTENTIAL WITNESSES INCLUDED ON THE LIST OF INMATES PROVIDED BY MR. BARLETT

NAMESLY

RO-A79

RO-80

RO-A80

AND

RO-A2

③ IT WILL BE SEEN THAT IN THE NOTES, MADE BY BARLETT, OF THE INTERVIEW OF RO-A48 (DPA) HE REFERS TO BEING BEATEN ON HIS BARE BOTTOM AT SMITH'S HOME ADDRESS AT DPA ROCKDALE.

THERE IS NO MENTION IN THE POLICE FILE OF ABUSE TAKING PLACE AT SMITH'S HOME ADDRESS. IN MY VIEW THIS ADDS A FURTHER DIMENSION TO THE ALLEGATIONS.

AMONGST THE QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IN RELATION TO A REVIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF PURSUING A PROSECUTION AT THIS TIME ARE THE FOLLOWING

- A) IS IT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST
- B) WITH A PROSECUTION FOR ANOTHER USEFUL PURPOSE.

C) IS THERE ANY NEW EVIDENCE

D) ARE WITNESSES / COMPLAINANTS

STILL WILLING TO PROCEED WITH A PROSECUTION

E) DOES THE MATTER FALL WITHIN

THE REMIT OF OPERATION CROMFRA.

D) IF ABOVE APPLIES, WHERE DOES

IT FIT IN THE LIST OF PRIORITIES

FOR THE OPERATION.

I CERTAINLY FEEL THAT, WITH THE POTENTIAL FOR NEW ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE, THERE IS THE LIKELY HOOD THAT A SOUND PROSECUTION CASE COULD BE PREPARED, BUT THAT WOULD NECESSITATE TRACING FIVE NEW WITNESSES, AND RE-INTERVIEWING THE ORIGINAL SEVEN COMPLAINANTS.

ALTHOUGH CLEARLY AND ABOVE OF CHILDREN IS A SERIOUS MATTER, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE ALLEGATIONS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY TO

OPERATION CHEROKEE, THIS INVESTIGATION IS
AT THE LOWER END OF THE LIST OF
PRIORITIES.

THE TRACING AND INTERVIEW
OF THE AFOREMENTIONED WITNESSES
WILL BE TIME CONSUMING, AS WOULD
ALSO AN INTERVIEW OF THE SUSPECT
SMITH. I DO NOT FEEL THAT I
NEED TO HIGHLIGHT THE POTENTIAL
POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS, NOR THE
UNDOUBTED MEDIA INTEREST WHICH
WOULD FOLLOW.

TO BALANCE THE A THOROUGH
INVESTIGATION WOULD SHOW THAT THE
PREVIOUS PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED
AND EFFECTIVELY "DRAW A LINE"
UNDER THE WHOLE MATTER. IT
WOULD ALSO DEAL WITH THE POSSIBILITY
OF ANY FUTURE ALLEGATIONS BEING
MADE INVOLVING THE INDIVIDUAL OR

THIS HOME AT SOME STAGES IN
THE FUTURE

MY OWN VIEW IS THAT A
FURTHER INVESTIGATION WOULD BE
WARRANTED NOW THAT THE INFORMATION
HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO
OPERATION CLEOPATRA.

I FEEL THAT, DESPITE CURRENT
PRIORITIES FOR THE INVESTIGATION, IT
WOULD BE BETTER CARRIED OUT
SOONER RATHER THAN LATER, IN
ORDER THAT THE POLICE BE SEEN
TO BE ACTING EXPEDITIOUSLY
AND WITH DUE CONCERN FOR
THOSE INVOLVED.

SUBMITTED FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

DPA