

enquiries. The policy book was maintained by Inspector WALLER and any documentation was kept locked and secure in my office.

During our enquiries Cyril SMITH'S name came up so I instructed our team to go across to CLEOPATRA and give them what we had, the SIO for CLEOPATRA which was either Bill ROBERTS or Andy TATTERSALL. Having seen the name of Cyril SMITH I remembered the file that I had seen when I was working in the Central registry. That said Cyril SMITH was not within our specific remit but I do recall visiting the Town Hall and liaising with the Chief Executive, who from memory was a female, we were given access to whatever we wanted and they were very accommodating. Our focus remained on Harry Wild.

DI WALLER handled that side of the enquiry with the enquiry team and although I think there was anything significant I think we traced some witnesses and obtained some statements. We were very proactive in trying to trace complainants.

It was decided that we needed to share what information we had gleaned and as CLEOPATRA had the resources to look into these allegations, then my Officers probably DI WALLER went to CLEOPATRA and gave them what we had. Whatever we did turn up and our actions were also to be included in the final Operation EUROPEAN report.

I did brief the Chief Constable on what we had found and he reiterated our remit was Harry WILD for the time being, but to include all our enquiries in the report and if later, as the Detective Superintendent on the Division, I wanted to pursue Cyril SMITH or anyone else then the Chief Constable gave me his backing to do that.

I am unsure of the exact date but it may well have been in 2000 when I went to the Office of Jim DOBBIN on the main road in Heywood. I only ever saw Colin LAMBERT on one occasion and I think he was a bag carrier for Jim DOBBIN. I went to the office with DI WALLER. From memory there was only Colin LAMBERT there as Jim DOBBIN was away. I cannot recall LAMBERT being particularly useful to the enquiry re WILD or giving me any documentation re SMITH, having said that why would he we were there about WILD not SMITH.

We knew that Harry WILD was part of the liberal party and a councillor but he's a high profile and we were trying to establish any details on WILD. Colin LAMBERT did not hand any documents to me or to Andy WALLER that I recall.

On Thursday the 30th July, 2015 I was visited by Detective Chief Inspector PERVAIZ and ISO 69973 THOMPSON of the Greater Manchester Police.

Signature: R Huntbach
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Signature witnessed by: