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Discussion on Friday 26th February at the Depot,
Phoenix Park between the Commissioner, Garda
Síochána (W.P. Quinn) and the Inspector General
of the R.U.C. (A.H. Kennedy) on police matters.

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1. The Inspector General of the R.U.C. Mr. A.H. Kennedy accompanied by Mrs. Kennedy arrived at Garda Headquarters at 1.15 p.m. on Friday, 26th February, 1965, and, with the Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners, was entertained to lunch at the Officers' Mess during which informal talks occurred.
2. Subsequent to lunch, the Inspector General and the Commissioners had a discussion, which ranged over the following matters:-
 - (a) Interchange of information and co-operation in crime prevention and detection, chiefly pertaining to cross-Border criminal activities and theft of motor vehicles.
 - (b) Road-accident-prevention measures and use of "Q" cars.
 - (c) Development of radio, use of radio-equipped motor vehicles (car and motor cycle) and pocket radio by police personnel on foot.
 - (d) Closing of stations and restricted station-orderly service at small stations.
 - (e) Non-police-duty services provided by police.
 - (f) Training of Detectives.
 - (g) Proposed visit of a County Inspector from Crime Branch of R.U.C., to Garda Headquarters to discuss matters of mutual interest in the field of crime and the forthcoming legislation re extradition of offenders and implementation in course.
 - (h) Proposed visit by two District Inspectors now engaged on an enquiry on police working in R.U.C. to Dublin Metropolitan Area and Headquarters to collect data and exchange ideas relative to the following matters:-
 - (1) The station-orderly problem.
 - (2) Employing of Women Police on certain station duties in larger stations. (As a partial solution to No.1).
 - (3) Has there been any extension of the policy of reducing station strengths or closing stations?
 - (4) What are the existing leave concessions and has any increase or decrease been recommended?
 - (5) What hours of duty are laid down and has any reduction been recommended?
 - (6) Has any new system of recording and calculating duty been devised?
 - (7) Transport. Recommendations regarding increase in numbers and types of vehicles.
 - (8) Personal Radio.
 - (9) Automatic report-recording machines.
 - (10) Discarding of extraneous duties, e.g., in connection with livestock smuggling.
 - (11) Photo-copying of documents at central points.

3. It was proposed that, following on the visit here by the County Inspector and separate visits by District Inspectors, arrangements would then be made for visits by the Chief Superintendents at Drogheda, Monaghan, Sligo and Letterkenny to their opposite numbers at Armagh, Enniskillen, Omagh and Derry, respectively, to discuss crime prevention and detection and matters of mutual interest and co-operation in this connection.
4. The discussion with the Inspector General occupied approximately two hours, at the end of which the Commissioner provided him with a copy of the Press release which he communicated to the Information Bureau, Belfast, at the same time as this communication was released to the Press, Radio and Telefís Eireann here.
5. Arrangements are now being put in hand in connection with separate visits here by a County Inspector and two District Inspectors during this month. It is also the intention to avail of the offer to arrange consultations in regard to Radio development to determine the most efficient way in which our Radio network might be extended.
6. After his return to Belfast, the Inspector General informed the Commissioner that the news of the discussions had been very well received in Belfast, both by the public and by the R.U.C. generally.