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PPA - Parades.

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To: Belfast
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Parades

Further to our SF 422, you will wish to be aware of the following:

Dungannon

We understand that the organisers of the Orange County Parade on the 12th plan to proceed to the field on the Ballygawley Road, past the Ballygawley Road Housing Estate (a nationalist area). There was trouble seven years ago at this point. There is an Orange Field near Moygashel (a strongly Loyalist suburb of Dungannon) and, in principle, the parade should be confined to that part of the town and the centre. Scottish Street and Thomas Street would be appropriate routes.

Lower Ormeau

We signalled concerns in our SF 422 about the 12th July parade itself which, unlike the mini-12th parade (scheduled for the 8th), apparently will proceed down the Lower Ormeau past the Hatfield St. bookies shop. We remain concerned at the possibility of trouble in the Lower Ormeau, particularly given the fact that expectations of the local nationalist community have been energised as a result of the decision over the mini-12th parade, and in view of the possibility that the Orange Order may be expected to treat the 12th July march down the Lower Ormeau as a test of their resolve.

Portadown

We understand that the Church parade, scheduled for the Sunday prior to the 12th, will take place on the 4th i.e. this Sunday. We reiterate our view that this parade should not go out or return along the Garvaghy Road. As for the main parade

on the 12th (a County parade), we would wish to know the route as soon as possible. (There is no reason for this parade to go anywhere near nationalist areas. We would wish to establish whether or not all parade activity on the 12th will be subsumed into the County parade). A further potential problem is the parade by the Blackmen the day after the 12th, particularly the RBP's attempts (even though described by the RUC in last year's document as "civilised gestures") to turn down Obins Street. Moreover, the Blackmen should not be allowed to march along the Garvaghy Road. We understand that departure time for this parade will be early in the morning. We would be grateful for details of times and routes of this parade also. Control of camp followers and kick the pope type bands is also an important factor.

Lurgan

This has not been a flashpoint in recent times. Indeed, contacts indicate that Friday evening band parades (a particular nuisance) down William Street appear to have diminished in number. It is, however, important to ensure that the petty coat trailing by "kick the pope" elements at Edward and William Streets is defused. As previously indicated, matters would be improved if the parades were turned around at the cenotaph rather than the Church. No doubt any attempts by Loyalist elements to capitalise on the recent murder of ex - UDR member Lyness will be taken account of.

Magherafelt

Concerns continue over widespread disruption to the town centre on Friday nights during the marching season.

Cookstown

Cookstown is an evenly mixed town. There are some tensions in the town in view of sectarian assassinations. Moreover, there is now a controversy over the planned upgrading of existing Army checkpoints in the centre of the town i.e. Church and Chapel Streets, which constrict traffic. Marching

season problems have tended to focus on traffic problems and the coincidence of parades with Mass times and consequent delays and bottlenecks. A sense of grievance has also developed in the local nationalist community at an alleged RUC response to this problem which consisted of the suggestion that Mass times be changed.

Garvagh/Kilrea

Last year, Loyalist parades and bonfires were controlled carefully by the RUC. The bonfires and 11th night parades possess threatening sectarian overtones e.g. locals parading outside the home of Danny Cassidy, who was murdered by Loyalists in Kilrea in April 1992. A further source of tension may be the recent acquittal of a DMSU member of charges arising out of a clash between the DMSU and Loyalist elements at a Loyalist parade in Garvagh two years ago.

Rasharkin

This County parade was already signalled in our earlier fax. It is the home of one of the victims of the Loyalist murders at Castlerock earlier this year and the possibility of Loyalist triumphalism and gloating should not be discounted.

Killyleagh

Margaret Ritchie has been told by the RUC that they will not allow the 11th night parade into Shrigley. The RUC are being less cooperative however over a bonfire planned for the Cross Street district of Killyleagh which abuts a nationalist area.

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