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Wallace - The Main Allegations

1. John Francis Green

Wallace and Holroyd allege that Capt. Robert Nairac admitted to them that he had killed IRA member John Francis Green in a farmhouse in Co. Monaghan 1 mile from the border in January, 10, 1975. Nairac and Holroyd were serving in South Armagh at the time. The security forces have always taken the view that Green was murdered by the UVF. Holroyd and Wallace have also alleged that they had knowledge of other British Army undercover operations in the South in the mid-seventies such as certain events leading to the death of Columba McVeigh; the attempted kidnapping of IRA men in the South (Seamus Grew and others) and the killing of Eugene McQuaid by a British Army boobytrap set on an IRA arms cache which they had found south of the border.

2. The Miami Shopwband Massacre

In that incident the the UVF mounted a bogus UDR checkpoint in South Down. Two UVF men attempting to place a bomb in the showband's van were killed when the bomb went off prematurely. The other UVF men are then said to have opened fire on the band killing three of them. The Wallace/Holroyd allegations are that Nairac was in charge of the UVF gang and that the weapons used in that killing had been located before the incident occurred. (Three of the UVF gang, two of whom were also members of the UDR, are serving 35 year sentences for their part in the attack. They have never claimed to have been acting with the collusion of the security forces.) It appears that the gun used to kill John Francis Green was also used in the Miami showband attack.

3. Captain Robert Nairac

Wallace claims that Capt. Nairac was himself "set up" for murder by the IRA by someone in the intelligence business. No evidence has emerged to support this allegation.

4. British Army Involvement In Other Murders

Wallace has also claimed that the British Army, in cooperation with extreme loyalists, may have been involved in as many as 28 murders in two months in 1974. Again, there is no evidence to

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upport this claim.

5. Dublin Bombings

Wallace and Holroyd have made claims that the same loyalist paramilitaries, supplied (unwittingly) with weapons and explosives by MI6, were involved in bombings in Dublin and Monaghan in 1974, aimed at making the Government take tougher security measures. No evidence has emerged to support this claim.

6. Undermining of IRA Ceasefire 1975/76

Wallace and Holroyd allege that MI5 took action to undermine the IRA ceasefire of 1975/76.

7. Kincora Boys' Home

Wallace, in a letter to journalists, claimed that the Army knew of the activities there for several years and that a cover up of the Kincora vice ring was preventing the killers of ten year old Brian McDermott from being apprehended. He went on to claim that a number of senior MPs at Westminster, including Cabinet Ministers, were involved in the cover up. He declined to give evidence to the official inquiry into the Kincora scandal, even after the N. Irl. DPP had given him immunity from the Official Secrets Act and he had received other assurances that he would not be prosecuted.

8. Links With Airey Neave

In July, 1987, Channel 4 broadcast what it claimed were extracts from two of four letters written by Mr. Neave to Wallace in 1976 which suggested that Neave wanted to meet with Wallace. Wallace claims that the meeting took place and that he, Wallace, had provided Neave with material to be used in a speech in the House of Commons. These allegations are linked to an alleged wider smear conspiracy by MI5 against the Labour Government in 1975. Wallace and Holroyd claimed in 1984 that MI5 were involved in the Ulster Worker's Strike in 1974, as part of an effort to discredit the Wilson Government. Wallace claims that he misled Merlyn Rees with a view to discouraging him from taking stronger action against the strike.

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9. Bugging Confessionals

In an interview with the London magazine "Time Out" in 1987, Wallace alleged that in the mid-seventies the British Secret Service had planned to bug confession boxes in the Clones area in order to glean intelligence from IRA penitents.

10. Alleged Links with the Gardai

Holroyd says that in the Spring of 1975 he travelled to Garda Headquarters with a RUC companion by arrangement with the (then) Assistant Commissioner, Edmund Garvey.

According to an Irish Times Report of 21 May, 1987, Fred Holroyd met with Chief Superintendent Tom Kelly of the Gardai who interviewed him about his allegations that he "ran" three Gardai (including the infamous "Badger") in border areas during the 1970s. The report also refers to Holroyd's allegations that an RUC officer worked undercover at Garda Headquarters in 1974. These and other allegations have been investigated by the Gardai.

11. MI5 Attempts to Discredit Loyalist Politicians

Wallace claims to have given the journalist Robert Fisk details of a special unit set up at Stormont for the purpose of discrediting Loyalist politicians.

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