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INSPECTOR GENERAL, R.U.C.

13th January, 1969.

Mr O'Connell

Dear ✓ John,

Herewith for information photocopy of report by the Commissioner relative to the People's Democracy March (Belfast-Londonderry) through Belfast on Wednesday, 1st January, 1969. There were no untoward incidents during this stage of the four-day march.

Yours sincerely,

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Inspector General.

1. I have to report that on Monday, 23rd December, 1968, Loudon Seth, 24 Osborne Park, Belfast, called at the R.U.C. Station, Queen Street, Belfast, and gave notice that members of the People's Democracy would leave the City Hall, Belfast at 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 1st January, 1969 and walk to Londonderry. This Office BCS.8/9/5 dated 23rd December, 1968 refers.
2. On 28th December, 1968, Michael X. F. Farrell, 8 Strandview Street, Belfast, called at the R.U.C. Station, Queen Street, Belfast, and gave notice of a change in the route given in the previous notification. This office BCS.8/9/5 dated 30th December, 1968, refers.
3. At 8.50 a.m. on Wednesday, 1st January, 1969 about 50 members of the People's Democracy assembled at the front of the City Hall, Donegall Square North, Belfast. Simultaneously a number of Major Ronald Bunting's or/and Rev. Ian R. K. Paisley's supporters assembled at the same venue with a Union Flag and the Ulster Flag.
4. The People's Democracy supporters formed up at 9.15 a.m. and moved off along Donegall Place and as they did so an attempt was made by some of Major Bunting's supporters to pull down a Civil Rights banner, but they were prevented by Police in uniform. Major Bunting's followers, carrying a Ulster Flag and the Union Flag then preceded the parade through Belfast.
5. Those identified taking part were:-

People's Democracy

- Paul Arthur, 113 Fitzroy Avenue, Belfast.
- Kevin Boyle, address unknown.
- Ronald Bunting (Junior), 6 Cumberland Drive, Dundonald.
- Paul Campbell, 90 University Street, Belfast.
- Patricia Drinnan, 49 Glen Road, Belfast.
- Michael X. F. Farrell, 8 Strandview Street, Belfast.
- Eilish McDermott, 17 Gransha Crescent, Belfast.
- Mrs. Rebecca McGlade, 126 Ardilea Street, Belfast.
- John N. McGuffin, 92 Eglantine Avenue, Belfast.
- Loudon Seth, 24 Osborne Park, Belfast.
- Cyril J. Toman, 35 Kirkliston Drive, Belfast.

Major Bunting's Group

- Major Ronald Bunting, 6 Cumberland Drive, Belfast.
- Jack Davidson, 63 Frenchpark Street, Belfast.
- Francis Millar, 4b Mount Vernon Green, Belfast.
- Rev. Robert T. W. McCrea, 91 Erinvale Avenue, Belfast.

6. Members of the People's Democracy carried placards and banners bearing the following slogans:-

- "Civil Rights 1969".
 - "Civil Rights March".
 - "Anti-Poverty March".
 - "Houses for All, Jobs for All".
 - "One house, one family".
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"Young Socialists".

7. Except for the slight commotion mentioned at paragraph 3 the parade passed through Belfast without further incident.

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District Inspector,
for Commissioner.

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