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16th June, 1969.

Dear Mr. Hill,

Lord Cameron has asked me to transmit to you a number of further queries addressed to the Police. They are in varying degrees not covered in the evidence already submitted and are more suited to written than oral reply. Some of the queries are covered by the information submitted but it would assist the work of the Commission even in these cases to have a reply with the replies to the other queries. The Commission hopes to arrange for representatives from Police Headquarters to give oral evidence and also for oral evidence directly from the Minister of Home Affairs; no doubt from yourself and Mr. Greeves. A suitable date during July can be fixed later for such oral evidence to be taken.

Yours faithfully,

Solicitor to the Commission

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## NOTE FOR POLICE EVIDENCE

## [prepared by Lord Cameron]

I think we should have information on the following general and particular points:-

- 1. General structure of police organisation.
- 2. Administrative and political structure and chain of command.
- 3. Establishment: are numbers up to establishment? Qualifications for service; proportion of places reserved for Catholics.
- 4. Distribution and basis of distribution.
- 5. Adequacy of numbers of police and of means of deployment to areas or points requiring reinforcement.
- 6. Reserves: (i) number and organisation;
  (ii) recruitment and qualifications;
  (iii) training, discipline and use, particularly use since 5th October 1968.
- 7. Londonderry force: size and command structure under normal conditions.
- 8. Particular arrangements for reinforcements to deal with processions and demonstrations in months of August, October and November 1968 and January and April 1969 in Dungannon, Londonderry, Armagh, Newry, Belfast. What requests were made locally for police reinforcements?

  To whom and how were these requests met.
- 9. In cases of reinforcement of normal police forces, what arrangements are made in general for feeding, housing, resting and instructing police called in from outside -
  - (a) as part of the general police organisation;
  - (b) in particular at Londonderry in January and April.
- 10. Police arrangements for reporting disturbances locally and centrally.

  How these operated during the particular events covered by this Enquiry.
- 11. Police training methods for dealing with crowd and mob control. What actual training or instruction is given in these methods either to regular police or reservists.
- 12. What intelligence was available to the police prior to the demonstrations or processions indicative of the possibility or likelihood of outbreaks of disorder if these demonstrations or processions took place in the places covered by 8. above.
- 13. What complaints were received by the police subsequent to these disorders of irregular or violent conduct of the police either generally or in individual cases, and how have these complaints, if any, been dealt with?

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## 14. Personalities and organisations

What measures are taken as matter of routine, or were taken in particular instances, to ascertain constitutions, objectives, leadership and financial resources of:

- (i) Civil Rights associations, both central and local;
- (ii) People's Democracy, in particular the extent to which People's Democracy was associated with, infiltrated by, or subject to control or either political or quasi-political bodies within or outside Northern Ireland;
- (iii) the Free Presbyterian Church, its numerical strength, number of ministers and own financial resources or support. In particular its association with the publication of the "Protestant Telegraph".
  - (iv) "Ulster Loyalists", "Ulster Volunteer Force" and "Ulster Protestant Volunteers", or any other facet of organisations associated with or under the control of Major Bunting. In particular their estimated numerical strength, distribution and possible association with members of the Free Presbyterian Church or the Church itself.

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Various Londonderry organisations, in particular those referred to by Mr. Hume (1) the Credit Union; (2) the Housing Association; (3) the Londonderry Housing Action Committee and the local Labour Party in the latter case with particular reference to its association or lack of association with the Northern Ireland Labour Party.