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STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF CONSTABLE
OF THE ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY, SIR ARTHUR YOUNG

In October last year I agreed to come to Northern Ireland in order to implement the Hunt recommendations. No time limit was put upon my secondment from the City of London other than an agreement that I should return to my post as Commissioner when my task here had been completed.

Now that the Hunt recommendations have virtually been accomplished I believe that my purpose in joining the ranks of the Royal Ulster Constabulary has been fulfilled. Since I am due to retire from the police service at the end of 1971 the consequential consolidation and development of the force, which will necessarily take several years to complete, will obviously have to be undertaken by my successor. I am delighted that Mr. Shillington has been chosen to do this.

My return to the City of London in November which both the Police Authority and myself agree is the appropriate time will enable me not only to carry out my substantive service responsibility but also to devote more adequate attention to my wider national police responsibilities such as those involved with the Police Council for the United Kingdom and with the selection processes for the higher ranks in England and Wales.

The fact that the Hunt recommendations have been implemented in less than a year since the publication of the report is a great credit to the endeavours of all ranks of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, who notwithstanding their onerous preoccupation in keeping the peace, have undertaken these fundamental and involved changes in a spirit of such willing enthusiasm.

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I am confident that the Royal Ulster Constabulary will remain a non-aggressive police service progressively winning the respect and esteem of the people of Northern Ireland.

September 23, 1970.