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cc PS/Mr Ingram (B&L) - O
Mr Steele - O
Mr Leach - O
Mr Watkins - O
Mr Maccabe - O
Mr Hill - O
Mr Clarke
Supt Maxwell

1. in the car park
2. in hallway

Mr Dalzell

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- Do some a recording
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AREEMA DRIVE: MEETING WITH JEFFREY DONALDSON

I met Jeffrey Donaldson in Castle Buildings briefly this evening, at his request, to talk about the Areema Drive problem.

2. The concerns he recounted were familiar, and similar to the ones relayed to me by Davy Adams of the UDP earlier in the week. Last weekend's attacks were purely sectarian (he accepted that the stabbing incident may not have been). Eight families, some of them 'key' ones from the perspective of the local Protestant community, were now seeking relocation. If they left, and were replaced by families from Twinbrook, the whole area could be destabilised. In such circumstances he feared the involvement of Loyalist paramilitaries. There was an issue of tribal territory here, but also one of the types of family - 'social misfits' - being relocated from Twinbrook. Local people wanted the peaceline sealed: he acknowledged that the estate was now mixed, but felt the convenience of Catholic families with links to Twinbrook had to be balanced against the safety and sense of vulnerability of Protestant residents. (He noted without comment my observation that closing off the peaceline would leave Catholic families feeling very isolated). He had met the police, and was aware that security was being stepped up, particularly over the Twelfth. His sense, however, was that the RUC in Dunmurry were particularly reluctant to be committed to static tasks in this area because, unlike their colleagues in Twinbrook, they lacked significant military support. He wanted a further

surveys of local opinion regarding closure (apparently one was done some time ago), and as visible a police presence as possible.

3. I responded in standard terms (operational matters for the police etc), and said that I understood the police would be having further discussions with local people next week. Mr Donaldson noted that he would be seeing Brian Smith (the local Civrep) on Monday, and hoped for a further update then. Could you pass on to the police the points about the survey, and visible patrolling? Many thanks.

4. I will touch base again on Monday, when I return from Hillsborough.

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