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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-03808

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: CONTACT BETWEEN THE RUC/PSNI AND THE NATIONAL STRATEGY INFORMATION CENTRE

Request:

Question 1 - What contacts have the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Police Service of Northern Ireland had since 1998 with the following individuals and organisations?

- The National Strategy Information Center (NSIC)
- The Consortium for the Study of Intelligence (CSI), including the CSI Armed Groups Project.
- Policy Exchange

- Professor Roy Godson of the NSIC
- Dr Richard H. Schultz Jr of CSI
- Dean Godson of Policy Exchange

Please furnish where available, the names and positions of any RUC or PSNI personnel involved in contacts with the above groups and individuals, details of any meetings, any relevant notes or minutes, and copies of any correspondence.

Question 2 - In an article entitled Intelligence Dominance: A Better Way Forward in Iraq, (Weekly Standard, 31 July 2006) Richard H. Schultz Jr. and Roy Godson stated that they visited Northern Ireland as part of their research for the CSI Armed Groups Project. Did they have any meetings with PSNI personnel? Is the PSNI aware of any meetings they had with former PSNI or RUC personnel?

Please provide details of any such contacts as per question 1.

Question 3 - Please give details of any publications in the possession of the PSNI by the organisations and individuals named in question 1. What use, if any, has been made of such publications in RUC or PSNI training or policy formulation?

Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

Answer 1 - I have today decided to:

disclose records numbered 01718.pdf and 01720.pdf subject to the deletion of information pursuant to the provisions

of Section 38(1)(a)(b) and Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information 2000 (the Act).

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states that fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemptions as well as the factors the Department considered when deciding where the public interest lies, are listed below;

Section 38 (Health and Safety) is a Prejudice based exemption and this means that it is the Public Authority's responsibility to evidence the Harm.

Section 40 (Personal Data) is a Class based exemption and this means that the legislators have agreed that there would be Harm if this information were to be released.

Both these exemptions, Section 38 and Section 40, are Qualified and therefore a Public Interest Test must be carried out. A summary of the Harm Test for Section 38, and the Public Interest Test for Sections 38 and 40 follows;

HARM TEST

Disclosure of information such as the names or contact telephone numbers of police officers, civilians employed by the Police Service or members of the public would provide an opportunity to identify the individuals mentioned in the documentation. If these details were to be released into the public domain there is a possibility that it may endanger the physical or mental health of those mentioned. Criminal and terrorist organisations continue to gather information pertaining to PSNI employees and dissident republicans continue to target and attack police officers both on and off duty. As a public authority the PSNI have a duty to protect the health and safety of their staff and members of the public and by doing so to minimise the occasions when individuals' details are released into the public domain. It is never in the public interest to endanger the health and safety of any individual. The identifying details pertaining to all individuals should be protected if they are not already in the public domain.

PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

Favouring Disclosure

Justice to an individual

1. There is public interest in supplying information requested and which is of particular interest to the applicant and to assist their understanding of how the service deals with certain matters.

Favouring Non Disclosure

1. Interests of third parties

A public authority is exempt from it's duty to release information where the disclosure of such information would be likely to endanger the physical or mental health of any individual. By releasing personal details of those individuals mentioned in the documentation requested into the public domain it is likely that Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (right to private and family life) would be breached.

2. Fair treatment of an individual

There can be no public interest in the disclosure of information that may adversely affect the health or reputation of an individual.

BALANCE TEST

In weighing up the relevant strengths of the opposing public interests I consider that the public interest would be better served by applying the exemptions mentioned. It is never in the public interest to endanger the health and safety of any

individual.

The public interest in maintaining the exemptions applied to the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as the Police Service of Northern Ireland must protect the health and safety of individuals. The health and safety of police officers, support staff and members of the public is of the utmost importance.

The disclosure of personal data is likely to breach Data Protection principles.

Answer 2 - There is no information held in relation to this question.

Answer 3 - The only publications in the possession of the PSNI by the organisations and individuals named in question 1 are mentioned in the attachments and listed below, they have not been used for any training or policy formulation.

Biography of David Trimble
Transcript of Colin Cramphorne Memorial Lecture
Islam in Australia
Democratic Bipartnership in Action

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this email.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.



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23 April 2007

Dear Paul, s.F38(1)(a)s.F38(1)(b) s.F40(2)

I was so sorry to learn from [REDACTED] the other day that you did not receive the package which I sent you after we met at Colin Cramphorn's funeral in Wakefield. Despite the saddest of circumstances, I am so glad that we were able to speak, since I found the conversation most stimulating.

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I had sent you a copy of my biography of David Trimble – a lot there on the last days of the RUC and some great material from both Colin and [REDACTED] Wallace – plus some of our latest publications here at Policy Exchange, the think tank where I now work. Second time lucky, I hope!

You have probably heard by now that we are hosting the first Colin Cramphorn Memorial Lecture to be delivered by Peter Clarke. We will be sorry not to see you – but attending such events are, of course, a Chief Constable's prerogative!

Do let me know when next you will be in London so I can entertain you here – or, alternatively, on my next visit to Northern Ireland. Please also advise me of your email address and telephone number.

With best wishes.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean".

Dean Godson
 Research Director
 Policy Exchange
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**PAUL LEIGHTON QPM LLB
DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE**

Our Ref: Com Sec

25 April 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Leighton'.

Thank you so much for the copy of your book and the accompanying material.

I shall enjoy getting into the book, particularly as it deals with such a recent piece of history; and it is always especially interesting when one has actually met the characters appearing in print.

I was delighted to hear Colin's life is to be commemorated in such a fitting manner – my very best wishes for the lecture. I certainly hope to be able to attend on a future occasion and look forward to meeting up again.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Leighton'.

PAUL LEIGHTON

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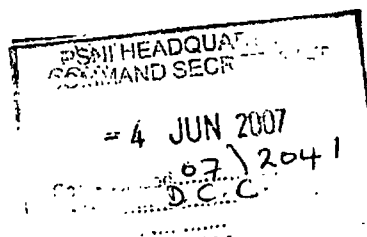


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1 June 2007

Dear Paul,

I take great pleasure in enclosing a complimentary bound copy of the inaugural Colin Cramphorn Memorial Lecture delivered here last month by Peter Clarke. It represents a wonderful tribute to our deceased friend and will set the highest of standards for this talk in the years to come.

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There is much in this publication about the PSNI and RUC, including the photographs; you are obviously referred to in Ronnie's eulogy, which we transcribed for the first time. And [REDACTED] is specifically mentioned twice. I must emphasise how helpful she was to us in the organisation of the event and the preparation of the document.

We would therefore be delighted if you would consider advertising it to the men and women of the service, not least because all of the proceeds of sales will go – at the request of Lynne Cramphorn and Peter Clarke – to the Men Against Cancer charity in Belfast. The unit price is £10.00. I should add that we, too, are a registered charity.

I am well aware that you are familiar with the excellent work of the Men Against Cancer organisation. We would like to play our part in the drive towards purchasing essential (but costly) new kit. I know that Lynne would be prepared to come over with me to present the final cheque and I am sure that the *Belfast Telegraph*, which gives me a platform from time to time, would be prepared to play its part in promoting any such event.

Do contact me on 020 7340 2656 to discuss this further.

With best wishes.

Yours ever,

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Dean Godson
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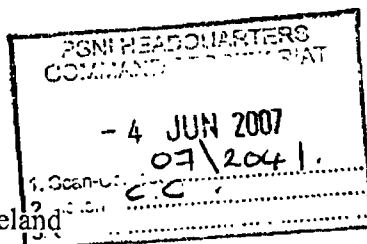
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Sir Hugh Orde
 Chief Constable
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1 June 2007

Dear Sir Hugh,

I take great pleasure in enclosing a complimentary bound copy of the inaugural Colin Cramphorn Memorial Lecture delivered here last month by Peter Clarke. The evening was a great success and I am only sorry that unavoidable last minute pressures of the job in Belfast made your own attendance impossible.

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There is much in this publication about the PSNI, including the photographs – not least one of yourself in Iraq! And [REDACTED] is specifically mentioned twice and I must emphasise again how helpful she was to us in the organisation of the event and the preparation of the document.

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If you have any further queries, do contact me on 020 7340 2656 or at dean.godson@policyexchange.org.uk. I should add that we, too, are a registered charity.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Dean Godson
 Research Director
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14 June 2007

Dear Dean,

Thank-you for your letter to the Deputy Chief Constable on 1 June 2007.

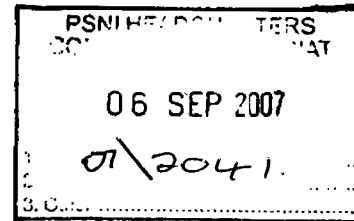
I would like to order 200 of the inaugural Colin Cramphorn Memorial Lecture Books. I would be grateful if you could forward them to me at the address above with an invoice.

Thank-you

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Paul Leighton
Deputy Chief Constable
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5 September 2007

Dear Paul,

Thank you so much for receiving me so courteously at Brooklyn several weeks back and for the present. It was tremendously moving to make the tour of the Garden of Remembrance, above all with yourself. I shall never forget it.

I take great pleasure in enclosing Policy Exchange's latest study, *Islam in Australia: Democratic bipartisanship in action* by Gerard Henderson, Executive Director of the Sydney Institute and a former Chief of Staff to Australian Prime Minister John Howard. This monograph was the subject of a package on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme – on which we were described as “Britain’s liveliest and freshest think tank”.

This important document is accompanied by a unique, British, all-party statement of support for the Australian approach to community cohesion and counter-terrorism, as well as exclusive interviews with senior security and political figures from the Commonwealth.

Incidentally, the lady on the cover is wearing a “burkini” – a distinctively Australian bit of Islamic swim-wear that enables devout Muslim women to enjoy beach life whilst retaining their modesty!

Do call me on 020 7340 2656 if you have any questions.

With best wishes.

As ever,



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Cheers

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From: dean godson [mailto:dean.godson@policyexchange.org.uk]
Sent: 25 March 2008 18:14
Subject: ***Reviews of Policy Exchange's Screening of Charlie Wilson's War and Panel Discussion***

Dear Friend

We hosted a remarkable discussion here at Policy Exchange last Wednesday following the screening of the film, Charlie Wilson's War. The debate featured many of those most closely involved in the western effort to support Mujahideen efforts to liberate Afghanistan from the Soviet Union during the 1980s.

Panellists included: Ambassador Morton Abramowitz, who was US Assistant Secretary of State under President Ronald Reagan and a key figure in US policy towards Afghanistan in this period; Ali Jalali, a former leading figure in the Afghan Mujahideen struggle against the Soviets and more recently Afghan Interior Minister under President Karzai; the Rt. Hon. Lord Ashdown, former leader of the Liberal Democrats and the international community's High Representative in Bosnia; General the Lord Guthrie, the former UK Chief of Defence Staff, Colonel Commandant of the SAS Regiment and Tony Blair's personal representative to President Musharraf in Pakistan; and Khalid Mahmood, Labour MP for Birmingham Perry Barr and Chairman of the All Party Committee on Tackling Terrorism.

I thought you might like to see an account of the event by Simon Tisdall of The Guardian:

http://commentisfree.guardian.co.uk/simon_tisdall/2008/03/myths_and_the_mujahidee

Also attached are Morton Abramowitz's remarks, which diverge in some important respects from Simon Tisdall's account.

With best wishes.

As ever.

Dean Godson

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Dean Godson

Research Director

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Assistant Chief Constable P Sheridan
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Assistant Chief Constable A Finlay
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The previous is forwarded for your information.

Thank you.

Andrew S Campbell

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Sent: 25 March 2008 17:40
Subject: ***Dean Godson of Policy Exchange in The Times, "No Way to Combat Terrorism", 25 March 2008***

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Dear Friend

I thought you might be interested to see the latest column by our Research Director, Dean Godson, which appeared in *The Times* today.

http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/guest_contributors/article3613690.ece

Yours sincerely,

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Sir Hugh Orde, Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland has asked me to thank you for your kind invitation to attend the undermentioned lecture. Unfortunately Sir Hugh has commitments here in Belfast and regrets that he is unable to attend.

Regards

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Policy Exchange is delighted to invite you to a lecture by acclaimed former diplomat Dame Pauline Neville-Jones. Her theme will be how to combat the domestic and international terrorist threat.

Dame Pauline is Chairman of QinetiQ Group plc, a defence technology company with government customers in the UK and USA and Chairman of the Information Assurance Advisory Council (IAAC). From 1998- 2004 she was the International Governor of the BBC with responsibility, among other things, for external broadcasting, notably the BBC World Service (radio and online) and BBC World (television).

Prior to that, she was a career member of the British Diplomatic Service serving, among other places, in Singapore, Washington DC, the European Commission in Brussels and Bonn. She was a foreign affairs adviser to Prime Minister John Major, chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee in Whitehall and, as Political Director in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, leader of the British delegation to the Dayton peace conference on Bosnia in 1995.

1pm on Wednesday 18th April at Policy Exchange, Clutha House, 10 Storey's Gate, Westminster SW1P 3AY, halfway between St James' Park and Westminster underground stations. A sandwich lunch will be provided.

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Should you like to attend RSVP to events@policyexchange.org.uk or 020 7340 2650.