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1. Widgery. We expect the matter to die now and were unimpressed by Insight article. We advantage in generating further comment and libel actions are not supported. However, if asked to abide by Widgery’s findings. Had it been white washing exercise we would have
produced something quite different without critics of the Army.

2. The Knocking Game. We have no objection to circulating this on the lines you suggest - and will attach it to our next monthly report. However, it is not what is wanted for public use and we intend offering it to IRD for their advice. We hope they may be able to adapt it into suitable form for use in Ireland. We see Uttley made good use of this material.

3. No Go Areas. You will realize that what Mr Whitelaw said about not using Military
Force to go into the Creggan and Bogside needs to be backed by playing up the certainty that while such action possible it would result in serious casualties on both sides. Articles such as that run by Daily Telegraph reflecting contrary Military information did not help...

4. Rubber Bullets. The comment in the Times on the death of the boy on 20th April that any soldier would be mad to insert anything into a rubber bullet lays us open to any number of suitably doctored rubber bullets being produced as evidence against us.

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