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BGS (Int)

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR BGS(INT)'S RESPONSIBILITIES
IN RESPECT OF INTELLIGENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

1. You will be responsible within the DIS to the DGI, through DS Int and DCDS(I), for all aspects of defence intelligence concerning Ireland (Eire and the Province). You will ensure that DGI, DCDS(I) and DS Int are kept fully informed at all times on all matters affecting such intelligence. You will obtain their advice as necessary on intelligence policy, judgements and assessments generally. (The responsibilities of D Sy (A) for Security matters in Northern Ireland or those affecting England, Scotland and Wales that may nevertheless have a connection with Northern Ireland will remain unchanged.)
2. You are to ensure that all matters of an Intelligence nature affecting Northern Ireland that could have political or military repercussions at Ministerial, Chiefs of Staff or Permanent Secretary level, are brought to the notice of the CGS (through VCGS) so that he may decide whether or not the matter in question in each specific instance should be reported to the Northern Ireland Policy Group (NIPG).
3. After processing in the DIS, the JIC or CIG as the case may be, you are to present to the CGS (through VCGS) relevant intelligence material from all sources bearing on N.I. including material from UK agencies.
4. After consultation within the DIS as appropriate, you will recommend to CGS (through VCGS) any measures which you consider necessary for the improvement of the military intelligence machinery in Northern Ireland. Proper defence intelligence staffing and organisation within the DIS as regards Northern Ireland will also be your responsibility, but in this case you will report to DGI.
5. You are to keep under constant review the intelligence tasks regarding Northern Ireland being laid on the MOD, adjusting priorities as necessary and ensuring that the work being done is both needed and appropriate to meet the requirements of the situation.
6. You will co-ordinate, on behalf of DGI and after consultation with DSTI, technical and scientific intelligence matters as they concern Northern Ireland.
7. You will consult the AUS(CS) or Head of DSIO as appropriate on any matter concerning Northern Ireland intelligence that may have a political, administrative, or extra-departmental content.

LESLIE BAILLY
Vice Admiral

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LOOSE MINUTE
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NORTHERN IRELAND - INTELLIGENCE

Reference: Your Loose Minute W424/05 of 29 October 1971.

1. You asked for the instructions issued to BGS (Int) covering his new responsibilities with regard to all matters of an intelligence nature affecting Northern Ireland.
2. I enclose a copy of the instructions which I have issued to BGS (Int).
3. Before issue, these were cleared by both DGI and VCGS.

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