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Your reference:

Any replies to this communication should be addressed to: INSPECTOR GENERAL, R.U.C.

Headquarters

THE ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY

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9th October, 1968.

Disturbances in Londonderry on Saturday/Sunday, 5th/6th October, 1968

Dear Joshn,

I am forwarding you a photostat copy of a report dated 7th October prepared by Mr. Watson, Senior Administrative Officer, Althagelvin Hospital, Londonderry, in relation to persons (civilian and police) who received treatment at the hospital following the disturbances.

The analysis of the figures given will, I think, set at nought the allegations of brutality on the part of the police.

Mr. Watson has been extremely helpful in letting us have this report. He has referred to the provisions of section 78 of the Health Services Act 1948. I have requested District Inspector McGimpsey, Londonderry, to assure Mr. Watson that his confidence will be respected.

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District Inspector McGimpsey, R.U.C.Londonderry.

IN CONFIDENCE.

Dear Mr. McGimpsey,

I refer to our recent conversations regarding patients treated at Altnagelvin Hospital following the disturbances in the City on Saturday 5th October and Sunday 6th October, 1968.

I have analysed the attendance records in the manner suggested and the data given hereunder has been produced, relating to the position as at 5.0p.m. today.

PATIENTS TREATED IN ACCIDENT DEPARTMENT.

8 Police Officers. Adults Male

1 Fireman. 61 Civilians

Total 70.

Adults Female

7.

Children under 14 years.

Grand Total.

2. PATIENTS SUBSEQUENTLY ADMITTED (Included in Table 1).

2 Police Officers. Adults Male

1 Civilian

= Total 3.

Adults Female Nil.

Children under 14 years.

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Grand Total Admissions.

I have already given details of injuries of those admitted, in our telephone conversation. | The child is no longer in hospital, having been kept overnight only.

RESIDENTIAL LOCALITY OF PATIENTS, AS STATED ON OUR RECORDS:

Male: Local 56 Adults Limavady 1 Belfast 1 8 Police Fireman 1 Total 70.

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7. Local Adults Female: Local 8. Children:

4. CAUSATIVE FACTORS AND NATURE OF INJURIES:

(a) Children

Struck by glass -	laceration	of	back	1.
Fell whilst running	11	11	knee	1.
Struck by stones	н	н	head	3 •
Pushed down steps by -dislocation of	crowd - shoulder.			1.
Unspecified cause	laceration	of	head _	2.

* Admitted for reduction of dislocation and discharged next day.

(b) Adults - Female.

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Shock	2.
Glass in foot	1.
Fell down steps - painful foot.	1.
Struck by stone - laceration of ear.	1.
Unspecified - laceration of head (small)_1.

(c) NATURE OF INJURIES - ADULTS MALE.

(1) Civilians.

Lacerations various sites (mainly head)	39.
Fractures -(1 ankle, 1 arm)	2.
Shock (No injuries)	1.
Bruises	10.
Falls (Minor lacerations and bruises)	4.
Struck by missiles - lacerations	5.
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(ii) POLICE

Leg injuries (including 2 admissions) 4.

Struck by missiles - lacerations 4.

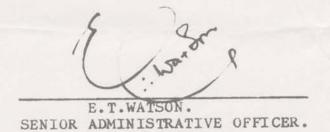
(iii) FIREMAN.

Struck by missile.

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I hope the foregoing will prove helpful. Should there be any other way in which I can be of assistance, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,



P.S. It might possibly be held that certain aspects of this communication should be regarded as privileged information, (Vide Section 78 of the Health Services Act (N.I.)1948). I know I can rely on your discretion to check with me before publication of any part of this letter, so that I may obtain legal approval from the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority. (ETW).