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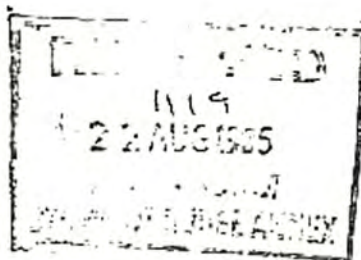


You circulated a copy of a letter from Christopher in the Cabinet Office to Nicholls in MOD suggesting the preparation of a list of incidents and misbehaviour by members of the Regular Army over the same period ^{as} the Irish list covering misbehaviour by the UDR. Mr Scott very firmly takes the view that this is not likely to be a worthwhile or productive approach.

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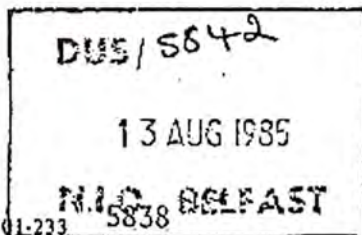
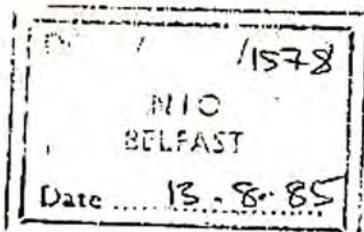
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Dear Nigel

ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS: NORTHERN IRELAND

- X In view of the work which you are currently doing on the UDR following
X Sir Robert Armstrong's letter of 2 August to Sir Clive Whitmore, you
X may find it useful to see the enclosed letter from Sir Alan Goodison
with its attached list, informally drawn up by the Irish, of incidents
X involving members of the UDR since 1970.

2. I am sure that the MOD are well aware of most of the incidents referred to which span fifteen troubled years in Northern Ireland. But in assessing whether or not the Irish and the Nationalist Community in the North have legitimate concerns regarding the behaviour of the UDR you might consider whether it would be useful to put together a comparative list of incidents involving members of the Regular Army over the same period. If the list is roughly equivalent then we can effectively argue with the Irish that the behaviour of the UDR is no worse than that of the Regular Soldiers.

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Ang Galt.
Yes indeed.

Yours ever
Chris

D R C CHRISTOPHER

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Attachs.

cc PS/Mr Scott (B)
PS/PWS (B)
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Mr Buxton
Mr Penfield
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Mr Coulson

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— further to my minute
d 17. Aug. 85

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Mr. Buxton



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enclosures)

INVOLVEMENT OF UDR IN CRIMINAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

/ I attach a letter which Sir Alan Goodison has sent to Mr. Goodall and which he has copied to Mr. Brennan as well as to me. I should be glad to have your comments and advice on the enclosure. My initial reactions are as follows.

2. There can be no gainsaying that the list makes unhappy reading; and no one in his right mind would seek to condone the individual (proven) offences which it contains or to gloss over their cumulative effect. I certainly wish to do neither. At the same time, I would be inclined to attach more weight to it if it had not been "compiled in haste"; if DFA were able to say that they had done all that they could to ensure that it did not "contain a number of mistakes"; if it did not lump all the categories together in one list (making it look impressively long) but listed them separately; and if it had been made clear in each case whether the offender was a serving member of the Regiment or a past member at the time of the offence.

3. Whether we respond, and if so in what terms, must I think depend upon how far we believe the list to be factually accurate as well as upon the strength of our misgivings about its format and the thinking underlying it. We first have to be as sure as we possibly can be that our own perspective of the subject is the right one. After that, we can - and I believe should - make every effort to persuade others to share that perspective, even though we may not be very hopeful of success. In this instance, therefore, the basic question is how far DFA's perspective differs from ours.

4. We also have to share the responsibility in the correct proportions between NIO and MOD. The Ambassador has not copied

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his letter to MOD; perhaps colleagues in London would ask RID whether they have done so or intend to do so - or whether, alternatively they would have any objection to our copying it to MOD and/or HQNI.



A.W. STEPHENS

12 August 1985

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
DUBLIN.

2 August 1985

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Deputy Under-Secretary of State
FCO

My dear David,

INVOLVEMENT OF UDR MEMBERS IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES,
CONTROVERSIAL SHOOTINGS AND HARASSMENT, 1970-1985

*alleged,
^ Sunday?*

1. You will recall that during the talks between the British and Irish delegations on 31 July Michael Lillis showed me, and did not object to my retaining, the list I attach under this heading. He said that it had been compiled in haste by a Third Secretary and no doubt contained a number of mistakes. He did not intend us to take it as a formal document. I reminded him that the information which we had given him about the involvement of members of the UDR in crime had also been approximate in character. Nevertheless, I think the list is worth circulating as evidence of the kind of thing which the Irish Government think about when someone mentions the Ulster Defence Regiment.

Yours ever,

Alan

Alan Goodison

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INVOLVEMENT OF U.D.R. MEMBERS IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, CONTROVERSIAL SHOOTINGS AND HARASSMENT, 1970 - 1985.

This list is not comprehensive, merely illustrative

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>NAME AND RANK</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>SENTENCE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1971	Bomb attack (on Lisburn council offices)			Five years' imprisonment	UVF member
19.5.73	Fatal shooting of Robert McIntyre (while latter was trying to hijack car in Shankill Road)		No arrests		
June 1973			Possession of a loaded pistol in suspicious circumstances	18 months' imprisonment	
October 1973			" " "	Three years' imprisonment	
1973	Bomb attack on Catholic pub in Co. Down			Sentenced in March 1974 to nine years' imprisonment (each)	
Late 1973			Manslaughter of Philip Lowry	Sentenced in May 1974 to three years' imprisonment	
1974	Armed robbery of a post office			Sentenced in December 1974 to eight years' imprisonment	UDA connections
May 1974	Armed intimidation of Catholics during			Sentenced in February 1975 to five years'	

the UWC strike

imprisonment

Armed robbery in
LimavadySentenced in March
1975 to five years'
imprisonment

UDA member

early 1975

Car bombing in Armagh

car bombing,
illegal possession
of firearms and
other offencesSentenced in
May 1975 to ten years
imprisonment

UVF member

1974

Murder of James and Mary
Devlin at Edenork, Co.
TyroneSentenced in
October 1975 to
life imprisonment
(later given
concurrent sentences
for a series of
other offences)

1975

Possession of bomb-
making equipmentSentenced in
November 1975 to
three years'
imprisonment

UVF member

1975

Bomb attack on a Catholic
pub in DungannonSentenced in December
1975 to twelve years'
imprisonment

July 1975

Murder of three
members of the Miami
ShowbandSentenced in
October 1976 to
35 years

life imprisonment
with a recommended,
presumably

Two other
members of the
patrol, West
Somerville and
Harris Boyle
blew themselves
up in the
incident. A
four were UV
members.

	Illegal possession of firearms		Sentenced in Feb. 1976 to five years	UDA member
176	Bomb attack on an Irish pub in <u>Kilburn</u>		Sentenced in Oct. 1976 to 15 and 12 years respectively	
76	Armed robbery in Banbridge	Possession with intent and armed robbery on behalf of the UVF	Sentenced in Nov. 1976 to ten years	
	Possession of home-made machinegun, sawn-off shotgun, other weapons and 3,000 rounds of ammunition		Sentenced in March 1977 to life imprisonment	UVF member
	Possession of arms and training UVF members in E. Antrim		Sentenced in March 1977 to ten years	
	Conspiracy to kill Catholics in CO. Down		Sentenced in May 1977 to life imprisonment	
	Armed robbery of a pub in Belfast		Sentenced in Oct. 1977 to three years	
7	Assembling a bomb for the UDA		Sentenced in Jan. 1978 to two years' imprisonment	
7:77	Shooting into		Sentenced in	

in Portadown on the
"Twelfth"

Theft of 320 guns,
9500 rounds of
ammunition, grenades
and a rocket from
Magherafelt UDR
armoury, plus robbery
and sectarian arson.

Bomb attack on a Catholic-
owned shop in Draperstown

179 Kidnapping, assault and
possession with intent

Murders of John Bolton,
James Chivers and Joseph
McAuley (in South Derry)

Five armed robberies
in Belfast

Feb. 1978 to
five years

Sentenced in UDA members
April 1978 to
ten years

Sentenced in
May 1978 to
eight years

Sentenced in One of the
Feb. 1979 to "Shankill
fifteen years Butchers"

In January 1979
Redfern was
sentenced to life
imprisonment for
all three murders
while the others
received the same
sentence for the
Bolton and McAuley
murders. All
received additional
concurrent sentences
for robbery, arson
and other offences

Sentenced in April UUVF membe
1979 to ten years

20.3.81	Shooting of Patrick McNally on Lower Falls while he was joyriding in a stolen car	UDR patrol	No arrests	
	Illegal possession of firearms and attempted rape			Sentenced in March 1981 to two years
20.5.81	Shooting (while drunk) of a passer-by, Kevin Kinnear		13 charges, including wounding with intent, possession with intent, false imprisonment and using a firearm to resist arrest	Sentenced on 18.6.83 to two years for the first offence, with concurrent sentences for the others
9.8.81	Murder of Liam Arthur Canning and wounding of three others in the Ardoyne area of Belfast			Sentenced in Jan. 1983 to life imprisonment for murder, with a concurrent sentence of 16 years for the wounding of three others UFF claimed respons. for the killing
30.10.81	Arson attack on an Enterprise Ulster building site in Richhill		Sectarian arson	Ordered on 14.6.83 to pay £2,000 damages; conditionally discharged for two years
24.1.82.	Fatal shooting of Tony Harker in Armagh (shot from behind, unarmed)	UDR patrol	Coroner's jury recorded an open verdict; no charges were filed	

7.2.82 Assault on Anthony
Daniel Parkes in
Armagh

Assault Sentenced on 12.10.82
to three months
(suspended) and fined
£50

Attempted murder Appeared in court on 26.7.82;
details of sentence not known

15 offences Sentenced on 18.3.83
against Catholics, -to two years
including
intimidation,
attempted
intimidation through
death threats and
ten counts of criminal
damages

October
1981 -
August
1982

25.10.82 Murder of Peter
Corrigan (Sinn Fein
election worker) in
Armagh

Murder and 18 Sentenced on 25.1.85 to life
other charges, imprisonment for murder and to
including six seven concurrent 20-year terms
attempted for attempted murder as well as to
murders lesser terms for other offences

Murder of a 19-year-
old Catholic 36 hours
after being issued with
weapon

Murder Sentenced on 11.1.83 to
life imprisonment

June 1983	<u>Allegations</u> of harassment of mass-goers at Mullaghduin, Derrylin and Killesher, CO. Fermanagh (following election of Ken Maginnis MP)			
30.7.83	Murder of Martin Malone in Armagh (shot en route home by a UDR patrol)	Murder and manslaughter	<u>Acquitted of both charges in December 1984</u>	Association for Legal Justice claims that Ba is back serving with the UDR
August 1983	<u>Allegations</u> of widespread harassment and intimidation by UDR patrols in the Gortan area of Co. Tyrone			
3.11.83	Murder of Adrian Carroll in Armagh	Murder	Of the eight originally arrested for questioning, five still await trial on the <u>murder charge</u>	
(all from Drumadd Barracks, Armagh)				
November 1983	<u>Allegations</u> by Fr Denis Faul of physical threat by members of the UDR at Cookstown. Co. Tyrone			
December 1983	<u>Allegations</u> by Fr Denis Faul of UDR harassment of a Belfast Catholic, Tony Dawson (over his friendship with a Protestant girl he had met at Corrymeela)			
4.11.83	Confirmation of authenticity of UDR sergeant Ronnie Gamble of controversial book "Textbook of Close Combat". containing tips on torture and killing methods			

3.1.84

Two UDR part-timers
and one former member
(Ballymena area)

Possession of arms
and explosives

Trial pending

Suspected
paramilitary
connections

Assaulting a 69-year-
old pensioner at a
checkpoint in
Draperstown

Assault

Sentenced on 23.1.84
to £2,000 damages

Illegal possession of
three rifles, a silencer,
six magazines and 100
rounds of ammunition

Sentenced in February 1984
to four years

Possession of arms and UDR private
UVF membership (East Antrim)

Charged on 16.2.84;
sentence not known

Indecent assault,
gross indecency and
buggery with under-aged
children

On 20.9.84, one was
sentenced to eighteen
months and one was given
a suspended eighteen months'
sentence

Burglary

Sentenced on 28.11.84 to
£1200 damages

November 1984

Allegations by Fr Raymond Murray of continual harassment and verbal abuse of Catholics by
a UDR patrol in Armagh

Allegations by SDLP District Councillor Anthony McGonnell of continual harassment of Catholic
by the UDR in the Killeeshill and Ballygawley areas of Co. Tyrone

Speers in Armagh

members

released, two awaiting trial

15.1.85	Killing of Paul Gerard Kelly (a 17-year-old youth shot while joyriding in a stolen car which crashed into a UDR roadblock in West Belfast)	No arrests have been made	
5.2.85	Intimidation of a Co. Sligo businessman, John Gurhy, by a UDR patrol in Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh (which detained him for five hours)	No disciplinary action appears to have been taken	
8.4.85	Murder of Martin Love in Enniskillen	Murder	Trial pending
14.4.85	Allegations by SDLP District Councillor Eddie McGrady that UDR members had been seen taking the registration numbers of cars parked outside Catholic churches in various parts of Co. Down		
1982-3	Membership of UVF, armed robbery and weapons charges		Sentenced on 7.5.85 to five years
	Possession of weapons and ammunition		Sentenced on 7.5.85 to eighteen months (suspended)
12.7.85	Assault on the RUC in Portadown on the "Twelfth"	Two full-time UDR members	Charged and awaiting trial