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ARREST POLICY FOR PROTESTANTS

1. Some time last week - I believe during the meeting which he held at Stormont Castle on Wednesday morning, 29 November - GUM asked the GOC to draft an arrest policy covering the UVF and other extreme loyalist elements, though not the UDA per se. The Civil Adviser has since let me have a copy of the first draft which he prepared for the GOC: I think you would find it of interest and I therefore attach it.

2. As far as I know, the paper has not yet been formally tabled for discussion in SSM. I gather that it was sent to the RUC and has run into difficulties there, apparently because they object to it referring specifically to Protestant terrorists. If so, the objection makes no sense, since the purpose of the paper is simply to define a category of arrest targets on the loyalist side corresponding to the IRA categories at c. and d.

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