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NORTHERN IRELAND LOSSES OF UDR WEAPONS

Reference: A. A/US of S/GJS/712 of 1 Aug 72.

1. Attached at Annex A is the comparison of losses of weapons between various battalions of UDR and the incidents of suspected collusion as requested in your minute.
2. There is no clear explanation of why so many weapons were lost in July. As you are aware most of them were stolen by masked men and in several cases CID suspect UDA besides those where collusion is reported. While this link is only a suspicion, if it is true then one could hope that in the changed climate since Op MOTORMAN arms losses will fall off sharply.
3. As far as units are concerned the heaviest losses are in 2 UDR Armagh and 8 UDR Dungannon which possibly have the greatest problem of mixed population and active extremists.
4. The two most important measures which are required apart from a general awareness in the UDR of the dangers involved are the completion of armouries and the continuing review of arms out to individuals. You will be aware of progress on these two matters.
5. HQ Northern Ireland have been informed of US of S (Army)'s concern, which they and HQ UDR share, and are keeping the matter under review.

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COMPARISON OF LOSSES OF WEAPONS  
BETWEEN BATTALIONS OF UDR AND INCIDENTS OF SUSPECTED COLLUSION

	1 Bn	2 Bn	3 Bn	4 Bn	5 Bn	6 Bn	7 Bn	8 Bn	9 Bn	10 Bn	11 Bn	Totals	Recovered
SLR		13	3	1	4	2		13			1	37	1
.303 Rifles			2	2						1		4	1
SMG			1		1					1		7	NIL
.38 Pistols					1		5					6	2
9mm Pistols		1					2					3	
Suspected Collusion			6	2			2	6		1		17	