

6. WE SUGGEST YOU TAKE THE FOLLOWING LINE, BESIDES DRAWING ON PARAGRAPHS 1-5 ABOVE:-

'THE UDA HAVE NOT CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE KILLINGS. THE POLICE INVESTIGATE ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE WITH A VIEW TO BRINGING THE PERPETRATORS TO JUSTICE IRRESPECTIVE OF RELIGION OR POLITICAL OR PARAMILITARY AFFILIATION. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CONVICTIONS FOR MURDER IN NORTHERN IRELAND WHERE THOSE CONVICTED ARE KNOWN TO HAVE HAD 'LOYALIST' AFFILIATIONS, BUT THE UDA AS AN ORGANISATION HAS NEVER ADMITTED TO THE USE OF TERRORIST VIOLENCE TO ACHIEVE ITS AIMS. THREE MEN HAVE ALREADY BEEN CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF JOHN TURNLY AND POLICE INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUE INTO THE MURDERS OF RONALD BUNTING, NOEL LITTLE AND MIRIAM DALY.'

NOT FOR DISCLOSURE.

7. THE THREE MEN CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF JOHN TURNLY ARE BELIEVED BY THE POLICE TO BE MEMBERS OF THE ULSTER FREEDOM FIGHTERS (THE UNADMITTED TERRORIST WING OF THE UDA). IT IS BELIEVED THAT ALL THE MURDERS MENTIONED ARE THE WORK OF EITHER THE UVF OR THE UFF. IN GENERAL, THE GOVERNMENT PREFERS TO USE ITS POWERS TO PROSCRIBE NAMED ORGANISATIONS AS SPARINGLY AS POSSIBLE. THUS BOTH THE PSF AND THE IRSP REMAIN LEGAL ORGANISATIONS, IN SPITE OF THEIR CLOSE LINKS WITH PIRA AND INLA RESPECTIVELY. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UDA AND THE UFF IS NOT DISSIMILAR.

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