

Special Branch,
had made use of recently; he would consider making use of them
on this occasion.

4. The Secretary of State noted the Chief Constable's points and
undertook to consider them. He has, as you know, already received
advice on Ministerial dealings with the UDA. He would be glad to
forward the views of officials on the case the Chief Constable has now
forwarded. The Chief Constable clearly attached a great deal of
importance to the matter and you will no doubt be able to determine whether
it is right to do so in the light of the assessment you and others made
of what he has said. But I imagine the Chief Constable may return
at the meeting of SPM scheduled for 18 January and I think the
Secretary of State will need at least an initial comment by the
Chief Constable as part of the briefing or separately.

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