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*You may like to see the material*  
*being used following this week's episode*  
*of alleged security leaks in Northern*  
*Ireland.*

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**NORTHERN IRELAND: ALLEGED SECURITY LEAKS**

INTRODUCTION

1. THERE HAS BEEN A NUMBER OF RECENT ALLEGATIONS THAT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION HELD BY THE SECURITY FORCES HAS BEEN LEAKED TO TERRORIST GROUPS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.
2. COMMENTS BY RT HON JOHN COPE MP, MINISTER OF STATE NIO, IN BELFAST ON 21 SEPTEMBER, ARE CONTAINED IN MIFGT. YOU MAY DRAW ON THIS FREELY.

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3. THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF THE RUC, MR HUGH ANNESLEY, HAS ESTABLISHED A TEAM OF OUTSIDE OFFICERS HEADED BY DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE JOHN STEVENS OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO ALL SUCH ALLEGATIONS.

4. HMG ARE DETERMINED THAT THERE WILL BE 'NO CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE'. WE FULLY SUPPORT THE CHIEF CONSTABLE'S STANCE THAT SUCH WRONG DOING, SHOULD IT BE PROVED, WILL NOT BE TOLERATED BY THE RUC, EITHER WITHIN ITS OWN RANKS, IN ANY ARM OF THE SECURITY FORCES OR ELSEWHERE IN SOCIETY.

#### ADDITIONAL POINTS

5. CORPORAL HASTIE WILL NOT SERVE IN N IRELAND AGAIN. THE ARMY'S DECISION ON HIS CASE WAS TAKEN IN THE LIGHT OF THE COURT'S APPARENT CONCLUSION THAT HIS ACTIONS WERE MOTIVATED LARGELY BY CONCERN FOR A FRIEND'S SAFETY AND AFFECTED BY HIS YOUTH AND INEXPERIENCE.

6. THERE IS NO QUESTION OF THE DISBANDMENT OF THE UDR.

#### BACKGROUND

7. THESE ALLEGATIONS OF ALLEGED LEAKS SURFACED WHEN IT BECAME KNOWN THAT CORPORAL HASTIE, A SCOTS GUARD, WHO HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF POSSESSION OF INFORMATION LIKELY TO BE OF USE TO TERRORISTS, HAD BEEN RETAINED IN ARMY SERVICE. THIS REVELATION FOLLOWED THE MURDER BY LOYALIST TERRORISTS OF LOUGHLIN MAGINN, AND THE CLAIM BY THE OUTLAWED ULSTER FREEDOM FIGHTERS THAT THEY HAD USED MILITARY INFORMATION TO TARGET HIM. FURTHER SIMILAR CLAIMS HAVE EMERGED SINCE.

8. THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF THE RUC ISSUED A STATEMENT ON 21 SEPTEMBER, WHICH MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(I) I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED AT ALLEGATIONS OF COLLUSION WITH LOYALIST TERRORIST GROUPS AND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF PHOTOGRAPHS FROM A POLICE STATION.... I HAVE ALREADY MADE IT CLEAR TO DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE STEVENS THAT HIS ENQUIRY WILL BE FACILITATED IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. THIS STANCE HAS ALSO BEEN ENDORSED IN FRANK STATEMENTS BY THE SUPERINTENDENTS' ASSOCIATION AND THE POLICE FEDERATION....



- (II) LET THIS BE CLEAR, THE RUC WILL NOT TOLERATE WRONG-DOING SHOULD IT BE UNCOVERED WITHIN ITS OWN RANKS OR FLINCH FROM TACKLING IT IN ANY OTHER BRANCH OF THE SECURITY FORCES OR ELSEWHERE IN SOCIETY. CRIMINALITY WILL BE DEALT WITH WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR, AS HAS BEEN EVIDENCED BY THE BRINGING TO JUSTICE OF A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF BOTH LOYALIST AND REPUBLICAN TERRORISTS OVER MANY YEARS....
- (III) THE RUC IS TOTALLY COMMITTED TO PROVIDING AN IMPARTIAL, EVEN-HANDED SERVICE AND TO PROTECTING AND DEFENDING (THE NATIONALIST) COMMUNITY WITH THE SAME DEDICATION GIVEN TO OTHER SECTIONS OF OUR SOCIETY....
- (IV) OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS AND NOT LEAST DURING THE SUMMER OF 1989 THE RUC, SUPPORTED IN FULL MEASURE BY THE ARMY, INCLUDING THE UDR, HAS FACED A POTENTIAL LEVEL OF TERRORIST VIOLENCE AND PUBLIC DISORDER UNPRECEDENTED IN RECENT YEARS.... TERRORISM HAS NOT GONE AWAY. THE THREAT TO LIFE AND LIMB FROM REPUBLICAN AND LOYALIST TERRORIST ORGANISATIONS REMAINS HIGH. THE RUC AND THE ARMY WILL CONTINUE TO DO THEIR DUTY ON BEHALF OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND. IN RETURN I ASK ALL SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY TO GIVE US THEIR FULL SUPPORT.

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