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KINCORA: REPORT BY SIR GEORGE TERRY

Statement by the Chief Constable of the RUC, Sir John Hermon

1. In February 1982 I announced that I had requested HM Inspectorate of Constabulary to appoint an outside Chief Constable to investigate allegations about the way in which the RUC had conducted their inquiries and to have general oversight of continuing inquiries. Sir George Terry CBE QPM, then Chief Constable of Sussex and recently retired, undertook this task.
2. He subsequently submitted his report to me, together with extensive supporting documents and exhibits, and as with all the papers relating to Police investigation of Kincora and kindred matters, the material was put before the Director of Public Prosecutions for his consideration. The DPP has now informed me that nothing in the evidence and information considered by him warrants the institution of criminal proceedings against any person.
3. That being so, I now fulfil the undertaking given by me in February 1982 to publish the conclusions of the Terry Report and a verbatim copy of these conclusions is duly attached.
I also believe it to be in the public interest that Sir George Terry's recommendations and final comment should be made known and these, too, are attached in verbatim form.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A copy of Sir John Hermon's statement of February 1982 is attached for reference. Also enclosed for illustration purposes is a photograph of the cover of the Terry Report.

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KINCORA: STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

I have noted carefully the statements and comments made by various individuals and organisations. I now wish to clarify the position of the RUC in relation to matters past and present and to state how the Police intend to proceed for the future.

1. A most extensive investigation into allegations of criminal wrong-doing connected with Kincora and other homes was conducted by a team of RUC detectives. As a result, persons were brought before the courts and convicted of serious crimes.
2. Notwithstanding this thorough investigation, the nature of the crimes and the inevitable public concern that they should have occurred have given rise to much rumour and unsubstantiated information. In order to allay public concern, these matters are the subject of thorough examination and, where necessary investigation, by the same team of RUC detectives to establish if there is any substance to them. Any evidence of criminal wrong-doing will be reported to the Director of Public Prosecutions. Any person who has evidence or information about any relevant matter indicating a crime should come forward immediately and assist the Police in the certainty that it will be fully investigated.
3. There is one remaining matter. Inferences have been made about the way in which the Police have conducted their inquiries. In order to put the matter beyond any doubt and to alleviate public concern, I have requested HM Inspectorate of Constabulary to appoint an outside Chief Constable to investigate these allegations. The appointed Chief Constable will have full access to all the papers past and present and in addition will have general oversight of the continuing investigations. In due course he will forward a report to me and his conclusions will be made public.

18 February 1982.