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3. Throughout the investigation we worked very much as a team and this continued to be the case after the arrival of Mr Port and Mr Provoost. There were high-level meetings I was not privy to which Mr Kinkaid and other members of the SMT attended. When appropriate he or the relevant member of the SMT would give me a review of what had taken place afterwards. I was focused on making sure the main lines of inquiry were pursued and developed as required. Priorities were set for the outside enquiry team in terms of the important areas to progress and these were reviewed at the daily conferences. At the early stages of the investigation there were two conferences per day. We had a number of experienced detectives on the MIT that had been involved in many previous investigations into terrorist related crimes and they were familiar with the demands and requirements placed upon them in a murder investigation. One of my particular responsibilities was to support the outside enquiry team providing clarification and guidance where necessary.
4. In the investigation of terrorist incidents Special Branch was the main source of intelligence. Murder Investigation Teams were made up of CID officers who on occasions were augmented by suitable seconded uniform officers. In most cases the SIO usually appointed an officer or officers to handle the intelligence aspect of the investigation, liaising with the Special Branch, local Criminal Intelligence Officer and Regional and Force Intelligence Units as appropriate. There were CID officers who ran CHIS but these were usually individuals that provided intelligence on 'ordinary crime' as opposed to terrorism. Where there were exceptions the CHIS was usually jointly handled with Special Branch in accordance with the Walker Report. Access to details of CID CHIS was relatively straightforward as they belonged to C Department and their details were recorded at Force Intelligence Branch. Special Branch ran higher-level terrorist CHIS. When conducting a serious investigation such as a murder I would always approach Special Branch to ascertain, if they had any intelligence relating to the incident. Ordinarily any intelligence provided by Special Branch would be disseminated to the SIO by way of a Special Branch Briefing Form. This was usually in an abbreviated format that provided for the protection of the source.