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Detective Inspector [REDACTED] was appointed as Liaison Officer and members of the SMT had ad hoc meetings with him in addition to formal meetings held on a weekly basis where he attended along with other senior Special Branch officers. Detective Inspector [REDACTED]'s office was just across the corridor from ours. He would often come to our office to either deliver Briefing Sheets to us, or just to have an impromptu chat about something that was happening. This level of Special Branch involvement was not something that I had experienced in my previous investigations.

8. As already referred to my experience of previous investigations was that there would be designated officers who would liaise with Special Branch and other intelligence departments. In this investigation if we required information on a particular individual Mr Kinkaid or I would ask DI [REDACTED] and he would send it at our request through the relevant channels and come back to us in due course with a report. DI [REDACTED] was the most appropriate person to carry out the role of Liaison Officer on the Mrs Nelson Murder Investigation. He was extremely knowledgeable Special Branch officer and was the local DI. I expect he would have been disappointed if he had not been given this role.
9. The relationship that I had with DI [REDACTED] was always very good. Whatever intelligence we were given by Special Branch we took and progressed it as far as possible. We would often ask for context behind intelligence, or ask Special Branch to give us more, and they would provide it if they felt they could. I got on well with DI [REDACTED] and at times had private discussions with him where he may be able to give me some clarification on intelligence provided. I believe I had a degree of trust from him because we had known each other for a considerable time and had worked together in the same division as Head of our respective departments. For example, [REDACTED] and whether we could develop anything further; he may have responded that the intelligence [REDACTED]. He would give a guarded indication and be as helpful as he could.