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10. As I have said, we had structured meetings with Special Branch every week. Sometimes both Mr Kinkaid and I would attend but invariably one of us did along with other members of the SMT and. These meetings would consist of two parts. The first part would involve Special Branch. They would know the areas that we were interested in and we would at times have to negotiate with them in terms of tasking their assets. These requests sometimes impinged on their priorities so we had to agree and find a way forward. We would also ask them what they knew or thought about certain issues. A lot of the time they would acknowledge the subject being discussed as opposed to volunteering information, but that was the way it should be. The second part of the meeting was attended solely by the SMT of the Murder Investigation Team and members of the Intelligence Cell to discuss strategy and other issues relating to the murder investigation.
11. Overall, in this investigation we mainly received intelligence and information from Special Branch by three different routes. First, we received intelligence from Special Branch through Briefing Sheets which generally came from DI [REDACTED] **B567**. There may have been some exceptions where DCC Port got briefed directly, but certainly most intelligence was channelled through South Region SB to DI [REDACTED] **B567** who passed it to the MIT. Second, there were the discussions we had at the weekly meetings, as I have referred to above, where we asked Special Branch for their thoughts about certain issues. Third, there were the informal conversations between us and Special Branch where we sought to get a full picture on what had already been provided to us. **RNI 616-777**

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12. I recall the meeting on the 16th March where Mr Kinkaid issued five actions to Special Branch, one of which related to details of any undercover military or police operations within the Lurgan area on the Friday or Saturday before Mrs Nelson's murder. This took place after the first formal meeting of the MIT (a meeting which Special Branch attended). From our perspective we wanted to know about operations within the Lurgan area on the weekend before the murder because we needed to find out whether anything was seen which might help the investigation, for example, who was sighted in the area, and what vehicles