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murder of Elizabeth O'Neill. I could understand how this might happen when you are dealing with a difficult and live incident. It may be the case that the decision to arrest was made by TCG and was not even referred up to the level of Mr **B629**

Request for telephone records

28. I knew about this issue at the time. We had made an application

As a result, Mr Kinkaid requested details of these calls from Special Branch on 22 August 2000. I recall that Special Branch officers were concerned about where we had got the information.

I can understand how it looked to Special Branch.

29. If I had been handed the request that Special Branch received I would probably have asked the same questions as Special Branch did. Special Branch may have had concerns arising from this about what else we were doing and suspicions

We were not doing this, but I can understand why they might have reached his conclusion. They had to satisfy themselves

30. I was aware that this matter got referred through the chain of command over the subsequent couple of months, but I was not directly involved in these communications. I would have seen some of the correspondence as part of the Senior Management Team but I can't recall when. I was not involved in advising on the responses. The exchange of correspondence and the issue itself did not cause any particular difficulty with Special Branch at my level. I may possibly have chatted about this with DI **B567**

phone records

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Mr Kinkaid made a request for telephone records and the