

companies that that manufactured and supplied magnets. [REDACTED] in particular supplied magnets to the steel industry worldwide. In fact, they were unable to assist.

141. It was my belief that the bomb maker most likely obtained the magnets for the device locally. With that in mind I made discreet enquires with three major local industries that I thought from local knowledge were likely to use magnets for their everyday work. One of these was the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast. The enquiries positively established that the magnets used in the device were identical to those used for legitimate engineering purposes within the shipyard. A sample magnet was obtained which was visually identical to the magnets used in the murder of Mrs Nelson. Magnets of this type were used in the shipyard to secure a rail upon which was mounted a gas-cutter. The rail would have been attached by means of the magnets to the steel so that it a neat and accurate cut be made with the cutter which ran freely along the rail. This type of magnet had not been previously used in UVIEDs, so far as we were aware. It was estimated that each magnet was capable of having a grip of up to 120kgs. With three magnets attached to the device there was certainly no risk of the device dropping off after it had been secured in place under the driver's seat. The culprits would have been aware that in a few previous incidents where both loyalist and republican UVIEDs had been used they had been known to have become detached from the vehicle. With regard to the list of devices supplied by Dr Murray, three of them had become detached from the vehicle before detonation. For that reason, I believe, those involved in the construction and planting of the device wanted to ensure this eventuality did not occur.

142. We were able to establish that **Company 9** [REDACTED] made the magnets in [REDACTED]. Whilst it was possible that the magnets could have been sourced elsewhere than at Harland and Wolff, in my view, and that of the SMT, this idea would be fanciful. Loyalist terrorists did not source such components outside Northern Ireland because it would generally be much easier to trace them if they did. The RUC officers on the SMT also knew that Harland and Wolff was located in protestant East Belfast and the vast majority of its workforce were drawn from the local community, including some individuals with links to Loyalist terrorist organisations. Significantly, the man suspected of making the device which killed Mrs Nelson had strong connections in [REDACTED] Belfast.