

Councillors MacCionnaith and Duffy. Nor was I asking the police to reassess them. I was simply putting to the police my political colleagues' concerns in relation to the threat assessment and by doing so I was also keeping Superintendent McAuley up to date on new material in case this might impact on the police's threat risk assessment of the Councillors.

17. Superintendent McAuley responded to me on 13 September 1998 RNI 305.223  
). Whilst I had not asked Superintendent McAuley to carry out a reassessment of Councillors MacCionnaith and Duffy, he had undertaken to do so of his own initiative. He acknowledged in his letter that Councillors MacCionnaith and Duffy would be placed in vulnerable situations, particularly with regard to Drumcree. However, he stated that this was no more than others involved in such contentious issues. He then stated that in the absence of intelligence to indicate a specific threat (and having taken all matters into consideration) the police had again concluded that the threat risk assessment remained at Level 4.
18. I would probably have telephoned G116  following my second letter from Superintendent McAuley to tell him of the outcome, although I do not specifically recall this. I believe I would have told G116  that I had put his concerns and the leaflet to the police and that they, in turn, without being asked, had carried out a further threat risk assessment but that, even after taking these into account, the police still concluded that Councillors MacCionnaith and Duffy were only at threat risk assessment Level 4.
19. I would not have informed Councillors MacCionnaith and Duffy of the outcome of their threat assessment. It was not appropriate at that stage. The issue was very politically sensitive. It was now a matter for politicians and others dealing with the political dimensions of the parades issue to decide if and / or how protection was going to be given to the Councillors, bearing in mind the threat risk assessment. If for political