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ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY

Division J Sub-Division/Department LURGAN
 Station/Branch J Date 27 OCTOBER 1997

**SUBJECT: COMPLAINT AGAINST ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT PATROL ON
 7 OCTOBER 1997 BY ROSEMARY NELSON**

**TO: SUB DIVISIONAL COMMANDER
 LURGAN**

At 11 00 pm on 7 October 1997 I received a telephone call from Mrs Rosemary Nelson. She alleged that a client of hers, a Mrs Christine McAuley was stopped by a RIR patrol in Lurgan at 10 30 pm that date and that a number of members of the patrol had mentioned Mrs Nelson's name in derogatory terms. She informed me that the patrol had produced to her their patrol identification number which was M42B. After hearing the complaint from Mrs Rosemary Nelson I informed her as to the contents of Code Section 35, Paragraph 23 relating to non-criminal complaints against HM Forces. I informed Mrs Nelson that the complaint would be recorded at Lurgan RUC Station and that the relevant Army authorities would be informed.

At approximately 11 15 pm I spoke with Sergeant [A 192] 3 RIR, who was in charge of Patrol No M42B that had stopped Mrs Christine McAuley. He informed me that Mrs McAuley was abusive to them and had obstructed them in the course of their duties so much so that they requested the assistance of local Police. He states that at no time were any of the patrol abusive to either Mrs Christine McAuley nor to her Solicitor, Mrs Rosemary Nelson.

I then contacted Colour Sergeant [A 175] 3 RIR Ops, and informed him as to the nature of the complaint.

I spoke with Constable [redacted] who had been tasked to the scene by the RIR Sergeant. He was not able to give any evidence of abuse to either Mrs Christine McAuley nor to her Solicitor as all matters had been resolved on Police arrival. The complaint was logged in the Occurrence Book at Lurgan RUC Station at 11 00 pm on 7 October 1997.

On 17 October 1997 I received a letter from Rosemary Nelson, Solicitor, outlining the facts as she had discussed with me on 7 October 1997. I immediately corresponded with Rosemary Nelson, Solicitor, informing her that as the complaint was of a non-criminal nature that I was forwarding it to the Adjutant, 3 Royal Irish Regiment, Mahon Road, and also a copy to the Civil Adviser to the GOC, HQNI, Lisburn. Also in the letter I included a copy of the leaflet, "Complaints Against Members of HM Forces" for the information of her client. The same day I corresponded with the Adjutant, 3 Royal Irish Regiment and the Civil Adviser to the GOC enclosing a copy of Mrs Rosemary Nelson's complaint. All copies of correspondence sent are attached to this Report.

in relation to the matters raised by the Northern Ireland Office that are