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cc Mrs Collins

THE ICPC AND ROSEMARY NELSON

Following the discussion at SPM earlier this week, which led to Ken Lindsay's minute dated 14 July to Mrs Collins, I have had a full discussion of the issue with Mrs Collins. She has also set out her views in a minute (copy attached).

2. I have also had a discussion with Paul Donnelly. He confirms that the ICPC did not wish the matter of the conduct of the investigation to be acted on as a complaint from the Commission. He believes, however, that it was understood between the Chief Constable and him that the Chief Constable would treat it as a matter of serious concern, on which he did not need a complaint as such before initiating an investigation under Article 8 of the Police Order 1988.

(Rut see
 EPD to CC
 of 2 July)

3. Like Mrs Collins, I believe that this is going to be a very hot potato politically. Only an independent investigation of the conduct of the investigation is likely to meet the case and I believe the Chief Constable would be wise to get in first before the pressure builds up.

4. On the matter of supervision I think it should be possible to go along with the Chief Constable's wish that a member of the PCA should be employed. But as Mrs Collins points out it would be necessary for the individual to be appointed for the purpose to the ICPC.

5. You may wish to discuss.

Signed JMS

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