

Mrs Nelson was to be targeted on her way to church, personal security advice might be to tell her not to go to her normal church or change the time she went to it. It should be remembered that it is a shattering experience to tell someone that they are under threat of attack. As we could not provide Mrs Nelson with any advice and because we had no knowledge of any threat against her, there was nothing that could have been said to her to give her some semblance of security. In his report, Detective Sergeant **B123** speculates that Rosemary Nelson may have come to the attention of Loyalist terrorists due to her high profile. However, that was purely speculation. I do not believe anything could have been done about that.

17. In the fifth paragraph of my memo I refer to concerns which were passed on to Lurgan Sub-Division in May 1997 and again in February 1998 by the Northern Ireland Office. I do not recall receiving anything from the Northern Ireland Office in this regard and in fact, would not have recalled this memorandum if it had not been provided to me. However, it is clear that the police in Lurgan had been briefed as set out in Appendix B. Appendix B looks like a note from the Threat Register. The Threat Register contained all briefings that were given to the police in relation to threats to people in the Lurgan area. This could mean both residents in the Lurgan area and also people who were likely to be visiting the area.

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18. Appendix B specifically provides that patrols would give attention to both Mrs Nelson's work and home addresses. It would be straight forward to keep an eye on her work address as this was on William Street which was near the Police Station. In fact, the security of the Police Station would also essentially be security for her - the Police Station's cameras would have covered her office for example. However, her home address was near the Kilwilke Estate and as such, would be harder for us to give attention to because patrols did not commonly enter those areas due to the threat of them being attacked. By attention, I do not mean that there would have been special units commissioned to attend either her home or office but that units which were attending those areas in the course of their general duties would keep a particular eye