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**THE INVESTIGATION BY THE METROPOLITAN POLICE**

The Commander and his team met regularly with the Supervising Member, to discuss and agree the course of the reviewed investigation.

Numerous attempts were made to obtain interviews with Mrs Nelson, Mr Duffy and various witnesses. Mrs Nelson, Mr Duffy and one other witness attended for interview at the Commission's offices on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1998; a further witness attended on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1998. Mr Lynch from the Lawyers Alliance for Justice in Ireland was present on both dates. One other witness attended the Commission's offices on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1998. Commission Representatives supervised all of these interviews. Four other potential witnesses failed to co-operate with the enquiry.

During the course of the Commander's investigation thorough interviews were conducted with 21 accused RUC police officers. The Supervising Member oversaw 13 of these interviews.

The copious documentation, assimilated during the course of the investigation, included copies of numerous sets of interview notes, custody records, Occurrences Book Entries, telephone and fax billing records. Contemporaneous notes recorded by Mrs Nelson were provided. These proved to be significant.

The Supervising Member can now confirm that the investigation of these complaints has been conducted to the satisfaction of the Independent Commission for Police Complaints for Northern Ireland.

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