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NI POLICE FEDERATION: COMMEMORATIVE WINDOW FOR RUC OFFICERS KILLED IN ACTION

Mr Ward's minute of 30 November reported that Mr Eldon Griffiths MP had advised the Secretary of State of the Police Federation's plans to erect a commemorative window in memory of their colleagues who have died as a result of the Troubles. Mr Griffiths mentioned that the Federation had suggested Stormont or some similar major building as a home; and that the unveiling might be an appropriate engagement for the Prime Minister to undertake. PS/Mr Scott has recorded Mr Scott's concern about the site suggested by Mr Griffiths for such a memorial.

2. We have discussed this informally with Mr Wright, the Secretary to the Federation. The Federation has it in mind on some occasion to erect a grander memorial - but at their Headquarters: they have not considered any other location. It seems, therefore, that Mr Griffiths has got the wrong end of the stick, at least insofar as the possible location is concerned. The cost of the window will be borne by the Federation. Clearly, there is little merit in considering the question of a possible unveiling by the Prime Minister until the Federation has firmed up its plans.

3. The Secretary of State may wish to note that the RUC itself has no plans at present to erect a public memorial: it believes that such a project would attract unwelcome criticism in present circumstances. The RUC would not, however, rule out the possibility of something of this nature at some future point in time. RUC Headquarters houses a special memorial, the centrepiece of which is a Book of Remembrance in which is recorded the name of each member who ^{has} died through terrorism. There are, of course, other memorials in many police stations and churches throughout Northern Ireland.



4. We may learn more about the Federation's plans at Mr Scott's lunch with Federation representatives (and Mr Griffiths) on 19 December. In the meantime, I think we should let the hare sit.

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