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Reference .....

Mr Clotworthy

RE: THOMAS NIEDERMAYER

I have checked all records held by Special Branch concerning the abduction of the above named from his home on 27 December 1973. On the balance of probabilities he was kidnapped by members of the Provisional IRA and murdered by them. There are no reports which would suggest that he either went voluntarily with the PIRA or that he disappeared for any other reason.

The most recent report in June 1978 from a reliable informer states that he was kidnapped and murdered by 3 known members of the PIRA and has been buried somewhere in the 1st Battalion area (ie Upper Andersonstown). There have been other reports indicating that he was buried in places such as the Glens of Antrim or Co Monaghan but the police are more inclined to believe this recent report. There is also a report that following the kidnap Mr Niedermayer died of a heart attack and was buried by the PIRA. This report is not considered reliable. There are no reports to suggest that Mr Niedermayer is still alive.

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