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TO ALL DEPARTMENTAL SECURITY OFFICERS

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Dear Departmental Security Officer

HOTELS AND INNS - WARNINGS

I enclose an updated list of hotels and inns which is intended to give guidance on venues which are regarded as unsuitable for official use, especially for conference type functions. The earlier list included with Mr Robinson's letter of April 1990 should now be destroyed.

In addition, staff should be aware that owing to the transient nature of catering and bar personnel and their possible use by paramilitaries, any place of entertainment where staff meet on a routine basis, either socially or on business, should be treated with discretion and circumspection. You will note that the [REDACTED] has an attendant footnote. If any of your colleagues contact you about this particular hotel please inform us of the proposed use and we shall seek appropriate advice.

In summary it is therefore advisable:-

- (a) to use no hotel, pub or restaurant regularly;
- (b) not to make bookings for large parties a long time in advance; and
- (c) not to discuss matters which can relate the speakers or their guests to a Government Department or a relationship with the Army or RUC.

I am sure you will appreciate that this information is based on particularly sensitive sources and should be afforded the appropriate protection.

Yours sincerely

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