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ANNEX A

LIAM MCCOTTER AND GILBERT (DANNY) MCNAMEE: DETAILS OF OFFENCES

LIAM MCCOTTER

Mr McCotter was sentenced to 17 years imprisonment on 20 June 1988 for conspiracy to cause explosions and is due for release in on 21 June 1998.

McCotter together with his co-defendant Patrick Joseph McLaughlin (currently temporarily transferred to Northern Ireland) travelled from Belfast to the mainland in early 1987. From 15 February 1987 until their arrest on 19 February they were kept under surveillance.

They were seen to enter several D.I.Y Stores in the Manchester area and purchase assorted items including plastic dustbins, wellington boots, torch, insulation tape and waterproof tape. On 16 February they were seen to bury the dustbins in Delamere Forest and Macclesfield Forest. Later that day they purchased further items including dustbin liners.

On the night of the 17 - 18 February, both men drove to Camaes Bay, North Wales and on the Quay took possession of firearms, ammunition and explosives. They returned to the forest area where they buried the items. On 19 February both men were arrested. The property recovered included 150 lbs of explosives, 3 assault rifles (AK47), 2 pistols (9mm Tanaks) and detonators of various types

GILBERT MCNAMEE

Mr McNamee was sentenced to 25 years on 27 October 1987 for conspiracy to cause explosions.

McNamee's fingerprint had been found on bomb-making equipment discovered in Pangbourne (26 October 1983) and in Salcey Forest, near the M1 (26 January 1984). There were similarities between items found at these locations. There were also similarities between an amplifier board found at Salcey and one found after the Hyde Park explosion of 20 July 1982 when four men of the Blues and Royals Regiment were Killed. The Hyde Park board was of a type known to have been used by the IRA. McNamee's thumbprint was also found on part of a bomb which had been left in Phillimore Gardens, SW5 on 13 December 1983.

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