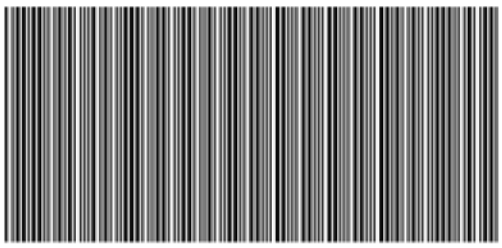
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From: David Pinder
To: Martin Bottomley
Subject: Re: FW: Op Northmoor Gold Meeting 8/9/15
Date: 10/09/2015 09:16

Martin

The fact of your attendance at the Gold on Tuesday 8th together with verbatim copies of your email from 9th September and the response dated 10th December from J McCallister are all now documented in the Northmoor policy file.

PDF copies of the 2 emails are also filed in the Northmoor folder.

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▼ Martin Bottomley ---10/09/2015 08:00:03---Dave, as previous e-mail.

From: Martin Bottomley <Contact Details>
To: David Pinder <Contact Details>
Date: 10/09/2015 08:00
Subject: FW: Op Northmoor Gold Meeting 8/9/15

Dave,
as previous e-mail.
Martin

From: Army PM-Inv-SO1 (McAllister, John Lt Col) Contact Details
Contact Details]
Sent: 10 September 2015 07:56
To: Martin Bottomley
Cc: ' Paul Williamson [Contact Details]
Subject: RE: Op Northmoor Gold Meeting 8/9/15

Martin,

Thank you. I will book this in as a document and I accept your advice.

John
Lieutenant Colonel John McAllister | SO1 Investigations
Headquarters Provost Marshal (Army), 2nd Floor Zone 5, Ramillies Building, Marlborough Lines, Monxton Road, Andover, Hampshire SP11 8HJ
Contact Details

From: Martin Bottomley [Contact Details]
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Sent: 09 September 2015 17:03
To: Army PM-Inv-SO1 (McAllister, John Lt Col)
Cc: [redacted] Paul Williamson [Contact Details]
Subject: Op Northmoor Gold Meeting 8/9/15

John,

further to our discussions yesterday, my observations on the progress of Op Northmoor are as follows:

The lack of a dedicated OIOC (albeit for understandable reasons beyond your control) may have a debilitating effect on the strategic management and coordination of the strands of the enquiry if allowed to go unresolved for much longer. This is already evident through the absence of documented OIOC policy decisions and the slippage in regular weekly team meetings, which in my view are essential to ensure overall focus. Furthermore, this role is essential in supporting each team's SIO and yourself as Gold Commander.

As you are now at a critical stage in respect of certain enquiries and the imperative for Gold direction regarding the scope and furtherance of enquiries surrounding the N50 strand of the investigation, likewise the regular Gold meetings are imperative.

The discussion and decisions around N50 yesterday highlighted the need for continued PIP4 support and advice from Det Supt Williamson and, in my view, an independent objective observation as offered by myself.

To this end, although I am conscious that I have not had sight of any documents and rely upon the SIO's oral briefing, I am fully supportive of your decision to provide the Attorney General with an "as is" formal briefing document, detailing in full all the evidence, intelligence and intelligence gaps as discussed during 'Part 2' of this meeting. This should be prepared as soon as practicable and in any case within two weeks. The risk to national security, named individuals or communities and to the reputation of the Government and the British Army are too great to do otherwise.

I envisage that this document would be a live document and may be added to or amended as further evidence or intelligence emerges.

Regards,

Martin

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