



**SAMPLE EXTRACTS FROM PREVIOUSLY UNPUBLISHED REPORTS BY THE NORTHERN IRELAND
"HISTORICAL ENQUIRIES TEAM"**

"The HET review has uncovered disturbing omissions ... indisputable evidence of security forces' involvement with loyalist paramilitaries in one case, followed by significant evidence of further co-operation just weeks later, should have rung alarm bells all the way to the top of Government; nothing was done; the murderous cycle continued."

(HET Report into the loyalist murders of Sean Farmer and Colm McCartney on their way home from Croke Park in Dublin in August 1975)

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"It may indeed be that there were fears that to confirm suspicions of collusion and involvement of RUC and security forces personnel in these terrorist crimes would have fatally undermined the credibility of the organisation, and possibly compromised overall political stability. It may have been viewed as seriously as that."

(HET Report into Rock Bar attack in which all assailants were police officers).

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'There is no reasoning or rationale anywhere in the papers examined for leaving the bomb unrecovered. It may have been a speculative decision, hoping for more exact intelligence, it may have been about protecting the identity of informants; if so it was a huge gamble which went catastrophically wrong.'

(HET Report into the Step Inn pub bombing in which two people died (Elizabeth McDonald and Gerard McGleenan) and 30 were injured, Keady, 16 August 1976)

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"Members of the Nationalist community and relatives of the victims in cases such as these, are convinced that investigations were not rigorously conducted, in a deliberate effort to conceal security forces' involvement and perpetuate a campaign of terror by loyalist paramilitaries against Catholic citizens. The HET is unable to rebut or allay these suspicions."

(HET Report into the shooting of Sean Farmer and Colm McCartney, August 1975)

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"With the passage of time since these shocking, shameful and disgraceful crimes, the opportunity should exist for an honest disclosure of all relevant matters and considerations, without risk to individuals or of prejudice to the reputation and standing of new law enforcement arrangements. The families of those affected in this case – and in the linked cases – have received no justice to date".

(HET Report into the Rock Bar attack)

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"It is difficult to believe however when judged in concert with other cases emerging at the time that such widespread evidence of collusion in these areas was not a significant concern at the highest levels of the security forces and of government.

"It may be that there was apprehension confirming the suspicions of collusion and involvement, particularly of RUC personnel, would have fatally undermined the credibility of the organisation. Any decision to with-hold this information detail from the Court is an extraordinary matter".



(HET Report, double gun-and-bomb attack on the Eagle and Clancy's bars, Charlemont,, May 1975 in which four died (Fred McLoughlin, Sean O'Hagan, Robert Thompson and Felix Clancy). One of the perpetrators was an RUC officer whose status as a policeman was concealed from the courts)

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