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INTERVIEW

We spoke about your minute on the subject above. We agreed that you had time to produce we should be able to answer. In this minute I don't

1. Experience of Interrogation
Copy attached, the same containing Malaysia, Kenya, Cyprus and other experience gained in these areas since 1955. Post-1955 there has been an increase in the number of men using all these principles in order to make sure that the services have sufficient in order to train our men of the various techniques has been used in the years in the interrogation areas of which have involved other interrogation phase in these areas checked by Service psychiatrists and participants could suffer any damage and evasive exercise was an indication on the 5th of next month.

2. General Report as a result of the abundance to the 1st page was to take care of one of the two sides of deception. The latter was concerned only with deception techniques and concerns deception there were two main general points: qualifications and medical weight was that future interrogation should meanings presumably police forces. general principle and in Northern negotiations and personnel of the Joint only so advice and support. To transfer either the advisory or the other organization maintains an interest

3. Staff's minute which we were sent to the Cabinet and which gives some of your attention in Arthur Hacking's yesterday's date. The only place of the tree which requires advice and support of Intelligence is of deception

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their material available

Introduction

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The purpose of this paper is to discuss the circumstances in which the Government might take into account the findings of the report of the Compton Committee.

2. The paper is based on the assumptions that the report states that physical ill-treatment, though not brutality or cruelty, was used in the interrogation of eleven internees; that the report does not make a judgement as to whether it was right or wrong for physical ill-treatment to be used in the circumstances; and that the Government accepts the findings of the report as regards the treatment of internees under interrogation.

3. It is also assumed that the report incorporates in some form or another the substance of the Government Note on Interrogation which was submitted to the Committee, and that the general rules for the conduct of interrogation are thus made public.

The Government's response to the Report

4. Once the Compton Committee's report is published the Government will be expected to say not only whether it accepts its findings but also what changes, if any, are to be made to the rules governing the conduct of interrogation in the light of the report's findings. The Government can react to the Report in one of two ways. Either it can decide that the general rules as set out in paragraph 2 of the Government's Note on Interrogation which was given to the Compton Committee should be changed in the direction of making them less strict and therefore more favourable to those under interrogation. Or it can decide that the principles governing the conduct of interrogation which have been laid out in the Government's Note should remain as they are.

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that our methods ...
In discussion of this the following ...

Wall Standing

It was true that there was a security ...
how long did detainees have to stand against the wall, and what
happened if they fell down through tiredness etc. Col Richardson said
that on arrival at the interrogation centre detainees were put
against the wall in a stress position for a few minutes only. This
was normal procedure while they were searched.

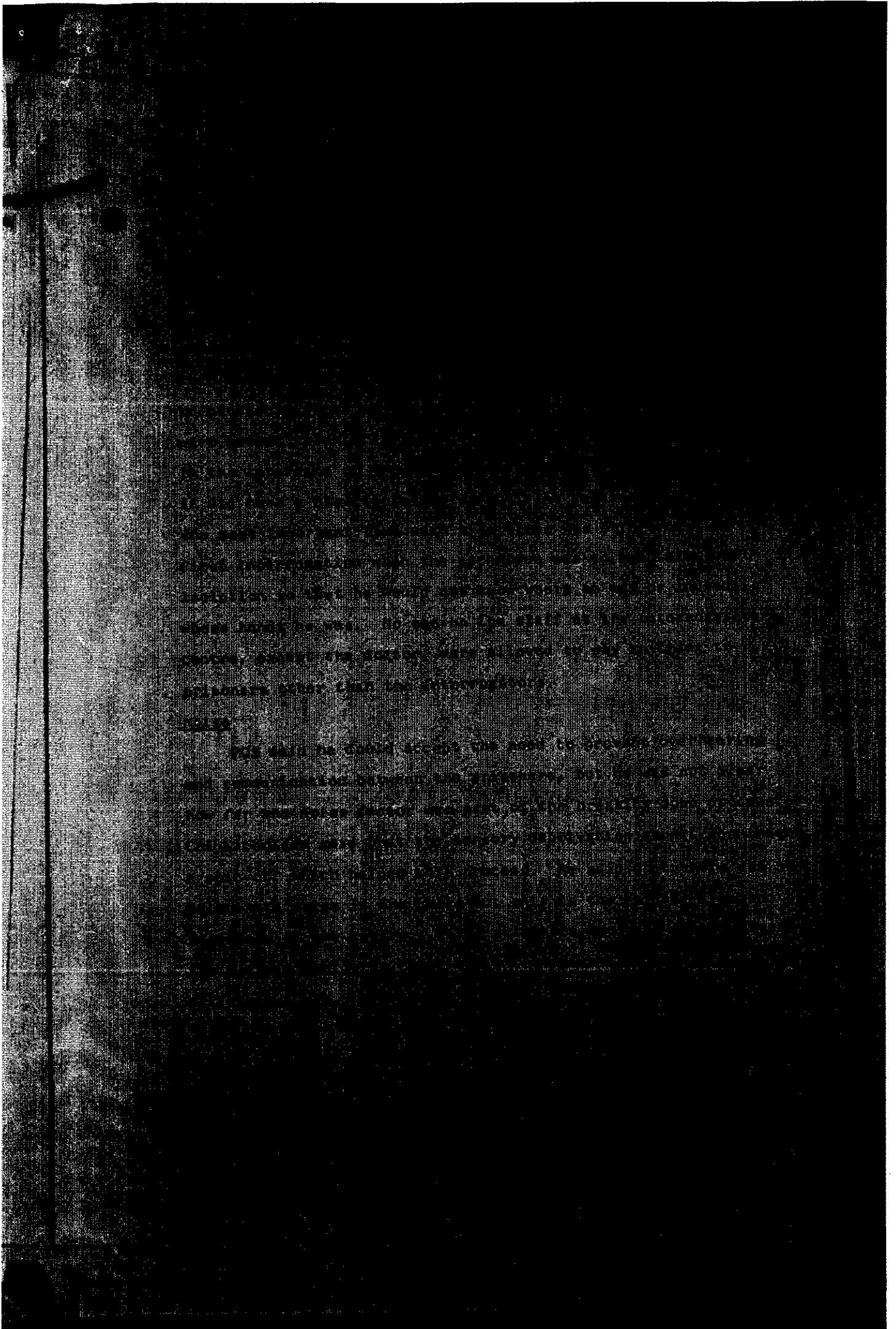
They were then stood about one pace from the wall with their
hands against it. The weight on their arms was not great and
it was not a stress position. They were kept like this for
varying times but it would never be more than 6 hours at a
stretch because they had to be fed at that interval. They

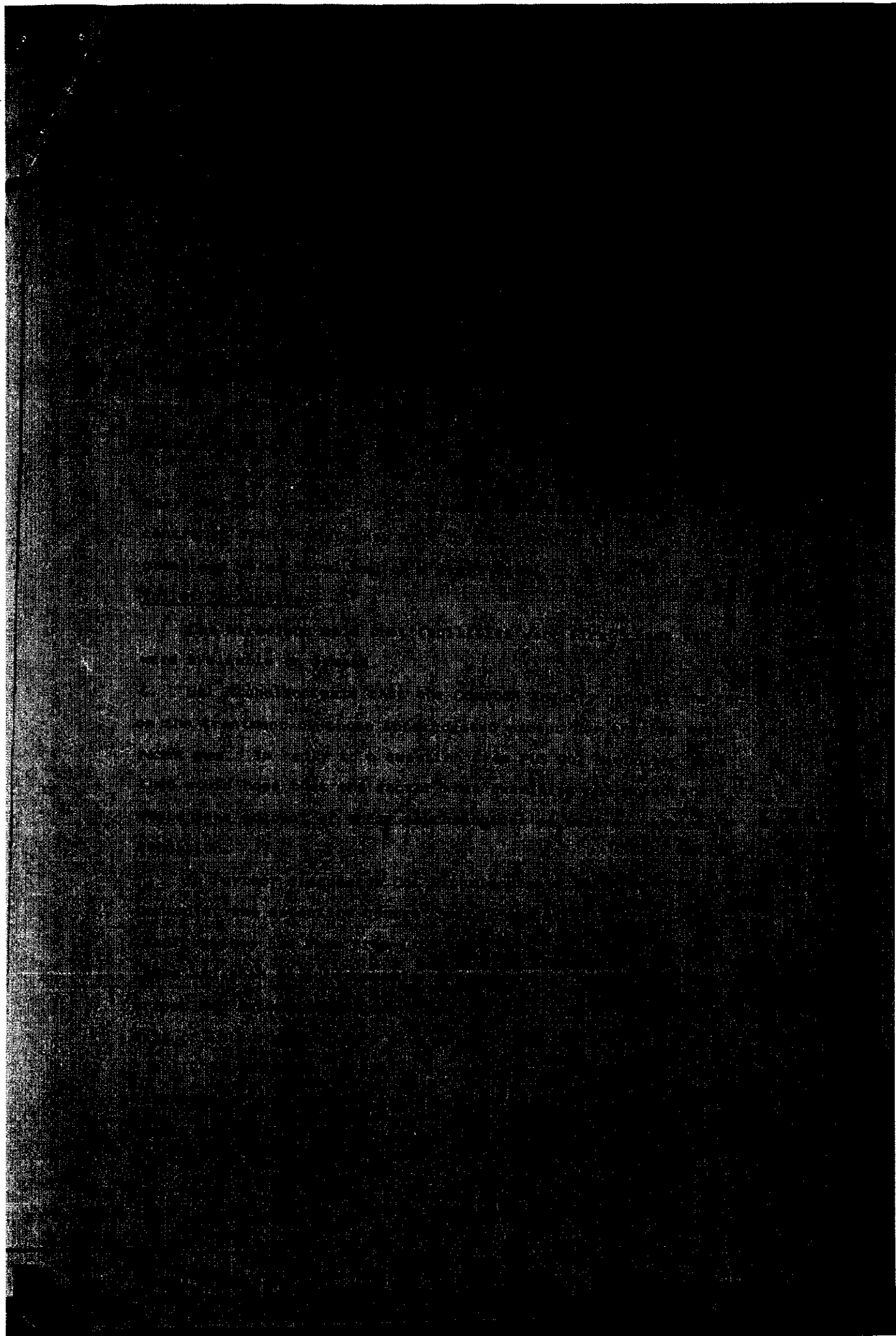
were not taken to their cell after arrival because there were
not enough cells or guards (the latter from the Special Patrol
Group of the RUC) for this. Military guards were not
used because these men were prisoners of the civil power.

External military guards were to prevent attack. If the detainees
fell down after standing against the wall and was showing signs
of stress the first step was to allow him to drop his hands
while remaining standing. One prisoner had to be handcuffed
because he was violent. If a detainee collapsed he was allowed

to get his second wind and was not put straight back to the wall.
In our own interests we did not want detainees to be in such
a state of collapse that they could not talk to us. Col Richardson

said that his records showed that the complaints which were
before the Compton Committee were largely unfounded. This
was not however the only story given to the Compton
after they had talked to us. The Compton Committee ...





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7 lbs. No 3 who had not...
a ylang however. He would not...
water being offered to him. On medical...
offered food and drink more frequently than...
Col Nicholson said that it was very important to keep secret...
the existence and location of the centre at... where the...
12 detainees in question had been interrogated. It was not...
publicly known that this centre existed as well as others...
which were known. It was noted that, as evidence of the...
care which was taken in handling the prisoners at the centre, one...
of the police guards had been removed because he was a close...
friend of two policemen who had been murdered.

6. In further discussion of what one could say to the...
Committee about the results of interrogation, DGI said...
he was against numbers and details being given. PUS said that...
if the Committee appeared receptive it would be reasonable...
to explain to them what could be said publicly as discussed...
earlier, but at the same time give them some indication for...
background purposes, of the detail of the information obtained...
It would have to be made absolutely clear if they wished...
to hear this that it was not for publication.

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Lt Col Nicholas gave me the following information on the amount of time which the interrogatees had spent voluntarily hooded which he had worked out for us yesterday.

He gave me this information in terms of a percentage based on the time which was spent voluntarily hooded divided by the time spent mandatorily hooded. He said that the figures were not precise, certainly as to minutes, as it was not always possible to make a note of when a man had his hood on voluntarily. He was however prepared to say that the figures he gave me were fair orders of magnitude.

The figures related to the numbered interrogatees were as follows:-

No 1	120% approx	} is more time voluntarily hooded than mandatorily hooded.
No 2	120% "	
No 3	60% "	
No 4	10% "	
No 5	80% "	
No 6	40% "	
No 7	10% "	
No 8	10% "	
No 9	25% "	
No 10	20% "	
No 11	50% "	
No 12	20% "	

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 1951-1952
 11/0630
 11/1900

1st Operation

1. McClean	36.55 hrs	10.20 hrs	46.75 hrs (between 11/0630 & 11/1900)
2. Shivers	49.50 hrs	11.10 hrs	60.60 hrs (between 11/0630 & 11/1900)
3. Donnelly	30.30	17.00	47.30
4. Montgomery	28.00	13.10	41.10
5. Hannaway	10.00	13.10	23.10
6. Auld	45.15	11.50	56.65
7. Clarke	38.30	21.00	59.30
8. McGuigan	16.00	24.45	40.45
9. Turley	8.45	8.20	17.05
10. McNally	25.30	8.05	33.35
11. McKenna	28.15	10.50	39.05
12. McKerr	7.00	11.42	18.42

(All between 11/0630 and 11/1900 Aug)

2nd Operation

13. Rogers	9.55	31.39	41.44 (between 11/1900 & 11/2010 Oct)
14. Shannon	35.00	56.25	91.25 (between 11/1900 & 11/2010 Oct)

Note: Subjects were never hooded when food and drink was offered i.e. every six hours, in their individual cells or in latrines which were available at all times on request.

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No.	Name	Total Hours of F.I.L.	Hours of F.I.L.	Hours of F.I.L.
1st Operation				
1.	McClellan	36.75 hrs	10.20 hrs	46.95 hrs (between 11/0630 & 13/1900 Aug)
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12.	McKeer	7.90	11.42	19.32
(All between 11/0630 and 13/1900 Aug)				
2nd Operation				
13.	Rogers	9.25	32.39	41.64 (between 12/1980 & 17/1280 Oct)
14.	Shannon	35.00	56.25	91.25 (between 11/1900 & 17/2010 Oct)

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