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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – INFORMATION RELATING TO TWO MISSING BOYS - JOHN RODGERS AND THOMAS SPENCE ON 26 NOVEMBER 1974

Thank you for your email dated 9 November, I can confirm that your request has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI (A)), and the process is now complete.

You asked for the following:

“On 26 November 1974, two little boys - John Rodgers and Thomas Spence - went missing from a bus stop on the Falls Road in West Belfast. I'm looking for any documents from that week - summary reports or SITREPs, etc - which may have noted the case. From a historical perspective, it would be interesting to see documents from this period.”

I must advise that, despite extensive searches, we have been unable to locate any information relating to the missing boys, John Rodgers and Thomas Spence.

By way of further advice (a principle outlined in Section 16 of the FOI(A)) I can advise that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) may hold information that could be of relevance to your request. To submit a FOI request to the PSNI you should send a request to their FOI team:

By Post - Freedom of Information Team, Corporate Development, Brooklyn, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE

By E-mail - foi@psni.pnn.police

Further details on making FOI requests to the PSNI are also available at:

https://www.psni.police.uk/advice_information/freedom-of-information/How-to-make-a-FOIRequest/

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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Yours sincerely

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