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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 28 April requesting the following information:

During Operation Banner (1969 – 2007) was the Royal Military Police's Special Investigation Branch involved in investigations into the murders and attempted murders of British soldiers by terrorists (whether on or off-duty) in Northern Ireland, or were these investigations carried out solely by the RUC? If RMP SIB was involved, did the RUC or the Royal Military Police have primacy in such investigations?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and has been provided below:

'All evidence of an alleged criminal nature received by the [RMP] Investigations Team would be passed onto the RUC for action.'

Under Section 16 (advice and assistance) you may wish to note that the SIB assisted the RUC, which retained primacy to investigate and from 1972 onwards would submit a report to the Director of Public Prosecutions (NI). The RUC would therefore have had primacy for investigations into the murder/attempted murder of British soldiers, but the Royal Military Police Special Investigation Branch may have supported their investigations.

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Yours sincerely,

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