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WDC

Please forward to me
Production R30 referred to by you
with reference to Wm Burns (Freemasons).

G. H. G.

I think that "R30" refers to a set of letters
clipped together which were produced fairly early in the
Inquiry (consisting of a copy of his letter to Mr Green
and letters to M. Forsyth, Comptroller Bills and parents etc)
while the one in these letters is critical of
the Scout and the police there is nothing specifically
about the "Brotherhood". Therefore I don't think they
will be of any significant use to you. Hence I
do not enclose them!

In framing your letter to Masonic committee
members you should, I suggest, kept keep the
reply a short and as general as possible. You
could perhaps state that that neither the
question of whether Mr. H. was a member or the
masons was not overlooked at the Inquiry.

Men, perhaps, say that there was evidence ~~of~~ ~~that~~ indicating times he was not a member and indeed that he had written disparagingly about the ~~new~~ ~~new~~ connection between the police and "Motherhood organizations".

I hope that this is of some help. Please don't hesitate to send me a draft of what you propose to write (with this letter enclosed it will be a reply).

NYC. 12/7/96

WDC [i.e. William Douglas Cullen]

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GM [i.e. Glynis McKeand]

Glynis

I think that "R30" refers to a set of letters clipped together which were produced fairly early in this Inquiry (consisting of a copy of his [Thomas Hamilton's] letter to the Queen and letters to M Forsyth, Councillor Ball and parents etc).

While the tone in these letters is critical of the Scouts and the police, there is nothing specifically about the "Brotherhoods". Therefore, I don't think they will be of any significance to you. Hence, I do not enclose them!

In framing your letter to masonic committee members you should, I suggest, keep the reply as short and as general as possible. You could perhaps state that the question of whether TH [i.e. Thomas Hamilton] was a member of the Masons was not overlooked in the Inquiry. Then perhaps say that there was evidence indirectly that he was not a member and indeed that he had written disparagingly about the connection between the police and "Brotherhood organisations".

I hope that this is of some help. Please don't hesitate to send me a draft of what you propose to write (with the letter to which it is to be a reply).

WC [i.e. William Cullen] 12/7/96

The above official transcript of the Note between Lord Cullen and Glynis McKeand, Clerk to the Dunblane Inquiry is in error in the third paragraph where Lord Cullen states: "In framing your letter to masonic committee members" This should read: "masonic connection writer" i.e.. William Burns who wrote a series of letters to the inquiry before, during and after it sat.
N.B. Lord Cullen also writes that Thomas Hamilton had "written disparagingly about the masons" but then scores out masons and replaces it with "connection between the police and "brotherhood organisations""