

- 3.42 Further meetings appear to have been held to stress the need for greater co-ordination of intelligence. A note from the Prime Minister's Office to the NIO dated 24 August 1988 included the comment that better co-ordination of intelligence "*is not an organisational matter, but a question of trust between those concerned, which can only be gained by working together*".¹⁴
- 3.43 The case of the Army agent Brian Nelson is explored in detail in my Report and it is worth highlighting here the extent to which it exposed the uneasy relationships between the three main organisations involved with intelligence-gathering in Northern Ireland. The Army expressed concerns about its relationship with the Security Service as well as with the RUC SB. In a note to the GOC, the then ACOS G2 even claimed that: