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DCI'S POSSIBLE CONCERNS

7. The relationship between the Security Service and the Intelligence Corps has never been particularly easy. The Security Service is a small organisation with its fair share of officers of dubious quality. However, they have a very wide ranging charter that they go to enormous lengths to protect, particularly in the area of agent running operations. The fact that the Army runs agents (or sources - the Army is not permitted to run agents except under the supervision of [redacted] or Security Service), in [redacted] and Northern Ireland has long been perceived as a threat to an area of the Security Services responsibility. This is not a view shared by the SIS.

8. In addition, the Army has always been quick to point out the inadequacies of the Security Services in providing the proper degree of intelligence coverage and support for the Army. The current DCI is well versed in these rivalries, and would lose no sleep at the removal of the Army's most effective source running unit.