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During his meeting with the Prime Minister on 16 December, Andrew Hunter MP expressed some tentative concern about his own personal security. He said that he would be adopting a higher profile in the coming weeks, and making a number of visits to Northern Ireland to speak to Unionist branches.

Hunter then said, fairly lightly, that - depending rather on the way things went - people had suggested that he might become a target for the IRA. Two of his four predecessors had been Airey Neave and Ian Gow. If so, he might need some official advice or help over his personal security.

He did not press the request, but was just putting down a marker which did not oblige the Prime Minister to react specifically.

I am not quite sure which way to channel this, so I pass the buck to you. It might do no harm for the Security Service to give Hunter a briefing, and to do their standard threat assessment procedures on him. Is this perhaps something which Jane Rowell could arrange?

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