

27. **Exhibit BB/12** is a notice to the security staff also dated 22 July 1974. It sets out the use of identity cards, the procedure for non-card holders and the working hours for staff in the Rotunda.
28. These exhibits demonstrate the robust and thorough approach Roy and I took towards security in the building. The security procedures were reviewed on a regular basis. I would regularly go around the building or outside and review how I would attack it knowing the security measures that were in place. A copy of the security procedures in place at the Rotunda can be found within **exhibit BB/18**. The report I have produced is called "Details for Efficient use of Building". The report is dated March 1982, but I believe was first issued sometime in 1974 and regularly revised.

Relationship with the police

29. I was in regular contact with the superintendent of police for Digbeth police station. The superintendent changed many times over the years and I cannot recall each one that I dealt with. I believe Supt. Blick was first; he was an old-fashioned superintendent who worked his way up through the ranks. Another was Supt. Lewis who was one of the fast tracked superintendents.
30. I would regularly meet with the superintendent to discuss how we needed to improve the security at the Rotunda, or any issues we should be aware of. I would never take notes of the meetings. The meetings were on a quite informal basis and would generally take place at Digbeth police station. There would not be a set agenda of topics to discuss; it would merely be what was of concern at that time. This would cover a limited amount of security information that was not in the public domain.
31. On one occasion, I asked the superintendent to arrange a test of our security. He arranged for officers from Steelhouse Lane (as those at Digbeth were known to our security staff) to try and get into the building. The only way they could find was through the main entrance area but once they saw the security measures in place they walked away. This would have been sometime after November 1974 and possibly sometime between 1977 and 1980.
32. In my first report to the Senior Coroner, **exhibit BB/01**, I mention that there did not appear to be any police intelligence concerning who were members of the IRA. This impression was gained through feedback from my security staff who would chat to local lads and partly through conversations with Digbeth police station. I cannot state how accurate this feedback was. I know the police eventually did a lot of checks because they established that a member of the Rotunda caretaking staff lived next door to an IRA sympathiser. Roy and I were informed of this but it was decided that no action would be taken and the member of staff was not made aware of this information.
33. When I first moved to Birmingham, we had a limited relationship with the police as Roy distrusted them. However, our relationship improved overtime. The police would be informed of the vast majority of the threats we received. Some of those we received directly were clearly hoaxes and, in those instances, we did not inform the police. An example being when staff from one of the offices within the Rotunda were overheard at lunch time in the pub saying they wanted to go home early. However, as the majority of threats against the Rotunda were telephone calls placed to the police or the Birmingham Post and Mail the police were normally aware of any threats to the Rotunda before we were.

Bomb Alert Classification System

34. When receiving a perceived genuine bomb threat we would use the fire alarm and evacuate the building. As there were times when it was unclear if a bomb was alleged to be in the building or just outside, Roy and I would take a decision on whether it would be safer for staff to be evacuated or kept in the building. This was in consultation with the Police.