

WDC [i.e. William Douglas Cullen]

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

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