

Information relating to the Tottenham Hotspur football fixture in Seville on Thursday April 5, 2007

Extract from email between Malaga and FCO/Metropolitan Police/Tottenham Hotspur FC of 23 March 2007

“At my meeting yesterday with the Delegado de Gobierno (Central government representative for Andalucia with overall responsibility for security and public order matters) he made it clear that the best assistance we can provide to Spanish police is a continual flow of intelligence as regards travel plans of supporters with tickets and those without. I know that Thomas Cook are arranging transport for some of the official supporters club, but any intel that we can gather as regards travel plans of those coming independently would also be welcome, particularly if any groups can be identified. If we can identify main destination airports, this would be helpful. Naturally Spanish police would also welcome intel on potential troublemakers etc.”

Extract from email between Tottenham Hotspur FC and FCO of 23 March 2007

“Firstly, let me say what a pleasure it was to meet with both yourself and [name withheld] in Seville.

The assistance we have had from your colleagues on previous European trips has been excellent and we look forward to working with you and your colleagues. The general information that we need to give to our fans consists of local emergency numbers, what to do if they lose their passport, money etc, local Hospital location and procedures to follow should they find themselves arrested.

Fortunately, the fans have been well behaved so far and we hope they continue in this manner.

I have also spoken today to [name withheld] and [...] is kindly putting together some information regarding the festival and how you expect our fans to behave, rules to adhere to, local customs etc.

We normally place information on the Club website a few days prior to the match and anything you can give us would be gratefully accepted.

As soon as we can give you information on the travelling fans, we shall be in touch and I am sure that [name withheld] will be contacting his counterparts for further assistance and planning next week.

Meanwhile, if there is anything you need from us, please do not hesitate to contact me – especially whilst [name withheld] is away on holiday.”

Extract from email between Spanish Authorities and Metropolitan Police of 28 March 2007

“I received your email last Monday and I am pleased to inform you about the details of the match event. Regarding the number of officers you would provide, I consider it adequate since the travel expenses and lodging are arranged by the Tottenham

Hotspur. Of course, your officers will work together with our officers in all the matters related to the match.

I expect you send me details about your journey, day and time of your arrival in Seville and the hotel you are staying at.

In relation to the Tottenham fans, an area outdoors has been prepared close to the stadium, provided with music, drink (beer) and probably a tv screen. The information we have from the Airport of Seville is that the fans will arrive in Seville on April 5th between 10.00 and 12.00 am. They will be taken by bus from the airport to the spare zone and from there they will walk to the stadium about one hour and a half and two hours before the beginning of the match.

It would be interesting any information you have regarding the fans that are going to travel on their own (without organization).”

Extract from email between Metropolitan Police and Malaga of 1 April 2007

“Can you assist me at all in getting this information from the Seville Police? I have had no reply to this e-mail and they seem to have dried up their lines of communication.”

Extract from email between Malaga and Thomas Cook/Tottenham Hotspur FC of 2 April 2007

“I would appreciate any information you hold on the travel arrangements that the 3,665 Tottenham Hotspur official supporters have made.

We understand that 9 flights with a capacity of approx 2,200 passengers are flying into Seville, arriving before the match on 5 April and leaving once the match has finished.”

Extract from email between Metropolitan Police and Sevilla Police of 2 April 2007

“On the match day, Thursday, can you confirm that your officers will collect us from the Hotel at 1100hrs? There will be 4 of us and we will work in 2 pairs with your officers. We will be able to identify our main hooligans and talk to any of the English fans for you. I hope that your officers speak some English as we cannot speak any Spanish (typical English!).”

Extract from email between FA and FCO of 2 April 2007

“Please find the attached for information.”

Extract from email between FCO and Tottenham Hotspur of 2 April 2007

“This is a Fax copy email from The Royal Spanish Football Federation to The Football Association, asking for information with regards to Tottenham’s supporters.”

Extract from email between Madrid and FCO of 2 April 2007

“I understand that the Government Delegate in Seville responsible for policing has been pressing for this information from Tottenham since the beginning of last week.

I would be grateful if you would call Tottenham, asking them to ensure this information is provided to our Spanish colleagues without delay, and preferably by no later than close today – Monday 2 April. I appreciate the tickets were only released on Sunday – nevertheless, the info is immediately required.”

Extract from email between Football Policing Unit and Madrid of 2 April 2007

“The pre match information was sent to the Spanish National Football Information Point (NFIP) representative [name withheld] at the Oficina Nacional de Deportes Policial in Madrid on Friday 30th March 2007. It would then be his responsibility to send it to the relevant police department/officer in Seville.

I have sent a copy to [name withheld].”

Extract from email between Madrid and Football Policing Unit of 2 April 2007

“Thank you. Good.

[Name withheld] – can you check that Seville authorities/FC have the pre match information.”

Extract from email between UKTI and Madrid of 2 April 2007

“I have just spoken to the Subdelegado re the pre-match information. He says that they received this last Friday but it **was already out of date by the time they received it. For instance, the information about flights is incorrect. He asked if we could get the UKNFIP to send an update.**

I also asked about whether there had been any discussion at any point about changing the venue of the game as suggested in [name withheld]’s letter to [name withheld] and he told me that this had not even been discussed. He gave me the impression that this was a point of honour and that it would have been tantamount to admitting that they were not capable of handling the match in Seville. He also added the Seville FC would never have agreed to it.”

Extract from email between Madrid and FCO/Football Policing Unit of 2 April 2007

“[Name withheld] – see highlighted text below.

[Name withheld] – see second para. We need to register this in case there is any comeback.”

Extract from email between Madrid and Metropolitan Police of 2 April 2007

“Good to talk to you earlier today. We discussed two specific issues:

- (1) You mentioned that between 40-50 Tottenham hooligan supporters could be expected to come out for this match. You were more relaxed on public security now that the Fan Zone would be situated a close 5 minute walk from Seville FC’s ground – you thought there a good chance Tottenham fans would congregate there if the infrastructure was right.
- (2) On the main bars in the centre and in particular adjacent to the cathedral, you said it would be useful if the Spanish authorities could place strict conditions on these – ie. No drinking outside, and limited numbers inside. Together with sensitive policing in the street, this could encourage fans to go the Fan Zone.

I have asked [name withheld] and [name withheld] ([name withheld]’s Deputy in Malaga), to raise both points when they meet with the Spanish authorities in Seville at 0900 tomorrow – 3 April.”

Extract from email between Madrid and Malaga of 3 April 2007

“[Name withheld] called the Delegado (Government Delegate) in Seville this afternoon (3 April). He covered the lines we agreed in advance: good co-operation; disappointed UEFA hadn’t changed dates; and three specific concerns on our part (i) police didn’t mistake supporters chanting and noise as aggression/violence, and responded sensitively/measured, (ii) that promised infrastructure for Tottenham ‘Fan Zone’ was delivered on, otherwise the supporters wouldn’t stay there; and (iii) conditions on Irish pubs Flagherty’s and O’Neils are enforced on the day (no drinking outside and ensuring capacity inside not exceeded).

[Name withheld] reported that the Delegado was well briefed on all the issues. That they gave mutual assurance of availability on the day, and concluded that the arrangements in hand were as good as they can be. [Name withheld] added that we’d had a recent bad experience (Pamplona) which resulted in negative press – the media would jump on any problems in Seville as yet another example.

[Name withheld] – [name withheld] said that [...] be available to deal with press down line if it was needed.”

Extract from email between Malaga and Madrid of 9 April 2007

“On leave today and just seen your e-mail asking for comments on your draft letter for [name withheld]. The draft Match Report below is not quite ready for publication but covers the main facts. In my view the most productive things we could do quickly would be

- a) educate Spanish police and local authorities to the fact that British fans are normally well-behaved and only a very small minority will cause trouble. Unfortunately, scenes of groups drinking heavily all day combined with British

b) educate British fans to the fact that police in Spain, and probably the rest of Europe, expect to be obeyed with no room for argument or dissent. It is an offence in Spain to disobey a lawful order. In a high tension situation, the police are likely to view anything other than instant obedience as defiance of lawful authority, justifying whatever response may be required to bring the situation under control.”

Extract from email between Metropolitan Police and Malaga of 10 April 2007

“Hope things have calmed down your side now?

How did the Spanish Press report the trouble and any recriminations for anyone?

Can you also confirm the end result of any prosecution against Spurs fans please?

Also, would you be able to ask the Sevilla Police or Football Club for a copy of their CCTV at the Stadium. If you can use the approach that ‘the British Police would like to identify Spurs fans throwing missiles or attacking Police’. I am asking the police direct but aren’t getting much joy at the moment.”

Extract from email between Tottenham Hotspur FC and FCO of 10 April 2007

“I need some information on the fans who were arrested. For example, what they were charged with, were they held overnight, did they attend Court and what was the outcome.”

Extract from email between FA and Malaga of 10 April 2007

“The following is an abstract of my report relating to Gate 11:

‘As kick off approached [name withheld] and I went to Gate 11. There were no apparent problems at Gate 2 as we passed by.

On our arrival at Gate 11 we met with [names withheld] all from the British Consulate.

I noticed that the flow of supporters through the turnstiles appeared to slow and as the crowd outside gate 11 increased and bulged mounted police officers were deployed to manage them. Suddenly, without any apparent cause, the officers started to hit the Tottenham supporters with their batons. This appeared to be quite indiscriminate and without any regard for the safety of the supporters generally. At 8.35 pm the gates to the turnstiles were closed. Efforts to restore order were restricted to mounted officers riding into the crowd and striking supporters with their batons. One half of the gates were re-opened at 8.37 pm.

[Name withheld] and I were approached by numerous supporters. Several were irate regarding the treatment the Tottenham supporters had received from the police, some were abusive and one claimed his son had been struck by the police. I explained that I

would be reporting what I had seen. Others claimed to have been turned away from Gate 2 though their tickets clearly showed entry was by that gate.

I saw several Tottenham stewards at the turnstiles calming supporters and restoring order. Without their intervention I fear the consequences could have been much worse.

At 8.44 pm the other half of the gate was re-opened. Mounted officers continued to ride into the crowd and strike supporters. At 8.45 pm the gate was shut again. Shortly afterwards the gates were opened again and when Tottenham scored a goal in the first minute of the game several supporters stopped trying to gain entry to celebrate. By 8.55 pm the turnstiles were clear of supporters.'

Hope it is helpful.

Is there any news on the seven people who went to court, and any update on casualties please?

Thank you for all your assistance last week."

Extract from email between Malaga and FA of 10 April 2007

"Thanks for this. I am sending up my report to my boss in Madrid and hope to let you have a copy if he approves. As regards Gate 11, our view was somewhat different, but the view was that batons were used unnecessarily.

All seven detainees appeared in court on 6 April, were fined and then released.

All 6 injured were treated and released, either directly from stadium first aid post, or later from hospital following further tests and treatment. Most serious injury believed to be a broken wrist. One person hospitalised in alcohol coma discharged himself once he had recovered sufficiently to walk!"

Extract from email between Tottenham Hotspur FC and Malaga of 11 April 2007

"Sorry to press you on this, but have you found out any information yet with regards to the fans who were arrested?"

Extract from email between Metropolitan Police and Malaga of 19 April 2007

"We met briefly following the Sevilla v THFC match on 05/04/2007. I am the Metropolitan Police officer responsible for the policing of the Tottenham Hotspur supporters working alongside [name withheld].

I received the details of the THFC supporters arrested on the night from yourselves whilst in Spain. At this time I am aware of only Seven (7) confirmed arrests. Some of those named are known Tottenham risk supporters, one of whom has previously been subject to a Football Banning Order. It is our intention to study each case and see if it

is worthy of applying for a Football Banning Order on the arrested individual back in the UK.

In order to do this I require as much information as possible, preferably in the form of a Spanish Law Court record of conviction or fine paid for each individual, including details of the offence. Spanish Police Officers notes of evidence would also be helpful. Obviously if these documents are only available in Spanish language, that is not a problem, as we can have them translated.

Would you be able to assist with obtaining this information/documents from the Spanish authorities, or is this a request I need to send to the Spanish Police?"

Extract from email between Malaga and Tottenham Hotspur FC of 24 April 2007

"Apologies for the delay in replying to your e-mail.

I have spoken to our Honorary Legal advisers' office this morning.

Basically there are two options open to your supporters who wish to take action against the Spanish Police:

1. – the person concerned goes to a duty court in Spain and makes a 'denuncia', a report explaining that they wish to initiate legal proceedings against the policeman concerned.
2. – the easiest option, the person concerned appoints a lawyer who will do this on their behalf. The best advice to give your supporters would be to appoint a lawyer as the lawyer can advise the client of the steps to follow and will do everything for them. Even if your supporters go to court and make the report themselves, they will still need a lawyer to represent them from that point on.

I am enclosing a list of English-speaking lawyers who practice in Sevilla. Your attention is drawn to the disclaimer at the foot of the page. Alternatively, those who were arrested on the night of the match may prefer to continue with the services of one of the lawyers who was present at the court hearing, and who represented two of the detainees: [name withheld] whose telephone number is [number withheld] and e-mail [address withheld]. This lawyer has contacted us by e-mail, offering his services as necessary."