

I write with reference to the interview provided by the Chief Constable, Dave Thompson to the BBC Radio 4 'World at One' this lunch time (1 June 2016).

With reference to the re-opening of the inquests into the Birmingham pub bombings, the Chief Constable expressly stated '....that in 1974 there were many tens of bombings across the Midlands'.

Having studied the politics of Northern Ireland on for over 25 years, I have never heard this from any other source and it is not clear what it refers to.

Please confirm (1) if the statement is accurate and (2) please provide details of the bombings to which the Chief Constable refers.

In the event that the comment of the Chief Constable is not accurate, I am sure you would wish to take the appropriate corrective action.

<u>Date</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Device</u>
29.8.73	1.	Lloyds Bank, Solihull	Explosive Device
	2.	Bristol & West Building Society, Solihull	Explosive Device
30.8.73	3.	Hudsons, Birmingham	Incendiary Device
	4.	Gantbury's Cards, Birmingham	Incendiary Device
	5.	Freeman Hardy Willis, Birmingham	Incendiary Device
2.9.73	6.	Alex Sloane, Sherlock Street	Explosive Device (did not activate)
3.9.73	7.	Forward Trust, Calthorpe Road	Explosive Device (did not activate)
9.9.73	8.	John's Motor Acc, Sutton Coldfield	Explosive Device
17.9.73	9.	F.A. Powers, Witton	Explosive Device
	10.	Bilton House, Edgbaston	Explosive Device
2.1.74	11.	Bell Nicholson Lunt, Birmingham	Explosive Device
	12.	Birmingham Shopping Centre, Stephenson St	Explosive Device
22.3.74	13.	Thomas Woolf Ltd	Incendiary Device
6.4.74	14.	Rotunda, Birmingham	Explosive Device
	15.	Railway Signal Box, Birmingham	Explosive Device
7.4.74	16.	Ladbrookes, Stephenson Street, Birmingham	Explosive Device
18.4.74	17.	Plant Discount Warehouse, Wolverhampton	Incendiary Device

23.4.74	18.	Leisure Centre, Greenfields & Millet, Wolverhampton	Incendiary Device (did not activate)
24.4.74	19.	Sale Carpets, Soho Road, Handsworth	Incendiary Device
25.4.74	20.	Williams Furnishers, Handsworth	Incendiary Device (did not activate)
27.4.74	21.	Wakefield Army & Navy, Wolverhampton	Incendiary Device (did not activate)
27.4.74	22.	Wakefield Army & Navy, Walsall	Incendiary Device (did not activate)
14.7.74	23.	Rotunda, Birmingham	Explosive Device
	24.	Nechells Power Station	Explosive Device
	25.	Restall Bros, Smethwick	Incendiary Device
	26.	Horsley Smith & Jewson, Birmingham	Incendiary Device
15.7.74	27.	Rapp Metals, Smethwick	Incendiary Device
22.7.74	28.	Maples Furnishing, Birmingham	Incendiary Device
23.7.74	29.	V.A. Luck Timber, Hall Green	Incendiary Device (did not activate)
	30.	Levins Furniture, Sparkhill	Incendiary Device
26.7.74	31.	Harris & Sheldon, Washwood Heath	Incendiary Device
27.7.74	32.	Clews Furnishers, Sparkhill	Incendiary Device
30.7.74	33.	ABC Cinema, Edgbaston	Incendiary Device
31.7.74	34.	Odeon Cinema, Queensway	Incendiary Device (disarmed)
	35.	Futurist Cinema, Birmingham	Incendiary Device
	36.	Odeon Cinema, Birmingham	Incendiary Device (did not activate)
	37.	Sheldon Cinema	Incendiary Device (did not activate)
2.8.74	38.	Alfred Davis Ltd, Moseley	Incendiary Device
	39.	Cartwright & Sons, Sparkbrook	Incendiary Device
17.8.74	40.	Hallam Sleigh & Cheston, Nechells	Incendiary Device
19.8.74	41.	Midland Extrusions, Kings Norton	Incendiary Device (did not activate)

24.10.74	42.	Vehicle, Wheelleys Road, Birmingham	Explosive Device (did not activate)
28.10.74	43.	Vehicle, Bristol Road, Birmingham	Explosive Device (did not activate)
	44.	Vehicle, Moseley	Explosive Device
5.11.74	45.	Conservative Office, Birmingham	Explosive Device
6.11.74	46.	Inland Revenue Office, Crown House, Wolverhampton	Explosive Device (did not activate)
	47.	Guidex Ltd, Newtown	Incendiary Device (did not activate)
14.11.74	48.	R.A.F.A. Club, Northampton	Explosive Device
	49.	Conservative Club, Solihull	Explosive Device
	50.	GPO, Coventry	Explosive Device
15.11.74	51.	Ryland Timber, Ladywood	Incendiary Device
	52.	Reliance autos, Hockley	Incendiary Device
21.11.74	53.	Mulberry Bush PH, Birmingham	Explosive Device
	54.	Tavern in the Town PH, Birmingham	Explosive Device
	55.	Barclays Bank, City	Explosive Device (did not activate)