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SUBJECT: Draft Memorandum - Homosexuality

The draft memorandum entitled "Homosexuality and National Security" contains a number of erroneous statements which should be corrected. It is also rather contradictory, and contains some broad, sweeping statements with which I do not agree.

I propose the following amendments:

Page 1, para. 2, line 9 - ... affect reliability because the person may be indiscreet or vulnerable to ...

Page 2, para. 5 - From the point of view of security clearance, the main reasons for exclusion from access to classified information on grounds of homosexuality are that the person may be indiscreet or vulnerable to blackmail or coercion. Other factors, eg., the level or potential level of employment and access involved, the potential adverse effect on the individual (eg. arrest abroad), the nature of the homosexual relationship(s) must also be considered. Obviously the homosexual who is frank about the characteristic may not be as vulnerable to blackmail or coercion as would otherwise be the case.

Page 3, para. 3 - Experience indicates that many homosexuals prefer to keep their homosexuality secret from family and friends, and when the characteristic is raised with them, are receptive to understanding the security implications of their orientation and the fact that their own interests are involved. (NB. This is a combination of paras. 1 and 2).

Page 4, para. 2 - delete.

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Page 4, para. 5 - Where denial of security clearance is decided upon, the individual should be told the reason to the fullest extent possible, and the considerations involved should be explained. Maximum possible frankness

Page 5, para. 7 - delete.

The 12 page introductory draft entitled "Homosexuality, the Public Service and National Security" is acceptable as a general, philosophical statement and we have no changes to suggest.


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