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Dear Commissioner Simmonds:

You will recall at your meeting of February 12, 1985 with my predecessor that you had extensive and productive discussions on the issue of sexual orientation. At that time, it was generally agreed that in order to comply with the Charter, and for administrative efficiency, a Commissioner's Standing Order would have to reflect carefully and meet all legal requirements.

As a consequence of that discussion, officials were asked to provide the Force with comments on the draft standing order on homosexuality. Secretariat comments have been passed to D/Commissioner Moffatt and a recent meeting was held between Secretariat officials and your Officer in Charge of Internal Affairs.

I am informed that final preparation of the CSO may be imminent. Because of the deliberations of the Justice and Legal Affairs Sub-Committee on Equality Issues, I am particularly interested in the timing of the issuance of such a CSO. In order that I may assess this and its policy implications, I would like the opportunity to review the CSO after you have approved it but before its release.

Sincerely,

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