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MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

TO
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SOLICITOR GENERAL
FOR INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE

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SUBJECT
OBJET

SVEND ROBINSON INQUIRY ON BEHALF OF CORPORAL STILES

SECURITY - CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ

OUR FILE - N / RÉFÉRENCE

YOUR FILE - V / RÉFÉRENCE

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DATE

MAR 19 1987

On December 30, 1986, Svend Robinson wrote to you (facing) with respect to the lawsuit filed by Corporal Stiles against the RCMP.

BACKGROUND

See attached - Tab A.

In addition to asking for a copy of the Statement of Defence, Mr. Robinson poses two questions concerning this case. He wishes to know what the current policy is in the RCMP with respect to homosexuals; and, he asks why Stiles is having to litigate to return to the RCMP as a regular member.

PROPOSED RESPONSE

Although the RCMP has been denied a policy of differentiating on the basis of sexual orientation by former Solicitors General, it is understood that the Force would like the opportunity to determine whether such a policy would be considered a reasonable limitation under the Charter. In order to keep this course of action open, the proposed response simply refers to the Government's commitment to taking measures to prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation as provided for in the Charter.

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On February 9, 1987, you indicated that you preferred to have the Stiles case settled out of court. The proposed reply does not state this specifically (as the matter is strictly still before the courts), but affirms your intention to consider the Stiles case in the context of Mr. Robinson's observations.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you reply to Mr. Robinson as proposed. A letter to Commissioner Simmonds is also attached conveying to him a copy of your exchange of correspondence with Mr. Robinson.


John C. Tait

Attachments

Tab A - Memorandum of February 7, 1987
Proposed reply
Proposed letter to Commissioner Simmonds

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