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MEMORANDUM TO THE SECURITY PANEL

Security Policy: Security Review Committee

Attached is a draft Order in Council drawn up by the Department of Justice on instructions of the Minister. The Order establishes a Security Review Committee whose function would be to review all cases where a department has tentatively decided to dismiss an employee on security grounds. The Committee will advise the Minister concerned who will not, however, be bound to act on the advice. The Order is at present limited to departments named in Schedule A of the Financial Administration Act.

2. The Order also sets forth the procedures by which cases may be brought before the Security Review Committee when an employee elects to have a confidential inquiry made by the Committee. Two pro-forma letters to be used in the procedures are set out in Schedule A.

3. The Security Panel has been asked by the Minister of Justice to give its views on the Order. The Panel may wish to consider whether the limitation of the present order to departments named in Schedule A of the Financial Administration Act relates to security problems in the public service.

4. Also attached as an Annexe is a draft security policy originally drawn up in the Privy Council Office and revised by the R.C.M. Police. If it were acceptable it would replace paragraphs 1-6 inclusive of the present Cabinet Directive on security, C.D. 29 of December 21st, 1955. Although the Security Order does not so provide, the Panel may wish to consider recommending a statement of security policy which could be given to members of the Security Review Committee. The Panel may also wish to consider whether such a statement of policy might be made public on the grounds that it may assist in obtaining the maximum public confidence in the security system.

P.M. Dwyer,
Secretary of the Security Panel.

Privy Council Office,
Ottawa, November 20th, 1957.

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