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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRYCE

Figures Relating to Security Dismissals, etc.

In case it arises during discussion this afternoon, you may wish to have with you a numerical run-down concerning the treatment of security cases in an average year. In view of our rather heavy agenda, I have not sent this to members of the Panel.

Over the past seven years, the R.C.M. Police have been asked to conduct annually an average of 43,330 records and background investigations relating to the security screening of government employees. Of these investigations, some 527, or 1.2%, result in the discovery of adverse information which is reported to departments. Some 185, or 35%, of these cases are eventually resolved to the satisfaction of the department, presumably by their resolving the doubts as to loyalty or reliability which may have been raised by the information provided. Of the remaining 342 (65%), some 126 are denied employment, 108 are denied access to classified information, 71 are transferred to non-sensitive posts, 15 are permitted to resign, and 22 are dismissed. In an average year, then, while some 6.5% of the cases upon which departments take action to ensure the security of information result in dismissal, it should be pointed out that the total number of dismissals is only 1/20 of 1% of the total number of investigations made.

I am attaching copies of the papers for this afternoon's meeting in the order in which they should be considered.

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June 21st, 1963.