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December 19, 1979.

Mr. J. M. Shoemaker
Asst. Deputy Minister
(Police and Security),
Ministry of the Solicitor General,
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Dear Mr. Shoemaker:

As I am sure you know, the Prime Minister wrote to the Solicitor General on December 6, asking him to undertake responsibility for developing proposals, for submission to Cabinet, on a priority basis, concerning personnel security clearance. In his letter, the Prime Minister referred to the fact that a good deal of preparatory work had been done. As you will no doubt be asked to assist in this undertaking, I thought it might be helpful if I sent you the most recent relevant documents. Most of these originated in this Office, and may not be readily available from your records. I am therefore attaching the following:

(a) my letter to Mr. Reeves Haggan, April 2, 1978, with four attachments:

- draft Cabinet directive on personnel security clearance, February 13, 1978;
- draft statement for use in tabling the proposed directive, April 18, 1978;
- draft covering memorandum for use in submitting the proposed directive, March 8, 1978;
- draft memorandum for deputy ministers and heads of agencies ("Sexual behaviour, security, and public service employment"), March 14, 1978;

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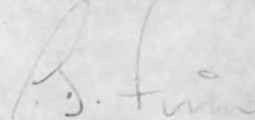
- (b) Mr. Haggan's letter to Mr. Pitfield,
May 9, 1978, commenting on the drafts.
- (c) Mr. Pitfield's reply to Mr. Haggan,
May 23, 1978.

I should point out that work on the proposed directive was set aside, in the summer of 1978, so that attention might be given to the development of proposals for a comprehensive security policy, with emphasis on a revised classification system. This work, as you know, culminated in the Cabinet decision of January 25, 1979.

The attached draft directive dated February 13, 1978, represents a revision of the one considered by the Interdepartmental Committee on Security and Intelligence on December 2, 1977, and was intended to incorporate the changes made at that meeting. The revision was not subsequently considered by the ICSI.

I realize that, in the work you will be undertaking, you will be taking a fresh look at the whole subject. However I hope that the attached material will be useful.

Yours sincerely,



T. D. Finn,
Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet,
Security and Intelligence.

Attachs.

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