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BRIEFING NOTE TO ADM(PER)

SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE - HOMOSEXUAL  
 RELEASES SHELBURNE 1984

ISSUE

1. On 28 Feb 85, the Halifax Chronicle published an article by Robert Gordon entitled "Hard Core Lesbians Fired from CFS Shelburne". The substance of this article was heard on CKBY and CFMO radio stations in Ottawa the same date. In essence, the article stated that five homosexuals were released from Shelburne summer 1984 because they posed a security risk.

BACKGROUND

2. In Jul 84, the CO Shelburne, LCdr E. Smith, forwarded correspondence dealing with seven female personnel from his unit, who were involved in homosexual activities. The cases were referred to MARCOM Headquarters in accordance with CFAO 19-20. The correspondence was then forwarded to NDHQ with Command recommendations. The following chart summarizes the administrative action taken in each case:

	CAREER RECOMMENDATION AND ACTION			GRIEVANCE
	UNIT	COMMAND	NDHQ	RECEIVED NDHQ
	Retention 1 Aug 84	Release 10 Aug 84	Release 18 Sep 84	Yes
	Release 24 Jul 84	Release 9 Aug 84	Release 13 Sep 84	No
	Release 4 Jul 84	Release 2 Aug 84	Release 8 Aug 84	No
	Retention 1 Aug 84	Release 9 Aug 84	Release 13 Sep 84	Yes
	Release 27 Jul 84	Release 9 Aug 84	Release 13 Sep 84	No
	Release 24 Jul 84	Release 10 Aug 84	Retention 24 Sep 84	Yes
	Release or C&P 27 Jul 84	Release 8 Aug 84	Retention 12 Oct 84	Yes

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CURRENT STATUS

3. LCdr Smith was contacted at his home the evening of 27 Feb 85 by Robert Gordon of the Halifax Chronicle. Mr. Gordon wanted information dealing with a "lesbian ring" which was at Shelburne summer 1984. LCdr Smith did not state the number released from his unit but did however, confirm that there had indeed been some releases. He explained that CF policy does not allow retention of individuals who are homosexual. He provided some reasons for this, included in which was the security aspect of their employment, and that although not illegal, it was not administratively acceptable.

4. When he had concluded his discussion with Mr. Gordon, LCdr Smith contacted Col Creelman at MARCOMHQ, and briefed him on the conversation. RAdm Crickard telephoned LCdr Smith 28 Feb, to confirm that VAdm Wood had been apprised of the situation and that LCdr Smith was not to talk to any more reporters.

5. A press release is being drafted by Maj Whitehead in Halifax and will be forwarded to DG Info for release.

6. It appears that the person responsible for the attention being given to the homosexuals in Shelburne is an individual named Wood who was supposedly released from the CF in 1978 for homosexuality. She is the president of the Gay Activist Association in Halifax. Miss Wood is rumored to be writing a book on homosexuality. There is no confirmation to date on whether or not Miss Wood was released from the CF.

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