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- References: A. CFAO 19.20  
 B. CDS CANFORGEN 048 dated 071950Z Mar 86

1. The 4 Mar 86 Government response to the Equality For All Report has raised questions concerning the continued applicability of Canadian Forces policy and regulations in a number of areas. A case in point is Reference A, which deals with homosexuality.

2. The CDS, in Reference B, indicated that, given the complexity of the issue, no immediate change in policies or procedures could be expected, but that he was convening a Task Force to study the whole question.

3. This is to confirm specifically that the basic policy set out in Reference A is still in effect. The CDS has directed, however, that the authority for release of known homosexuals, as per Reference A paragraphs 6-10, is to rest with the CDS himself. This is a temporary measure, pending the outcome of the Task Force Study.

4. You are accordingly requested to refer all such release actions to the CDS for final approval.

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