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HOMOSEXUALS IN THE CF  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS APPROACH

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C. Telecon Maj Barsauskas/LCdr Thomson 2 Mar 88  
D. Charter Task Force Final Report Volume I -  
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1. As requested by Ref A, your "Public Affairs Approach on Homosexuals in the CF" has been reviewed. Several comments are offered for your consideration.

2. The first paragraph under the heading BACKGROUND identifies three arguments used to support retention of the CF policy on homosexuality. One of these arguments, security concerns, is virtually passé while the physical safety of homosexuals is a relatively minor consideration. It is suggested that a better expression of the principal arguments would be as follows:

- "a) Due to the unique demands of service life together with evidence that substantial reservations in the acceptance of homosexuality exist, there is serious concern that the presence of homosexuals could reduce mutual acceptance and respect, diminish confidence in leadership and adversely affect discipline; and
- b) Because of the unavoidable lack of privacy in the military, any forced association with homosexuals would appear to violate the equality rights of heterosexuals."

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3. The comments submitted by DPLS 2-3 (Ref C) are fully endorsed. Additionally, you may wish to review Ref D for additional background and data. I believe copies are available in your directorate.



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