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The Chief of the Air Staff,
Air Force Headquarters,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

Release

Referred to	A.M.P.
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1 Further to this Headquarters' signal P28 dated 15 Jan 53, the Commanding Officer, RCAF Stn Whitehorse, has advised that the subject airwoman voluntarily approached the medical officer and requested a release from the Service because of Lesbian tendencies. She was frank in her discussion with the medical officer, and in requesting her release, wished only to avoid trouble later. There was no evidence of misconduct on her part; in fact, the unit was completely unaware of her problem. Although the medical officer recommended her release on medical grounds after her condition was confirmed by a psycho-analyst, this Headquarters does not concur in her release for unsatisfactory conduct, (ref AFHQ APC363 dated 10 Jan 53), in view of the case being more of a medical one of self-admission than one resulting out of reported misconduct.

2 As the reasons for release are published in unit DRO's, it is impossible to prevent a certain amount of conjecture on the part of other station personnel in almost every case of release of airwomen. It is considered that somehow more secrecy should be attached to the release of airwomen regardless of the grounds for release, if discontent is to be avoided. The present system of publishing release information in DRO's affects not only the person being released but also the acquaintances and friends of that person.

3 Attached is a copy of a letter received by a mature and generally reliable airwoman from an ex-room mate of hers. The receiver of this letter advised the Commanding Officer that the writer of the letter is well known to her and that she has suffered from an allergy for some time and is being released on medical grounds associated with this complaint. It would thus appear that the manner in which airwomen are being released is affecting the reputation of genuine medical cases.

4 Also attached is a clipping from "Flash" magazine, which is sold at most newsstands. Although the reputation of this magazine is well-known the article is forwarded for your information.

5 The release action, under QR(Air) Art 15.01 Item 2(c), on the above mentioned airwoman is being held pending your further decision.

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