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Air Officer Commanding,
1 Air Division, RCAF,
CAPO 5052,
c/o Postmaster,
Montreal, P.Q.

Disposal of Personnel, Other Than Airwomen
and Women Officers, Who have Committed
Homosexual or Indecent Acts, or are
Suspected of Having Homosexual Tendencies

- 1 Reference your letter S-10-1-0 (AOC) dated 26 Jun 53.
- 2 The questions raised therein have been carefully reviewed and the following advice is offered:
 - (a) "Conviction" in policy letter S-370-112 (AMP) dated 26 May 53 refers to a conviction for an actual homosexual offence or to an indecent or related offence based on the same facts which might raise a suspicion that homosexual tendencies exist, such as indecent exposure or the like.
 - (b) It is the intention that a psychiatric examination should be held in all cases whether the subject is proven to have committed a homosexual act or is only suspected, except where he has been sentenced to dismissal from the RCAF by the service tribunal which tries him. As stated above, the act of which the accused is convicted may not be an actual homosexual act but only akin thereto raising suspicions which may or may not culminate in a diagnosis of "psychopathic personality - homosexual type". Moreover, a person participating in an actual homosexual act may have been the passive party and having committed the offence while intoxicated and under suasion. This might, however, prove to be an isolated instance and a psychiatrist might not diagnose such a subject as homosexual.
 - (c) With respect to para 4 of your letter, it is not the intention that a person who admits to a homosexual act or to one of indecency should undergo a psychiatric examination until the matter has been reviewed by this HQ and recommendations have been made.
- 3 Since doubt has arisen at your HQ respecting the interpretation of paras 7, 8 and 10 of the policy letter, and may also occur at other commands or formations, in order that the matter may be clarified, pages 2 and 3 of the policy letter in this respect have been amended accordingly. The amended policy letter is attached to be substituted for the original letter.

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