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SECURITY SUB-PANEL

The 20th meeting of the Security Sub-Panel was held in the office of the Secretary of the Security Panel, East Block, on Thursday, May 31st, at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Mr. P.M. Dwyer	(Chairman)
Privy Council Office	
Mr. G.G. Crean	
Department of External Affairs	
Colonel E.S. Tate	
Department of National Defence	
Superintendent K.W.N. Hall	
Royal Canadian Mounted Police	
Mr. L.C. Cragg	
Department of Defence Production	
Mr. J.K. Abbott	
Department of Citizenship & Immigration	
Mr. D.F. Wall	(Secretary)
Privy Council Office	

I. Application of U.S.A. Security Regulations  
to Canadians in Canada

The Chairman tabled a paper describing a meeting which he attended with the Director of Air Force Security and General Jensen, the Chief of the United States Air Force Coordinating Staff, Ottawa, to discuss arrangements whereby

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(Security Sub-Panel Document SSP-73 and item I of the minutes of the 18th meeting of the Security Sub-Panel refer).

2. The Sub-Panel noted that General Jensen [REDACTED]

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## II. Security Policy

3. At its 19th meeting the Sub-Panel asked the Secretary to prepare a revised version of Security Sub-Panel Document SSP-67, a draft memorandum to the Security Panel entitled "Security Policy", and to attach to it as annexes a number of draft alternative methods by which the government might deal with the problem of communists and communist sympathizers in the public service of Canada when there was no access to classified information.

(Security Sub-Panel Document SSP-72 and item I, sub-para. 7(a) of the minutes of the 19th meeting of the Security Sub-Panel refer).

4. The Chairman invited the Sub-Panel's views on the alternative methods set out in Annexes I to V of the document under consideration.

5. During the detailed discussion that followed, the following points emerged:

- (a) that there appeared to be a need, in considering any major change in Canadian security policy, to maintain a clear distinction between the proposed dismissal of communists and communist suspects from the public service and the existing system, by which persons whose loyalty or reliability may be in some doubt can continue to be employed without access to classified information;
- (b) that consideration might be given to the manner in which policy concerning persons with character defects could be made consistent with any changes in policy concerning communists and communist sympathizers;
- (c) that, where the problem of penetration of the government by communists and communist sympathizers for political rather than intelligence purposes was concerned, the distinction between "sensitive" and "non-sensitive" departments (as referred to in Annex IV to SSP-72) did not appear to be valid;
- (d) that consideration should be given to means by which departmental and agency security officers might be given more complete and concentrated training in all aspects of security; and
- (e) that care should be taken to avoid inconsistency between a security policy which the government might adopt and that which the government has recommended to industries holding classified contracts.

6. After further discussion, the Sub-Panel agreed:

- (a) that Special Branch/R.C.M. Police should be asked to endeavour to ascertain for the information of the Security Panel whether their facilities were such that, without interfering with other Special Branch operations, a file check could be made on all successful applicants for employment in the public service;
- (b) that it would now be advisable for members of the Sub-Panel to discuss individually with their deputy ministers the various alternative methods contained in Security Sub-Panel Document SSP-72; and
- (c) that a further meeting would be held on June 8th to discuss the views put forward by the various deputy heads, with a view to preparing a final draft of a memorandum to the Security Panel.

D.F. Wall,  
Secretary of the Security Sub-Panel.