

ADDENDUM TO ANNUAL REPORT

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During the period under review the investigation that was started in 1959 into the identification of known and suspected homosexuals employed in federal government departments and agencies was continued. Although we did not learn of any attempt having been made by a foreign intelligence agency to compromise by threat of exposure any federal government employee having this character weakness, we do know that such exploitation is a principal weapon of the Soviet Bloc Intelligence Services.

Over 560 federal government employees have been named since the inception of the investigation; a number of these have subsequently obtained employment elsewhere. Not all can be considered as homosexuals due to lack of evidence or corroboration but a high percentage are either self-admitted or alleged by more than one other self-admitted homosexual. New names continue to come to light and we have no way of knowing how many employees with this character weakness are still to be identified. In addition to federal government employees and ex-employees our index system contains the names of well over 1000 persons who are not known to be employed in or by the government.

During the year the investigative part of the work was handled by a group of experienced S. & I. investigators in "A" Division with assistance from Headquarters "B" Branch when necessary. The administrative and clerical phase of this particular work at Headquarters was handled by "A" Branch under the supervision of a Sergeant with one Constable attending to the routine.

In the past year the method of handling particular enquiries outside the Ottawa area has continued to be determined by considering each case on its own merit. Generally, cases have been passed to the Division for investigation, however, in some of the more involved cases the investigation has been done by Headquarters "B" Branch members. "O", "E" and "C" Divisions, particularly, have been brought into the picture to some extent and have made a very worthwhile contribution to the overall success of the general investigation.

During 1960 a total of approximately 78 interviews and re-interviews were conducted by the members of "A" Division and Headquarters "B" Branch. As a result new contacts in this particular field were established which added greatly to the efficiency and results of the operation.

In May 1960, a submission was made to the Security Panel pointing out the difficulties encountered in this type of investigation and requesting specific terms of reference to facilitate the handling of our enquiries particularly in respect of federal government employees. The submission is still under consideration and the lack of approval has restricted the scope and efficiency of the investigation.

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