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TO: The O.C. "A" Division,  
RCMP - OTTAWA, Ontario.

Re: Security Screening of Government  
Employees - Character Weaknesses

It has recently come to our attention that, during the course of an ordinary security enquiry conducted by a member of your Division in the Kingston, Ontario area, it was learned that the subject's step-brother was unmarried and self-employed as an artist.

2. While this particular occupation and marital status do not in themselves denote the presence of homosexual tendencies within a person, we have found through past experience that such is sometimes the case.

3. In this particular case we had previously been advised that the subject and his immediate relatives are not in close contact with each other and in fact it would appear that they are not even on speaking terms. For this reason we do not feel that further enquiries in this particular instance are warranted at this time. However, we do feel that the above matter should be brought to the attention of your investigators so that they will be aware in the future of the possibility that a character weakness such as described above does perhaps exist in a person with such an occupation and marital status.

  
(J.E.M. Barrette), Inspector,  
for Director of Security & Intelligence.