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A-1 SectionInvestigation of Known and Suspected  
Homosexuals in Government Employ.

During the year this investigation, which began in 1959, encountered considerable difficulty in obtaining co-operation from homosexual sources of information. The homosexuals, who have been our most consistent and productive sources of information, have shown an increasing reticence in identifying their homosexual friends and associates. As a result our investigations and interviews produced sufficient evidence to warrant interviews with only 27 homosexuals, 10 of whom proved to be unco-operative. An additional 22 re-interviews with previously co-operative homosexuals were undertaken, 1 of which proved to be unco-operative. Although there are additional potential sources of information among the homosexuals employed in non-sensitive government positions, our inability to secure from the Security Panel suitable Terms of Reference, originally requested in May 1960, prohibits our interviewing these persons.

2. The loss of productive sources resulted in a sharp decline in the number of adverse reports forwarded to government departments; from 85 in 1961 to 29 in 1962. The total number of known or suspected homosexuals recorded in the Directorate Index System increased from 2900 to approximately 3300.

3. Administrative and clerical work at Headquarters remained under the direction of the "Character Weaknesses" Section of "A" Branch, comprised of a Sergeant and a Corporal. For the most part the investigative phase of the work in the Ottawa area was handled by a group of experienced investigators in "A" Division. However in some of the more involved cases the investigation was conducted by "Headquarters", "B" Branch members. The method of handling investigations outside the Ottawa area is determined by consideration of the individual circumstances of each case.

4. During 1962 a research programme to devise clinical tests for the identification of homosexuals applying for government service was commenced under the aegis of the Security Panel. The "Character Weaknesses" Section was called upon to provide several statistical and research reports for the psychologist in charge of the programme.

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These support tasks made it necessary to obtain the services of a Constable from another "A" Branch Section on a temporary basis, a need which is likely to continue in the ensuing year.

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