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The Officer i/c S.I.B.
RCMP "E" Division,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Re: Security Screening of Government
Employees - Character Weaknesses

Reference is made to your reports dated
27-10-60 and 14-11-60 captioned "Known or Suspected
Homosexuals".

2. Our investigation of homosexuals in the government service is predicated on the knowledge that such persons represent a serious security risk if allowed access to classified material. There are two facets to this risk: Homosexuals with access to classified information are potential targets for compromise by foreign intelligence agencies. Secondly, the effect of the aberration on the personality makes the homosexual unreliable because of his unpredictable behaviour.

3. The immediate aim of this investigation is to identify all homosexuals employed in or by the federal government and to establish an index of homosexuals against which future applications for government service may be checked during routine security screening. At the same time we seek to determine on which employees attempts have been made to compromise through threat of exposure.

4. From our experience we have found that while our objective is to identify only the homosexual employed or seeking employment in or by the government, it is often necessary to interview his homosexual acquaintances who are employed outside the government service. We have found that presently constituted security enquiries do not uncover satisfactory evidence of homosexuality. To facilitate our investigation we have asked for approval of broader terms of reference, which have not yet been approved, which will provide us with authority to interview any homosexual who we believe has relevant information. At present we are restricted in our interviewing of alleged or known homosexuals who are government employees.

5. Because of the moral and security aspects of this investigation it has been classified "TOP SECRET" and dissemination is being kept to a strict "need-to-know" basis. We would therefore suggest that you restrict knowledge of this matter to a minimum number of administrative staff and investigators.

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6. The following files have been opened to handle all relevant correspondence:-

[REDACTED] Known or Suspected Homosexuals

[REDACTED] Known or Suspected Homosexuals
Employed in Federal Government
Departments and/or Crown
Corporations.

[REDACTED] Known or Suspected Homosexuals
Employed in the Department of
External Affairs.

[REDACTED] Known or Suspected Homosexuals
Employed in the R.C.M.P.

[REDACTED] Known or Suspected homosexuals
Employed in the Department of
National Defence

[REDACTED] Known or Suspected Homosexuals
Employed by Vital Industries.

7. A related file has been opened under "SECRET" cover to handle correspondence dealing with serious character weaknesses, except homosexuality:

[REDACTED] Persons Known or Suspected of
Having Character Weaknesses.

8. Personal files are opened on individuals as the need arises. These are identified as:

9. For administrative purposes investigation reports are usually submitted on [REDACTED] unless only one specific government department or individual on whom a main name file is maintained is being mentioned.

10. It is requested that when reporting information on homosexuals as much available detail as possible be included:

Full Name
Date and Place of Birth
Present resident address and occupation
Identity of source
How the source knows subject to be a homosexual (relations, conversation, hearsay, etc.)
When the source came into possession of information.

11. Because of the cumulative effect of this type of investigation we agree with your comment to follow up the allegations made concerning government employees only.

12. We are writing you seperately for additional information on some of the names which are mentioned in your report dated 27-10-60.

(J.M. Bella), Ass't/Commr.
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