



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER  
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**S E C R E T**

Dear Mr. Bryce:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 20th, 1960, with attached "Memorandum to the Prime Minister and Minister of Justice" dated December 19th, 1960, concerning "Security Cases Involving Homosexuality".

2. In accordance with your request, the names of Doctors F.R. WAKE, J.P.S. CATHCART, Rhodes CHALKE, [redacted] were checked against our subversive indices. We have no adverse record of these persons. Discreet inquiries concerning their reliability are presently underway and you will be advised of the results at an early date.

3. The memorandum prepared as a basis for discussion with the Prime Minister and Minister of Justice has been carefully studied. While I am in agreement with the paper as a whole I have set out hereunder four proposed amendments for your consideration which I believe are necessary in the expression of our views. The suggested amendments are underlined.

Paragraph 4

During 1959 the R.C.M. Police accelerated their program of investigating public servants about whom allegations of homosexuality had been made, and obtained Ministerial authority to proceed with investigation in both sensitive and non-sensitive departments and agencies. As part of these investigations, known and suspected homosexuals were interviewed by the R.C.M. Police, and in the process the names of other known or suspected homosexuals were obtained. For a number of reasons the scope of these investigations was further expanded to include the investigation of homosexuals who were not employed in the government service on classified work or who were employed outside the government service entirely. In the early stages it became evident that the homosexual, irrespective of employment, was the most productive source in identifying and providing factual information on other homosexuals employed in or by the government. Employees not having access to classified information were included in the expanded investigation on the reasonable assumption that they could obtain access at some future date through promotion or change of employment. Homosexuals

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outside the government service were investigated and interviewed because existing security screening policies precluded any extensive interviewing of homosexual government employees on the grounds that as the subject of a security investigation they, as individuals, should not be made aware of the reason for any subsequent action taken against them. Another reason for investigating homosexuals outside the government service was based on the possibility that they could be used by a foreign intelligence service to identify and perhaps otherwise assist in the compromising of homosexuals employed in the government on classified work.

Paragraph 8

A further difficulty which the Committee foresaw in the extensive investigations being made at present lay in the probable public and public service reaction were it to become known that such widespread investigations were being made. It was considered that the resultant misunderstanding, scandal, distorted publicity and demands for prosecution could result in ~~(serious)~~ criticism of the government and its security policies, as well as of the R.C.M. Police. Conversely, a passive attitude towards this character weakness could also lead to (justifiable) criticism directed at the government, existing security policies and the R.C.M. Police.

Paragraph 10

Based on these general conclusions, the Committee agreed that Ministerial approval should be sought for the following proposed courses of action:

First Priority

- (e) that, should any case come to light in which there are indications of any employee, with any character weakness, being subjected to blackmail or other method of compromise for intelligence purposes, the R.C.M. Police should inform the Secretary of the Security Panel, who would request the department to take no further action concerning the employee other than that required to avoid an immediate breach of security, and to turn the case over to the R.C.M. Police for such further investigation as they deem necessary.

Second Priority

- (c) that consideration be given to setting up a program of research, with appropriate psychiatric assistance, with a view to devising tests to identify persons with homosexual tendencies. Such tests to aid in the identification of homosexuals already employed in the government service and to assist in the (initial) selection of applicants who are not homosexuals.

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Yours very truly,

*might for service in vulnerable positions*

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