

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

TRANSIT SLIP FOR HEADQUARTERS USE

Date May 31, 1962To Inspector BARRETTEFrom S/Sgt. Carter

To

From

(For reply - if required)

For comment

To see sender

For perusal -

no action required

Have new file(s) made

For examination

and action

Return with current file

Prepare reply

Have records checked 7/15/62

Prepare brief

For instructions LAL INITIAL

Remarks: Sir: Attached is an "A" Division letter which, in short, suggests that in all screenings, a photograph of the applicant be supplied. It has the enthusiastic support of Sgt. Witherden and would be of particular value in relation to the Character Weaknesses program. From the investigator's viewpoint the idea is sound and could virtually eliminate the possibility of a source mistaking the identity of the person being screened and supplying adverse information which does not, in fact, pertain to the subject of the enquiry, particularly when the names are similar. Para. 5 suggests that such photos are already available in certain cases and screenings for these departments could readily provide an area in which the idea could be tested.

Good as the idea is, I can also foresee obstacles. Reply (if required): For example, to ensure uniformity of quality, size, age of photo and suitability for identification purposes, it would be necessary for the department concerned, or the government, to pay the cost of the several prints which would be necessary to supply to the field, as well as the original negative. This would impose an additional burden on our own identification branch, as in cases where several divisions were involved, extra copies would have to be printed here. We could not expect all departments to foresee that the boundaries of our Divisional areas do not conform to Provincial boundaries in all cases and we could not supply them with terms of reference for them to determine copies required, and if we did, we could anticipate that they would habitually misinterpret such terms of reference. There might also be political considerations, such as protests against police methods, etc. If you consider that there is any merit to the

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Remarks: --idea. I respectfully suggest that you may see fit to initiate discussion at a meeting of the sub-panel. In any event, the fact that Cpl. MacKenzie has submitted the memorandum is a further indication of his interest in S & I procedures and I would further suggest that his submission be acknowledged.

Could we have your comment, please.

Reply (if required):

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