

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRYCE

Security Cases Involving Homosexuality

Concerning your request last night that I prepare a note to the Minister of Justice to be sent with a copy of the memorandum on this subject which our committee had prepared in January of 1961, Bordeleau has informed me that the R.C.M. Police have already sent the Minister a copy of this paper, together with a copy of the memorandum for the Commissioner prepared by Asst. Commissioner Bella on April 28th, 1960, a copy of which was sent to you on May 19th, 1960. In light of this, you may now feel that there is no need for us to send a further copy to Mr. Fleming.

Bordeleau also said that, in their covering letter to the Minister, they had revised upward the figures appearing in paragraph 5 of your memorandum to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice. He did not give me the actual figures, but indicated that R.C.M. Police investigations up to the present had turned up something near 4,000 alleged homosexuals, something less than a quarter of whom were now or ever had been employed in the public service. They went on to say to the Minister that they considered homosexuals employed in the public service to be their most useful sources of information in this matter, and it was for this reason that they required a change in their terms of reference to permit them to investigate and interview these people.

The Minister of Justice has replied to their letter, has expressed his interest in the matter, and has indicated that he will take the necessary steps to have it considered in the near future.


D.F.W.

Privy Council Office,
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