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TO: The Officer i/c "B" Branch,
D. S. I.

Re: Known or Suspected Homosexuals
Employed in the Dept. of National Defence

As a result of a recent visit to Major LEMIEUX at D.M.I. Headquarters, Ottawa in connection with a case involving a member of the armed services who was suspected of being a homosexual, it was brought to my attention that they were processing several other cases of a similar nature of which I had not heard, and on returning to our Headquarters I checked with Sgt. WITHERDEN of "A" Branch and he advised that they had received no correspondence concerning the cases in question. He also advised that he felt that the Army and Air Force were not supplying us with information on all cases concerning character weaknesses within their organizations such as we were receiving from the Navy. As a result of this I got in touch with Sgt. V.I. MacKENZIE of "A" Division and arranged meetings with officials in the R.C.A.F. and Army Headquarters in Ottawa to discuss this problem.

2. A meeting was arranged with S/L R.J. JORDAN, Air Force Police Marshall for 2.00 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 1964, at his office, No. 8 Temporary Bldg., Ottawa. The meeting was held from 2.00 - 3.00 p.m. with the following persons present:

S/L R.J. JORDAN, Air Force Police Marshall
S/L J.F. ROGERS, Police Operations
F/Lieut. W.H. CUNNIAN, Assistant to the Officer in charge of Security and Personnel
Sgt. V.I. MacKENZIE, "A" Division S.I.B., and the writer.

3. On discussing security problems within the R.C.A.F. with JORDAN and ROGERS, they advised that they had a number of cases within the service, however, they were of the opinion that all information in this regard was being passed on to our Force. It was decided that S/L WARREN, in charge of Security and Personnel should also be present, and S/L JORDAN went to the next office. He returned, however, with F/Lieut. CUNNIAN, who is S/L WARREN's assistant, stating that WARREN would not be available until the following day.

4. On discussing the procedure followed in connection with cases involving character weaknesses, it was learned that all cases coming to the attention of

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S/L JORDAN as Air Force Marshall were not necessarily passed on to the Security of Personnel Section, and therefore JORDAN admitted that there was a gap and the R.C.M.P. was not receiving information on all cases involving R.C.A.F. personnel. It was decided that a further meeting should be held the following day, Wednesday, March 25, 1964 at 10.00 a.m. in S/L JORDAN's office to further discuss the problem.

5. A further meeting was held as scheduled between 10.00 - 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 1964, with the following persons present:

W/Cdr S.F. COWAN, Branch Head, Security of Personnel and Material Information
S/L J.G. WARREN, in charge of Security of Personnel
S/L R.J. JORDAN, Air Force Police Marshall
Sgt V.I. MacKENZIE, "A" Division R.C.M.P., and the writer.

6. After discussing this problem it became clear that all information was not being passed on to the R.C.M.P. and it was decided that S/L JORDAN and S/L WARREN would get together on their files and whenever a case of this nature came to their attention they would hold the file until same had been perused by a member of "A" Division. S/L WARREN stated that he presently receives frequent visits from Cpl. HILASH of "A" Division S & I, at which time information of this nature is passed on. It was agreed that we should continue in this manner for the present, and with the co-operation of S/L JORDAN it was felt that we would be made aware of all cases in which the R.C.A.F. is involved. W/Cdr COWAN who is presently an assistant to G/Cpt S.A. BANKS and will be taking over his position in approximately one year when BANKS retires from the service, was sympathetic to our demands and agreed that they should give us full co-operation in this connection. It was also agreed that both JORDAN and WARREN would go back through their case files, and any incidents which had not been reported to us would be made available to "A" Division. They preferred doing this on an informal basis rather than carrying on official correspondence as it was agreed that by perusing the files it might be possible for the R.C.M.P. to obtain information of assistance which might not be forwarded with official correspondence.

7. I then broached the subject of interrogation by the R.C.M.P. of members of the R.C.A.F. involved in homosexual acts prior to their being discharged from the service. However, W/Cdr COWAN was not agreeable to this. He stated that in most cases the C.O.'s of the posts where these incidents took place were not in favour of police investigating these incidents and usually attempted to have the person discharged in a quiet manner without an investigation of any nature being carried on. He mentioned that in some cases even their own Air Force Police were not

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allowed a chance to interrogate these people prior to being discharged.


8. On Thursday, March 26, 1964 I arranged a meeting with Major LEMIEUX, D.M.I. Headquarters, Ottawa, for 9.30 to 11.00 a.m. Present were Major LEMIEUX, Sgt. V.I. MacKENZIE, "A" Division R.C.M.P., and the writer. We discussed the problem of reporting to the R.C.M.P. the cases of members of the Army involved in homosexual activities. On discussing this with Major LEMIEUX we learned that he had interpreted our request for information of this nature to mean only persons who were involved in a breach of security or who were employed in work which required their being cleared to "secret" or higher. He was of the opinion that we were not interested in any cases of persons with character weaknesses who did not fall within this category. As a result of this it was realized that the majority of their cases of this nature were not being reported to the R.C.M.P. We explained to Major LEMIEUX that we were very interested in all cases involving members of the armed services who had character weaknesses, since after being discharged from the services these persons could very easily obtain employment in some branch of the government, and since it would be possible that their employment would only require a records check on the part of the R.C.M.P., their name would not show if we did not receive this information from the services.

9. Major LEMIEUX explained that up until approximately one year ago his office received only those cases where security was involved; however, they have finally straightened this matter out within the Army and he now receives all cases involving a breach of discipline. As a result of this, and the fact that we require this information, he felt that he could pass this information on to us for our records and assistance. He agreed that each time a case passed over his desk he would send a form-type of letter to the Officer i/c "A" Branch, R.C.M.P. Headquarters, and if we required further information we could obtain it through their office by a check of the files. This could be done by either a member of Headquarters or "A" Division, R.C.M.P.

10. We then approached Major LEMIEUX concerning the interrogation by the R.C.M.P. of members of the Army involved in homosexual offences prior to them being released. Major LEMIEUX doubted if this could be worked out in all cases as often these members were arrested by the Army Provost, interrogated and discharged prior to the file being received by the D.M.I.'s office. However, he agreed that wherever possible they were willing to co-operate and to allow us to interrogate without a member of the armed services being present during the interrogation.

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11. As a result of the above meetings with members of the R.C.A.F. and the Army, the following agreements were reached:

- (a) The R.C.A.F. will make available all files concerning members of the R.C.A.F. connected with cases involving character weaknesses.
- (b) They would not agree to the interrogation of members of the R.C.A.F. by the R.C.M.P. except in extenuating circumstances.
- (c) The above co-operation with the R.C.A.F. will be on an informal basis with a member of "A" Division R.C.M.P. conducting periodic checks through S/L WARREN's office where these files will be held.
- (d) In cases of great importance or urgency S/L WARREN will telephone either "A" Division R.C.M.P. or R.C.M.P. Headquarters.
- (e) Major LEMIEUX of the D.M.I. will notify "A" Branch, D.S.I. of all cases concerning character weaknesses within the Army by a form-type letter, and the files will be made available to a member of "A" Division R.C.M.P. or "B" Branch "HQ" personnel.
- (f) Wherever possible members of the Army involved in cases of this nature will be made available to the R.C.M.P. for interrogation prior to discharge.
- (g) Major LEMIEUX agreed to check back through their files and bring forward any cases which have happened during the past year of which the R.C.M.P. was not made aware, and supply us with particulars in these cases.

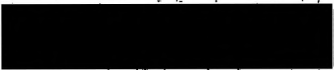
12. I feel that the above meetings with members of the R.C.A.F. and Army should assist a great deal in us receiving information concerning routine cases of character weaknesses within these services. In the past we have been receiving full co-operation from the Navy, and it would be of great assistance if the Army and Air Force also gave us their full co-operation.

13. I feel that the following action should be taken in this regard:

- (a) Allow "A" Division to contact S/L WARREN and Major LEMIEUX frequently to discuss cases of this nature.

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- (b) Allow a three-month trial period to ascertain the degree of co-operation we are receiving from the two services, and at this time to discuss whether further meetings should be held with the members of the two services for additional changes.

14. The above information is being reported for record purposes, with an extra copy attached for the information of "A" Division, R.C.M.P.


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