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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF CANADA
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OTTAWA 4, July 17, 1970.

Dear Mr. Hill,

In your letter of June 16 you ask, in effect, for a statement of the policy of the federal public service with regard to the employment, promotion and retention of homosexuals.

As you may know, the Public Service Commission is an independent agency responsible to Parliament rather than to the Government. My colleagues and I have, of course, noted the statement in the Report of the Royal Commission on Security that you quote in your letter. We have not, however, considered that it would be appropriate to enunciate any general policies with respect to the employment of homosexuals in the Public Service.

There is no absolute bar to employment of homosexuals in the Public Service nor are persons employed in the Public Service who are found to be homosexuals normally released from employment or barred from promotion. Individual cases are treated on their merits and solely in terms of job and national security requirements.

Yours sincerely,

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