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Mr. D.W. Hall,
Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet
(Security and Intelligence),
Privy Council Office.

Dear Mr. Hall:

Re: Homosexuality, the Public Service, and
National Security

I refer to your letter of 14 December 1976 which forwarded to me for comment a preliminary draft of a document, "Homosexuality, the Public Service, and National Security", and a related draft memorandum.

Copies of these papers have been distributed within the Security Service, and a copy has been sent also to the RCMP Deputy Commissioner (Administration).

The Security Service has proposed a number of amendments to the draft memorandum, which are outlined below for your consideration.

Page 1, para. 2, line 9 - ... affect reliability because the person may be indiscreet or vulnerable to ...

Page 2, para. 6 - From the point of view of security clearance, the main reasons for exclusion from access to classified information on grounds of homosexuality are that the person may be indiscreet or vulnerable to blackmail or coercion. Other factors, eg., the level or potential level of employment and access involved, the potential adverse effect on the individual (eg. arrest abroad), the nature of the homosexual relationship(s) must also be considered. Obviously the homosexual who is frank about the characteristic may not be as vulnerable to blackmail or coercion as would otherwise be the case.

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Page 3, para. 8 - Experience indicates that many homosexuals prefer to keep their homosexuality secret from family and friends, and when the characteristic is raised with them, are receptive to understanding the security implications of their orientation and the fact that their own interests are involved. (NB. This is a combination of paras. 8 and 9).

Page 4, para. 2 - delete.

Page 4, para. 5 - Where denial of security clearance is decided upon, the individual should be told the reason to the fullest extent possible, and the considerations involved should be explained. Maximum possible frankness ...

Page 5, para. 7 - delete.

The 12 page introductory draft entitled "Homosexuality, the Public Service and National Security" is acceptable as a general, philosophical statement and we have no changes to suggest.

Any proposals or comments from the RCMP Deputy Commissioner (Administration) will be forwarded when received.

Yours truly,

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Director General
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