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Officer i/c "A" Operations

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SECURITY SERVICE RECORDS

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DATE	March 10, 1981

SUBJECT
OBJET

OPRC - General

Please refer to your memorandum dated 81-03-05 attached which states:

There are to be no enquiries made by the Security Service to acquire information on homosexuals other than as a direct result of individual security screening enquiries. Area Commands may, however, still provide information on homosexuals acquired as a result of other investigations authorized according to the OPRC Terms of Reference.

It has been our practice to interview identified homosexuals employed, or formerly employed, by the Federal Government in an effort to obtain the names of other homosexuals in Government service. For example, we have interviewed:

- (a) former members of the Canadian Armed Forces who have been discharged for homosexual activity,
- (b) Foreign Service Officers who can provide the names of other homosexuals employed in External Affairs,
- (c) homosexuals employed at RCMP Headquarters who can identify others in this building.

This has proven to be an effective program and is one of the few ways in which we can gather information on possible security risks in Government service. No action is taken on receipt of such information until it has been determined that the individual concerned occupies a position which requires security clearance. Before the information is reported to the appropriate department, every effort is made to obtain verification through other sources.

This is a necessary program for, as you know, this kind of information is not usually obtained through routine enquiries. In addition, through this program we have had some success in establishing contacts in the

homosexual community who are willing to assist us in our enquiries. The program should continue, however I would like your direction as to whether or not OPRC approval is necessary before an identified homosexual can be interviewed. May I have your views please.

J.F. Friend

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It is noted that we have a responsibility to determine elements related to Gov. employees requiring a security clearance, that could be a factor in returning that clearance; homosexuality is one of these elements. Therefore we can interview known homosexuals, but only in connection of national security. Names of individuals, working or not for the Gov., but not requiring a security clearance, is not scope of our business. It is improper for us to build a data bank in this respect. I want the assurance that we do not obtain lists of conviction etc for this purpose - please advise.

J.F. Friend 81.03.13

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