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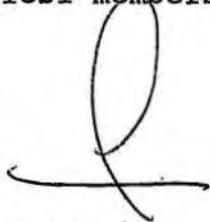
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SMITH

Security aspects of proposals to amend human rights legislation: letter from Michael Shoemaker

I believe you have already read Michael Shoemaker's letter to you, dated March 18, in which he set out security concerns about proposals being developed in Justice to amend the human rights legislation. Attached for your signature, if you agree, is a suggested reply to Michael, and a suggested letter to Roger Tassé, sending him a copy of the former.

I have learned from Alice Desjardins, who, with Barry Strayer, has been developing the human rights amendments in Justice, that they have advised Roger Tassé (and he has agreed), that they should press on with a submission to Cabinet on an amendment to cover the handicapped, but that they should hold the security-related proposals (dealing with political belief, sexual orientation, and criminal and penal conviction) pending examination of the McDonald report. There is, of course, a security problem in the handicapped category if amendment is extended to include previous history of alcohol and drug dependence, in a definition of mental handicap, but this problem transcends security and will I think need to be examined in a broader context.

I suggest it is appropriate that you should formally, as ICSI Chairman, draw Michael Shoemaker's and the SAC's, concerns to Roger Tassé's attention, request that they be considered, and that copies of the correspondence should be supplied to ICSI members.


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Attachs.

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