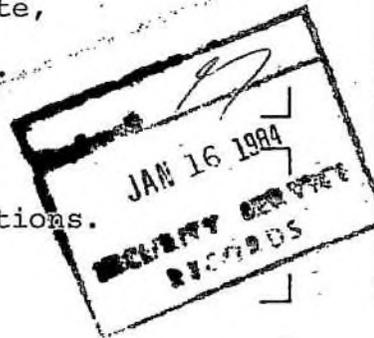


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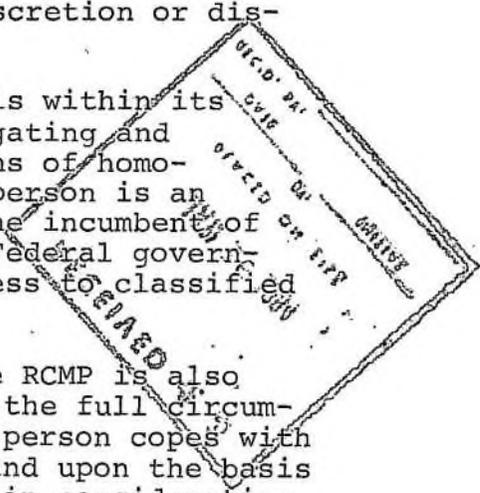
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Yesterday you asked for my advice in respect to what the Minister might usefully and safely say to Mr. Kevin Ore, who wrote him on behalf of the Gays of Ottawa.

On October 4, 1982 the D.G. wrote to the Minister outlining in broad terms what we felt was a reasonable and fair investigational approach to the problem of homosexuality in the context of security screening. At that time the D.G. suggested to the Minister that it might be wise to make a public statement outlining the government position on this important and delicate issue. It is my judgement that that advice is still valid and you may wish to again suggest to the Minister that he outline the position in his reply to Mr. Ore. That advice was as follows:

- (1) the government still considers homosexuality in some circumstances to be a trait of character which could lead to indiscretion or disloyalty.
- (2) As such, the RCMP is within its mandate in investigating and reporting suspicions of homosexuality where a person is an applicant for or the incumbent of a position in the Federal government requiring access to classified information.
- (3) In these cases, the RCMP is also required to report the full circumstances of how the person copes with his homosexuality and upon the basis of this report and in consideration of a range of factors the employing department will deal with each on a case by case basis.



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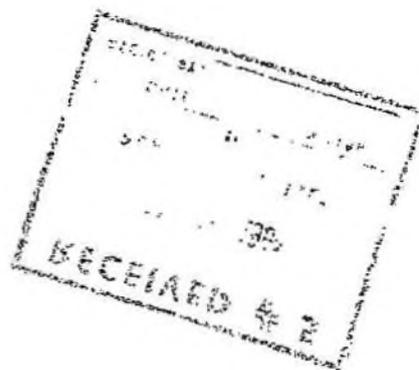
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- (4) The RCMP has no mandate for and does not investigate a person simply because he is a homosexual. To the extent the RCMP holds in its data bank information that a person is a homosexual, it must be and is collected directly as a result of a mandated investigation as required by Section 4 of the Privacy Act.
- (5) All files on homosexuals that do not relate to a matter of national security have been or are being destroyed.



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