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Dear Mr. Robinson:

I am now in a position to respond to your letter of February 7, 1984 wherein you raise two questions; one relating to security clearance policy and one relating to the employment practices of the RCMP.

Concerning the first question, an individual's homosexuality per se is not grounds in itself for denial of a security clearance. The relevance of homosexuality to security can only be judged in its full contextual circumstances. With regard to your second question, you were informed by the Commissioner of the RCMP at the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs of December 20, 1983 that the RCMP does not knowingly recruit homosexuals as regular members of the Force. Homosexuality is not, however, an automatic barrier to employment by individuals other than regular members. As with the security clearance, an individual's suitability for employment must be judged in the full context of that fact and other circumstances.

I trust the foregoing satisfactorily answers your questions.

Yours truly,

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