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Mr. J.J. Scott
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CANBERRA

Dear

I intend to draft a memorandum to the Under-Secretary in the next six months concerning questions relevant to the personal suitability of individuals for the Foreign Service. The passage of legislation on access to information and human rights has raised some uncertainties regarding Management's prerogatives in some personnel respects. Our security side will be co-operating in the near future with our Personnel side in working out reasonable standards in the Eighties for the behaviour, etc. of our personnel serving in foreign countries.

A Parliamentary Committee on Equality Rights has recently submitted a report which made a number of recommendations including one on sexual deviation. As you might imagine, views on this subject tend to differ, depending on where one is sitting.

When [redacted] in the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs, visited the Department in 1983, he indicated that the Australians [redacted]

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I would be very grateful, for example, if you would approach [redacted] on my behalf to ask whether the Australians were able to establish that [redacted]

In the same connection, could you find out whether the Australians might have compiled a list of countries where homosexual activity is forbidden by law.

Whatever information you may be able to obtain from the Australians would be very much appreciated. Please reply by earliest confidential air bag.

Yours sincerely,

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Director General
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