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RCMP POLICY ON HOMOSEXUALITY

This has reference to the draft policy in the above regard.

The views of the DSRR, Cst. Goodman, are as follows:

"I support the basic spirit and content of the draft. However, I have difficulty with two points contained therein:

1. Para.3 - Security - "evidence" - greater risk of being subverted. Can this be substantiated? In my view it appears a little vague.
2. Para.8 - Illegality - C.C. offences vs age of recruitment and applicants. I do not share this opinion - in my humble opinion, the association of the C.C. offences and applicants can only be speculative.

Frankly, there is no doubt that most members share the views expressed on this topic and I agree with the crux of the dissertation."

Insofar as my own opinion is concerned, I am in full agreement with the position taken and with the rationale as outlined, which seems to cover all eventualities. My one concern is how we would respond to a query to the effect that certain police forces (eg. California) have engaged homosexuals as policemen. Have we researched this aspect to determine the ramifications/problems that may or may not have arisen within such police forces. Certainly, one response to such a query could be that this development has occurred in a highly urban area with a large gay population and that the RCMP is not, to date, faced with an entirely similar situation. Nevertheless, the RCMP does police certain large municipalities, particularly in British Columbia. However, a response to such a comment might well be that all of our members are subject to possible transfer and the possibility of serving in smaller rural areas where homosexuality would in all likelihood be less acceptable.

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