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RCMP COMMISSIONER'S VIEWS ON GOVERNMENT POSITION  
ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Further to the memorandum of May 7, 1986 written in my absence on the subject of the Commissioner's letter of April 30, 1986 which forcefully expressed his views on sexual orientation, I believe it imperative at this stage that we be prepared to confront him with the implications of his position.

A letter has been drafted for your signature to set out the Government's position on the issue of sexual orientation, and to direct the Commissioner to take all necessary steps to ensure immediate compliance by the RCMP with the Government's position. A Ministerial Directive to this effect has also been drafted, and the Commissioner has been instructed to indicate the status of its implementation by 5:00 p.m., May 9, 1986.

To put this proposed course of action into context, you should know that according to a document prepared by the Privy Council Office in 1983, the Commissioner has no independent position in respect of policy questions when appearing before Parliamentary Committees. He is, for this purpose at least, an official like any other and is bound by the conventions and practices that require officials to subordinate themselves to the policy decisions of Government.

It is recommended that you sign the attached letter.

Fred E. Gibson

Att.