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MEMORANDUM FOR GLEN SHORTLIFFE

From: Ray Protti, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet
(Social Development) [REDACTED]

Sexual Orientation in the Canadian Forces

You will recall that at an Operations meeting on December 7, 1987, the attached background note prepared by PCO was considered. Ops Ministers agreed that the issue should be referred to CCSD. It has now been scheduled for our meeting of March 2.

Following the Operations meeting, you indicated that the PCO document should be the document considered by CCSD. However, you did not indicate whether the Operations Ministers had specifically directed that they wished a "neutral" paper to be considered by CCSD, given the conflicting views of Ministers Beatty and Hnatyshyn.

We understand that DND has prepared a document for the CCSD discussion which may be sent to the Minister next week. We might, therefore, want to use the Northern Accord model for this issue. In other words, if a document signed by both Ministers is not possible, then an MC could be prepared by DND with an Annex attached prepared by Justice.

I would be grateful to receive your views on this issue on Monday as work will proceed during the week since an MC would be required by the following Wednesday.

Attachments

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