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MEMORANDUM

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D Law/HRI

SEXUAL ORIENTATION -  
SECURITY IMPLICATIONS

Refs: A. 1745-42-7 (D Charter) 23 Mar 90  
B. 1745-42-7 (DSC) over 2140-0 26 Jun 90 (enclosed)

1. By reference A, DSC was requested to ask CSIS to provide expert advice/opinion concerning the security risk presented by homosexuals. Reference B (enclosed) advises that CSIS has declined to provide a written opinion. However, reference B contains the suggestion that CF administrative policies "often" force homosexuals to live a hidden lifestyle which then increases their vulnerability to coercion.

2. In my opinion, the notion that CF policies increase the vulnerability of homosexuals to coercion is highly speculative. The underlying assumption is that if the CF had a non-exclusionary policy, homosexuals would be completely open about their lifestyle. In reality, I expect that the CF policy is likely to have only a relatively small impact on a homosexual's decision to keep his or her lifestyle undeclared. Other considerations (eg; family, friends, colleagues, community attitudes) are likely to have as great or greater impact. Regardless, reference B confirms what had been already anticipated. That is, security conditions do not constitute a valid argument for maintenance of the CF policy on sexual orientation.

  
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