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Subject
Objet

SECURITY INTELLIGENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE (SIRC) S. 52 REPORTS IN RESPECT OF TWO CASES OF DENIAL OF SECURITY CLEARANCES

You have received from the SIRC reports prepared pursuant to section 52 of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service Act (CSIS Act), dated August 14 and 15, 1990, in respect of two cases involving the denial of a security clearance. Both cases involve members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF).

Background

Pursuant to section 42 of the CSIS Act, any individual who is denied a security clearance may make a formal complaint to the SIRC which, in turn, will investigate the grounds for the denial. Pursuant to section 52 of the CSIS Act, once the investigation is completed, the SIRC provides the Solicitor General, the Director of CSIS, the Deputy Head concerned (in these cases, the Deputy Minister of National Defence) and the complainant with a report containing any recommendations it considers appropriate.

Report Summaries

- 1) The August 14 report deals with the case of [redacted] who had her Level III (Top Secret) security clearance removed in April 1989 and who was denied any security clearance. As a result, [redacted] sought and was granted a release from the CAF in June 1989.

This case was the subject of media attention (see newspaper editorial at Tab A) because [redacted] argued she had been denied a security clearance due to the CAF's policy on homosexuality. In its report, the SIRC finds that [redacted] is not a security risk and recommends that she be granted a Level III security clearance retroactively to April 1989 and that she be reinstated as an employee of the Armed Forces.

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This case will no doubt be examined by Judge René Marin, in the context of the review of the Department of National Defence's practices in respect of security clearance investigations.

- 2) The August 15 report deals with the case of Ordinary Seaman [REDACTED] whose Level II security clearance was removed following his admission of illicit drug use, before and during his employment with the CAF. The Armed Forces' Security Clearance Review Board recommended that Ordinary Seaman [REDACTED]'s case be reviewed no sooner than 24 months following the removal of the security clearance (June 1991).

The SIRC supported the removal of the Level II security clearance but recommended that the case be reviewed by January 1991.

Recommended Action

There is no action required on your part. Receipt of the reports is being acknowledged on your behalf.

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