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MEMORANDUM

PA

1745-42-7 (DGPPTF)

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ADM(Per) (through CPCS)

CF POLICY ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION  
ATTITUDE SURVEYS

1. The enclosed self-explanatory memorandum addressed to ADM(Comm PA) asks him to obtain approval for the conduct of two surveys concerning attitudes toward homosexuals. There is some uncertainty about how or by whom that approval will be given but his staff agree that it is an ADM(Comm PA) responsibility to pursue.

2. While various concerns have been expressed over the past few months about the sensitivity of the surveys and the potential adverse publicity that could result, it is unlikely that they will attract any more public comment than the surveys that were conducted in 1986 as part of the work of the Charter Task Force. Those surveys were, I believe, generally ignored by the media. Although it is possible that there will be a higher level of media interest in the new surveys, the proposed questions have been carefully reviewed to eliminate those that were potentially the most sensitive (eg, all the questions dealing with early childhood sexual experience have been deleted).

3. The enclosed memorandum is recommended for your signature.

  
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