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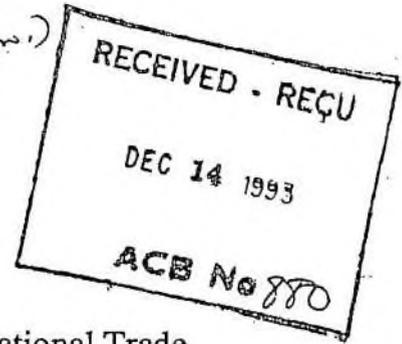
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which I'll sign.)
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13 December 1993

William L. Clarke
Assistant Deputy Minister
Personnel Branch (ACB)
Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

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to me.



Dear Bill:

At the last meeting of our Executive, at the request of our sub-committee on same-sex couples, Mr. Ron Halpin, Director of our Security Division, spoke to us about homosexuality and security.

The information which he related to us concerning the changed approach of Security - the dropping of Directive 35 and the view that homosexuality is no longer considered reason to prevent posting or recruitment into the Foreign Service is not generally known. Moreover, we believe that the information that Personnel has gathered from missions on this issue should be made available for consultation both through the assignment divisions as well as through the employee assistance counsellors. Similarly, we believe the information contained in the questionnaire on cross-cultural issues developed with the Human Rights Commission should also be available to employees.

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At the conclusion of our meeting the Board directed that I write to you to request that a future PAM notice or circular notice address the question of homosexuality and security so that the wider membership could benefit from the information which Mr. Halpin provided to us.

I look forward to a positive response.



D. Colin Robertson
President