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APPENDIX 6

John Wendell HOLMES

██████████, a self-confessed homosexual whom the RIS attempted to blackmail into recruitment in May 1958 (see APPENDIX 1), stated voluntarily to RCMP investigators in an interview on 22 November 1958 that he had engaged in homosexual relations with John Wendell HOLMES on three separate occasions in September of 1948. At this time HOLMES was Charge d'Affaires of the Canadian Mission in Moscow. ██████████ further stated that when he returned to Ottawa in March or April of 1949 he again had homosexual relations with HOLMES and continued having such relations approximately once a month for some two years. In 1955, while stationed in Paris, ██████████ again met HOLMES who was travelling to Moscow with Mr. PEARSON. During his three-day stay in Paris, HOLMES had homosexual relations with ██████████.

In view of this evidence and the knowledge that the RIS had shown an increasing tendency to exploit this particular field, HOLMES' association with members of the Soviet-bloc Missions in Canada was reviewed. HOLMES was on quite intimate terms with Mieczyslaw SIERADSKI, Charge d'Affaires of the Polish Legation and had not been submitting reports of his contacts with SIERADSKI. In addition, HOLMES was associated with V.I. PEUTIN, Counsellor of the U.S.S.R. Embassy, Ottawa, an identified KGB officer of high calibre whose main task while stationed in the U.K. from 1951 to 1954 appeared to be the penetration of the Foreign Office.

In November 1959 HOLMES was interviewed and admitted to being a homosexual and to having had homosexual relations with ██████████ and other homosexuals. HOLMES also stated that he had had homosexual relations with a member of the staff of a friendly foreign country's Embassy in Moscow in 1948. These acts took place in HOLMES' suite on one occasion, in his "partner's" quarters, and on several occasions in the woods outside Moscow. On some of the latter occasions HOLMES and his "partner" were part of groups going on small staff picnics which had been driven to the picnic sites by Russian chauffeurs. HOLMES further admitted to having had homosexual relations with an artist in New York in 1950 and with a former Canadian Government employee who was working at the United Nations.

In the spring of 1960 HOLMES who was then Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs was asked to resign from the Department and subsequently joined the Canadian Institute of International Affairs of which he is now President. Further investigation has revealed that HOLMES might have had homosexual relations with a Soviet national who was a chauffeur at the Canadian Embassy in Moscow.

Continued investigation of HOLMES has failed to reveal any evidence indicating that the KGB has exploited or tried to exploit his character weaknesses. In addition, there is no evidence to date that HOLMES has ever been involved in espionage activities.

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