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PERSONAL ATTENTION OF:

COMMISSIONER R.H. SIMMONDS,
RCMP HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA.

Your file Votre référence

Our file Notre référence
E 392-2-2


Re: Sexual Orientation Issues and the RCMP

I don't suppose there is an issue, in recent times anyway, which has generated such concern among the members of "E" Division as has the government pronouncement about sexual orientation and the fact that this will no longer be grounds for discrimination in Federal Government employment practices. It should not have been unexpected in this post-Charter era, but it seems that it was in some quarters and for this reason, and others, apprehension is high.

At an "E" Division HQ Officers meeting two weeks ago the subject was discussed and a position debated. It was felt that we ought to make our concerns known to you in a forthright, constructive way, recognizing that your opposition to this evolution has been well known and clearly stated all along.

A Committee was struck, A/Commr. Wilson the Chairman, to draft a "written" position. This in turn was circulated to all "E" Division Officers and a response solicited. Circulation document attached. It is now apparent that all of us are in agreement with the observations set out in the second attachment to this letter and I forward this to you for whatever purposes it may serve.

I should tell you that this exercise took place within the confines of our "E" Division Officer Cadre. It came as a disappointment to me but no great surprise to learn today, that copies of our position paper appeared on two notice boards within these HQ buildings. It may well find its way to the media for all I know.


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Commanding Officer
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