MEMORANDUM

HQC 3040-5 (Adm 2A)

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AG (through DAG)

Policy Statement Sexual Offences

- At inside file cover is a draft policy statement concerning disposition of persons convicted, accused or suspected of being involved in sexual offences.
- Heretofore the only policy governing this subject issued by AHQ is as in para 3 of the draft.
- Because of this lack of guidance the danger exists that cases arising will not be dealt with in a uniform manner. This, it is submitted, could lead not only to injustice but to adverse publicity to the Army.
- It appears that up to the present only Western Command has issued such a policy statement (folio 32 flagged "A"). It is the opinion of this Directorate that the Western Command approach is too detailed, " not entirely correct and in addition delegates control of the matter to unit level.
- It is appreciated that the foregoing may be construed as an interference with a CO's discretion in disciplinary matters. In fact, of course, the CO's discretion remains unfettered, and if a matter is disposed of by a CO by a summary trial contrary to the foregoing or contrary to the GOC's wishes as indicated pursuant to para 5 of the policy statement, then other things being equal, such trial would remain valid.

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