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Recently two airmen serving at RCAF Station Vancouver separately requested their release from the RCAF in accordance with CAFAO 19.00/17. Interviews with these airmen, and an ex-irman previously released from the service as a homosexual resulted in the disclosure by them of the names of several persons known to be, or suspected of being, homosexuals.

Articles in the press regarding the involvement of homosexuals in recent British security cases allegedly influenced these persons in their decision to disclose the names of individuals they believed were homosexuals. The usual motives of jealousy or revenge did not appear to be present.

Among the names mentioned was that of [redacted] currently serving at 4 ATAF. A resume of the information concerning [redacted] given to our investigators by the airmen, who are referred to as "A", "B" and "C", is attached. Intensive investigation has neither refuted nor confirmed this information. A check with the Vancouver City Police, for example, has revealed that they have no record of having been called in on the incident described in para 9 of the attachment. Perhaps they have no record because no charges were laid. On the other hand, the story may have started as a figment of someone's imagination.

It is realized that none of this information proves that [redacted] is a homosexual or has such tendencies, however such information cannot be ignored. You will be aware of the special security clearance certificate we issue to NATO respecting persons employed in formations such as 4 ATAF. Para 2 of this certificate reads as follows:

"Should the Royal Canadian Air Force at any future time receive information concerning the above named person which in its opinion would affect the security of NATO, the Royal Canadian Air Force will undertake, either to communicate such information to appropriate NATO authorities insofar as national security permits, or to withdraw this certificate, so notifying the appropriate NATO authorities."

Homosexual tendencies are considered grounds for the denial of a security clearance.

Prior to the receipt of this information we have had no reason to suppose that [redacted] should not have a clearance. Records, including investigation reports on his security background file, indicate that he is a good security risk. He is currently cleared to Top Secret.

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Normally, on receipt of information of this nature, action under CAFAO 19.00/17 paras 1 and 2 would be taken however, inasmuch as [redacted] has been away from the locale where these incidents are alleged to have occurred for some two years, further investigation would serve no purpose. Our only recourse in this case would seem to be to refer [redacted] for psychiatric examination and to be guided in our decision as to his suitability to continue to hold a Top Secret clearance on the psychiatrist's report. Having regard to the sensitive nature of [redacted]'s present employment and, because of the tenuous nature of the information available concerning him the necessity to confine this information to as few persons as possible, it was thought better to request you to arrange with the appropriate SMO for [redacted] to be examined by a psychiatrist and to pass the assessment direct to us with your comments. It would be very much appreciated if this could be arranged.

A/V/M Wray has not been advised of the foregoing. You may wish to do so.

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