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MEMORANDUM

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AFAO C19.00/17 - Homosexuality and Gross Indecency - Women Personnel

- Pursuant to the above-noted Confidential AFAO, a CO upon receipt of information that an act of a homosexual nature has taken place at his unit, shall investigate with the assistance of the SMO, to determine whether the report is an idle rumour or whether any substantiating evidence exists. If the investigation reveals evidence which tends to substantiate the report, the CO shall continue his investigation with the SMO and any investigating agency available to the CO. This allows the CO to use the AFP on his staff or to turn the matter over to the local SIU.
- Recent reports indicate that there is an increase in homosexual activity with respect to airwomen personnel in the RCAF. It is considered that investigation of this activity would most appropriately be conducted by SIUs, in that they have trained personnel available and channels of communication between each other.
- Accordingly it is proposed to amend AFAO C19.00/17 by altering para (2) and adding a new para (3) as follows:

- The CO, with the assistance of the SMO, shall investigate the case to determine whether the report is an idle rumour or any substantiating evidence exists. If male personnel are involved and the investigation reveals evidence which tends to substantiate the report, the CO shall continue his investigation with the SMO and any investigating agencies available to the CO. On the advice of the SMO, the CO shall refer the subject for psychiatric examination. COs shall ensure that psychiatric examination is completed as quickly as possible. The investigation shall be conducted in such a manner that the subject will be caused the minimum embarrassment.
- If female personnel are involved and the investigation reveals evidence which tends to substantiate the report, the CO shall refer the matter to the local SIU for investigation.".

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