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FOR MR. ROBERTSON ONLY

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERTSON:

Matters to be considered by the Cabinet Committee
on Security and Intelligence

Some days ago you asked me to let you have, for the Prime Minister's information, a list of items which should be considered by the Cabinet Committee on Security and Intelligence. As a result of discussions with the people primarily concerned, the following items should be considered, probably in this order of priority:

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1. Expanding Facilities at Alert

As you are aware, this matter is to be considered by the Intelligence Policy Committee as soon as we are able to arrange a meeting, and will be further considered by the Cabinet Committee after a briefing of its members at C.B.N.R.C. As I mentioned to you earlier, a decision on this matter is required by mid-February at the latest if any use is to be made of the 1964 shipping season.

2. R.C.M.P. Request for Additional Positions
For Security and Intelligence Directorate

Late in 1963 the Treasury Board requested that the Security Panel consider and advise upon a request of the R.C.M. Police for the addition of some 70-odd positions to the establishment of the Security and Intelligence Directorate. Because of the sensitive nature of several of the Security and Intelligence operations which led to the R.C.M.P. request, it was considered more appropriate that the matter be considered by the Cabinet Committee, to which Commissioner McClellan would give an oral briefing and explain the basis for the request.

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3. Travel Restrictions on Soviet Diplomatic Officials in Canada

For some years now, the R.C.M.P. have urged the Government to reciprocate Soviet action taken several years ago by restricting travel for Soviet diplomatic officials in Canada to an area no more than 25 miles from the city in which they are situated. The present limit in Canada is 75 miles, and the R.C.M.P. have as a result had serious difficulty in maintaining the surveillance which they feel is necessary on the travels of Soviet officials, many of which appear to be for espionage purposes. It might be noted here that the U.S. government has recently tightened restrictions on travel for Soviet bloc officials in that country.

It may be that this matter should be considered in conjunction with Item 2, as I suspect that surveillance problems form part of the basis for McClellan's request for further staff positions. In any case, I have asked him to be prepared to discuss this matter with the Ministers, and to have a brief paper prepared on the subject.

4. - Cases of Human Weakness in Relation to Security Clearance

As you are aware, a small special Committee of the Security Panel made a fairly intensive study of problems of human weakness, particularly homosexuality, in relation to security clearance during 1961 and 1962. In addition, it was agreed that a modest research programme be set up with the assistance of the Defence Research Board and the National Defence Medical Centre to determine the possibility of devising acceptable means for identifying problems of this kind before persons were appointed to positions in the public service in which they might be vulnerable to blackmail for intelligence purposes. While no practical results

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have been achieved as yet, some useful and interesting work is being done. At the same time, the R.C.M. Police are continuing to interview members of the public service who are suspected of homosexual tendencies, with a view to preventing their appointment to vulnerable positions.

It is recognized that this is a delicate and difficult problem, about which the Prime Minister and perhaps two or three other Ministers should be aware. While no specific requirement for Ministerial direction in this area has yet arisen, it may be useful to have prepared a relatively brief background paper for information.

In addition to these four items, there will undoubtedly be a number of other problems which will arise from the implementation of the new Cabinet Directive on Security. However, I expect their nature to be such that they can usefully be considered by the Security Panel before placing them before the Cabinet Committee. As to other Intelligence items, Mr. McCardle informs me that there are no other matters at present which require consideration by the Committee.


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