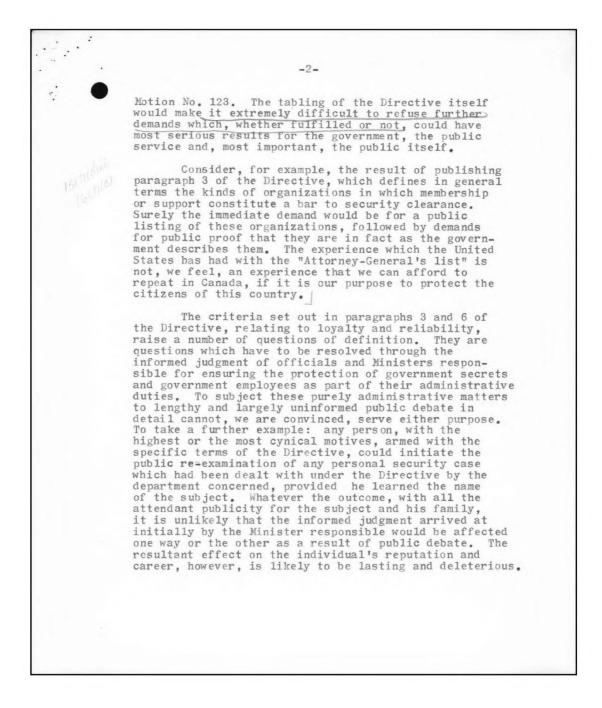
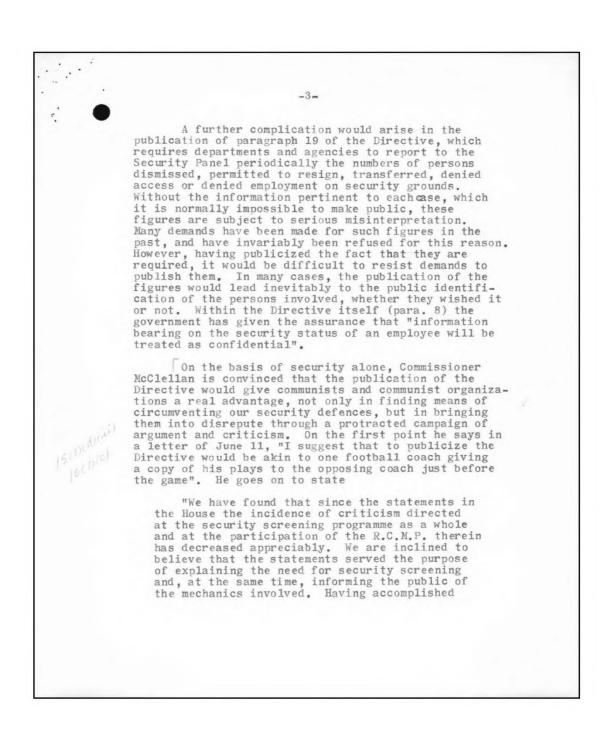
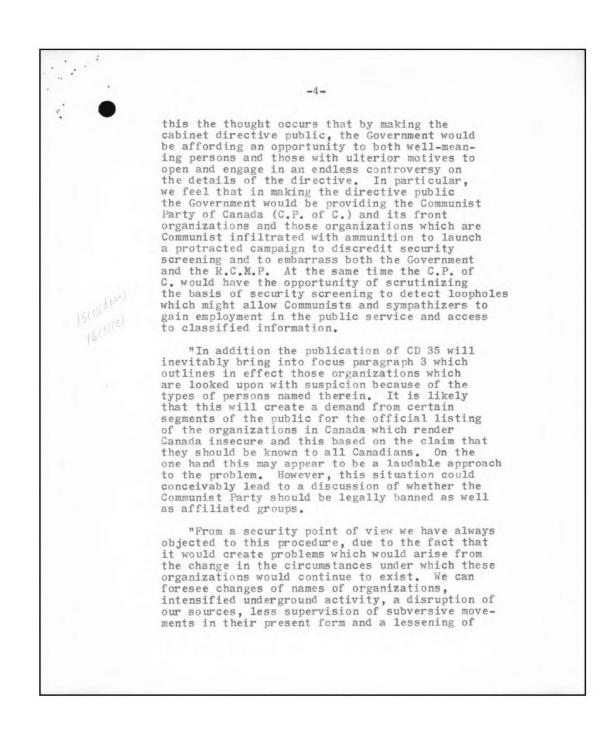
CONFIDENTIAL THE SEEN PRIME MIN MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROKE TSON: Possible Publication of the Cabinet Directive on Security Since we spoke yesterday, I have again sought the views of Commissioner McClellan, Tom MacDonald and Jim McCardle concerning the possible tabling of the Cabinet Directive on Security. McCardle in turn consulted Marcel Cadieux and Norman Robertson. Withpout exception, these people strongly reaffirmed the view that publication of the Directive would gain the government no advantage whatever, and would have a number of very serious long-term effects. They are agreed that, having made the detailed statements of policy and procedure of October 25th, the government is in the best possible position to maintain a workable and sound security system based on the under-standing and support of the vast majority of interested Canadians. The essential point is this: to maintain any sort of security system there will always be a con-siderable number of things which cannot be fully revealed to the public - for example, the secret sources, both human and technical, from which the R.C.M. Police get their information; the means by which they go about it; the nature of the information which they obtain on individuals and organizations; the extent of success which communists and their organizations have in penetrating our defences. Therefore, the central question is, where does the government draw the line? Undoubtedly the statements of October 25th last opened the way for demands for further detailed information such as those which Mr. Orlikow SEEN PRIME

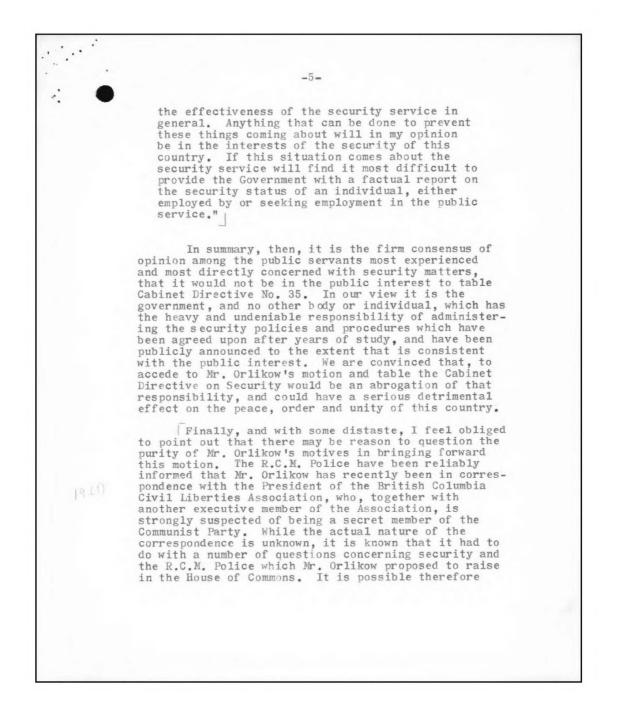


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-6that, knowingly or unknowingly, Mr. Orlikow is making these enquiries for purposes which have little to do with the edification or protection of the public. I have not included here the many arguments of be made against tabling the Directive, as I consider them to be of secondary importance at best. If the language of this note seems at times to be somewhat strong, it is because the conviction underlying is at least as strong. I attach a copy of Cabinet Directive No. 35, together with the covering memorandum which was sent with it to all departments and agencies. 200 June 12th, 1964.