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Mr. DARE
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SEXUAL DEVIATES WITHIN THE CANADIAN FORCES

References: A. CFAO 19-20 (Sexual Deviation-Investigation, Medical Examination and Disposal)

B. V 2100-1 (CDS) dated 6 February, 1969

C. D 5203-1 (JAG) dated 31 March, 1969

1. On 26 August 1969 the provisions of Bill C150 which related to changes in the Criminal Code regarding homosexual acts committed in private by consenting adults were put into force. Prior to the enactment of these changes their effect on the Canadian Forces, and in particular the policy contained in Reference A, was carefully examined. Attached as Reference B is a memorandum which contains the views of the former CDS on this subject. Reference C contains the views of the JAG.

2. In our opinion, the current Canadian Forces policy outlined in Reference A is necessary. A person who engages in homosexual practices, even though they are not illegal, is unlikely to be reliable. This type of relationship carries the stigma of sexual deviation and homosexuals will continue to be vulnerable to compromise and, therefore, probable security risks. Morale and discipline would be adversely affected by such relationships particularly when they develop between superiors and subordinates. They are viewed as indecent or unnatural and can result in disciplinary proceedings under the National Defence Act. Because it is the usual practice of an aggressive homosexual to seduce other males with whom he has business or social contact, the efficiency of a disciplined force could be seriously undermined by the medical, psychiatric and moral problems arising from these relationships.

3. Although it is officially recognized that there is no place for homosexuals in a military force, there is no similar policy relating to civilian members of the Department of National Defence. Notwithstanding that a civilian member could be denied clearance to a higher level of security classification, or be precluded from posting to a sensitive position, he is not likely to be dismissed or transferred for homosexual practices alone. It is considered that the military and civilian members

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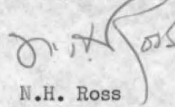
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of the department are so intermixed at all levels that it would be sensible to have them treated according to common security and administrative criteria.



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