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December 24th, 1969.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALL:

We have checked Panel Minutes and Documents and we have found nothing on the subject of homosexuality which could be related to Mr. Bryce's memorandum to the Prime Minister and Minister of Justice dated January 26th, 1961, except for the Minutes of the Security Panel meeting of June 24th, 1960, during which the subject was dealt with at great length and where it was agreed "that the Secretary should be asked to prepare a paper setting out various of the tentative proposals which had been discussed". Although it was also agreed "that a further meeting should be held to discuss this paper in the near future", no meeting has been held since for the purpose of discussing the paper or the subject.

If there were recorded reactions from the Prime Minister and Minister of Justice of the day to the memorandum in question, such a record was never made available to the Royal Commission on Security which dealt with the matter on the basis of

- a) a lengthy interview of Drs. Chalk and Wake;
- b) your report of a visit to the U.S. with Dr. Wake;
- c) a report from Security & Intelligence on homosexuality in the Public Service; and
- d) the detailed study of specific cases as recorded in the Department of External Affairs.

I checked further with Mike Spooner to determine on what policy decision they based their current operations and advice procedures. He confirmed that they were still in fact awaiting a policy decision based on the June 1960 Panel meeting and the 1961 memorandum. In order to operate, they have adopted procedures which appear to fall within the context of the views expressed by Panel members, ensuring in all cases that sufficient cause exists to warrant a report to a department.

Please let me know if you need further research into the matter.

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