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MEMORANDUM

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CASE HISTORY STUDY
HOMOSEXUALS IN THE CF

Refs: A. Memo 5077-3-3 (DPCAOR) 23 Jun 86 (Attached)
B. Memo 2120-1 (D Secur) 12 Mar 85 (Attached)

1. A review of 344 military police case history files dealing with investigations conducted into sexual deviancy and homosexuality from 1966 to 1986 has been carried out to determine the following:

- a. sexual harassment by male heterosexuals on females;
- b. abuse of rank or position by homosexuals to gain sexual favours as compared to heterosexuals involved in the same activities;
- c. physical abuse of identified homosexuals by peers or subordinate ranks as compared to heterosexuals involved in the same activities;
- d. strong negative attitudes towards superiors who are known or suspected of being homosexuals;
- e. preferential treatment given to subordinates by homosexual superiors because of involvement in homosexual activity as compared to heterosexuals involved in the same acts;
- f. records of releases both compulsory and voluntary as a result of an investigation on homosexuality;
- g. influence or instigation by Hostile Intelligence Service (HIS) on homosexual or heterosexual miscellaneous activities; and
- h. any detrimental effects on morale, cohesion and discipline of a unit when homosexuals are identified within that unit.

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2. The numbers of personnel involved in each of the investigations of admitted or suspected homosexual activities ranged from one or two personnel to as high as 15 personnel stemming from the initial investigation.

3. Of the military police case histories reviewed there was one case on file of sexual harassment by a heterosexual WO on female Ptes. However, during the 10 year period from 1976 to 1986, there were 445 cases of sexual offences (assault levels one, two and three against females and children) compared to 724 cases during the same time frame for sexual deviation, homosexuality and sexual abnormality.

4. There are a number of cases on file where personnel abused their rank and positions in order to gain homosexual favours from subordinates. This was particularly evident in the Cadet Services where seven cases were identified where cadet instructors and cadet service instructors came under investigation for alleged homosexual activities with cadets under their command or charge. One of the investigations was initiated after the cadets reported to their parents, after weekend camping trips that a cadet instructor supplied liquor to the cadets and alleged homosexual activity took place.

5. The 'Equality For All' publication dated Oct 1985 implies that homosexuals do not attempt to foist their views and practices on others. In the case histories reviewed there is indication that this is, in fact, not true within the Canadian Forces. Case histories of male and female homosexuals attest that they do in fact try to force their practices onto heterosexuals. The situations and locations under which these incidents take place result in varying effects of physical abuse to the aggressor, ranging from a punch in the face to the extent of requiring hospitalization regardless of the rank of the aggressor, to the individuals not reporting the incident because of the personal embarrassment they feel that it would cause them.

6. Although there were cases that identified where homosexuals were ostracized by their peers, the only incident which indicated a severe breakdown of morale and cohesion

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within a unit when a homosexual or alleged homosexual was identified or suspected, occurred at the Canadian Forces Officer Candidate School. A female undergoing officer training sharing a room with three other female candidates revealed that she had been involved in a homosexual relationship prior to being enrolled in the Canadian Forces. She was ostracized and rejected by all other members of the course and was not allowed to enter the quarters by the members of the course. She had to be billeted in different quarters and was subsequently released from the Canadian Forces.

7. During the review of files there were no firm facts of the numbers of releases because of homosexuality with the exception of the years 1966 to 1968 where files indicated that there were 44 personnel released because of homosexuality. Records of releases involving homosexuality for non-commissioned members were referred to DPCAOR-5 commencing in 1980 with accurate numbers for release being available for 1981 and subsequent years. There are no records held by DPCAO of release of officers for homosexuality. In the case of release for disciplinary reasons the information available only provides the number of releases under QR & O 15.01, Items 5d, and 5f. This information would only give an indication of the number of personnel released as 'Not Advantageously Employable' or 'Unsuitable for Further Service'. The exact number released for disciplinary reasons could not, however, be ascertained.

8. There are no statistics on the files reviewed stating that there was a detrimental affect or otherwise because of homosexual activities between subordinates and superiors on the discipline within a unit or formation. However, there are statistics to show that preferential treatment such as 'promised' preferred posting is given to homosexual partners.

9. Of the first 50 files reviewed covering the time frame 1984 and 1985 there were seven cases where personnel unsuccessfully tried to obtain their release by other normal means. When this failed, they stated that they were homosexuals in the hope that they would gain a quick release from the Canadian Forces. This reason was used only after it was learned that homosexuals are not retained in the Canadian Forces.

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Summary

10. The review of the case histories on homosexual activities identified a number of the criteria outlined in para 1. There are no real facts stating the detrimental effects if any, that homosexuals once identified have on the morale and cohesion of a military unit. Cases do confirm that homosexuals are subjected to physical abuse in varying degrees. One main area of concern is the employment of homosexual cadet instructors in the training of young 12 1/2 to 17 year old cadets.

11. The theory that homosexuals are not promiscuous is not entirely true as indicated in the review of case histories. In the case histories reviewed of both male and female homosexuals, six cases were identified where personnel were involved in homosexual activities with a number of different personnel. One case involved an admitted male homosexual involved with as many as 30 to 35 different personnel over a two year period. Another incident involved numerous female homosexuals involved from the rank of Capt to Pte plus several civilian females. The members all operated on a first name basis and changed partners frequently within the group.

12. An investigation into alleged homosexual activity in Argentina involving seven females apparently started in CFRS Cornwallis. One female stated that she wondered why there wasn't an education program for new female recruits warning of lesbianism in the Canadian Forces.

13. Forty-three case files in addition to those completed by D Secur have been identified and summarized (Annex A) some of which indicates factors of 1a to 1h inclusive. The review completed by D Secur indicates no HIS involvement was detected or identified even though some persons being investigated did occupy sensitive security positions. Another observation is that alcohol was involved in the majority of cases while drug use was identified only in a few.

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