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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELEASE ON HOMOSEXUAL GROUNDS -
[REDACTED] -

REFERENCES: A. 410-1 TD X5308 17 October 1989
B. DND INQ 89/00380M 18 October 1989

1. [REDACTED] enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1984 under the Regular Officer Training Plan (ROTP) and attended four years at Canadian Military Colleges; two years at Royal Roads Military College (RRMC) in Victoria, B.C., and two years at Royal Military College (RMC) in Kingston, Ont. He knowingly incurred five years obligatory service to the Canadian Forces as a result of these four years of subsidised post secondary education.

2. On completion of his [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was offered a one year Post-Graduate Scholarship program at the [REDACTED] where he successfully completed a masters degree in economics.

3. Prior to undertaking this program, [REDACTED] was notified of and accepted an additional two years obligatory service as a result of his taking this Post-Graduate Scholarship program. The total obligatory service he has incurred is seven years: five for his Military College degree and two for his post-graduate degree. This obligatory service commenced on completion of his post-graduate degree and obliges [REDACTED] to serve until 30 May 1996.

4. On 17 October 1989, an inquiry was received from the Honourable Svend Robinson indicating [REDACTED]'s homosexual orientation and his request for an immediate compassionate release from the Canadian Forces. The Canadian Forces policy on confirmed homosexual members allows for release under Queen's Regulations and Orders (QR&O) 15.01 item 5(d), Not Advantageously Employable. If the member objects to a release, he/she will be held in the Canadian Forces until the end of their current terms of service with several career restrictions including, no promotion, no career courses, and no offers for re-engagement with the Canadian Forces.

5. One of the primary concerns in such a case is the legitimacy of a claim of homosexuality and whether this venue is being used to obtain unconditional and immediate release from the Canadian Forces when the member has seven years obligatory service. Therefore, prior to initiating any release on the grounds of homosexuality, a thorough investigation must be carried out by the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) of the Military Police to confirm or refute any declarations of homosexual activities. An investigation has been initiated with

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respect to [REDACTED]'s case. Should the investigation reveal that [REDACTED] is an active homosexual, he will be offered release under QR&O 15.01 item 5(d). If no evidence is found supporting his declaration, [REDACTED] will carry on with his scheduled training as [REDACTED].

6. Following the SIU investigation, a decision will be made with respect to the legitimacy of [REDACTED]'s declaration of homosexuality and on his future as an officer in the Canadian Forces.

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