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DEFENCE OF CANADIAN FORCES POLICY  
ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Ref: Survey Instrument for Canadian Forces Survey on  
Homosexual Issues, Draft Number Three, 18 September  
1990 (enclosed)

1. There are several court challenges to the CF policy on sexual orientation. As part of the preparations for the defence of that policy, it is proposed to conduct two surveys: a survey of the general public (an external survey) to determine the likely impact of a policy change on recruiting, and a survey of CF members (an internal survey) to determine their attitudes toward homosexuals and the likely behavioural consequences of a policy change. The survey instrument for the external survey is being developed; a copy of the proposed internal survey instrument is enclosed.

2. Addressees will be aware that a major internal survey (known as the Zuliani survey) of attitudes toward homosexuals was conducted in 1986 as part of the Charter Task Force activities. That survey is alleged to suffer from some methodological weaknesses. The new proposed survey avoids those weaknesses and will provide more current data. Legal counsel from the Department of Justice has advised that the survey "--- is absolutely critical to the defence ---. If the study is not completed, we will be left without an evidentiary foundation for the case."

3. Because of the sensitivity of this issue, it is intended to discuss the proposed survey, at the staff level, before it is submitted for approval. Addressees or their representatives are requested to attend this meeting at 1030 hrs 27 Sep 90 in the DCDS/ADM(Per) Conference Room, 13 ST, MGen Pearkes Bldg.

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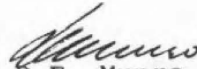
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