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July 4th, 1977.

Dear Mr. Manion:

Thank you for your letter of June 27 concerning personnel security clearance policy, and security clearance of homosexuals.

A draft directive on personnel security clearance was considered by Ministers in April, and the draft is presently being revised in accordance with their instructions. As you mention in your letter, a draft guidance paper concerning homosexuals in relation to security clearance was considered by the Interdepartmental Committee on Security and Intelligence on April 21, and it too is being revised. I hope that both documents will be ready for consideration at an early ICSI meeting. There will thus be opportunity for you to outline the positions of your Minister, as you suggest.

I should emphasize that neither of these draft documents proposes exclusion of homosexuals from federal public service. In both, homosexuality is raised only as a factor for consideration in relation to security clearance.

Yours sincerely,

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