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MEMORANDUM

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Sex Offences - Indecent Liberties

1 DPA has pointed out the desirability of rapid release from the Service in the case of personnel convicted of acts of indecency which amount to homosexuality. DPA has instructed that the possibility be explored of COs dealing summarily and without prior reference to superior authority with personnel charged with an indecent act under AFA 18 (5).

2 It would appear that there are two alternative ways of dealing with this problem, i.e.,

- (a) revision of KR (Air) para. 500 (1)(d) by including para. 18 (5) thus enabling the CO without reference to superior authority to dispose summarily of the offence, or
- (b) develop policy under which blanket authority may be given to all COs to deal summarily with charges under 18 (5) without reference to superior authority.

3 If you are in agreement with either of these proposals, it is presumed that you will initiate appropriate action to accomplish the objective outlined in para. 1 of this memorandum.

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