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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECURITY PANEL

Security Investigation of Government Employees

The revision and consolidation of Cabinet Directives 4 and 4A, as considered at the 36th and earlier meetings of the Security Panel, has been under detailed review and a new draft has been prepared (see Appendix "A").

2. An attempt has been made to work out a method of handling security investigations which will provide adequate security safeguards without imposing undue strain on the facilities of the R.C.M. Police, and at the same time ensure reasonably prompt action on requests. The policy and procedures set out in the new draft are considered to meet these requirements, and if this revision is concurred in by the Panel it will be sent to the Cabinet Committee on Emergency Measures for final approval.

The whole problem of security investigations has assumed a more urgent aspect in recent months, and as soon as the new consolidated directive has been approved it will be necessary to convene the Sub Committee on Priorities to regulate the volume of requests for security clearances in accordance with established standards for employees of vulnerable departments and agencies.

E. F. Gaskell,
Secretary.

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