MEMORANDUM CONFIDENTIAL

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Disposal of Airwomen who are Suspected of Having Homosexual Tendencies

- With reference to the draft letter hereunder, the following comments are submitted in answer to Minute (6):
 - (i) Para 14 does not refer to criminal aspects where airmen are involved. It is understood that there are no criminal implications in suspicions concerning women.
 - (ii) The Social Welfare Branch includes psychiatric Social Workers who are qualified and experienced to deal with individuals suspected of homosexual tendencies.
 - (iii) Any cases in which the Social Welfare Branch required liaison with police agencies where civilians were involved could be delt with through the Security Service. However, it is more likely that liaison with civilian Social Agencies would be necessary.
- 2 Investigations concerning airwomen such as those supervised in the past by the Security Service have had a serious effect on morale and should be avoided.
- .3 It is recommended that Para 14 be left as written in the draft policy letter.

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