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The Chief of the Air Staff,
Air Force Headquarters,
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

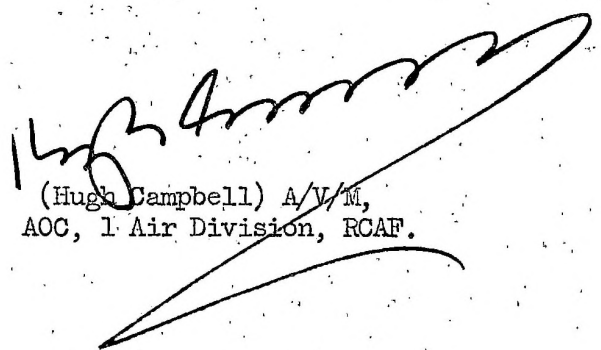
Disposal of Personnel, Other Than Airwomen
and Women Officers, Who Have Committed
Homosexual or Indecent Acts, or Are
Suspected of Having Homosexual Tendencies

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- 1 Reference your letter S-370-112(AMP) dated 26 May 53.
- 2 The instructions contained in para 7 of referenced letter are difficult to reconcile with those contained in para 8 since both are applicable to convicted persons. It is felt that "conviction" in para 7 means conviction of an offence which proves that the person is a homosexual, whereas "conviction" in para 8 refers to conviction of some lesser offence which does not prove that the person is a homosexual. However, a definite ruling on this point would be appreciated.
- 3 Insofar as release action itself is concerned, the letter indicates that in proven cases the CO is to recommend release or retention to the AOC and, if the person is an officer, the AOC in turn is to make such recommendation to AFHQ. However, where the person is not proven to be a homosexual, but is suspected of being one and the neuropsychiatrist diagnosis "psychopathic personality - homosexual type", release is mandatory. If this is a correct interpretation it means that release is automatic for some suspects but is not automatic in the case of any person proven to be a homosexual. Should the intention be to have both suspected and proven homosexuals examined by a psychiatrist, and action taken under para 7 only where a homosexual diagnosis is not made, may this HQ please be so advised.

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4. It would appear that para 10 does not envisage the results of a psychiatric examination being included in "evidence available" in admitted cases, but clarification, as to whether or not a person who admits having committed a homosexual act should be examined by a neuropsychiatrist before the matter is referred to AFHQ, would also be appreciated.


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