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Redress of Grievance -

- Reference is made to your 3701-107 (SOMS) dated 7 Aug 57.
- It is appreciated that a matter of this nature is one of some delicacy, particularly when a Redress of Grievance is involved. Because of this, and in view of the inconsistency of the roports of the SHO 1(F) Wing and the psychiatric specialist, it was deemed necessary to submit the above named airmen to a full psychiatric assessment.
- Accordingly, they were admitted to Montreal Military Hospital for a period of approximately three weeks where they were interviewed and observed by the psychiatric staff of the hospital, including one RCAF psychiatrist. This assessment revealed no psychiatric abnormality in either case and accordingly it became necessary to allow their redresses and return the airmon to duty.
- While there may be some doubt as to the ethics of the interrogation method employed by the SMO 1(F) Wing, allowance of the redresses does not necessarily imply criticism of the action taken by I Air Div to release the airmon concerned. In the light of the facts available at the time, approval of the Medical Board Proceedings was in order.
- It should be noted that the policy on disposal of homosexuals is presently under consideration and revision of the relevant CAFAOs is expected. DAA /PA2

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