

1. Security in the public service of Canada is essentially a part of good administration, and therefore it is a departmental and agency responsibility. The security, and hence the good administration of a department or agency, may be placed in jeopardy either by persons who may be disloyal because, for purposes prejudicial to the safety and interest of the State, they are members of or consistently support organizations directly or indirectly subservient to the dictates of unfriendly foreign powers, or by persons who are unreliable because of defects in their character.

2. Loyalty to our system of government is required of any person employed in the public service of Canada. Therefore it is an essential of Canadian security policy that the following persons must not, when known, be permitted to enter the public service; must not if discovered within the public service be permitted to have access to classified information; and may where it appears to a minister or head of agency to be in the public interest, be dismissed from the public service by due process:

- (a) a person who is a member of a communist party or an organization related to or affiliated with a communist party and having a similar nature and purpose;
- (b) a person who by his words, his writing or his actions consistently shows himself to support a communist party or an organization related to or affiliated with a communist party and having a similar nature and purpose;
- (c) a person who, having reasonable grounds to understand its true nature and purpose, belongs to or supports by his words, his writing or his actions an organization which has as its real objective the furtherance of communist aims and policy (commonly known as a front group);
- (d) a person who is an agent of a foreign power;
- associative (e)* (e) a person who by his words, his writing or his actions consistently shows himself to support any organization which publicly or privately advocates the overthrow of constitutional government by force; and
- (f) a person who, though in no sense disloyal or unreliable, is bound by close ties of blood or affection to persons living within the borders of unfriendly foreign powers and who therefore may be subjected to intolerable pressures.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2(f), a person as therein described and who is not otherwise described in paragraph 2 may be employed or continued in employment and may be given access to classified information if, after careful consideration of the circumstances, including the value of his services, it is judged that the security risk involved appears to be justified.

4. It also remains an essential of Canadian security policy that persons who are unreliable, not because they are disloyal, but because of defects in their character which may lead to indiscretion or dishonesty, or may make them likely subjects of blackmail, must not be employed in any position where they may have access to classified information. Such defects of character may also make them unsuitable for employment on grounds other than security.

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5. The criteria of judgement to be used in dealing with a security case will be: where, after careful consideration of all available pertinent information there remains in the mind of a reasonable man a serious (significant) doubt as to the loyalty or reliability of any person, that doubt must be resolved in favour of Canada.

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