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December 11, 1959.

My dear Commissioner:

*via air mail*  
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I have your letter of December 3rd in which you advise regarding Guernsey's views on the hypothetical case which you outlined to him. His views are interesting but, in my opinion, incorrect and serve only to confuse an issue that requires no further confusion. He is wrong in suggesting that the proper channels would be through External Affairs and Home Office rather than through security services, as similar information in the past has been handled by both services in the manner that I recommended to you, and that I have since recommended to the Minister. Further, Norman Robertson, while still objecting on humanitarian grounds to the supplying of the information to the U.K., wants no part in handling the information or passing it on to the Foreign Office. He agrees that if this must be done it is best done through the security services. I suggest that, in this particular matter, we disregard Guernsey's views.

I have had several meetings with the Minister and on December 4th showed him a letter which I proposed sending to Norman Robertson. The Minister was in complete agreement with my views, as expressed in the letter, and with the suggested action and the letter was accordingly sent to the Under-Secretary. I interviewed Robertson the night before last and after a lengthy discussion the matter was left with the understanding that The Honourable Mr. Green would telephone our Minister yesterday. I saw our Minister this morning and he had received no word from the Secretary of State. In view of this the Minister has now instructed that we proceed along the lines suggested in my letter to the Under-Secretary and that I pass the details of this matter on to you for transmission by you to [REDACTED]. I am forwarding herewith a copy of my letter to the Under-Secretary and a memorandum giving the information received regarding the U.K. official.

Mr. Robertson feels very keenly that we should not pass on the name of our source and I think that we are well within normal intelligence practices in declining to do so. I did feel called upon, however, to point out to Mr. Robertson that [REDACTED], by doing a little checking on dates and locations, or by questioning their subject, will experience very little difficulty in arriving at the name of our source.

In passing this information [REDACTED] it will be of interest to them to refer to our memorandum, [REDACTED], of January 2nd, 1959, to [REDACTED], which provided information on the homosexual activities of an unidentified member of the [REDACTED] who was stationed at the U.K. Embassy, [REDACTED]. Although there are minor discrepancies in dates, probably due to the vagaries of memory, it appears altogether possible that the subject of that memorandum is identical with our present subject.

This whole miserable problem is still causing us a great deal of concern and work and is still snowballing. The Minister takes a

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serious and decided view regarding our responsibilities as a security service and during my discussion with him this morning indicated very clearly that the Prime Minister shares his opinion.

During my meeting with Mr. Robertson he suggested that I cable you in Paris to suggest that you wait over one day. He will arrive in Paris at midnight of Sunday, December 13th, and wanted to discuss the matter with you. I did not agree to do this as I pointed out that the matter appeared to be one for decision by the responsible Ministers and that if they decided the information was to be passed on there was no reason for further discussion, and that if they decided against passing on information the matter would become a dead issue. As it has now developed we have no choice in the matter, according to the instructions of our Minister.

Yours sincerely,

C. W. Harvison,  
Deputy Commissioner

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VIA DIPLOMATIC BAG.

TO: THE COMMISSIONER, LONDON.

On November 10, 1959, we received a statement from a self-confessed homosexual, and whose information [redacted] that he had had homosexual relations on several occasions with [redacted] who was at the time [redacted]

Source further advised that these homosexual relations occurred in [redacted]

[redacted] and on several occasions in woods [redacted] Source, in providing amplifying details of these incidents in the woods, stated that on occasions [redacted]

[redacted] and that they did not detect any surveillance of any sort. Source further stated that he had met [redacted] at which time [redacted]

Source further advised that the latest information he had on [redacted] was that he was stationed [redacted]

and that he was [redacted] Source also expressed the opinion that [redacted] was not a confirmed homosexual, and that their homosexual relations developed as a result of [redacted] unhappiness and loneliness [redacted]

It should be noted also that our source displayed considerable reluctance in furnishing the name [redacted] and only did so after having reconciled to his own satisfaction that his loyalty to his friends could not be maintained in view of the potential dangers of [redacted] blackmail.

It has already been stated that our source is a self-confessed homosexual and that all information supplied by him which we have been able to check to date has proven reliable. However, we are not free to disclose his identity.

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