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COPY TO: [REDACTED]

0355-9-1-15 (3)

September 2, 1960.

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The Officer Commanding,
RCMP "A" Division,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Re: Interviewing of Homosexuals

This has reference to your report dated August 30, 1960 concerning the attempted interview of [REDACTED]

2. We fully approve of the investigators' refusal to carry out the interview in the presence of [REDACTED]'s lawyer and feel that this decision should be adopted as policy for any similar cases, at least until such time as terms of reference are established for this type of investigation. Unfortunately, we believe that because of [REDACTED]'s attitude and action this may become a recurring problem in regard to other homosexuals.

3. On the other hand we would question the procedure used in contacting [REDACTED] by telephone. As you are aware our investigation is well known to the homosexuals in Ottawa and our initial contact would leave no doubt in [REDACTED]'s mind as to the nature of our interest in him. Being fore-warned he had time to plan his course of action.

4. To offset this problem in future we would suggest that the initial contact be in person and that the interview take place immediately or the subject be asked to accompany the investigators back to the office for an interview. We feel that in this way the person to be interviewed is less likely to seek legal counsel. It is appreciated that some persons in responsible positions may be approached only by appointment during normal working hours and we would further suggest that consideration be given to contacting these persons during off hours.

See also Letter Dated 24-10-62

(J.M. [REDACTED]),
Assistant Commissioner,
D. S. I.

TO: Officer i/c "B" Branch:

Forwarded for your information.

While it is appreciated that your investigators were not directly concerned in this case, it is felt that they should be apprised of the problem which has arisen, for guidance in future cases.

(J.M. [REDACTED]), A/Commr.
D.S.I.

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