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Ottawa, December 20th 1960.

Commissioner C.W. Harvison,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
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Dear Commissioner Harvison:

I have your letter of November 28th, 1960, in which you enquire what progress has been made in following up the suggestions made by the committee of the Security Panel studying the security problems arising from the employment in the public service of persons with homosexual tendencies.

Concerning the possibility of setting up an effective research program, discussions have been held with Dr. G.D.W. Cameron, Deputy Minister of National Health and Welfare, with a view to finding advisory personnel with appropriate training and experience who might assist us in research and the development of testing techniques. Dr. Cameron has suggested that, in addition to Dr. F.R. Wake of Carleton University, we consider obtaining the services of Dr. J.P.S. Cathcart, for many years psychiatric advisor to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and possibly Dr. Rhodes Chalke of Ottawa University, who also has a psychiatric practice in Ottawa. To assist in the program generally from the public service point of view, Dr. Cameron suggests that we include Dr. R.G. Ratz, Director of Medical Advisory Services in the Department of National Health and Welfare.

Unless you see any objection to these proposals, it would be useful if you could have your staff make, for the record, discreet enquiries concerning the loyalty and reliability of these persons. When this has been done, Mr. Wall will arrange a meeting with them and a representative of your Force and the Department of External Affairs to discuss means of initiating the necessary research.

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With regard to the questions of government policy and procedures which our committee has been studying, a report has been prepared as a basis for discussion with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice, and a copy is attached. If you are in agreement, arrangements will shortly be made for our committee to meet with the Prime Minister and Mr. Fulton with a view to making necessary modifications in existing policy and procedures.

Yours sincerely,

R. B. Bryce

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