



CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF CANADA
OTTAWA

HON. S. H. S. HUGHES, Q.C.
CHAIRMAN

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SECRET

Dear Mr. Wall,

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of December 20th, enclosing the memorandum from the Panel to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice. I think it is an admirable condensation of our discussions and recommendations. I have one reservation affecting Paragraph (c) of the second priority group, which I notice is carefully worded in order not to commit the Panel to the view that the programme of research along the lines suggested is necessarily desirable. I am bound to record my view now that it is not, and that if any exclusion is to be contemplated at the selection stage it should be done as a result of reliable information on which the applicant could be excluded on grounds of personal suitability. The danger of devising a test which might indicate latent tendencies, perhaps of a congenital nature which might never become overt, and which might be applied to exclude applicants from any form of employment, whether vulnerable or not, in my view is of such importance as to make even consideration of such a programme undesirable.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman.

*See Pelletier
Jan 9 JH.*

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*Discussed with Mr. Hughes & Mr. Pelletier
Jan 20/61. They have no objection to our
proceeding with the research program
provided it is understood that the tests would be
used during the probationary period and not at initial
selection, and that they would be used only in
relation to vulnerable positions. JH.*