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MEMORANDUM TO

Inspector Barrette

Sir:

The problem of whether or not to supply the department concerned with adverse character information pertaining to homosexuality has apparently come to the fore again.

As you are aware, at the present time, if on receipt of a Personal History Form from a Government Department our index reveals that we have a homosexual reference to the subject we contact the department concerned in order to ascertain if the applicant in the course of his duties will have access to "highly classified information". If the department replies in the affirmative then the adverse character information we hold is forwarded to them.

This system was adopted originally to safeguard our overall investigation of this particular character weakness in Federal Government Departments. As a further safeguard to our general investigation we also stated to the department concerned in the covering letter, when forwarding the adverse information to them, that no action was to be taken against the individual concerned without the prior consent of the Security Panel or in the case of D.D.P. without discussing this matter with this Directorate.

As I stated to you in my previous submission regarding this particular problem I feel that we are not fulfilling our particular function as a fact finding agency if we withhold adverse information on an employee of a government department. As a result I feel that we are almost duty bound to acquaint the department concerned with the adverse character information we hold on one of their employees, rather than what is being done at present when each case is decided on its own merits after correspondence with the department concerned.

As a result, in the future or at least until we receive specific instructions from the Security Panel, I feel that we should dispense with the letter we have been forwarding to the department concerned up to this time and automatically send them the adverse information we hold on the individual employed by them.

If this suggestion is implemented I feel that our overall investigation will still be sufficiently protected by including the wording in the covering letter to the department that no action is to be taken against this person without the prior consent of the Security Panel.

In this way I feel that the Force would not be left, as it is at present, in the embarrassing position of having to decide whether or not the adverse information should be forwarded to the department concerned.

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