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The Officer Commanding,
R.C.M.P. "A" Division,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Re: Known or Suspected Homosexuals

We have noted of late a considerable number of reports on surveillance carried out on homosexual activities generally in the Ottawa-Hull area. While we appreciate the need for such investigative procedures we feel that this tactic should be used only on specific cases of individuals who are employed in or by the Federal Government in positions where their character is likely to have a bearing on their security status.

2. While physical surveillance on houses or other quarters occupied by known or suspected homosexuals may reveal the identities of some of their associates, such association is not in itself evidence of homosexuality on the part of those persons who are seen visiting or associating with homosexuals. We feel that because of the indefinite results of surveillance and because of the contentious nature of this investigation the use of surveillance should be restricted to definite targets falling within our terms of reference; that is, Federal Government employees having access to classified information.

3. In furthering our investigation in this field we must take every precaution that we are not unduly aggressive and that every action taken is related directly to our responsibility to investigate this character weakness as it affects the security status of personnel in the Federal Government.

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