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ATTENTION: Director of Air Force  
Security

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As you are aware we have, for some time now, been conducting an investigation to identify homosexuals employed in or by the Federal Government, specifically in positions providing these people with access to classified information. From the outset of our enquiries a general policy was established whereby information of this nature would be passed to employing departments only when the employee had access to classified information and only after any allegation received was substantiated by at least one other source. This policy was adopted to minimize the possibility of persons being placed in jeopardy without sufficient cause.

2. In the light of the experience which we have gained during the past two and one half years and taking into consideration the investigative facilities of your Service we feel that the aims of security could be better served by providing you with information of this nature as it comes to our attention without waiting for substantiation. To this end we have reviewed our files and extracted the names of those persons who have been identified to us as R.C.A.F. members or employees. The attachment contains the names of these persons on whom the available information is either unsubstantiated or too vague to be considered as definite evidence of this particular character weakness.

3. To effect the transition to this new procedure we would appreciate being provided with Personal History Forms and photographs of the persons listed in the attachment, together with a comment as to the security clearance held by each. Upon receipt of this the information we hold will be provided you in the form of a letter rather than in the usual form of a factual evaluated brief. When corroborative information is received on each of these persons it will be passed to you in an appropriate manner.

4. Should you agree with the procedure set out in the preceding paragraph we propose to adopt it for handling each new cases as it arises. Your comments would be appreciated.

(J.E.M. Barrette), Inspector,  
for Director of Security and Intelligence.

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