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TOP SECRETMEMO TO INSPECTOR BARRETTE:Sir: Re: Investigation of Homosexuals

In connection with our previous paper dated 28-4-60 and subsequent submissions and discussions for Terms of Reference for this investigation the following points are submitted for discussion by the Commissioner with the Minister of Justice.

1. INTERVIEWS:

We would like to obtain blanket permission to interview, at our discretion, any person who may have information relating to homosexuals in the employ of the Federal Government, or who may have other information of value to this investigation. We would like this permission to include the interviews of known or suspected homosexuals who are under investigation for a security clearance; our interpretation of existing Cabinet Directives prevents such interviews at present.

2. TARGETS:

We feel our investigation should not be limited to identifying only those homosexual employees who have access to highly classified information or to those who are or may be posted abroad. Our investigation should be as extensive as our facilities permit, without attracting public notice.

3. NOTIFICATION:

Although this character weakness is an offence against the moral and criminal laws of Canada, generally its existence should become a factor in employment only when the person has or is being considered for a position requiring access to classified information. Therefore it is suggested that a Department be notified that an applicant or employee is a known or suspected homosexual under the following conditions:

- (a) When a request for a check of RCMP indices is made.
- (b) When it becomes known to us that the employee has access to classified information.

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PROVISO: With the exception of the Department of External Affairs and the Armed Forces, or when an employee has been cleared to Secret or higher, no suspicion or allegation of homosexuality will be passed to a Department unless the information is corroborated.

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