

G 355-9-1-15

Your Ref: K-M-288 Supp 6

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SECRETThe C.O. "K" Division,
RCMP - EDMONTON, Alta.Re: Known or Suspected Homosexuals

This has reference to paragraph (3) of the forwarding minute to your report dated 23-12-63 and should be read in conjunction with paragraph (9) of the attachment to our letter of 9-8-61, setting out the general policy in this regard, on G 355-9-1-15. In addition to advising that we do have a continuing interest in receiving this type of information for security screening purposes, we feel constrained to mention a few points which you may find of value in connection with these investigations.

2. We have been unsuccessful in securing, what we consider to be, appropriate terms of reference for the successful conduct of this investigation generally. For this reason every precaution must be taken to ensure that we do not undertake any aggressive investigations in this field which cannot be related to security screening, and from which adverse publicity might ensue.

3. It is suggested that, unless there are extenuating circumstances, interviews with homosexuals not be undertaken without prior approval from Headquarters. The selection of homosexuals who might be useful sources will be decided to some extent by their actual or probable association with or knowledge of homosexuals employed in or by the Federal Government.

4. Whenever possible, interviews should be conducted by an experienced member in the presence of another knowledgeable member. We have found this "team" approach produces gratifying results. Interviews should not be undertaken unless the investigator is completely satisfied in his own mind that the person is a homosexual. This prior conviction makes it easier for the investigator to ask pointed and leading questions in a convincing manner. However it should also be borne in mind that the overall success of the investigation depends on the co-operation we receive from the homosexuals. The investigators must maintain an impartial and businesslike manner and must refrain from commenting on the moral aspects of homosexuality; our sole concern with the problem lies in its relation to security.

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5. Because overt homosexual activity is subject to prosecution under the Criminal Code every precaution must be taken to prevent the Force being placed in an embarrassing situation in relation to its law-enforcement responsibilities and/or its liaison with other police forces and your provincial Attorney-General's Department. At the same time it must be borne in mind that this is a security matter and both the information we receive and our sources of information must be given the usual protection. Publicity of any kind is to be avoided.

6. The following files are maintained for all relevant correspondence:-

G 355-9-1-15 Security Screening of Government Employees - Character Weaknesses.

(NOTE: This file is used only for dealing with matters relating to policy.)

[REDACTED] Known or Suspected Homosexuals

[REDACTED] Known or Suspected Homosexuals Employed in Federal Government Departments and/or Crown Corporations.

[REDACTED] Known or Suspected Homosexuals Employed in the Department of External Affairs.

[REDACTED] Known or Suspected Homosexuals Employed in the R.C.M.P.

[REDACTED] Known or Suspected Homosexuals Employed in the Department of National Defence.

[REDACTED] Known or Suspected Homosexuals Employed by Vital Industries.

7. A related file has been opened to handle correspondence dealing with serious character weaknesses, except homosexuality:

[REDACTED] Persons Known or Suspected of Having Character Weaknesses.

8. Personal files are opened on individuals as the need arises. These are identified as:

[REDACTED]
9. For administrative purposes investigation reports are usually submitted on [REDACTED] unless only one specific government department or individual on whom a main name file is maintained is being mentioned.

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10. It is requested that when reporting information on homosexuals as much available detail as possible be included:

Full Name
Date and Place of Birth
Present resident address and occupation
Identity of source
How the source knows subject to be a homosexual (relations, conversation, hearsay, etc.)
When the source came into possession of information.

11. Unless there is a special need for protection of information, reports are to be submitted under "Secret" cover. However, correspondence is to be handled on a strict "need to know" basis.

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