

A-1 S/Section - Homosexuality

Information of this nature, while falling under the broad category of character weaknesses, is dealt with exclusively in this S/Section, mainly because of the sensitivity of related investigations.

2. While there are no written terms of reference for the S/Section's operations, a working arrangement has been developed over the years through the trial and error method. Understandably to keep abreast of day to day activities affecting these arrangements, the S/Section must conduct a program of constant review of Policy (IP 8-3-Q-8) in order that it remain workable.

3. The S/Section's information is forwarded in Brief form, on individuals, when the Department concerned has supplied an up-to-date Personal History Form, together with a request for a security records check and/or field enquiry on the person. Also, the requesting Department, with few exceptions, will only receive such information if the individual concerned has continuing access to classified information.

4. Currently, the following Government Departments are supplied with A-1 S/Section information upon individual request:



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Government of Canada


Atomic Energy of Canada
Canadian Government Printing Bureau
Department of Justice
Public Archives
Department of Public Works
Secretary of State
Solicitor General
Department of Veterans Affairs
Public Service Commission
Department of Defence Production
Energy, Mines and Resources
Indian Affairs and Northern Development
Department of National Revenue
Trade and Commerce
Auditor General
Bank of Canada
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
Central Mortgage and Housing
Economic Council
National Energy Board
National Film Board
National Harbours Board
Department of Agriculture
Department of Finance
Fisheries, Forestry and Rural Development
Manpower and Immigration
National Research Council
Department of Transport.

5. The following Departments, because of their extreme sensitivity, are furnished automatically with the S/Section's information on their employees, as soon as it is received from the field and without any written requests from the Department:

Privy Council Office
Department of External Affairs
Department of National Defence
Defence Research Board
National Research Council
(Communications Branch).

6. The following Canadian Police Departments, who process their personnel through Headquarters indices, are provided with the S/Section's information on a verbal basis, through the C.O. of the Division in the Province concerned:

Vancouver Police Department
Edmonton Police Department
Montreal Police Department
Metro Toronto Police Department
Quebec Provincial Police
Ottawa Police Department
Ontario Provincial Police



8. Comptroller of Treasury, in seconding their personnel to various Government Treasury Boards, often cause duplicate requests for security records checks and enquiries. Whenever this occurs, the earliest request is supplied with the S/Section's information with notification to the latter of the action taken. Whatever the situation, both Departments must receive a reply to their requests, or notification that an employee has been subjected to the Force's processing for security.

9. Department of External Aid personnel, while technically having no continuing access to classified Government information, usually are the sole representatives of Canada while serving abroad with the Department. By virtue of their singular representation abroad, the Department, upon request, must also be provided with the S/Section's information on their personnel.

10. [REDACTED]
which turn up in security indices checks at Headquarters, are always processed through the S/Section. This routine is necessary because of the sensitivity of such information, which requires segregation of the S/Section's files within Central Records.

11. Requests for security checks from police forces abroad, such as the Commonwealth, are handled through the security service of the country of origin. [REDACTED]

and the S/Section's information is submitted to the respective security service in that country. Occasional requests coming from friendly countries are handled in a similar fashion and under individual merit.

12. [REDACTED] requests are all channeled through [REDACTED]. Occasionally direct requests are received, but the reply from the S/Section is always made to [REDACTED], with strict dissemination control being imposed upon related information.

13. Canadian applicants for U.S. visas and/or permanent immigration status, are processed through [REDACTED]. The S/Section's limitations upon dissemination of information supplied is strictly enforced.