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Dear Colleague:

This is in response to correspondence of August 7, 1986 from Mr. Brian Derrah, Senior Assistant for Manitoba, to my Chief of Staff, Mr. Bruce Fountain requesting information on Royal Canadian Mounted Police policy as it relates to admittance of homosexuals into the RCMP.

I am informed by the Commissioner of the RCMP that the Force has no written policy which would exclude homosexuals, as a group or class of Canadian citizens, from employment in the Force. All applicants who meet the basic selection standards are subject to a complete investigation and evaluation of their suitability to perform the duties of a peace officer. In addition, their reliability/security status is also assessed.

While homosexuality in itself is not an issue in such assessments, the process does include an evaluation of any activity or behavior on the part of an applicant which could lead to the future compromise of either that individual or the Force during the conduct of his/her duties as a peace officer.

I would like to assure you that the concerns expressed on this matter are indeed of interest to me, as the government moves toward implementation of many recommendations resulting from the Report of the Parliamentary Committee on Equality Rights.

I hope this information will assist you in replying to your constituent.

Yours sincerely,

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