

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM TO SECURITY OFFICERS

Security Information Requested By The
R.C.M. Police

The R.C.M. Police are responsible, as you are aware, for keeping accurate and current records concerning persons about whom security information of an adverse nature has come to their attention. As the public service is obviously a primary target for hostile intelligence services, the R.C.M. Police have a particular duty to the government concerning persons who are employed or who are considered for employment in the public service.

2. The R.C.M. Police believe that their work in this regard can be facilitated if they obtain the assistance of government departments and agencies in keeping them informed about the location and employment status of such persons at all times. They have therefore recommended that the security officers of government departments and agencies be asked to supply the following information:

- (i) as soon as possible, the names and positions of all individuals presently employed in their department or agency concerning whom the R.C.M. Police have forwarded adverse subversive information;
- (ii) in future, on a continuing basis, the names and the action taken concerning all employees or applicants for employment concerning whom the R.C.M. Police have forwarded adverse subversive information.

3. This recommendation of the R.C.M. Police was considered by the Security Sub-Panel at a recent meeting, and they agreed that the information outlined in paragraph 2 above should be requested of all government departments and agencies.

4. Security officers will notice that the information requested in paragraph 2(i) above will necessitate a check of their records to determine the employees involved.

5. The information requested in paragraph 2(ii) above should be supplied on a continuing basis and can no doubt be done on a routine basis. To facilitate this, the R.C.M. Police have agreed that each time they forward adverse subversive information to a government department or agency, they will specifically request that they be informed of the course of action which is taken as a result of their report. In such cases the answer to the R.C.M. Police request should indicate that the individual concerned has been continued in employment in a non-sensitive post (indicating the position), dismissed, permitted to resign, or denied employment. *

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6. The attention of security officers is drawn to the fact that the R.C.M. Police request refers only to individuals on whom they supply information of a subversive nature, indicating the possibility of disloyalty as set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Cabinet Directive No. 29. It does not apply where the adverse information indicates character defects as set out in paragraph 4 of Cabinet Directive No. 29.

7. It is pointed out to security officers that the request for information by the R.C.M. Police, as outlined above, should not be confused with the requirement made in paragraph 17 of Cabinet Directive No. 29 for quarterly returns in connection with security cases in government departments and agencies. The information obtained from the quarterly returns is used by the Security Panel for purely statistical purposes, whereas it is the purpose of the R.C.M. Police request to keep their individual subversive records up to date at all times.

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Secretary of the Security Sub-Panel.

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