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MEMORANDUM TO THE SECURITY PANEL

Security Review Order

At its 64th meeting on December 27th, 1957, the Security Panel discussed with the Minister of Justice a draft Order in Council which was intended to establish a Security Review Board. The purpose of the proposed Board was to conduct a confidential inquiry concerning cases of employees of the public service whose dismissal on security grounds was being considered, and to advise the Minister concerned whether the proposed action would have been justified, having regard to government security policy and the information obtained on the Board's inquiry.

2. As a result of the discussion between the Minister of Justice and the Security Panel, it was considered that the problem should be studied at the Ministerial level, and a Cabinet Committee was formed for this purpose. At a meeting held on December 3rd, 1958, the Cabinet Committee on the Security Appeal System agreed that the draft Security Review Order be revised to permit the review of security cases before a decision to dismiss an employee on security grounds had been taken. It was also agreed that the draft Order, so revised, be again referred to the Security Panel for consideration.

3. There is attached, therefore, a copy of a revised draft Security Review Order. At the suggestion of the Minister of Justice, its application has been limited to those departments and other organizations listed in the Schedule to the draft Order. In effect, it would apply to persons presently employed under the Civil Service Act.

4. The Security Panel is asked to consider the attached draft Order and to make appropriate recommendations to the Cabinet Committee on the Security Appeal System.

D.F. Wall,
Secretary of the Security Panel.

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