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TOP SECRET

*The Minister has seen
this letter.
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Dear Mr. Fulton:

Re: Homosexuals in Government Departments

As you may be hearing from the Secretary of
State in connection with the subject matter I
thought I should send you a copy of a letter ad-
dressed by me to the Under-Secretary of State for
External Affairs.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
C. W. Harvison,
Deputy Commissioner

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The Honourable E.D. Fulton, Q.C., M.P.,
Minister of Justice,
OTTAWA, 4, Ontario.

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*A copy of my
letter to Mr. Harvison
has been sent to Mr. Harvison
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TOP SECRET

My dear Under-Secretary:

I have for reply your top secret and personal letter of November 16th, addressed to the Commissioner who is [REDACTED] and will not return before Christmas.

I am in complete agreement with your view that in a matter as delicate as the one to which you refer we should move with caution. It is agreed, too, that decision in a matter of this kind is clearly one for the responsible Ministers to make.

It is my view that the information that has reached us regarding a senior member of [REDACTED] foreign service should be passed on to the security service of that country for their consideration and decision as to advisable or necessary action.

We would certainly expect, and as you are aware our experience justifies the expectation, that [REDACTED] security service would advise us of information reaching them which might endanger Canadian security. In view of the co-operation always extended Canada by [REDACTED] intelligence services, the need that NATO nations work closely together in protecting their security, and in view of the decision of our security panel that a homosexual is a security risk, the circumstances leave us no choice in my opinion.

I have already discussed my views with my Minister and have recommended that the matter be considered as one to be dealt with between the security services of Canada and [REDACTED]. I have recommended further, that a brief be forwarded to Commissioner Rivett-Carnac, who is now [REDACTED] and that he pass the information on to the head of the appropriate security service.

The Minister agrees with my views and with the suggestion that before taking the recommended step I discuss the matter with you. As you know, we have forwarded today a number of letters to your department dealing with problems arising from homosexuality. In order that you will have had an opportunity to read these before our meeting I will call you early next week.

Yours very truly,

C. W. Marvison,
Deputy Commissioner

Mr. Norman A. Robertson,
Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs,
OTTAWA, Canada.

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