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TO: Deputy Commissioner Harvison

Homosexuals in Government Departments

As a result of our recent conversation wherein you advised me that we now had the necessary authority to embark on an extensive investigation with respect to all employees of Government Departments, I would like to draw attention to my discussion on the telephone this morning of which I advised you, in which Mr. Don Wall advised that Mr. R.B. Bryce had spoken to our Minister last evening at a special Cabinet Committee meeting at which time Mr. Bryce stated that he was of the opinion that a paper was being prepared by this Force for the information of the Minister and the latter stated that he would be most pleased to receive this.

2. As you will be seeing the Minister this afternoon, I thought it was incumbent upon me to draw your attention to the fact that at the present time we have in Cpl. Witherden's office under sealed cover in the neighbourhood of three hundred files which require attention.

3. With this volume of work I suggest that it will require more than the services of one corporal to keep the situation under control from a clerical standpoint and that it is essential, if we are to do the job thoroughly, that we have some experienced investigators made available to us. I would suggest that it will require a minimum of seven to carry out this responsibility. You will bear in mind, I am sure, my report which recommended to you that consideration be given to having this responsibility transferred to "A" Division. For investigative purposes, this for several reasons, not the least of which is the fact that we are extremely cramped for space in "I" Directorate and I do not see how we could provide the necessary offices for such a large number of investigators who will, of course, require in addition one, if not more interview rooms.

4. You will also recall my memorandum which dealt with the interest shown in this matter by Mr. Don Wall and his statement to me that insofar as any increase in establishment was concerned in order to carry out this very important task, this would be taken care of immediately a request was made by us for additional men. I realize that there is a shortage of manpower in the contract Divisions but at the same time I feel that we cannot draw on young members with little experience to do such an important job. Consequently I can only suggest that we should be allowed to consult

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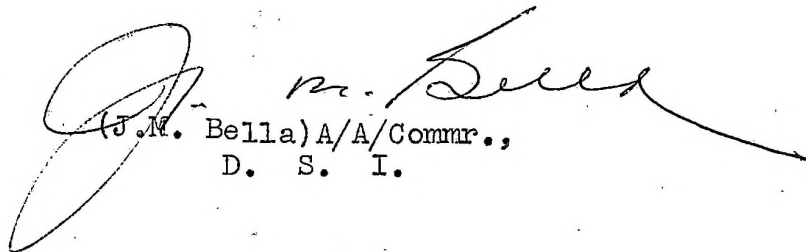
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with the Senior Personnel Officer to see where we could obtain experienced investigators to carry out this duty. There are one or two men in "A" Division who I am sure have all the qualifications that are required in this instance.

5. This is merely a resume of the situation as it exists at the present time and my purpose in bringing it to attention is so that the matter can be given some thought and we could arrive at some decision as to manpower, accommodation and other matters which will be related to the problem as a whole.

6. In conclusion I would like to point out that, while "I" Directorate have looked after this matter to date we have had to take senior experienced N.C.O.'s off other delicate work which has fallen far behind, and I am sure you will agree that this is not a healthy situation at the present time.



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