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The Officer i/c S.I.B.,
R.C.M.P., "D" Division,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Re: Security Investigations

This acknowledges your memorandum dated 11 May 60, in which you refer to the DSI's circular dated 29 April 60.

2. Upon reading the circular it is readily realized that no specific case group(s) were mentioned as a result of which a misunderstanding seems to have arisen.

3. At the time of mailing of the circular the cases uppermost in mind were those dealing with persons employed or applying for employment in the Canadian Government or Crown companies, which are handled by Services Section, "A" Branch DSI; this Section works independently from Visa Control Section.

4. Headquarters, V.C. Sec. must be assured that the required type of investigation, i.e., "to establish that he (the sponsor) is a responsible and loyal citizen of good character", has been carried out before submitting our reply to the Dept. of Citizenship and Immigration.

5. It is realized that rarely is adverse information brought to light by these enquiries without some previous indication of adverse activity being recorded in our indices, and in view of this the relevant policy procedure is now under review. However, until authority for revision is received from the Cabinet, at which time you will be notified by memorandum, our established requisite as quoted para. 4 above remains in effect.

6. In view of the foregoing a further report is awaited on files:

our request dated 5-5-60
our request dated 9-5-60
our request dated 5-5-60.

(H.C. Draper), S/Insp.,
for Director of Security & Intelligence.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

"C" Division

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The Officer i/c S.I.B.,
R. C. M. Police,
"C" Division,
Montreal, P. Q.

Re: Security Investigations

1. With reference to para. 3 of the D.S.I.'s memorandum dated 29-4-60, an examination of work records at Montreal for the files investigated in the Montreal region for the period July 2, 1959 to April 30, 1960, inclusive, shows that one thousand three hundred and seventy-one (1371) files were concluded. Of the files concluded twenty-eight (28) employment enquiries produced derogatory information; twenty-one (21) neighbourhood enquiries produced like information; one (1) enquiry at an association produced information of an adverse nature, and three (3) enquiries at educational institutions produced adverse information.
2. Regarding the terms of reference, (1) Adverse Security, and (2) Adverse Character Information, it was found that all the adverse information obtained from the sources mentioned is "Adverse Character Information". Our investigations have resulted in the disclosure, in fifty-three (53) instances, of adverse information of a character nature not shown in our indices.
3. This adverse character information ranges from information relevant to aberrant sexual activity to wife-beating. The most frequent occurring character variation disclosed by our enquiries was that of alcoholism. The information relevant to alcoholism in many cases is available at places of employment as well as in the neighbourhood where the subject resides.
4. Of these fifty-three (53) adverse records obtained since July 2nd, it is our opinion that eleven (11) cases were of sufficient importance to cause the discharge or to prohibit the hiring of the file subject. Eight (8) of these adverse records were obtained through employment sources; two (2) were obtained from neighbours and one (1) was obtained at an educational institution. The information obtained in the above eleven (11) cases was relevant to alcoholism, debts, mentality, theft, abortion and sex attitudes. It will be appreciated that of the eleven (11) cases mentioned, in only one of these eleven (11) instances was the information also available from a police record, and in this case the information was confirmed through the records of the Provincial Police.

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Re: Security Investigations

To: The Officer i/c S.I.B., "C" Div. (cont'd)

5. In consideration of the above it is appreciated that a disclosure of eleven (11) instances of aberrant activity which may be of sufficient value to prohibit employment or to cause discharge from employment, in a total of thirteen hundred and seventy-one (1371) investigations, is not a high proportion of adverse disclosures. However, it is our opinion that enquiries at places of employment, places of education and organizational memberships should be conducted and in special circumstances, where indication of aberrant character traits may be disclosed by one of the above sources, residence enquiries should be conducted.

6. The value of continuing enquiries at the sources mentioned in para. 2 of the D.S.I.'s memorandum appear to rest primarily upon the deterrent value of a possible investigation into the character of an individual who proposes to apply for employment. The applicant, because of his awareness of his personal aberration declines to submit an application because of the fear aroused at the thought of possible disclosure.

7. If the fear of disclosure was completely removed we can be assured that a great increase could be expected in the number of applicants with aberrant personalities.

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The Commissioner,
RCMP - OTTAWA

1. This is in reply to your request of April 29th, 1960. It is felt here that we should continue enquiries among persons such as those described in para. 2 of your letter and we are continuing our interviews and investigations with all the diligence these cases warrant.

Montreal 26-5-60

J. E. M. Barrette
J. E. M. Barrette, Insp.
Officer i/c S. I. B.

At 14-9-60
See memo 23-6-60



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