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The Commissioner RCMP

Security Investigations

1. A survey of all Detachments and S. & I. Sections has been made to obtain the statistics required in para. 3 of your memorandum dated 29-4-60. The following figures show the result of that survey:

Security Investigations-Nothing adverse -93.55%
Security Investigations-Adverse character information- 6.15%
Security Investigations-Adverse security information - .3%

2. It can only be estimated that of the 6.15% where adverse character information was obtained from former employers or business associates or College Professors or College Officials, approximately 3% would be of a nature that would warrant the rejection of an applicant or the discharge of an employee. In many instances, the adverse information reflected immoderate drinking or social habits, marital difficulties or financial weaknesses.

3. The .3% for adverse security information reflects instances where [redacted] or where investigations disclosed a moral or other defect which might pose a security hazard. In the opinion of the S. & I. Readers, there has not been one instance in the past several years where information of subversive activity or tendency was disclosed through security enquiries alone. Frequently [redacted] do reflect subversive tendencies concerning applicants or employees of the Government but in many cases these can not be enlarged upon through normal security enquiry. It is my opinion that a records check of the subject and members of his family together with character enquiries of the subject and any supplementary enquiries which might be suggested from a records check would achieve the same net result with a tremendous saving in man power.

4. The elimination of the necessity of interviewing neighbours does reduce the work volume to some extent provided that residence addresses for subject and his relatives need not be confirmed. As there is some doubt concerning this, would you let me know if it is still necessary to confirm such residence addresses. It would also be appreciated if you would supply me with the present investigative requirements of relatives (brothers, sisters, etc.).



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[Signature]
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See memo 23-6-60

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