

SECRET

PERSONNEL INFORMATION

September 26, 1960.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNDER-SECRETARY.

SECURITY

The attached Montreal tabloid Midnight of October 3, 1960, advertises a story on page 1 and carries it on page 5, which might result in the Department being subjected to press enquiries.

I suggest, subject to your concurrence, that ministerial agreement be sought for Liaison Services Section to meet these enquiries with the following statement:

"The Canadian Government ensures that certain sensitive positions in the Public Service are occupied only by those whose character and habits are such that they are not vulnerable to blackmail. This practice has long been a ~~normal~~ routine matter of security ~~precaution~~."

Some supplementary questions may be asked. These should be answered with a view to assuring enquirers that nothing unusual is now under weigh in the service. Thus if the question is whether an extraordinary effort is now being made to separate sexual deviates from the service, the answer should be an unqualified no. If we are asked to provide statistics of separations from the Department during each of, say, the last three years we should provide totals which are of public record. We should not however, provide any breakdown of reasons for separations or of an individual reason for separation. Our explanation for such refusal could simply be that we have never made this information public in the past and see no reason why we should change our ways now.

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by HSEK
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to Mr. Blanchette
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