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SECRETThe O.C. "A" Division,
RCMP - OTTAWA, Ontario.Re: Known or Suspected Homosexuals

This has reference to correspondence from your S.I.B. Officer dated 11-6-62 and is further to our previous correspondence dated 17-5-62 and 28-5-62.

2. The questions raised by your S.I.B. Officer suggest to us that the policies and procedures under which the general investigation of homosexuals is being carried out require some clarification and comment. At the outset we wish to point out that this "Headquarters" is not trying to impede the progress of the investigation but is trying to maintain such progress within justifiable limits.

3. The only authority we have for the investigation of homosexuals is that which is implied in Cabinet Directive #29. This states in part that such persons should not be employed by the government in positions requiring access to classified information. To supplement this we have been given only tentative approval to identify and interview, when necessary, homosexuals who are already employed on classified work.

4. There has been much discussion at meetings of the Security Panel of the many problems presented by homosexuals, including the security risk involved, screening, administration, and public opinion. Some recommendations have been made, but not yet approved, and we find it necessary to base our decisions not only on existing policies but on the tenor of discussion at these meetings. From the recommendations made and the opinions expressed it is very apparent to us that the Security Panel as a whole wish to keep the scope of our investigation limited as much as possible.

5. The restrictions which have been placed on this investigation have limited our opportunities of developing potential sources within the government. For this reason we feel we must be prepared to justify each interview

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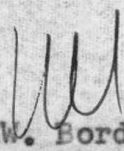
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which is undertaken with a government employee to the satisfaction of the Security Panel. Similarly each interview with persons outside the government service must be judged on the basis of potential value against possible embarrassment. As you know the "Terms of Reference" we requested in 1960 have not yet been approved, and lacking such firm directives each case must be determined on it's own merit.

6. In view of the circumstances which exist at the present time we cannot provide the Divisions with any hard and fast rules for the conduct of this investigation. Until we receive the directives we have requested we are adopting a cautious attitude towards the interviewing of homosexuals, particularly those who are employed outside the security community.

7. In line with this we feel that an interview with [REDACTED] is not justifiable regardless of the fact that he has admitted his homosexual proclivities to the local police authorities. With regard to [REDACTED] having reconsidered the circumstances, we believe that an interview with him is justifiable and likely to be productive if he chooses to co-operate. However, during the interview he is not to be questioned directly about his knowledge of the personnel at Government House.


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