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UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT / EN VERTU DE LA LOI SUR LA PROTECTION DES RENSEIGNEMENTS PERSONNELS

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Re: Meeting to consider Reports of
Mr. Don Wall and Dr. F.R. Wake on
the problem of Character Weaknesses
in the Government Service

1. A meeting was held in the office of the Minister of Justice during the afternoon of Thursday, February 28th. Present were:

The Honourable Donald M. Fleming
Mr. Norman Robertson, External Affairs
Mr. J.J. McCardle, External Affairs
Mr. Paul Pelletier, Civil Service Commission
Mr. Robert Bryce, Secretary to the Cabinet
Mr. Don Wall, Privy Council Office
Commissioner C.W. Harvison
Deputy Commissioner G.B. McClellan

2. The meeting did not review in detail the reports of Mr. Wall and Dr. Wake. However, after some discussion the Minister agreed that the recommendation that Dr. Wake continue his work in this field should be approved.

3. Mr. Robertson discussed at some length the desirability of acquainting personnel with the need for security measures. It was the opinion of the meeting that this was a matter for departmental decision.

4. Those present were agreed that the public should be given more information regarding the reasons for security measures and the activities of the Communist and espionage groups in Canada than has been the case in the past. The Minister appeared to be in complete agreement. There was a brief discussion regarding the use of some of the apparatus and tests referred to by Dr. Wake in his report, but no decision was reached on this matter.

5. There was some discussion regarding the use of the word "exclude" in the second paragraph on page 8 of Mr. Wall's report. The word appears in a sentence which reads:

"While the Commission people tended to speak rather guardedly about this matter, it was quite clearly their attitude that it would be neither wise nor feasible to attempt to exclude or remove all persons with homosexual tendencies from federal employment."

Several of those present seemed to agree with this proposition. Our stand was that, while it may not be feasible to attempt to remove such persons from federal employment, it was definitely desirable that they be excluded from entering Government service.

No date was set for a further meeting.

OTTAWA,
4 March 63.

(C.W. Harvison),
COMMISSIONER.

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