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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECURITY PANEL

Revised Cabinet Directive on Security

1. Since Cabinet Directive No. 29 was approved by the Cabinet and put into effect on December 21st, 1955, one amendment to the policies and procedures set out therein has been made, as a result of an agreement among the members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation that a background enquiry be made mandatory for those persons to be cleared for access to information classified Top Secret. Experience and study in the intervening years, and particularly in recent months, have pointed to the need for a number of modifications in Canada's approach to problems of personnel security, and to the desirability of making the Canadian public more clearly aware of these problems and of the means by which the government deals with them.
2. With a view to meeting these needs, a draft of a revised Cabinet Directive on Security has been prepared as a document which might be tabled in the House of Commons, to be supported by a general explanatory statement by the Prime Minister on Canadian security policies and procedures and the underlying reasons for them. Also attached, at Appendix B, is a supplement to The Cabinet Directive on Security, setting out those detailed matters of security procedure which it would be either unnecessary or inappropriate to make public.
3. The Security Panel is asked to consider the attached appendices and to make appropriate recommendations to the Cabinet Committee on Security and Intelligence.

D. F. Wall,
Secretary of the Security Panel.

Privy Council Office,
June 20th, 1963.