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TO: THE D.S.I.Re: Protection of Sources -

I would respectfully invite your attention to paragraph (3) of letter dated 23 June 1964 on [redacted] (tabbed) wherein the identities of eight sources of information in our investigation of homosexuals are revealed to the Department of External Affairs. Since the procedure of passing adverse information on applicants and employees to employing departments in the form of summaries or briefs was introduced in 1950 "A" Branch has steadfastly refused to reveal the names of any source who provides adverse or derogatory information. Fairly recent illustrations of the reasons for this course of action are contained in memoranda dated 7-9-60 and 31-7-62 (tabbed) on [redacted] and G 355-9-1-15, respectively.

2. Although I myself prepared a memorandum to you in which these eight sources were identified by name I was unaware that these names were to be passed to the Dept. of External Affairs. I am concerned that this most recent letter (23-6-64) might establish a very unfortunate precedent, particularly with the Dept. of External Affairs, and in this regard I should appreciate receiving your comments as to whether or not the policy regarding the protection of sources has been changed.

[Signature]
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