



"A" DIVISION

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Ottawa 7, Ontario

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OFFICER I/C "A" DIV. S.I.B.

Re: Security Screening of Personnel  
Applicants and Employees Generally  
(Federal Government)

The following is being submitted for consideration at this time, regarding future operations of "A" Section generally and especially A-3 S/Section. Specifically, this has regards to future manpower distribution and establishment in the Section, in relation to its investigative responsibilities.

2. Briefly outlined hereunder, are the terms under which A-3 S/Section has operated since its inception. It will be recalled that initially A-3 was given the responsibility, under H.Q. control, for interviewing homosexuals not in Government employment (DSI's memo of 30 Jun 60). DSI's further correspondence dated 2 Aug 60 extended the initial authority of A-3 operations by permitting interview of homosexuals not in Government employment, at A-3's discretion and without prior authority from H.Q.

3. The restrictive measures placed upon A-3 S/Section operations was outlined in DSI's memo of 12 Aug 63 under file G355-9-1-15, which originates from the Security Panel. Specifically, interviews are to take place only when the individual, suspected of homosexuality, has continuing access to classified Government information, and the Department concerned has no objections to such an interview.

4. In practise, these various stipulations have been adhered to completely by A-3 here, with the further mutual understanding regarding the interview of External Affairs personnel. These latter interviews are being handled by interviewing teams emanating from H.Q. "B" Branch. As indicated, there is no written policy governing the jurisdiction for interview of External Affairs people, other than an existing regulation directed to all "A" Div. SIB investigators. The regulation was first implemented by "A" Div., in Division memo form under date of 11 Feb 55, which was later clarified by DSI's memo of 5 Apr 60. Essentially, it prohibits "A" Div. SIB members from contacting External Affairs and Privy Council personnel, without prior instructions from H.Q.

5. It appears now that H.Q. is no longer conducting such interviews, as it has been noted over the past several months, that cases requiring contact with these restricted departments are being directed to A-3 S/Section. Indicative of this are such files as [REDACTED]

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6. In view of this current situation and the existing terms under which A-3 operates, some clarification would be appreciated regarding H.Q.'s plans for future interviews of persons in Government departments, which had been the responsibility of H.Q. interviewing teams. If the intention is to transfer this responsibility to "A" Div. SIB then steps will have to be taken here now, to retain qualified and experienced personnel to handle this added task. To this end, your comment and advice would be appreciated.

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Forwarded for your attention.

2. We are quite prepared to assume this added responsibility and would appreciate your comments, and those of the D.S.I. before I am requested to submit the next annual report on establishment estimates.

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THE COMMISSIONER, OTTAWA

Attention: D.S.I.

FORWARDED 9-2-65. The point raised in para. 6 appears well taken, particularly in view of the fact that we only have a Cpl. i/c A-3 Sub-Section. Your comments would be appreciated.

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Commanding "A" Division.

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