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Memorandum to: The Officer i/c "A" Branch

Re: Security Screening of Personnel -  
Applicants and Employees generally -  
Federal Government

This has reference to your Action Request slip of 1-3-65 and to memorandum of Sgt.S. Lawryk dated 23-2-65.

2. The D.S.I. naturally will have to give a ruling on this matter but I personally feel that with one exception "A" Division should conduct the interviews of External Affairs personnel who are suspected of being homosexuals. The one exception would be where the External Affairs employees concerned have served in Soviet Bloc countries and there is a danger that they may have been blackmailed into providing information prejudicial to Canada's security interests. As you are aware, "B" Branch personnel de-brief External Affairs employees returning from Communist countries as a matter of routine. Since this program will continue, and as our members are probably better able to determine whether the individuals concerned may have been recruited by hostile intelligence services, it is felt that they should continue with the interviews of such suspects. As far as other External Affairs employees are concerned, I can personally see no reason why their interviews cannot be carried out by "A" Division.

3. If an establishment revision in "A" Division S.I.B. is needed to look after whatever extra work this entails, then it is felt that they should make application for additional staff positions. It might be pointed out that no establishment increases were obtained in "B" Branch to look after this particular aspect of C.E. work. The work was absorbed by our members without any increase in staff. It might also be mentioned that while there may have been seven members of "B" Branch who conducted these interviews over the years, there were never any more than two or three members engaged on such duties at any one time. With Sgt. Gorrell's coming transfer to "B" Division and the re-assignment of S/Sgt. Sorokan to

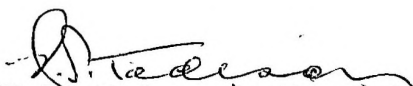
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desk duties, there currently is no one available in "B" Branch to perform this type of work. When Cpl.K. McNicoll arrives from "D" Division, he can take over these duties after appropriate training, where External Affairs personnel returning from Soviet Bloc countries are concerned.

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