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TO: THE D.S.I.

Re: Security Screening - Character Weaknesses

Your attention is invited to "A" Division correspondence, dated February 4th, 1965 and to memorandum of the Officer i/c "B" Branch, dated March 4th, 1965.

2. The points raised in paragraph six of "A" Division report are well taken. As the Officer i/c "B" Branch has indicated that he has no members available to handle future interviews with External Affairs personnel where alleged homosexuality is the prime factor, it is suggested that "A" Division S.I.B. Section A-3, with one exception, be given the responsibility of handling such interviews. The one exception would be where the External Affairs employees concerned have served in Soviet Bloc countries and there is some suggestion that they may have been blackmailed into providing information prejudicial to this country's security interests.

3. In addition, it is suggested that "A" Division S.I.B. be given the responsibility for conducting future interviews with persons employed in vulnerable government positions who are known homosexuals and are considered potential sources of information. Persons falling into this category are employees of Communication Branch, N.R.C., Canadian Forces, etc. In the past such interviews were primarily handled by "B" Branch investigators. "H.Q.'s" approval for conducting these interviews will still have to be obtained in each case.

4. Should approval be given to the above mentioned suggestions and keeping in mind the remarks of the Commanding Officer, "A" Division, it is felt that an addition of one member to the present establishment of "A" Division S.I.B. A-3 Section would be necessary to enable that Section to discharge its present and proposed additional duties efficiently.

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