

Review Procedures

361. WE RECOMMEND that a Security Review Board be established, consisting of a Chairman and (say) two other members, all nominated by the Governor in Council, but independent of any government department or agency. The members of the Board should not be active government officials, although they would undergo normal security clearance procedures, and their secretarial support would be provided by the Security Secretariat. (138,141.)

- (a) The Board should consider protests by public servants, members of the armed forces or industrial workers against dismissal or transfer or against any denial of promotion or apparent inhibition of career prospects on security

grounds; protests by such persons as consultants or university faculty members where withdrawal of clearance affects professional careers; protests by sponsors or nominators against refusal on security grounds to admit or grant landed immigrant status to those they have sponsored or nominated; and protests by applicants for citizenship who have been refused on security grounds. (138)

- (b) The Board should proceed on the following lines: an individual entitled to appeal to the Board should be provided with a document indicating as far as possible the reasons for the adverse decision; the Board should interview separately and privately representatives of the Security Service and of the department concerned, the person concerned (accompanied by a friend, lawyer or trade union official if he wishes) and any other individuals whom the person wishes to be heard; the Board may interview these persons as many times as it wishes, and may also order further inquiries; the Board's advice, recommendations, or comments should be communicated to the Governor in Council and the minister concerned, for consideration by the Prime Minister of any further action in the light of this advice; a brief record of the Board's decision should also be communicated to the individual concerned. (141)

- (c) In connection with dismissals, the Board should provide the form of hearing required by section 7(7) of the 1967 amendments to the Financial Administration Act. (S.C. 1966-67, c.74) (138)

- (d) In addition, the Board should receive periodic reports from the Head of the Security Service (see above) and should have authority to draw to the attention of the Prime Minister any matters it considers appropriate. (76)