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Dear Don,

Further to our telephone conversation last Friday I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum dated January 26, 1961 from the Chairman of the Security Panel to the Prime Minister and Minister of Justice entitled "Security Cases involving Homosexuality". I came across this memorandum on our files in the course of preparing a first draft of a letter to the Chairman of the Public Service Commission, a copy of which I attach for your information and records.

- 2. My question is simply whether there was any reaction from the Prime Minister or Minister of Justice to the Security Panel "conclusions and recommendations" in its memorandum of January 26, 1961. If there was no specific reaction, was there some sort of Ministerial approval given to the proposed "courses of action"? If no action of any kind was taken on the memorandum, has there been since then any recorded development in Security Panel thinking on the subject in question?
- 3. I would also be interested to know whether the Security Panel will at some stage be asked to consider the views expressed by the Royal Commission on Security with respect to homosexuality in relation to employment in the Public Service.

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AYours sincerely,

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