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I submitted your comments on the draft response to Mr. Nielsen's question to Mr. Luyendyk earlier this week. He was grateful to have them and took them into account in making further amendments to the draft.

2. You asked whether page 3 is really accurate. By this I assume you meant the answer to 3(d) which states that there are no variants in standards and procedures as between departments and/or agencies of the Government. Question 3, of course, refers to the "appeal" procedure which is described on page 3(a). Mr. Luyendyk has noted that this procedure is based on CD-35 and he confirmed that it is followed by all departments and agencies.

3. Mr. Luyendyk will remove the words in square brackets on pages 4 and 5, although on page 5 he will check with Mr. Dare since this language was proposed by the RCMP. The answer to 7(b) on page 9 would be revised to read as follows:

"As with all provinces, there are normally direct communications between police forces. Whether information so exchanged is given any further circulation, would be a matter within the competence of the provincial authorities concerned."

4. Questions 17 (a), (b) and (e) will be answered directly in the negative. The answer to question 17(g) will read simply "Such information is not available."

5. The final phrase to which you objected in the answer to 18(c) will be deleted.

6. The answers to the various question in question 26 will be in shorter and hopefully more relevant form in the following words:

"It is not considered in the public interest, for reasons of national security, to disclose the details of security and intelligence activities."

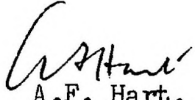
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7. On your final point about the reticence in the draft reply on the subject of membership of committees, Mr. Luyendyk told me that Mr. Robertson does not want to set the precedent of disclosing the nature and membership of interdepartmental committees. Mr. Robertson is applying here the same principles governing the confidential nature of the membership of Cabinet committees.

8. For your convenience of reference I am attaching my memorandum under reference, together with the proposed draft reply to Mr. Nielsen's Parliamentary question.


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