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Security Screening of Security Service Personnel

Your attention is drawn to attached telex issued by the Commissioner under date of April 30th, 1974 wherein he states that the D/Comm'r. (Admin.) has reaffirmed that common-law relationships is not acceptable conduct where members of the Force are concerned and that Security Guidelines contained in Admin. Manual II.2 will be amended to reflect this policy.

While I have no quarrel with the spirit of the telex, that common-law arrangements by members will be dealt with as a disciplinary matter, I do feel we should raise strong objections, through our channels, against having Admin. Manual II.2.H.l.A. amended to reflect that this Section is being used to enforce the discipline Code of the Force. My contention is that if the Force views common-law arrangements in this day and age as unacceptable, then the Rules and Regulations of the R.C.M.P. Act should clearly reflect such policy. You will appreciate that the security criteria (C.D. #35) is set out by the Federal Government to ensure that all Federal Government employees, irrespective of the Department they are connected with, are subjected to its application uniformly. There are no provisions for any Department or agency to utilize this Directive or its criteria as a vehicle to enforce its disciplinary Code.

3. It is therefore suggested that strong representation be made to have Admin. Manual II.2.H.1.A remain as is because in its present form it clearly states that all our employees, be they members or Public Servants, will be treated in the same manner on matters of security. To amend it in any form, such action will immediately imply to our employees that the Force has two security criterias, one for the members and another for Public Servants. When it comes to security matters, all employees must be treated equally if we are to continue to

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enjoy their support and backing. To do otherwise, the Force will not only be going against Government Policy but by default, will seed distrust amongst our personnel and set the stage towards total disregard for security by our employees. You will appreciate in this one area, because of the nature of our work, we can ill afford such action.

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