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TO: MLT "D" OPS ATT'N SGT JGA GREGOIRE  
OTT 3 UNALIGNED MARXIST AND PRESSURE GROUPS

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RE: NATIONAL GAY RIGHTS COALITION (NGRC)  
CANADA [REDACTED]

## INTRODUCTION:

1. THIS IS IN REPLY TO MONTREAL SECURITY SERVICE REQUEST OF 14-6-76 ON FILE IP215-11, REQUIRING INFORMATION ON GAY ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SPCUM.

## INFORMATION:

2. THERE ARE SEVEN GAY GROUPS IN TORONTO WITH THE MAJOR ONES BEING THE COMMUNITY HOMOPHILE ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO (CHAT) C [REDACTED] THE GAY ALLIANCE TOWARDS EQUALITY (GATE) C [REDACTED] THE GAY ACADEMIC UNION (GAU) C [REDACTED]. AS ONE CAN SEE THE GAY COMMUNITY IN TORONTO IS NOT A MONOLITH, BUT COMPOSED OF VARIOUS GROUPS WITH DIFFERENT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES. OUR INTEREST HAS BEEN IN THOSE GAY GROUPS WHICH ARE CONTROLLED AND DIRECTED BY GAY POLITICAL ACTIVISTS.

3. THE GAY POLITICAL ACTIVISTS ARE PREDOMINANTLY YOUNG, RANGING IN AGE FROM 20-25 YEARS OLD, AND UNLIKE THE OLDER HOMOSEXUALS THEY ARE EAGER TO DISPLAY THEIR HOMOSEXUALITY THROUGH SUCH ACTS AS DEMONSTRATING. INTERESTINGLY, THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN JOINED IN LOOSE ALLIANCE WITH CERTAIN LESBIAN COMMUNES IN THE CITY AS BOTH GROUP SEE THEY HAVE A COMMON CAUSE. IT MUST BE NOTED THAT THE GAY POLITICAL ACTIVISTS ARE NON-VIOLENT AND THEIR TACTICS HAVE ALWAYS FOLLOWED THOSE OF PRESSURE GROUPS WHO ARE WITHOUT POLITICAL POWER AND VIEW THEMSELVES AS A MINORITY.

4. THE GAYS HAVE RECEIVED LITTLE PUBLIC SUPPORT AS THE PUBLIC STILL VIEWS HOMOSEXUALS IN A NEGATIVE LIGHT. HOWEVER, CERTAIN OF THE ULTRA LEFT GROUPS, MAINLY TROSKYISTS, HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN GAY GROUPS IN ATTEMPTS TO RADICALIZE THEM. (IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT THOSE ULTRA LEFT MEMBERS INVOLVED IN GAY GROUPS WERE ALSO HOMOSEXUALS). THIS IN PART EXPLAINS WHY SOME OF THE GAY POLITICAL ACTIVISTS HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY TAKING ON A MARXIST ANALYSIS OF THEIR POSITION, EQUATING HOMOSEXUALS AS AN OPPRESSED MINORITY IN A CAPITALIST SYSTEM. (THEY FAIL TO BRING UP THE POINT THAT IN SOVIET UNION AND CUBA HOMOSEXUALS ARE IMPRISONED). THIS HAS LEAD TO THE MAJOR ONGOING DEBATE WITHIN GAY GROUPS BETWEEN THOSE WHO SEEK ONLY TO INCREASE THE CIVIL RIGHTS FOR GAYS AND THOSE WHO SEEK GAYS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE LARGER POLITICAL ISSUES BELIEVING THAT ONLY A RADICAL SOCIAL CHANGE CAN BRING ABOUT GAY LIBERATION. THE OTHER AREA OF SUPPPORT HAS BEEN FROM THE CIVIL LIBERITARIANS WHO SEE GAY RIGHTS AS A CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE.

CORRECTION: ABOVE PARA, LINE 3 - TROTSKYISTS

5. THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF OUTLINE OF GAY ORGANIZATIONS OF SECURITY SERVICE INTEREST: (?) SAYS WHO *SWJ* 78.10.86

## A. THE NATIONAL GAY RIGHTS COALITION (NGRC)

FOUNDED SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THIS GROUP ACTS AS THE NATIONAL SPOKESMAN AND UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOR 27 GAY GROUPS. EACH YEAR IT HOLDS A NATIONAL CONVENTION AT WHICH TIME THE GAYS TRADITIONALLY HOLD A DEMONSTRATION IN THE CITY HOSTING THE CONFERENCE. THE DEMONSTRATION IS NORMALLY TO PUBLICIZE GAY RIGHTS AND TO PROTEST POLICE HARASSMENT AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN PEACEFUL AND ORDERLY. LAST YEAR THE CONFERENCE WAS IN OTTAWA AND THERE WAS A MARCH ON

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PARLIAMENT HILL. THIS YEAR THE CONFERENCE IS IN MONTREAL. (THIS ORGANIZATION IS BELIEVED IDENTICAL TO NATIONAL GAY RIGHTS IN PARA 1 AND THE CONFERENCE IN MONTREAL IN PARA 2 OF THE MONTREAL MESSAGE).

B. THE COALITION FOR GAY RIGHTS IN ONTARIO (CGRO)

FORMED IN 1975 TO REPRESENT THE POLITICAL INTERESTS OF GAYS IN ONTARIO (ACCORDING TO GAY RISING THERE ARE 600,000 GAYS IN ONTARIO). THIS GROUP WAS ACTIVE IN THE LAST PROVINCIAL ELECTION QUIZZING CANDIDATES ON THEIR POSITION ON GAY RIGHTS. FURTHERMORE, THIS GROUP ORGANIZED TWO DEMONSTRATIONS AT QUEENS PARK ONE HAD 300 AND THE OTHER HAD 50 PARTICIPANTS. BOTH WERE TO DEMAND INCREASED GAY RIGHTS. SIGNIFICANTLY, CGRO HAS THE SAME TELEPHONE LISTING AS THE GAY ALLIANCE TOWARDS EQUALITY AND SO IT CAN BE ASSUMED THAT GATE HAS CONTROLLING INTEREST IN THE GROUP.

C. THE GAY ALLIANCE TOWARDS EQUALITY (GATE)

FORMED IN 1974, WHEN THE NAME WAS CHANGED FROM TORONTO GAY ACTION (TGA), THIS GROUP IS THE CENTER FOR THE GAY POLITICAL ACTIVISTS IN TORONTO. GATE OPERATES A STORE-FRONT OFFICE AT 193 CARLTON ST EAST, HOWEVER, IT IS ONLY OPEN IN THE EVENINGS AS THERE ARE NO FULL-TIME STAFF. GATE ALSO SHARES OFFICE SPACE WITH THE BODY POLITIC CO ( ), THE MAIN HOMOSEXUAL PAPER IN THE CITY WHICH IS DEVOTED TO EXPRESSING THE JOYS OF BEING GAY.

ADDITIONALLY, GATE WAS THE ORGANIZING FORCE BEHIND THE CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT JOHN DAMIEN ( ) WHO WAS FIRED AS A RACING STEWARD FOR THE ONTARIO RACING COMMISSION BECAUSE HE WAS HOMOSEXUAL. THIS HAS BEEN THE MAJOR ISSUE IN THE GAY COMMUNITY OVER THE LAST YEAR. THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF GATE IS ( )

D. THE COMMUNITY HOMOPHILE ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO (CHAT)

FORMED IN 1970, THIS IS THE LARGEST OF ALL THE GAY GROUPS AND ACTS AS A SELF-HELP AGENCY FOR HOMOSEXUALS BY RUNNING SUCH PROGRAMS AS A MEDICAL CLINIC. ITS OFFICES ARE AT 199 CHURCH ST AND GEORGE HISLOP ( ) IS THE DIRECTOR. HISLOP HAS BECOME OVER THE YEARS THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE GAY COMMUNITY IN TORONTO.

E. THE GAY ACADEMIC UNION (GAU)

FORMED IN 1975 BY GAYS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ITS FUNCTION IS TO PROMOTE GAY STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY AND AS A SOCIAL CLUB FOR GAYS ON CAMPUS. IT CORRESPONDS TO GAY MCGILL IN PARA 1 OF MONTREAL MESSAGE.

6. ON 11-3-76, CPL LAFOND AND CST TYLER INTERVIEWED ( ) HE STATED THAT NATIONAL GAY RIGHTS COALITION MAYBE HOLDING THEIR CONVENTION IN MONTREAL THIS SUMMER AND THAT THE GAYS IN MONTREAL WERE UPSET BECAUSE THE MONTREAL POLICE WAS CLOSING DOWN THE GAY BARS TO CLEAN THE CITY UP FOR THE OLYMPICS. HE FELT THAT THE GAYS WERE BEING UNNECESSARILY HARASSED. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT GAYS WOULD BE HOLDING A MARCH TO PROTEST AND WOULD COOPERATE WITH POLICE IN GETTING A PERMIT TO HOLD THE MARCH. SIGNIFICANTLY, HE MENTIONED THAT THE GAYS HAD BECOME MILITANT AND WOULD STAND UP FOR THEIR RIGHTS. BY THIS HE MEANS GAYS WOULD NOT BE PUSHED AROUND ANYMORE AND WOULD REACT IF THEY WERE CONSTANTLY HARASSED. (IN MY OPINION, THE USE OF TERM MILITANCY REFERS MORE TO THE ATTITUDE OF GAYS RATHER ON ANY PHYSICAL REACTION IT IS MORE A STATE OF INCREASED POLITICAL AWARENESS TO ARTICULATE THEIR DEMANDS). A COPY OF THIS REPORT IS ON OUR DIVISIONAL FILE.

7. IT IS HOPED THIS ASSESSMENT WILL ASSIST IN ANSWERING YOUR INQUIRY, HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIS THE FOLLOWING POINT:

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A. GAY GROUPS ARE NOT NEW THEY HAVE BEEN AROUND SINCE THE EARLY SEVENTIES.

B. WHAT IS NEW IS THE CHANGE OF ATTITUDE AMONG GAYS. THEY ARE NOW MORE POLITICAL IN THEIR DEMANDS FOR GAY RIGHTS THROUGH THE USE OF PRESSURE GROUP TACTICS.

C. THE GAY POLITICAL ACTIVISTS ARE YOUNGER AND MORE OPEN IN EXPRESSING THE SEXUALITY, WHICH HAS LEAD THEM INTO CONFLICT WITH POLICE. BUT THE MAJORITY ARE STILL A VERY PEACEFUL GROUP WHO WILL CAUSE YOU ONLY MINOR PROBLEMS FROM A LAW AND ORDER PERSPECTIVE.

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