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Not necessarily in order of importance, the following are the items which you indicated at our meeting today you may wish to raise at this working luncheon. (I have warned Don Hall for Gordon Robertson accordingly.)

1. New Status for the Security Service

Attached is a memorandum based on a briefing which Mr. Dare gave to the IAC concerning the changes in the position of the Security Service. The essential point is that it has become more independent of other elements of the RCMP. You may wish to ask Mr. Dare for some assessment of the implications. When he spoke to the IAC, Mr. Dare took the line that there should not be any problems for the Foreign Service relationship. We have not ourselves identified any, but there is no doubt that the Security Service will become more aggressive as a result of these developments.

2. Secondment

As you know we have welcomed Insp. Venner and his replacement, Insp. Mumby, as RCMP secondments to PSI. We initiated these secondments not because we feel unable to carry out our responsibilities, but because we thought an exchange of officers would still further improve the working relationships between the RCMP and External Affairs over the years. We do not regard or use Mumby as a liaison officer. He is a fully integrated member of our staff and we had expected that the reverse would be the case. You will recall that Mr. Dare was unable to agree to an exchange. For our part, we are likely to continue with the present arrangements, but of course in the long run a secondment has to be two-way. Mr. Dare may be able to give you a more general analysis of the reasons why it did not work in this case than it was possible for him to do in conversation with me.

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3. Coordination in Respect of Visits from and to Scheduled Countries

Attached is a list, and I will have copies available, of scheduled country visits which can now be anticipated. Your point was to make sure that there was coordination with RCMP activities so as to avoid unnecessary incidents that would upset these visits.

4. Increased Concern for Reciprocity

Attached is a copy of a letter you had sent around in the visits panel context urging some tightening up in order to ensure that the balance of trade with the scheduled countries was not excessively to our disadvantage. I think the Committee would welcome some comments from you on the background to this circular.

5. PCO Study on Homosexuals

I believe it would be your intention to encourage the Privy Council to early progress on its study concerning the problems connected with employment of homosexuals in the Public Service. We are fully cooperating with this study but it has considerable importance for us as recent cases indicate. There will be differences in the handling of homosexuals in the Foreign Service from the home departments because the Security Services of Eastern Europe at any rate regard homosexual tendencies as a valuable opening for exploitation.

6. Separatism

In the light of the Jarry case it would be interesting to have some comment from those at the meeting concerning the direction in which the Government is moving on the acceptability of Separatists for Government employment. Insofar as we understand the situation, the governmental concern relates mainly and perhaps entirely to indications of terrorism and not so much to separatism as such.

7. Visit of [REDACTED]

I have informed the IAC of [REDACTED] inability to visit Canada before sometime after January 10, 1977. (You have my separate note on this subject.) It might be worthwhile to note this fact during the luncheon.

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8. Possible New Guard System

It may, I think, be useful to mention in the Committee that we are discussing with DND the possibility of a change in our security guard system at posts abroad which would involve the use of specially trained Provost Corps personnel operating under the administration of this Department. Such personnel would gradually replace the present security guards as new requirements for guards developed at our posts abroad and as present guards retire. The advantages would be to have younger and better trained personnel available. We are having preliminary talks with National Defence and no final decisions have yet been taken. It would seem courteous, however, to brief the Committee on our current thinking.

9. SRB

Gordon Robertson, as Chairman of ICSI, will have been briefed on progress towards a revised format for the SRB. Other members of the Committee will not yet be aware of our plans. I am sending you with this memorandum a separate note covering the present state of play with the main conclusions flagged.

I have not been told what, if anything, other members may want to raise at this meeting.



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