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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



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The Commissioner,  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,  
OTTAWA

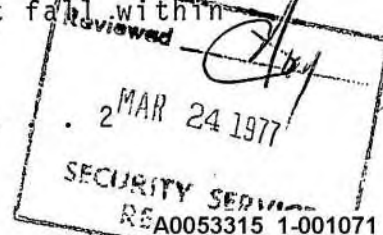
Attention: Chief Superintendent Bruce James

*Bruce*  
Dear Chief Superintendent James,

Homosexuality

You will recall that during our very useful discussions on a number of matters of mutual interest in Mr. Hadwen's office on February 10, we touched on the subject of homosexuality briefly. You will recall that we indicated that we are giving careful consideration in the Department to a number of factors that need to be taken into account in dealing with cases of homosexuality, when they arise. To assist us with our review it would be very helpful ~~if we could have from the RCMP an assessment of the extent to which the RCMP considers homosexuality is exploitable.~~ In this connection it would be a great help to us ~~if we could have your views on the various circumstances under which you consider homosexuality could be exploited either abroad or in Canada.~~

You will recall that you indicated to us, in a preliminary fashion, <sup>3</sup>~~that you considered that homosexuality could well be exploited even if the individual in question openly admits to his sexual proclivity.~~ We would appreciate confirmation of your views on this point. Any examples, in a general sense, that you could cite to us that fall within



*Long Smith:  
Please discuss*

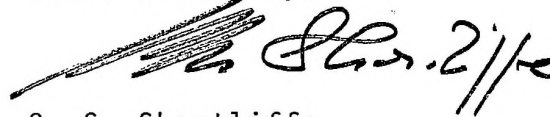
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Canadian experience, in particular in recent years, ~~where homosexuals have been exploited for either criminal or security reasons would be particularly helpful.~~

I very much appreciate your offer to assist us in this regard. I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. S. Shortliffe", with a date "2/1/6" written to the right of the signature.

G. S. Shortliffe  
Director  
Security Services Division

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