

April 27, 1977.

NOTE TO Mr. Bourne
Mr. Dare
Mr. Hadwen
M/Gen. Weeks

Attached is a copy of a memorandum I received this morning from Mr. Robertson concerning the task, assigned by the Cabinet Committee on Security and Intelligence, of providing the Minister of Justice with information he can use publicly in consideration of sexual orientation and political belief in the context of the human rights legislation. Attached to Mr. Robertson's memorandum is the note he has prepared for Justice concerning political belief. I thought this might be useful in relation to your part of the work - e.g. format.

You will notice that Mr. Robertson feels material must get to Mr. Basford by the end of the week. If it can be sent to me, I will correlate it and pass it on.

For your information, the relevant part of the Cabinet Committee report to Cabinet (to be considered tomorrow) is as follows:

The Committee agreed that ... "officials of National Defence, External Affairs and the Ministry of the Solicitor General should provide to the Minister of Justice explanatory matter for use in the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, and elsewhere as necessary, relating to the problems likely to arise for the federal government, as employer, if sexual orientation were to be included in Bill C-25 as prohibited grounds of discrimination, and to policies and practice in dealing with homosexual employees and applicants for employment, to demonstrate that both the public and individual interests are taken into account in every case;

officials of the Privy Council Office should provide to the Minister of Justice similar explanatory matter on the problems likely to arise if political beliefs were to be included in Bill C-25 as prohibited grounds of discrimination;"

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