

## MEMORANDUM

## NOTE DE SERVICE

TO  
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D.D.G. OPS.

FROM  
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O.I.C. "A" OPS.

SUBJECT  
OBJETSecurity Screening,  
Character Weaknesses.

SECURITY-CLASSIFICATION-DE SÉCURITÉ

SECRET

OUR FILE - N/REFERENCE

IP 371-9

YOUR FILE - V/RÉFÉRENCE

DATE

78-12-04

Reference the request from Ontario Area Command for a "simple statement as to our level of activity in the area of homosexuality".

2. As was explained in our policy letter, the Security Service has no mandate to investigate homosexuals for purposes other than security clearance. Because of the significance of homosexuality in relation to security clearance, and the difficulties encountered in investigating homosexuality, we have over the years recorded in our data bank the names of all homosexuals encountered by the Security Service against which are checked the names of all screening candidates. This information not only provides valuable investigative leads, but ensures that the name of a homosexual candidate for security clearance will surface through a records check in those cases where a field investigation is not required.

3. To maintain our data bank, we have asked the Area Commands to submit particulars of known or suspected homosexuals when such information is available, i.e., acquired during the course of other investigations or from local morality squad records. We made the point that no investigations should be undertaken in the collection of this data (such as to confirm identification, verify addresses, etc.); the data should simply be collected and reported.

4. I do not know why the OAC find our letter contradictory unless they have mis-read it or are confusing passive collection with active investigation. In any event, I will prepare a "simple statement" for your signature which hopefully will resolve their dilemma.

J.F. FRIEND, Supt.,  
O.I.C. "A" OPERATIONS

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