APPENDIX "24"

MEMORANDUM



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DATE 24/3/65

FROM

S/Inspector Chisholm

SUBJECT

Security Screening - Character Weaknesses

This matter was referred to me for further study and recommendations. It appears we must consider two developments which have occurred over the past few years as follows:

1. "B" Branch

The former seven-man investigational team of "B" Branch which was originally set up as a "Case Officer" group has gradually been cut down to one, i.e. Corporal McNICOLL. This evolved as a result of a gradual increase in the effectiveness of Divisional "B" Sections and thus the delegating of "Case Officer" responsibilities to members of the applicable Divisions ("A", "C" and "O"). The homosexual investigational activity handled by the "B" Section investigation team did not result in any increase in their establishment but were merely additional responsibilities. With the loss by way of pension of Staff Sergeant LIBKE, the investigational team was cut to one. The absorption of Staff Sergeant LIBKF's responsibilities by other personnel is outlined in Inspector TAPESON's memorandum at Tab 1. The only homosexual investigations handled by "B" Branch at this time involve Txternal Affairs' employees who have served in Soviet Bloc countries. These are quite limited and average one or less a month.

2. "A" Division S.I.B.

In 1960-61 the Fstablishment of the "A" Division S & I Branch was increased by including a three-member section to deal with homosexual investigations. Policy as set out on 2-8-60 (Tab 2) reveals that "A" Division S & I three-man Special Investigational Squad was restricted to handling non-Government homosexual investigations. Over the years since then, "A" Division has become involved in handling homosexual investigations in various Government Departments with the exception of the Department of External Affairs and the Privy Council. In actual practice there is no hard and fast rule regarding the latter Departments as each case has

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been handled on its individual merits but normally "B" Branch interview those members of External Affairs who have served in Soviet Bloc countries. It is therefore apparent that "A" Division S.I.B. have gradually assumed a broader role but not necessarily a heavier workload. Inspector FOREST, when contacted, advised that he does not wish a numerical increase in his three-man Special Investigation Squad. It is agreed that an increase does not appear warranted at this time.

RFCOMMENDATIONS

1. Policy be written by "A" Branch for your signature to the C.O. "A" Division and to the O. i/c "B" Branch along the following lines:

"A" Division S.I.B. will, with one exception, be responsible for conducting future interviews with persons employed in vulnerable Government positions who are known homosexuals and are considered potential sources of information. The exception are those employees of the Department of External Affairs who have served in Soviet Bloc countries and where there is a danger they may have been blackmailed into providing information prejudicial to Canada's security interest. The latter cases will be handled by "B" Branch of "I" Directorate.

The foregoing should be considered as a general rule only as the more delicate cases will be allotted for investigations only after careful consideration and depending on its individual merits.

- 2. The C.O. "A" Division should also be advised that after due consideration of the matter covered in his correspondence of 9-2-65 (Tab 3), we do not see the need for an increase in the Establishment of Sub-Section A-3 (Special Character Investigations).
- 3. It is recommended that the sources identified in the attachments to Inspector TADESON's memorandum (Tab 1) and who are of interest to "B" Section of "A" Division S.I.B., be forwarded to the latter Branch as part of their overall counter-espionage responsibilities. It is to be noted these are casual sources and will not result in any marked increase of the workload of "A" Division S.I.B.

Chisholm), S/Inspector.

