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## MEMORANDUM

## NOTE DE SERVICE

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D.D.G. (Operations)

FROM  
DEOfficer i/c Security Service  
Task ForceSUBJECT  
OBJETJohn Benjamin Clark Watkins (deceased)

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ

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OUR FILE - N/REFERENCE

YOUR FILE - V/REFERENCE

DATE

1981-04-22

You asked to have several points clarified as a result of the article in the Globe & Mail 81-04-18.

- a) Mr. Justice McDonald told me today of having been orally informed previously about the Watkins case and of his death during questioning by the RCMP. He recalls receiving no written material.

The only written material on Task Force files is a brief on Watkins included in a paper "Homosexuality and Canadian Internal Security" sent to the P.C.O. 79-02-27 seeking permission to forward it to the Commission of Inquiry. No response was received and the paper was never forwarded. However Dr. Patricia Close, Commission researcher, reviewed the material at this Headquarters and might be the person who relayed it to Mr. Justice McDonald. I also have a recollection of discussing the case with the Chairman.

- b) The only references on the subject in relation to the Mackenzie Commission are:

i) Page 20 of D/Commr. Kelly's (rtd) notes, taken during his meetings with the Commissioners and staff, makes reference to the ROCK BOTTOM case. (Copy attached.)

ii) Page 180 of the unabridged Commission Report refers, in general terms only, to the compromising of officials abroad through "homosexual and heterosexual adventures."

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Am 1.04.82 for  
Opinion*

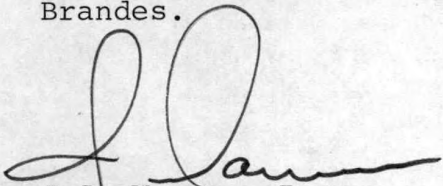
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- c) A copy of the "Investigation" report is attached having been received from Q.A.C. yesterday. They have not as yet located any police files.

A copy of this complete package has been given to C/Supt. Brandes.



J.S. Warren, Insp.  
Officer i/c Task Force.

  
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