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SECURITY SERVICE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATE:

Friday, 83-05-27.

PRESENT:

D/Commr. J.B. Giroux, D.G. (Chairman)

A/Commr. F.J. Bossé, DDG (Ops)

A/Commr. M.J. Spooner, DDG (Ops Services)

A/Commr. J.F. Duthie, DDG (A&P) Insp. R.H. Bennett, O i/c SDG

S/Sgt. E.H. Pethick, SDG, Policy Coordination Unit

Jacques Courteau, Legal Services

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I OPENING REMARKS

The D.G. in his opening remarks explained how this first meeting of the Security Service Policy Committee had evolved out of the Security Service Policy Steering Committee and how he felt this new Committee would be more effective in that he, in his capacity as Director General, would be present during discussions concerning the policy and there would be no need for the extra step of referring the policy to him as was the case under the previous Committee.

The D.G. welcomed Mr. Jacques COURTEAU to the meeting, and explained to all present how a Legal Representative would be present at all meetings to offer legal opinions as required during discussions.

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II SECURITY SCREENING - CHARACTER WEAKNESSES - HOMOSEXUALITY

The proposed policy concerning this matter was introduced by A/Commr. BOSSE who explained the background commencing with correspondence exchanged between the Minister and the DG through to the drafting of the policy in "A" Operations.

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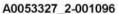
D/Commr. GIROUX elaborated in terms of the impact of the McDonald Commission, the interest of the Ministry, and how the draft policy is to reflect the current Security Service view of homosexuality.

A/Commr. DUTHIE raised the question of the relationship between the policy as a whole and the screening of RCMP applicants, and the D.G. responded that the policy applies but that after the screening stage it is the RCMP selection process that takes into account the policy that the RCMP does not engage homosexuals.

After extensive discussion between the DG and the DDG's, during which A/Commr. SPOONER made the point that visa vetting is a program of the Immigration Department to which we contribute under our Mandate, and during which the DG and the DDG's examined Security Service operations as a whole as they relate to this policy, it was decided to change 2.a. to read:

"The Security Service shall not collect, report and retain information on homosexuals unless it relates directly to:

- an operating program of the Security Service within the Mandate, or
- security screening pursuant to CD-35.



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RECOMMENDED:

E.H. Pethick, S/Sgt., SDG

APPROVED:

J.B. Giroux, D/Commr., Director General, Chairman