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HOMOSEXUALITY AMONG FEMALE MEMBERS

1. An informal review of cases involving homosexuality in the forces indicates that servicewomen tend to become involved more frequently than men. In 1983, 14 of 27 members released for homosexual activity were females, and in the first nine months of 1984, 21 of 44 members released have been females (approx. 3.5 per 1000 female members compared to 0.4 per 1000 males).

2. Further, it appears that this kind of behaviour is more likely to occur where large numbers of young women are co-located early in their military careers, at recruit and trades training centres. Indeed, there is evidence to suggest that some women choose to participate in homosexual activity for the first time in these environments, and that naive young women may in fact be "recruited" by more experienced and confirmed homosexuals.

3. The apparent situation outlined above is disturbing and unacceptable for several reasons and raises a number of questions:

- a. Given the number of detected cases, how many others go undetected?
- b. Is the environment provided in the early training stages such as to encourage the initiation of homosexual relationships? Can it or should it be changed, and if so, how?
- c. Are recruits given any, or enough information regarding CF policy on homosexual activity and are they warned of the possible influences that might be brought to bear on them?

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4. I believe that considerable research is required to answer these concerns and that the required expertise may reside within your division. If you agree, and if you have the resources, perhaps you would have an appropriate staff officer discuss the possibility of a research project with my OPI, DPCAOR 5 LCol J.W. Stow.

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