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1. (C) The proposed configuration modifications for the 8 cases in the TRIBAL (post TRUMP) Class outlined at ref have been reviewed for operational impact. For this particular Class it is assessed that no significant operational capability is lost with respect to relocation of certain spaces and/or equipments. However, this may not be true of other classes and it is necessary to await completion of DGMEM's report for the CPF, ANNAPOLIS and OBERON Classes.
2. (R) The proposed one for one bunk reallocation is considered less than ideal when the proposed reconfigurations provide an opportunity to increase the number of available bunks. Ships are frequently required to land personnel when they deploy because of a large training overhead and a consequent lack of bunks. Additional bunks could certainly be utilized for embarking trainees, sea cadets and squadron staff as appropriate. In numerous cases it was observed that bunks were removed from existing Mess Decks simply to achieve a zero change in the overall number of bunks onboard.
3. (C) It is appreciated that for study puposes, an estimate had to be established for the percentage of homosexuals in today's society. This was promulgated as 10 per cent. There is concern, however, that this percentage may be high and should the navy be directed to implement a package based on this figure, we may have a situation where one or two homosexuals have a head and washplace to themselves while one or more messdecks of "normal" sailors are forced to squeeze into their limited facilities. It is considered that as a maximum, the requirement to accept homosexuals in HMC Ships should not exceed the percentage of homosexuals present within Canadian society as a whole.

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4. (C) Although it is not in the mandate of the study at ref, the morale issues of females and homosexuals in ships will pose significant challenges in the maintenance of operational effectiveness which may have more adverse effect than the repositioning of equipment and spaces. These challenges vary from one gender being required to transit the mess decks of another gender 24 hours a day to perform such duties as Damage Control roundsman to the challenges of mess deck morale because homosexuals are "together" whereas males and females will be expected to remain apart.

5. (R) As outlined, it will be important that all DGMEM work on this task is complete before any valid impact assessment can be made and even then the more philosophic issues must be aired and resolved before firm implementation recommendations can go forward.

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