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Peter
Dear Dr Suedfeld:

As we discussed, I am enclosing two copies of a proposed contract for the production of a formal written report on the significance of privacy in North American society today.

You will note that the "Statement of Work" at Appendix D to the contract refers to a request in writing by the Departmental Representative. This letter constitutes that request. Specifically, you are requested to include the following in your report:

- a. a description/definition of what is meant by the term "privacy" (presumably there are both physical and psychological components);
- b. based on a literature review, a discussion of the importance of and the value placed upon personal privacy in present North American society;
- c. some comment on the extent to which concerns for privacy are accentuated or influenced by conditions of stress, isolation, and/or communal living; and
- d. an opinion on the probable or possible consequences of a lack of privacy - ie, potential behavioural outcomes of a lack of privacy or of a perceived invasion of privacy particularly under conditions of stress, isolation and/or communal living.

Please identify references and provide a bibliography.

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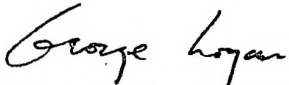
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None of the above requires any particular reference to the issue of homosexuality. For this task, our interest is in the general issue of privacy rather than the more specific issue of privacy and homosexuality. However, once that task is completed, and if you feel that you can offer a viable professional opinion, we would like to have a short statement (possibly as brief as a paragraph or two) of your opinion of the potential behavioural consequences for the Canadian Forces, particularly in terms of teamwork under conditions of stress and limited personal privacy, if the present policy that excludes the employment of active homosexuals were to be cancelled.

As far as publication in a professional journal is concerned, I have discussed this with our contracting authority and have been advised that there is precedent for this. The normal procedure is for the contractor to request authority to publish and, if approved, the Department provides written authorization and specifies any conditions. Although I cannot guarantee approval in advance, I think there is a good chance of approval in this case. However, there may be a "no publication before (date)" condition attached. In any event, the first step will be to submit the request.

Peter, if you are happy with all this, please date and sign both copies of the contract, retain one for your records and return the other to me. Otherwise, call if you have questions.


George L. Logan
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