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1. The response to Questions 5 and 6 have been reviewed and comment is forwarded for your consideration and revision of the replies as you see fit.

a. Question 5 - Presence of homosexual potential to lead to disciplinary problems. The response you propose is acceptable. You may wish to add that we believe that in the short term we could expect:

- (1) more fights where homosexual activity would be the cause, male homosexual practices of approaching persons in public washrooms or other public places can lead to immediate reaction. To put that comment into perspective, and considering the present policy which limits homosexual presence in CF units, our police files indicate only one assault case where homosexuality was a factor. There may have been more incidents which were not officially reported;
- (2) disciplinary problems would likely ensue if homosexuals were actively recruited and they became more active in the CF milieu; and
- (3) there would likely be an increase in homosexual related sexual assault complaints.

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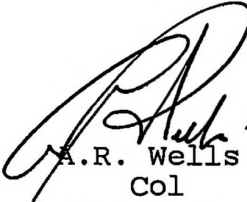
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- b. Question 6 - Homosexuals as a Security Risk. The proposed response may be philosophically correct but history does not support the statements in practice. Many intelligence services target homosexuals as having a character flaw which can be exploited. Consequently over the past four decades homosexuals have figured disproportional among individuals who have acted against the national trust. Blackmail is often the gambit of recruitment and profile of individuals who feel ridiculed and excluded from society. On the other hand plain greed has also figured predominantly in recent cases. Notwithstanding whether or not social acceptance will reverse the problems of susceptibility to blackmail and being targeted any policy which outlaws homosexuality or terminates the individuals employment can only exacerbate the situation. As a matter of policy, specific references to homosexuality were removed from the mandate of the SIU on 21 November, 1990 by ADM(Per) message 081/90 issued as CANFORGEN 031/90. Homosexuality is now treated as no more than another aspect of an individual's character. Loyalty must be judged on a total picture and cannot be condemned for such an isolated factor which, in any specific case, may have no relevance whatsoever.

2. I trust the foregoing will assist in further orienting the proposed responses.

  
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