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MEMO FOR FILE

RE: Security Screening

Notes of meeting of 31 October 1974, at "C" Division "HQ" Montreal. The following persons were in attendance:

Insp. C. Vermette

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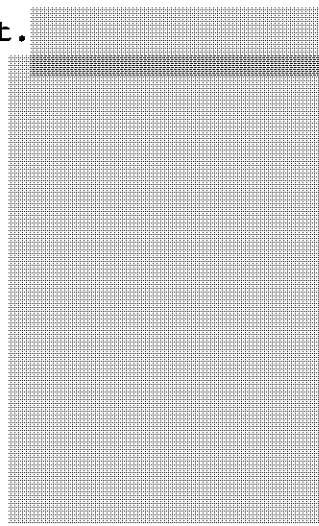
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Copies of the attached agenda were given to persons in attendance, as well as a memo dated 8 October 1974 addressed to Mr. G. Toupin from COJO in regard to Security Screening and estimations by COJO.

Insp. Vermette opened the meeting by reading and explaining the minutes of a meeting he attended on 22 October 1974 regarding screening of temporary COJO employees (22 Oct. report attached)

The memo of 8 October 1974 was then analysed by those in attendance. Approx. 35,000 names will be submitted for screening by COJO. These will include the permanent and temporary COJO employees and concessionaries. It was learned from this memo of 8 October 1974 that the maximum number of COJO name checks per week that would be required in order to fulfill our commitment would be 1,485. In addition there will be approx. 6,050 members

of the news media, and 1,200 people in the Youth Village who will have to be checked. Given the time frame of 26 weeks (as mentioned in the memo of 8 October 1974) this would result in a total name check commitment of approx. 1,785 names per week. This figure is well within the capability of "HQ" Security Service "F" Operations. The formation of a task force to review and evaluate the references is yet to be resolved.

The recommendation for rejection criteria was to be presented by Insp. Vermette to a meeting to be held 1 November 1974, in Montreal with Security Intelligence. Basically, the following four points are recommended as the basis for employee rejection:

- (i) Anyone who takes part in a terrorist organization
- (ii) Anyone who physically supports these organizations or members of these organizations
- (iii) Members of groups capable of major social or political disruption (eg. union leaders)
- (iv) Sympathizers or supporters of these people

We are not concerned with members of social pressure groups or political parties such as the Communist Party of Canada or the Parti Quebecois.

It was recommended that screening need only include employees who will be involved with V.I.P.'s or athletes. With respect to temporary employees, it was suggested that they need not be screened unless they are to be involved with sensitive areas (eg. Olympic Village). It was also recommended that employee identification cards reflect whether or not a person has been security screened.

It was agreed that, if information on a name check indicates rejection under the criteria previously outlined the person should be rejected even if there is insufficient data to positively determine whether or not he or she is the subject of the adverse trace. It was felt that it would be better to reject twenty candidates for jobs, who may or may not have been the subject of an adverse trace, than to take a chance that one of them was in fact a terrorist.

Also discussions were held concerning the submission we will receive regarding the screening of the Press. It is estimated the 6,050 press people (written, electronic) will have to be done. Application forms will be forwarded to the Press starting 1-2-75. The deadline for receipt of the completed forms is 31 October 1975. It is expected that replies may start coming in as soon as May 1975 but there will undoubtedly be those who will exceed the 31 October 1975 deadline. It is hoped that these will be a minority and that screening can commence for news media personnel on 1 February 1976. There might be one exception to be made which would be with ABC, as they plan to hire summer students and their names could possibly not be made available to us prior to the deadlines mentioned above. It is felt this would not be a serious problem for our security screening program.

A submission by Insp. Vermette is expected following his meeting in Montreal. Upon receipt of same, further action will be taken in order to set up our screening system in accordance with their recommendations.

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