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Senator McCarthy speaking:

There's another group about which I hesitate to talk, but I think the picture isn't complete unless we do. Dean Acheson appeared before the American Society of Newspaper Editors shortly after I had given the evidence to the MacCarran – uh, or I beg your pardon – the Tydings Committee. He said the State Department is now staffed with good, loyal, clean-living Americans. Well I don't quite know what his conception of clean-living Americans happens to be, but, since he made that statement, fifty-four individuals who had this unusual State Department affliction – homosexuals – were allowed to resign. Fifty-four of those good, clean-living Americans.

As one of my friends said the other day, he said, "McCarthy why worry about those individuals. You don't claim they're all communists do you?" The answer is obviously no. Some of them are very energetic, very loyal Americans. Some of them have that unusual affliction because of no fault of their own – most, of course, because they are morally weak. The question is, why worry about getting those individuals out of the State Department?

I think the answer was given by a committee headed by Senator Wherry, one of our very able senators who died a few weeks ago, and Senator Hill -- a Democrat and a Republican -- and they explained very well why those individuals must not be handling top secret material. Let me read it to you. They say, "A classic case," – no, starting on page 5 of their report – "As has been previously discussed in this report, the pervert is easy prey to the blackmailer. It follows that if blackmailers can extort money from these individuals under the threat of disclosure, espionage

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agents can use the same type of pressure to extort confidential information or other material they might be seeking." Listen to this: they say, "A classic case," – this is the Wherry Committee, the Wherry-Hill Committee – "a classic case of this type involved one Captain Raydell who became chief of the Austrian Counter-Intelligence Service. He succeeded in building up an excellent intelligence net in Russia and had done considerable damage to Russia's intelligence net. However, Russian agents soon discovered that Raydell was a homo. And shortly thereafter," -- then I won't read this, they discuss how they trapped him – "under the threat of exposure Raydell agreed to furnish and he did furnish the Russians with Austrian military secrets. He also doctored or destroyed the intelligence reports which his own agents were sending in from Russia with the result that the Austrians, at the outbreak of the war, were completely misinformed as to Russia's mobilization intentions. On the other hand, the Russians had obtained from Raydell the war plans of the Austrians and part of the German plans. Shortly after the outbreak of the war, Captain Raydell's acts were discovered by his own government and he committed suicide." So just remember that when you hear the complaint by the liberal elements of press that we should not be disturbed about people because of their morals. We're not disturbed about them because of their morals, but because they are dangerous to this country.