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To whom it may concern,

This letter expresses my support for the proposal of Thomas Coleman to assist us with the enhancement and digitization of the Arthur C. Warner Papers, one of the collections held within the Public Policy Papers of Princeton University Library's Special Collections.

The Warner Papers document the career of a prominent gay activist and legal reformer who advocated for gay rights under the legal umbrella of personal privacy starting in the 1950s. His work and support for organizations such as the Mattachine Society helped build the foundation for the gay liberation movement of the 1960s and 1970s. Privacy became the touchstone for a number of other sexual liberty issues, most prominently birth control and abortion, and his papers are consulted by researchers working on related issues documented within our American Civil Liberties Union Records.

We believe that with greater accessibility the collection could reach a wider audience of scholars and community members interested in the history of the gay rights movement and related civil liberties issues. Mr. Coleman's proposal—to identify the most valuable parts of the collection and then enhance their online description that permits their digitization—will serve these goals by making the collection easier to find, navigate, and view online. Digitization of the most valuable portions of the collection will mean that researchers will not have to travel to Princeton to view these historically significant materials.

Mr. Coleman's subject expertise and familiarity with Warner's life and career will be incredibly valuable to accomplishing this. To support the project, we plan to devote staff time to both the technical work to enhance the online finding aid and then the project management of the digitization efforts. In addition, we have resources that we can commit to pay for the scanning of the materials to be identified. We would look forward to working with Mr. Coleman on this enhancement and selection project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel J. Linke".

Daniel J. Linke
University Archivist and Deputy Head of Special Collections