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Dear Arthur,

I appreciated receiving your letter of April 17, which served to jog me into doing something I had meant to sit down to for some time.

After digesting your letter of February 26, I discussed its contents with Jim Bradford, and some days later, finding that I had another matter of personal litigation to discuss with Mr. Brackett in addition to your letter, I succeeded in making an appointment with him, although unfortunately Jim did not find it possible to come along. Expecting him to decline to serve, I was considerably surprised to hear Brackett express with some alacrity his tentative willingness to serve on the committee after I had explained a little about it, but he requested that a more formal invitation and outline of the work involved come from you in writing, after which he said he was fairly sure he would formally accept. I also handed him your memorandum on the solicitation statutes, which he seemed interested in. All this took place about two weeks ago.\* So, I would say, send him a letter running through much of what you said in your letter of February 26 or the one of April 17 to Evander Smith, and I think he will willingly respond to the invitation.

I am sorry to have delayed my reply so long. Yes, it is true that I have been under considerable pressure at work and with regard to moving, but as you say, we are all busy, and I shouldn't allow such matters to become quite so distracting. As for my own service on the committee, I am indeed honored to be invited. However, I have a little uneasiness to overcome about my ability to avoid repetitions of such correspondence delays, and also a little diffidence about what I might be able to contribute to a legal committee qua legal committee. Nonetheless, I think I will be able to discipline

myself sufficiently as to correspondence, and I do believe I have something to contribute to such a committee from the viewpoint not of a lawyer but of a homosexual deeply involved with the practical aspects of such legal theorizing as lawyers may excel in. Consequently, if your invitation is really still open, I should like to accept and will do anything I can to assist the committee's work and your own prodigious efforts.

Since I note you sent a carbon of your letter to Jim Bradford, I might remark that Jim has been quite busy getting a new term of office and a new board of directors underway and probably has been quite unable to extend his concerns of late much beyond the confines of Mattachine Midwest (not that this will always be the case, I am sure). As it turns out, I am not a member of that board (with the process of election to which I was also preoccupied for part of the time since your February letter), so haply in consequence I may be able in future to give more attention than he to such matters as your committee will be concerned with.

With warm regards,



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copy: Jim Bradford