DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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Professor Philip Crowl Chairman, ROTC Evaluation Committee Oldfather 609

Dear Professor Crowl:

If Dr. Kinsey is to be believed, over 30% of men have homosexual experiences after the age of 16 and 8 to 10% are predominantly homosexual thoughout their lives. Yet the American military, and presumably campus ROTC units, officially exclude homosexuals from service.

I would like to speak briefly at your open meeting on Thursday in opposition to what I regard as an indefensible policy of discrimination against the largest minority group on our campus.

You will find enclosed a short pamphlet I wrote a few years ago which sets forth the standard military objections to homosexuals and rebuts them. In my view the military position is entirely untenable.

I would also like to raise some questions relating to what might be called campus military discipline, for example--

- 1. Are students dropped from ROTC for disciplinary reasons?
- 2. If a student joined a student homophile league, whould this be cause for disciplinary action? if he was entrapped by the police? if he were identified as a homosexual in some other way?
- 3. What record would appear on his transcript?

4. Is there any provision for due process in such cases?

Sincerely,

(Prof.) Louis Crompton

cc: Committee