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Dear Mr. Michaels:

Permit me to express my deep appreciation for the manner in which you have cooperated with the Buchanan appeal and for your many yeoman efforts in raising funds. At the present time, there is no further need for money in this case, particularly since the likelihood of an appeal to the Supreme Court has been very much clouded by the fact that the state of Texas was two days late in filing its jurisdictional statement brief for its appeal. This means that the Supreme Court may not hear the state's appeal, in which event our own two cross-appeals on behalf of the defendant Buchanan and the intervenor Strickland respectively will fall by virtue of their being moot. The result will be that the case will rest on the decision of the Dallas District Court, which will not be legally binding beyond that federal district.

Several months ago the N.A.C.H.O. legal committee commenced a new test action in Denver, Colorado against a municipal homosexual solicitation ordinance. This litigation gives promise of even more extensive homosexual law reform than the Buchanan case, since it involves a challenge to the solicitation statutes and, through them, to the sodomy laws themselves. It is also a much better case in several other ways than the Buchanan case. Accordingly, I have asked that future contributions be made to the N.A.C.H.O. legal committee, with cheques made out to my order, in order that we may have funds to continue with this new litigation. In the case of contributions which you have already received, and which you are holding, I must ask that no further monies be sent to Dallas. I should suggest that you retain these cheques until I have had an opportunity to confer with you personally, as I plan to do during my expected visit to Los Angeles sometime between the 15th and 20th prox. There are a good many matters involving the work of the legal committee of which I believe you should be apprised, but which it has not been possible to discuss via correspondence. My August visit should provide an opportunity to do this.

Please tell my good friend Jim Kepner that I look forward to seeing him during my visit.

Once again allow me to thank you and your good paper for your many efforts on our behalf.

Very sincerely yours,

Austen Wade, chairman
NACHO legal committee