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Dear Bill:

I am in receipt of your correspondence with Marilyn Haft of the ACLU Sexual Privacy Project regarding the possibility of setting up a meeting with gay activists and her some time during the ACLU Biennial Conference in Milwaukee in June. I agree that perhaps Marilyn did not understand that the activists' meeting would be held outside of the Conference itself, having no formal connection with the Conference, and I also agree that such a meeting would be fruitful since she knows much about what is happening in the area of gay rights around the country. I will be speaking with Marilyn within the next two days in connection with another matter, and will bring the subject to her attention again. Hopefully such a side meeting can be set up. My wish would be, however, that it could be held on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, June 12, 13, or 14, whichever of those days is to be designated for the ACLU Lawyers Conference, because that is the only time span I will be attending the Biennial Conference. Specifically I must return to Minneapolis for the State Democratic-Farmer-Labor Convention on the weekend.

On another matter, which I intended to contact you about anyway, I am now contemplating how to travel to Denver for the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties Meeting May 23-28. Upon examination of a road map I see that the major and most direct route from the East is Interstate Highway 80, which also goes through Chicago, Des Moines, and then directly to Denver. Knowing Arthur Warner's paranoia of airplane travelling, if it is possible that he is driving and does not mind passengers, perhaps we can form a driving pool picking up people along the way. I would, of course, arrange for my own transportation to and from Des Moines, which is directly en route. If Arthur has other plans, I would be willing to drive and form a pool if you could arrange transportation from Chicago to Des Moines where I would meet you. There are a number of possibilities, including others than I have mentioned, although I do not see how I could fit more than a total of four in my car. At any rate, please think about it and relay your thoughts.

I assume that you've heard about the successful passage of the Minneapolis anti-discrimination ordinance. More about that at the Meeting.

Very truly yours,

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