

# SEXUALAWREPORTER

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May 8, 1980

Ms. Allison Thomas  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Thomas:

This communication is to confirm the meeting scheduled for May 22, 1980, with you and with Mr. Robert Malson at the White House. I had previously indicated that Tony Silvestre, Paul Hardman, Arthur Warner, and I would attend. I would also like to include Mr. Jay M. Kohorn, Co-director of the Litigation Project for the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties.

In her letter of April 2, 1980, Ann Wexler asked me to inform you of the specific items we would like to discuss.

Our concern is to eliminate invasions of sexual privacy and discrimination for reasons of sexual orientation affecting all persons in this country--both heterosexual and homosexual--and to develop a greater awareness regarding the issues of individual rights as well as individual responsibilities in this area.

The persons who will attend this meeting with you and Mr. Malson have expertise in legal, political, and social issues concerning human sexuality. We have acted as consultants to governors, administrative agencies, legislators, and other elected and appointed officials throughout the country at the federal, state and local levels. We believe that the continued isolation of and concentration on homosexual issues may be counter-productive and that the subject of sexual civil liberties can only be objectively discussed and effectively dealt with in a much broader framework.

We can supply advisors to President's staff and can put you into contact with professional people of widely recognized experience in the entire field of human sexuality.

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Therefore, the purpose of our first meeting with you is to generally discuss problems concerning sexual privacy and sexual civil liberties and to acquaint you with resources of which you may not now be aware. Future meetings might be held to discuss specific items, particularly with the appropriate agencies and departments of the federal government.

I suggest that we meet at 2:00 p.m. on May 22, 1980. I would appreciate a written or telephonic communication from you confirming the date, time, and place of this meeting.

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. Coleman  
Publisher, Sexual Law Reporter

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WASHINGTON

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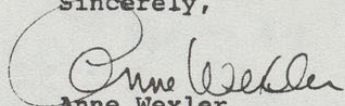
April 2, 1980

Dear Mr. Coleman:

Thank you for your letter and the background information on the National Committee for Sexual Liberties.

I have designated Allison Thomas on my staff to work on matters of special concern to the lesbian and gay community. She, and Robert Malson, Assistant Director of the Domestic Policy Staff for Civil Rights and Justice, would be happy to meet with you, Tony Silvestre, Paul Hardman and Arthur Warner on May 22. Before such a meeting would take place, we would require further information on the specific items which you would like to discuss. You may contact Ms. Thomas at (202) 456-2800 to discuss these arrangements.

Sincerely,



Anne Wexler

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THOMAS F. COLEMAN  
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February 12, 1980

Ms: Ann Wexler  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20050

Re: Establishment of a Presidential Study Commission  
on Sexual Orientation and Sexual Privacy Concerns

Dear Ms. Wexler:

Mr. Paul Hardman of San Francisco has informed me that he has communicated with you with respect to the establishment of a Presidential study commission dealing with sexual orientation and sexual privacy matters. For quite some time, I have been most interested in securing sexual civil liberties through the Executive Branch of government.

I have extensively studied the workings of the Pennsylvania Council on Sexual Minorities, as well as the Oregon Task Force on Sexual Preference. I am currently in the process of assisting with the establishment of a similar commission in California.

The National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties, a group affiliated with the Sexual Law Reporter, has also been working extensively in these areas of concern. I am enclosing a Fact Sheet concerning the National Committee and its work for your information.

I would like to offer the assistance of the Sexual Law Reporter as a research and educational organization to assist the President's staff in laying the foundation for a commission of this nature. Probably over a year of preliminary work would be necessary before the President would issue an Executive Order establishing such a commission. I am willing to put whatever time and energies are necessary into those preparations and to be a consultant to you or other staff members.

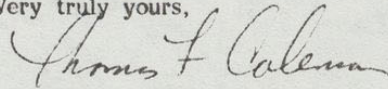
\*Specifically, I would like to suggest a meeting with you and other interested staff members in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, May 22, 1980, to discuss the formation of such a commission. This would be a most convenient date, and would

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provide an opportunity for a few other interested persons to participate. Tony Silvestre, of the Pennsylvania Council on Sexual Minorities; Paul Hardman, of San Francisco and publisher of *The Voice*; as well as Arthur Warner from Princeton, New Jersey, who is Co-Chairman of the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties, will all be in Washington, D.C. on that date for an educational conference.

Please let me know whether you are interested in such a meeting. If there is anything else I can do to assist you, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



Thomas F. Coleman

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MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER

Paul D. Hardman  
Publisher

31 December 1979

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Ms Anne Wexler,  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Wexler:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of the photograph and media release regarding the meeting, at the White House, with members of the National Gay Task Force, et alia.

Confirming our telephone conversation, it was gratifying to me that the Office of the President is taking an interest in the problems of homosexuals. As a consequence, I contacted Dr. Arthur Warner, of Princeton, and Thomas F. Coleman, Esq. of Los Angeles, and suggested that they should contact you. Tony Silvestre, of Eromin Center, Inc., in Philadelphia, was also asked to contact you.

Dr. Warner is Co-Chairperson of the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties; Coleman is the publisher of The Sexual Law Reporter at 1800 North Highland Ave., Los Angeles, California; and Silvestre is a member of the Governor's Council for Sexual Minorities located at Room 238, Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

As I indicated over the telephone, I was concerned that the White House approach to the problems of homosexuality may have become provincial and too closely tied into a relatively small group lacking true national scope. The failure to consult Silvestre is rather shocking, especially since he was one of the persons most responsible for getting the former Governor of Pennsylvania, Shapp, to sign and issue an Executive Order for the protection of Sexual Minorities. He also consulted with the Governor of the State of California, along with members of the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties, and successfully achieved the issuance of an Executive Order to protect homosexuals in California.

The plight of homosexual citizens in this country is worthy of a Presidential Study Commission. There is precedence for an in-depth study as evidenced by the study on Homosexuality conducted by the President in the mid 60's, which concluded with the recommendation that further study was needed.

Your response to these criticisms and the recommendation for a Presidential Study Commission on Homosexuality, would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Paul D. Hardman

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P.S.

Please send me a directory of the White House personnel so that I might understand the organization of the staff and know with whom I am dealing and what the chain of authority might be.

Naturally, I should be most appreciative of anything you may wish to do to keep me and my readers informed regarding events at the White House that would be of interest to the gay community.

Of particular interest would be any policy statements made by the President with reference to Immigration, the Military etc. concerning homosexuals.

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