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TO: Members of the National Committee
FROM: Thomas F. Coleman
RE: Vacancy in position of Co-Chair of National Committee

Dear Committee members:

As most of you are aware, last October California Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. signed an executive order establishing a Commission on Personal Privacy. Appointments to the Commission have been made and the funding and staffing are impending.

Along with other Committee members, I have been working for the creation of such a Commission for a number of years. Our dream is becoming a reality. The Commission has a mandate to study personal privacy and sexual orientation discrimination in both the public and private sectors, documenting the extent of such discrimination, determining how such discrimination manifests itself, noting existing remedies, and making such recommendations for change as may be appropriate. The Commission must issue a report to the Governor and to the Legislature by December, 1982.

In order to assist the Commission with its monumental task, I have offered to serve as its Director. I have been hired as a consultant at this time, and when the general funding is complete, probably sometime in June, I expect to be hired as its Director. This has necessitated my taking a leave of absence from my law practice. It has also become clear to me that I will no longer be able to handle properly the duties of Co-Chair of this Committee. As a result, effective at the opening of the business session of this year's annual meeting of the National Committee, my service to this organization in the role of Co-Chair must end. Of course, I would like to emphasize that I will continue as an active member of this Committee in the coming years.

Serving as Co-Chair of this Committee has been a privilege and an honor. It has enabled me to develop dimensions of intellect and personality in a way which is a credit to this fine organization. If it weren't for this Committee it could honestly be said that the Commission on Personal Privacy would not exist today. I sincerely thank this Committee for allowing me to serve as its Co-Chair for the past seven years, a role which has served as a catalyst to my career and involvement in educational endeavors on behalf of the sexual civil liberties movement.

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I am both sad and excited about this change in my status with the National Committee. I am reluctant to leave such a challenging and important position as Co-Chair. I am excited that my passing through this position now creates a tremendous opportunity for another person to experience the intellectual, emotional, and spiritual growth that one can derive from serving such a multifaceted group in this type of a leadership position.

Since part of our program at this year's annual conference deals specifically with the study of personal privacy, I hope that you will be able to attend and give input to the direction of the California Commission. We hope to have several members of the Commission present at our meeting in Detroit.

Because the position of Co-Chair needs to be filled at the upcoming meeting, I trust that you will attend and participate in choosing one of our members to serve the group as its new Co-Chair.

I hope to see you in Detroit in May.

With love and respect,

Thomas F. Coleman