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The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
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Washington, D. C. 20510-2101

Dear Senator Kennedy:

It is with a great deal of reluctance that this Association has asked me to bring to your attention the enclosed copies of letters between the Association and Senator Sam Nunn, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services.

In its original letter to Senator Nunn, copy of which is enclosed, this Association stated that it had several honorably-discharged veterans who stand ready to testify before the Senate Armed Services Committee. Some of their military experiences were unusual. One, for example, spent most of his time in the military service with the C.I.A.; another worked with military security. Both of these veterans are gay, and it is my understanding that they have already been rejected as witnesses on the ground that there are too many persons who wish to testify.

The claim that there are too many persons who wish to testify now appears to be used to bar those witnesses who wish to take a position against the ban on homosexuals' serving in the armed services. Senator Nunn asks that the views of such persons first be submitted in writing for a preliminary screening in order to determine whether they will be permitted to testify. This is compounded by the fact that Senator Nunn apparently intends to call for the views of military personnel presently in the armed services before hearing from anyone who wishes to change the current policy of excluding homosexuals. Surely Senator Nunn must know that, if any gay person presently serving in the military were to testify against the present policy, he or she will be discharged from the service.

This Association submits that the only way in which gay persons with military experience can have a fair opportunity to present their views to Senator Nunn's committee will be to hear from gay veterans recently discharged honorably, such as those this Association is prepared to provide.

We would hope that you may be able to see that this takes place.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Jack,

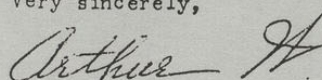
I regret that more than three weeks have passed since your letter to me of 23 March. An operation in the hospital, subsequent recuperation, and a crush of meetings have prevented my writing sooner.

I leave in a few days for about a week in Washington. The only purpose in my writing at this time is to assure you that your letter will receive a reply, but that it will not be in time for our Fifty-fifth reunion. What I can assure you is that you will have my response, which, for reasons which will become apparent, may not come for two or three months.

I shall let <sup>the</sup> matter rest until then.

Thank you very much for writing.

Very sincerely,



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