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To the Honorable Court:

Although I graduated from the Harvard Law School in 1946 after having served for four years in the U.S. Navy, I found myself as a gay person unable to be admitted to the bar because the character committee of the bar association did not consider me to be of good moral character. Although I subsequently served as a juryman in this state of New Jersey, it has always been my wish before I die to be able to serve on a federal jury.

It is therefore with keen disappointment that I now find myself selected as a prospective juror at an age when I am compelled to request special consideration if I am to be able to serve. I know that I could serve for a trial which did not last more than two or three days, but beyond that I would be compelled to leave for a respite of a day or two, either for a medical visit or to perform necessary medical or other chores in my own home, where I live alone. However, after a break of a day or two, I could return to jury duty, and on that basis I would be able to serve for the entire jury period.

I hope that some arrangements along these lines can be worked out.

Respectfully submitted,

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