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TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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A STATEMENT FROM A MEMBER OF THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON *

Several weeks ago, graciously representatives
 When the Civil Service Commission consented to meet with the
 Mattachine Society, a ~~XXXX/XXXX~~ social action organization dedicated
 to improving the social status of the homosexual, you asked for a
 written report of stating our position and grievances. "Chairman Macy,"
 you ~~quoted~~ said, "believes that all Americans, no matter who they are,
 deserve a right to be heard."

As a supplement to the more official report from the Mattachine
 Society of Washington, I would like to add a few comments of my own,
 somewhat more personal.

Mr. Malloy, you ~~incredulously-asked-me~~ told us that all the
 homosexuals with which you had come in contact had been sent by the
 police because of violation of the law. They had been solicitors and
 child molesters. You said, "What I can't stand is those people that
 take a youngster home, get him drunk and then seduce him." You seemed
 surprised that our organization in no way condones these activities nor
 attempts to make them legal. All we propose to try to convince you of
 is that ~~adult-~~ consenting adults in private should be able to not be the
 business of any employer because they have no effect on his job performance.
 Also, homosexuality is not automatically offensive to every heterosexual
 person. As our married member pointed out, she objects to having others
 tell her who she should feel contempt for and to prevent her from
 associating with people who are not supposed to be a good influence.
 A homosexual in the office does not automatically disrupt office morale.
 And even if one or two persons objected, should THEY not be the object
 of reeducation -- rather than the homosexual?

Mr. M, you assume that every homosexual is ashamed and guilty. Not
 so. The idea that anyone would tell his employer of his own free will
 of his homosexuality seemed incredible to you. Why?? I have done it

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twice. The fact that many homosexuals do feel ashamed and guilty usually testified only to the success of society brainwashing -- not their actual guilt as far as serious sex crimes are concerned.

What is the guilt of a person leading a decent life with someone of the same sex? Efficient in his job, perhaps active in the community liked by his neighbors? Why is he a threat to the government or anyone? Security risk? Do you really believe that if the stigma attached to homosexuality and its open admission were removed, you need think twice about exploitation of fear of being known?

And patriotism is not monopolized by heterosexuals.. Most homosexuals would no more think of selling their country down the river than most heterosexuals. Sure there are unstable people -- but they're not all homosexual. And all homosexuals are not unstable. How do you measure ~~un~~stability? Is job performance, evidence of good character not the main criteria? In ~~using-the~~ automatically excluding homosexuals, whether good and respectable workers or not, do you realize that you are depriving the government of manpower?

What a tremendous waste, to track down the harmless homosexuals and not to hire qualified people just because of this presumed blemish!

"Is that all you people want?" Mr. M, you asked, when we said we ^{consenting} only wanted to plead for the rights of adults to ~~cheese-their-consenting~~ adult-partners-and lead their private lives as they fit without being ~~per~~secuted and disqualified from job. IS THAT ALL? Why, if the government agreed with this position, then the Mattachine Society would have hardly any job left to do. You~~r~~ ~~you~~ thus have shown a recognition of human beings as individuals with freedom to conduct their lives in all areas which do not trespass on the rights of others to the same freedom. You would grant dignity to the individual and no longer claim the demeaning power to needlessly ruin a person's career and often his personal life. You would have recognized that government

does not properly have the right to play father and judge, but should only see to it that all employees are as efficient, responsible, and happy as can be. What is your stock in persecution? What do you have to gain by instilling fear in the harmless? By denying dignity and respect to those workers who have served you well for years?

What a dreadful feeling to be a government employee, a strong patriot, a person of responsibility and good character, who is liked and respected by his fellow workers -- for this person to know he has to be careful lest his homosexuality be detected. I speak from experience, because I know these people, who have committed no crime, have, indeed their own business, but who always have to be afraid. Of course, they dare not join the Society, although they support it. And let us hope they never have to call on us when they have suddenly lost their jobs. The possibility always exists, however, "that one day I may be on the carpet," as someone told me. They have to live double lives.

Should they have to? Why? What logic is in your policy? Some homosexuals can be bribed, to be sure. And some heterosexuals with families can be bribed as well. And some politicians can be bribed, too. So where is the distinction? Why are homosexuals supposed to be weaker than the rest of the population? If some of them are, it is because they have been educated as such.

But let's take the Negro. For years he was told he was lazy and no good. And some Negroes were lazy and no good. But not all. And finally the game of perverse indoctrination was exposed for what it was: a fake ~~produced~~ fabricated by fear of the unknown and stranger -- people who had been made strangers by never having been let into society. The Negroes were "defined" into inferiority -- just as homosexuals have been "defined into sickness"

Let's Take an Old-Fashioned View

You must have heard the latest:
 Idealism is "in" again, Integrity,
~~Stoicism~~ justice, truth — these old
 workies have ^{been} taken out of the
 attic and been refurbished. They
 taken on fresh "vigor" and everybody
 dedicated to these old principles
 has been refreshed by them
 — whether it be Peter Paul & Mary
 Martin Luther King — who have
 given rise to a ^{wide} ~~wide~~ ^{new} ~~new~~ ^{generation},
 and idealistic more active gang
 generation. These kids are tired of
 hypocrisy, sloth & boredom
 of spiritual emptiness. They embrace
 the fuller new of humanity
 and with it a richer life. Their
 lives take on significance, worth,
 joy. And the somewhat? He, too, is
 involved in this general struggle

The Mattachine Society of Washington

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BALANCE STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD January 1, 1971 TO June 30, 1971

Balance forward: \$ 357.16¹⁾

Receipts:

membership dues:	350.00
general donations:	25.00
buttons and employment booklets:	11.00 ²⁾
Kameny campaign	32.00 ³⁾
MSW-HSL-GLF dances	156.31 ³⁾
total:	574.31

Total assets: 931.47

Expenditures:

postage:	25.50
supplies:	1.56 ⁴⁾
telephone:	142.92 ⁵⁾
rental for meeting space:	25.00 ⁶⁾
bank charges:	---
other administrative expenses:	185.00 ⁷⁾
total:	379.98

Cash on hand:

checkbook balance:	479.82 ⁸⁾
revolving dance fund:	100.00
petty cash (in contribution can):	.51
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Balance: \$ 580.33¹⁾

Net change in cash position: + 223.17¹⁾

Notes:

- 1) unaudited figures, the MSW Treasurer's permanent (?) complaint; see the MSW Constitution, Article VIII, Section 7, as recently amended.
- 2) this money was to cover the Kameny for Congress Campaign's use of the MSW telephone until the Campaign Headquarters were set up.
- 3) For the first two joint dances (11/14/70 and 1/16/71), the MSW treasury acted as treasurer; for the third dance (2/71), Tony J. was appointed to act as treasurer for the now independently funded revolving dance fund; see note 8).
- 4) this high figure reflects the Kameny Campaign use of the MSW telephone (see note 2) as well as the continuing rental at \$25.00 a month additional of a recording device; NB: the June 1971 bill has not been paid
- 5) quarterly fee to St. Marks Church paid only through March 1971.
- 6) MSW's bank balance has so far this year been such that no service charges have been levied.
- 7) includes an MSW contribution of \$125.00 to the Kameny for Congress Campaign.
- 8) MSW's share of \$300 revolving fund shared with HSL and GLF; because of recent changes in organizations, the purpose of this fund may now be moot and consideration will have to be given to closing it and re-distributing the monies to the three groups involved.

July 10, 1971

A GENERAL NOTE ON THE January 1 to June 30, 1971 MSW BALANCE STATEMENT
AND THE GENERAL FINANCIAL STATE OF MSW

To all MSW members:

In spite of periodic, continuing requests from the present Treasurer, there has not been a competent audit of the MSW financial records for at least some two to three years; certainly, none of the past three statements prepared by the undersigned has been fully and properly audited (Bart W. on January 10, 1971 to the best of his ability did check the treasurer's records but the MSW Constitution requires this to be done by three members who are not officers.). The present statement, unless the members show some interest, will probably also go unverified.

If you check the present reported figures, a discrepancy of \$28.84 will be noted between receipts and the balance forward as against expenses and cash on hand. The undersigned, not being trained in good bookkeeping practices, has checked and double-checked to find this error; it appears likely to be a cumulative one in the balance forward figure. The figures reported for receipts and expenditures, as well as for the checkbook balance are correct and accurate to the best of the Treasurer's knowledge. Any MSW member competent at accounting procedures, step up!

It should be called to the attention of the members that there are a couple of outstanding obligations of MSW which have not yet been met because the Executive Board has not met since February 1971. The incumbent Treasurer will not pay any further bills until the MSW Board has chance to act on them.

In spite of the lack of periodic audits and in spite of a less than professional accounting system, the MSW treasury appears to be in good state with a slight operating "excess" to its credit.

Again, any MSW member who feels competent at accounting and/or bookkeeping procedures is urged to contact the Treasurer and is herewith cordially invited to check the Society's books.

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