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Mr. Martin Duberman
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Dear Martin,

I'm not sure we've ever met, but some years ago I spoke to you in the course of organizing a party for Jim Gibbs who was a classmate of mine at Cornell and a roommate at Harvard. For some reason I can't remember, the party never came off.

This letter is prompted by your article in last Sunday's New York Times. For the past year I have been doing volunteer legal work for various gay groups and causes and some of my associates in this work have formed the "Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, Inc." After a bit of a legal battle, we have obtained charitable foundation status to do work in the area of homosexual rights.

We plan to have an advisory board made up of distinguished individuals from as many different disciplines as possible and would like you to consider lending your name and advice. I would like you to meet with a few of us so we can tell you more about our goals. Please let us know if you might be amenable and, if so, I will arrange a meeting. I can be reached at my office number or, in the evenings, at home: 860-3974.

I sincerely hope that taking a public position on the Gay issue has not been painful for you. Many people are going through this process these days and for most of us it has been, ultimately, a liberating and rewarding experience.

With all best wishes.

Yours truly,



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