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Dear friends

A short report on the progress of our work.

I have been in contact with Bjørn Elmquist and he is interested in our proposal.

I will meet with him in the beginning of October to discuss how to go further on.

As you probably all know by now the European ILGA conference will take place here in Copenhagen: so I hope to see you all here this christmas.

Kærlig hilsen


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September 5th, 1990

Dear Steffen!

Thank You for Your nice letter and Your acceptance of my further presence within the working party.

I continue to lobby some international youth organisations. I have contacted the Young European Federalists (JEF), the International Federation of Liberal and Radical Youth (IFLRY) and the International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY). We will see what will come out of this. My cousin, IUSY-secretary, promised to push the issue within the Youth Forum.

As far as it concerns the Austrian members of the Parliamentary Assembly it is better to wait with contacts until after the elections to parliament which take place on October, 7th.

HOSI-Wien has ceased to support the plaintiff because they are tired of always loosing in court and want to emphasize on political work only, but I think that we must not give up the juridical fight and that the complaint is of great importance for the political lobbying as well.

It would be great if You could arrange to get some money for the project.

I hope to see You in December. It depends on my finances but I think I'll make it.

Yours cordially



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August 1990, the 29th.

Lieber Helmut

Thank you for your letter and the material about the case to be put to the commission of human rights.

Of course you can stay in the working party concerning the CoE-approaches as an individual - we need all the expertise we can get!

There has not happened much during the summer,^{*)} but I will be in contact with Bjørn Elmquist soon to discuss with him the further procedure in order to put the proposal to the CoE.

I am a little surprised to hear that HOSI WIEN has ceased to support the plaintiff in the case. Why??

I don't know right now if we can support your new group financially, but I will see into that.

I hope to see you at the European conference - wherever that might take place!

Yours cordially

Steffen

^{*)} as far as the CoE-case is concerned!

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AUGUST 22, 1990

DEAR STEFFEN!

AS YOU CERTAINLY KNOW I AM NOT MEMBER OF THE IGLYO-BUREAU ANYMORE,
THEREFORE I CAN NO LONGER ACT FOR IGLYO WITHIN THE COE-WORKING PARTY.
ANYHOW I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE CONTRIBUTING TO THE COE-WORK OF ILGA AND
ASK YOU, IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO REMAIN IN THE PARTY AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND
EXPERT AS I HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE,

I HAVE BECOME EVEN MORE INVOLVED NOW WITH THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS, SINCE HOSI-WIEN HAS REFUSED TO CHALLENGE THE DECISION OF THE
AUSTRIAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURT AND HAS CEASED TO SUPPORT THE PLAINTIFF
FURTHERON WHAT MADE ME TO SET UP THE "LAW COMMITTEE LAMBDA" TO PUT THE CASE
BEFORE THE COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.
THE COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED ON AUGUST 2ND.

DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE PROCEEDINGS I CAN NOT SEND YOU THE
COMPLAINT ITSELF BUT INSTEAD YOU WILL FIND THE COMPLAINT TO THE
CONSTITUTIONAL COURT, WHICH CONTAINS WIDELY THE SAME ARGUMENTS, THE
RESPONSE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE DECISION OF THE COURT.

I SEND YOU CALL-FOR-DONATION-LEAFLETS AS WELL. WE REALLY NEED SUPPORT
FOR THIS ACTION AND IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD CONTRIBUTE PLEASE FORWARD
THESE SHEETS. THE BEST AND CHEAPEST WAY TO TRANSFER MONEY IS BY POSTAL
ORDER TO MY ADDRESS UNDER MY NAME SINCE THE "LAW COMMITTEE" IS NO LEGAL
PERSON YET.

I HOPE YOU ARE WELL AND THINGS ARE GOING NICE FOR YOU,
I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO HEAR FROM YOU

YOURS CORDIALLY



HELMUT

To: Members of the ILGA Council of Europe Working Party

From: ILGA London Support Group (which is the UK member, not the Stonewall Group as the Stockholm minutes indicate)

Consultative Status

Upon returning to London, we found that the Council of Europe had rejected the ILGA application for consultative status on the ground that the Council was not doing any work in any area of concern to us. A letter of reply will be sent soon, and copies of the correspondence will be circulated. It is for this reason that a further paragraph was added by LBL to the draft Recommendation agreed at Stockholm.

Amendment of Article 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights

At the Copenhagen meeting on the Protocol it was suggested that the 7th Colloquy on the European Convention might recommend amendment of Article 14 to extend it and make it autonomous, so that our proposed Protocol would not be necessary. I have been informed that, at the recent meeting in Helsinki of the Steering Committee on Human Rights, this proposal was rejected and so no further work will be done on amending Article 14. This suggests that we must press ahead with our Protocol.

AIDS and Discrimination

The Steering Committee agreed to set up a small working party consisting of the members from the UK, Norway (Erik Mose), Switzerland (M. Boillat), Belgium and France, to prepare recommendations. They will meet in July and September and try to have a report ready for October. It is suggested that they will propose model legislation for states to adopt, rather than any change to the Convention, or any further international agreement. This would provide a very useful opportunity to try to include a statement about non-discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation. The members of the Steering Committee are Government nominees who will follow the instructions of their Governments. It is very important that as many friendly countries as possible support such a proposal, so if your Government is friendly, please try to contact the relevant Ministry before the next meeting of the Steering Committee in October.

I will send a copy of this note to groups which are not on the Working Party, but which might have friendly Governments or be members of the Steering Committee AIDS group, i.e. Norway, Switzerland, Belgium, Spain. ILGA

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