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August 28th Gay Day Committee

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The Honourable Pierre-Elliott Trudeau,

On August 26, 1969, the Criminal Code Amendments, sponsored by your government came into effect, removing the legal penalties for certain sexual acts (pejoratively labelled grossly indecent) committed by consenting adults in private. While this was a crucial primary step in efforts to attain full legal equality for homosexuals in Canada, many statutes remain which deprive homosexuals of their full civil rights as Canadian citizens. Moreover, much of the continued widespread hostility and discrimination against homosexuals in the private sector, is directly supported by certain government policies and laws.

Recognizing that the social and legal situation of homosexual men and women has not substantially improved in the last two years, representatives of homophile associations from across Canada are planning to rally on Parliament Hill at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 28. This rally is being organized to bring attention to the situation of homosexuals in Canada, and to publicize the presentation of a brief outlining certain demands for legal reform which would remove all remaining discriminatory statutes.

I would like at this time to request a meeting with you, or an official

representative of your government, for formal presentation of the enclosed brief at 3:30 p.m., Saturday August 28. Such a meeting, in the place of your choice, would bear witness to the goodwill of the present Canadian government towards the millions of Canadian homosexual citizens.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, and hoping to hear from you as soon as possible, I remain,

Yours truly,

Charles C.Hill

(For: August 28th Gay Day
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