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TO: The Secretary of the Air Force

THRU: Captain Dennis M. Collins
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FROM: T/Sgt Leonard Matlovich, 463-76-2847

1. After some years of uncertainty, I have arrived at the conclusion that my sexual preferences are homosexual as opposed to heterosexual. I have also concluded that my sexual preferences will in no way interfere with my Air Force duties, as my preferences are now open. It is therefore requested that those provisions in AFM 39-12 relating to the discharge of homosexuals be waived in my case.

2. I will decline to answer any specific questions concerning the functioning of my sex life, for AFM 39-12 as currently in effect could subject me to a less than fully honorable discharge. However, I will be glad to answer any questions concerning my personal life if reasons are given detailing how the questions relate to specific fitness and security concerns rather than the generally unconstitutional provisions of AFM 39-12 relating to the discharge of homosexuals. If more specific criteria other than the notion that homosexuals are morally unqualified for service in the Air Force can be shown as basis for questioning, I will answer the appropriate questions.

3. Before any specific questions are addressed to me about this matter my attorney, David F. Addlestone, 1346 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Suite 604, Washington, D.C. 20036, requests that he be notified.

4. In sum, I consider myself to be a homosexual and fully qualified for further military service. My almost twelve years of unblemished service supports this position.

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