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FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE
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Dr. John S. Allen, President
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Tampa, Florida

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligations imposed upon it by the provisions of Chapter 61-62, Florida Statutes 1961, the Florida Legislative Investigation Committee will, in the near future, hold one or more public hearings in regard to the infiltration into state agencies by practicing homosexuals and the policies of various state agencies, including your department, in dealing with this problem. Past investigations by this Committee and its predecessor committees, have assembled information which satisfies the Committee that the problem is a substantial one which demands corrective action.

In undertaking this investigation, it will not be the purpose of the Committee to receive any evidence in regard to the extent of this problem in our various state institutions. Neither will it be the purpose of this Committee to identify or single out any homosexual. The purpose of this investigation is to gather evidence in regard to the policies, or non-existence of policies of our various state agencies in coping with this problem. This information is sought by the Committee for the purpose of determining whether or not legislative action can be taken which will result in the adoption of changes in the law and administrative policies to discourage homosexuals from seeking employment in our various state agencies and which will also enable the responsible administrative officials to remove practicing homosexuals from their agencies when they are detected.

It will not be the purpose of the Committee in undertaking this investigation to single out any single department or any administrator for blame or censure in regard to the manner in which this problem has been handled in the past. The Committee feels that the responsible administrative officers of our various state agencies are in a better position to have information and knowledge as to what means may be adopted to cope more effectively with this problem than anyone else.

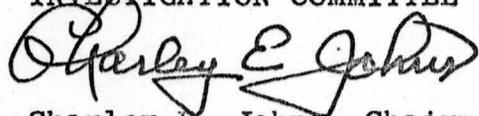
In connection with this investigation, the Committee needs and wants, not only information regarding what policies have been, and are now, in effect in the various state agencies, but in addition thereto, the affirmative suggestions of responsible state administrators for formulating a more effective manner of handling this problem by way of statutory amendment, as well as administrative policy.

You, as a responsible administrative officer of the State of Florida, as well as many others, may be called upon to assist the Committee in this undertaking by appearing before it and giving what information and suggestions you may have. It will be the purpose of the Committee to conduct this investigation on a very high level of dignity without injuriously affecting any state department or administrative officer thereof. The Committee needs and wants your cooperation in this matter. It would be greatly appreciated if you could communicate with the Committee in writing prior to the Committee's hearings, stating your knowledge of past and present policies, if any, in your department concerning this matter and your suggestions for improvement thereon.

Your response within ten days will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE
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Charley E. Johns, Chairman

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Positive approach
Try to be helpful
Fringe
Hard core*