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Dear Member of the Sexual Freedom Coalition,

This letter is to thank you for joining the Coalition and to let you know of our progress. You have been listed on the letterhead unless you joined after 18th April, in which case, you'll be added next time we print out a new letterhead. I am currently on holiday for three weeks, so it will be after then.

The final draft of the letter to the Prime Minister was delivered to him on Saturday 20th April at the end of a very spectacular rally of over 200 people, including Tony Banks, MP. Photos of the rally appeared the following day on the front page of *The Observer* and inside the *Independent on Sunday*. There were dozens of photographers and we expect much more press. If you see anything, please keep it and send us a copy, as we organisers don't buy papers normally.

The first meeting of the Coalition will take place at 8pm on 21st May, in Central Station, Wharfdale Road, London N1 (near Kings Cross Station). The meeting will last for one hour, with small groups discussing various plans after that.

Other progress includes:

- 1) Liberty have agreed to take on the Sex Maniac's Ball case, offering one of their City firms on their Pro Bono Panel, for their advice. This means Liberty considers that The Leydig Trust has a case to fight.
- 2) A law student, Nigel Gilroy and his Professor have offered to help with this legal battle for free as a project within his studies.
- 3) A group of gay men who regularly meet with decision-making police at Scotland Yard to decrease homophobia in the Police force, have agreed to let me attend these meetings, with a disabled representative too, to help improve the relationship between the Police and fetish / sex clubs, and disabled people.

4) RADAR, the disability association, is arranging a meeting between myself and the Association of Police Constables.

5) The Society of Swingers Defense Fund in America has offered their support.

6) The Anvil has already raised £550 at a benefit night. Other clubs have offered to do benefit nights for the charity, Ball fund and the Coalition.

7) Four donations have been sent, totalling £675, two of which came from members of Outsiders.

7) Mark Dyer, who won the 1996 Erotic Oscar Award for Campaigner of the Year for Sexual Freedom, has agreed to handle the press and political enquiries which come in while I'm away on holiday, and help in the future.

8) Antony Grey, whose campaign resulted in the legalisation of homosexuality in Britain, has agreed to advise, in an informal capacity.

9) Ted Goodman, a lawyer who is the Secretary of NCROPA and Chairman of Campaign Against Censorship, has been helpful in many ways already, advising on the wording of the letter to the Prime Minister, and preparing other documents, and intends to continue helping.

10) Finally, as you can see from this letterhead, many of the British clubs and publishers who have had trouble with the law, and a few who haven't, have agreed to belong to this coalition. Other clubs and organisations have been less enthusiastic, but they may well join once they recognise the benefits. Do encourage anyone you know.

If you live nearby, please try to come to the meeting on 21st May. Otherwise, do send me your ideas for the Coalition, to help it will succeed in its aims.

I also welcome your ideas on how you think the Coalition should work in terms of membership criteria (& fees?) and potential benefits to individual members. I hope that *The Organ*, my quarterly newsletter about clubs, police action, censorship and sexual developments, currently available to subscribers at £20 / \$50 per year, can evolve to become the newsletter of the Coalition, but that would mean charging members of the Coalition a similar amount as a fee. What do you think?

Looking forward to a successful future together.

Best Wishes and thanks,

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