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Thank you most sincerely for your letter of November 13th in which you outlined your personal relationships with Everett Flippert. I did not know Mr. Flippert as he had left the North in custody before I was elected to Parliament.

I was not aware of this case until the Supreme Court decision was handed down. It was only drawn to my attention only half an hour before I raised it in the House of Commons. Needless to say I was shocked, dismayed and adhered that our society could deal with individuals in this manner.

I have delayed in writing to you for several reasons. First of all I wanted to be certain that Everett Klippert was receiving psychiatric treatment. I am now told by the Solicitor General that he is in Saskatoon hospital undergoing psychiatric treatment and in all probability will be released on parole on completion of his treatment. The more important reason for not writing is that immediately following the eruption of this case, in a discussion with the Minister of Justice I obtained his assurance that the Criminal Code would be amended in due course to remove from the Code sections relating to gross indecent/gbda/sentencing adults. Yesterday in the House of Commons the Bill was placed on the Order Paper and I am pleased to say that the necessary amendments are contained therein. Of course it will be three or four months before the Bill itself is approved because it is a section of many many sections that are to be amended in the Code. Of course I was sworn to absolute secrecy on the matter and consequently to the people who were so kind to write me on the subject I have delayed in answering their letters until the matter has become public knowledge.

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In my discussions with the Minister of Justice he used a phrase which I think is absolutely delightful and that is that the Government has no right to legislate on the happenings in the bedroom " the bedrooms of the nation".

In conclusion I would like to thank you again for your support in terms of Mr. Klippert and also with this entire subject. It is a sensitive one and one which I personally have received a great deal of criticism not only from my colleagues but in certain areas of the public. However, I read this as being one of the hazard of public office. If you can't believe in your own conscience then you shouldn't be in it.

Kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Orange, M.P.,  
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

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Ottawa,  
February 21, 1968.

Mr. [REDACTED],  
Chairman,  
National Parole Board,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter of February 16th,  
concerning Everett George Klippert.

Because of my obvious interest in this case  
I would appreciate it if you would keep me informed  
with respect to Mr. Klippert's status. I would hope  
that this can be done on a fairly efficient basis as I  
found up to the present, it has been difficult to know  
what was happening to this man.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Orange, M.P.,  
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.



[REDACTED]  
29 January 1968

Robert "Bud" Orange  
M.P. for the Northwest Territories  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario

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Dear Mr. Orange:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 22nd, telling us of developments in the Everett Klippert case and what is being done on his behalf -- and on behalf of others like him. It was good of you to write at such length.

I must confess that had we not known Klippert personally, and felt that he was sincere in wanting treatment in order to become what is called "normal" -- or at least "more normal"? -- we probably would not have taken an interest in the problem of homosexuality beyond acknowledging that it exists. However, we do feel that men like this are relatively harmless, and only want to pursue their own course in life .... but .... pervers, schizophrenics and persons with homicidal tendencies, are an entirely different matter. They are the ones to worry about.

My husband is presently working on a job 25 miles out of Saskatoon, but living in the city -- and after learning from your letter that Klippert "was receiving psychiatric treatment" in a hospital in Saskatoon, has been trying to locate him. He has only the weekends free (weather and work permitting), but in spite of several attempts, the hospital(s) do not seem to have an Everett Klippert as a patient. Perhaps he has been released? perhaps he is not allowed visitors? or perhaps [REDACTED] has not tried the right hospital? We would have liked Everett to know that he is not entirely forsaken -- but he probably does know this.

Thank you again, for your letter.

Yours very truly,

[REDACTED]

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November 13th, 1967.

Dear Dr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of November 8th.  
I am already on record to the effect that I do not believe that homosexual relationships, in private, and not involving a minor, should any longer be a subject for the Criminal Code. Aside from that, I agree with you that the detention clauses in the Code need to be drastically revised.

Yours/sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Montreal 18, P.Q.

c.c. - Mr. R.J. Orange, M.P.

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Lester B. Pearson,  
Prime Minister of Canada,  
Ottawa, Ontario.


FEB 15 1968

Dear Friend,

The Supreme Court of Canada recently confirmed the decision of a lower court condemning Everett George Klippert to preventive detention. Klippert's conviction apparently means that homosexuals engaging in private consensual sexual activity with adult partners face indefinite imprisonment in Canada.

We must strongly deplore this decision. Surely the sort of inhuman morality reflected in such treatment of a social problem does not reflect the feelings of the great majority of Canadians. Indeed the three to two decision speaks for the urgent necessity of revising the laws dealing with homosexuality. We note the recent passage of law reform in the United Kingdom with the active support of the major Christian denominations. We sincerely urge you to initiate the proper measures in the Parliament of Canada which will redress the great injustice done in the case of Everett George Klippert and prevent the recurrence of such inhumanity.

Yours truly,





December 27th, 1967

Mr. Robert Orange, M. P.,  
Member for Northwest Territories,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Orange:

Re: Everett G. Klippert  
vs The Queen

We are indeed very grateful to you for your letter of December 22nd, received this morning. It is our very first inkling as to why we have not heard from our brother since December 1st. This is very unusual as he was always careful to keep us informed, so you can see why your letter has been so much appreciated by us.

We are writing to the Chaplain at the penitentiary today to see if we can find out when he went to Saskatoon and how long he will be there.

With regard to the third paragraph of your letter to me, I may say as far as I am concerned my brother's name will not be besmirched in the pages of legal history, in view of the fact that the night he was served with this indefinite detention charge he heard a voice say to him "Read the 23rd Psalm," and not having his own Bible which he had not time to pick up in Pine Point, he picked up the Gideon Bible and in turning to the 23rd Psalm, his eyes lit on Psalm 22: 24

"For HE hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath He hid His face from him; but when he cried unto HIM, HE heard."

This verse has been my inspiration to keep pressing on and on in this case to see the matter brought to head, as I now believe it will be, and the law changed. I can count it a privilege, and I know my brother Everett will, to have been an instrument in getting this unjust law changed so that new hope and help may come to many who are despairing of life almost, and who have even now no one to fight for them or be interested in what happens to them, in these dull and injurious penitentiaries. We ought to be ashamed to call ourselves a Christian Nation.

This letter requires no acknowledgment, but as you have requested, I will let you know in the future what is happening to my dear brother.

Very sincerely yours,



[REDACTED]  
Montreal 18, Québec,  
November 8, 1967.

Mr. John Turner, M.P.,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Turner:

As a professor of psychology, I feel I must write to you, my member of Parliament, about the situation which Mr. Orange presented to Parliament on November the seventh.

It is almost beyond belief that in 1967 a male homosexual may be held in prison for an indefinite period of time, perhaps life, for acts transpiring in private between himself and other consenting adults. It seems a gross violation of a Canadian's rights to be incarcerated like Mr. Klippert.

At one time it was considered that male homosexual physical activities were beyond the range of activities practiced by married heterosexuals. Since the work of Kinsey and many others it now appears that the types of activities practiced by homosexuals also takes place between many married heterosexual partners. The difference between heterosexuals and homosexuals can no longer be defined by activities but rather by the fact that homosexuals choose partners of the same sex.

I hope you will be in the spearhead in Parliament to revise our anachronistic criminal code concerning this matter. Since I can appreciate, to a degree, the way Mr. Justice W. F. Spence and the other two Supreme Court judges interpreted the law, I believe it needs to be changed.

Respectfully yours,  
[REDACTED]

cc: Mr. R. J. Orange



[REDACTED]  
Toronto 5, Ontario  
10 November, 1967.

Dear Mr. Orange;

The other day I saw your interview on CBC- TV concerning the Klippert conviction to which you object. May I add a voice of support to your stand.

It takes great courage to take a firm stand in such a somehow-controversial area in this country -- I mean area of thought. It is noteworthy that the next day the Minister of Justice announced some forthcoming changes in legislation re Preventive Detention touching upon such cases. Let us hope that your stand and your actions have been responsible in some measure.

Actually I would go farther, and suggest strong support for the position the British Government recently took, and which Scandinavian governments have for a long long time taken. There should be no reason for Canada to be less civilized.

Anyway, congratulations. For once you have not left it to the NDP to open a window and let fresh air into the House of Commons.

Yours truly,  
[REDACTED]



Edmonton, Alberta  
November 20, 1967

Mr. Bud Orange  
Member of Parliament for N.W.T.  
Parliament Buildings  
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Sir:

I noted with interest Justice Minister Trudeau's ruling on a recent homosexual case, also your comments re this.

Mr. Orange, as a thinking man, I am sure you have not considered the complexities of this question to come up with support for legalizing this practice. By doing this, the only ones you are licensing are the lechers and psychopaths who are mainly preying on young persons who are out for anything new for 'kicks'. The practice will go on, as it has from the beginning of time, without legal authority, and by making the practice legal will never make this group acceptable in our society. One other thing - you call this a 'social disease'. 98% of the cases are no more a disease than alcoholism - it is an acquired habit, and once a person is 'hooked', it is much worse than alcoholism to shake. Do you honestly believe that thousands of people are born perverted? I say that society today does not want to face up to the facts and have yet another group to treat. What we need is more clinics like the Clarke Institute in Toronto to help those who want it - and there are thousands.

I know - I'm one of them who is living a hell on earth. You'd be as well to legalize dope peddling. Just because Britain made a mistake, do we have to? Help those who want to return to society - not those who want to increase the number for their own use.



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Nov 13, 1967

Dear Sir:

So! you have nothing better to do than take the side of a filthy individual, without morals or common decency. How any man, who has gotten himself elected by his constituents on the assumption that he would go to Ottawa and do something not only for them, but for the country, can spend his time fighting for the so called "rights" of someone who not only is a black mark on his own community but on the country he lives in. What a mockery! I am sure that the people who elected you must be very proud of their MP. SHAME! SHAME!

Yours for decency.



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Bud Changel " you just  
ridiculous to put in jail  
because he is affected by  
a social disease (NATCH)

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free love between all  
beings Human or animal  
self control is of the  
essence -

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among children - Hey Bud  
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you why not try to be a  
man again (Homo) well