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TO: George deLodzia, Management Development

FROM: Committee to Eliminate Heterosexism and Homophobia

DATE: May 15, 1993

We of the Committee to Eliminate Heterosexism and Homophobia, respond to your memo of April 6, 1993. Ordinarily, the offensive content and tone of your letter would necessitate a reply of many pages. Wishing neither to take up too much of your time, nor to waste too much of our own, however, we shall limit our comments.

First of all, you defy logic and besmirch historical understanding when fabricating an outlandish connection between our use of the word, "eliminate" and the use of that word as executed by Nazis and their sympathizers of bitter memory. Indeed, and for the record, Gay men and women were among the very first to be rounded up in the early days of the Reich. Later, thousands of them perished in German death camps. May we make the pedagogical recommendation of Richard Plant's incisive study, *THE PINK TRIANGLE* (Holt & Co., New York, 1986)? Your cheap manipulation of the word, "eliminate," is an affront to the memory of Lesbian and Gay victims of Nazi hate.

Moreover, your insinuation that somehow we on this Committee might resort to any other than the legitimate avenues of debate and discussion in reaction to your provocation is both deeply offensive and patently ludicrous. Meanwhile, and despite your false characterization of us as "divisive," we of the Committee are dedicated to the proper mission of any institution of learning by working together to combat ignorance, unmask hypocrisy, and undermine all meanspiritedness and intolerance. In doing so, we are convinced of our responsibility to encourage, at this University and beyond, a healthy recognition of the benefits to all whenever human rights are defended, human dignity affirmed, and the rich diversity of the human experience celebrated.