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Dear Friends:

Thanks for writing and sending us your support. Knowing that you are behind us makes us feel good. We're glad to know that this was as momentous an occasion for many gay and straight people across the nation as it has been for us. We're looking forward to a world where everyone can co-exist peacefully. We're so glad you appreciated our efforts

Yes, we do have a long way to go, but we're gaining speed and momentum. When the time comes that not one gay man or lesbian must be in the closet, then we'll know we have achieved what we set out to do. It will take some time, but we're sure that we'll all see a day when everyone is on an equal basis. That time may be close or may be distant. We all hope and pray only for the best.

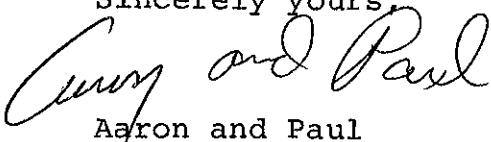
At the present time, Paul is attending the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York and is interested in photography. I had plans of going to college to take up acting, but since my parents split up it has been very difficult to obtain funds. However, we both find things to keep us very, very occupied, and it has become impossible for us to answer each of you individually. Time just does not permit, since we have received hundreds and hundreds of letters. We do read them all from entry to closing. We feel that you are all very special people to share your time with us.

If you are confused at the present time or if you'd like some help, we suggest you contact a gay organization or counseling service in your area. Most of the larger cities have gay youth groups. For information about organizations, counseling and events in your area, call the nearest gay switchboard or hotline. We have copied the list of switchboards from the Gayellow Pages and have enclosed it for your information.

Because you have shown such interest in our case, we are sending you a newsletter which published an article about it. The newsletter is published by the gay legal defense organization of which our attorney is executive director. If you would like to be placed on the mailing list to receive future newsletters, we suggest you write to GLAD directly.

If there's anything else you'd like to share with us, please feel free to write again. Mail can be sent in care of our attorney, whose address is above. Again we thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron and Paul". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed names.

Aaron and Paul