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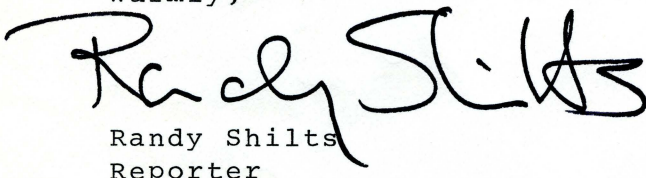
Dear Dr. Conant,

I appreciate your information on the KS situation. Enclosed is the bulk of the story released today by Associated Press in Atlanta. To be frank, I'm not sure if the paper plans to run any of this. But I've held back from doing a local angle story on this--which would get much more prominent play--in favor of doing a story when it will be constructive. I.E. when you have your trifolio ready. That way, we'll be alertin people in the medical community and the general public won't be banging down the public health department's doors with questions that can't be answered.

As a point of information, the Chronicle wants me to keep generally on top of gay community issues, as well as serving as a general assignment reporter. Please bear this in mind if you run into anything--gay or otherwise--which you think might be newsworthy.

Please give my best to Dr. Stegman and let him know I'm gainfully employed at last.

Warmly,


Randy Shilts
Reporter