

National Security Agency
Personnel Department
Fort Meade, Maryland

Dear Sir or Madam:

I understand that the National Security Agency has revoked the security clearance of four employees because they are Gay. I also understand that they are being discharged for the same reason. I protest these actions. I became aware of these cases from the National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and the Washington Blade article of Dec. 16 1983. The four employees are a senior level engineer, a GS-12 computer systems analyst, a GS-9 intelligence research analyst, and a GS-11 communications specialist. I note that official NSA policy states that homosexuality, in itself, is not grounds for dismissal.

Gay citizens perform valuable services for our country. Both the computer systems analyst and the communications specialist have received outstanding performance ratings. The latter has been employed by the NSA for 10 years. Alan Turing, a Gay mathematician, helped Great Britain to break Nazi codes during World War II. Anti-Gay discrimination denies the United States access to our abilities, and it denies us the opportunity to serve our country.

I do not regard susceptibility to blackmail as acceptable grounds for discharging Gay employees. If an employee's Gayness is known to coworkers and family, blackmail is impossible. In particular, I note that the supervisor and coworkers knew of the communications specialist's Gayness.

I hope that the NSA will take an enlightened approach in these cases. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,