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5 November 1988
 Sandy Northrop
 Development Director
 WVPR
 107.9 Ethan Allen Avenue
 Winooski VT 05404

Dear Sandy Northrop,
 I was dismayed to receive the 10/26/88 letter from Debby Lewis rejecting, on direction of her supervisor, presumably yourself, my sponsorship of a day of programming by your "gay and lesbian friends." She said you found this to "raise controversial or divisive political, religious, moral or other issues."

Given this response, I can see only one point of controversy, that you might have ANY gay or lesbian friends, once this becomes known in the community. If there is any other point of controversy, I would appreciate an explanation, and I am quite serious that I do request a written reply and explanation of this action. I do not consider the fact that there are gay or lesbian individuals in Vermont to be controversial, divisive, religious, political, moral, (or immoral), and I want to know why you do. Perhaps upon reconsideration you will agree that this sponsorship is appropriate, and in that hope, I am enclosing my original check for this purpose.

Your "sponsor for a day on VPR" promotion seems intended to allow people to commemorate people, events, birthdays, etc. that they find significant and to make others happy and proud to be so commemo-

rated. I want to send a simple greeting to other gay and lesbian Vermonters that will make them feel good when they hear it, and possibly make them feel well disposed towards WVPR, which, until the receipt of Ms. Lewis' letter, I had held in some regard. As you can understand, at the moment I no longer wish to have any association with WVPR, and wish you to remove me as a supporter, remove me from your mailing list, stop sending me "North by Northeast" and, if possible, beam your signal away from Marlboro.

Should you reconsider your position, I might reconsider mine.

I also request that a copy of this correspondence be placed in your FCC Public Comment file, because I consider your action to be discriminatory and to be counter to the public interest.

Hugh Russell

cc: "Out in the Mountains" newspaper

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 Gov. Madeline Kunin
 Vermonters for Lesbian and Gay Rights

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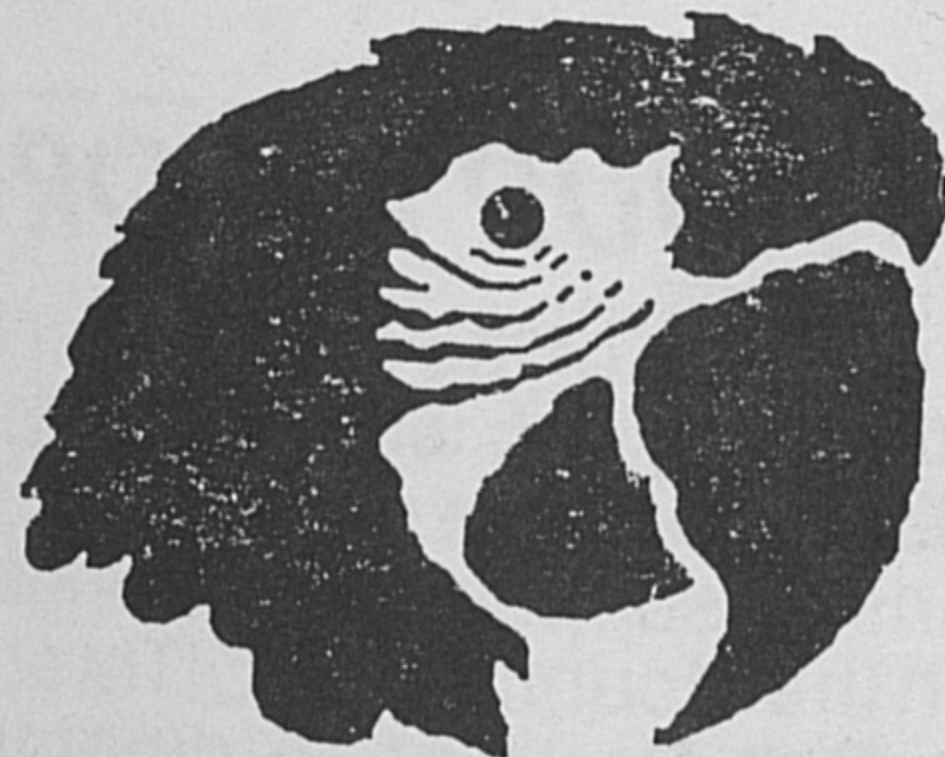
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