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Dear Mr. Brydon:

On behalf of Mrs. Reagan, I want to thank you for writing concerning a recent article in Globe.

It is always disturbing to read inaccurate articles and news accounts. We can assure you that the article to which you refer was not authorized by Mrs. Reagan and does not reflect her opinions. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in checking its validity.

With Mrs. Reagan's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Sheryl Eberly
Deputy Director of Correspondence
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Article on Gay Rights & Mrs. Reagan

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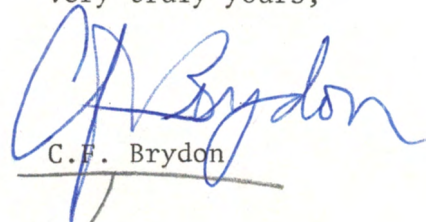
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Sheryl Eberly, Deputy Director
of Correspondence
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Dear Miss Eberly:

We sent the enclosed letter April 15 but have not as yet received
a response. Would you be kind enough to look into this. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



C.F. Brydon

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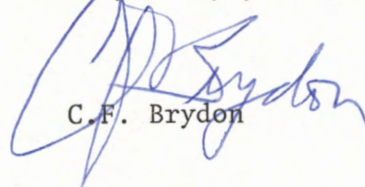
Dear Miss Patton:

The enclosed article appeared in the April 7 issue of Globe, a publication similar to the National Enquirer, and therefore a newspaper the accuracy of which is highly suspect.

A number of our members who had the article called to their attention have written to express concern about the statements attributed to Mrs. Reagan. Before we respond, we would appreciate confirmation or clarification of the First Lady's views with respect to gay people and the gay civil rights effort.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



C.F. Brydon

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Sheryl help!
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NANCY REAGAN BLASTS GAYS, ABORTION & WOMEN'S LIB



NANCY REAGAN: "Are we quite sure we're ready to play God?"

AS PRESIDENT Ronald Reagan tackles our economic and international problems, First Lady Nancy lashes out at the moral crisis that threatens to cripple America.

In this astoundingly candid interview, she reveals — exclusively to a GLOBE reporter — her hardhitting views on women's lib, homosexuality and abortion.

By NANCY REAGAN

WOMEN involved in the feminist movement are largely frustrated and unhappy because of deficiencies in themselves. This situation has little to do with the men in their lives.

I understand a lot of lesbians are associated with the drive in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment.

That amendment and the movement associated with it seem to attract all kinds of undesirable individuals.

I consider women's liberation and gay liberation to be part of the same thing: A weakening of the moral standards of this nation.

It is appalling to see parades in San Francisco

and elsewhere proclaiming "gay pride" and all that. What in the world do they have to be proud of? They're immoral, perverted and disgusting.

As for abortion, this business about freedom of choice and freedom to do with their bodies what they want is the worst sort of smoke screen, the most awful lie.

We don't have the freedom that would allow one individual to murder

'They're all part of the weakening of this nation's moral standards'

another. And in my view that IS what abortion amounts to.

What's worse is that the helpless infant cannot fight back, has no choice in the matter.

But abortion goes beyond merely hurting the defenseless and becomes outright slaughter.

Abortion is not a birth control method either. Birth control prevents new life — abortion kills it.

But, you might say, what about the girl who's raped?

This is an emotional excuse to rationalize permissive abortion laws.

Very few, if any, of the 15,000 unborn babies killed each month in New York City alone are the result of forcible rape or incest.

The more usual reason is that the mothers found it too inconvenient or embarrassing to have a baby.

Some say, it's cruel to let a handicapped child be born.

The assumption that handicapped people enjoy life less than "normal" ones has recently been shown to be false.

Studies abound that retarded youngsters may have fewer emotional problems than "normal ones."

Sure, they become frustrated at times, puzzled by the world around them, but that can be said of people with all their mental capacities intact. The geniuses of this world are often the most neurotic.

What about the unwanted child? Is it right to let a child come into the world whose parents don't want him?

In other words, if a child is going to be unwanted and mistreated, let's do him a favor and kill him!

Are we quite sure we're ready to play God and decide who lives and who doesn't.

We are the crowning achievement of God's creation. And the human baby is certainly an amazing and wonderful organism. Furthermore, a human being who can love and respond to beauty, has the potential to achieve greatness — all because he was made in the likeness of God.

Men and women who allow themselves to be led blindly by the philosophies and teachers involved with gays, feminists and abortionists are courting their own destruction.

Anyone who goes up against his or her God-centered nature invariably destroys himself in the long run.

Instinct is inbred. Instinct tells us to do something or not to do something else.

To push everything aside in a mad rush toward a self-determined freedom or liberty will ultimately not result in happiness, peace of mind and joy, as the feminists would like to have their duped followers believe — but rather a personal sort of hell that is characterized by a nagging sense of incompleteness and guilt.

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