



HIGH TECH GAYS

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Mr. Paul M. Rosa
The Washington Post
1150 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20071

Dear Mr. Rosa:

I would like to thank you for the major piece you did on "Gays and the Security Myth" which appeared in the Sunday, July 10, edition of the Washington Post. It is only when the mainstream press covers such an issue that the gay community starts to make progress towards changing behavior and attitudes in the various security agencies.

I am disappointed, however, that you never contacted High Tech Gays directly before writing your story. You wrote that "it was frustration over this exclusion [from security positions] that led to the creation of High Tech Gays, a loose-knit coalition of gay scientists and engineers in the San Francisco Bay area."

Actually, we were formed in 1983, as a social, political and recreational organization, with no particular awareness of the security clearance issue at the time. We have since, of course, jumped into the fray with considerable vigor and success. The impetus for our involvement came from DISCO's refusal of a clearance to one of our members simply because he was a member of HTG.

Also, we are located in San Jose (a.k.a. "Silicon Valley") where the high tech businesses abound, not San Francisco, though we do have some membership from that city. Our membership roles now stand at approximately 700, including a dozen different States, Canada and Saudi Arabia. And we are about as "loose-knit" as the National Press Club, or any other special constituency, membership organization.

Perhaps this appears nit-picking, but I would be pleased to discuss HTG with you at any length, if you have occasion to write another piece on gay and lesbian professionals in the high tech industries.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Rudy', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the bottom right of the signature.

Rick Rudy
President