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~~Dear Mr. and Mrs. Byerley:~~

Thank you very much for contacting me. I appreciate that you have taken the time to bring your concerns to my attention.

I appreciate your comments in opposition to the Kinsey Institute. I commend you for your strong interest, and I want to be helpful to you.

As you may know, a bill was introduced last Congress, HR 2749, to direct a congressional investigation of Alfred Kinsey's 1948 study of sexual behavior. The bill was referred to the House Education Committee, where no action was taken. No similar bill has been introduced this Congress.

I have contacted Indiana University officials about this matter, and was advised that the Kinsey Institute has never carried out sexual experiments on children, either during Alfred Kinsey's time or since. According to IU officials, the information about children's sexual responses, included in the 1948 report, was obtained from older subjects recalling their own childhoods, parents observing their children and a small number of adult men who had engaged in sexual contacts with children and were interviewed by Kinsey and his staff.

I have not had an opportunity to review this matter in detail, but appreciate having the benefit of your views. I would appreciate receiving from you evidence you cite of sexual molestation of children as part of the Kinsey research. I do not, of course, as a member of the minority of Congress, have the power to call for hearings or investigation. In the Congress that power rests with the majority. I will convey your concerns to the chairman of the House Education Committee, which has jurisdiction over this issue.

Thank you again for contacting me. Please let me know if I may be of assistance to you in the future.

Sincerely,

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~~LEE H. HAMILTON, M.C.~~