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### ABC Broadcasts Documentary

The Gay Media Alliance has learned that the documentary titled "ABC News Closeup--Homosexuals" is scheduled to be shown on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 10 p.m. EST.

Fred Goldhaber of the Gay Media Alliance was allowed to preview the entire one-hour program recently.

The program is preceded by an advisory for parental discretion and against stereotyping gay people. It says that gay people are just as diverse as straights. Goldhaber said, "This makes the program a significant pro-gay event."

"This is an important program," Goldhaber said, "which features only lesbians and gay men talking about themselves, their experiences and their feelings about being gay."

The program has no narration, and there are no professional overviews. The program also does not discuss "origins of homosexuality".

The program is in four segments: oppression; escape; relationships; expression.

"Although two of the people discuss suicidal feelings," Goldhaber

said, "it is made clear that these feelings are the result of the often vicious oppression of heterosexual society.

"The lesbian and gay men are a cross section of gay life in America, and reflect a wide range of experiences and beliefs. They are people, human beings with human feelings.

"On the whole, the program is sensitive and honest. The emphasis is on the oppression that lesbians and gay men live under in a predominantly heterosexual world and the ways in which they deal with this oppression and overcome it.

"Many of the conversations are about the joy and exhilaration that gays have experienced from coming out of their closets or, as a 50-year-old convert to homosexuality put it, 'going over the fence'."

The show advises that it is about certain urban men and women who are homosexuals. "Even the majority of lesbians and gay people living in huge cities should find the show informative and interesting," R. Paul Martin, spokesperson for GMA said.

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### Border Harassments Continue Against Aliens

Progress on banning discrimination against foreign gays wishing to enter the United States seems to have halted since former Immigration and Naturalization Service director Leonel Castillo issued a mid-August directive deferring any INS action in barring gays from this country. According to the Washington, DC Blade, harassment of gays at the border has continued despite the directive.

Prior to this summer's events, gay foreigners were often denied entrance on the basis of a 1952 McCarthy-era law which stigmatized all visiting aliens categorized as homosexual as "afflicted with psychopathic personality." Public Health Service psychiatrists and psychologists were called

upon to conduct examinations leading to "diagnoses" of sexual deviancy, which allowed Immigration Service officers to deport the individuals in question.

This policy was dealt a fatal blow with the case of Carl Hill, who is the news editor of the London Gay News. He was denied entrance along with his lover after an inspector spotted a "Gay Pride" button Hill was wearing. The Gay Rights Advocates sought judicial relief in Hill's behalf, and after a hectic two-month campaign the achieved a major victory. The Surgeon General forbade Public Health Service medical officers from issuing certificates of exclusion based solely

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