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U.S. Passport Service
Legal Division 2401 E Street, NW
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30 May 2000

Re: Rey Rivera Mendoza, a.k.a. Sylvia Rivera

To Whom It May Concern:

Sylvia Rivera (born Rey Rivera Mendoza) has been invited to Rome to speak at the Pride 2000 Celebration. She is a transgender person, male to female, and has been living as such since the age of eleven.

Sylvia Rivera (born Rey Rivera Mendoza) has been known to me since 1969. Under his given name, Rey Rivera Mendoza, social security # [REDACTED], he has been employed by me since 1996.

Our corporate federal number is [REDACTED]. You will find W2 forms filed for the wages paid to Rey Rivera Mendoza a.k.a. Sylvia Rivera for 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999. Rey Rivera Mendoza is still employed by us and is an excellent worker.

It is outrageous that you are putting this hard working, tax paying, world renowned transgender gay activist through such difficulty in obtaining a passport. This is 21st Century America. You are behaving like a bunch of bigoted Englishmen a-la-Quentin-Crisp ("The Naked Civil Servant").

My home phone number is [REDACTED] (mornings). The store is open from noon to eight P.M. I am always in between three and eight P.M. [REDACTED]. Please see this passport is issued promptly.

You can find both "Sylvia Rivera" and "Randolfe Wicker" in the New York Times index.

Respectfully,

Randolfe H. Wicker
President