Finding Aid to the Marjorie Greenfield Correspondence on Homophobic Headings
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Biographical Note
Marjorie Greenfield was a medical librarian at Philadelphia Metropolitan Hospital. She was active in the lesbian and feminist movements and wrote under the pseudonym Marjorie Morgan. In the mid-1970s she worked to have the subject heading "homosexuality" removed from hierarchies that placed it under "Perversion," "Sickness," etc. Along with Otto Ulrich, other medical librarians, and health professionals, their campaign succeeded. The National Library of Medicine, an international authority on medical cataloging and classification, updated the cataloging of "Homosexuality," removing it from disparaging hierarchies. In the 1990s she worked to update the World Health Organization's International Classification of Diseases. Greenfield was also a member of the American Library Association Gay and Lesbian Task Force where she collected and preserved correspondence that included personal stories and letters of thanks for the Task Force's efforts.

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