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Dear Louis:

I very much enjoyed our meeting on Monday and simply wanted to write you to express how productive I felt that meeting was. Although I have not reviewed the entire videotape, the little bit at the end which we quickly reviewed certainly indicated that it was of good quality. Therefore, that tape should be a valuable teaching tool for us to have available for future use. If you are interested, I would be more than happy to make a copy for you to have for your own use.

Some of the other things which we discussed, I would again like to review here. I mentioned the fact that I will be giving a talk to our sophomore medical students about gender identity disorders in January of 1988. Certainly your willingness to participate in this would be greatly appreciated. Your candor and openness together with your obvious knowledge of transsexualism, would come across in a very positive way. And finally, for the students to see someone who is struggling with AIDS would certainly be very educational for them. Soon I would be in a position to give you a specific date, but would imagine it would fall somewhere around January 15, give or take a few days. Please let me know whether you would be able to return to Reno for this purpose. At that same time we might seriously consider having another session in front of the camera. This second go-around would be done in the studio where there would be an operator who could do some close-ups and vary the zoom lens in ways that might be technically superior to what we did on Monday.

Finally, I want you to know that I was able to read some of the material which you forwarded to me, and in particular, I read your "Information for Female-to-Male." I found it most interesting and quite informative. You mentioned a number of readings on page 43 in which you referred to a number of references to women passing as men. Some of these are historical in nature and go back to quite early times. I have been trying to make a historical collection of books dealing with sexuality in general, and gender identity disorders in particular. Since I suspect some of these books may well be out of print, I wondered if you had personal copies of any of them, and whether you would be willing to help me collect some of these historical references to female to male transsexualism. Finally, and bringing this same request up to date, you mentioned a reference by Blanchard to the issue of female to male transsexuals who are engaging in a male homosexual lifestyle. I would certainly appreciate your writing me and sending me that reference.

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In ending let me say again that I appreciated meeting you and look forward to our future collaboration. Whenever I get the chance I will indeed write the vignette about your experience as a female to male transsexual who has established a male homosexual lifestyle. I believe this would be a significant contribution to the literature and an important part of my paper on sexual preference and transsexualism.

Sincerely yours,



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