

July 23, 1989

Dear Rupert,

Good to get your letter of June 26, and thank you for the article on AIDS. At this point I am in so many studies through the Univ. of California, they're keeping me plenty busy. Yes, I knew about Paul Walker and am surprised to hear he plans to make the trip to the Cleveland Symposium.

Oh, Rupert, my health is pretty bad. I look in the mirror and scare myself - this long drawn-out gaunt face with sunken eyes looking back at me.... It seems in only a year I went from 144 lbs. to 109. But I just have to remember that "our bodies are not ourselves." They've recently diagnosed me with an internal infection called "MAI" for which there is no treatment and no recovery. I just feel bloated and weak all the time, but am spending my remaining energy on what is most important - FTM work! Fortunately I have many friends who will assist me in the mundane chores of daily life.

No progress so far on my INFO F-M book. I promised to have it to Ari Kane by end of July, and that ain't gonna happen. It truly is the most important thing I must finish.

The biography of Jack Bee Garland is still with the publishers at Alyson in Boston. I just mailed them a letter yesterday asking what the &*&#*@ is going on.

Am enclosing the FTM Video per your order, and the audio tape of Walter Bockting on female-to-gay males.

*Best wishes,
Lou*

P.S. I'm having a hard time ordering Michael nee Laura and The Perfect Gentleman here in the States. I've asked an FTM friend in London to try to send me a copy. If I cannot obtain one through him, I might turn to you for more information.

*sent FTM Video
Walter tape*