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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I was, as before, delighted to receive your letter of January 17, 1989. I was interested in your FTM newsletter, and I was saddened to read of the retirement of Dr. Paul Walker, with whom, as you may recall, I am acquainted.

I finally, after a few years of trying, tracked down Hirschfeld's very first reference to what might have been a female-to-gay male, in his 1906 book Wesen der Liebe [The Essence of Love]. A sexology researcher in Hamburg kindly sent me a photocopy of the relevant page. It did not, after all that, say very much; and I think that my paraphrase of Hirschfeld's remarks in my 1987 Archives article with Clemmensen and Steiner really contains all that Hirshfeld had to say on the matter.

Yesterday I learned that my article, "The Classification and Labeling of Nonhomosexual Gender Dysphorias," has finally been scheduled for publication in the August issue of the Archives of Sexual Behavior (Volume 18, Number 4). The article contains a brief review of the available literature on female-to-gay males (possibly the only review on this topic written to date), and I discuss your case briefly in it, based upon information in our previous correspondence. I assume that you would be interested in a reprint of this article, and I will send you one when I receive them.

I assume that you have by now received the telephone message which I left on your answering machine this past Saturday, January 28. I will expand my message here anyway. I am presently preparing a book on gender dysphoria for the American Psychiatric Press, the publishing arm of the American Psychiatric Association. I would like to use your case as an example of a female-to-gay male, extracting quotes from your letters to me, so that your history would, to a large degree, be told in your own words. Your letters to me were very articulate, and I have, for

some time, been waiting for the perfect vehicle for substantial quotes from them. I would, of course, employ false names for Jim, Tom, and yourself.

It has been clear, from your first letter to me, that you intended for me to use the information that you sent me for the advancement of sexological knowledge and for the education of mental health practitioners. I think it is possible, however, that American Psychiatric Press might want me to have some kind of signed document, in which you explicitly give your consent to the publication of quotes from your letters. I have therefore prepared and enclosed such a consent form, which I am asking you to sign.

The deadline for the manuscript is still some months away; however, deadlines of all kinds make me nervous and I like to have all aspects of a project completed well in advance. I am therefore sending you this letter by courier. I do not, of course, expect you to send your reply by courier, but I would be grateful if you would return the consent form as soon as possible, so that I can forget about this detail and get on with the substantive aspects of this section of the book.

I might mention that The Advocate is also sold in Canada, and I would be interested to know when your upcoming article is going to appear.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray Blanchard".

Ray Blanchard, Ph.D