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Dear Dr. Pauly:

I am contacting you per the suggestion last year of Judy Van Maasdam of Dr. Laub's office. She thought you may be interested in my case.

I was born female and, from my first sexual fantasies, have thought of myself as a homosexual man. I began identifying as such at age 22 and have not waivered in my sexual orientation towards gay men throughout my female-to-male transition. I began testosterone at age 28 (in 1979) and have lived full-time as a gay man since. Just this past year I completed genital surgery and, unfortunately, this past New Year's Eve, was diagnosed with pneumocystis AIDS.

I have recently spoken with Paul Walker (who knows me well) and Eli Coleman of Minnesota regarding the Harry Benjamin Symposium in Amsterdam and the long overdue recognition of the female-to-male gay man. Before I die, I would very much like to be documented, so that in the future others like myself will not search the transsexual literature for a mention of someone like themselves in vain (as I did).

Ms. Van Maasdam thought that you may be interested in interviewing me. I am relatively healthy and able to travel, or would be happy to see you if you come to the Bay Area. Please let me know if you are interested in such a meeting.

Sincerely,

Lou Sullivan

Louis G. Sullivan

Dear Louis!

In my presidential address at the 1st meeting of the International Gender Dysphoria Assoc. in Amsterdam, I made mention of the fact that some female-to-male tx's were pursuing a gay relationship with homosexual men. I quoted the work of an English psychologist, Dorothy
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Clare, Ph.D, who sent me a copy of paper which she had written, entitled "Transsexualism, Gender Dysphoria, and Transhomosexuality". As you can see from the enclosed abstract she defines transhomosexuality as "gender-dysphoric subjects whose psychosexual identity is that of a homosexual person of the biologically opposite sex". As she says, these individuals have been under-researched, ignored, or explained away.

There has been some mention of transsexual-leakages, in the male-to-female direction. I am enclosing a copy of her abstract on this topic. I encouraged Dr. Clare to send her manuscript off to ~~be~~ published, in the hopes she might be responsible for bringing this to the attention of our specialty. HOPEFULLY, YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF IN THE LITERATURE SOON!

Regarding your offer to come to Reno, I would like that very much. Since I have not seen a person in your circumstance before, I would appreciate the opportunity to learn from you. In fact this situation is sufficiently rare & unreported, that it is worth a case report. In addition to some 10 cases of female-to-male "transhomosexuality" in England, a colleague from Amsterdam has accumulated 17 cases & a transsexual from Los Angeles knows of 6 or 8. Please call & make an appointment

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Sincerely,
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