

Dear Virginia 2-7-81

Thank you for keeping in touch after all this time. My last ltr to you was exactly 2 yrs ago today. And since then Ive gone thru a lot of chgs. In Sept 79 I just threw up my hands at trying to juggle being a female & a male at once. I saw Wardell Pomeroy & he diagnosed me as a true TS. I began taking male hormones that Nov & had my chest surg in July 80. I am presently living & working fulltime as a man & cannot begin to express how satisfied I am, how life has opened up before my very eyes. I never knew how good a person could feel. So much for me as a fem TV, hey? Yet I truly believe in the fem TV & still maintain my previous transvestic attractn to mens clothing. Having the body to go w/ it now is besides the point. (Is it that TV-TS continuum we keep hearing about?) I would like to do an article for TVia, but (1) dont know if I qualify anymore, tho I would write only about my TVic days & (2) dont know really how to address the subject. Maybe I never was a true TV. I never wanted to be a female, even a female dressed in mens clothing. I just wanted to be a gay man. And I gather from what youve written that male TVs are not interested in being "lesbians." I dispute your statement that the penis is the principle object of interest to gay males. I believe the hard, muscled body & rough skin texture of the male is basically what attracts men to men. Since my mastectomy I have had 2 separate sexual encounters w/ gay men who did not know about my chg, thought I was another gay man until we got into bed, & Virginia, neither of them asked me one single question about my body, nor did they treat me as anything other than another gay man. I just laid on my stomach & offered my ass & we had fantastic loving sex. Since those 2 however Ive run into several who got their clothes back on & left once they found no cock there--but in those cases the men themselves were rather fem, while the

men who accepted me were more butch. You seemed perplexed that I'd wish to perform sodomy when I have a "perfectly useful vagina" but to me having sex w/ a man the way men have sex w/men is by far more satisfying than using my female parts (Of course now that I've gone the TS route all my arguments are in a different light) I am hoping to have genital surg in the not too distant future. I've also resigned as ed of The Gway (GGG/G's publ) after a yr & from the org. At present I do voluntr work for PW & JIF. I realize your interest in men has probably diminished since I've gone the TS route but still would like to meet you if you're ever in the area.

Regards