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Dear Eli:

You will by now have received a copy of a letter sent to me by Mr. Louis G. Sullivan, dated November 1, 1987. As you will recall from our previous correspondence, Mr. Sullivan first wrote to me on August 24, 1987, introducing himself to me as a female-to-gay-male transsexual, and indicating his desire to be documented in the sexological literature. I replied to Mr. Sullivan on September 8, 1987, in a long letter which included 68 separate questions about his history. A few days later (September 12, 1987), I sent identical letters to you and Paul Walker, asking for confirmation of Mr. Sullivan's claim to be acquainted with you, and requesting a few additional pieces of information about him. Both of you kindly replied, and your letter of October 8, 1987 additionally informed me that you had already completed an extensive case history on Mr. Sullivan, which you were in the process of writing up for publication. I had no further contact with Mr. Sullivan until his letter of November 1, 1987, which is actually his point-by-point reply to most of the questions in my letter of September 8, 1987.

Page 5 of Mr. Sullivan's letter of November 1 contains the information that he gave a videotaped interview to Dr. Ira Pauly in October, that he will be meeting again with Dr. Pauly in January 1988, and that Dr. Pauly is thinking of writing an article on female-to-gay-male transsexuals. It appears that Mr. Sullivan, in his understandable urgency to document his case in the medical literature, has essentially succeeded in placing his history, so to speak, in the public domain. I personally feel that this is all to the good, and that the sexology literature would be enriched by multiple viewpoints on a case as rare and interesting as Mr. Sullivan's.

As I informed you in our telephone conversation a few weeks ago, I have recently completed a review paper on nonhomosexual gender dysphorics (in my terminology, gender dysphorics who are not exclusively attracted to members of their own chromosomal sex). This manuscript is primarily concerned with biological males, but it also includes a brief section on biological

females. I have already submitted this manuscript for publication. The present draft of the manuscript includes no reference to Mr. Sullivan's case. Instead I included, with your verbal permission, the simple statement that research on cases of this type is currently under way, referencing your letter of October 8, 1987 as a "Personal Communication."

By the time my manuscript has been reviewed, your case report on Mr. Sullivan (mentioned in your letter of October 8, 1987) will undoubtedly have been submitted for publication and will probably be in press. When I come to revise my own manuscript, therefore, I can reference your case report to direct the reader to a full discussion of Mr. Sullivan's case and to establish your priority in reportage. At the same time, I intend to add certain specific information about Mr. Sullivan's case to my own manuscript, which will be taken from my own correspondence with him. This will not be a full-length case report--which would, in any event, unbalance this manuscript--but rather particular points germane to my argumentation in that section.

I would therefore appreciate it if you would supply me with the title of your case report within the next few months. In the unlikely event that your case report has not been accepted for publication by the time I have to revise my own manuscript, I would simply reference it as "submitted for publication" and update that to "in press" when I correct the page proofs for my own article.

I think it is obvious that Mr. Sullivan's intention in distributing copies of his letter of November 1 was to facilitate the sharing of information by interested researchers. It is therefore almost superfluous for me to state that you (and anyone else on his distribution list) are free to use any information in it which Mr. Sullivan might have neglected to mention when relating his oral history.

Kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Ray Blanchard, Ph.D.