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Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
Rehabilitation Surgery

Denise A. Di Anne
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Dear Denise A. DiAnne:

I have recently become associated with Dr. Laub and have reviewed your correspondence with him. You are interested in helping us make progress notes on our success in this field. I tried to call you in San Francisco but was unable to obtain a listing. It would be a great help if you could let us know how life is going for you now and what kinds of advice or suggestions we might make to our patients.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. Gandy".

Patrick Gandy, Chief,
Gender Identity Program

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January 18, 1973

Patrick Gandy, Chief
Gender Identity Program
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Attention: Department of Surgery
Plastic & Reconstructive

Dear Dr. Gandy:

Thank you for your letter of January 15. I am sorry you had difficulty in trying to get my home phone number. However, I have an unlisted number. I believe though that your office has my office phone. Anyway, my home phone is (415) 824-7373 and my office is 553-1704.

I should be very happy to be of any service I can in helping you with your work. Since there are many facets to life and living, it would be rather difficult for me to make any suggestions until I had a specific area pointed out to me in which you desired information.

As for my own life, or at least my present state; I can only say that I am living a completely normal existence within our cultural definition of "normal." I am thoroughly accepted and acceptable to the majority of the people with whom I come in contact. I have many friends, few of whom know of my past. I have been working steadily for the past three years in the same organization (City and County of San Francisco). I have a good social life. I am considered to be rather attractive in personality as well as looks and am sought after for companionship by both men and women.

My personality and even life-style has not changed appreciably from the day I made the transition. My psyche is pretty much the same as before the transition. The only real change is my body. Of course, my views have changed somewhat as to women's role, partly from being a woman and partly from my interest in the

Women's Lib movement. I can appreciate more than ever the ridiculous sterotype to which women are subjected.

I would say that to change roles in our society takes a lot of courage and fortitude, especially to change to a role that offers little in the realm of personal achievement and a sense of pride as a human being (because of society's restrictions on women, of course). However, one must be what one is and that in itself is an accomplishment to be proud of (bucking the system). I would suggest that anyone wishing to switch roles be prepared to tap the resources of their inner strengths to see them through the sometimes awkward transition stage. I would also suggest that they have supreme confidence in themselves and a hell of a lot of guts to ward off attacks (subtle and overt) by both sympathizers and non-sympathizers. For instance, the normal procedure in addressing a letter to someone is to use their title, "Dear Miss, Ms., Mrs., or Mr.", not Dear John Doe. The above should give you a hint for yet another lesson for the role-changers, "Never tell anyone of your past," except out of sheer necessity because no matter how sympathetic a person might be, there will always be a subtle change in relationships. You cannot escape the fact that you are different and try as we might, the human race does not tolerate differences - inexplicable fears surface, or your difference is taken as an affront to the human family.

Each human being, nonetheless, is different and consequently each person must deal with his/her problems on his/her own. All any of us can do is offer guidelines. My experiences are unlike anyone else's in the world and the way I deal with my problems are unlike anyone else's way of solving his/her problems. If the way I have dealt

with my life and its problems can be of any help to others as a guideline, you have then chosen well. I am willing and able to offer any services you may require of me.

Sincerely,

Denise A. DiAnne
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P.S. If the salutation in your letter to me was intentional or unintentional, I am really not offended. I just find it rather amusing, and an excuse to point out one of the many ways in which people, such as me, are made to feel different. (Very sensitive creatures are we and acutely aware - sometimes beneficial, other times merely ridiculous). Actually, in all my years in the secretarial field, I have never seen anyone so addressed (by their full name).

February 22, 1973

Patrick Gandy, Chief
Gender Identity Program
Stanford University Medical Center
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Attention: Department of Surgery
Plastic & Reconstructive

Dear Dr. Gandy:

Since business is slow today, I thought I might write concerning some matters that have been on my mind relating to some points brought up in publications on TS' behavior.

Point One: The chroniclers of TS' behavior make it seem peculiar that TS' are sometimes on the defensive because others do not see them as they see themselves; e.g. a person dealing with a male TS might unconsciously or consciously use the male pronoun. Of course, the TS takes offense. In this case, I don't see that such behavior is at all peculiar. After all the whole idea is that a male TS sees himself as a woman - does everything physically and emotionally to prepare himself for the role and then has his ego shattered by some thoughtless remark. The same situation occurs when a negro man is referred to as "boy" or a degrading remark is made because of his color. You can't possibly accuse him of being peculiar because he wishes to be treated with dignity. You too would be on the defensive, if by chance you had some female characteristic and someone called you by the female pronoun. Or perhaps you are in a foreign land with people of a different race and they unkindly remark about your color or country.

Point Two: The male TS lack of motherly instinct, so called, as he prefers to adopt children of an older age. Since most male TS' were brought up as males and are exposed to male psychology, despite his preference to be other than a male, he cannot help

but acquire some male attitudes, if only to prove to himself that there is no disharmony between his mind and body. Even though a male at a young age is aware of his feminine psyche, he still must make every effort, at least outwardly, to hew to the male image. It is not drummed into his head directly, as with a female child, that his sole reason for existence is to bear and care for children. Further, he is not directly exposed to the caring techniques that little females are exposed to - playing with dolls, caring for younger children (babysitters are usually females). Any sensible woman or one brought up in a liberated household, might just prefer to raise an older child rather than an infant. After all, we being social beings, we prefer to be around people who can communicate. Since an infant gives only minimal satisfaction, not being able to communicate directly, it would seem logical that one would prefer a child one is able to have some meaningful communication with. Another factor is that an infant requires almost constant attention, limiting the caretakers freedom. And, the type of attention demanded is not always of the pleasantest kind; e.g. changing diapers, etc. So to say that a male TS does not fulfill the female role to the inth degree according to our cultural standards or that which behaviorists consider the female role norm, does not lessen the male TS image as that of a genetic-type female.

Point Three: Female TS are more stable and more easily suited to her chosen role than that of the male. Since the male role is somewhat basic, requiring little artifice, it should be obvious that a female would fit more readily into the male role versus a male into a female role which requires a great deal of artifice to portray the role accurately. If the male falls short of the ultimate, it should be quite understandable. For instance, there is a peculiar notion by some psychiatrists dealing with a male TS that if he stoops to pick up an object, he is not suited to the

female role as femals are known to squat to pick up an object. No one ever bothered to wonder why females squat assuming, I suppose, that such action was instinctive. The reason could well likely be that it is a learned behavior which no doubt came about so that a female's derriere would not be exposed under her dress.

To develop suitable behavior of one sex or another requires intensive and persistent direction. In the case of TS', such intensive and persistent direction is not very likely to be given them in the role of the opposite sex. However, indirectly and subtly the opposite gender role behavior may be fostered but hardly enough that these TS' can readily adopt such a complete reversal of roles. We would expect them to be more in the center than at the extremes.

Now I can rest until my next brainstorm.

By the way, I am now a member of the Golden Gate Tip Toppers (a tall club) and have started to write for their publication. Just came back from a skietrip with them after a lapse of over five years from the sport. I think I'll take it up seriously.

Back in school too, this time under the ageis of the City and County of San Francisco so that I can get ahead in Civil Service. My degree means nothing to the City without prior experience in other than secretarial work. However, when you see the calibre of personnel here with high paying jobs who have degrees it makes you wonder about our colleges. These people are unbelievably stupid and totally incompetent.

So have a nice week anyway.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. DiAnne:

As you may know, some unfortunate publicity has been in the papers. Unfortunately the papers write what they wish rather than what one said.

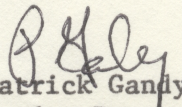
I was pleased to receive your letter of February 22 concerning the points brought up in publications on transsexual behavior. I emphatically agree with point one; having grown up in rural Georgia, I am sensitive to the terms boy, cracker, white trash, etc!

Point Two I would guess is really a matter of personal preference. Any psychiatrist or psychologist who states that the transsexual lacks motherly instinct because of a preference to adopt children of an older age is just being silly.

As for Point three, I guess we could both agree and disagree on that one and continue discussion for a long time. Frankly, I think roles are in such flux today that anyone who wonders and worries and frets about which role he or she is fulfilling is likely to end up with a sore head. However, I would agree that the transsexual is more intense and persistent about developing suitable behavior of one sex or another.

I would be very interested in receiving a copy of the Golden Gate Tip Toppers publication. Good luck with your skiing. The last time I tried, I broke something. Weekends seem to be longer and nicer now that the sun has come out. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,


Patrick Gandy
Gender Dysphoria Program

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April 20, 1973

Dr. Patrick Gandy
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Stanford, California 94305

Dear Dr. Gandy:

First off, are you a doctor? No where in your letters or in that newspaper article does it mention your title. I am making an assumption that you are a doctor of something or other.

I am fully aware of the sensational character of newspaper stories and I always take them with a grain of salt. However, I can't help but be miffed when they write about TS, even sympathetically. I guess I just don't want to be reminded. Herb Caen had a little tibia on a TS in his paper. He's quite good at making snide remarks about anyone who is different. I had the honor or dishonor of having a little blurb in his column. He mentioned my name when I sent in a funny tibia. Everyone in the office (or quite a few, anyway) thought I knew him personally. I became an instant celebrity for one day. Aside from the fact that I don't care to be reminded about TSism in print, I dislike the term "man" used in relation to TS! My definition of man or woman is one who has acquired the title through the process of becoming. I should think most men would find it an insult to have the term man associated with someone who doesn't adhere to the cultural concept of what a man is. A better term, and more accurate one, would be male. Of course, this only points up the fact that so little is still known about the whole maddening phenomena of TS and other sexual matters, and our total ignorance of how to deal with these vagaries of life.

As to the Golden Gate TippToppers newssheet, at present, I don't have any extra copies, but am in the process of getting some. However, very shortly I shall be the editor as I was nominated for the post. I guess the present editors were impressed with my writings, or something, as they nominated me without my ever expressing an interest in taking over. As it turns out, I am the takeover kind of person anyway. And every club to which I belonged I edited their newspapers.

Even received some awards in competition, which, of course, really doesn't say much about my writing ability, but for club type papers - not bad. My greatest achievement and pride was in the Union Pacific Railroad publication that I inaugurated, edited, typed, etc. It started out to be a newsheet for one office and spread all over the country where Union Pacific had its offices. I had the Chairmen of the Board asking for copies and had several congratulatory letters and phone calls from the President of the company. While I was at it, I also inaugurated a company art show on an annual basis. Another success and great for the morale of the worker bees of the company. I was going great guns and was headed into management when I got booted out for you know what. It would have been awkward to stay anyway, but I had planned on leaving with dignity, but my boss got uptight when he discovered my plans. He won't even give me a recommendation after spending 11 years with the company. However, I am forging ahead nonetheless and plan to make it big yet. Or at least give vent to all my talents. First I must shunt this secretarial role and that I plan to do this year one way or another. My next goal is to get my real estate license and... Well, when I get to it, I'll let you know.

By the way, at the moment, the only thing that the Golden Gate Tip Topper is printing of mine are my gourmet receipts and hints on how to shop and store food. If there is one thing I am good at, it is shopping and cooking. I have dinner guests every week and give big parties on occasion. I have the place for it too, quite large and leaning toward the elegant side with the help of a beautiful view of the city. Back to the paper, I write on the philosophical plane. I like to prod people into thinking and it has worked for me in the past. I have lots of depth and I get it out on paper. I also have lots of pride and self-confidence, as you may have noted. And, of course, I like attention and do a bit of my own horn tooting, but not to the point of being boorish.

So, okay, I'll send you the paper, but I won't guarantee it will be all that interesting. It hardly interests those involved, except for the social calendar. No, really, world shattering news or literary excellence.

Thank you for your letter and forgive my lack of brevity. I do get carried away. Surely you have more important matters.



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Denise DiAnne
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Dear Denise:

My degree is an M.A. in Preventive Medicine. I am not a doctor.

I was very interested in your analysis of the sensational character of newspaper stories, and the attitude of the TS to any newspaper or public reference. Your points and criticism are well taken regarding the term "man" used in relation to TS. I find your letters most educational for myself and you are correct, our ignorance of how to deal with sexual matters is vast.

I was unaware that you inaugurated, edited, and typed the Union Pacific Railroad publication and have received awards in competition. Of course, I should not be surprised, your writing ability is apparent in the letters that I have received. If there is any way that I can assist you in your future plans, please let me know.

I would be pleased to pass along your gourmet recipes to the staff here and I personally can use any tips on how to shop and store food. I look forward to a copy of the Golden Gate TippTopper and I am interested in learning more about your philosophy.

Sincerely,

Patrick Gandy
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May 10, 1973

Mr. Patrick Gandy
Gender Dysphoria Program
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Stanford University Medical Center
Stanford, California 94305

Dear Mr. Gandy:

Now, at least, I know what to call you.

I have noted in the newssheet I received from the Erickson Foundation that they are trying to push Dysphoria over TS. I think dysphoria fits very well and would be a little difficult to confuse with TV, et al (not television, you understand).

Receiving a response to my letters always is an encouragement for me to write, as it really is one of my favorite pasttimes. Of course, knowing that someone is interested in me (for whatever reason) also pleases me. Someday I will explain.

I must say, too, that I am quite overwhelmed (literally) by your offer to assist me. I just can't recall anyone in all my days offering to help me. I have become so self-sufficient that I think people think I don't need any help. However, many people come to me for help for their physical, mental, emotional, financial, etc. needs. I do the best I can and I suppose I am flattered that people see in me an answer to some of their problems. I really should go into psychiatry and at least get paid for my services. Which reminds me, I had hoped to study the subject (psychiatry) but unfortunately, the study must be pursued in the daytime. Of course, I have to make a living. I already have a degree (Political Science). All I can wish is that I could be given the opportunity to make use of my natural and developed talents. However, I am stuck with no "experience" in any of the fields that interest me and consequently, I am having a time getting out of the secretarial rut. Nonetheless, I am trying. And, getting back to your kind offer, if I see where you can be of some service, I certainly will accept your help.

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I do hope you will find something of interest in those newsheets I sent you, besides my shopping tips. In July, when I probably will be taking over the newsheet, you will get a glimpse of my philosophy.

By the way, on Saturday, May 19, at 2:30 PM at Eastridge Community Hall, Eastridge Shopping Center, San Jose, our club is having its annual beauty pageant. And, I am one of the contestants. It starts at 2:30 and lasts into the night with dancing and food included in the price of \$4, or \$2 for the beauty pageant and \$3 for the queens ball alone. We are also having a Mr. Tall San Francisco contest in the evening, which is usually a hilarious show, so I am told. Anyway, you are welcome to attend, if you care to and if you are in the area, as I suspect you might live somewhere near San Jose. The female winner then competes on the national scale for Miss Tall Universe. Our present Miss Tall Universe is 6'4½" tall, very charming and attractive.

My phone has been ringing incessantly so that I have lost my trend of thought and lucky for you, I must bring this letter to an end.

Have a nice week.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I am as interested in hearing about you as you are in hearing about me. So feel free to philosophize.



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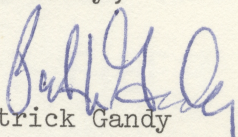
Denise A. DiAnn
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Dear Denise:

I was very interested to receive the news sheets. I have not read them in depth as the work load here has become heavy. The term dysphoria was created by Dr. Fisk.

It is good that we have individuals like you around who have strong shoulders and can help others in their time of need. I was sincere in my offer also, and if you see where I can be of service, please call me. I would like to have attended the beauty pageant at San Jose. Unfortunately, I was not in California on that date. As you know we are working right now to bring our information and data up to date.

Sincerely,


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Ms. Denise DiAnne
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Dear Denise:

That is a very good photograph and I am happy to have it for your file. I will show it to Dr. Laub as soon as he returns from vacation.

I am very interested in your current biography, "TS Leads Normal Life". That is precisely the image of the TS that must be conveyed for more understanding. You seem to be quite popular to be voted in as editor of the club paper. I am sorry that I missed the Beauty Contest.

Do not be too hard on Dr. Green. You cannot always trust what the newspapers say about a person. It is better to hear it directly from the person involved. However, I could not agree with you more about labels, and I certainly agree that more women should be involved in sex research.

I really cannot think of a better person than yourself to be cheering up juvenile girls who have behavioral problems. Have you considered going into the field of youth guidance?

Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patrick Gandy".

Patrick Gandy
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