Dear Rupert 2/6/85

Sorry for taking so long ingetting back to you but I lost the whole mo of Jan sick w/mono. I mean SICK

I believe I'll have to take a pass at reading/reviewing Freemartin for you. I havent the stomach. Just reading your description of the story made me queasy, and I already dont like the book just because its "anti-TS". You might have to review that one yourself.

Got a letter from Rick Archbold of Body Politic rejecting my Lothstein book review. Unfortunately, they say the manuscript was "misplaced" so they couldn't return it to me...just that you "decided against using it." In a way I'm glad. Lothstein doesnt need any publicity for his monstrosity.

My biography of Jack Garland, a female who lived as a man from 1869-1936, has hit upon some snags and I'm having trouble tracking Jack's whereabouts the last half of his life. Most discouraging, but I'm going to put more research into it before going ahead without it. Will take out a big ad in Metamorph when it's done. I'm quite excited about its possibilities...I even have pictures!

Well, I'm pretty unhappy after being rejected by Dr. Laub's office for the genital surgery. I was told that they could not understand my lifestyle (as a gay man) and chose not to deal with me. Dr. Falces was recommended to me, as Falces had performed some of these surgeries, but he informed me that he has discontinued performing female-to-male genital surgeries because of his low success rate in retaining sensation in the area after cutting. I am quite angry at being rejected by Laub's office without their ever having seen or talked to me...solely on an application I wrote 9 years ago. It is apparent that even the so-called gender specialists don't understand the difference between gender orientation and sexual preference. It seems they think they are helping me by dooming me to a life of half-a-body-of-each, and a life of having sex without taking off my clothes...my punishment for finding the male body a sexual thing. I am pursuing other surgeons elsewhere.

Sorry I can't oblige re: Freemartin. I'm not man enough.

Hope you got my card to Harry Benjamin in time for his 100th birthday.

Regards,