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Dear Eldon

This won't be a long letter but I knew you'd like even a short one.

Finally got checked into the UC Med Ctr AIDS Clinic today & they had nothing special to tell me. Doc said they wanted to give me a few weeks w/o medications to clean me out & Feb 3 I have an appt. where we'll discuss some treatments they can put me on. I still have some candida in my mouth but the medication for that works well on me. He said I should wait maybe a month to get stronger, but he saw no problem w/the plastic surgen slipping me the testicular implant but only if it'll be under local anestsia (it will be). So that's fantastic news. I signed consent forms to participate in their research project & for them to take extra blood from me to freeze it for future study.

Thank you for the xeroxed articles. All these years I've made a point of NOT reading all this AIDS stuff cuz it's so depressing, so I have some back homework to do.

Your long letter about your will/Foundation was kind of overwhelming, but maybe just because my mind is on overload w/all this @#\$\$ shit, so I'll await your final draft. Of course my first thought for "my successor" was Alyn Hess & I'm kind of surprised he wasn't on your original list. Any special reason he wasn't? Do you object to my naming him my successor?? I know he'd be most hip on Milw's needs & as far as I know he's always been forthright & upstanding.

Long Hosp forwarded a Get Well card that Gerry Meyers sent me, so maybe there's still hope I'll see the 2 items you sent me there. I've also had a couple postcards from Alyn & Ive sent a letter to Howard. Thanks for helping me in telling my Milw friends the news. I think I'm really seeing who cares about me now.

My deepest apologies, and I'm really sorry & embarrassed at having held your check & not sent you my book sooner. I'm must going to use my catch-all excuse, "I haven't been well." I also want to thank you for putting on paper your memories of Sheila-- yes, I remember well being fag-bashed at the laundromat & being pissed off at the hets at the Factory. I haven't changed a bit.

My roommate told me about your call this morn & I'm glad you got to talk to him. He's been really wonderful to me.

And so have you. Love you, Eldon,

Lou

[sent F-M booklet; list of SFBAGLHS's GPU NEWS holdings asking if he has back issues to fill in; SFBAGLHS's "Now that you're out of the closet" brochure]