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Dear Rupert,

FINALLY it's off the press! I am so excited I can hardly stand it. Enclosed copy for your review.

I'm also sending a stat of my 1/4-page ad. Looks like the photographic paper turned on the old one. Doesn't reflect too well on the quality of my booklet! I'd appreciate it if you'd replace the ad with the enclosed. Should look much better. Unfortunately I can count the number of orders for the booklet on one hand, but I'll begin some active selling soon.

Thanks for telling me about [REDACTED]. We've been writing each other for several years. He's just told me about [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and I will write them, too.

My biography of Jack Garland is moving slowly. I did make a 4-day trip to the city in which he lived in 1899 to glean more articles from their library microfilm, also had someone translate several of his father's papers (in Spanish). I'm going to spend some time on this story, though, and do it right...I think I'd like to get a professional publisher for this one.

Told you about my sister who just got multiple sclerosis... well, she and her husband (and 3 large dogs--I hate dogs) have been living in my apartment since July as she requires rather constant care. Hopefully by Dec. they'll have their own place. She has to be catheterized every 4 hours, and says she's numb from the tits down (sure makes me rethink my terror of losing orgasmic ability via phalloplasty).

I just bought a Honda Rebel motorcycle and am gliding in the clouds! I was hoping to get something exciting between my legs this year, but didn't know I'd have to settle for a motorcycle. May not be "The Big One," but sure 'nuff makes me feel LIKE A MAN. It's fantastic! When I get my permanent license, think I'll join one of the gay men's motorcycle clubs.

Also bought a beat-up old piano. Maybe I'll take lessons again.

Paul Walker is contacting surgeons who might possibly do me. He feels, after attending the HBIGDA Symposium in Sept., that there are two doing "the best" genitalia. One's in Virginia, another in Missouri. I hope to God I can get myself done in '86.

I agree, The Uninvited Dilemma is very good. It's the only book on TSism I think I'd recommend (beside my own, of course!).

My lover and I are finally seeing a profit in our business. All in all, life's been pretty good to me lately.

Regards,