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Dear Les:

Below is a description of ECFTMG for inclusion in your upcoming book. I have also enclosed a few recent meeting flyers of ours, and a sample newsletter.

The East Coast Female-to-Male Group (ECFTMG) is a peer support network for female-to-male transvestities, transsexuals, and their partners. Founded in 1992 by Bet Power, the group meets monthly in Northampton, Massachusetts and draws individuals from throughout New England. Sunday get-togethers typically include a topic discussion, video showings, and a potluck dinner or outing to a local restaurant. Meetings are held in Mr. Power's home, which also houses The Sexual Minorities Archives. ECFTMG meetings and events are open exclusively to FTMs and their partners.

For more information and the group's mailings, write to: ECFTMG, P.O. Box 60585, Florence Station, Northampton, MA 01060.

The newsletter has not been published in some time, but I hope to eventually get it going again. It was something my wife, Lonnie, and I worked on together but we "divorced" 5 months ago, and since then, my energy has been taken up almost entirely with deep grief/sorrow over the loss of her. We had been together nearly six years when she left.

I can't begin to describe how alone I now feel as a single FTM who has lost his partner. New England community for FTMs, as you may know, is sparse and often sporadic. And there is no defined place/way to meet potential partners. I lead ECFTMG selfishly, for sheer survival reasons — to meet and talk with others like myself. Perhaps the FTM Conference in SF will help give me that larger sense of community again. I will be attending it with friends of mine who live in Spokane, WA — Mykael (the FTM) and his wife, Jeannette. I have known Jeannette for about 10 years.

I will try to arrange a photo shoot within the next two weeks. I will let you know how successful I am and when the photo will be mailed to you. If you'd like to reach me more quickly with consent forms than through the ECFTMG post office box, mail them to me at my home address:

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I have been sending you ECFTMG mailings c/o Firebrand Books in the past, but, in future, I will send them to you directly at your home address.

It was great hearing from you, Les, and to learn that your book is nearing completion. I am very excited anticipating its publication! And I look forward to seeing you in San Francisco.

Warm Regards through Our Struggle to Emerge,

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