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Dear Alison

I was most delighted to get your prompt and positive response, for which many thanks! Knowing you will be doing the Positive Action session is a great source of satisfaction and pleasure to me (not to mention relief!), and will be a great contribution to IFGE.

Let me answer questions from your letter first: I think your 15 minute presentation is great, and a perfect component of the "invited papers" first hour. I like your format for the two sessions. I am assuming that room setup assistance will be provided, and that a screen and viewgraph will be there - I'll check into that further and let you know if any problems come up, otherwise assume that all will be taken care of, and that Murphy's law will be in abeyance.

I'm assembling a list of candidates for your panel, and hope to get a preliminary list out in a couple of days. (I don't want to hold up this letter until that's done.) Eve and Naomi, who are doing the session before yours, come to mind, Maureen Taylor, JoAnn Roberts, Renee Chevalier (who will be working hard as Staff Coordinator, but who might like to be involved in a session) - but let me hold off on this until I have asked Merissa for her suggestions.

The "Advice and Operating Procedures" writeup is on a small disk that goes with the Atari 520ST that I'm typing on now. We bought it used, with no written documentation, and I'm only gradually learning to handle it. Soon we will have a modem hooked up, and will be able to upload and download by phone - I hope. I could send you an Atari ST disk now, but I hope soon to have better ways to offer. Merissa is in the process of switching to an IBM PC, but she is terribly busy and I think that will be a slow process. Eventually I hope to be able to do modem transfers with her.

I like Your and JoAnne's proposal to IFGE - it's on the agenda for the board meeting Sun. afternoon Feb. 28. That speaks

directly to a central issue facing IFGE - how to relate to and serve the whole community. (Personally I see that as the real agenda item of the final Sunday morning Open Forum session - what should IFGE be and do?). I will certainly support your motion as strongly as I can, though I'm not a voting member of the board

Next let me give an over-due guided tour through the pack of enclosures. The book of transcripts of the 1987 session tapes has just come out, and Merissa is working on mailing them out. Much good source material for planning this year's Convention is contained there, and I'm sending some xerox copies of '87 session transcripts to this year's moderators - that accounts for most of the enclosed material.

Also included are three sheets showing the schedule of sessions (with numbers I have added for convenience), and showing where we are at now in the planning process. On the Convention "map" sheet I have colored yellow the sequence of "business" oriented sessions, culminating in yours, and then (we hope) to feed into the Open Forum session with constructive results.

I consider that I am responsible for the non-professional sessions - these are the sessions given arabic numbers, 1 through 20, on the enclosed copy of the Convention program. (The "for helping professionals only" sessions, given Roman numerals on the program copy, are according to Merissa entirely up to Niela and Roger to design and produce - I'm going to check that out with Niela soon).

The sheet titled "Planning as of 1-3-88" shows where we are at now. Ten sessions have confirmed moderators or chairpersons taking charge; five (the four 8-10 AM Special Programs, and the #4 Special Interest Rap Groups are being left open pending developments, and five (those with asterisks) remain unconfirmed. We decided to give up on Kim Schreiber and offer no. 6, Marketing to Maureen Taylor, maybe together with Samantha Walls. I hear from Gloria Peters that Kim Hellman - who has not replied yet to the invitation to moderate #17 IS Panel, has become less active, so that may not materialize. It's beginning to look like #18 Fetishism and D&S Panel may be dropped as we don't know any candidates for moderator - our only lead is Renee Kessell, whom we've invited to chair #11 Drag and F/I Panel and who hasn't replied - I'm not sure we have a good address on her. We may wind up dropping that session also.