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Dear Alyn,

Got a bunch of goodies here for you. The best is page 22 of the Sentinel. I had no idea they were going to do an article on my work and I'm so proud I can hardly stand it. It's almost better than getting my Garland book published, just for the vast distribution and readership of the Sentinel. I'm so proud! It's right up there with the pride I felt getting the "goodbye" letter of commendation you wrote me from GPU when I left Milw. I sent the first part of my manuscript to some literary agents who said it was an "intriguing story" but they can't see a market for it. Think I'll just have to go to the gay press (Alyson).

Thought you should fill out this Project Inform Survey on people taking isoprinosine/ribavirin. They are a fantastic group here. There's also some sample letters they wanted us to send.

I'm feeling OK, but have had a tightness/pain in my chest for over a week, now. The Western doctors say not to worry, that I sound uncongested, and the Chinese herbal medicine woman gave me some herbs to boil into a tea. I'm also taking multi-vitamins daily, along with extra Vit C, Vit E, beta-carotene, zinc, iron and thymus. I'm trying to relax and remove stress, because the chest pain freaks me out and I start holding my breath, making it worse. Have been taking AZT for about 6 wks now and docs say everything's fine. I asked them for my T-cell count and they said they don't even do that test on people like me, cuz it doesn't tell them anything that would affect their treatment of me, plus they "already know what's going to happen with people like me." Thanks a lot.

I'm beginning to think the pain is that I'm suffering from a broken heart, as I think it's finally sinking in to me that Tom & I are through and after 5 years with him I'm feeling pretty sad. I keep going back to Page St. to typeset and just seeing him hurts a lot. I'm going to have to slowly ease out of the business. I need someone new in my life so I can forget him, but feel like no one's gonna want anything to do with me now that I have the big A, and think my only hope is to try to connect up with someone else who has it.

I can't BELIEVE Ernest signed up in the NAVY. Good God, Alyn, what did you DO to the poor boy? As homophobic as the armed forces are, and he SIGNS UP WILLINGLY? What is this younger generation coming to? It sure ain't the '60's any more.

Well, want to get this in the mail. Write soon!

P.S. Think your idea of willing your home/assets to some gay group is fantastic. Can't advise you if willing the assets or donating now or leaving cash is best. Any way is helpful. May be one way to get that Gay Community Center we always wanted in Milw. I just hope you will your private papers, collections or back issues of gay papers, clippings, etc. to the Gay Historical Society.