P.O. Box 92335 Nashville, TN 37209-2335 September 8, 1996

Dear Carol, Jane Ellen, and Lauren:

During the recent meeting of the Board of AEGIS, we discussed your letter of July 15. There was a great deal of confusion expressed by board members that we would appreciate being clarified. In your letter, you stated your concern over "perjorative comments" and "attacks" made by Dallas, but we are not exactly sure about what you are referring. Dallas has published numerous opinions over past year in both <u>Chrysalis</u> and <u>AEGIS News</u> on a variety of subjects that do relate to Tri-Ess, and we were not clear on which comments in which publication you find most disturbing. If she is also stating undocumented facts, we also greatly appreciate knowing which statements are unsubtantiated and can be solidly refuted. The entire board and staff of AEGIS believes that we should represent the gender community in a responsible manner, but we agreed that we cannot do so unless we have some specific items that we can address.

In addition, it is not exactly clear what action we are supposed to take if we find Dallas' personal opinions are unsubstantiated, unfair, or have done any damage. We are sure that you would agree that we are a diverse community with a wide array of personal viewpoints, and even Dallas is free to express her opinion in editorials as she sees fit.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in clarifying these matters. The entire board of AEGIS looks forward to continuing to work with Tri-Ess in the future on matters of concern to the entire gender community.

Sincerely,

Marisa Richmond

Marisa Richmond Board Chair, AEGIS

cc: √Dallas Denny, M.A. Jason Cromwell, Ph.D. Melissa Foster Gianna E. Israel Alison Laing JoAnn Roberts, Ph.D. Laura Skaer Delia Van Maris, M.D.