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It's been awhile since I last wrote you and I had to reread your last letter to me. Thank you for explaining more about what was going on for you at the time of that meeting at Hastings. I never really understood what had happened, but now I do.

You mentioned in your last letter that Scott Cozza was hoping to get people to sign a letter to the Warden at the California Medical Facility requesting a meeting about trans prisoner population. I have mixed feelings about getting involved w/a letter like that. Wouldn't such a letter just annoy the warden? Why piss off someone from whom you might want something later? I think I'll pass on signing it for now.

I'm sure you've already seen this, but there was an article in the 10/24/97 SF Chronicle about the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholding a transwoman's right to hormone therapy. The woman's name is Torey Tuesday South. (The article got all the pronouns right, but annoyed me by referring to her as a "diagnosed victim of gender identity disorder". I dislike the 'victim' word.)

Have you ever met this woman or know anyone who has met her? Would it be possible to get copies of her brief that won her the hormones? (as well as the CDC's?) How does this affect the position of other transwomen and transmen in prison getting hormones and your own work?

You mentioned in your letter that you could help identify trans prisoners. One thing I am interested in doing is getting a number of people together to visit trans prisoners in nearby state prisons. I am interested in visiting both MTF and FTM prisoners. Do you think that would be do-able? Your help in seeing this become a reality would really be appreciated.

I will call you this week to try to reach you on the phone. The best time for me is Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, as I usually do not work then and can speak without being interrupted by work. The phone number I have for you is: 510/[REDACTED]. If it's different now, please let me know. I will plan to call you either this Tuesday or Thursday.

--jill