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Dear Sheila:

We have carefully reviewed your patient summary sheet and based on the information you provided, we have decided that we cannot be of assistance to you. Our decision is based on several factors:

1) The history which you presented was not typical for the majority of persons who, in our program, have made successful adjustments with gender reorientation and who have been helped, not harmed, by sex reassignment.

2) Some concern that you have expectations that your life will change radically once you begin to live as a man.

After treating a large number of patients, we have found that not all persons who feel themselves transsexuals and desire gender reorientation are good candidates. Our experience with both pre-and post-operative patients has reinforced our belief that certain criteria must be met before considering evaluation and if they are not met, it is more than likely that a person will be harmed rather than helped by gender reorientation.

We would strongly encourage you to seek assistance for your problems by pursuing ongoing therapy; our experience leads us to believe that this would be of much greater benefit to you than initial evaluation by our program. We simply are not in a position to help you.

Sincerely,

Judy Van Maasdam, Coordinator
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