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Larry and Althea Flynt
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Dear Larry and Althea:

This is a short interim report following the long conversation I had with Mark Baker the other day.

I was glad to learn that three of the fifty-five people to whom I had broadcast an invitation to write for you had responded and were very good people, knowledgeable, highly regarded and very open. I hope something pans out on these.

Mark had also asked me to do a piece on sex education, and I definitely want to do it. There is a time factor here that is of importance, however: in discussing this with several members of the SIECUS Board, we came to a joint meeting of minds - that, because in the eyes of most of the world, I represent SIECUS and therefore it is not possible for me to write or speak as an individual, it would be wisest for me to hold off appearing in Hustler until after the Foundation for Human Development was in being. We would all be wanting to say to possible critics, that I as representing SIECUS was contributing on a public service basis, without compensation either to myself or to SIECUS. That any support that SIECUS

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might be receiving was coming directly from the Foundation as an organization completely independent in its policies and procedures. I'm sure that you will see and agree with the wisdom of this from both points of view: you people don't want to be accused of "buying" support either! But the fact that the Board of the Foundation will consist of people completely outside of the Flynt organization will be perfectly clear to our friends and your friends. Those who wish to be enemies will remain so, and nothing we can say will change this. I remember when SIECUS was accused of being in the pocket of Sexology Magazine because some of our Board members not only wrote for it but were on its Advisory Board. For the reasons I have given above I never did either but our Board members are independent in their decisions and should remain so.

The other thing I spoke to Mark about was the great need felt by a number of us for some thought to be given to an editorial policy that would guide us in writing for Hustler or any of your other publications. Just what is it that you will be trying to convey by any changes you make in your editorial policy, where would such writers as Gordon, Calderwood and Rutledge fit in with these policies, and how could these policies be established so as to include other possible writers.

Because Jim and I will be on the west coast for the meetings of the Western Psychological Association April 20-22, and you yourselves, I am told, will also be there, perhaps we could meet with Paul and anyone else on the west coast to discuss all this. To me it all represents a unique and really untried opportunity to convey much needed information to a lot of people, and to allay many useless fears deriving from myths and falsehoods about sex.

With warm regards to you both, I hope that the new house is giving you joy -

As ever,

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President

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cc: Dr. Jim Prescott, Paul Krasner, Mark Baker