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c/o NGF
Hirshfeld Centre,
10 Fownes St.
Dublin 2

17 Sept. 1986

Gay Info.Cork,
Quay Co-op,
Cork.

Dear Colleague,

On 20th July I wrote concerning your possible assistance to transvestites in th Cork region and suggesting that we get a meeting going there at the end of September.

Unfortunately I have heard nothing in return and now wonder if in fact my letter was lost in transit. I enclose a copy and would be glad to have your reactions. Of course the September date is now a non-starter so I wonder if late November would suit.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Colleague,

You are no doubt aware that for some time we have been running a service to transvestites at the above address. During the winter months this has consisted of a meeting where transvestites can dress and socialise. Since May it has been curtailed to a telephone answering service although any transvestite who wishes can still call.

NGF have placed a room at our disposal and permitted the use of one of their phone lines from 8-10pm on each Wednesday (710939).

While the response is small it none the less exists. Even during the summer months we are averaging 6 telephone calls per night from transvestites with problems. We are amazed at the number of calls we are getting from outside the immediate Dublin metropolitan area. A number of these have come from Cork (city and county), Limerick, Kerry and Waterford.

Since it is impossible for transvestites from these areas to come to Dublin as a routine, we wonder if it might be possible for them to have a similar service in Cork, perhaps on a more limited scale - once or twice a month instead of weekly.

All that would be required would be a room where they could socialise and the use of a toilet for dressing purposes. Since it is extremely difficult to get transvestites to run things for themselves it would probably be necessary for the meetings to be "overseen" by someone from the gay community until someone else got the courage to takeover.

If you were agreeable to setup such a venture I would be willing, at my own expense, to attend the inaugural meeting to help get things started.

Again, assuming you are willing to assist, I will need your advice on publicity - unfortunately there isn't a Cork equivalent of "In Dublin"!

I look forward to hearing from you. May I suggest that, if we go ahead, that the inaugural meeting take place at the end of September?

Yours sincerely,

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