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ATTEN: ALAN BLUM

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Allan Blum, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Blum

We apologize for not
responding to your letter and magazine
of July 16. Illness is a deterrent.

You asked for short
summary of the illness of Maria
Font Connolly who appears on the
Cover of your December, 1983 issue.
She was 16 years old when she
posed for the illustration by
Bradshaw Crandall, and 17
when the ad appeared. In order
to get work, she made herself
several years older on her resume.

At this time she is afflicted by Cancer of the Colon-rectum, which metastasized in 1974. She has been on 5 FU (orally) since 1975.

(She also HAD 31 DAYS OF RADIATION)
There are severe side effects

to this therapy, despite her longevity.

She has never smoked, despite posing for several different cigarette ads.

She will be 64 years on next Feb. 8.

Thank you for your Courtesy.

Sincerely
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P.S. There is a check enclosed in amount of 20 dollars for 4 issues of December, 1983 issue. They will be given to professional people for use in their offices.

If this cannot be done, please use the check to help in your anti-smoking campaign.

We greatly appreciate your letter and the 2 issues (Dec. 1983 and April 1984) which you were kind enough to send.

Very good wishes in your difficult campaign

My brother died very quickly at age 60 with both lungs blackened by the ugly things.