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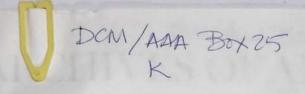
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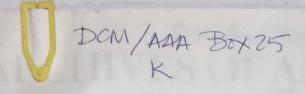
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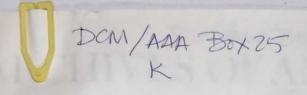
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September 16, 1975

Mr. Bernard Karpel 12-16 160 Street Beechhurst, New York 11357

Dear Bernard:

I am so sorry that this has not been a convenient moment for me to gather my wits and the library material for the Oversees Program. I have been involved in putting a lot of art into the new Vice Presidential House.

I do know that you have set up an Alfred H. Barr Archive within the Special Collections at the Library. I feel that the Barr correspondence, not only with Sachs but all his letter files, currently in his study at 27 West 53rd Street, are in constant danger of loss. You know how many valuable files have been lost at the Museum through one misfortune or another.

I feel that someone could make a great book out of the Barr letters. It would involve a lot of time to go through all those files but it would be worth it. As you know, he was a master letter-writer on many subjects. Any part of his correspondence files that you and Pearl could secure by getting them into the Barr Archive would be a great move in preserving them.

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Sept. 1, 1975

Year Dorothy:

Since the Soho Library will open on the 25th, and I am working on the last libraries in the Overseas Program, would this be a convenient moment to suggest a pickup? Of course, if wanted, I'd be happy to help pack.

you may already know but just in case not, on alfred H. Barr archive has been set up in Special Collections at the Library under Pearl's charge. any suggestions would be welcome on any appropriate occasion. I have an eye on the Sachs-Barr letters.

any special libraries in town, other than the obvious, I should consult for the Bicentennial Bibliography of american art? Cordially,

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29 June 1969

Dear Mrs. Barr,

Such impressive changes since I was here last. I have the greatest respect for how these people are planning to make their way. The last 7 years or so have been disastrous for fishing & hard on farmers too. Inflation has followed two stiff devaluations in -1/2 years. The government has been carefully and yet as swiftly as possible, pursuing every feasible means of varying the economy to make

people less dependent on weather and fishing.

They seem to have been so sensible and graceful and dignified about taking advice and heavy-handed financial aid from various countries. They have followed up the clever idea America gave them of making cement by dredging sea shells for lime (which they lacked). As a result, there has been the most fantastic amount of building, quite carefully planned and often quite nice looking: poured concrete, cement & cinder blocks, etc.. Quite a few younger people have got excited by the idea of architecture and the possibilities here, and have come back from studying in Scandinavia ready to get to work. (For example, they're devising volcanic-heated "environments" for chickens and cattle, now that they've got quite a few workable greenhouses going. As a result you can get eggs in almost any town, and on most menus, whereas 8 years ago were offered powdered eggs imported in wartime-like packages.) For a skeping to the second of the seco they have managed to vary it remarkably and to make it far more appetizing. I haven't yet been offered sheep's udder, heart, tail, eye; whale blubber, shark, or any of the other tasty uglies I pushed hopelessly around my plate last time. They don't eat nearly as much starch or candies as they did. I gather the farm women still bake almost every day, but that isn't true in town.

The greatest change is in the young people, who no longer have to fear they might be trapped into farming and fishing forever: bitter, daydreaming, inward-turning. There's more than enough for them to do, and many have two or three different jobs. Very young children are still given responsible jobs and thrive under the responsibility, from what I've seen. Today I stopped for gas in the middle of nowhere at a farm with a pump, high up in mountains still streaked with snow, full of plover, geese, snipe; sheep and wild ponies. The girl who came out to help me was 8. Last summer she had helped run a gas station with her 12 year old sister & a 14 yr old boy who did repairs. She was very bright. Guessing (orerealizing) my name was French, she asked if I had ever been to Paris. And then she said my first name didn't look French. I told her it was Irish. She answered her sister admired Georg B. Schav (how she spelt it). They read everything! The bookstores are great.

The other day I drove out on a wide marshy estuary which they are draining & turning to pasturage on the west coast. There were perhaps 75 houses within 50 miles, each widely separated from the others, and only one out on the vivid green spit of land. I walked across a field to a little church, rebuilt in the early 19th cent. (about 1820). Very young lambs in the field followed me. Bright little flowers everywhere. I couldn't get into the church, but looked in the windows. Its decor would have been suitable for a sophisticated small town in northern Europe, or even a suburban church. A bright blue painted sky studded regularly with gold stars. A carved wooden pulpit with late Baroque gesticulating figures between black twisted columns. Brass sconces behind bracket lights. A kind of carpet in front of the altar which looked from my distance like needlework, and was old, but not crudely provincial at all. I suppose everything might have been Danish, but it didn't look it, nor were there Danish

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or German names in the churchyard.

You know I'm not very good at recognizing birds, especially on the wing. But they seem so tame here or so curious, that they allow you to get quite close. I gather about 75 types nest here regularly. I'm sure I'll not separate a third of these identify them, but they do seem the most at ease of all living things in this landscape, and so beautiful. I think I'm right about the golden plover being the ones which seem to keep me company on my walks. They seem to have a kind of sentinel system, and all work together watching and calling about where one is, but they have fun as well: they don't seem worried or put out or flustered. I may be wrong about the bird: I'll look it up next week. It is speckled brownish on its back & wings, but underneath the wings is white (which means flying low over the ground it is hard to see, and also from underneath in the air). The sides of its chest and edge of its face are very white, but its chest has a graceful black tapering bib which also darkens the front of its face. It has long legs and a longish beak. One of the most perfectly proportioned birds I've seen. It bobs and runs fast, rather like some wading birds and seems very bright.

Tomorrow I go to that lake in the middle of the north of the country called Myvatn (mosquito water) for 10 days. They have many botanists & ornithologists & geologists out there in the summers so I hope to learn much more than just what I can absorb looking, grabbing a book now and then, taking notes to look up later.

It is so good to be somewhere with clean air. No exhaust It makes the whole body, all the senses and the spirit feel better. Such clean air is almost like having a meal. It certainly makes me feel "higher" than any drug-taker has ever described.

I rather like having no night, better than I did in Lapland (but some of the roads I drove on there were even worse than these, and something about the atmosphere was weirder). It makes our time system seem even more arbitrary, conventional, rigid. These people seem to try to do without a schedule these weeks, which means they have a funny, vulnerable, messy look when they show up at a business address in the morning. They might have been mowing the lawn at three, 6 hours before. What incredible grass! I guess the lava soil has alot to do with it, but perhaps also the hours of light without scorching. Such lushness and brightness of greens. Some tiny flowers I recognize from rock gardens turn up here wild, and their blossoms are huge, on very short stems, as if they are also doing overtime these weeks.

I hope it isn't too humid and sultry before you leave. I must say I feel very fortunate to get away from all the talk about race and student militants etc., even just for a few weeks. Not that I feel I'm acting like an ostrich up here. Nobody can get away from any of that any longer. But what a pleasure to feed the eyes and ears with new things, and stretch the legs a bit, and hear another point of view, and try to think things through.

with so much love, Sheile

in audout of landon p.s. I ought to get to London July 22 & be there or through most of August. I'll write again when I know my address there, but the best general address there would be c/o Thos. Cook, Berkeley St.. London, W.1.

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J. T. SOBY Brushy Ridge Road New Canaan, Conn.

Jan. 16,1968

Dear Alfred:

I can't tell you how sunk I am not to make the Janis opening tonight. But the local doc was here again last night to check on poor Melissa's hives, which came from some cough medicine the doc himself had given her. I don't think I have much faith in modern medical practice. But since the doc said I'd be in real trouble if I didn't stay home and rest, I gave in.

I had written Sidney when I first heard of his gift and this morning I 'phoned him again to say how sorry I was not to be there tonight. He seemed to understand immediately. I didn't wire for fear he wouldn't get the telegram, at the Old Howard.

I am burning up, mostly with rage rather than fever, at Phillip's report last Saturday that Bill Lieberman had said at the last Collections Committee that now the Old Guard (meaning you and me) was out of the way, maybe they'd get somewhere. If getting somewhere means buying a Jackson Pollock for \$350,000, I'm plums crazy. I'm going to jump# back in with both leaden feet as soon as I can.

Love to you both.

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Jan. 2,1968

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Dear Alfred:

Did you by any chance put me down for a trial subscription to Wrestling World - easily the most horrible magazine I've ever seen.

My young deny any part in the conspiracy. But the sample copies arrive so often that I've had to tip the postman twice to deliver them next door. The only person I've ever wrestled was Sandy Calder. I had him pinned down and made him say "uncle," years ago. And when I let him up and turned my back, he promptly kicked me in the genitals. I do not think wrestling is a very gentlemanly sport.

The reason I accuse you is that in my old neighbor, Lefty Lewis, autobiograph he quotes Chauncey Tinker as saying that he was glad that Lefty had been confirmed but was sorry he was now a Low Churchman. Tinker adds that that was better than being a Prohbyterian - "In that case I should have regarded you as lost."

Even so, I'm on your side. Tinker was a senile thorn in my side during the five or six years I sat beside him on the Board of Governors of the Yale Art Gallery. No matter what was brought up to look at, he kept quoting Browning. I got so fed up that I went to the garage and had new pistons put in the "Trailing arbutuss" and set off to find Parmenia.

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18 November 1955

Dear Douglas:

Thank you for your letter of November 10th amnouncing your visit to New York and thank you, too, for your postcard asking us to visit you. I should have acknowledged it before this but as I had already answered Mr. Richardson's previous invitation, it did not seem urgent.

You might well wonder if "we are still friends" after your gratuitously savage review of Masters of Modern Art in the London Times Literary Supplement. I would not of course expect you to let friendship interfere with the objectivity of your criticism, but your review did not seem objective to me or to anyone else who has mentioned it.

There were faults in the book, and these were noted by others as well as you, but, unlike you, other writers found some virtue in it and in the institution that published it. You found none from the beginning to the end of your review except in the last sentence when you conceded that the color plates were good. Otherwise you condemned the book elaborately and in toto. In the light of dozens of other reviews from all over the world, I do not think you were justified in your contempt.

Your review was particularly effective in damaging the book because the attack was anonymous and therefore carried with it implied editorial approval in the minds of readers who might have been more aware of the reviewer's prejudices and limitations had you signed your name. A curious though time-honored negation of English fair play.

Even those who are used to your outbursts were shocked by the rancor of this one. You might be disturbed by their explanations of the compulsion that leads you to affirm your own infallibility by proclaiming the stupidity or silliness or "McCarthyism" of those you disagree with. As for me, I found what you wrote so unrelenting in its malice and so inordinate in its disparagement that it is hard for me any longer to think of you as a friend.

I write this letter in sadness. There is so much you have done that I greatly admire -- and I had a real fondness for you.

I am sending you a card which will admit you to the Museum without charge during your stay. Should you wish to see any of our paintings not on view (or on loan elsewhere) I'll arrange to have them shown you in our storeroom. Our library of course is open to the public and I shall ask our Librarian, Bernard Karpel, to help you in any way that he can.

Sincerely,

Douglas Cooper, Esq. Chateau de Castille Argilliers, Gard France [DUB]
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P. S. Since this letter may not reach you before you leave France, I am sending a copy with a Courtesy Card to the Museum to the Hotel Winslow where I understand you are to stay in New York.

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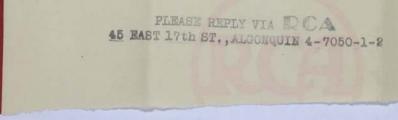
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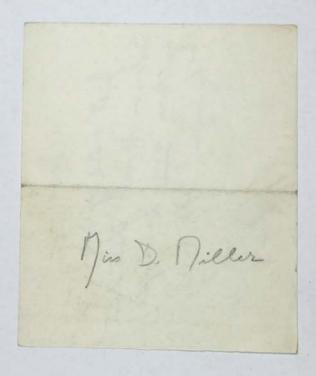
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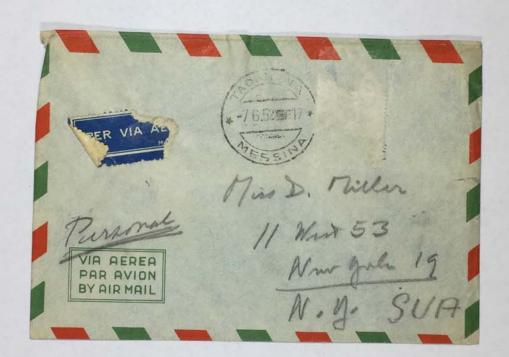
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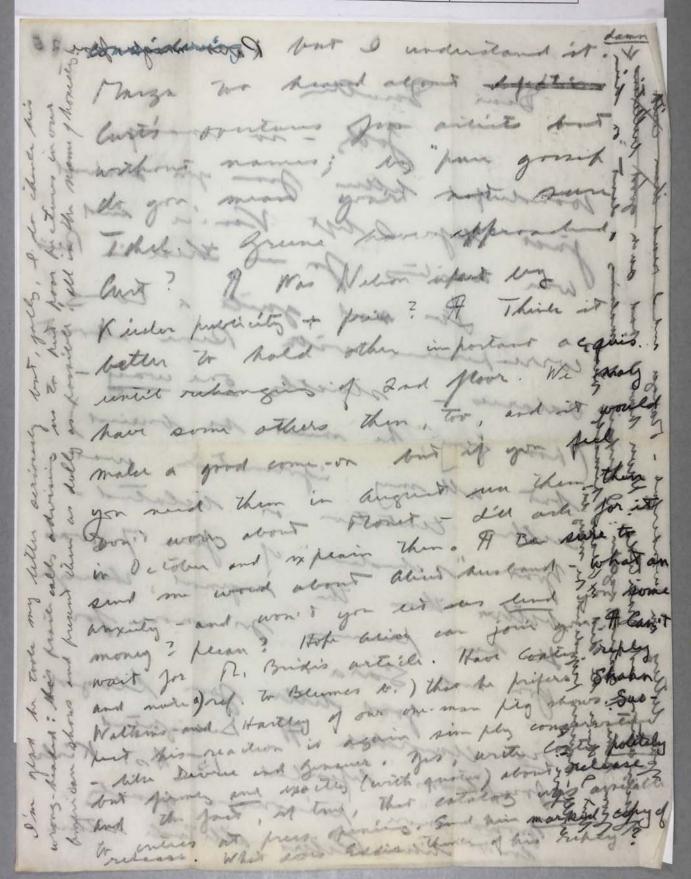


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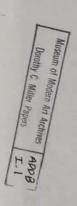
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Dear Alfred

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FROM A SHATTERED WINDOW ACROSS THE STREET FIREMEN CAN BE SEEN SEARCHING THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES WRECKAGE A HALF HOUR AFTER THE EXPLOSION

DEATH BY BLAST

15 die when a factory blows up

As the workday of Feb. 20 began, a terrific explosion shook Los Angeles. The roof of the O'Connor Electro-Plating Co. flew into the air, then dropped heavily as the whole building collapsed. In an instant nearly a square block was leveled to the ground. Windows were shattered five miles away, and over the scene rose a mushroom-shaped cloud of smoke

which led many excitable Los Angeleans to believe that an atomic bomb had been dropped. Firemen digging through the ruins (above) found 15 dead, 158 injured, Cause of the blast was believed to be perchloric acid, a chemical which is highly explosive unless carefully handled. Not a trace was found of the body of the man who was mixing the chemical.

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BRAVELY TRYING TO MAINTAIN BOSTONIAN DIGNITY, FIREHOUSE CAT SLIDES DOWN SLIPPERY POLE WHILE TRAINER (RIGHT) WATCHES WITH BREATHLESS PRIDE

BOSTON POLE CAT

The pride of Enginehouse No. 37 likes codfish but dislikes fires

Last week Boston's reporters, hard-pressed for local news, valiantly beat the bushes. The city's newspapers front-paged a grass fire, headlined an item about a baby who got stuck under a kitchen range. Then just before Washington's birthday the big news broke. In nearby Roxbury someone discovered an enormous tomcat that liked to slide down a firehouse pole.

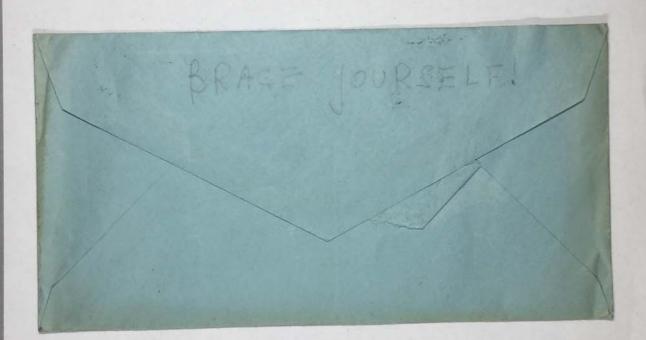
A reporter, dispatched to Roxbury, found that

there was indeed a big cat at Engine House No. 37. His name was Tapper and he could and did slide down the firehouse pole, thereby providing one of the week's outstanding oddities (above). Tapper further obliged the reporter by turning out to be a notably crusty character. He has been polesliding for two years, heartily dislikes milk and has a proper love for Boston cod. Furthermore Tapper does not like fires and seldom attends one.

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