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Via air mail

June 24, 1954

Dr. René Wehrli Director Kunsthaus

Zurich, Switzerland Dear Dr. Wehrli:

The exhibition: TWELVE MODERN AMERICAN PAINTERS AND SCULPTORS, which was shown in your museum in July and August of 1953, has now been returned to us, having traveled from Zurich to Düsseldorf, Stockholm, Helsinki, and Oslo. I am sure you will be glad to know it has met with great success wherever it has been shown.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for the handsome presentation given the exhibition in Zurich and for your cooperation in sending us copies of your catalog for distribution to the artists and lenders.

I hope this will be only the beginning of a more extensive collaboration between our two museums.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,

Porter A. McCray Director Circulating Exhibitions

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Miss Van de Meyenberg 15 East 76 Street New York 21, New York

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Dear Miss Van de Meyenberg:

I was delighted to hear your voice again and to learn you would be in New York this winter. I also was grateful for the opportunity at last to thank you for your great service to us in having so effectively arranged for our exhibition of American painting and sculpture in Zurich.

Under separate cover I am forwarding Dr. Paul Wescher's illustrations to his manuscript <u>Perspective in Painting</u>. Upon my return to New York, I look forward to seeing you and will count upon reviewing with you Dr. Wescher's idea for an exhibition.

Most cordially,

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Dr. Rene Wehrli, Director Kunsthaus Zurich, Switzerland

Dear Dr. Wehrli,

Mr. Porter McCray suggested that you might be kind enough to do a small favor for us. This Museum is having a color plate made of Stuart Davis' <u>Visa</u> of which we have color separations and a Kodachrome. However, the yellow in our Kodachrome is incorrect and we would like to ask that you have a member of your staff make a color swatch for us which would match the yellow border of the original canvas. As you know the Davis is in the exhibition "Twelve American Fainters and Sculptors" which is soon to be shown in your Museum.

An accurate swatch would greatly facilitate matters for us, and we will be much obliged for whatever help you can give us.

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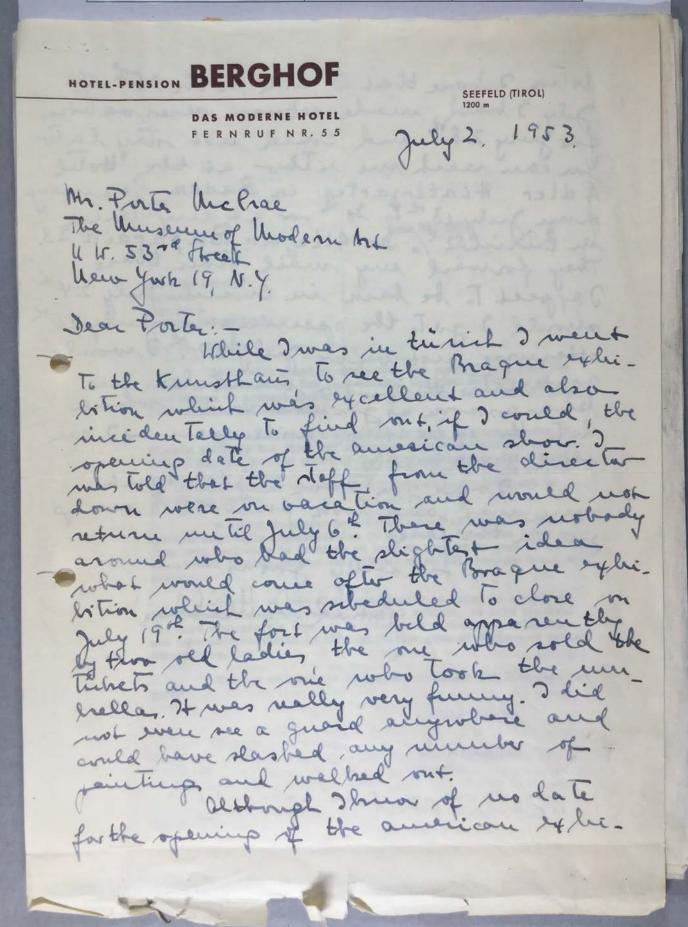
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Dr. René Wehrli Director Kunsthaus Zurich, Switzerland

Dear Dr. Wehrlis guintinely delighted your Huason will show the one-

It is with great pleasure and deep appreciation that The Museum of Modern Art of New York accepts the kind invitation of your Museum to present in Zurich the exhibition: TWELVE MODERN AMER-ICAN PAINTERS AND SCULPTORS.

This occasion is a particularly happy one for us, for it signals not only the first cellaborative effort between our two institutions, but it also provides the first opportunity for a fairly comprehensive showing in Switzerland of the work of twelve artists who represent many of the essential trends of present-day art in the United States.

The artists chosen have been limited in number in order to provide each ample representation of his work. This plan seems particularly desirable to us since we hope to present as part of our International Program further exhibitions which will include additional artists.

Escause of this first opportunity to bring to Europe the little-known accomplishments of American artists, we have received the most enthusiastic support from American museums and collectors who have made available to this exhibition some of their most prized possessions.

With my expressions of deepest gratitude and sincerest regards,

Faithfully yours,

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and later that same day my office, in my absence, sent you this information for arranging shipment of the exhibition from Paris to Zurich. Also enclosed were the original English version of the catalog and photographs of all the paintings in the exhibition except the attached Shahn painting.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the information included in our original Commercial Invoice sent to Paris, which may prove of some use upon the exhibition's arrival in Zurich. I am also including a letter from Mr. d'Harnoncourt, our Director, which you might find suitable for your catalog.

Since this will be the first movement of this exhibition during its European tour, we are most anxious to receive as complete a report as possible of its condition upon arrival in Zurich. I should greatly appreciate any special provision which can be made for the careful handling of this exhibition in transit, its prompt clearance through Customs, and its good care in your hands.

Mrs. Gertrud A. Mellon, who is a member of the Collections Committee of our Junior Council and an active and generous member of this Museum, will be near Zurich the latter half of July and Mr. d' Harnoncourt has asked her, if possible, to attend your opening of the exhibition as our official representative. If you will furnish me at your earliest convenience with the exact date of this opening, I shall determine Mrs. Mellon's whereabouts and advise you of where she can be reached.

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Dr. Wehrli - Zurich - 6/22/53

If you plan to issue invitations to your opening of the exhibition, would it not be useful to you for me to send you the addresses of the lenders and the Trustees of this Museum?

I should also like at this time to place our order for 100 copies of the catalog of the exhibition, with the request that you bill us directly for their cost and air transportation.

We would also greatly appreciate seeing all publicity - good and bad - which the exhibition receives in your press.

I have asked our Embassy in Paris to forward to you a group of copy negatives which may prove useful for this publicity.

With most cordial regards,

Sincerely,

Porter A. McCray Director International Circulating Exhibitions

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Dr. René Wehrli Director Kunsthaus Zurich, Switzerland

Dear Dr. Wehrli: wary good to restaine your note and I hastes to

Under separate cover I am sending you airmail today the fol-lowing items relating to our exhibition; TWELVE MODERN AMERICAN PAINT-ERS AND SCULPTORS, now showing in Paris and scheduled for showing in Zurich from July 25 to the end of August:

- Text of catalog, in English.
 List of lenders.
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- English. L. Artists' statements, in English. 5. Biographical notes on artists, in English . 6. Box list.

 7. Installation information.
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AIR MAIL

May 26,1953

Dear Jerry:

It was very good to receive your note and I hasten to advise you that the exhibition of the <u>12 Modern American</u> <u>Painters and Sculptors</u> is scheduled to open at the <u>Runsthaus in Zurich on July 25 to continue through August.</u> I would suggest you check with Dr. R. Werhli the Director there to confirm these dates.

So far we have not fixed the dateswith Stockholm, London or Brussels but I shall be glad to send you these when they are final. There is still the possibility we shall arrange one booking in Germany and I am writing John Slocum the Chief of the Public Liaison Branch of our government at Bonn to that effect immediately.

You no doubt have in hand the Paris catalog and a number of photographs distributed at the Paris press opening.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Porter A.McCray Director Dept. of Circulating Exhibitions

Mr. Jerome Mellquist Hotel Paris-Dinard 29, Rue Cassette PARIS (VI) France

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ZURCHER KUNSTGESELLSCHAFT

Zurich, May 11th. 1953

Zürich, Heimplatz 1 Telefon (051) 321722

The Museum of Modern Art Mr.Porter A.McCray, Director Circulating Exhibitions

11, West, 53rd.Street New York 19, USA

Dear Mr.McCray,

Immediately upon receipt of your letter of May 4th. we cabled you as follows:

Agree terms stipulated letter May 4th stop await pictures for July and August Zurich stop letter follows stop thanks Wehrli Kunsthaus

We are indeed very proud and happy to get the priority for Switzerland to show in our museum a collection of modern American painters and sculptors and confirm that we entirely agree in all points with the conditions stipulated in your letter.

We further wish to thank you for the list so thoroughly established for the works in question. May we inform you that Miss Van de Meyenburg has personnally submitted us the Foreword written by Andrew Carnduff Ritchie for the exhibition " Twelve American Painters and Sculptors", to be translated for our catalogue.

We are convinced that this exhibition will be of most interest to our Swiss public.

With our most profound thanks for the good news, we remain, Dear Sir,

very sincerely yours KUNSTHAUS ZUERICH Museum of Fine Arts

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May 4,1953

Dr. Rene Wehrli Kunsthaus Zurich, Switzerland

Dear Dr. Wehrli:

I am forwarding herewith the catalog of the exhibition: #12 Peintres et Sculpteurs Americains Contemporains," organized by this Museum and now showing an Paris until June 7th at the Musee d'Art Moderne.

When Miss Van de Meyenberg visitedme shortly before her departure for Europe, I expressed our desire to obtain an important showing of this exhibition in Switzerland and if possible at the Kunsthaus in Zurich.

Immediately after consulting you in Zurich, Miss Meyenberg then cabled me you were interested in taking this exhibition for the period between July 25 through August, depending, of course, upon the acceptability of the conditions upon which the exhibition wasto be made available. At her request, I then cabled her in Paris as follows:

> "25 July to end August Zurich acceptable. Request Kunsthaus assume transportation, probably from Paris, unpacking, packing, installation and catalogue costs."

While the enclosed catalog summarizes the objectives and content of this exhibition of 56 paintings and 18 sculptures, I feel your consideration of the exhibition must further depend not only upon your scheduling possibilities but also upon your understanding of the degree of mutual responsibility which would be borne by our two museums. We have selected the exhibition, supplied the costs of assembling it in the United States, its preparation for shipment, and all transportation and insurance charges to Europe. We have provided the content of the catalog, and are assuming allinsurance costs during the exhibition's tour, until its return to the lenders. In return, we are hoping the European exhibitors will assume the cost of a catalog similar to the Paris one, that they will bear the transportation costs from the preceding exhibitor and will supply all unpacking, installation, and repacking costs for their own exhibition.

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I look forward to our possible collaboration in thisundertaking.

With cordial regards. ;

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April 12th

Dear Mr. McCray:

As I was for a few hours only in Zurich I had just one minute left leaving for Paris to ask somebody to cable to you: Kunsthaus Zurich takes exhibition July 25 to end of August- letter next.

I hope this is more or less the text you got.

Dr. Paul Wehrli, Director of the Kunsthaus, was extremely interested and has arranged his schedule so he could get the exhibition as soon as possible. I hope the proposed time - 25th of July through August - is still available. The summer tourists will be millions this year and as the Swiss holidays end midst of August the well-rested natives will enjoy the exhibition too. If this time is no more available tell me please when it could be later - but as soon as possible in fall.

Dr. Wehrli asked me to discuss this whole matter with you. As from Paris I can easily phone with him we will not loose time and as he will come end of April to see your exhibition here I will ask him then for an "Official" letter. He is really enthusiastic and wants the exhibition badly.

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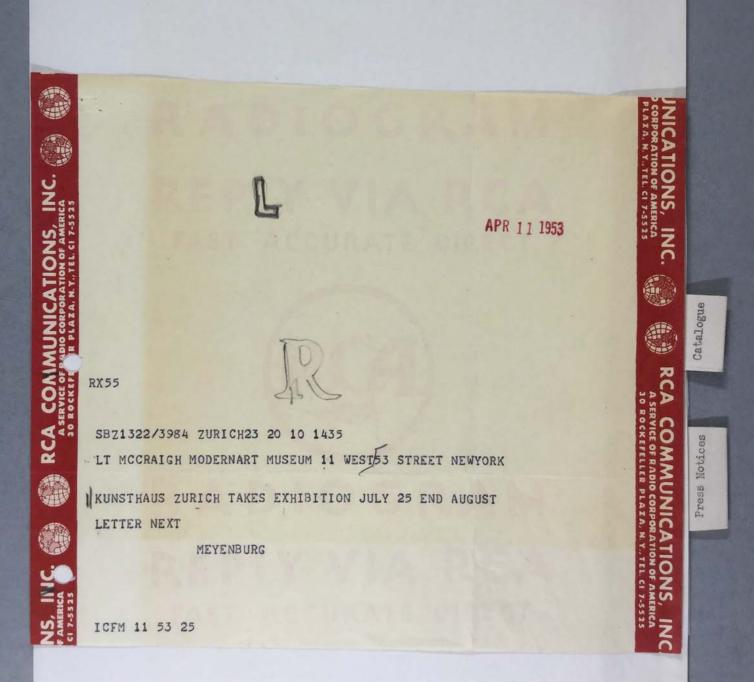
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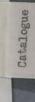
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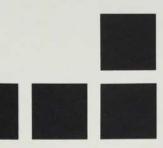


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