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cc: Howardena Pindell, Carol Giamartino,

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To Kynaston McShine

Date

Re

From Richard L. Palmer

December 21, 1972

Closing date of PROJECTS: CLOSE/PORTER

Dear Kynaston,

In going over the schedule I have realized that we have the CLOSE/PORTER exhibition scheduled to close on February 21. Since this would be only 2 work days before the "Reinstalled Collection" is scheduled to open on February 26, I feel we should change the CLOSE/PORTER closing date to February 28 or possibly even later so that the NW/FW Galleries won't be in process of reinstallation during our opening parties for the "Collection." Could we discuss this when you return please?

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September 18, 1972

Ms. Liliana Porter
33 Ash Street
Locust Valley, Long Island
New York

Dear Ms. Porter:

I am very sorry that we had such a poor telephone connection.

I called Friday to ask if you would consider doing a work involving prints for our Project series which is tentatively scheduled for January 11th through February 13th, 1973. The gallery for the project is adjacent to the main lobby and measures approximately 15 by 20 feet. Any ideas? I look forward to hearing from you. Riva send her best regards.

Sincerely,

Howardena D. Pindell Assistant Curator

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To Howardena Pindell CC: R

From Kynaston McShine

Date September 8, 1972

Re PROJECTS proposal

Dear Howardena,

The PROJECTS Committee met yesterday and has approved, in principle, the exhibition proposal for a Chuck Close show. The dates for the exhibition are January 11 - February 21, 1973.

Would you please write a description of the exhibition on ann exhibition proposal form so that Richard Palmer will be able to formulate an approximate budget.

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The Argentine printmaker Liliana Porter was born in Buenos Aires in 1941 and studied in her native country and in Mexico and the United States. Although she makes prints in editions, she has also created environments incorporating printed images, at the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Santiago, Chile, in 1969, and at the Galleria Diagramma, Milan, Italy, in 1972. In both her environments and her prints, she paradoxically pits what the eye sees against the physical reality of images and objects in two- or three-dimensional space. Porter has said: "Reality is not <code>/only/</code> what you touch, but also what you feel. My work is one-half illusion and one-half reality. I don't know if the printed thing is more <code>/of an/</code> illusion than the reality of the real thing."

The etched and serigraphed lines of her earlier work have been transformed into lines of wire, thread (sewn directly on top of the printed image) and black wool ("sewn" onto the wall). "Something silly," she says, referring to materials used in menial chores, "may be more expressive than something /innately/ very expressive: . . . a knot and the shadow of a knot, . . . mixing an image of a wrinkle with a wrinkle itself. The whole meaning of reality is in everything." Objects such as nails or hooks are taken out of functional context, thereby imparting to them a mysterious quality. An image of a hole occupies space as meaningfully as does a hole. The three-dimensional environment gives visual continuity to both real objects and their printed images.

Although Liliana Porter settled in the United States in 1965, she has profound feelings about her own cultural heritage. "I am /one/ culture. You are another." She feels that art today comes from one metropolitan center and is copied by other metropolitan centers, yet it is called universal art. "You follow it or you don't. The way art is presented, we all have to speak English. Being Latin American," she insists, "is my identity."