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PROJECTS: LUIS FERNANDO BENEDIT

Checklist

November 14, 1972-January 2, 1973

Labyrinth for Mice (1972)	72.749
metal, metalwire, plexiglass, plastic, mice, food, water each labyrinth: 3 5/8 x 27 3/4 x 27 3/4 d. (9.2 x 70.5 x 70.4 cm.) (i assembled: 10 1/2 x 65 7/8 x 62 7/8 d. (16.6 x 167.1 x 159.5 cm.) inc plexiglass boxes (irreg.)	rreg.) luding 3 small
Drawing for Labyrinth for Mice 1972 pencil, magic marker, gouache, enamel on yellow paper sheet: 22 1/4 x 30" (56.3 x 76.2 cm.)	72.759
Drawing for Labyrinth for Mice 1972 pencil, magic marker, gouache on buff paper sheet: 22 1/8 x 30" (56.0 x 76.0 cm.)	72.760
Drawing for Labyrinth for Mice 1972 pencil, magic marker, gouache on yellow paper sheet: 22 1/8 x 30" (56.1 x 76.0 cm.)	72.761
Drawing for Labyrinth for Mice 1972 pencil, magic marker, gouache, enamel on buff paper sheet: 22 1/8 x 30" (56.0 x 76.0 cm.)	72.762
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Drawing for Labyrinth for Mice (1972)  pencil, magic marker, chalk on yellow paper  sheet: 22 1/8 x 30" (56.0 x 76.2 cm.)	72.76 <b>%</b>
Phytotron: Hydroponic Environment for Plants (1972) aluminum, plexiglass, purlite, gravel, pepper plants, plastic, fan motor. lights. water	72.748
assembled: 90 7/8 x 201 3/4 x 80 3/4 d. (230.7 x 512.6 x 205.1 cm.) (at base: 90 7/8 x 192 3/8 x 64 1/2 d. (230.7 x 488.8 x 163.7 cm.)	irreg.)
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Drawing for Phytotron: Hydroponic Environment for Plants 1972 pencil, magic marker, gouache on yellow paper sheet: 22 1/8 x 30" (56.0 x 76.0 cm.)	72.735
Drawing for Phytotron: Hydroponic Environment for Plants 1972 pencil, pen & ink, magic marker, gouache, collage on yellow paper sheet: 22 1/8 x 30" (56.0 x 76.0 cm.)	72.736
Drawing for Phytotron: Hydroponic Environment for Plants 1972 pencil, pen & ink, magis marker, gouache, collage on yellow paper sheet: 22 1/8 x 30" (56.0 x 76.2 cm.)	72.755

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Drawing for Phytotron: Hydroponic Environment for Plants 1972 72.757 pencil, magic marker, gouache, collage, chalk (?) on yellow paper sheet: 22 1/8 x 30" (56.0 x 76.1 cm.)

Drawing for Phytotron: Hydroponic Environment for Plants 1972 72.758 pencil, pen & ink, magic marker, gouache, collage (tracing paper) on buff paper sheet: 22 1/8 x 30" (56.1 x 76.0 cm.)

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# **The Museum of Modern Art**

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PROJECTS BENEDIT MEMOS

Bernice Rose

Richard L. Palmer

February 8;, 1973

BENEDIT- drawings

### Dear Bernice:

I learned after the fact that Benedit's drawings had not been returned to him along with the environments. Could you please advise when you expect to return them and at whose expense? Had they gone back with the rest of the shipment the costs would have been covered by the Argentine Ministry!

cc: Registrar
Benedit file

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PROTECTS : BENEDIT / MEMOS

Bernice Rose

Betty Burnham

co: Dick Palmer FOUR MASTERS file

January 25, 1973

PROJECTS: BENEDIT EXH. -

Dear Burny :

Now that you are back could we please have the following:

- 1) Checklist for exhibition
- 2) Loan form for drawings with list attached for our records

We will continue to insure the drawings on the Museum Exhibition Insurance Policy until we hear from you about their disposition.

Also, I understand that you know of an agent in Caracas that would be better than Escobar. Could you give us this information as we may be needing it for POWN MASTERS and future ICE exhibitions.

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PROJECTS: BENEDIT/ MENOS

Waldo Rasmussen

Richard Palmer

January 9, 1973

Invoice to Argentine Consulate

Dear Waldo:

Further to our conversation yesterday, I am attaching two machine copies of W. R. Keating's invoice (and our covering purchase order) for the incoming shipment of the Benedit environments from Buenos Aires to New York. My understanding is that the Argentine Ministry has agreed to cover the incoming air freight charges which amount to \$1,042.79. The balance of the bill is being covered by the account for the exhibition.

In checking with the Registrar and Finance I find, unfortunately, that we do not have a copy of the actual airwaybill which reflects the amount of the freight charge. I suspect this may be a necessary attachment to your letter to the Consulate. Let me know if you think you must wait until the copy comes in (we have asked Keating to check their files and to send us a copy) or if you can proceed with the attached material only. Many thanks for this follow-up.

cc: Bernice Rose, Registrar, BENEDIT-memos

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PROIECTS BENEDIT /MENOS

cc. Richard Palmer

Bernice Rose

Laura Rosenstock

January 3, 1973

PROJECTS: BENEDIT EXH. - Drawings

Dear Bernice:

I have examined the Benedit drawings and there are no changes of any note. They are being returned to the Drawings Dept. Would you please let us know the disposition of these works.

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PROJECTS: BENEDIT/ MEMOS

# The Museum of Modern Art

To Betty Burnham

From Bernice Rose

Date December 26, 1972

Re Your Memo of December 19, 1972

- 1. Please do not unframe the Benedit drawings. They are to be brought to to go to memory drawing storage glazed. Benedit indicated to me while he was here that he would like the drawings to remain with the Museum. I will write to (pending acg) him to confirm this.
- 2. The mice are to be returned to All Tame Animal Agency. The person to contact there is Mr. Gruber or Miss Hanrihan. The telephone number is 752-5885. I believe that if you call them they will come and get the mice on January 2.

B.R.

cc: Martha Beck
Danny Clarke
Fred Coxen
Matthew Donepp
Bill Farnie
Richard Palmer
Rahman Quachri

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PROTECTS: CENEDIT /MEMOS

cus Hr. Coxen

Mr. Donepp

Hr. Palmer

Hrs. Hose

Mr. Quachri

Bill Farmie and Danny Clarke

Betty Burnham

December 19, 1972

PROJECTS: BEHINT EXH. - Dismontling and Packing (Project Order h693 for Packing)

This will confirm the following schedule:

- 1) Tuesday, Jan. 2nd: Dapty box for environments to be delivered by Santini in a.m. and placed on hydraulic lift on loading dock; inner baxes to be resoved and takes to Carpenter Shop by Registration Custofiens
- 2) Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 3rd and hth: Starting at 9:00 a.m.; drawings to be taken to segments and unclased by NOT 70 SC Registration Custodians; environments to be dismantled by Productions Custodians and, if possible, taken to Carpenter Shop starting Thursday p.m. by Registration Castodians (atherwise, Friday morning, Jan. 5th)

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3) Friday and Honday, Jan. 5th and 5th: Danny to pack drawings in new box and environments in isser boxes in Carpenter Shop

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h) Wednesday, Jan. 10th: Inner boxes to be taken to loading dock in e.m. by Registration Custodians for packing by Danny into outer box

Bernice: Flease confirm unglasing of drawings and exact consignment

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Bernice Rose

Betty Burnham

November 29, 1972

PROJECTS: BEHEDIT EXH.

Dear Bunny:

Just to remind you, we still need the following information:

1) Loan forms (or 1 loan form with list attached) for drawings.

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- 2) Copy of checklist
- 3) Exact consignment address for return shipment to Argentina.

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PROJETS: BENEDIT/MEMOS

# The Museum of Modern Art

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Bernice Rose

PROJECTS: LUIS PERMANNO REMEDIT, an exhibition consisting of two man-made Richard L. Palmer

November 26, 1972 her 14 through January 2, 1973, as The Museum of Modern Ast.

BENEDIT: in Argentine in 1937, Lois Fernando Benedit currently lives in Buenou

Dear Bernice,

As I mentioned on the phone, I asked Benedit the sales prices of his drawings in case we receive any enquiries. He said they were all \$250. each since they were all the same size. Do you want to advise the information desk by means of a memo that the drawings are for sale and that any enquiries should be directed to you? I would do so myself only I have no way of knowing if you have already earmarked certain of them for the collection.

We were able to get Benedit's per diem check issued quickly this morning and Rosette handed it to him so we are straight on that score. He also gave me an accounting of his expenses in fabricating the two environments which I will have translated and then discuss with you. I believe they turned out almost exactly in accordance with his estimates.

I have spoken to Else and she will try to spring one of the electricians today to remove some of the lamps in the Northwest Callery in order to cut down on the intensity of the light. Riva very generously agreed to supervise.

I will have a couple of small signs made cautioning viewers against touching the environment and dropping food or other small objects into it.

cc: R. Koch, R. Castleman, Zegistrar, BENEDIT file

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PROJECTS: BENEDIT/ MEMO

# The Museum of Modern Art

To Betty Burnham

From Bernice Rose

Date October 25, 1972

Re Projects: Benedit: Pick-up of plants and planting material

We have to do the pick-up -- the greenhouse has no truck.

The address is: Association for the Help of Retarded Children (Greenhouse)

189 Wheatley Road Brookville, New York

(E46) 606 1000

Telephone: (516) 626-1000 Attention: Nancy Walker

The plants should be picked up early on the morning of the 8th. They 10-10:30 Cm will also supply a 50 pound bag of Perlite to be picked up at the same time. I don't know how much space that takes up but there are 4-6 flats of plants which cannot be stacked. If necessary I'll call for exact dimensions.

Thank you.

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cc: Dick Palmer Waldo Rasmussen John Stringer

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BENEDIT/MENOS

Fred Coxen

Richard Palmer

October 5, 1972

PROJECTS: LUIS BENEDIT - framing

Dear Fred,

As you doubtless know, Bernice sent Chuck two brief memos on the 2nd requesting that 1.) a base be made in the shop for one of the Benedit environments and 2.) that the framing also be handled in the shop as she wants to use our "special passepartout."

I had originally thought that we might be unable to handle the mounting/framing work on this project in the shop owing to our previous committments. Could we discuss this soon as we would have to make arrangements for an outside framer to handle the job if there is no way to cope with it in house. At present, we hope the drawing shipment will arrive here sometime next week, but it probably wouldn't clear customs and be registered until the following week - the week of October 16. The drawings would have to be ready for installation during the week of November 6. You will, of course, still be working on Arbus during this period as well as finishing up the ETCHINGS ETC. and DUBUFFET DRAWINGS jobs in the frame shop. Let me know what the prospects appear to be.

cc: Bernice Rose, Registrar, BENEDIT file, RP PENDING

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PENJEUIS: BENEDIT / MEMOS

Susana Torre

Richard Palmer

September 11, 1972

PROJECTS: BENEDIT

Dear Susana,

I understand you will probably be calling Benedit in Buenos Aires shortly to confirm the amount of the advance he requires in order to begin construction of the two pieces for his show here. Since it is important for us to know very soon specifically what expenses will be involved in the overall project - in order to determine what funds will remain for other international projects during Fiscal 1972-73 - could I request that you attempt to secure answers to the following points:

Please for me know in advance of your talephone call if you have quantities

## 1. Construction of environments

What is the revised estimate of total costs now that Benedit has secured a reduced rate for plexiglas and has the hope of securing other "materials discounts"?

(Also, did you reach an agreement with Benedit regarding financial details if the environments are sold at some point. Presumably, we should be able to recover at least a part of our expense - either in the form of a discount should the Museum acquire a piece - or as a refund if one should be sold to someone outside the Museum or to another institution.)

#### 2. Transport and packing of environments

Could you secure an estimate of the number of cases which will be required to contain the two environments? Also, if possible, the approximate dimensions and weights of the cases. Since we cannot at this point count on an outside subsidy to cover these costs, we must for the time being make provision to cover them within the project budget. (I assume Benedit will have already taken into consideration the fact that size limitations are involved in air freight shipments!)

Although I have not yet discussed this with the Registrar, I assume we would want to make arrangements for the shipment from BA to reach New York at least three weeks before our opening - this would entail an arrival date here of about October 22.

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Memo to: Susana Torre

### 3. Installation of the exhibition

Do you already know what special requirements the installation of the pieces here might have. Will they be completely operable after they are assembled or will special equipment have to be purchased in New York. I assume we will have to acquire the "rats" here - how much does this involve. Also, what will mainttenance of the exhibition involve?

Please let me know in advance of your telephone call if you have questions about any of these points. I am hoping we may be able to get together with Bernice and Waldo early this week to go over the whole project so we can work out a detailed work schedule.

cc: Ms. Rose, Mr. Rasmussen, Mr. Stringer, Registrar, PROJECTS: BENEDIT

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Elh. Project Benedit

# The Museum of Modern Art

cc: Mr. Froom
Mr. Mayo
Mr. McShine
Mrs. Rose
Mr. Stringer

Mrs. Torre

To Fred Bocchi

m David Vance

Date August 28, 1972

Re Hygrothermograph

Because of special requirements of a Projects exhibition in November, we need hygrothermograph readings for a few days or week from the Northwest and Far West Galleries.

Before I leave for vacation I will carefully recalibrate the two machines that are now in the mezzanine. When The Schwitters show is dismantled, please put one of these machines, with a fresh chart, on a pedestal or table in the Far West Gallery(not in direct sunlight from the window) and the other in the Northwest Gallery. Both must be in areas roped or screened off from the public.

Let the machines run there until the space is needed for the next installation but not longer than one full week. Then return them to the mezzanine and give the charts directly to Bernice Rose. Thank you.

(Sept. 10 OR 11)
(Few Days OR A week)
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PRITECTS: BENEDIT/HENO

cc: Tony Mayo

Kynaston McShine John Stringer

Susanna Torre

# The Museum of Modern Art

To DAVID VANCE

Date

From Bernice Rose

August 22, 1972

Re Temperature and Humitdity NW and Far West Galleries

For an upcoming projects show -- work of Luis Benedit -- the artist has requested a reading on the temperature and humidity in the NW and Far West galleries. He needs both day and night readings. Would it be possible to install some measuring device for about a week so that we can get that information to him as quickly as possible?

Thank you.

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Projects : Benedit / Kemo

Bernice Rose

Richard Palmer

May 8, 1972

PROJECTS: BENEDIT

Dear Bernice,

This will follow-up our brief telephone conversation of last week when I advised you we would probably want to adjust the dates of the BENEDIT exhibition here slightly. I have now spoken to both Waldo and Kynaston about it, and since you also agreed in principle, have changed the opening date to November 13, 1972. This will make it possible to open the exhibition officially during the International Council's Fall Meeting which is especially appropriate since they are funding it. Although the closing date may be adjusted slightly, I think for the present we should count on keeping the show up through January 2, 1973.

Since you will be directing the exhibition, I would appreciate it if you would be in touch with Benedit to advise him of the change in dates as soon as possible so that he may plan accordingly.

You know that Waldo mentioned, in his letter to Benedit of March 23, that we would need to secure sufficient advance information to make a realistic budget estimate for the project. The International/has agreed to provide a specified sum for the year (which is to cover 3 or 4 projects) so it is especially important to be able to consider the probably costs of the Benedit project (which will probably be more expensive than average) in light of the overall budget. Is it still too early or do you think you could press him a bit at this time for more details about the contents of the show? Let me know if you want to discuss this before you write.

ec: Hrs. Stern, Mr. Rasmussen, Mr. McShine, BENEDIT, Tegistnar

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# The Museum of Modern Art

11 West 53 Street, New York, N.Y. 10019 Circle 5-8900 Cable: Modernart

January 22, 1973

Mr. Luis Fernando Benedit Ing. Huergo II91, 4 Pieso Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dear Luis:

I came back to work last week and found your letter. I am glad all is well. The show went smoothly after you left — the plants grew a little, the mice grew. What was most interesting in a way was how, in spite of the careful structure, the mice managed to find their own paths and ignore the pre-arranged ones. Reactions here were very positive among younger members of the staff and public, but there were people who found the mouse environment cruel and were disturbed by it (they were a minority, however). We still wait for critical reviews, but for these shows they frequently appear quite late.

While you were here you mentioned that the drawings could remain in the Museum. Did you mean that we could add them to the collection? We would like very much to do that. We are always particularly interested in drawings that relate to Museum exhibitions and would be very pleased to have these.

I am recovering well. We spent two weeks in Caracas resting in the sun and that was a great help. I am happy that you are busy and that Monica and the children are well.

Abrozos,

BR/s

cc: Martha Beck Betty Burnham

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The Museum of Modern Art

cc: Betty Burnham -Susanna Torre Richard Palmer John Stringer Waldo Rasmussen

Sept. 27, 1972

Bear Luis,

I think it is probably better to follow the procedure we suggested in the last letter when you send the drawings. Everything has to pass through customs and the procedure for getting mailed drawings through customs is almost the same as the one we outlined — only more complicated — and mail is not really as safe. I enclose mailing instructions just so that you can see for yourself. It would really be too bad if a tube of drawings was delayed in the mails or got crushed and we have known that to happen.

We are looking for a place for you. I am not optimistic about finding a lace near the Museum. This area has few living places and the few there are are very much in demand and very expensive. I did call the Chelses Hotel. A great many artists stay there and find it very agreeable. You would have to use a bus or subway to come to the Museum but they have studio rooms with kitchens and baths and could give us a weekly rate of \$85 or slightly higher. We will keep looking though -- we may have great luck.

See you soon,

Sernice Rose Associate Curator

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# The Museum of Modern Art

11 West 53 Street, New York, N.Y. 10019 Tel. 956-6100 Cable: Modernart

September 22, 1972

Dear Luis,

I'm a little confused about the tomato and lettuce plants. Do you mean they should be 25 cms hith when we get them or do you want plants that have just sprouted from the seeds and will grow to 30x 25 cms afeter 30 to h0 days? Please answer immediately because we have to let the greenhouse know when to begin growing them. I have no idea about plants at all since I've never even lived in a house and never grown anything except some ivy on a windowsill;

I've located some white mice and I'm waiting to hear from the Board of Health whether we need any special permits to have white mice in a public place. We also have to get some sort of cooperation from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals but it doesn't look like that will be difficult since they helped me to fing the mice.

Mr. Genzalez del Saolar brought the drawings today and we're very happy with the w ay the project looks. We hope that there will be some more drawings coming.

One thing we forgot to ask on the telephone was whether you would prefer to have the calleries painted white or have some color in mind. For us, white would be preferable.

Abrazos,

Bernice Rose

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P.S. I ve just heard from the board of Health and we have no problems with them.

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cc: Susanna Torre Waldo Rasmussen John Stringer Registrar Dick Palmer

August 31, 1972

Dear Luis: WHO?

The press-clippings arrived yesterday and will be a great help -- Thank you.

The heat does not get turned off at night. We have a constant control system which is supposed to maintain the galleries at more or less the same temperature and humidity level at all times. The problem is that it is not totally dependable and there can be variations. For example, the temperature and humidity fluctuate when there are a lot of people walking through the galleries and the lights are on. At night there is noone and the lights are off. The system has to adjust. Sometimes it adjusts better than other times. Also there is the problem of opening and closing doors which creates drafts that the system finds hard to handle. All this can probably be accommodated by your system but you have to know the variations — usually they are not too great. Therefore I have asked the engineers to install a meter in the galleries. Unfortunately they cannot put one in until September 11 but as soon as we have a few days readings I will send you the information.

Our Curator of Drawings, Bill Lieberman, brought back two drawings from your munich show; one is the rat labyrinth. May we photograph it and use it for publicity for the show? We don't have a meeting for purchases until October but in the meantime I have been trying to speed up payment to you for the last two drawings. The new ones are very beautiful and I'm looking forward to seeing the ones you will being bring for the show.

Waldo is away for a week and has not seen your letter yet but John Stringer will make sure he sees it first thing next week. John and I saw the toy you made for Bonniers and liked that, too.

I'm glad you feel easier and are working hard. Best to everyone -- it isn't too long until we see you here.

Bernice Rose

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October 10, 1972

Mr. Stanley Javito Greenhouse Association for Retarded Children 189 Wheatley Road Brockville, New York

Dear Mr. Javita:

You will recall that we spoke on the telephone about two weeks ago in reference to some plants that the Museum needs for an exhibition in November. I now have detailed information and would appreciate it if you would begin to grow the following which we will need on November 7, 1972:

85 cherry tomato plants which should be 10 to 12 inches high on Hovember 7th, and 70 lettuce plants, preferably variety lactuce sativa (L.) also to be 8 to 10 inches high on Hovember 7.

If you do not have the variety mentioned, please use another type. What's important is that the lettuce be of a very green type and be a very hardy variety that will not be a problem in transplanting. The same is true of the tematoes. I would appreciate it very much if you would call me at 956-2665 to confirm this. I also wonder if it would be possible for you to supply us with perlit. We need 7 cubic meters of the coarse grain variety.

Could you also please give me a price estimate when you telephone?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Hany thanks,

HERNIGE HOSE Associate Gurater

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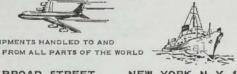
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January 3, 1973

Mr. Albert Sorrentino to de Relaciones Esteriores y Ceite W.R. Keating & Co. os Alres, Arrentina 90 Broad Street New York, N.Y. 10004

Re: Exhibition PROJECTS: BENEDIT

Dear Mr. Sorrentino:

Enclosed are six copies of our invoice for 1 box marked MCMA/BUENOS ATRES I containing two environments by Henedit. The shipment is to be forwarded on the SS.FLETERO (scheduled to leave January 15th) for the Consulate General of the Ship left Republic of Argentina and consigned to the Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores 400, 1645 y Culto for delivery to the artist-owner in Buenos Aires. These works were imported for us by you in October of 1972 (your Reference no. 02h7h).

The box will be ready for collection from the museum, 20 West 54th St., starting Friday, January 12th. Will you please let us know the bill of lading 625 number so we can arrange transit insurance.

Please bill us for cartage and your services only under our Purchase Order no. 68970 which will be mailed to you under separate cover. Ocean freight should be made payable at destination.

Sincerely yours,

Laura Rosenstock Assistant to the Registrer

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Sincerely yours,

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## The Museum of Modern Art

Elizabeth Burnham

From

Richard Palmer

Date

October 10, 1972

Re

PROJECTS: BENEDIT shipments

Dear Betty,

cc: Bernice Rose Susana Torre

Waldo Rasmussen

file: PROJECTS: BENEDIT-shipment

SEE IMPORTS/ EXPORTS I am attaching a copy of the translation of the letter Bernice received from Benedit late on Friday. Also attached is a translation of the listing of the components of the two environments which was enclosed in Benedit's letter.

You will note the following regarding the shipment of the two environments:

- 1.) although we have a list of the component parts, Benedit has not provided information regarding the number, sizes, and weights of the cases in which they will be packed. I assume this may be due to the fact that packing may not yet be complete and that it is the artist's intention, as we requested, to forward full details about the size of the shipment, the flight and airwaybill numbers etc. as soon as specific arrangements have been set up. However, we can, if you so wish, send him a cable reminder to the effect that we must have this additional information in advance of the arrival of the shipment. Please let me know if you feel this is essential.
- 2.) the environment shipment will be consigned to the Argentine Consulate in New York as it is being forwarded an an official shipment. It is diplomatic free due to arrive on Sunday, October 22, aboard Aerolineas Argentina. entry?

246-6700 MRS. MIRTA GADEA

Susana Torre tells me that Miguel Ocampo, Cultural Attache at the Argentina Consulate, would be the person to talk to about shipping arrangements. I understand you will ask him about:

- a.) whether the shipment will have to be processed through U.S.
- b.) whether we will need to make arrangements to collect the shipment at the airport and have it delivered here
- c.) whether he knows if we will simply be billed by Aerolineas or if we must plan to make some special arrangement for payment of the freight charges

Regarding the drawings:

You have confirmed that it should present no special problems if Benedit brings the remainder of the drawings with him, as he proposes, as far as customs is concerned. Could you also confirm that we will have no problems insuring them during the transit either?

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Buenos Aires, October 1, 1972

Dear Bernice:

I am replying to your letters of September 15, 19 and 22.

1) Shipment. I have received a cable from the Consulate in New York I shall send the works through Express Victoria on Aerolineas Argentina, freight charges to be paid there. The works must be consigned to the Argentine Consulate in New York as a shipment from the Chancellery. I believe this will facilitate both the shipping and the Customs; in any case, I shall send a cable to Keeing giving them full details on the shipment.

I attach a detailed list of the works.

The works will probably travel on a direct flight from Buenos Aires to New York on Aerolineas Argentina on Sunday, October 22, arriving in New York the following morning. I shall confirm the date.

2) Regarding the sketches: They will all be of the same size as those being brought by Gonzalez Del Solar - 76 x 56 cms. I would suggest <.30 x 22" you prepare 12 to 15 frames (or what you are using) for the showing of these sketches, which I shall take with me in a portfolio. We shall travel on Wednesday, November 1 on Flight No.300 of Aerolineas Argentina. It would be ideal if the ticket you are sending me could be made out for this flight, or if it were transferable from another company. I think we cannot count, for the moment, on obtaining transportation for us from the Chancellery in Argentina.

- 3) I am returning the green insurance forms, signed. I have placed the values low; if you think this is not right, please correct them.
- 4) Regarding the plants: they must be 25 to 30 cms. high by the day of the exhibition.
- 5) The amount of electricity needed will be 2,000 watts.
- 6) Regarding the color of the galleries the most suitable would be a sepia color, but they could also be white, if this should suit you better.

I don't understand what you mean by white corn. I suppose it has to do with the food for the rats, which is bought as grain.

Please let me know whether you have found an apartment for us.

An"abrazo"

/s/ Benedit

P.S. Thanks for the money, which I have received and which has already beeb spent.

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List of works and specifications for materials in Exhibition: LUIS FERNANDO BENEDIT, to be shown at The Museum of Modern Art, New York, beginning November 13, 1972.

(The works should be in New York by October 22 )

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Title: FITOTRON 1972

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6	Philips mixing lamps, 250 v.	Diameter: 10 x 18 c/u

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Translated from the Spanish PROJECTS: BENEDIT Oct. 10, 1972 5231 Letter to BR 9/25/72 - 3 -Work No. 1 (cont'd): 12 Laminated glazed trays; 6 - 80 x 80 x 3 6 blind; 6 with lamp sockets 6 - 80 x 80 x 15 Polypropylme chambers, cylindrical, with walls 6mm thick and with 1id Diameter: 48 x 70 28 Plastic domes for the tubing 1/2 x 3/4 inches 3 x 2.5 x 5 c/u 30 Meters of soft, clear P.V.C. tubing, 1/2 and 3/4 inches diameter 1 Thermostat, 220 v. 1 Hygrometric thermometer 1 Electro-key for time setting, 220 v. 1 Air extractor, 220 v. Diameter: 18 x 20 WORK No. 2: Title: MAZE FOR WHITE MICE (Laberinto para Ratones Blancos) Date: 1972 Material: Plexiglas, galvanized iron, acetate <u>Dimensions</u>: (In meters) 1.60 x 1.60 x 0.25 Description: Cases clear plexigias, 6mm. thick 70 x 70 x 9 cm. 4 Sheets clear plexiglas, perforated, 7 mm. thick 69 x 69 4 Iron frames with galvanized wire 71 x 71 Case with plexi cover, clear and 30 x 17 x 25 colored 111 1 25 x 15 x 25 20 Meters of acetate tape, 1 mm. thick Glass drinking troughs Diameter 3 x 18

Note: The works should be sent to:

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#### Querida Berenice:

Contesto las cartas de sentiembre I5, I9 var. I) Envio. Recibido cable Consulado IV. Desnachare obras por Expreso Victoria en Aerolineas Argentinase a pagar flete alli. Las obras deben ir consignadas al Consulado Argentino en New York, por

ser un envio le la Cancillaria. Greo que esto les facilitara los tramites o on la aduana, de cualquier forma mandare un cable a Keating con todos los datos del envio.

Adjunto lista de detalles obras.

Probablemente las obras viajen en el vuelo directo Bs. As. - W.Y de Aerolineas Argentinas eue- del domingo 22 de octubre que llega el lunes

por la manana , confirmare fecha.

- ?) Respecto a los dibujos ser in todos de igual tamaño que los que llevo Gonzalez Del Solar, 76 x 56 cts. Sugiero que se preparen doce o quince marcos (o lo que ustedes usen) pera presentar los dibujos que yo llevare conmigo en una carneta. Viajaremos el miercoles I de noviembre en vuelo Nº 3000 de Aerolineas Argentinas. Seria ideal que el pasaje que ustedes me envian sea para este vuelo, o ai es de otra compania que sea endosble. Creo cue no podemos contar nor el momente con obtener mi pasaje de la Cancilleria Argentina.
- 3) Devuelvo tojas vecde firmadas mara seguro obras , he puesto valores bajos, si no les parece bien aument- corrijanlos.
- 4) Respecto a las plantas las preciso de 75 a 30 ctms. para el día de la exposicion.

5) El consumo electrico sero de 2000 wats.

6) Respecto al color de las galerias lo que mas me convendria deria color sepia pero creo que puede ser inval blanco si a ustedes las con-

No entiendo lo del alpiste (mais blanco)? , upongo que te referiras a la comida para las ratas que se compra en grano. Haganme saber at han conseguido el denartamento para nosctros. Un abrazo

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P.D: Evocios por los \$\$\$ que yo vecilio y

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(Las obras deben estar en Nueva York para el 22 de Octubre)

m mmm a	"FITOTRON"
FECHA .	I972
MATERIAL.	Plexiglas, aluminio, hierro, polietileno, P.V.C, sistema
MEDIDAS.	electrico para bomba centrifuga y lamparas mezcladoras (En metros) ancho 2.00 largo 5.00 alto 2.45

Descripcion			
Cantidad	material	medidas	
	Planchas de Plexiglas cristal de 6 y 4 mm. de esposor	mediads	
I		I58 X 62.5	
2		77.5 X 64	
16		77.5 X 77.5	
	Cupulas de Plexi. moldeado		
14	(se pueden apilar)	I47 X 8I X 20	
9	Bandejas de Plexi. de 6 mm.	70 X 45 X 3I	
I	Prisma Plexi de 7mm. una cara Abierta	23 X 23 X 75	
	Cano cuadrado de aluminio satina		
82	do de 25 X 25 mm. pared 2 MM.	7	
14		largo 78	
		" 145 " 64.5	
3 2 2		" 53	
2		" 158	
72	Nudos de aluminio fundido de 40	4 X 4 c/u	
2_ 111	X 40 mm. Sistema Juvello	, o, a	
6I	Nudos de aluminio fundido sistema		
4 1 1 1 1	Errede de 120 % IIO0mm.A-roxim.	I? X IIX2.5 c/	
I	Romba centrifuga electrica.220 V.		
23.1	12.000 rev. p/m.2.000 1/h	00 X 82 X 18	
6	Lamparas mezcladoras Philips de 250 V.	diam. IO X 18 c∕u	
I2	Bandejas de chapa Noon esmaltadas	(6) 20 7 00 -	
	6 ciegas y 6 con portalamparas	(6) 60 X SO X 3	
2-	Depositos de Polipropileno de	" 80 X 80 X 15	
	6mm. pared cilindricos, con tapa	diametro 48 x 70	
20	Cuplas plasticas para caneria de	whatterro 40 x 70	
	1/2 y 3/4 nulgadas	3-X 2.5 X 5 c/u	
30	etros de tubo de P.V.C. cristal	J J J C/U	
Ъ	lando de I/2 y 3/4 pulg. diametro		
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	OBRA Nº I	
	TITULO.	"FITOTRON"
	FECHA .	I972
	MATERIAL.	Plexiglas, aluminio, hierro, polietileno, P.V.C, sistema
. [9	MEDIDAS.	electrico para bomba centrifuga y lamparas mezcladoras (En metros) ancho 2.00 largo 5.00 alto 2.45

Descri	neion	
Cantid	discontinuos non	medidas
100	Planchas de Plexiglas cristal	100000000
	de 6 y 4 mm. de caresor	
I		158 X 62.5
2		77.5 X 64
16		77.5 X 77.5
	Cupulas de Plexi. moldeado	
14	(se pueden apilar)	I47 X 8I X 20
9	Bandejas de Plexi. de 6 mm.	70 X 45 X 3I
I	Prisma Plexi de 7mm. una cara Abierta	23 X 23 X 75
	Cano cuadrado de aluminio satina	
32	do de 25 X 25 mm. pared 2 MM.	largo 78
I4		" 145
3		64.5
3		" 53
2		" 158
72	Nudos de aluminio fundido de 40 X 40 mm. Sistema Juvello	4 X 4 c/u
6I	Nudos de aluminio fundido sistema	
	Errede de 100 X IIODam. A roxim.	I? X IIX?.5 c/
I	Romba centrifuga electrica.220 V.	
	10.000 rev. n/m.2.000 1/h	00 X S2 X 18
6	Lamparas mezcladoras Philips de	diam. IO X 18 c/u
13	Bandejas de chapa Noco esmaltadas	(6) 60 x 80 x 3
2*	6 ciegas y 6 con portalamparas Depositos de Polipropileno de	" 80 X 80 X 15
	6mm. pared cilindricos, con tapa	diametro AS 70
38	Cuplas plasticas para cancria de	diametro 48 x 70
20 .	I/2 y 3/4 pulgadas	3-X 2.5 X 5 e/u
	Metros de tubo de P.V.C. cristal blando de I/2 y 3/4 pulg. diametro	
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copy to w.R. Neating & es.

September 15, 1972

Mr. Luis Fernando Benedit Ing. Huergo 1191, 4 piso Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dear Luis:

I'm afraid this is going to be a very complicated letter since I want to go over all of the points we covered on the telephone and also provide you with the additional details I promised.

ably so close to std-day as possible). The entrance should be

Junales, Son York 11430

As you know, a letter has gone out by Diplomatic Pouch to Mr. Ernesto Garzón Valdéz, the Ministry of Foreign and Cultural Relations asking that they consider providing you with air transportation from New York to Buenos Aires and return. We have also requested that the Ministry consider paying for the costs of packing and shipping your two environments to New York and that they partially subsidize the actual costs of constructing the environments. We understand that you will call Mr. Valdéz on Monday to discuss this matter in more detail and will then cable us if you are able to get either a yes or no answer.

Packing and shipping

From our conversation, I understand that if the Ministry agrees to pay for the packing and shipment of the environments you will give the pieces to Expreso Victoria to pack and ship. We understand that Expreso Victoria could wait to be paid for packing but would have to be reimbursed immediately for shipment. Since the Ministry would not be in a position to make immediate payment, we could cover the transport costs initially and then be reimbursed by the Ministry later -- is this correct? If the Ministry does not agree to help with these costs I understand you will make arrangements with the packer and shipper you prefer. In this latter case, you should advise us of your packer and shipper's names and addresses as soon as possible.

Regardless of which course of action is finally taken, the cases must as you know arrive in New York by October 22. This is absolutely essential if we are to have them cleared by customs in time to meet the exhibition's installation deadlines.

We would prefer that the environment shipment be sent by direct air cargo. Pan-American has a direct cargo flight to New York on Mondays, Flight 320, which utilizes "707." This is the only direct cargo flight from Buenos Aires to New York. If the government agrees to cover shipping costs they will probably want to use Aerolineas. Since Aerolineas has only passenger flights, it would be very important for you to check carefully on the size limitations of cases which can be accommodated on their planes before any of the boxes are actually constructed.

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Our Registrar has asked me to give you the following instructions for the firm which will handle the shipping arrangements:

Please arrange for the shipments to arrive in New York on a week day if possible (preferably Monday through Thursday, and preferably as close to mid-day as possible). The shipments should be consigned to our customs brokers exactly as follows:

TO: W. R. Keating and Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 628

JFK International Airport

Jamaica, New York 11430

for delivery to: The Museum of Modern Art

20 West 54th Street

New York, N.Y. 10019

The original customs invoices and shipping papers must be airmailed immediately upon completion of arrangements to W. R. Keating and copies should also be airmailed to The Museum of Modern Art, marked to the attention of the REGISTRAR.

Our Museum will insure these shipments from wall-to-wall; therefore NO VALUE should be declared to the carrier. Please send Keating by Telex (#223260) the complete and accurate flight information: airline, flight number, airway bill number, and date of departure. These instructions should be followed for both the drawings shipment and the environment shipment. We would prefer that the drawings be packed flat but you are probably the best judge of that.

#### Insurance coverage

So that we may make arrangements for insurance coverage, would you please send me a list of the drawings you plan to ship on October 10 as soon as you can conveniently draw it up. It should indicate the title, dimensions and value of each drawing. After you arrive here in November we will give you formal loan agreements to sign for each drawing which will actually be included in the show: in the interim, however, all of the drawings will be insured at the values you specify.

I sm now enclosing Loan Agreement forms covering the two environments. Would you kindly insert the insurance values and any other information available at this time and return the original green copies to me after you have signed and dated them. This is also essential for insurance purposes.

#### Construction of environments

We will make arrangements immediately to deposit the sum of \$2,035 in the Julio Gonzalez del Solar account at the First National City Bank here. If you have not already done so, perhaps you should notify del Solar that this deposit will be made shortly. Please let me know as soon as you have decided when the second deposit should be made and exactly how much it should be.

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We swait the arrival of the specifications for the plants and mice required for the environments. We may have to order the plants especially grown so it is important to have these details very soon.

We also need to know the specific power requirements of your electrical equipment so that we can get the proper transformer. Please let me know the voltage and amperage of your equipment and also advise exactly what we are powering. What is the output and input, etc.?

Please let me know also if you definitely want us to build bases here for the environments. If so, you should provide plans with complete specifications.

As soon as possible, we also need to have your estimate of the number and sizes of cases which will be required to contain the environment elements, as well as the approximate cost of fabricating the cases.

With regard to the hydrothermograph readings: you should probably expect the temperature to be about five degrees fahrenheit lower in Nov-

#### Your trip

We thought that if you were to arrive the first of November you would be able to set up the two pieces and have a few days to see that they are operating properly before the show opens.

Would you like us to look for a place you can sub-let? Susana says you are thinking of spending about a month here.

Abrazos to everyone and we look forward to seeing you,

Bernice Rose Associate Curator of Drawings

BR:dd encl: 2 loan agreement forms for environments bc: Mr. Rasmussen, Mr. Palmer, Mr. McShine, Registrar, Drawings