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January 27, 1955

Mr. John Henry Macdonell Flamingo Avenue Sarasota, Plorida

Dear Mr. Macdonell:

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Also thank you very much for the catalogue of your Exhibition which we all enjoyed looking at very much and which is exceptionally well done.

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With my best personal regards,

Sinceraly yours,

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Flamingo Avenue Sarasota, Florida

15th. January 1955

My Dear Miss Wade:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 4th. with Invoice Number 4129 for the Matisse drawing. A cheque for \$675.00 is sent herewith in payment.

The drawing is lovely. We all like it. Most especially, I think, do Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Macdonell like it. That makes Mr. Freeman and me rather pleased we plumped for it. Though nothing definite has been defided so far, it is quite probable that the Matisse will make its first public appearance at the Ringling Museum of Art during the Annual Symposium from April 3rd to 8th and which will be called 'Since 1900'. If you can get any further information for us about the drawing I wish you would let me have it. I realize it is difficult to get, and we shall leave our request in your capable hands knowing that you will do your best.

The enclosed catalogue of the current show may please you. I think Mr. Valentin would have been happy about it. I tried awfully hard to help, but I am afraid there were a few printing errors. However, the general effect of it looks good, and the response, publicly, has been grand.

Please keep me up to date on events.

Very sincerely | Mulleum macdaell _

Miss Jane Wade The Curt Valentin Gallery Inc. 32 East 57th. Street New York 22, N.Y.

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Mr. John Henry Macdonell Flamingo Avenue Saresota, Florida

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Dear Mr. Macdonell: We the executors of Mr. Valentints

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John Henry Macdonell

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Flamingo Avenue Sarasota, Florida

20th. December 1954

My Dear Miss Wade:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 17th. about the Matisse. The drawing arrived safely on Christmas Eve.

Please advise the executors of Mr. Valentin's estate that Mr. Freeman desires to purchase the drawing and that your gallery should make the necessary entry in your records of transfer of ownership. Please have an invoice made out to Robert T. Freeman, 1913 Datura Street, Sarasota, in the amount of \$675.00, mail it to me and I will send you a cheque for that figure. At the same time, will the gallery please send as full a description of the drawing as is possible. Since it is likely to be exhibited in this area, it is important that we have the 'provenance' clearly established. All we know is that it was signed and dated 1952. Is it known where it was done? Is it known whether it is the head of a local girl, a 'nicoise', one of the novitiates from Vence, or was it just a free drawing? Is there anything in your records about the exact medium Matisse used? Sepia, yes, but sepia what? Sorry to be finnicky, but as we have several art achools here and approximately a thousand students and part-time painters, it would help a lot if we had every available detail in our possesion in the event of round-table discussion on the Matisse.

I presume you do not have to charge any New York State Tax as it is purchased in Florida.

Thank you for the reduction in the price and for the co-operation we have always been given by you on previous purchases. I shall write to you in a day or two and send you the eatalogue of the show which opens here next Sunday in which you will be represented by Sutherland, Piper and Moore.

Very sincerely

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Miss Jane Wade The Curt Valentin Gallery copy to Mr. Freeman

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Gurt Valentin Gallery, Isto. 32 East 57th. Street. New York City 32, New York

Mr. John Macdonell Bay Islands, enclosed, is the balance on Glyders Rocks. Sarasota, Florida for allowing me to stretch my dollars out ever such a long time.

Dear Mr. Macdonell:

appropriate that on June 29th. the In reference to our telephone conversation this morning, we are shipping by Air Freight Collect the drawing by Henry Matisse which Mr. Freeman is interested in purchasing.

Since the drawing would be purchased primarily to be shown in your Art Center, the gallery could allow Mr. Freeman a discount of 10 per cent on the quoted price of \$750. you the Gulf and, believe it or

Regards to Mr. Valentin if Sincerely yours, town and

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Yours truly

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Curt Valentin Gallery, Inc. 32 East 57th. Street, New York City 22, New York

Dear Miss Wade:

Here, enclosed, is the balance on Glyders Rocks. Thank you for allowing me to stretch my dollars out over such a long time.

It is all very appropriate that on June 29th. the M.O.M.A. advised me that they had concluded their travelling show Europe: The New Generation and that the Piper would be shipped to Florida forthwith. Looks like we may have it next week.

We have settled down in our new home, and it is all most lovely. We pity the poor people in New York who swelter at night when we have such cool breezes from the Gulf and, believe it or not, a blanket!

Regards to Mr. Valentin if he is still in town and not at the Biennale.

Yours truly

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September 29, 1953

Mr. John Macdonell 23 East 37th Street New York, New York

Dear Mr. Macdonell:

We are still holding here a watercolor by Henry Moore which we bought for you at auction for \$170.

I hope to see you before you move so far away.

Sincerely yours,

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April 12, 1954

Mrs. Charlotte Mack 2701 Larkin Street San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Macks

Thank you very much for your letter and your check. I am sure I shall sell the "Reclining Figure" by Henry Moore for which you paid \$600.

Sincerely yours,

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March 1, 1954

Mrs. Charlotte Mack 2701 Larkin Street San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Mack!

I cannot be sorrier that I did not see you when you were in New York and missed you when you visited the gallery. I guess now it is up to me to repay you a visit when I come to San Francisco, which I hope will not be in the too far distant future.

Enclosed is a photograph of the bronze frieze by Henry Moore which you liked. I do not know just how much interested you are in the piece; however, please keep the photograph if you like.

Sincerely yours,

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Thank you very much for your very nice and kind note.

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Hoping to see you out West sometime this winder and with my best regards,

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October 3, 1953

Mrs. Edward Marcus

Dallas 4, Texas
Dear Mrs. Marcus;

Thank you very much for your letter of September twenty-eighth.

Decrease of the success of our show last year we are repeating it. in I wrote you in the full, we sold ten paintings from

I shall be glad to cooperate, but am sorry to say I do not have a painting by Feininger within the price range. Last year I contributed a painting which was my personal property so was able to make a special price for it.

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Mr Curt Valentin Curt Valentin Gallery 32 East 57th Street New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Valentin,

Because of the success of our show last year we are repeating it. As I wrote you in the fall, we sold ten paintings from the exhibition last year. We have great hopes of doing even better this year. Would you lend us a John Piper and a Feininger within our \$50 to \$500 price range? We will pay all expenses and in turn ask that you again grant us a 10% on all paintings sold here.

The dates of the exhibition are Nov. 20th to Dec. 27. at the Dallas Museum.

We are not including drawings or watercolors but that does not eliminate tempera or other water-base mediums. Thank you for your cooperation and kindness. It way interest you to know that there are over fifty-five couples in Young Collections whereas we only had seventeen last year at this time. We are very encouraged with the progress.

Cordially,

Mrs Edward Marcus

Chairman, Young Collections 4007 Stonebridge Drive, Dallas 4

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December 13, 1955

December 15, 1955

Mr. Stanley Marcus Neiman-Marcus Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Marcus:

Thank you very much for your letter of December thirteenth. Mr. Joseph Hirshhorn (165 Broadway, New York City), purchased the "King and Queen" by Henry Moore.

Tomorrow will be the last day of the Curt Valentin Gallery. There is nothing left -- only a few prints and minor pictures.

If I can ever be of any assistance to you, I can always be reached at the same telephone number (Plaza 5-9320) or through Mr. Relph Colin's office. I shall be working for the Estate for a few more months.

With my best personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Jane Wade

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DALLAS 1. TEXAS December 13, 1955

MRS. ROSENBERG CURT VALENTIN GALLERY 32 EAST 57TH STREET NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DEAR MRS. ROSENBERG:

I wonder if you could tell me who purchased the Henry Moore sculpture "The King and the Queen" that I saw in the gallery last year.

Have you just about completed the liquidation of the gallery, or do you still have some things left?

With best regards, I am

Most sincerely yours,

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December 22, 1954

Mr. Stanley Marcus Neiman Marcus Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Marcust

Thank you very much for your note of December fifteenth, which I was rather suprised to received since I understood from Mr. Colin that you had been informed of the purchase of the large "King and Queen" by Henry Moore. I certainly would have written you about the purchase long ago if I had realized you did not know about it. It is very sad that the Dallas Museum will not have this magnificent piece.

Season, With my best regards and wishes for the Holiday

Sincerely yours,

Jane Wade

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DALLAS 1. TEXAS 15 December 1954

MRS. B. ROSENBERG CURT VALENTIN GALLERY, INC. 32 EAST 57TH STREET NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DEAR MRS. ROSENBERG:

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October 26, 1954

Mr. Stanley Marcus Neiman-Marcus Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Marcust

The "King and Queen" by Henry Moore which did not interest Bris Bros. but which I am sure will interest you, is priced at \$12,000.

The bronze is 5° 42" High, and the base of the piece measures 37" x 59".

With my best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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CURT VALENTIN GALLERY 32 EAST 57TH STREET NEW YORK, NEW YORK

GENTLEMEN:

I would be interested in knowing the price for the "King & Queen" by Henry Moore which did not please Mr. Uris' tenants on Madison Avenue. Will you also send me the dimensions.

Very sincerely yours,

Stanley Marcus

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October 15, 1954

Mr. Stanley Marcus Neiman-Marcus Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Marcus:

In reply to your note of October thirteenth, the price of the bronze "Interior-Exterior Form" by Henry Moore is \$1,800.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Wade

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CURT VALENTIN
CURT VALENTIN GALLERY, INC.
32 EAST 57TH STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

GENTLEMEN:

Would you be kind enough to quote the price to me on the Henry Moore bronze sculpture called "Interior and Exterior", #2h in the current memorial exhibition.

Most sincerely yours,

Stanley Marcus

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ARNOLD H. MAREMONT
1800 SOUTH ASHLAND AVENUE
CHICAGO 8, ILLINOIS
February 23, 1955

Curt Valentin Gallery 32 East 57th St. New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

We are returning the Feininger, which we decided we don't want to purchase. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,

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Arnold H. Maremont

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122 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago 3, Illinois

December 20, 1954

Curt Valentin Galleries 32 E. 57th Street New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that on December 20, 1954 I sent a black statue to W. S. Budworth, 424 West 52nd Street, New York, N. Y., via Railway Express.

The receipt number is 408 and declared value is \$300.00.

Very truly yours,

arnold H. Maremont

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April 15, 1954

Mr. Arnold Maremont 614 Pine Lane Winnetka, Illinois

Mr. Arnold S. Harwood

Dear Arnold: ... To returning the pointing by Ales

I had word from Dr. Grohmann, Paul Klee's biographer, that the painting which I returned to you is called "Mai", which means "May", and is dated 1933 and not 1932.

Sincerely yours,

CV:JW

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April 8, 1954

Mr. Arnold H. Maremont 614 Pine Lane Winnetka, Illinois

Mr. Armille S., Schmanner.

Dear Arnold:

Tomorrow I am returning the painting by Klee to you by Railway Express.

Going arther into the matter, I found that the painting was sold here by the Carstairs Gallery, and I finally remembered that I had seen the picture in the Carstairs Gallery some time ago.

There is no doubt about the authenticity of the picture, as I indicated before—the rest, I guess, is a matter of taste.

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Sincerely yours,

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ARNOLD H. MARERONT

April 5, 1954

April 2, 1954

Mr. Arnold H. Maremont 1600 South Ashland Avenue Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Arnolds

Although I have met Allan Frumkin, I do not know his background. When buying a painting today, I think any collector or purchaser should insist on the history of the painting; in some cases, the history can clarify a situation which might be doubtful.

I have looked at the painting carefully; also Katharine Kuh has seen it and another friend who knows Paul Klee's work very well. Both of them expressed doubts, which I myself to not share. I do think it is an original painting by Klee done around 1935. I had the painting photographed and will send the photograph to Will Grohmann, Paul Klee's biographer, who might be able to give me some more information, although it will be difficult since there is no title or date preserved on the painting.

I shall return the painting in a day or two.

Sincerely yours,

CV:JW

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ARNOLD H. MAREMONT
1600 SOUTH ASHLAND AVENUE
CHICAGO 8, ILLINOIS

April 2, 1954

Mr. Curt Valentin 32 East 57th Street New York 22, New York

Dear Curt:

I can't imagine why our houseman sent the clay to you collect. Please let me know what the charges are so that I can reimburse you.

The picture was offered to me by Allan Frumkin here in Chicago. Frumkin is a delightful fellow, although quite young. His statement to me reads "authenticity of the above fully guaranteed". On the other hand, he is quite diffident about disclosing its history.

I do appreciate your taking the time to explore this for me and I await your conclusions.

Very truly yours,

Arnold of markment

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ARMOLD H. MAREMONT
CHEAGO & LUNCK
March 22, 1954

March 29, 1954

Mr. Curt Valentin Curt Valentin Gallery, Inc. 32 Bast 57th St. New York 32, N. Y.

Dear Cutt:

Mr. Arnold H. Maremont
1600 South Ashland Avenue
Chicago 8, Illinois

Dear Arnold:

Thank you very much for your letter of March twenty-second. You not only took the liberty of sending me the picture by Klee for me to see but you also took the liberty of sending it collect, which I guess was just a mistake!

I would like to take some time to examine the picture. It does not seem wrong to me at all; however to verify the picture in detail, I would like to know the history of the painting: who were the former owners and which gallery is offering it now. Of course, all this information will be treated entirely confidential.

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Sincerely yours,

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Arnold H. Maremont

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ARNOLD H. MAREMONT
1600 SOUTH ASHLAND AVENUE
CHICAGO 8, ILLINOIS
March 22, 1954

Mr. Curt Valentin Curt Valentin Gallery, Inc. 32 East 57th St. New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Curt:

I have taken the liberty of sending to you by railway express an oil painting by Klee entitled "May" dated 1933 which I am considering to purchase.

As I am making the purchase subject to a verification of its authenticity, I would greatly appreciate your examining the painting and sending me a letter of opinion and then return the picture to me at my expense to my home at 614 Pine Lane, Winnetka, Ill.

Sincerely,

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Arnold H. Maremont

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32 East 57th Street, New York 22, N.Y. TELEPHONE: PLAZA 5-9320 CABLE: BUCHVALENT CURT VALENTIN GALLERY, Inc.

February 20, 1954

Mr. Arnold Maremont 122 South Michigan Avenue Room 1205 Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Maremont:

On January twenty-second we received back from you three of the six color lithographs by Fernand Leger which were sent to you on approval some time ago.

Are you planning to keep the three lithographs you did not return? If so, would you please let me know so that I can render a statement.

Sincerely yours,

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February 20, 1954

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Door Mr. Tornbach:

110-31 69th Aye. Porces Mills 75, New York

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Sincerely yours,

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ARNOLD H. MAREMONT
1600 SOUTH ASHLAND AVENUE
CHICAGO 8, ILLINOIS

Denumber 3, 1933

February 4, 1954

Mr. Joseph Ternbach 110-21 69th Ave. Forest Hills 75, New York

Dear Mr. Ternbach:

I received the Marini "Horse and Rider" a couple of weeks ago and am delighted to report that it has been repaired to my complete satisfaction.

I greatly appreciate the prompt service you rendered.

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Arnold H. Maremont

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CC: Curt Valentin Gallery
32 East 57th St.
New York, N. Y.

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December 3, 1953

Mr. Arnold H. Maremont 1600 South Aghland Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Maremonts

We talked to our insurance company, and the following are their instructions:

Please call Railway Express and ask them to inspect the piece and make a survey of the damage.

Also file claim against the Railway Express Company, in writing, for the damage. Their Prepaid Express Receipt number is AW 28-552, and the shipment left New York on October second.

After the Express Company has made their inspection, please ship the piece to the following address for an estimate of repairs:

> Mr. Joseph Ternbach 110-21 Sixty-ninth Avenue Forest Hills, Long Island, New York

> > Sincerely yours,

Jane Wade

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ARNOLD H. MAREMONT 1600 SOUTH ASHLAND AVENUE CHICAGO 8, ILLINOIS

Curt Valentin Gallery 32 East 57th St. New York, N.Y.

November 19, 1953

Dear Curt,

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$3900.00 for the following:

"Woman Walking" Reginald Butler
"Horse and Rider" Marino Marini
Three (3) Leger lithographs
"Virtue Wagon" Paul Klee
"Still Life" Giorgio Morandi

I am returning the Henry Moore group and the remaining three Prints of Leger.

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Arnold H. Maremont

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P. S. I want to express my thanks for the book on Merandi.

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October 31, 1953

Mr. Arnold H. Maremont 614 Pine Lane Winnetka, Illinois

Dear Arnold:

I am awfully sorry about the minup our packer, Budworth, made with the shipment of your watercolor by Kleever the viteracion by Paul Size we will disp after

I hope everything is settled now and you have received the right picture. My apologies. this is all right with you. Sincerely yours,

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P.S. Are you keeping the "Horseman" by Marino Marini? Excluence

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SAMUEL A. MARK

October 5, 1953

March 14, 1995

Mr. Arnold H. Maremont 614 Pine Lane Winnetka, Illinois

Dear Arnold: N. Y.

We are shipping the painting by Morandi today.

However the watercolor by Paul Alee we will ship after the "Manipulator" won't be fin the exhibition closes on October twenty-fourth. I hope garden this summer.

this is all right with you.

When it is finished, send it as some possible to my home, 1140 Sheridas Sincerely yours, filinois, expense prepaid, but please he sure to notify me at my office - 333 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago L. a week or two before actually shipping it so that I may make proper arrangements.

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SAMUEL A. MARX

March 14, 1955

Miss Jane Wade Curt Valentin Gallery, Inc. 32 East 57th Street New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Miss Wade:

I was very disappointed to hear that the cast of the "Manipulator" won't be finished for 12 to 15 months. I had hopes of putting it in my garden this summer.

When it is finished, send it as soon as possible to my home, 1140 Sheridan Road, Glencoe, Illinois, express prepaid, but please be sure to notify me at my office - 333 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 1, a week or two before actually shipping it so that I may make proper arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

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SAMUEL A. MARX

January 29, 1955

Curt Valentin Gallery, Inc.
32 East 57th Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Marx has requested me to write asking for a copy of the catalogue containing an illustration of the Reg Butler MANIPULATOR.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter,

I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Samuel A. Marx

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SAMUEL A. MARX

January 26, 1955

Secretary Curt Valentin Gallery 32 E. 57th Street New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

In my usual fashion, I can't remember your name, which I certainly should.

This is to confirm our understanding about the large Reg Butler bronze figure - "The Manipulator" (I think that is the name). It is to be exactly like the one on display in your gallery, of the same patina and quality. You might mention to Mr. Butler that we intend to keep it in our garden in Glencoe for six months out of the year, and the remaining six months at the Art Institute. I would be interested in hearing what the effect of the weather would be on the finish. I don't think it should be harmful, rather, improve the quality of the patina.

I understand further that it is to be sent about May 15th. The price is \$2200.00. Please have it shipped to me, 1140 Sheridan Road, Glencoe, Illinois. If you will send it prepaid, I would be obliged.

Have you any photographs of this piece, and also have you an illustrated catalogue of the exhibition? I would appreciate these very much.

When next I see Mr. Rich, I will take up the matter of the Lipchutz bronze with him.

Sincerely yours,

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January 29, 1954

Mr. Samuel A. Marx 1325 Astor Street Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Marx:

Thank you very much for your letter of January twenty-sixth. The following is quoted from a statement we received from Reg Butler: "The alloy is highly corresion resisting, and may be exposed to the atmosphere indefinitely without danger of decay. The sculptures are usually finished with an electrolytic bronze shell or are gilded or both. A typical sculpture outdoors will gradually weather to a silvery grey color, rather than the blackish green of puured bronze, and sculptures fabricated by this method may be exposed to polluted atmospheric conditions without the danger of decay involved with traditional bronze castings."

Enclosed is a photograph of "The Manipulator" which was taken in Reg Butler's studio.

Also enclosed is a catalog of our current Butler exhibition in which the piece is listed and illustrated, catalog No. 42.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Wade

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SAMUEL A. MARK

Jamiary 16, 1954

Newsmber 27, 1953

Mr. Samuel A. Marx 1325 Astor Street Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Marxs

I saw John Richardson in the South of France last week, and he is compiling a catalog of the work of Georges Braque and also preparing a small book on the artist.

He is very eager to have photographs of the paintings by Braque which you own. I would appreciate it very much if you would find it possible to send me one proof of each; I remember only one painting by Braque, but Mr. Richardson insists you have more.

With my best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Curt Valentin

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SAMUEL A. MARX

November 27, 1953

Mr. Curt Valentin 32 East 57th Street New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Valentin:

In answer to your letter of the 24th, we expect to be in New York on December 9th at which time we will come to see your very beautiful Picasso exhibition and will make up our minds about the Owl.

Sincerely yours,

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SAMUEL A. MARX

November 24, 1953

October 7, 1983

Mr. Samuel A. Marx et 1325 Astor Street Y. Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Marxi

We opened the Picasso exhibition yesterday and enclosed is a catalog. One of the four terracotta Owls on exhibition has practically the same coloring as the one you bought in Paris and which arrived damaged in Chicago (the piece has been repaired and does not show any previous damage).

Enclosed is a photograph of the "Owl" similar to the one you purchased, and wonder whether you would like the piece. In case you would, I would like your advice by telegram.

Sincerely yours,

Curt Valentin

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SAMUEL A. MARX

October 7, 1953

Curt Valentin Gallery, Inc. 32 East 57th Street New York 22, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

According to instructions contained in your letter of September 17th, I am sending the Picasso Owl to

Mr. Joseph Ternbach 110-21 Sixty-ninth Avenue Forest Hills, Long Island New York,

It is being shipped in the same case in which it was received.

Very truly yours,

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September 29, 1953

Mr. Samuel Marx 1325 Astor Street Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Marxi

I wrote to Mr. Kabnweiler about the "Owl" by eighteenth. Of course, none of the Ouls in terranotta are Picasso, but he does not want to lower the price. So would you please ship the piece to the address given in my last letter. sending year letter to Mr. Kahnweller, and I shall not what he has to say about lowering the price of the Sincerely yours,

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Sincerely yours,

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September 21, 1953

Mr. Samuel A. Marx 1325 Astor Street Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Marx:

Thank you very much for your letter of September eighteenth. Of course, none of the Owls in terracotta are the same, and I guess if we cannot come to an agreement now, we will have to wait until you see the actual pieces in the exhibition.

I am sending your letter to Mr. Kahnweiler, and I shall see what he has to say about lowering the price of the damaged piece.

Sincerely yours,

Curt Valentin

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September 17, 1953

Mr. Samuel A. Marx 1325 Astor Street Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Marx:

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If you have not already shipped the terracotta by Picasso, would you please ship it to the following address: Would you planed return the day not heave total

110-21 Sixty-ninth Avenue Forest Hills, Long Island New York

Sincerely yours,

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Sincerely yours,

Jane Wade

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September 16, 1953

Mr. Semuel A. Marx 1325 Astor Street Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Marxs

You have probably received from the Galerie Louise Leiris photographs of other examples of the "Owl" by Picasso.

Would you please return the damaged terrecotts and ship it to W. S. Budworth, 424 West 52nd Street.

Sincerely yours,

Curt Valentin

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SAMUEL H. MASLON

MATTHEW J. LEVITT ROGER E. JOSEPH MARVIN BORMAN

BUILDERS EXCHANGE BUILDING MINNEAPOLIS 2, MINNESOTA

December Thirteenth 1954.

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Curt Valentin Gallery, Inc., 32 East 57th Street, New York 22, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The writer is pleased to enclose his check to the order of your Gallery in the amount of \$3060.00, in full payment of your statement of November 20th covering the balance of the purchase price for the Henri Matisse "Decorative Figure" bronze, 1906.

Your courtesy in receipting the enclosed statement, and returning it to the writer for his files, will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel H. Maslon

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February Twenty Sixth 1954.

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Mr. Curt Valentin, Curt Valentin Gallery, 32 East 57th Street, New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Curt:

Included herewith you will find my check for \$2,800.00, to cover your invoice of February 4th on the Nijinski bronze. The invoice is also enclosed. Will you be good enough to receipt and return it, for my files.

At the same time, if you have any data or information with regard to the Nijinski bronze, or the artist, I would certainly be very appreciative if you would send it to me. We like to have as complete a record of our sculptures as we can get, and will be thankful for your cooperation towards that end.

Incidentally, Dick Davis and his wife were at the house the other evening. They tell us that you have not been well. Both Mrs. Maslon and I trust that you have fully recovered, and extend our greetings.

Samuel

Sincerely yours,

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MATTHEW J. LEVITT ROGER E.JOSEPH MARVIN BORMAN

BUILDERS EXCHANGE BUILDING MINNEAPOLIS 2, MINNESOTA

December Fourteenth 1 9 5 3 .

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Curt Valentin Gallery, 32 East 57th Street, New York 22, N. Y.

Attention Mr. Valentin

Dear Mr. Valentin:

I am enclosing herewith my check to the order of your firm in the amount of \$4140.00, to cover your statement of November 27th which is likewise enclosed.

Will you be good enough to receipt the statement and return it to me, for my files.

Cordially yours,

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BUILDERS EXCHANGE BUILDING MINNEAPOLIS 2, MINNESOTA

December Eleventh 1953.

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Curt Valentin Gallery, Inc., 32 East 57th Street, New York 22, N. Y.

Attention Mr. Valentin

Dear Mr. Valentin:

Supplementing my yesterday's note to you, I am pleased to report the safe arrival of the Laurens.

We now have both pieces of sculpture in our home, and I want you to know that we are delighted with them.

Dick Davis is coming to the house over the week-end to see for himself how nice they look. I am sure that he will be equally pleased.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Maslon

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November 27, 1953

Mrs. Samuel H. Maslon Redgate Waysets, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Maslon:

It was very nice to see you in the gallery, and I am very happy you decided to purchase the two pieces by Henri Laurens and Marino Marini. I happened to talk to Dick Davis over the telephone after you had been here, and he was delighted; especially about your purchase of the marble by Laurens which he considers a major work by the artist, as I do too.

The two pieces of sculpture will be hipped to you next week as soon as my expert has cleaned the marble properly and has put felt on both pieces.

Also we ordered a base in walnut which will be shipped to you in about a weeks time.

Sincerely yours,

Curt Valentin

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October 21, 1953

MATCH 51 Rue Pierre Charron Paris 8, France

Gentlemen:

Under separate cover we are returning to you the twenty-fove copies of MATCH, your No. 230, which we received today.

We ordered, through Mr. Henri Kahnweiler of the Galerie Louise Leiris, your issue of MATCH No. 233; therefore, would you please send us twenty-five copies of No. 233 as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Wade

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November 15, 1955

Mr. Edward J. Mathews Wainscott, Long Esland

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Dear Ar. Mathews:

Just a note to remind you that the watercolor by hodin, which you purchased in September, is still here in the wallery.

Very sincerely yours,

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| Gerhard Marcks "Crouching Girl" bronze | 1250 |
| Gerhard Marcks "Life Quard" bronze | 900 |
| Gerhard Marcks "Seated Girl" bronze | 1850 |
| Wilhelm Lehmbruck "Standing Mide" bronze | 2800 |
| Jacques Lipchits "Pierrot" bronse | 2200 |
| John Flannagan "Elephant" cast stone | 400 |
| Aristide Maillol "Femme Accroupie" bronze | 1250 |
| Aristide Maillol "Petit Torse" br nze | 1000 |
| Marino Marini "Suzanne" bronze | 2500 |
| Ernst Barlach "Choir Boy" bronze | 850 |

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September 14, 1953

Mr. Morton D. May Famous-Barr Company St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Buster:

Enclosed are photographs of pictures which I bought and which just arrived. The prices are as follows:

Karl Schmidt-Rottluff "Pharisees" oil, 1912 \$1500
Alexei von Jawlensky "Variation Summer" oil, 1915 450
Alexei von Jawlensky "Landscape" oil, c. 1910 850

Sincerely yours,

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September 30, 1953

Mr. Morton D. May Famous-Barr Company St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Buster:

Enclosed are photographs of a painting by Schmidt-Rottluff and a watercolor by Nolde which I acquired recently.

Someday I would like to have a complete record and photographs of your collection. Are all your pictures photographed?

Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Morton D. May Famous Barr Company St. Louis, Missouri

Mr. Michael & John

Dear Buster: Enclosed is a photograph of an early painting THE I THEN I NOT A SECUL OF SHOES ME AND THOSE HOME I STREET TO by Georges Grosz, 1915, which might interest you. Price, \$450.

Sincerely yours,

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January 20, 1954

Mr. Morton D. May Executive Offices Famous-Berr Company St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Busters Valencia is properly as exhibition of DTE

I am terribly sorry to have missed you when you were in New York. I hear you quite a few pictures, and I hope I shall be able to see them soon when I come to St. Louis.

Jane made a few notes about things in which you were interested. Let me know if anything materializes.

Sincerely yours,

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P.O. The "Seated Wrestler" by Marini which Dr. Valentiner owns is not available. It is a very early work by Marini dated 1935.

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February 27, 1954

Mr. Morton D. May Famous-Barr Company St. Louis 1, Missou

Dear Mr. May:

Mr. Valentin is preparing an exhibition of DIE BRUECKE and wonders whether you would be able to cooperate by lending a few pictures for his exhibition, which will take place sometime late in May.

Also would it be possible for you to send photographs of paintings by Pechstein, Schmidt-Rottluff, Nolde and Otto Mueller, all of which should be dated before 1914.

As soon as Mr. Valentin is back in the office, he will let you know more about his plans. But he would like very much to have this information for the time being.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Wade

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April 15, 1954

Miss Jane Wade Curt Valentin Gallery, Inc. 32 East 57th Street

Mr. Morton D. May, Jr.
Executive Offices
Famous Barr Company
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Busters thes to your exhibition of Die Brancke.

would you be interested in a very important painting by George Grosz dated 1916 from the buglas Cooper collection. Price, \$1300, plus charges for packing and transportation from France.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 17, 1954

Miss Jane Wade Curt Valentin Gallery, Inc. 32 East 57th Street New York 22, N. Y.

Dear His Wade

Answering your letter of February 27, I would be glad to lend some paintings to your exhibition of Die Bruecke.

I have one Pechstein of 1910 which I would recommend very highly. I do not have an extra photograph of it but it was done in the South Seas with an indian chief in the background and a nude woman in the foreground.

Three of my five Schmidt-Rottluffs were done before 1914 and I bought all three of them from you, so you should have photographs of them. I would be willing to lend any one of them to you.

My Nolde oil was done around 1920 and the water colors have no date. You would know if the Nolde water colors I purchased from you were before 1914 but I judge them to be of a later date.

All three Otto Mueller oils I have were purchased from you and I do not have a date on the Three Nudes or the Self Portrait. The Self Portrait is being shown at the St. Louis Museum and I would, therefore, not like to send it to you unless necessary. The two Otto Mueller water colors I bought from you, I believe, are of a later date.

I have plenty of Kirchners before 1914 but imagine that you have plenty of these yourself. However, I do have one very interesting Kirchner wood sculpture which though not dated seems to be typically Die Brucke and you might be interested in it.

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While we are on the subjects of photographs, I never received the photographs of City Night by Beckmann. I am sure you have photographs of this picture and would appreciate your sending them to me.

I hope that Curt is well again.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Morton D. May

P. S. I just discovered that my Kirchner wood sculpture Nude was done in 1913 which confirms what I said in the body of this letter.

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April 30, 1954

Mr. Morton D. May
Executive Offices
Famous Barr Company
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Buster:

I abandoned the idea of Die Brucke, but I am still supposed to arrange the exhibition of the Blaur Reiter for the Busch-Reisinger Museum; I would like to show the exhibition in New York too.

If you find a free hour over the week-end, would you please make me a list of the paintings you have by Franz Marc, Auguste Macke, Kandinsky, Jawlensky, Campendonk and other members of the Blaur Reiter.

Sincerely yours,

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New York 22, N. Y.

Mr. Morton D. May Executive Offices Famous Barr Company St. Louis 1, Missouri etter of the 7th. I am returning the

Dear Buster:

Enclosed is a photograph of a painting by Campendonk. Is it the photograph of the painting you own called "Bucolic Landscape"? If not, would you please send us a photograph of it.

approximate the value, in case of a gift to the museum, at \$12,000 (which does not mean I would pay this month). As for the "Temptation" by Chagall, I would

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May 10, 1954

Mr. Curt Valentin 32 East 57th Street New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Curt:

Thanks for your letter of the 7th. I am returning the photograph you sent but it is not the "Bucolic Landscape".

I only have one small photograph of this painting which is pasted in a book and I cannot send it to you. However, it's the painting which you obtained for me from Feigl and I paid \$850. for it (too much). If Feigl doesn't have a photograph, I will see what I can do about having one made for you.

Thanks for your evaluation on "Temptation" but don't worry, I have no intention of trying to sell it to you. Anyhow, one could never sell a painting to a dealer for its full value. Perhaps Bill or Perry will write you soon about the valuation and I would appreciate it if you would give them your opinion.

I tried both Wittenborn and Weyhe to get Eddie's book but was unsuccessful. About a year ago I was number fourteen on Wittenborn's list and he did not think there was much chance of my getting the book.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Morton D. May, Jr. Famous-Barr Co. St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. May: the osterios of your very important

Mr. Harton D. May

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Dear Hr. Hoys

In reference to your recent letter regarding the Blaue-Reiter Exhibition, would you please let us know, at your earliest convenience, the information on the painting "Egyptian Girl" by Jawlensky and on the painting by Campendone which you are lending to this exhibition.

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Sincersity yours,

Jane Wade

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Mr. Morton D. May Executive Office Famous-Barr Co. St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. May:

It is needless to tell you how terribly disappointed and rather shocked we all were with your recent letter. I did not realize that Mr. Valentin's requests were so indefinite.

Naturally the omission of your very important Expressionist painting will leave a great gap in the Exhibition.

Of course, we very much want to borrow "The Nude" by Kandinsky. Would you please ship the picture to arrive at Budworth's by the twenty-fifth of November. Of course, all expenses involved will be paid by the Gallery.

Could you possibly reconsider loan of the early
Kandinsky entitled "Snow Scene". It is such a marvelous
painting — we hate not having it in the show. We shall try
to borrow a painting by Campendone from another source.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Wade

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January 24, 1955

Miss Gertrude Lenart Curt Valentin Gallery 32 East 57th Street Bew York City, N. Y.

Dear Gertrude:

Your letter of the 20th arrived shortly after I wrote my letter to you. I am delighted that a cast of the Manipulator will be available and you can let me know approximately when to expect it.

I also received the book on Flanigan which I appreciate very much. I have read the letters and they give a wonderful insight into a highly sensitive artist.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Morton D. May

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January 20, 1955

Mr. Morton D. May, Jr. Famous-Barr Company St. Louis, Missouri

Mr. Harben W. May

Dear Buster: and and are the two statements you

I am very happy to tell you that there is another cast of the "Manipulator".

It was fun seeing you at the Gallery the other day.

Everything has been shipped to you and the photographs are being mailed.

I talked to Lipchitz and pointed out to him the one spot on the "Pierrot" that disturbed you. He explained to me that that was done purposely representing the point of the Pherrot's cap, so it is no fault in the casting.

Hope you will come back soon. Best regards,

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January 26, 1955

Mr. Morton D. May Famous-Barr Go. St. Louis 1, Missouri

Wind kind regards.

Dear Mr. hay:

Enclosed are the two statements you requested and the photographs.

The bronze by Jacques Lipchitz has never been photographed; however, the stone version of the same piece has been photographed, and if you desire we can send you a photograph of the stone.

I am sorry I was not here when you were in but from your letters and from the enclosed statements, I see you had a very busy time.

My best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jane Wade

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January 28, 1955

Miss Gertrude Lenart Curt Valentin Gallery 32 East 57th Street New York City, N. Y.

Dear Gertrude:

The sculpture arrived and I am most pleased with my purchase.

However, I am very sorry to say that the Lembrook "Bowing Female Torso" was cracked in the neck and, upon examination, I found that the piece is actually terracotta as you thought rather than cast stone. I am putting in a claim with the insurance company but would appreciate a verification from you that the piece was not cracked when I purchased it.

In the meantime I am investigating whether it can be repaired here or whether I have to send it to New York.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Morton D. May

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June 16, 1955

January 31, 1955

Mr. Morton D. May Famous-Barr Co. St. Louis 1, Missouri

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Dear Mr. Mays

Thank you very much for your check for \$18,200. in payment for our invoice #4162 and #4163.

We are very distressed about your letter of January twenty-eighth regarding the crack in the neck of the terracota sculpture by Lehmbruck. The piece was in perfect condition when it left the Gallery. Please let us know if there is anything we can do about the matter.

Sincerely yours, re to prepay the shipping sorts.

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ST. LOUIS I, MO. June 16, 1955

Miss Jame Wade, Curt Valentin Gallery, 32 East 57th St., New York, 22, N.Y.

Dear Miss Wade:-

Confirming our conversation, I have purchased the following items for the sum of \$52,000.00:

| Lipchitz | "The Bather" | 1923-25 | Bronze | h | 617" |
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| Maillol | "Debussy Monument" | 1931 | | h | 35" |
| Renoir | "Washerwoman" | 1917 | | h | 48" 1 53" |
| Rodin | "Baddow" | 1880 | н | h | 76" |

You are to prepay the shipping costs. Mr. Wm. Eisendrath at the City Art Museum will inspect the pieces for damage in shipment. If they are undamaged, my check will be forwarded to you immediately.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Morton D. May

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June 18, 1955

Miss Jane Wade Curt Valentin Gallery, Inc. 32 East 57th Street New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Jane:

I forgot to mention in my last letter that I would like two photographs each of the sculptures I purchased. I think you already have the photographs of all but the Lipchitz and if the Lipchitz is returned to New York before being sent out here, you can have it photographed. However, if it is sent directly from Chicago, you can forget about it and I will have it photographed here.

Hope you have a very pleasant summer, and with best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Morton D. May

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July 26, 1955

Mr. Stephen Redich Curt Valentin Gallery, Inc. 32 E. 57th St. New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Redich:

I forgot to mention, in my conversation with you today, that I have never received the historical information on the pieces I purchased, that is, from whom they were bought, where they have been, etc. I asked Jane for this information when I made the original purchase, so that both the Museum and I could have the information for future reference.

As per our conversation, I am holding up the check until I hear from you regarding Tournbach's restoration of "The Shadow", which he estimated, over the telephone, at \$700 or \$800.00.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Morton D. May

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 4, 1955

Miss Jane Wade Curt Valentin Gallery 32 East 57th Street New York 22, New York

Dear Jane:

Enclosed is a check for \$51,200 to cover the purchase of the four sculptures listed on the enclosed bill.

I forgot to ask you today during our conversation whether I should deduct the \$800 or whether you would prefer to pay cash for the restoration. I am assuming it will be satisfactory to you to deduct it from the bill as this is the simpler way of handling it.

Inasmuch as I have agreed with the museum to pay half of Mr. Ternbach's expenses, both traveling and while in St. Louis, my part of the bill will be considerably more than the \$800; however, since we don't know what the exact amount will be, I am willing to assume the extra cost as I want to pay the bill and close the transaction.

I would appreciate it if you would receipt the bill and send it back to me.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Morton D. May

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August 4, 1955

Mr. Morton P. May, Jr. Februaring Congany St. Louis, Missourk Mr. Morton D. May Executive Offices Famous-Barr Company
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Mr. May:

This letter is to confirm the fact that the gallery will be responsible for charges up to \$800 for the restoration of the bronze by Rodin. It is our understanding that Mr. Ternbach will repair the piece in St. Louis sometime in September.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Wade

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October 7, 1955

Mr. Morton D. May, Jr. Famous-Barr Company St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. May:

We are writing to inquire whether you would be interested in purchasing the "Adam and Eve" terracotta by Max Beckmann. We have just discovered that one of the only two casts that were made belonged to Mr. Valentin. We thought perhaps you might like to have this sculpture in your fine Beckmann collection.

Mr. Valentin was asking \$1500. for this sculpture. we can now offer it to you for 1800.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Stephen Radich

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Mr. Morton D. May Famous-Barr Co. St. Louis 1, Missouritephen Radich

Curt Valentin Gallery, Inc.,

Dear Buster: 32 East 57th Street

New York, New York

Thank you very much for your letter of October tenth addressed to are madich. You say you are not interested in the terracotta by Beckmann "At the present time". Does this mean you will be interested in the piece at "a later time?" the later time?"

we have ordered photographs of the few remaining paintings by Beckmann which are still available. It be present

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I would appreciate if you would let me know if you have any saintings at the gamery at the moment, and if so, what are their prices.

Sincerely.

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October 10, 1955

Mr. Stephen Radich Curt Valentin Gallery, Inc., 32 East 57th Street New York, New York

Dear Mr. Radich:

Thank you for your letter of October 7th regarding the "Adam and Eve" terracotta sculpture. I appreciate your thinking of me but would not be interested in this piece of sculpture at the present time.

I would appreciate if you would let me know if you have any paintings at the gallery at the moment, and if so, what are their prices.

Sincerely,

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October 19, 1955

Mr. Morton D. May, Jr. Famous-Barr Co. St. Louis, Missouri

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Dear Buster: by Man Service Sales will be supposed to

Enclosed are photographs of paintings by
Max Beckmann which are still available. On the back, you
will find all information.

The prices noted on the back of the photographs are very special reduced prices for you. We would very much appreciate your keeping the information confidential.

Best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Very sincerely yours,

Jane Wade

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October 31, 1955

Mr. Morton D. May, Jr. Executive Offices Famous-Barr Company St. Louis 5, Missouri

Lear Buster:

Enclosed is our statement for the terracotta sculpture by Max Beckmann which will be shipped to you within the next few days. As I told you, there are only two casts — the other one belongs to Quappi.

We discussed the matter of the large painting "Still Life with Pigeons", and this is the situation: The painting was priced by Mr. Valentin at \$4,000. Today, under the present situation, we would offer this picture to a dealer for 30% off asking price. Therefore, Mr. Colin is willing to offer you this picture for \$2800.

Please let us know your decision, and we will cable Sau Paulo to reserve the picture and return it immediately.

Best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Jane Wade

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October 18, 1955

Mr. Morton D. Maylariane Wade Famous-Barr Co. Curt Valentin Gallery St. Louis, Missourigast 57th Street

Dear Buster:

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

New York 22, New York

Thank you very much for your letter of October eighteenth.

The terracetta by Beckmann should really be in your collection, and I hope the following proposition might change your mind:

How about 500. This is below cost and only for you. It would be a shame to see the piece go into an "uns pathetic" collection.

I might be interested in the future; however, there is always best sibility I could change my mind. particularly at a much lower price.

With best regards.

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October 18, 1955

Miss Jane Wade Curt Valentin Gallery 32 East 57th Street New York 22, New York

Dear Jane:

Thanks very much for your nice note and your letter of October 12th about the Beckmann terracotta.

I don't believe I will be interested in it at a later date, so sell it if you can.

My "at the present time" did not mean to infer that I might be interested in the future; however, there is always a possibility I could change my mind, particularly at a much lower price.

With best regards.

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Thank you very much for your letter of movember second. In our letter of October thirty-first, we certainly had no desire to imply "unwillingness to let you have the Beckmann painting". The ideas expressed, and the offer, were suggested to us and I merely sent it along to you.

I think your <u>suggestions</u> are more than fair and without further consultation, we will accept your offer of 2400. for the painting "Still Life with rigeons" by Beckmann.

I don't know that to Very sincerely yours, a in question since I cannot remember ever in the same to the so the of its color. I really do not want to pay more than \$2,000. for this painting, but if it would halp to close the matter, I will agree to pay \$2,000. for the pain Jane Wade, coupled with the \$400. additional that I am paying on the same same (for which you certainly do not jw; eko pay as I agreed to settle for \$800), would bring it up to encl.

Sincerely yours

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November 2, 1955

Miss Jane Wade Curt Valentin Gallery 32 East 57th Street New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Jane:

I was surprised by your letter that you were unwilling to let me have the Beckmann painting for \$2,000. as I feel certain if it had been included in the over-all purchase of all the things I have bought from the Curt Valentin estate, I would have been able to get it at this price.

I think I paid a fairly round price for the sculptures, which opinion has been shared by several museum directors whom I told about the purchase. I do not mean to intimate that the sculptures were not excellent, but I think you might have had a difficult time getting an offer as high as the one I gave you. Then, too, the recent estimates from Turnbach to our museum for restoring the Rhodm and the Renoir come to \$1,200. rather than \$800. (this includes his traveling expenses and his expenses in St. Louis) and, therefore, these sculptures are costing me \$400. more than I expected to pay.

I don't know what to say about the painting in question since I cannot remember ever having seen it and have no idea of its color. I really do not want to pay more than \$2,000. for this painting, but if it would help to close the matter, I will agree to pay \$2,400. for the painting which, coupled with the \$400. additional that I am paying on the sculptures (for which you certainly do not have to pay as I agreed to settle for \$800), would bring it up to the figure which you mentioned in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Morton D. May

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November 22, 1955

Miss Jane Wade Curt Valentin Gallery 32 East 57th Street New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Jane:

Thanks very much for your letter of the 21st.

I was astounded to hear that the three other paintings were sold as I had asked a friend of mine to see whether they had been sold, and was informed by telephone yesterday that they had not. Naturally, I was expecting to hear from you regarding them in the next few days.

Could it be that Catherine Viviano decided to buy them herself and sell them at a future date? This, of course, was not in accordance with our understanding as she was to be allowed the opportunity of selling them during her show but if she did not sell them, I was to get them.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Morton D. May

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November 30, 1955

Mr. Morton D. May Executive Offices Famous-BarrComppay St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Buster:

Thank you very much for your letter of November twenty-second although it certainly surprised me!

I spoke to Mrs. Viviano over the telephone again about the matter, and asked her to write me a note. Today we received a note from the Catherine Viviano Gallery, dated November twenty-sixth, in which she says "the pictures were sold during the exhibition to a client of mine."

Once again, I am very sorry the pictures won't be with you.

Best,

Jane Wade

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P.S. Would you please let us know whether you are interested in the Beckmann "Still Life with Mask" and the "Landscape with Road". We have definite customers for the pictures in case you are not interested.

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November 21, 1955

Mr. Morton D. May, Jr.
Executive Offices
Famous-Barr Co.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Buster:

We heard from Sao Paulo that the shipment containing the paintings by Beckmann left last week. As soon as the pictures arrive, we will send out the "Still Life with Pigeons".

As for the other three paintings in which you were interested, unfortunately, they were sold during the exhibition at the Catherine Viviano Gallery. Too bad.

Best,

Jane Wade

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Mr. Morton D. May Executive Offices Famous-Barr Co. St. Louis, Missouri

Miss Jane Wade Dear Buster: Valentin Gallery 32 East 57th St.

Enclosed is our statement for the three paintings by Max Beckmann.

Dear Jane:

Although we did have a considerable higher offer for the two small paintings, we accepted your suggestion because of your disappointment regarding the pictures at Catherine Viviano.

The two small pictures will be shipped tomorrow or the next day, and the one coming from Sao Paulo should arrive within the next week or ten days. That the state two of the otens three pictures had no been sold. I say happy for C Best, as and the reputation of Beckmann that they have been sold.

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Then are you going to send me the bill for "btill Life with Pigeons", which I bought a few weeks ago? I imagine you are waiting for the return of the picture, but just ac agon as you receive it, I would appreciate being billed for this pointing, so I can make my popular.

With kindoet regards.

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December 1, 1955

Miss Jane Wade Curt Valentin Gallery 32 East 57th St. New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Jane:

Thanks very much for your letter of November 30th. I accept the verdict that the three paintings were sold, although I had been informed otherwise. The information that was given me was not that these three pictures had not been sold, but that only two pictures had been sold, one of which was the portrait of Wally Barker. If this was one of thee, it was my conclusion that at least two of the other three pictures had not been sold. I am very happy for Catherine and the reputation of Beckmann that they have been sold.

Regarding the two photographs which you sent me, I am at a loss to judge these paintings from the photographs, as they do not appear, from the photographs, to be of top quality. Of course, color could make all the difference in the world. I am willing to make an offer of \$1,000 for the two of them, but if other people are interested in them at their full value, I realize that my offer would not even be considered. Please let me know if you are interested in the offer.

When are you going to send me the bill for "Still Life With Pigeons", which I bought a few weeks ago? I imagine you are waiting for the return of the picture, but just as soon as you receive it, I would appreciate being billed for whis painting, so I can make my payment.

With kindest regards.

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November 7, 1955

Miss Jane Wade Curt Valentin Gallery 32 East 57th Street New York 22, New York

Dear Jane:

This letter will confirm my purchase of Beckmann's "Still Life With Pigeons" for \$2,400. Will you please send me a bill for it.

I received the Beckmann sculpture "Adam" in good shape and will probably put it in the museum in the near future.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Morton D. May

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November 23, 1955

December 12, 1955

Mr. Morton D. May Famous-Barr Co. Executive Offices St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Buster:

Thank you very much for your letter of November twenty-second although it certainly surprised me! Alone you are any surprise for the Ores placemen

I spoke to Mrs. Viviano over the telephone again about the matter, and asked her to write me a note. Today we received a note from the Catherine Viviano Gallery, dated November twenty-sixth, in which she says "the pictures were sold during the Exhibition to a client of mine".

Once again, I am very sorry the pictures won't be with you.

Best, can expresse to him is been

Jane Wade

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P.S. Would you please let us know right away whether you are interested in the Beckmann "Still Life with Mask". We have a definite customer for the piece in case you are not interested. As you know, we made you a special price of \$350. for the picture; our other customer would pay \$1,000. So please let us know right away.

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December 12, 1955

Miss Jane Wade Cart Valentia Gallery

Mr. Morton D. May Executive Offices W. Y. Famous-Barr Co. St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Buster: (herowith to my check for \$3, 400, covering the three pictures

Thank you very much for your letter and your check for \$3400. in payment for the three pictures by Beckmann. -nclosed is our receipted statement.

All of the Gallery files and photographs will go with me to Mr. Colins office where I will work for the Estate until all of the final business is settled. After that time, the photographs will either go to auappi or to The Museum of Modern Art Library.

Many thanks for your kind thoughts and wishes.

At some later date I am hopeful that those of us interested in bland a work can arrange to have a best shit shed with photographs of greaty mature he painted, so it would be important to keep Curt's records and photographs. I would appreciate your letting me know what is going to

jw;eko encl. May I take this opportunity of wishing you a very Merry Christman and a Happy New Year.

I have always considered it a pleasure to work with you and I are exists all the past courtesies you have entended to me. I hope you will keep

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Miss Jane Wade Curt Valentin Gallery 32 East 57th Street New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Jane:

Enclosed herewith is my check for \$3,400. covering the three pictures billed to me on the enclosed statement. Please receipt and return the bill to me.

I appreciate your selling these pictures to me so that I can add them to my collection.

You might also be interested in knowing that I purchased Beckmann's Triptych "The Acrobats" from Wright Ludington.

I have wondered what you are going to do with Curt's files on Beckmann particularly the photographs of works that Max did in this country. At some later date I am hopeful that those of us interested in Max's work can arrange to have a book published with photographs of every picture he painted, so it would be important to keep Curt's records and photographs. I would appreciate your letting me know what is going to happen to them.

 $\mbox{\sc May I}$ take this opportunity of wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I have always considered it a pleasure to work with you and I appreciate all the past courtesies you have extended to me. I hope you will keep

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in touch with me and keep me posted as to your future activities.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Morton D. May

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October 7, 1955

Mr. Herbert Mayer
Ajax Enterprises
Old Mill Road
Greenwich, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Mayer:

Thank you for your check for the sum of \$1,500.
in payment for the Renoir bronze "Portrait of Mme. Renoir",
which was delivered this morning to Mr. Guy Leaper.

This bronze is #3 of twenty casts. It was purchased by Mr. Valentin from the Galerie Bignou in Paris. The sculpture is reproduced in Paul Haesaerts book "Renoir Sculpture", (Plate #35).

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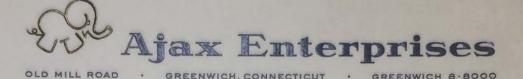
I would appreciate it if you would be good enough to give me any documentative observing this sculpture which you may have.

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October 7, 1955

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Mr. Stephen Radich Curt Valentin Gallery 32 East 57th Street New York, New York

Dear Mr. Radich:

In accordance with our arrangement I am enclosing herewith check in the sum of \$1,500. covering the purchase of the "Portrait of Mme. Renoir" by Auguste Renoir.

Mr. Guy Leaper is authorized to receive this sculpture on my behalf upon delivery to you of the enclosed check, and he will at the same time provide you with a receipt which you have requested, showing that the piece is to be delivered by him to me at Greenwich, Connecticut.

I would appreciate it if you would be good enough to give me any documentation concerning this sculpture which you may have.

Yours very cordially,

Husut Mayor Herbert Mayer

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October 7, 1955

This will acknowledge receipt of

"Portrait of Mme. Renoir" by Auguste Renoir,

which I will deliver to Mr. Herbert Mayer, Old

Mill Farm, Old Mill Road, Greenwich, Connecticut.

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November 9, 1954

Mr. Leonard L. Nazziott 257 Victoria Road Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Mazziotti

Thank you very much for your letter of November eighth and your check for \$50.00 in payment for the lithograph by Marino Marini.

The lithograph is being sent to you under separate cover. On Medical Royalter 3, I was in the gallery looking

at some drawing Sincerely yours, he by Marino Marini.

I scald like to purchase the lithograph titled "Black on Tan" which is priced at fifty deliars. I noticed that there were Jane Wade's one was signed at the top and the other was signed at the bettom, I sould like jwicko one which is signed at the bettom.

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257 Victoria Road Hartford, Connecticut November 8, 1954

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Curt Valentin Gallery, Inc. 32 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Gentlemen:

On Wednesday, November 3, I was in the gallery looking at some drawings and lithographs by Marino Marini.

I would like to purchase the lithograph titled "Black on Tan" which is priced at fifty dollars. I noticed that there were two prints one was signed at the top and the other was signed at the bottom. I would like the one which is signed at the bottom.

Enclosed you will find my check in the amount of fifty dollars.

Very truly yours,

Leonard L. Mazziott

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April 2, 1954

Mr. Leonard L. Mazziott 257 Victoria Road Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Mazziott:

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In reply to your letter of April first, the price of the painting "Gables IV" by Lyonel Feininger, catalog No. 10, is \$1500.

Would you be so kind as to quot Sincerely yours, for

Jane Wade

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257 Victoria Road Hartford, Connecticut April 1, 1954

Curt Valentin Gallery 32 East 57th Street New York, NewYork

Gentlemen:

I am interested in Mr. Feininger's picture number 10 in his recent exhibition.

Would you be so kind as to quote me the price for this picture.

Very truly yours,

Leonard L. Mazziott

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