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cc: Marie

Decmeber 6, 1955

To:

Alfred

From:

Betsy

Re:

A Mrs. Cohn, from the Immigration Service, called this afternoon to arrange for an appointment with you to discuss the Marcel Duchamp case. I explained that you were on jury duty in the afternoons but could possible see her in the morning. She will call here tomorrow after 10:30 but asks that you call her if should come in before that time. Her number is CI 6-4165, ext. 313.

the naturalization of Marcel Duchamp befor Alfred H. Barr, Jr.

Marcel Henri Robert DUCHAMP
210 West 14th street Now york City
Date of filing petition: March 9th 1954
Number of petition: 631475
Registration number: 7678645

Mr. Alfred H. Barr, Jr. The Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53rd Street New York 19, N. Y.

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December 14, 1955

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Dear Welson:

Thank you so much for your kind offices in the matter of Marcel Duchamp's naturalization. You have been very effective since I talked at length with an investigator last week. I can't be sure how the matter will come out but I'm very grateful to you in any case.

I am informed this morning Sincerely, that the Waxblugton office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service has metructed its New York office to process the naturalisation of Marcel Duchamp befor Alfred H. Barr, Jr. the end of this month.

With best wishes

Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller 2500 Foxhall Road N. W. Washington 7, D. C. WEAR

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2500 Foxhall Road N.W. Washington 7, D. C.

December 12, 1955

Dear Alfred:

I am informed this morning that the Washington office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service has instructed its New York office to process the naturalization of Marcel Duchamp before the end of this month.

With best wishes

Sincerely,

Nelson A. Rockefeller

Mr. Alfred H. Barr, Jr. The Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53rd Street New York 19, N. Y. Bovembar 22, 1955

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Hovenber 20, 1955

2500 Foxhall Road N.W. Washington 7, D.C.

December 2, 1955

Dear Alfred:

I want you to know that an inquiry has been made regarding the status of Marcel Duchamp. I am promised full details next week which I will relay to you. I hope the information will be helpful.

Sincerely,

Nelson A. Rockefeller

Mr. Alfred H. Barr, Jr. The Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53rd Street New York 19, N. Y.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

70 COLUMBUS AVENUE NEW YORK 23, N. Y. July 6, 1955

PLEASE REFER TO THIS FILE NUMBER 2270-631475-C

Mr. Alfred H. Barr, Jr. The Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53rd Street New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Barr:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated June 13, 1955, concerning the petition of naturalization filed by Marcel Henri Robert Duchamp.

You are advised that the necessary investigation in Mr. Duchamp's case has not as yet been completed, but that every effort is being made to do so. You may be assured that as soon as such investigation is concluded arrangements will be made to schedule a further hearing.

Very truly yours,

EDW. J. SHAUGHNESSY District Director New York District

by: A. B. Kett, Supervisor
Nationality Unit (NY)

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to Prince. I hate to trouble you about this problem which you may not feel within your province. However, it does have to do with the reputation of the United States abroad in the cultural merican wife. field.

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On March 9, 195h Jim Soby and myself accompanied
Marcel Duchamp to the office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue here in New York in order to sponsor his petition for his final citizenship papers. At that time we were told that Mr. Duchamp would be notified within a short period, maybe a couple of weeks, of the date when he should return for the administration of his Oath of Citizenship.

Now, a year and a half later, he has heard nothing whatever from the Government about his application.

on June 13, 1955 I wrote to the immigration authorities (Naturalization Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service) asking what had happened. I received a reply July 6th, signed A. B. Kett, Supervisor, Nationality Unit (NY) saying that the "necessary investigation of Mr. Duchamp's case had not as yet been completed." Now, a half year later, nothing further has been heard.

I realize that there are factorss in Marcel's past such as his association with the Dadaist and Surrealist movements which may disturb our security investigators. I should warn you that Congressman Dondero has called him a "red" without giving evidence beyond the fact that he was one of the "four leaders of the cubist group." He also states that Duchamp is now in the United States "to aid in the distruction of our standards and traditions..." and "is now fancied by the neurotics as a surrealist." (Congressional Record-House, August 16, 1949, pp 11812) Elsewhere Dondero accuses him, along with Sweeney and Soby, as "instrumental in launching the careers of Jackson Pollock and others ... ".

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Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller

November 22, 1955

However, from my long friendship with Marcel, dating back to the early thirties and from much information published and unpublished about him I am entirely confident that he has not been a Communist nor has he been sympathetic to Communism. Indeed, he has been perhaps the most conspicuous and distinctive example of extreme individualism in modern art.

The long delay is extremely discouraging and disillusioning to Marcel, who now speaks with some resignation of his never becoming a citizen and possibly having to return to France. This I think would be a real loss to this country, since he is one of the few Frenchmen of Teat distinction who have preferred to live in this country. He has, as you may know, recently married an American wife.

If it is possible for you to make any enquiry about this matter, I know that Marcel would very greatly appreciate it and so would Jim and I.

Sincerely,

Alfred H. Barr, Jr.

Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller Executive Office Building 210 Pennsylvania and 17th Street Washington 25, D. C.

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East Hampton ung 2 nd 1955

July 15, 1955

Dear Mr. Duchampi Thanks / please thank

Dear Miss Jones

Mr. Barr is in Europe at present but has baked me to send you the enclosed copy of a letter he received from the Immigration and Naturalization Service in answer to his inquiry about your petition for citizenship. mysation

Sincerely,

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Mr. Marcel Duchamp 327 East 58 Street New York, New York

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As one of his sponsors, I am writing you now, more than a year after this visit, because Mr. Duchamp has never been called and the oath of citizenship has never been administered to him. Would you be good enough to check through your records on this case and send me any information you can as to when Mr. Duchamp may expect to be called so that I may pass it on to him.

For your information, the date of filing the petition was: March 9, 195h.

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Department of Justice 70 Columbus Avenue New York, New York

Very truly yours,

Alfred H. Barr, Jr. to D M

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Alfred H. Barr, Jr.

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Date June 3, 1955

To: AHB

From: MA

Re: Marcel Duchamp

You should write to the Naturalization Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York, New York.

You should mention the date of the filing of the petition: March 9, 1954. the number of the petition:

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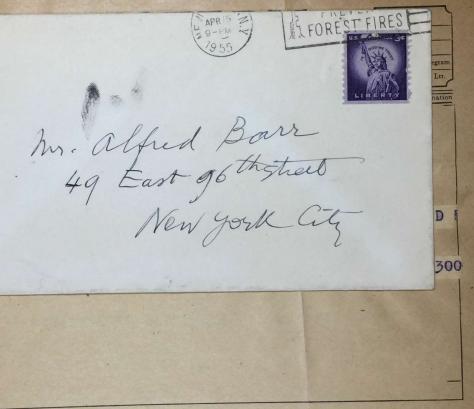
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TELEGRAM TO: Mr. Marcel Duchamp 210 West 14th Street New York, New York

PLEASE TELEPHONE ME.

Signed: ALFRED H. BARR, JR.

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cc/ R. d'Harnoncourt

327 East 58th St. Nyc Duchant June 20 Th 1455 Dear Alfred Trany thanks for Lending me copy of the letter to Columbus archus many thanks for your having done it. It will be interesting to see the developments Should I receive any news I will let you know Immediately. Best willes - are you going to Europe this summer? If not me will have you here affectionent marcel

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cc/ R. d'Harnoncourt

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June 5, 1953

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Dear Marcel:

Mr. Durlians

René d'Harnoncourt is free only on Thursday next week. This is not very easy for me since we have a Trustees' Meeting that afternoon which may involve some problems, but I think I can make it so that you and Dr. Barzun can expect us both at the Flaza at 1:15 in the Central Park South lobby - that is, on the North side of the hotel.

Sincerely,

Alfred H. Barr, Jr.

Mr. Mardel Duchamp 210 West lith Street New York, N. Y.

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Mr. Duchamp

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June 5, 1953

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Alfred H. Barr, Jr.

Mr. Marcel Duchamp 210 West lith Street New York 11, New York

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December 29, 1952

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Mr. Marcel Duchamp 210 West littl Street New York 11, New York

It occurs to me that if you have German material still unallocated such as the sculpture by Matare or the paintings and prints by Campendonck, the Busch-Reisinger Museum of Harvard University. This was formerly the Germanic Museum and is run by an extremely able scholar, Professor Charles Kuhn. The Museum has almost no money for acquisition but has an active program of exhibitions and lectures on German art and culture. Kuhn himself is particularly interested in building up a 20th century collection and has tad the help of Gropius and others. I am sure he would be interested.

Also if there are extra Schwitters left over I think you might consider Vassar College and Princeton University as well as the Busch-Reisinger Museum.

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Duchamp

CC: Miss Dorothy Miller

October 30, 1952

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Mr. Marcel Duchamp 210 West 14th Street New York 11, New York

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Dear Marcel:

I don't want to add to your burdens but
Bill Lieberman and I stand ready to go out with you to Milford
to look over the prints which we set aside on our last visit.

I should also like to bring Margaret Miller along to look over
the Schwitters collection. As you may know she has spent a
great deal of time studying Schwitters, and I would like to
have her see the things and advise me as to whether I have
made a wise choice. She also was very fond of Miss Dreier and
had a good deal of correspondence with her. At the same time
if for any reason you would prefer her not to come you must be
quite frank about it. I think these visits should be at the
Museum's expense.

remark about Duncan Phillips "that he was not acquisitive" when we were speaking about the possibility of whether he would like to have the "small glass." Having a strong sense of guilt I began to think that perhaps I had been two acquisitive in the matter of the Schwitters and the three Kandinsky watercolors. You were so discreet that I honestly don't know whether you think so or not but in any case we should perhaps review these two groups. Certainly I do not want to have the Museum a dog in the manger.

On the other hand I feel most ardently acquisitive about the "small glass" but after drafting a letter to Duncan Phillips I have decided that I should go down to see him instead. I intend to do this in the near future.

Meanwhile perhaps you could let me know when you next intend to go out to Milford in case we could join you.

Sincerely,

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Frome Alfred H. Barr, Jr.

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September 18 '52

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MARCEL DUCHAMP 210 West 14 Street New York City

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cc: Mr. d'Harnoncourt Mr. Wheeler

4 DCM Mr. Andrew C. Ritchie

From: Alfred H. Barr, Jr.

Date February 21, 1952

Duchamp Show

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I lunched yesterday with Jim Sweeney who told me about his plans for the big exhibition for the Congress of Cultural Freedom which he is organizing for the Musee d'Art Moderne in Paris. Among the works which he said he was borrowing were the Duchamp Nude Descending the Staircase. I gathered that he had already secured the loan and that he was in the midst of arranging to borrow area the big "glass" from Katherine Dreier through Marcel. It looks as if we had missed the boat on a Duchamp show this summer even if we should now want it.

> I was with Sweeney until 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and by the time the meeting was over it had slipped my mind, though I don't believe you could have done anything about it at that late date.

Twish we could have approached Duchamp directly since he has great influence over Arensberg who would probably not have stood in the way of a showing here no matter what Kimball's catalog ambitions may be.

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cc: Mr. Keppel Miss D Miller

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cc: Mr. Keppel Miss D Miller

25 June 1951

Che alked meri de vous de donne December 21, 1951

Dear Marcel: des Loyalties

Don't be annoyed at me if I tell you that I have looked into the question of the royalties. Here is the way they stand. One June 7th the Museum sent a check for 377.00 together with a statement to your brother Jacques Villon. This amount covered royalties for the period July 1, 1950 to June 1, 1951.

Although strictly speaking the royalties for June 1 to June 30, 1951 were due on September 30th, they were so small that they thought it advisable to wait until March 30th, so that the whole period of seven months between June 1st and December 31st would then be payable.

Therefore, unless you have some objection, the royalties which have accumulated during those seven months will be paid on or before March 30th. If, however, you wish the royalties paid immediately, I believe that this could be arranged.

As I understand it, the three months interim is to permit the payment of outstanding bills.

Please write me frankly if this is not clear or if you wish us to try to make some other arrangement. Your voir et déjuner ans vous

- Faits Vous My Alfred H. Barr, Jr. Louis at

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210 West 14th st. Duchamp (25 Jun 1951 Cher alfulle go it you bien longtones merci de vous être donné fant de perne au orijet des royalties de mon fière. et je drus this herrows god lorst soit en règle maintenant quel je suppose que voy ally guitte 144. pour l'été. mais si vous aveg envore une Lemaine on 2 ici, je der as the hernen de vous voir et déjeuner avec vous - Faites vous nume le choix et du jour et de l'heure qui Vous lourie ment. a bientot j'espère et cod's element a ry marcel muhry

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Hope to see you.

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Alfred H. Barr, Jr. Director of the Museum Collections

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June 15, 1951

Dear Marcel:

I find that you are quite right in suspecting that no royalties had been forwarded to your boother. The oversight occurred in the treasurer's office. Ione Ulrich is most apologetic. Indeed, she feels quite badly since the delay occurred in her office and she is herself a great admirer of Jacques Villon's paintings — she owns a very fine self-portrait by him.

I am enclosing a statement as of June 1. You will note that a check for \$77.00 has been sent.

We all appreciate your having called our attention to this oversight.

Sincerely,

Alfred H. Barr, Jr.

P. S. Just today I had a card from Miss Dreier back in Milford. I gather that she is better but will have to rest all summer.

Mr. Marcel Duchamp 210 West 1hth Street New York 11, N. Y.

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Mr. MARCEL DUCHAMP 210 WEST 14 STREET NEW YORK CITY

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November 28, 1950

Dear Marcel:

It has been a long time since we had luncheon together; wouldn't you come up some time next week,
perhaps Tuesday about one o'clock? We could meet here
at the museum and go nearby for luncheon.

If Tuesday is inconvenient for you, how would Wednesday do? Let me know.

I have been indirectly Sincerely, hope it is mainfastory and that all the arrangements have been tests to your liking. If they have not, went you please let up know.

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August 11, 1950 (transcribed New York August 15)

August 5, 1960

Dear Marcel:

My copy of the Collection Société Anonyme had just arrived here in Vermont. I am delighted to have and can imagine how pleased you are to have it published after your years of patient work and responsibility. I have written Miss Dreier and enclose a copy of my note, but I want to write you too, to congratulate you and tell you how useful I think this catalog will be to all of us interested in modern art.

I have heard indirectly that the Villon aquatint of your painting has finally been published. I hope it is satisfactory and that all the arrangements have been made to your liking. If they have not, won't you please let me know.

I hope you're having a good summer out of New York. My best to you,

Sincerely,

Mr. Marcel Duchamp 210 West 14 Street New York City

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March 22, 1960 August 8, 1950

Dear Mr. Duchamp:

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At Mr. Barr's request, I am sending you two copies of the Museum of Modern Art Bulletin; Volume XVII; No. 2-3; 1950 with a stamped erratum notice under Miss Dreier's portrait of you; and No. 4, Vol. XVII, Summer 1950 with an erratum notice and cut of the portrait on page 16.

Sincerely, Mr. Senier, who is a very emergricing young

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Sincerely,

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From: Mr. Alfred Barr

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Wouldn't you have luncheon with me and
John Senior on Wednesday, March 29. Mr. Senior
has recently bought a wonderful late Bird in Space
by Brancusi which we have just put on view here in
the Museum

We are also showing Brancusi's giant marble

Mr. Senior, who is a very enterprising young collector, would like to meet you and we would both like to show you the Brancusi treasures.

Would you let me know if you would be free Wednesday? If not, we would arrange another time.

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The Bride plates were never published. Duchamp wanted to know if we would be interested in publishing them. He mentioned a very low cost for the printing, and proposed that reyalties to his brother and himself be established in negotiations with the Museum.

You talked with Duchamp and he gathered that you were interested in this plan. The edition would be limited of course, but both the engraver, the painter and the picture are of such distinction that I believe it would be agood thing for the Museum both in prestige and financially.

After the conversation with you and he heard nothing further, Duchamp seemed to feel put out. Would you not please write him and follow the matter up since a good many months have been lost and, as he puts it, it would be wise to act before his brother dies.

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January 7, 1949

Dear Jim:

Marcel has given me permission to send you the enclosed photostats of some autobiographical notes.

When do you expect to publish your Duchamp piece? It would be very useful.

Sincerely,

Mr. James Johnson Sweeney 120 East End Avenue New York 28, N.Y.

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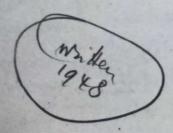
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Thank you very much for a delightful luncheon.

Sincerely.

s/ Alfred Barr

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Marcel Duchamp: Report on work done from March 1, 1947 to the present (Friday, February 13, 1948) as holder of a fellowship from the Museum of Modern Art

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I also commissioned a number of artists here to make decorative panels and objects for the same show, and gathered material (original lithographs, etchings) for the very elaborate catalogue for which I designed the cover.

I have spent the winter months doing my creative work in painting and drawing.

Plans for work for the year beginning March 1, 1948

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February 18, 1948

Dear Marcel:

Here are copies of the documents of application for the renewal of your fellowship.

If any traible develops I will let you know.

I have sent Maria Martins copies too.

Sincerely,

Hoe. Carlos Martins 471 Partr Avenue See York, New York

Mr. Marcel Duchamp 210 West 14th Street New York, N. Y. on mislaid the mans and address of the artist

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cc: Miss Ione Ulrich

February 6, 1948

Dear Marcel:

Our Museum has received the following letter from Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman & White:

"It has been suggested to the Southern Educational and Charitable Trust that the fellowship to Mr. Marcel Duchamp might usefully be renewed. Will you please advise me your view on this subject and state what services Mr. Duchamp is rendering and what work he is pursuing which you esteem to be of value.

Yours very truly,
(signed) John C. White
Treasurer,
Southern Educational and
Charitable Trust

Would you kindly supply me with the usual data about what you plan to do in the next year so that we may apply for a renewal of the fellowship from the Southern Educational and Charitable Trust.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alfred H. Barr, Jr.

Mr. Marcel Duchamp 210 West 14 Street New York 11, New York

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THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

Date January 27, 1948

To:

Alfred H. Barr, Jr.

Re: Marc el Duchamp

From:

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Mr. Marcel Duchamp 210 West 14th Street New York 11, N. Y.

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THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT TREASURER

April 1, 1947

Dear Mr. Duchamp:

We are happy to inform you that the fellowship granted you last year has been renewed for a similar sum for another year beginning March 1, 1947. This fellowship has been granted on the basis of your report dated February 28, 1947.

We are enclosing our check in the sum of \$750.00 to cover the first quarter.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Marcel Duchamp 210 West 14th Street New York 11, N. Y.

cc: Mr. Alfred H. Barr, Jr.

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April 1, 1947

Dear Mr. White:

Mr. Barr has handed me your letter of March 27, 1947, advising us of the renewal of the fellowship to Mr. Marcel Duchamp. This will serve as an acknowledgement of the check for \$750.00 to cover the fellowship for the first quarter beginning March 1, 1947.

We are very glad to continue as administrator of this fellowship, which we feel is well warranted.

Sincerely yours,

. /a/ Alfred E. Barr, Tv.

Mr. John C. White, Treasurer Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman & White 838-842 Transportation bldg. Washington 6, D. C.

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cc: Miss Ulrich

March 20, 1947

Dear Mr. White:

I should like enthusiastically to recommend the renewal of the fellowship of the Southern Educational and Charitable Trust granted last year to Mr. Marcel Duchamp. I thoroughly approve his program of work for the year beginning March 1st, 1947, as outlined in his statement sent to you by Miss Ulrich of our Museum on February 24.

I have known Er. Luchamp for 15 years and believe him to be one of the most talented artists and brilliant, original minds that I have ever come in contact with. Also I respect greatly his personal honesty and integrity.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Alfred H. Barr, Jr.

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THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

Date March 12, 1947

To: Mr. Barr

From: Miss Ulrich

Re:____

Dear Alfred:

May I please have a copy of your recommendation to the Southern Educational and Charitable Trust in connection with the Duchamp fellowship in order that my file be complete.

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Mr. John C. White c/o Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman & White 838-842 Transportation Duilding Washington 6, D.C.

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Dear T. White:

Thank you for your letter of February 27th enclosing the check of the Southern Educational and Charitable Trust for \$1,500 to cover the balance of the fellowship for Mr. Marcel Duchamp.

In connection with the extension of this fellowship for an additional year, Mr. Alfred H. Barr, Jr. will write you concerning the desirability and merits of this fellowship. Mr. James Johnson Sweeney is no longer affiliated with the Museum. Therefore, Mr. Barr's recommendation instead.

Dincerely yours,

Mr. John C. White c/o Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman & White 838-842 Transportation pullding Washington 6, D.C.

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